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Editor's comment

Hope you are having a lovely summer.

I was thinking back to this time last year. Little did we know then what was going to happen with Covid-19 and that my parents would spend a lot of the last year in lockdown in the UK. I have been a bit nervous all summer of the virus getting through our borders again – and as I write this – it has. I just hope it is contained. We are in a very privileged position in NZ to have been able to travel freely about the country this summer. Something we shouldn't take for granted.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the deliverers of the Chronicle – who get the Chronicle up the Thames Coast and right to the top of the peninsula. I did all the town mailboxes on my bike on one boiling hot day at the end of December. Izabela will take on the town mailboxes this issue. I like getting out and about delivering, but I think I'm more suited to just doing the motel, cafe and shop copies every month.

Have a good February.

Debbie

Letters and opinion

Re article Building for the community's future

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed when reading the article on the new Community Hub to see no specific mention of the inclusion of substantial sporting facilities, eg squash court, basketball court, full team change rooms.

Sports clubs and teams are often a great place for rural communities, especially youth, to come together in a positive way, teaching values such as team work, resilience, commitment, goal setting and so on.

Sadly I feel that we have missed a great opportunity here to strengthen our community and provide a positive environment for our youth to come together.

There is a brief mention of a "phase two" which is funding dependent and I look forward to hearing more specifics on what will be included in this.

Kind regards,
Elly-May Smith

Attention all boaties and jet ski riders!

Dear Debbie,

These black and white striped buoys indicate a safe zone for swimming. Powered craft are not permitted to enter such an area.

Both Oamaru Bay and Long Bay have such zones clearly marked. Yet I have seen motor launches and jet skis entering and traversing the area at Oamaru Bay.

Boaties, please respect the right of swimmers, both children and adults, to enjoy a safe experience in the water.

From Kaye Anderson



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

How lovely to see so many New Zealanders out and about exploring their own backyard. Just as many South Islanders as North Islanders, and still the odd overseas tourist venturing around (those that have been here since last February – March). They seem to be more than happy to be in New Zealand at the moment.

Many of our visitors have never been to Coromandel before and thought now is a great opportunity. So many families are exploring our beautiful town, which certainly has been busy.

The InterCity bus currently operates Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through the end of February.

360 Ferry has generally dropped back to three sailings a week: Friday night 8.45pm, Saturday and Sunday 4.30pm. However, there are a few exceptions for holiday weekends in February and April, where there are also sailings at 4.30pm on Monday 1 and 8 Feb, Monday 5 April and a 4pm sailing on Fri 2 April. You can check their schedule on page 13. Remember the complimentary shuttle departs from the Woollams Ave car park 30 minutes before the ferry departs Hannaford's Wharf.

We can book you on InterCity, 360 Ferry and Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferries. Bluebridge also have a special running from 18 January through 31 March saving 15% (for passengers and/or vehicle fares), so come and book through us.

If you're looking to get a gift for someone, come talk to us about a gift voucher for various activities, such as the ferry or a fishing charter. The recipient then just has to confirm a date with the service provider.

We now have a fundraiser for the Info Centre, a raffle \$2.00 a ticket or \$5.00 for three tickets. Raffle tickets are only available at the centre and the prize is two bottles of wine, cheese, crackers and pate. Limited to 50 tickets. Don't miss out.

Volunteering! Is this you; have you been thinking about it? Come and meet us on **Tuesday 2 March** 10.00am to 12.00pm. Meet and talk with our volunteers, find out why they love volunteering, and what it's all about. Come and have a chat over morning tea. See you here at the Samuel James Reserve.

Events:

1 Feb to 14 Feb – Annual Coromandel Art Group exhibition at Hauraki House

19 Feb to 7 March – Four Sight exhibition at Hauraki House

1 May – Coromandel Seafood Fest, Coro Area School Grounds, 9.00am to 4.00pm (gold coin donation). Potential stall holders need to contact Gail London (07) 866 8797.

Having a fundraising event for your community group, sports team, school, preschool, playcentre, sports team, etc.? Come and see us first; we can help promote through all of our channels: Facebook, website, radio and notice board. We should be your first port of call.

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First Seasonal Market in Coromandel

By Micha

Blessed with fantastic weather, amazing community support and a perfect location, the first Seasonal Market in Coromandel was a great success. Many thanks to everyone who participated in making this happen and to the many locals who enjoyed the beautiful festive atmosphere. Special thanks to Hike and Bike for offering their courtyard, Coromandel Market for lending gazebos and equipment, all stallholders, musicians, happy volunteers and last but not least Benni, Nalan and Sabine for organising the event.

This will be a regular event and looking forward to seeing you at the next Seasonal Market in autumn, date to be announced.



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RSA News

By Pat Williams

One month of the year gone already! I save back copies of the Chronicle and the inaugural Community Christmas Dinner was on 25 December 2018. As I stayed home this year I attended the 2020 dinner. What a great afternoon – the food, the people, decorating of the venue, and those wonderful volunteers who put the whole thing together each Christmas – thanks a million. This Christmas was the first time in my life (nearly 89 years) I had woken up with nobody else in the house; felt a bit forlorn!

Our President and wife Margaret are off to the South Island for an extended holiday. I hope all goes well and the weather gods are kind.

Alterations at the Club are progressing well and hopefully Club nights will resume on **Saturday 30 January**.

Our AGM date has been set for **10 April**. Please make a note on your calendar. Also we will soon be gearing up for Poppy Days and then Anzac Day on **25 April**. Hope we don't have another lockdown!

Last paragraph from the Hugs Poem.... "The Hug! There's just no doubt about it, we scarcely could survive without it. A hug delights and warms and charms, it must be why God gave us arms."

A funny to finish off.... At the electric company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, you will be de-lighted."

Till next time stay safe and be happy.

Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

We have had our first open tournament of 2021, sponsored by Twentyman's Funeral Services. Beautiful weather on the day, with some great bowls being played. Visiting mixed teams took the top prizes. Nice to have visitors playing with us!

Our club renovation is progressing well. Internal walls are being plastered, and the painter will be appearing soon to work his magic.

We are extremely grateful to those people who have donated products and their time to achieve our rebuild.

Club bowls now commence earlier on a Thursday... 9am... to beat the heat of the day.

Great move! A good turnout on our first day of the new year.

Until next month...



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Music of the Hills

A story by Elizabeth Mather

Sophie woke up as light was creeping around the edges of the rather tatty blind and she decided to get out into her garden before the heat of the day set in. Cloud obscured the bush clad hills but it would eventually dissolve, revealing another clear summer day. Growing her own veges was a totally new experience – in fact the deep satisfaction she found in this simple activity surprised her. Life in Auckland, after so many years of being a mum, surviving two broken marriages and a career as a viola player in the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, had taken its toll, leaving her feeling exiled from herself. A deep hunger for a more natural way of living had taken root in her soul. The relentless background noise of the city had become unbearable: it was like a symphony orchestra in full flight with every instrument fighting to be heard. There were no pauses, no silences. So about a year ago, without any forewarning, she announced at a family gathering that she had rented out her apartment and was off to live in a cottage tucked away in the Coromandel hills. Her family thought she was totally crazy. She likes that word “crazy”. It makes her smile and is a word that helps to release the wild possibilities within her.

As Sophie weeded around the new tomato plants, her mind was thinking about her new life and how far she had come to feeling at home here. She’d made some new friends. There was Grant who lived nearby in a converted bus and

had helped her in so many practical ways to adjust to this radically different lifestyle. He’d dug her veggie garden and put up a basic wood shed. Like Sophie, Grant was a refugee from Auckland, who ten years ago sought asylum in the Coromandel and had never left. He was a good friend and it was comforting to have someone she could rely on if needed. They were just that, good friends. She had no desire to complicate the relationship and he was someone who needed his solitude.

The quietness here in contrast to the noise of the city was staggering. The loudest music was the silence which wrapped around her like a beautiful, soft cashmere shawl. It was a concerto of silence where the invisible composer had added the flute-like sounds of korimako answered by the clarinet voice of tui, interspersed with the soft percussive song of riroriro and piwakawaka with his piccolo, flitting amongst the other sounds. Their intermittent voices seemed to float on the surrounding stillness. The silence was at its deepest at night with ruru calling out into the darkness to be answered by another, seeking reassurance. Every sound was given a space to express itself and be heard. This was the music Sophie loved. The inner emptiness she had once felt had dissolved and now being immersed in that silence she had finally found within herself the warmth of belonging. She had come home.

Her mobile phone alerted her to a message from Grant: “I’ll bring over some strawberries”.

“Great”, Sophie quickly replied. “Come for lunch.”

Poetry SPOT

Weather

By John Irvine

blistered skies
scalding rains
indoors he bites his nails
as the wind moans
and the dogs sleep on

Under new ownership

New Image Hair Salon

My name is Chloe Keatley – I have recently taken over New Image Hair Salon on Wharf Road. I have nine years’ experience in hairdressing and love what I do. I love living in the Coromandel; it’s a beautiful spot. The salon is open Tuesday through Saturday so call me (see ad below). I look forward to meeting you.

Coromandel SeniorNet

By Bev Mayhead

Hi everyone,

We have an active SeniorNet group in Coromandel Town and welcome any new members. Membership allows you to have discounted assistance with your own personal electronics. Our meetings/lessons are at 4pm on Mondays with Tom at Technofix in Rob’s Small Motor Repairs (the Old Four Square building).

Just simply bring your questions and your phone, tablet or laptop.

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Christ Church News – Moving On

By Barbara O'Reilly

William Shakespeare wrote... “summer’s lease hath all too short a date”. This month of February as the lease runs out, perhaps with bitter sweetness, we contemplate the inevitable change of season. Days will draw in, the sun will lose heat, leaves will begin to fall. The exuberance of summer holy days and holidays fades as the year moves on in earnest; there is a lot to do. Anniversary days, schools start up, Waitangi Day, Shrove Tuesday, etc.

This year Shrove Tuesday is on **16 February**. Shrove Tuesday, also called Pancake Day, and Mardi Gras (in French “Fat Tuesday”) is an ancient Christian tradition. The day is a moveable Christian feast day whose date is linked to Easter. The following day is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian 40-day fast season of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday has two aspects: feasting and repentance. The season of Lent is a time for fasting. Long ago fasting meant no eating of animal products: meat, cheese, eggs or milk. Shrove Tuesday had a practical purpose, making and eating pancakes using “leftovers” that would not survive the days of Lent. Today the tradition carries on with eggs, butter, flour, sugar, pancake mix, milk, cream, jam and other delights – of which some of us may now voluntarily give up for Lent.

The word “Shrove” is not in everyday use. Shrive comes from the Old English “scrifan – to impose as a penance”. A priest may shrive, that is, hear a confession, assign a penance and give absolution. One can shrive oneself, to present yourself to a priest for

confession and absolution for sins committed. Shrove Tuesday comes from “shriven”.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from placing repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants in the shape of the cross with the words “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year’s Palm Sunday celebrations.

These events are not just a quaint old customs; observing these two days is beneficial – eating is pleasurable and confession is good for the soul. Here are some words from the Book of Common Prayer (Anglican) “old style” General Confession. *“We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness ... which we from time to time have committed by thought, word and deed... we are heartily sorry for these our misdoings... the burden of them is intolerable... for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake forgive us all that is past... ever hereafter to serve and please Thee in newness of life.”* These words have emotional force in contrast to our present day milder versions. They are genuinely awesome and appropriate because next we will move on to travel the road to the Cross.

Please consider joining us at Christ Church Tiki Road on **16 February**, 10.30am, for morning tea and pancakes. On **Ash Wednesday 17 February**, 5.00pm there will be a short service with imposition of ashes.

Coromandel Community Home Grown Market

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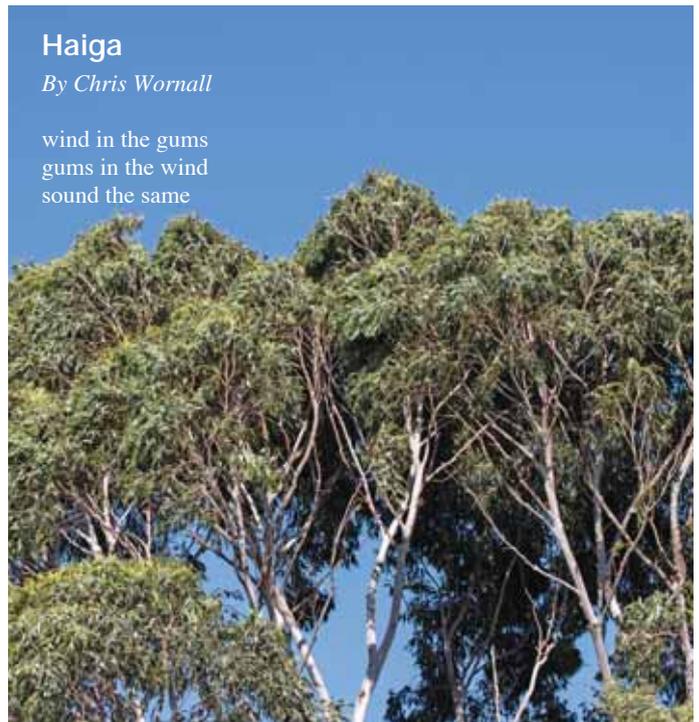


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Haiga

By Chris Wornall

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

As has been the custom over the past few years, the museum will be holding an Open Day on Waitangi Day, **Saturday 6 February**. The museum will be open on this day from 10am to 4 pm, and entry is free to everyone. So,

if you have been promising yourself you will go along and check out the new displays, this is your big chance! It is also a good opportunity for anyone who is interested in the museum to have a look around and have a chat to the volunteers on duty. Perhaps you have a skill that you could offer the museum or have some knowledge or interest in local history or family histories. Or, perhaps you would simply like to find out more about the museum, and maybe volunteer to help run it. Here is the perfect chance to learn more about the museum and how things are run.

February means back to school for many of us, of course. *In Search of the Rainbow* tells me that in 1865 Coromandel had five schools: four in the “Lower Town” area and one in “Top Town”. In 1873 “the Auckland Education Board, however, said that only one school in a central position was needed for the whole of the Coromandel district. The inhabitants of Top Town petitioned



Hauraki House – formerly Kapanga School

for a separate school district, and this was granted in August.” The school at Driving Creek continued to prosper until the start of World War 1 and the downturn in mining caused a drop in the population. The school closed in June 1915, and the remaining

pupils were relocated to Kapanga School, in the building now known as Hauraki House. This school continued catering for children of all ages until 1952, when the secondary department was transferred to a separate building in Woollams Avenue. In 1975 the school became an Area School and by 1978 the primary department was moved onto the Woollams Avenue site. Other schools briefly served the area over the years, such as the Convent School, which operated from 1872 to 1941, and the Awakanae and Te Kouma schools, which ran in the early 1900’s and closed in the 1930’s. The school at Koputaauaki ran for a year from 1946 to 1947. The School of Mines was opened in 1897 and ran full-time until 1926, when it operated as a part-time school until 1936.

Items of news from the schools was often mentioned in the newspapers.

From “Auckland Star” 10 February 1902: **“COROMANDEL**
(By Telegraph —Own Correspondent)
Friday

Several changes have been made in the teaching staff of the Coromandel District High School, rendered necessary by the increase of pupils. Mr Robert Jamieson, lately in charge of the Hunua School, has been appointed assistant master. Mr Jamieson is an old Coromandel boy, and is well-known throughout the district, having previously been in charge of the Cabbage Bay School. Miss Ruby Broadgate, formerly a pupil of the school, has received an appointment on the teaching staff, and Mr W. Wilson, one of the present teachers, has been appointed to the charge of the Dairy Flat School.”

From ‘Thames Star’ 10 February, 1931: **“Teachers’ Appointments**

At Coromandel

Miss M. D. Paterson, of Coromandel, has been appointed to Matangi School. Mr H. W. Lon, formerly of Te Kouma School, has been appointed to Wairere. Miss E. Sutton, of Waihi, has been appointed to Awakanae School, Coromandel. Mr R. V. Smith, formerly headmaster at Coromandel, has been appointed to the District High School at Paeroa.”

The museum will be open from 1-4pm every day during February

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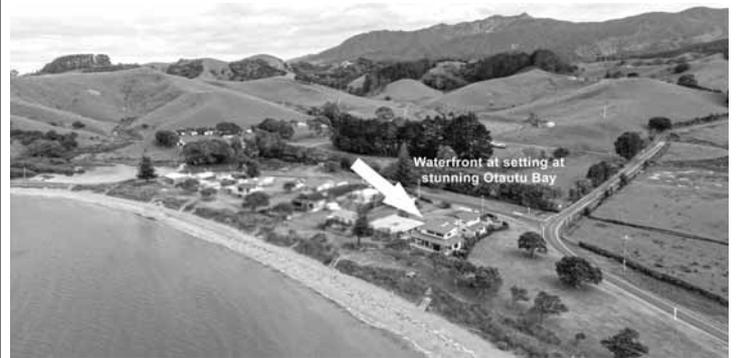


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* An absolutely superb waterfront position at stunning Otautu Bay! Large home with 3 brms, 4 bathrooms, 4 bay garage, extensive indoor/outdoor living. The family will love it!!! **\$PBN**



* Position, Privacy & Panorama. This 8,600m2 (more or less) bush block will appeal for the privacy, with Little Bay beach close by. Hidden building site (Subject to new Title). **\$615,000**



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Gypsy Jazz Duo

Violinist Fiona Pears and guitarist Connor Hartley-Hall share a love of gypsy jazz, the music originally made famous by legendary guitarist Django Reinhardt and French virtuoso violinist Stéphane Grappelli when they formed the “Quintette du Hot Club de France” back in the 1930’s.



Fiona has performed and recorded internationally over the past 15 years. She has appeared everywhere from Birmingham Symphony Hall and the famous Ronnie Scott’s Jazz Club in London through to Joe’s pub in New York and the very loved Donovan’s store in Okarito and has also been a soloist with the Liverpool Philharmonic, Christchurch Symphony and Trust Waikato Symphony orchestras.

Her fiery mix of tango and gypsy jazz alongside soulful ballads will keep any audience on the edge of their seats.

An extraordinary master of gypsy jazz, Connor is one of the top guitarists in the country performing this style of music. As a teenager growing up in Akaroa, he found a passion for improvisation and over the past 10 years has performed in a variety of settings.

Fiona and Connor will take us on a virtual journey to the South of France and beyond with a mix of fiery gypsy jazz, heart-warming ballads and some well-known classics such as “Czardas” and “Dark Eyes”.

Their previous Coromandel shows have been exciting and dynamic; a musical experience not to be missed.

Date: **Friday 19 February** at 7.30pm. Doors/bar open from 7pm.

Venue: Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel
Tickets: \$25 from Coromandel Town Information Centre, ph. (07) 866 8598.

Door sales if not sold out prior.

CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Kia ora koutou.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers that worked through the summer – the team at the Refuse Transfer Station for keeping the kiosk open during the busy time, the staff and volunteers at The Bizarre and the Goldmine, and the Social Workers that made themselves available over the busy Christmas period to respond to need in the community. Thank you for your much valued and essential mahi.

Coromandel Bizarre – Community Grants Scheme

We are very pleased to announce the opening of the Coromandel Community Grants Scheme. The Grants Scheme is made possible by income from “The Bizarre” for projects and activities that benefit the social, cultural, and environmental well-being of people in our communities. Applications open in February for projects and activities that are to start after **1 April**.

For many years The Bizarre has supported community groups and projects through a grants programme. This has been an important and effective programme that has resulted in many community projects receiving financial support over the years. CILT took on the management of The Bizarre in July 2019, at which time we put the grants programme on hold in order to build up sufficient funds to deliver a successful grants programme for our community.

As well as the main Community Grant Scheme we also have a Discretionary Fund. This Discretionary Fund is for individuals requiring immediate financial support for schooling, recreation, or cultural activities, and can be applied for at any time of year. This means we can quickly help people receive modest funds to support them when they need it most.

Application forms can be collected from The Bizarre or The Resource Centre. You can also complete the form online at: www.cilt.org.nz/grants.

Clothing Bin

We now have a clothing bin at Richardsons Real Estate in Matarangi, thanks to a generous donation from Richardsons. This clothing bin is for donations of used clothing which will go to The Bizarre – making good quality clothing available at accessible prices. Sales from The Bizarre also directly support the Community Grants Scheme.

Phone Donations

Thank you to people who have donated your old phones to us after reading the article on the last issue; we really appreciate your generosity. These phones are fully reset and then made available – through our Whanau Support workers – to families who are in need of a phone. If you have an old phone that still works and which you no longer use, then please consider donating it; it may make a huge difference to someone’s life.

Stay safe and remember to keep scanning the Covid Tracer QR codes!

Ngā mihi nui from the team at CILT.

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Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Hi Everyone,

February is upon us already and our Patchwork & Quilters group begin our regular meetings again on the 1st, followed by our AGM on **15 February**. So with our new committee in place we will be ready for another fantastic and creative year. Already the calendar is filling up with monthly mini workshops and events, plus we plan to have two workshops with tutors from out of town... how exciting!

This month's photo features an amazing extra-large quilt top made by Tina Hvidberg Pedersen. This is a Judy Niemeyer design and pattern "The Dinner Plate Dahlia". It was a monthly workshop at Grandmothers Garden in Hamilton with Maryann from February-December last year. You choose your own fabrics and colours, the technique is paper piecing. Well done Tina!

That is all our news for now. Hope to see you this year; please 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



"The Dinner Plate Dahlia" made by Tina Hvidberg Pedersen

See and Do

This summer you can book their holiday activities via a new, easy-to-use online booking platform called www.seeanddo.co.nz, with all dollars spent going directly to the local activity provider and not to an international booking site – keeping it local! Seeanddo.co.nz has a Coromandel-specific section of the website specifically for Coromandel tourism operators: <https://www.seeanddo.co.nz/coromandel>.

Due to the severe reduction of international tourism and consequently the lack of income for New Zealand activity providers, established online video travel guide company Seeanddo.co.nz jumped into action and launched their new, exciting activity booking platform to support New Zealand activity operators.

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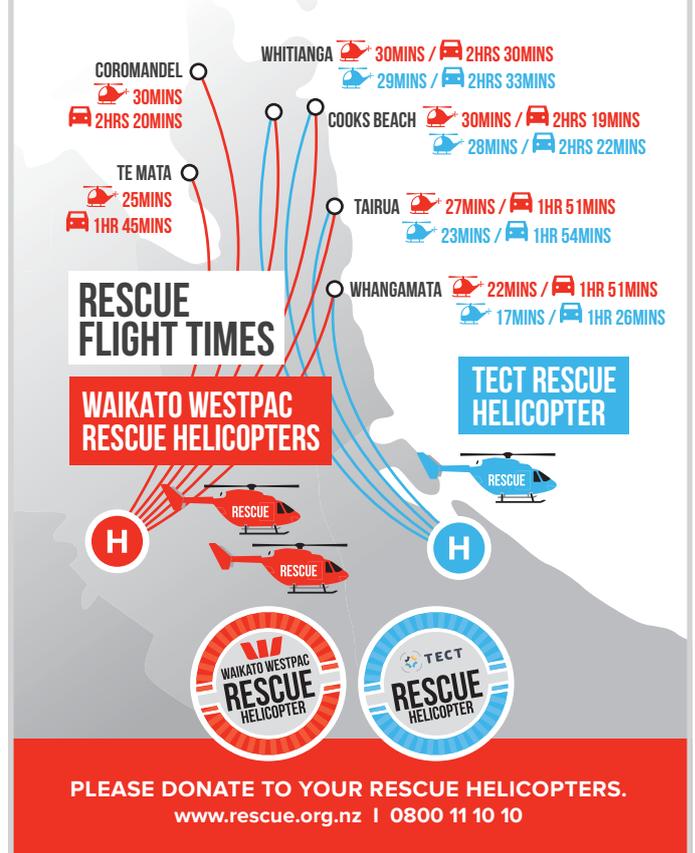
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St John Heartbeat

By Teri & Neil

January certainly has come and gone quickly.

Street Stall Raffle winners all have been notified. Congratulations: 1st Gayle Burgen – Hike n Bike Voucher donated by Betty Page; 2nd Anna Purcell – St John Ambo First Aid Kit; T Campbell / Lucy – St John Pouch First Aid Kit; Mario, Gayle and Leanne all receive \$20 petrol vouchers donated by GAS Alley.

Thank you for all of your support and generosity.

The Pop Up Op Shop has been well received and hugely supported by the community over the last six weeks. Positive feedback all 'round and everyone looking forward to the next one. We would also like to thank our Area Committee for helping out during this busy time.

Funds raised will help support the upskilling of our local St John volunteers.

Remember “Flag’s Out = Shop’s Open”. So keep a lookout.

December and January have been consistently busy with approx. double the call-outs from this time last year.

Our Coromandel St John volunteers have been incredible during this time assisting with double crewing as much as possible. We certainly have some amazing people in this community that we should be proud of.

A new assortment of St John First Aid Kits are available at Coromandel Station if anyone is interested. Please call in.

We thank you for your continued support.

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Lions news

By Lion Lyn



Welcome to another challenging half of our Lions year. This half has already kicked off with the Keltic Fair, to be followed by delicious mussel fritters and the rattling of a donation bucket outside of the local Four Square on Anniversary weekend for the Rescue Helicopter, then to a business meeting on the first Wednesday of February, then a Lions cabinet meeting, inclusive of our annual BBQ to follow. To keep the momentum going, it will be business as usual until our “lil’ol club” turns 50 years of age in April. Should be worth a celebration, don’t you think?

In the interim, firewood is ongoing and it is wise to order while the weather is still warm, as we run out of dry wood before winter and the best place to store it is at your place.

A huge thank you to the “cake ladies”, Joan, Pam and Lorraine; your presence in the community, the sale and raffling of Lions Xmas cakes were greatly appreciated by us all. Thanks again.

As always – if there is a community project that we can help with, give us a call.

Have a wonderful new year!

Numbers to ring: pres Sue and for firewood 07 211 9774 (landline) or 021 142 1124; sec Gordon 027 457 496

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It’s become a regular habit for local people to take their own shopping bags with them all of the time. Isn’t that a wonderful development in just a couple of years?

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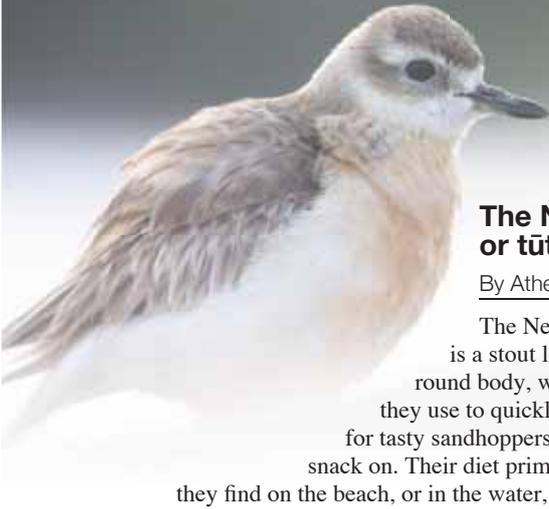
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The New Zealand dotterel or tūturiwhatu

By Athena Rhodes

The New Zealand Dotterel or tūturiwhatu is a stout looking bird. They have quite a round body, with long beanpole-like legs, which they use to quickly dash around the beach looking for tasty sandhoppers and other small invertebrates to snack on. Their diet primarily consists of living things that they find on the beach, or in the water, such as small fish. But they have been known to also scavenge recently deceased items.

Their feathers are normally brownish on top and lighter on their underparts. These underparts darken to a rich red hue during the breeding season, with males generally having a darker chest than females. They are monogamous, with fidelity between mates being high, though divorce between birds has been recorded. Once two birds have paired and established territory, it's time to build a nest. The New Zealand's dotterel's nest is rather basic in design, being a scrape in the sand with a few pieces of vegetation flung around for decor. And in that nest they lay three sand-coloured eggs. Being very well camouflaged eggs, it is important to watch where you are walking during the breeding season. Though, if you venture too close to a nest, the adult dotterel will use tactics to lead you away, such as feigning a broken wing. If you see this happen, it is a good idea to walk away so as not to cause any further stress or distraction to the bird. When hatched, the chicks are tiny and very vulnerable. If spotted, they will normally crouch and freeze until the danger passes.

While walking along a beach on the Coromandel Peninsula, you may notice sections of the beach sectioned off. These areas normally have nesting dotterels or oystercatchers. While nesting and raising chicks, they need space and privacy, so be sure to give them a wide berth while enjoying your morning beach stroll.

With You

By Fino

I didn't sleep last night,
but sat up watching the stars in bed
and wondering what,
life would be like
without you.
If you died
as you said you would.

Poetry SPOT

No thoughts of beauty imposed
leached from the moonlit hills
outside
No wayward demands of practical things intruded
my mind.
For you said I could do as I wanted
then
But all I want to do
is with you.

Spoken Word

We're thinking of having open mike spoken word evenings in the courtyard in front of Tried 'n' True, next to Umu, on Friday evenings.

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Kia ora.



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DEPART WAIHEKE ISLAND: Orapiu Wharf

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DEPART COROMANDEL: Hannaford's Wharf

2020	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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The Waterworks

It was great to see so many people come out to The Waterworks on 6 December and take part in our Summer Kick Off and enjoy all the attractions for only \$5.

Everyone got to see firsthand what the team has been working on. Lockdown was the perfect opportunity to design a new attraction to add to the over 70 already at the park. With the changes in the alert levels, construction began on our maze. Be aware, as it has a twist as all good mazes should.

We have also come up with the idea to set a Guinness World Record for the largest number of stuffed toys in a maze. This is a new record so, in the usual Kiwi style, we want to set the bar pretty high. We already have just over 800 stuffed toys in place, but there is room for more. Much more.

We invite anyone who would like to donate a stuffed toy to bring it along with them when they enter the park. We will record your name and you will be credited with assisting us to set the record. We will also give you an ice cream!*

Our maze mascots, Big Ted and Flying Fox are sitting at reception. If you take your photo with them and post it on Facebook or Instagram straight away, we will give you an ice cream.*

Our water slide is also now in action. We hope that it will be a long, hot summer and you will enjoy your time at The Waterworks, having fun and excitement on all the activities.

We have free BBQs and plenty of trees to sit under and relax for the day. We are also dog friendly, so bring along your pet on a lead, and have a great time.

The team at The Waterworks look forward to seeing you over the summer.

*Free ice cream is a single scoop vanilla cone.



The Waterworks maze mascots
Big Ted and Flying Fox

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all. Hopefully everybody's year has started off well. It is mid-January as I write this, and we have just finished our first week back in the office. We have hit the ground with our feet running and are looking forward to the year ahead and the people we will meet along the way.

A new year is always a good time to A) make a budget B) review your current budget. Whether it is a new budget or one you currently use, budgets are a living document and continually change as our life changes with new bills, bills paid, a savings goal or those unexpected bills. So, it's important to keep track of where our money is going, is it benefiting our situation, and what can we do to be better/smarter with our money.

If you want help with working on a budget, getting debt under control or have any other financial issues, please pop into our office at Tiki House – we are here to help. It is free and totally confidential. We work along beside you, we help with phone calls to debtors and help to negotiate a reasonable payment plan option. Not every lender is nice and reasonable to changing situations. We want to help so you are not incurring late fees or penalties causing more debt unnecessarily. If you feel someone you own money to isn't treating you fairly, please come and see us; we will advocate alongside you.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Office hours: Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

Foodbank

The Foodbank has had a change of day this year; we are now open on a Thursday. Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Coromandel Budget Advisory prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

If you think you will need food parcel assistance over a couple of weeks, please make an appointment with one of our budgeting mentors. They will then be able to book you in for further food parcels as required.

If you're receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember to bring your own boxes/bags to collect your groceries.

With our new structure in the Foodbank, we now only require donations of empty 6- or 12-pack egg containers. These can be dropped off to the Budget Advisory office.

Jars and containers are no longer required.

Community Garden

The Community Garden would love to have a few more regular volunteers join us this year.

It is a lot of work for our small volunteer team keeping up with the planting, weeding and harvesting required to keep the garden in top shape. The produce from the garden goes to the Coromandel Foodbank and the local community as well as our volunteer team. If you have a spare couple of hours on a Thursday morning, we meet from 9-11am. It doesn't matter what your skills or experience are, there is something for everyone. From weeding and planting, to pruning, mowing, etc. The choice is yours. The Community Garden is located behind the dairy on Glover Street.

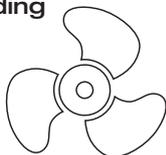
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Coromandel Grey Power

By John Rabarts, President

Our Grey Power Association is based in Coromandel and the surrounding area. It also covers the coast settlements north to Colville and beyond, Port Charles, Little Bay, Tuatawa-Waihirere, Kennedy Bay, Whangapoua, south to Manaia, Te Kouma and across to Wyuna Bay. We meet four times a year, usually at the St John rooms on Tiki Road (next to the fire station, parking around the back) on a Thursday afternoon. We gather at 1pm for meeting starting 1.30pm and have a presentation of general interest for each meeting followed by afternoon tea/coffee and draw the raffle.

Meetings are open to anyone to attend. Membership is intended for those over 50 years, but younger are welcome, especially if there is interest in the presentation (as we had in a lively meeting for the candidates for parliament to present their views last September). Members of Grey Power of any age can take advantage of lower costs with Grey Power Electricity and Gas, Broadband and phone plans, Cook Strait ferries, health and accident insurance, 8c per litre fuel discount at Challenge (no local pumps but handy when you are driving around the North Island). If you are under 50 years you become an Associate Member to take advantage of these benefits. We send an extensive newsletter to members for each meeting and some in between which go to email only. Last year during Covid-19 there were five or six of these extra email newsletters. You will also find an article of general interest in each issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. Thank you Debbie.

Coughs and colds

Make your own remedies for or autumn or winter afflictions.

Thyme and honey – Put a cup of water in a small pot, heat to boiling. Turn off the heat. Add two tablespoons fresh thyme. Leave for an hour to “brew”. Drain the liquid into a glass bottle and stir in a half cup of fresh raw honey – manuka if you can get some. Let it settle, then put in the fridge for use as needed. Lasts two months or so, probably longer as honey keeps well.

Swede cough syrup – Slice some fresh swede into thin slices, into a glass jar. Put a sprinkle of brown sugar on each layer, put the lid on lightly to allow air to circulate and escape. Let sit overnight to make a thick syrup. Use a teaspoon of the syrup two or three times a day to soothe the throat and ease the cough.

Horseradish for a deep phlegmy throat – Grate fresh horseradish root into a small glass bottle. Put a layer of brown sugar on top and leave to do its thing for a day. Then drain off the liquid into another jar for storage in the refrigerator, taking two or three teaspoons twice daily as needed.

Brandy and garlic – Take 100ml of a quality brandy (no advertising here, you choose your favourite brand!). Pour into a nice glass bottle. Add 3 to 4 good-sized, fresh, organic NZ garlic cloves. Put in the pantry and forget about it for two weeks, when the liquid will be ready. You can use half a teaspoon at a time several times a day to ease a cough and soothe your throat. Keep in the fridge. Lasts well.

Next meeting: **Thursday 4 February**, St John rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel (next to fire station). Meet 1pm for 1.30pm start. Presentation on Treaty of Waitangi: what it is, how it came about, what has happened with it over the years and how the Treaty Settlement process is working. A confirming newsletter to members will be out the week before the meeting.

For further information on Grey Power benefits for all ages email john.rabarts@gmail.com. To join Grey Power Coromandel phone Carol Carson (07) 866 7172. \$15 single \$28 two members in one household



Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

Life balance is vital and often seems precarious! Inner peace and purpose balanced with outer connections and activities. Becoming more aware of inner states is essential to balance. Mindful awareness is a way of cultivating this balance, to be more resilient in tough or low times and to take in the pleasant moments more whole-heartedly.

I am offering a space on Wednesday nights for you to come as often as works for you, for some or all of what is offered.

Plan:

Soup at 6pm

Sitting at 7pm

Finish by 8.30pm

February dates: 3rd, 19th, 24th. On **17 February** I am encouraging people to go to the community meditation evening at the beautiful location of Dharma Gaia in Manaia.

I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm. I'll make a pot of vege soup, and a loaf of wheat sourdough bread. Others can maybe bring special food if required.

This time is ours. We can share and let it emerge. It will be good for me to have others come to this tranquil place. I think you will be blessed also! This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you.

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Jonty Vink shows us how to ride the skill track on one wheel



Bike Park Opening

The open day was held on 20 December – with demonstration riding from Jayden Flemming and Bennet Greenough – BMX racing team mates for Pure Bicycles who earlier in the year finished second and third at the Red Bull UCI Pumptrack World Championship qualifier in NZ.

The grade two, three and four descent trails were opened, with local riders enjoying the flow and the fantastic tracks now right in their backyard.

Also completed was the skills area. This is a balance and coordination challenge trail, which has proved to be quite entertaining to watch as each rider nervously anticipates the obstacles. Not just for kids, this is ready for everyone to try (Jonty is showing you in the photo above how to wheelie around it).

The Velosolutions Pump Track has proved to be very highly regarded by the professionals – a very technical course and will prove challenging for riders and create the foundation for fast skill progression.

Keith Stephenson was thanked for his tenacity over the last 10 years to bring the bike park together and reiterated the need for safety and wearing helmets whilst riding the bike park.

Paul Johnstone and Ally Davey (project leaders) acknowledged the support of funders, the local community, iwi, council, DOC and contractors. They requested community support for the future management of the park and to form a local bike club to provide further progression.

The Coromandel Four Square supported the day with a well received sausage sizzle that was expertly cooked by Lions club volunteers Sue and Kerry Whittle.

A true community asset that is of World Class standards has been achieved.



Jed (aged 4) setting himself up for a jump off the skills bridge

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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Yay! Our first club night is on **1 February**. It will be a fun night with the first night of the Kapanga Pairs starting the following Monday. We have 11 competitions throughout the year. New members and visitors to our area are most welcome to join us. Lessons will be given to new players. We play at the St John rooms on Tiki Road every Monday evening.

Contacts: Lyn (07) 866 8858, Val (07) 866 8730

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CILT - Coromandel Independent Living Trust is seeking expressions of interest from builders, contractors, and professionals who have an interest in being part of an exciting new project beginning May 2021 in Coromandel Town

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

YOUR HEALTHY DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Do you have problems passing “number two”?

Is there enough fibre (prebiotics) in your meals, to support the maintenance of the healthy bacteria (probiotics), for food breakdown and fermentation in your colon? Fermentation in your colon, or large intestine, is the key to your best whole body cellular health.

A healthy bowel motion is the consequence of healthy colon fermentation, and ideally should be daily, creating a feeling of achieving a full evacuation.

Stool types

Google “Bristol Stool Chart” for images.

Type 1 – Separate hard lumps, like nuts, hard to pass – Severe constipation.

Type 2 – Sausage-shaped but lumpy – Mild constipation

Type 3 – Like sausage, but with crack on its surface – Normal

Type 4 – Like sausage or snake, smooth and soft – Normal

Type 5 – Soft blobs, with clear cut edges (passed easily) – Lacking fibre.

Type 6 – Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool – Mild diarrhoea.

Type 7 – Watery, no solid pieces. Entirely liquid – Diarrhoea.

Stool colour

Bilirubin, which is a pigment compound formed from the breakdown of your red blood cells, contributes to your stool’s lovely brown colour.

Brown – normal stool

Yellow, floating, greasy, foul smelling – Undigested fat in the stool, pancreatic insufficiency/ and or bile insufficiency.

Green – Rapid transit time, bacterial insufficiency

Grey/clay coloured – Undigested fat and/ or protein in the stool, pancreatic and/or bile insufficiency

Dark red-maroon – Intestinal bleeding in the colon. Investigations required.

Black, tarry, foul smelling – Intestinal bleeding higher in the GI Tract (stomach or upper small intestine) Investigations required.

Diet and lifestyle for your gut health

The essential human bacteria (microbiome) is endangered. The consumption of nutrient depleted, processed foods, widespread use of drugs and antibiotics, chemical disinfectants and our modern lifestyle, has altered the healthy ancient gut microbiome.

Leave some food for your gut!

The problem with the modern diet food is that, as well as being nutrient depleted, it has been so processed for quick absorption that it leaves nothing (fibre and more) for

the lower digestive tract, or colon, consequently doesn’t feed your gut’s good bugs to enable a healthy poo.

Does your digestive system need a diet? I can help.

Good news gut stories

Gut health can be corrected by naturopathic, nutritional, herbal, homoeopathic and holistic considerations. Most cases I have treated were simply the consequence of a bad diet/ cellular malnutrition or malabsorption. Some required more investigative test to ascertain/ identify a deeper cause. All cases are now healthy and without any pain, inflammation or discomfort. Cases include: indigestion, ulcerated colon with stools streaked with white mucous and bleeding, gluten intolerance, high cholesterol and hormonal headaches.

Covid-19 and your gut-immunity.

Increase your immune’s ability to fight off any virus. Remember that 80% of your immune system comes from your digestive tract. Feed and nurture it well.

Minerals and digestion

Minerals can change the environment of the cells of the small and large intestine in the gastrointestinal tract, faster than any other treatment programme, by controlling acid and optimising gut integrity. Cells of the intestine are completely renewed every 3-6 days. This cannot be achieved without the correct mineral / biological balance.

Are your foods giving you the correct amounts and balance of minerals? Take the test – www.activeelements.com, username 259077, password 579819.

Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647

Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make this annual community lunch the amazing success it was. Thanks to all of you who helped by donating food or money, preparing and cooking food, transporting guests, saying grace, decorating the venue, greeting everyone that arrived and making them feel welcome. And thanks to the combined club for their generosity. This truly was a great community effort and coming together; Santa and his helper arrived and dispensed a gift to all who attended.

Happy New Year to you all. We look forward to doing it all again on 25 December 2021. We hope you all have a wonderful year – kindest regards, Damian, Lyn, Rita and the many wonderful Elves in our community.



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Local boy in Scooter Nationals

Hundreds of people turned up to watch the Australasian Scooter Association (ASA) Championships in Napier on Saturday 16 January.

John Hunter, aged 12, from Coromandel Area School, competed against the best scooter riders in New Zealand, overall placing 8th in his category. John began his run with a Kickless over the six-foot box followed by a Bri whip down the six-foot ramp, a Feeble along the two-step ledge, up and over the hip with a Double Whip, ending with a Bar Spin and Double Whip. John was extremely happy with his performance as he had only picked up a scooter nine months earlier at the beginning of lockdown in April. After his first scooter competition John Hunter says, "I am happy with my run and loved meeting all the pros," including Alexandra Madsen who placed second in the Women's scooter finals at the World Roller Games in 2019.

John has been practising very hard at the half pipe at the end of town and going to Whitianga and Auckland skateparks every chance he gets. John was upset when he found out that scooters were not allowed on the new pump track down Hauraki Road. A skate park in town would help John accomplish future goals and encourage other keen riders and skaters.

A huge thank you to family and friends who contributed to John's GoFundMe page.



Budding Writers

By Sue Gilmer

Have you ever thought that you would like to have a story or two published in a book? That's exactly the opportunity that the Writers Group was offered last year and the opportunity that is now on offer to you. Here's how.

Dr Paul Schneider is part of a four-person team, two based in Bergen, Norway and two based in the Coromandel area. The team is midway through a four-year study called "Calendar's Project", which looks at many different aspects of seasonal changes and how we can adapt to them. As an offshoot of this study, last year Dr Schneider approached the Writers Group with an exciting opportunity of co-creating a book. The idea was for us to write a selection of short stories based around the Coromandel area and relate the story in some way to seasons. These stories would then be published in a book.

After 12 months of writing, we realize that we still need more stories and so are now opening up this opportunity to anyone who is interested in contributing. The criteria are that the story be approximately 500 words, have a connection to Coromandel and needs to relate in some way to seasons, or a seasonal experience. Poems, maybe even a sketch, could also be a way of contributing.

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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

We all want to be better, to do better, and this time of the year is often when we experience the momentum we need to invoke the change we want to see in ourselves and the world around us. We at Mana have a fire in our belly; we want to be vigilant and participate in the collaboration of change that is happening locally and globally right now.

It excites us to know: that reduced international travel is inspiring New Zealanders to be out and about visiting the sites and majestic experiences that this great country has to offer; that people are feeling the call to connect with nature and attune with a greater sense of wellness for themselves and the planet; that there's a conscious alignment for rebalance and a shift in global consciousness moving us all at this time — making way for wholesome growth, inward and outward.

We are opening to ways of harnessing this energy as a community, as a Retreat Centre and in our own personal lives.

Many of our team have ventured on long walks over the summer, from weeklong adventures to Cape Reinga, to a three-month pilgrimage from the bottom of Invercargill to Nelson! We are finding places to fit in a few more Relax Weekends and Wellness Retreats to meet the growing need for space and self-nourishment. And our community are working together to collect and dispose of all of our soft plastics at the drop off locations around Auckland and Hamilton as another way of improving our eco-friendly consumerism.

At the moment there is a lot to be idealistic about. No matter how big or small the gesture, every step towards a vision of greater wellness for humanity and the earth is of value.

What action awaits your attention in this time of inner and outer motivation?

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Cinders

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has supported the rescue kitties with much needed donations of tinned, sachet and food for the felines. Our fundraising from 2020 will see us on an extremely tight budget but we have booked fundraisers for Easter, Queen's Birthday weekend, and Christmas, and in between it will be wing and prayer and keep unit running as we are. We did a major clear out at the Christmas garage sale so we will be seeking items for our garage sales and internet sales as we progress through the year.

We have not been able to take anything in due to financial limitations and other restrictions. Those in our care are enjoying fans on during the hot, muggy afternoons, relishing the cool breeze. Whilst it ups one's power bill, their comfort comes first and foremost.

We are very grateful to all support given to us and the cats. Lizzy has chosen to not want to be on the adoption list and has made great friendships with Wikki, another long-termer here. Lizzy is a typical tortie with definite ideas of who is queen cat in the house and our dear older mogs Tutu and Minime often get sharp reminders from this brat cat. Lizzy has learnt two things fairly quickly: the whizzy thing above her head is not something you watch going around and around flat out as it makes one very dizzy and most uncoordinated totally and that this whizzy thing is actually a fan and it goes around flat out and doesn't eat up cats, just moves lots of air around at speed. So at lessons learned on that one, Wikki knows the fan is best place to sprawl out under as he is kept cool and pet pads are also invaluable, not just for cats but also humans as well.

Wanted: donations of cat and kitten food, to feed and care for the felines. We are also seeking a pedestal fan that is in good working order, purrlease. Send financial blessings to Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01, reference where you wish us to put the funds, thank mew.

Any enquiries purrlease contact Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD 5, Thames 3575

PETS

By Beryl van Donk

Ginger cat once lived next door,
who had habits I deplore.
He'd often howl in the night
No doubt putting other cats to flight.

He once waltzed home with a small rat!
His owners said, "You clever cat"
He once invaded our nice garden
dug holes and never asked for pardon.

His owners always pampered him
and he'd just saunter home and grin.
He ate cat nuts and sometimes meat,
His lady murmured, "He's so sweet".

On her lap he loved his grooming,
slept on their bed most of the morning.
No doubt dreaming of the coming night
of what he'd catch or even fight.

My own cat Minky was supreme,
Compared with him was like a queen,
But then most owners only see
The gifts their pets give so willingly.

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I hope you've had an enjoyable summer. I certainly welcomed the chance to spend time travelling around the Coromandel; it might be our backyard, but there's always something new to discover. It was great to see towns around the Peninsula packed with locals and visitors enjoying themselves and providing a welcome boost to businesses which had a rough time last year.



With the increased activity over summer, and some 400,000 people visiting the Peninsula, it has been very reassuring to have an emergency rescue helicopter and crew once again stationed in Whitianga. Their service is never something anyone wants to call on, but their dedication and expertise is an absolute necessity to ensure everyone can safely enjoy themselves. While this trial only lasts for the rest of the month, its value to our community cannot be overstated. I will continue fighting to ensure that the concerns of everyone who signed our nearly 50,000 signature petition are heard and the helicopter returns for long weekends and the full summer peak.

The Coromandel is blessed to have some of the best beaches in the country, if not the world. And while we have been able to enjoy them over the summer, some Auckland beaches were declared unsafe for swimming due to the poor water quality. This issue gets worse each year. As National's spokesperson for Environment I have called on the Government to reconsider their opposition to a formal inquiry into the polluted state of Auckland's beaches. Their refusal to investigate the water quality of urban beaches and waterways is not only a disservice to those communities and marine ecosystems, it is a kick in the guts for our farmers who are all too often targeted as harmful polluters.

Even though Parliament doesn't start again until early February, I'm back at work here in the Coromandel. My office is open and I can be contacted anytime on 0800 550 330 should you need or want to be in touch.

Library News

By Robynne Jones

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to us over the last few months; it is much appreciated. They have either been added to our Library collection or were part of our book sales which allow us to purchase more new books for the Library. Our book sale on Keltic Fair day went well so thank you to everyone for your support.

We have also been lucky to receive a generous donation of books this month from local Vic Mathews who is sadly leaving Coromandel and had to condense his book collection. As a book lover I know that it is very hard to part with special books that you have collected over the years. Thank you Vic for thinking of us. There are many art, design, woodworking, craft and New Zealand natural history books that will make a valuable addition to our collection.

This month there were no new purchases. However, we have been able to add to the collection due to the fiction and non-fiction donations that we received. These new additions include some beautiful art and craft books and natural history gems like *Craft New Zealand – the art of the craftsman*, *Please Touch – a survey of the three-dimensional arts in New Zealand*, *New Zealand Painting – an introduction*, *Ways to the Wilderness – Great New Zealand Walking Tracks*, *Vanishing Volcanoes* and *Botanica – the illustrated A to Z of plants in New Zealand*. If you have never had a look at our non-fiction section before you may be surprised to find we have a small but fascinating collection of art, history and natural history books, and also a substantial collection of biographies. Come in and have a browse in the non-fiction corner.

Some of the good reads we have added this month include:

***The Shearer's Wife* by Fleur McDonald**

Another rural suspense and mystery set in the Australian outback by Fleur McDonald, who has lived and worked on farms for most of her life. She grew up in the small country town of Orroroo in South Australia, and became a jillaroo before spending twenty years farming 8000 acres east of Esperance, WA. She likes to write about strong women overcoming adversity, drawing inspiration from her own experiences in rural Australia. We have many of her novels on the shelf.

***Five Months in a Leaky Boat* by Ben Kozel**

Ben Kozel sets out on a river journey with three other companions, including fellow Australian Tim Cope. Their travels along the Yenisey, Asia's second longest river, take them through the Mongolian Steppe and across the whole of Siberia from south to north, rowing in a leaking and formerly-derelict wooden dory that they painstakingly rebuilt on a shoe-string budget.

Lastly, a reminder to all those returning books to us via the after-hours slot in the door, please make sure you write your surname on a slip of paper and include it in the back of the book. This is the only way we know who has returned the book that doesn't require searching through all of our member records.

Scott Simpson
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Authorised by Scott Simpson, 614 Pollen St, Thames.

Himalaya shop : Colville
Hi Everyone, We hope you all had a good Christmas and that the new year is going well.
The Himalaya shop will be open daily this month until after the Waitangi day weekend, and then we might be closed occasionally during weekdays. It would be best to phone or text to check that we are open on that day if you are coming to Colville.
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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown

Welcome

Welcome back everyone! As we start the year, we would like to give a big warm welcome to our new staff, students, and families. The teachers have been working hard to organise exciting learning programmes for this year. We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for 2021.

Keltic Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who was a part of the Keltic Fair organising committee and the helpers. Lots of time and effort goes into organising this event and it does not go by unnoticed, so well-done team. This event is New Zealand's largest one-day fair, and it brings in great revenue for not only our school, but for our community too. Thank you again for organising a successful day which was enjoyed by all.

Other information

- **Thursday 4 February:** Year 11-13 students start.
- **Friday 5 February:** All students start.
- Primary school camp Year 1-6 at Tucks Bay: **18 and 19 February.**

All enrolment and 2021 information including stationery lists and uniform lists can be found on our school website: just search "Coromandel Area School".

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.

Bring on term 1!

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Kiwi Can

Welcome back to Term 1, 2021!

We hope you've all had a safe and relaxing summer with your friends and whānau, and ready for a new year at school!

Kana, Danielle and Brianna have been up in Auckland at Kiwi Can National Training. National Training is always a great experience to connect with other leaders and share ideas about what works well in the programme. We're excited to bring our learnings back to Coromandel and Colville!

Nga mihi nui,
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Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 February 11am-4pm will be our last days of the summer school holidays. We've had lots of fun swimming in the creek, bat down was the favoured sport and lots of arts and crafts we've created. We're back into our school term time hours as of **Friday 5 February:**

School Term Time Hours:

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

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

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February 2021

Progress on Te Arika Tahī/ Sugarloaf Wharf project



Thanks to everyone who provided feedback at our open days and stakeholder meetings late last year to provide input on the design and consent of Te Arika/Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf. Since then, the project team has been reviewing that feedback, along with pulling together the final information of



all the technical reports, which include things like noise and traffic data, dredging requirements, stormwater analysis and cultural impact reports. All this information will also be reviewed by the relevant organisations including WRC, DOC and iwi. Once all the technical information is finalised, a resource consent for the project is planned to be lodged in March. For more information on the project visit tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Our journey towards sustainable coastal communities.



Thanks to everyone who came along to our open days. If you missed them you can still find out what's next and tell us what you think by completing our online survey before Friday 19 February. See our website for more information tcdc.govt.nz/coastal

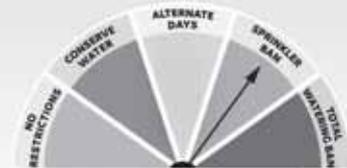


SUMMER INFO



For everything you need to know about summer on the Coromandel including dog rules, alcohol bans, water restrictions, and peak summer statistics go to tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo

WATER RESTRICTIONS



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Let's keep conserving our water

MetService issued their four-week forecast early January through to early February, and for our District it's looking dry. We also have the latest data from the Waikato Regional Council to indicate the summer dry period will have long legs and extend through March and into April.

See our website for more information on restrictions and tips on how you can conserve water
tcdc.govt.nz/waterrestrictions

Kerbside Collections



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

Our summer schedule of extra Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections ended on 30 January and we have now resumed our usual once-weekly blue rubbish bag and fortnightly recycling wheelie bin and glass crate collections.

Collections are one day later than usual in the weeks following the public holidays on Monday 1 February (Auckland Anniversary) and Monday 8 February (Waitangi Day Observed). Our 2021 Kerbside schedules are on our website at

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) are open every day until 21 February. The Coromandel Town RTS is at 525 Hauraki Rd and is open Mon-Fri 9:30am-3pm and 9:30am-4:30pm on weekends and public holidays. Hours and locations for all RTS:

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Arts

Four Sight

A challenge was thrown down to four local artists to create four works each on a common theme for an exhibition at Hauraki House, Coromandel in February.

Riding on their successful two-woman show Double Vision, Diann Cade and Jan Linklater have this year combined with two well known artist friends to produce 16 paintings inspired by “Cloth of Heaven”, a poem by Yeats. This has given them huge scope for their varied styles and interpretations, which should result in exciting and contrasting compositions.



Artwork by Diann Cade

Diann, whose background is Architectural Design and Graphics, has been experimenting with a looser paint application leading to moody cloudscapes or lively semi-abstract works with fluid lines.

Jan Linklater, scientist turned painter, uses landscapes, abstracts and figures to express her love of strong colour. She has found a sense of drama in the poem which is reflected in this year’s paintings.



Jan Panther, Diann Cade, Jan Linklater, Linda Sampson

Jan Panther expresses her passion for landscape in large, vigorous oil paintings she describes as modern realism. Favouring a blue/green palette with lots of colour mixing, her energy is apparent in her brush strokes and individual take on local scenes.



Artwork by Jan Panther

In huge contrast, Linda Sampson uses a limited palette of just five colours mainly unmixed, to create super-real paintings which often reflect her sense of humour. Subjects vary from her car series, very popular with the men, to swimming figures and still life with flamingo. Her more serious stunning textile piece inspired by the poem title, Cloth of Heaven, will take centre stage.

Four Sight will open at 5pm on **19 February** and run until **7 March** at Hauraki House, Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town.

All works will be for sale.

The Coromandel Christmas Exhibition

The Coromandel Christmas Exhibition finished on Friday 15 January. The auctions run on TradeMe in conjunction with the exhibition all closed on Wednesday 13 January. TradeMe have been onboard right from the beginning and have helped the auctions run smoothly and professionally, providing a great reach on their platform. They even came to the party with their own donation and refunded the success fees, which was a very generous amount.

What an amazing thing this was – 43 artists donated a beautiful piece of work and gave it up to be auctioned. The money raised will go to the Colville Community Health Trust to help with their health and wellness programmes in the northern Coromandel Peninsula.

Colville is a tiny village with a small population but the population of the northern peninsula swells to almost 25,000 on holiday weekends and in the holiday season. Health and emergency services are heavily impacted by the increase in population, and these auctions of artists’ works, have raised thousands of dollars for the Colville



Community Health Trust to strengthen their ability to care for the community and all of the visitors that pour into this paradise.

Forty-three fabulous, hard-working, generous artists have donated their time, their work, their greatness to this project. It was only possible because of Lindsay Garmson’s relationship with these artists. Lindsay has curated and facilitated the Coromandel Christmas Exhibition for 32 years, knows artists from all over Aotearoa, and is always engaging with new artists. It is the trust that he has built up over decades that made this possible.

Barry Brickell bestowed a DSOA on Lindsay Garmson – “Distinguished Service Order to the Arts”. Barry was a great man and he saw the value of the work that Lindsay was doing and encouraged him to always

continue his support and management of artist lead events.

The auctions were participated in by thousands of people throughout the country and beautiful pieces are now in the process of being distributed to their new homes all over New Zealand. A Michael Smither painting was bought for over \$2,000 and the person who won it got a real bargain. There were two other Smither paintings in this little series in the exhibition, and they went for \$5,000 and \$6,000. So you can see how lucky we were, and how strong the trust relationship is for Michael to have given us a painting and let us put a start price on it of only \$50.

It shows the level of care and involvement in the community of these arts practitioners, and we are all very thankful for it - not only do these artists create wonderful things but they have worked together to strengthen and benefit the community in so many ways.

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Portrait painting – Change of venue

Because of a TCDC bylaw we can no longer operate portrait painting from outside the Coro Bakehouse. Instead, we will be available for portraits for you, your children, or your dog at the Freemason’s Lodge, cnr Rings Road/Victoria Street.

Just call in, or phone Richard or David for an appointment on 021 0245 5780.

Sadly the production of The Importance of Being Earnest is postponed due to Covid-19.

Through the Eyes of Angels

Seventh "Watch This Space Coromandel" Themed Exhibition

Do you remember Between You and Me, In Transit, Ask Where I'm Local, Not All Who Wander are Lost, Making Conversation? Or way back in 2016 Secrets Gifts and Memories – Spheres of Connection?

Each year since 2016 Watch This Space has challenged artists to produce work in response to a specific theme. The results have been remarkable.

This year our chosen exhibition theme is "Through the Eyes of Angels".

Are you an artist? Interested in participating? Register your interest now.

- Your work should represent a considered artistic response to the theme, which you may interpret in any way you wish.
- It may be in any genre or medium, but must incorporate a significant visual component and be viewable for the duration of the exhibition.

What you need to know:

- The exhibition will open **Friday 14 May**, and continue daily until **Sunday 23 May**.
- Works must be new works, not previously exhibited.
- Usual procedures apply for commission on sales, exhibition roster, etc.

Please register your interest in participating to exhibition curators John or Sally (preferably by email to info@wtscoromandel.org) by **Friday 12 February**. We may exercise a selection process depending on the number registering interest.

We'll be in touch a few days after that, with a date and time for a preliminary meeting of participating artists early in March, when you've had a chance to gather your preliminary thoughts.

John Eaglen 021 930 470, Sally Tennent-Brown 027 302 4245, email: info@wtscoromandel.org



Pastel and Pencil Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

I hope you all had a great, relaxing Christmas and New Year. Our pastel group celebrated the end of 2020 with a potluck luncheon at Saskia and Jelte's lovely home. It was an enjoyable way to celebrate the end of such a difficult year.

Our weekly meetings start up again on **2 February** in the Aero Club Rooms. So now is the time to think about coming along to join us to learn about painting with pastels. Our meetings are held every week on Tuesdays from 9.00am to 12.00noon. Everyone is welcome to come along and maybe have a chat and cuppa with us.

On **13 and 14 February** we are holding a workshop with Julie and Michael Freeman as tutors. Julie and Michael are well respected artists and have won many prizes with their art nationally and internationally. They work in pastels and produce very photo-realistic artworks. We are looking forward to learning some of their materials and techniques. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please get in touch with one of these members.

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**1 February - 14 February
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Free Entry



Environment

Forest and Bird

By Jill Pierce

Precious bush at Long Bay being protected to ensure survival and recovery

A concerted effort has been made lately to get rid of the unwanted animal and plant pests present in the Long Bay reserves (which include Long Bay, Tucks Bay and the Esplanade Reserve at the eastern end of Kikowhakarere) and help the much valued and visited coastal forest recover and flourish.



Long Bay, Tucks Bay

To tackle the animal pests, Forest & Bird accessed funding from the Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) Small Scale Community Initiatives Fund (SSCIF) and willing local volunteers to instigate a thorough trapping regime from August 2019-November 2020 in the Long Bay Reserve. Using a range of different traps, which were regularly monitored for effectiveness, the results have been excellent. Significant numbers of possums, rats, stoats, weasels and even hedgehogs have been successfully trapped and the forest is already starting to recover.

The reserve is mostly forested by regenerating kanuka and manuka but has four significant pockets of more mature forest trees (including the Long Bay kauri grove), which have been deemed as high value ecological areas for protection. Of the range of traps used, of particular value are the newer AT220 traps which effectively deal to both possums and rats rather than just one species at a time. More traps are currently being assembled for the additional area of council reserve north of Tucks Bay. The traps will be deployed to ensure adequate coverage and will be checked and maintained regularly.

For plant pest reduction, both TCDC support and funding from WRC's Environmental Initiatives Fund (through Forest & Bird) have provided funding to initially control the invasive plant species which have encroached from the edges, in some case quite deeply into the bush. Richard Webster from Remnant Restoration Ltd. has diligently undertaken this work. A vast array of problem weeds abound: pampas, climbing asparagus, moth plant, Elaeagnus, woolly nightshade, privet, cotoneaster, ladder fern, Mexican devil and many other common exotic trees, shrubs and ornamental garden species. It is fairly obvious that a lot have arisen from the dumping of garden weeds on the Long Bay to Tucks Bay road.

Two rounds of weed control (almost 200 hours of work) have been carried out from August – December, with more work to be done in 2021. The bush now has a really good chance for survival and improvement but only if the trapping and weed control are kept up and scaled up. It is also very encouraging to note that this reserve borders the Kikowhakarere catchment where the majority of landowners are also actively involved in pest control. It is easy to identify unwanted weed species by googling www.weedbusters.org.nz and looking at their weed list and photos.

We need another 3 AT220 traps and more DOC 200 traps to ensure good coverage and we would be grateful to receive donations towards this. Bank account details: Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird 389000046431600. Please reference "Long Bay traps".



Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

MEG Summer Holiday Programme

Our Summer Holiday Programme ran for the first three weeks of January and once again we had the opportunity to engage with people from all walks of life and share our passion for the environment.

We kicked off with a stall at Keltic Fair day, selling traps and giving out lots of helpful advice to interested landowners. Koru the Kiwi was a hit at the Fair again with oodles of people getting their pic snapped with him.



We had our taxidermied predators and a few native birds along as well, including the Australasian bittern or matuku. Most people will probably never see a bittern in the wild so it was the perfect way to introduce people to the bittern and their plight. Did you know there are less than 1000 of them left in New Zealand?

Weed of the Month – Woolly Nightshade

This month's Weed of the Month is Woolly Nightshade. Also known as tobacco weed or kerosene plant, woolly nightshade is a capsicum smelling, small tree with velvety oval grey/green leaves that are whitish underneath. It has dense clusters of purple flowers followed by clusters of small round berries that ripen from a hard green to a soft, dull yellow. It grows and matures rapidly, forming dense and often pure stands, preventing establishment of native plant seedlings. It is also allelopathic, which means it produces toxins that poison the soil, and is happy to invade almost all kinds of areas and soil types, including coastal and estuarine margins.

Check out of our window display at Liquor King Coromandel or www.weedbusters.org.nz for more information on how to eradicate this plant from your property.

MEG Stoat Trapping Operation Data

Predator and pest catch data from our entire stoat trapping operation for December 2020.

Species	Dec 2020	Total to Date
Hedgehog	0	399
Possum	1	91
Rabbit	5	128
Rat	143	19,560
Stoat	25	2,645
Weasel	4	977
Ferret	0	6

Have a great month everyone!

Contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz

Corolandcare

By John Veysey

At the end of last year DOC carried out an aerial 1080 drop over 23,000 hectares behind Thames up to the Tapu-Coroglen road.

Five separate areas were monitored in November 2019 with 20 lines of traps. One line caught no possums at all = 0 %, another line caught 13 possums = 43.5%. 10 lines caught 20% or more and 10 lines caught 10% or less... half the area needed no possum control whatsoever, the other half had been left far too long. DOC's answer is to drop the same amount of 1080 over the entire area regardless.

When this poisoning was first introduced to us in 2004 we were told that the possum population was so dangerous that our hillsides would be denuded if we didn't take violent action immediately; the violent action was aerial 1080. Since then, there have been five applications of 1080 over this area.

After 17 years of aerial 1080 the "southern forest" area has no more canopy and considerably less wildlife than those areas which have been trapped and never been poisoned.

Once a trapping operation has been in place for a year or two the trapping method becomes far cheaper than spasmodic 1080 drops. For a fraction of the cost of four-yearly 1080 drops, the same area could be trapped every year. Hotspots would be eliminated and we would no longer see the ballooning of possum numbers which occur under the present 1080 system.

Sport

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Despite the heat, we are playing on Tuesdays and Fridays, with games as challenging and enjoyable as ever. We are delighted to welcome back a member who hasn't been able to play for some time because of a back injury.

Croquet is a perfect game for anyone young or old, male or female, with a reasonable level of fitness, a sharp eye and a clear mind. Come and try it out!

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15am for a 9.30am start. New members are always welcome. If you are keen 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 Sharon Toms & CRFC Committee

There are loads of boats out and loads of fish being caught! People are also enjoying going flounder spearing in the calm waters.

The Club "Fish of the Month Competition" for the \$100 prize is for our August 2020 – July 2021 current members only. Fish of the Month for February is kingfish. Congratulations to Cooper Sturgeon who won FOM for December with piper weighing 0.035kgs.

Our "Classy Chicks" tournament for 2021 will be on **Saturday 27 February**. Entry forms can be picked up from Wyuna Studios, Fish & Dive, or email us coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

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

Here's to tight lines as always

K2 – Road Cycle 13 March

By Andy, Keith and Rita, Event Organisers

As most of you are aware the K2 Road Cycle has always been held the weekend following Labour weekend, however it was postponed due to Covid-19. The new date for the event is **13 March**, however if the country goes to Level 2 or higher the event will be postponed again until October 2021.

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

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event, **Saturday 13 March**, if you have a few hours you can spare please touch base with Rita – email or phone (as below).

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



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 Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
 Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm
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 Taichi classes, Colville Hall from 15 February 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
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Every Tuesday

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 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
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 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
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Every Friday

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 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am
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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
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1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road 10am

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Coromandel Town February 2021

<p>1 Auckland Anniversary Day The Bizarre – Community Grants Scheme opens (see pg 10) Coromandel Art Group exhibition starts (see ad pg 25) Restarting for 2021: Patchwork & Quilters (see pg 11) and Bridge Club (see pg 16)</p>	<p>2 Pastel and Pencil Artists weekly meetings start up again (see pg 25) Beginner Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 28 for details)</p>	<p>3   Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 15)</p>	<p>4  Year 11-13 students start at Coromandel Area School (see pg 22) Coromandel Grey Power meeting (see pg 15)</p>	<p>5 Term 1 starts for rest of Coromandel Area School (see pg 22) Stillness, Movement, and Awareness - A weekend retreat with Hedwig Bakker starts at Mahamudra Centre</p>	<p>6 Waitangi Day Museum Open Day (see pg 7)</p>	<p>7 St Andrews Union – John Rabarts HC. Music by Philip in Cornwall on YouTube Easy Beat Hifi Ska/Rocksteady/Reggae Pepper Tree, 2-6pm</p>
<p>8 Waitangi Day observed</p>	<p>9 Online Course with Venerable Khadio at Mahamudra Centre – visit www.mahamudra.org.nz for more info Beginner Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 28 for details)</p>	<p>10   High tide 6.44am (2.8m), 7.02pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.19am (0.5m), 12.47pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>11   High tide 7.37am (2.9m), 7.59pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.15am (0.5m), 1.41pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>12  10am Guru Puja with Tsog Zpm Video of Lama Osel at Mahamudra Centre – visit www.mahamudra.org.nz for more info</p>	<p>13 Curry Night at the Forager's Kitchen – visit www.mahamudra.org.nz for more info Pastel workshop begins (see pg 25)</p>	<p>14 Coromandel Art Group exhibition finishes (see ad pg 25)</p>
<p>15 DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle March issue Patchwork & Quilters AGM (see pg 11)</p>	<p>16   Shrove Tuesday – join Christ Church, Tiki Road at 10.30am for morning tea and pancakes (see pg 6) Beginner Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 28 for details)</p>	<p>17  Ash Wednesday (see pg 6)</p>	<p>18 CAS primary school camp begins (see pg 22)</p>	<p>19 Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 15) Gypsy Jazz Duo 7.30pm at Hauraki House Theatre (see pg 10) Four Sight art exhibition opens at 5pm (see pg 24)</p>	<p>20 High tide 9.14am (3.0m), 9.35pm (2.8m) Low tide 2.53am (0.4m), 3.20pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>21 St Andrews Union – Ruth Efford-Bax from Thames</p>
<p>22 High tide 3.27am (2.3m), 3.47pm (2.3m) Low tide 9.41am (1.0m), 10.04pm (0.8m)</p>	<p>23   Beginner Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 28 for details)</p>	<p>24   Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 15)</p>	<p>25 High tide 6.20am (2.5m), 6.41pm (2.5m) Low tide 12.27am (0.8m)</p>	<p>26 What is the Mind? Weekend retreat starts at Mahamudra Centre – visit www.mahamudra.org.nz for more info</p>	<p>27 High tide 7.57am (2.8m), 8.24pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.39am (0.5m), 2.06pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>28 High tide 8.44am (3.0m), 9.11pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.26am (0.3m), 2.53pm (0.4m)</p>

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
lins, paper, cardboard)

RN = Rural North

CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kouma

TC = Thames Coast & Maniaia

COROMANDEL

RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.30am-3pm
Saturday, Sunday & public holidays 9.30am-4.30pm
until Sunday 21 February
Then goes back to usual hours:
Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun from 11am.

Make sure your event gets listed

To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March
Sunday 7 – Four Sight art exhibition finishes (see pg 24)
Saturday 13 – K2 – Road Cycle (see pg 27)

April
Saturday 10 – RSA AGM (see pg 4)
Sunday 25 – Anzac Day (see pg 4)

May
Saturday 1 – Coromandel Seafood Fest (see pg 3)
14-23 – WTS exhibition "Through the Eyes of Angels" (see pg 25)



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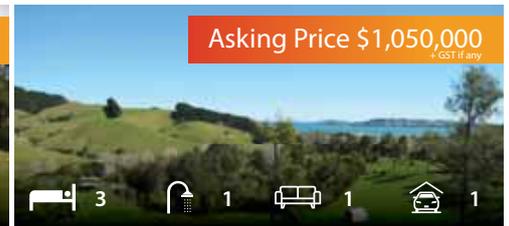
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Heating 8.0 (2.0-10.6) kW
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