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Play with Clay Day – left Mike O'Donnell, middle Amira Leaker, right Anneke Borren

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Editor's comment

On reading this issue of the Chronicle I see the subject of anxiety keeps coming up. We are living in stressful times – going in and out of alert levels with little notice and unsure if events planned and holidays can happen. Breathe and take care of your mental health and of those around you. Hopefully March and April this year don't include lockdowns and that events which previously have been postponed, like the K2 (page 30) and the Colville Easter Festival (page 18), can finally go ahead.

Kia kaha,

Debbie

Letters and opinion

No change

Our whānau has been shopping at Coro 4 Square for decades. My immediate family alone would spend about \$200 a week in there, sometimes much more, but for argument's sake let's say we spend \$100 a week. So \$100 a week x 52 weeks = \$5200 a year x 10 years = my whānau has spent \$52,000 in that so-called "friendly local store" over the last decade alone. For that amount of loyalty I expected them to help me out when I asked for \$10 in gold coins for the laundromat. I needed \$1 coins to go with the \$2 coins I already had because the machines take \$5 and it was after 5pm. Not our local store, no way were they going to help me out. The checkout girl was only allowed to give me \$5 in coins (2 x \$2 plus 1 x \$1) because of some idiotic rounding rule and when I complained, the supervisor blamed Covid-19 and worried she could lose her job. I used a \$5 note to buy a 50c lollipop thinking they would give me \$1 coins in the change but they gave me two \$2 coins. We know you are not a bank Coro 4 Square but surely you can find it in your business model to treat locals better than that. How hard would it be to keep some \$1 coins on hand for customers needing to use the laundromat after 5pm? Especially your locals who give so much to you.

Disgruntled,
Stephanie Palmer

A reply to above from Coromandel Four Square

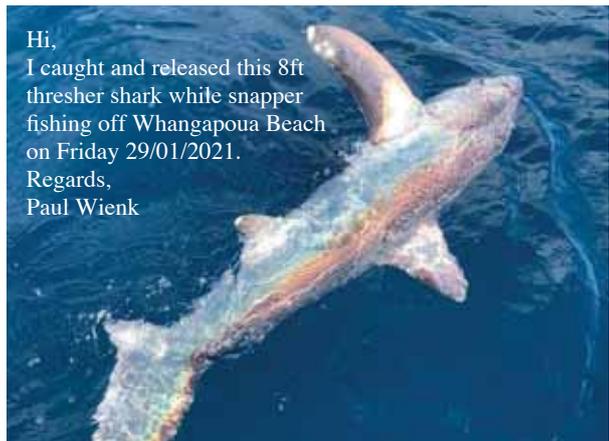
Firstly, we do appreciate your family's custom and support of Four Square. During Covid-19 there was a major change to the way society did things – and coin availability was no different. The banks were closed which has been repeated for three weeks over Christmas and New Year, with a permanent closure in the near term due in Coromandel Town. We are now limited in how we get coin change to run our store and consequently it is very hard (and risky) to hold a float large enough to provide all customers with unlimited coin change. When the BNZ bank was open all day and every day and freely available to give us coin at any time, then it was no problem, however as cash becomes a rarer commodity, if we don't have enough coin change for our fundamental checkout operation, then we look incompetent.

I have been in contact with the Coromandel Laundromat to discuss change availability for their business as a coin machine is not in their near-term plans. They provide cash coin to some of the businesses next door to them to provide the public and in addition a staff member on site until 11am daily to provide change. And as a last resort, Four Square are happy to provide limited cash coin to customers who get caught out. For cash coin, our policy is \$6 cash out per transaction in any denomination.

We do apologise that you didn't get the adequate change that you required and in future we will be more flexible in situations where customers have been caught out and are desperate, however while we do absolutely anything to help and get behind the community, I feel gutted being branded as not treating locals well or not caring because we aren't supplying unlimited cash coin. We are a friendly local store, however you are right, we are not a bank and I don't feel it is our responsibility to provide this level of banking service and alternatively, being the responsibility of the laundromat whose core business revolves around having an endless supply of coins.

Regards,
Damian Langley, Coromandel Four Square

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Hi,
I caught and released this 8ft thresher shark while snapper fishing off Whangapoua Beach on Friday 29/01/2021.
Regards,
Paul Wienk

Barry Brickell Play with Clay Day

By Pete Sephton

The third annual Play with Clay Day held this year on Anniversary Weekend was once again a big success with around 200 taking part under the marquee on Hauraki House grounds. Local artists and craftspeople, Petra Meyboden, Tim Fuller, Glenys Chadderton, Wailin Elliott and Kay Ogilvie provided vital equipment and their usual expert tuition. We are very grateful for their continued and enthusiastic support. This year they were joined by some very special visiting potters. Janet Smith, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Mike O'Donnell, and Anneke Borren are amongst the elite of the NZ pottery world and we were extremely fortunate to have such experts to assist all of the budding potters. All of these people combined to make this our best ever Clay Day.

Live music by Soul Sax Plus from the Barry Brickell stage was enjoyed by all and added to the festive atmosphere. The encouraging public response has motivated us to grow the event by adding more crafts next year.

Grateful thanks to our local Community Board for the grant to make the event possible, to The Spirit of Coromandel Trust for the marquee, to Driving Creek Potteries for the beautiful clay, to Henery Mackeson and Chris Ogilvie for help with electric wheels, to Wailin, Tom and Lindsay for all the help in organisation, and to everyone else who joined in with the fun.



Mike O'Donnell helping Fielding, a young out-of-town visitor



Alastair Young from Auckland making his first pot on a wheel



Having fun with clay



Tim Fuller helping a Covid-trapped English visitor

Harbour Safety Improved – Half Tide Rock

Dear Editor,

Boaties and other Coromandel Harbour users will be pleased to know that the well known geological quirk known as “Half Tide Rock” was last month made easier to see and hence avoid. This little rocky outcrop near Moana Fisheries in McGregor Bay gets covered (or uncovered) exactly at each half tide but for generations has been marked only by a rather wonky rusty iron pipe that is completely covered for a couple of hours either side of high tide. Even when not submerged this pole was very difficult to see. After a recent “micro-community project” a repurposed reflective yellow bollard from the Goldmine recycle centre has been installed over the rusty old pole and the rock is now much easier to find. A small white float has also been added to aid visibility, especially for the short time each side of high tide that even the new marker is still submerged.



Stay water-safe everyone!

From Colin Upchurch (aka Wyuna Wetaman)

Solar recommendation

Hi Debbie,

I realised that in my Solar School article last month I failed to mention Skysolar, and our contact Cameron King at Skysolar. Skysolar is the company that helped us achieve the solar system at Coromandel Area School. They were fantastic to work with, and we can highly recommend them to anyone, big or small, who is considering going solar.

Cheers,

Daniel Kirsch

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Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Hello everyone,

As a keen group of Patchwork and Quilting ladies our 2021 year is up and running! Our AGM has been held and we have an awesome committee with two new committee members joining our team, and Raewyn Penrose continuing as our president.

Our first small project is a six-pocket drawstring bag. This will be very, very popular and it is ideal for the kind of craft that we enjoy and keeps all of our accessories together.

We will also be starting our Mystery Quilt for this year soon. Judy R and Sharon are organising this project and it will run for most of the year. Each month they will give us one block to create so that by the end of the year we have enough blocks to join together for a small quilt or wall hanging. Being a mystery quilt we do not actually know what we are making until near the end.

Last year Raewyn gave us the President's Challenge to be completed by June 2021. As usual, I imagine that this will be a last-minute project and it is "secret squirrel" until after judging, so more on this in the next few months.

As mentioned in my December article, we will not be hosting the Peninsula Day this year as another group has put their hand up to be the host.



Soft toys made by a club member with the help of her grandchildren

Also... yay... I am pleased to say that Judy Russell will be writing for us from next month; thank you Judy.

If you would like to call in and see what we are up to, please do so.

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

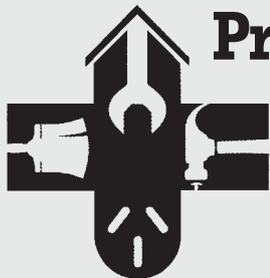
Lions Club

By Lion Lyn

Hello again and possibly the last time; as my health has to come first. After many years I need to pass this Lions update to someone else. It has been a pleasure knowing that so many have told me that they read what I write! I have always encouraged everyone to read the whole of this amazing monthly paper, as it is all about us! I will be a local soon – I have only been here 40 years. This awesome town has grown so much and The Lions Club is almost 50 years old. As I reported last month, all sorts of things have happened since.

As always, the numbers to ring are below and if you feel that you have a few hours a month to spare to help your community, then give us a ring, as new members would be very welcome.

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STOP PRESS!**InterCity Bus**

I have been informed by the Coromandel Town Information Centre that InterCity will no longer run a bus on the Peninsula. InterCity said they don't anticipate restarting until overseas visitors return to NZ.

– Editor

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all. Wow the year is truly underway now. February has been a funny mix of seeming quiet and busy all at the same time. There is always plenty to do behind the scenes to keep the cogs turning so we can keep providing a free, budget mentoring service to whomever in the community needs our assistance. You don't need to be in financial hardship to make an appointment. If you want to get a financial plan together and create a weekly budget so you feel in control of your financial situation, we are more than happy to help.

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're here to help. It is free and totally confidential.

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.

Opening hours are: Tuesday 9:30am-3pm, Wednesday 9:30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

Foodbank

A reminder of the new Foodbank day for 2021, 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 eggs containers. These can be dropped off to the Budget Advisory office.

Jars and containers are no longer required.

Community Garden

As I write this, we have just come into a total watering ban. Thankfully we have glorious rain falling from the sky, which is a welcomed sight.

Please hold all donations of grass clippings at the moment, as we have a huge pile there to get through. We need to ensure access to the site, which is hampered at present.

If you have a spare couple of hours on a Thursday morning, we meet between 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.

Give our Facebook page a like so you can keep up-to-date with what is happening, and when the Community Sharing Shelf has been restocked.

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New mural in town

There is a new mural outside the Coromandel Town Information Centre. The mural was commissioned by the late Rev. Philip Sallis. Looking great Caitlin!



Mural being painted by Caitlin and Matt



Before painting started the design was projected on the wall in order to draw the outline

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Lyn Whitcombe of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Lyn has been nominated by Pat Williams who wrote, "Lyn lives in our Retirement Village and has up until recently been President of our Body Corp. She gave much of herself to this task. Lyn recently gave up the position for health issues. I see, though, she is back working in our common ground gardens and orchard. During the fruit and summer vegetable season she bottles fruit and makes jam, pickles and sauces, etc., from the excess produce and places it in our village hall for anyone to help themselves. I am sure this generosity reaches out from our village to others in Coromandel Town. Thank You Lyn."

Thanks for your community spirit Lyn, you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

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: CoroLocal-Legend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members



St John Heartbeat

By Teri & Neil

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Mahamudra

By Jennifer Coyne

There is a saying, “The bad news is: nothing lasts forever, and the good news is: nothing lasts forever.” With yet another lockdown in Auckland it can seem like the looming pandemic may last forever. So maybe it is helpful to remember: “nothing lasts forever”.

Of course we all know this in theory, yet in practice, much of our irritation or dissatisfaction comes from wanting the bad things to finish, and the good things to last. Our resistance to how things are.

So how can we accept the reality of impermanence? Can we learn to relax in the face of uncertainty? Is there a practical method?

In Tibetan Buddhism, sand mandalas are used to awaken an understanding of impermanence. Sand mandala is a unique art form that uses tiny grains of coloured sand to create an intrinsic design. The unique design takes days to create and uses millions of grains of coloured sand. After working tirelessly on the artwork for days or weeks, the intricate mosaic is swept up and scattered into an ocean or lake.

As part of the Easter festival this year, two Tibetan monks will come to Mahamudra Centre in Colville to create a sand mandala. From 10am-3pm **Saturday 27 March to Sunday 4 April** visitors are welcome to drop in free of charge and watch the monks at work. From 10am on **Monday 5 April** there will be a closing ceremony and the grains of sand will be scattered into Colville Bay. This is said to bless the environment and bring harmony and peace to the region.

Drop in and see what you think!

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 5-Sunday 7 March** – “How do I exist? How do things exist?” – Weekend Retreat with Venerable Khadro
- **Monday 22 March** 7pm – Death Café at the Foragers Kitchen
- **Saturday 27 March to Sunday 4 April** – Sand mandala construction – Tibetan monks create a unique art form using tiny grains of coloured sand to create an intrinsic design. The work of art is open for

visitors to view 10am-3pm each day. Just drop in – no charge but any donations are welcome.

- **Easter Monday 5 April** the work of art will be swept up and poured into the ocean to symbolize impermanence and bless the ocean. Join us 10am-12noon to check it out.
- **Monday 8 March and Tuesday 23 March** at 5pm – Guru Puja with Tsog
- 8.30am-9am – Free Meditation Daily (except during retreats)

Coromandel Age-Friendly Community Group

We had our first public meeting at The Club (Bowling Club) in Woollams Ave last week and had a fantastic turnout of people.

We had some really great ideas put forward as to what people would like to see our group achieve.

Some of the ideas that were brought up were starting up a Men’s Shed, qi gong, going to the movies, visiting hot pools, playing Rumi Kub, recording history and personal stories, starting up a women’s shed, theatre trips to Auckland, open day at local sports clubs to try out, games and a cuppa, SeniorNet, card games eg 500, walks, archery club (in conception), high tea, dog walks then coffee.

All of these are great ideas and provide us with a good base to start building on.

If you, or anyone you know in our community, would be interested in getting involved in our group, please come along to our next meeting at The Club, Woollams Ave on **Tuesday 13 April** 1pm and we can discuss them further. Tea and coffee will be provided and the bar will be open from 3.15pm-ish onwards for those who would like to partake in a cold beverage.

Jo Sanderson, Coordinator Age-Friendly Community Group, Ph 022 050 3005, Email greenhillsparadise@gmail.com



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18/01/21–31/01/21	-	-	-	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
01/02/21–14/02/21	8.45am	-	-	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
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DEPART WAIHEKE ISLAND: Orapiu Wharf

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DEPART COROMANDEL: Hannaford's Wharf

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New Listing



* Great options here... perfect first home, perfect rental, perfect holiday base! 3 brm home with open-plan living and good decking. A full concrete driveway leads to the large garage/workshop. Fenced 653m2 section. **\$560,000**

New Listing



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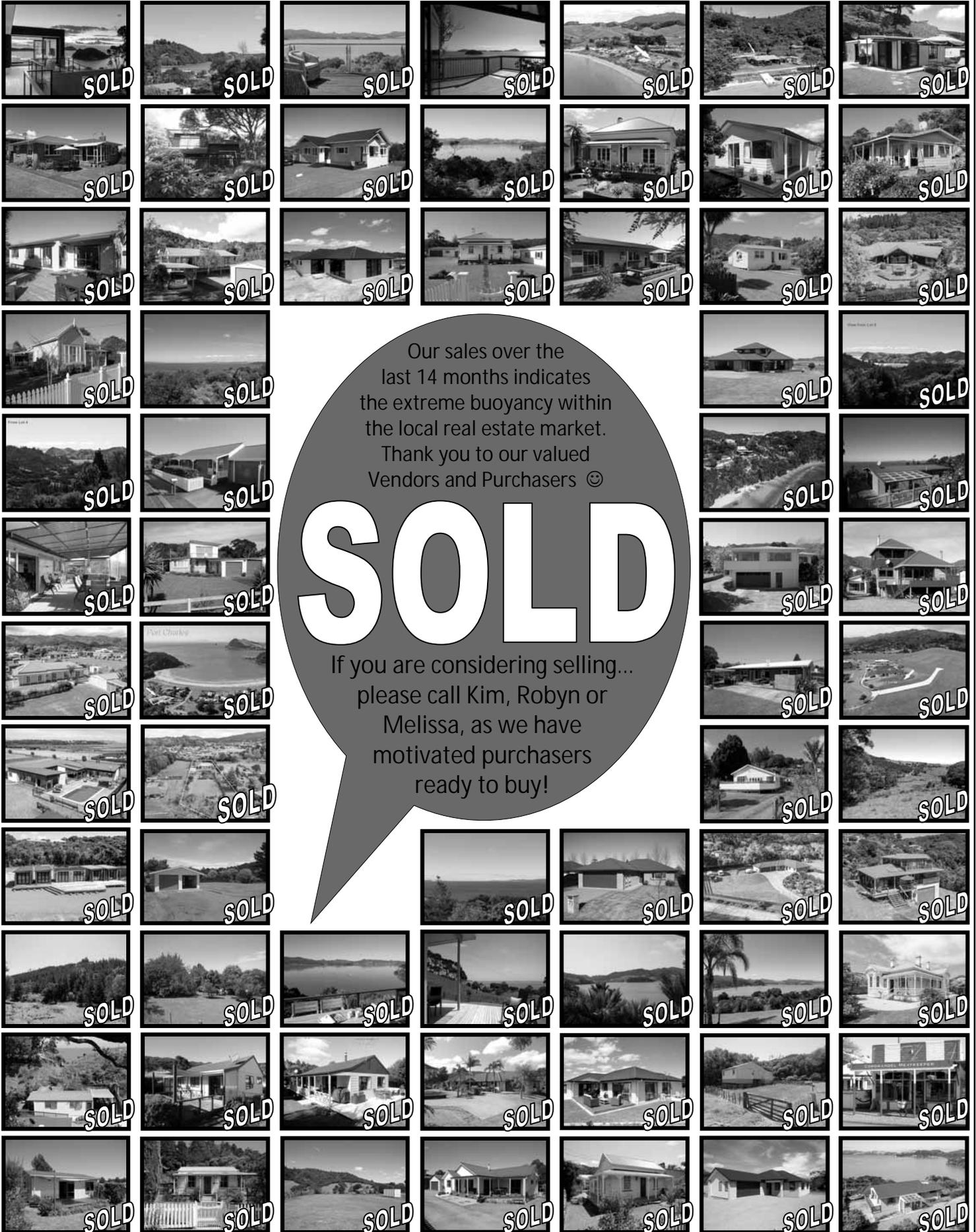
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Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

We are making steady progress towards implementing the new library system. All the books have been catalogued and we are now working on setting up members in the system. Depending on when we are able to start training our volunteers and issuing all of our members with cards, we expect to be able to run the new system in tandem with the old system by March. That means that, for a while, we will still be using the book cards in members' pockets while we begin to issue cards to all members as you come in to exchange your books.

The first selection of new books for the year will be on the shelves in March. Some of the good reads we have added this month include a selection from our old favourite authors: James Patterson – *Three Women Disappear*, Tana French – *The Searcher*, Ben Sanders – *The Devils You Know*, Kate Mosse – *The City of Tears*, Clive Cussler – *The Marauder* and a Maeve Binchy's Treasury.

Our book features this month are:

The Coffin Maker's Secret – by Stuart McBride



As a massive storm batters the Scottish coast, Gordon Smith's home is falling into the North Sea. But the crumbling headland has revealed what he's got buried in his garden – human remains.

With the storm still raging, it's too dangerous to retrieve the bodies and waves are devouring the evidence. Which means no one knows how many people Smith's already killed and how many more he'll kill if he can't be found and stopped.

The media are baying for blood, the top brass need a scapegoat, and ex-Detective Inspector Ash Henderson is done playing nice. He's got a killer to catch, and God help anyone who gets in his way.

The Perfect Guests – by Emma Rous



A mystery thriller set in two times. It is 1988, and orphan Beth is invited to live in Raven Hall, a rambling manor in the isolated East Anglian fens. The family who lives there, the Averells, are warm and welcoming, and Beth becomes friends with their daughter, Nina. At times, Beth even feels like she's truly part of the family... until they ask her to help them with a harmless game – and nothing is ever the same.

Then it's 2019 and Sadie Langton, a struggling actress, lands a well-paying gig to pretend to be a guest at a weekend party. She is sent a suitcase of clothing, with instructions and a dossier outlining the role she is to play. It's strange, but she needs the money. As day turns to night, Sadie starts to feel that there's something off about the glamorous guests who arrive, and as the party begins, it becomes chillingly apparent their unseen host is playing games with everyone... including her.

Many people ask us for recommendations so we have included a few recommendations from our Library volunteers. These include *House of Correction* by Nicci French, *The Killings at Kingfisher Hall* by Sophie Hannah, *Letters from Berlin* by Taina Blanchard and *The Pearl Thief* by Fiona McIntosh. We also recommend the young adult book, *A Burning*. It is an interesting and thought provoking read and may interest the older generation as well. This novel, by Indian-born author Megha Majumdar, is about three characters who seek to rise—to the middle class, to political power, to fame in the movies—and somehow find themselves in the middle of a catastrophe in contemporary India.

Hope you enjoy the great reads we have chosen this month. Don't forget if you can't find it on the shelf when you come in, you can always make a request to put the book on hold and we will text you to let you know when it is back.

Coromandel SeniorNet

By Bev Mayhead



Hello everyone,

We called a meeting recently to discuss the future of Coromandel SeniorNet as Loes is stepping down from committee... this changes everything as Loes has been the mainstay of this group almost forever! Times are changing.

It was decided to seek local support.

SeniorNet desperately needs help and support from the Community both as members and people who are prepared to accept responsibility of being committee members.

SeniorNet is available for all age groups. It is a valuable asset to anybody who has computer issues. We do not hold a formal class, everything is individual to cater for your needs. Please consider joining us for technology help.

If we are not supported, this service will disappear... just like the hospital, and the bank, etc.

Please contact: Tom or Loes if you can help us in any way.

Loes Beaver: aloesbv@gmail.com, (07) 866 8053.

Tom Look: tom@colville.org.nz, 022 303 9283

Tis the season... of huge tomatoes!



I thought one of my homegrown tomatoes was big (left) – until I saw Lirina's tomato (below) – grown by her dad Greg Taylor – weighing in at just under a kilo. Anyone else had some extra large goodies from their garden this summer? – Editor



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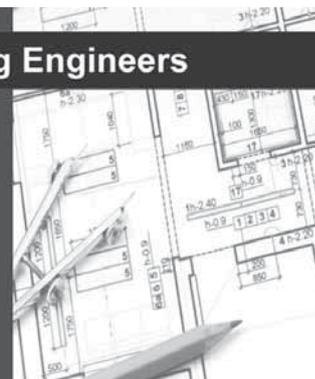
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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

I am sure most people by now will have seen the display of photos in a shop window in town. On behalf of the Coromandel School of Mines and Historical Society, I thank Robyn and Dave Dudson for allowing us to make use of the window while the shop is empty. Thanks also go to Judy Bronlund for her hard work installing the display. If you haven't seen it yet, do go and check it out, as it may not be there for much longer.

We also thank Denise Campbell for her hard work creating an America's Cup display in the museum. Denise has got some amazing posters and information from the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron for her display. She has also been given two branded T-shirts, which are now being raffled for \$2 a ticket, to be drawn at Easter. Come into the museum and check out the display and get your raffle ticket.

The month of March is known throughout the world as being the time to celebrate Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Although Ireland is quite a small country, there are people of Irish heritage in most countries of the world. The Catholic Church in Coromandel was built in 1865 and was named for St Colman, an Irish saint of the 7th century. I thought it would be interesting to check out other connections between



America's Cup display in the museum



Display of old photos in a shop window in Coromandel Town

Coromandel and Ireland and found there have always been Irish people in Coromandel and St Patrick's Day was a popular day everywhere.

Advertisement in "New Zealander" on 15 March 1856:

"PLEASURE TRIP TO Coromandel Diggings.

WONGA WONGA—On Monday 17th at 8 a.m, leaving Coromandel to return on Wednesday, 19th, at 4 p.m. Tickets for the trip—Cabin, £2; Steerage, £1 10s. W. C. Daldy, Secretary."

New Zealand Herald, 17 March 1882:

"ST PATRICK'S DAY

The anniversary of the patron saint of Ireland was ushered in at midnight by a band marching through the city, playing Irish, national airs. To-day will be observed as a bank holiday, and arrangements have been made for celebrating the festival in a most enjoyable manner... The Hibernian Society will celebrate the day by a march to the Domain, where sports will be held, and the proceedings will terminate with a grand ball in the evening... Sports will also be held in Onehunga and Coromandel, and other sources of enjoyment will be afforded to holiday-makers. The usual St Patrick's Day services will be held at the Roman Catholic churches."

Auckland Star, 31 March 1900:

"COROMANDEL NEWS.
(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)
COROMANDEL, Friday.

In connection with the Queen's visit to Ireland, a meeting of Irishmen in Coromandel is to be held to express the satisfaction of Irish residents at Her Majesty's visit to Ireland."

From 'Auckland Star' 20 March 1903:

"COROMANDEL NEWS.
(By Telegraph - Own Correspondent.)
Coromandel, this day.

A successful concert, promoted in aid of the St. George's Convent, was given in the Caledonian Hall on St Patrick's night. An elaborate programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental items, tableaux, action songs and gramophone selections, concluding with the comedy "Borrowed Plumes, was submitted, and met with due appreciation from a large audience. The arrangements for the concert were in the capable hands of Mr. J H Egan, under whose direction everything passed off well. The annual picnic under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday-school was held on St Patrick's Day at the popular seaside resort, Long Bay, and the outing proved to be most enjoyable."

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

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and dear Minime

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has supported us with donations of tinned food and cat kai, truly appreciated right now. Also a final blessing to help us with feline costs. We also thank Adrian and his amazing team at Forever Pets pet crematorium – sadly we lost our beautiful ginger special needs girl Minime at 11 years of age. She was deeply special to us, never grew bigger than a six-month kitten but had cattitude beyond her mini size – she was our TM tea cup kitty, our honey cat, the matriarch of the household. Sunday's rotisserie chicken treat was her favourite and the silence without her demands is loud and clear. We chose to have her cremated, the most fitting and dignified tribute to a truly special lady in our lives and we thank Forever Pets for their compassion, respect and dignity in this final time.

The other rescue kitties they knew that Minime was gone and were pretty silent for the week, each looking to her unit and quietly walking away. It was a week to challenge rescue as we also had both Daga and Holly pass away at 12 years of age, silently through the night. Very heartbroken humans but for Holly and Daga they were the farmies who came in compromised but lived a grand life here spoilt, loved and safe. They were some of the lucky ones we caught, tamed, but couldn't ever find them a forever home – they were either the wrong age, size or colour. For them they were long-termers, and as the farmies got older we knew that they would never have long life spans. What time they have here is more than they would ever have got on that farm – so this means we just have Gobe and Mascara, the last two from the farm as long-termers we can't rehome.

Lizzy is a brat but she is tortietude and dances on air and can leap across any room in very quick succession and to heck with anything in her way. She can be rehomed. She is now about eight months but needs really special understanding humans in a rural setting that understand and know the tortie cattitude. Cinders is extremely slow on her rehab program and almost the same age as Lizzy and just doesn't want to cruise the house. Her security and safety is in her unit and no matter how long we leave the door open, she wont go past the opening. But we know in time she will and she will be the most loveable girl.



Minime

Fundraising has been arranged for the year but we are on wing and prayer and desparately need funds to help us feed and care for those currently in our care – flea and worm treatments, special needs biscuits – these are two things that are very draining on our limited funds. We have had to cut the budget to essentials only. We are so restricted right now and any donations would truly be both a blessing, and so appreciated. Internet sales have dwindled to almost nothing what so ever, which coupled with personal health issues means we are really between a rock

and a hard place but we continue to persevere best way we can.

I am indebted to my husband who has had to take over day to day care of cats whilst I get through the issues. I do what little I can but we go on, solely for the love of our rescue kitties.

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

Meow furr now.

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

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President

Senior thoughts

Never be afraid to try something new – remember amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic. Did you ever try to figure out why kamikaze pilots wore helmets? Ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he barks and gets mad at you – yet when you take him in a car he sticks his head out in the slipstream? Do illiterate people ever get the full benefit of alphabet soup? Talking to my cousin about exercising – she says she is in shape – round is a shape! My uncle encouraged Aunty to walk five kilometres every day – he didn't notice which way she went when she started but as it was months ago he figures she must be hundreds of km's away by now! Aunty used to say – sometimes she wakes up grumpy, other times she just lets him sleep. Did you ever think that as time is the best teacher, sadly it eventually kills all of its students? At our age consciousness is nothing but an annoying time between naps. While we are at it, here's a tip – be nice to your kids – they will get to choose your rest home. On my journey through life I learned that there are three kinds of people – those who can count and those who can't. My mother used to say that if she had realised that grandchildren were so much fun she would have had them first. In her later years she sometimes warned me “don't get old dear – there's no future in it”. But now I'm in Grey Power I'm safe – just be confident that I never remember a name but I always forget a face. So if I come to your door just call out your name and I will tell you mine as soon as I can remember what it is – real quick before it slips away from me again. Enjoy.

Jokes for this month

What's the difference between a lawyer and God? God doesn't think he's a lawyer. Why are there so many Smiths in the phone book? They all have phones.

Where do you find a dog with no legs? Right where you left him.

Why do bagpipers walk when they play? They're trying to get away from the noise.

What do you call a boomerang that won't work? A stick!

What can you make with a boomerang that won't work? Firewood.

Coromandel Grey Power Association. Annual membership subscriptions due 31 March. \$15 single \$28 for two members in one household. Phone Carol Carson (07) 866 7172 for account number for online banking or for her advice on which banks (if any) we can still accept cheques for



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The Divine Feminine – A Creative Exploration

By Jade Ferriere & Charlene Scott

Imagine a woman empowered in her being, connected to a sense of creative force that guides and informs her path through life. A woman who finds her deepest sense of worth, not in the approval of others but in the knowing of her divine nature.

For over 100 years International Women’s Day has been a day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and raise awareness of the inequalities and injustices of a system that has created disconnection between human beings and our Mother Earth.

This year it is being celebrated on **8 March** and we are excited to honour this day with the opening of The Divine Feminine at Hauraki House by Coromandel artist Charlene Scott.

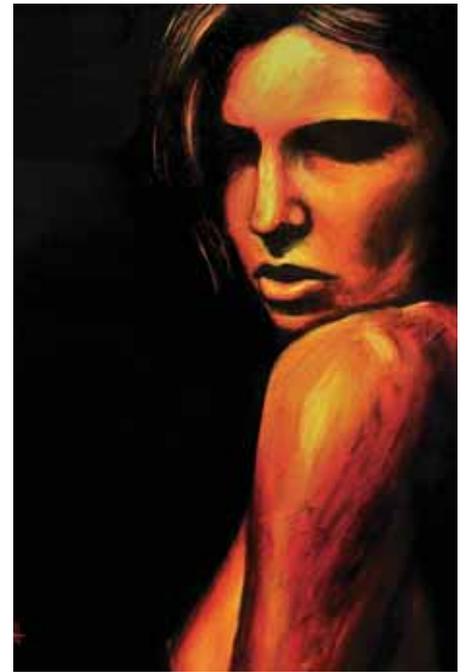
Although active within the Coromandel arts community, this will be Charlene’s first solo exhibition. Her works have been inspired by her own ongoing journey into the feminine and speak of empowerment, creativity, sensuality, sexuality and vulnerability.

This exhibition is more than a gallery experience, it is a dynamic, creative exploration into the divine feminine. Charlene’s art will set the scene for a sacred space that will host a series of embodied feminine journeys in collaboration with local creatrixes Jade Ferriere – Holistic Therapist and Feminine Embodiment Facilitator, Rei Bennett – Clinical Arts Therapist, and Toni Calder – Somatic Yin Yoga Facilitator and Wellness Chef.

Over the course of the week this sacred art-scape will invite people (both male and female) to connect, co-create and expand into the fullness of their divine essence. Feeling where the edges of cultural and social conditioning, patriarchal expectation and self-limitation soften, to make way for nurturing exploration and awakening.

On offer during this time:

- **Monday 8 March** 7-9pm – Opening Night Cacao Ceremony – An exploration into the nature of the Divine Feminine and opening ceremony for the exhibition. (everybody welcome, \$10 - RSVP essential)
- **9-14 March** 10am-4pm – Art Exhibition – Explore The Divine Feminine embodied through the evocative artwork of Charlene Scott.
- **Tuesday 9 March** 7-8.15pm – Yin Yoga – Soften and surrender into your body and breath with a gentle, nurturing yin practice by Toni Calder (everybody welcome, koha - limited numbers, bookings essential)
- **Wednesday 10 March** 7-8.30pm – Ecstatic Dance – Explore your own inner feminine energy with an embodied free-form movement practice with Charlene (everybody welcome, \$15)
- **Thursday 11 March** 7-8.30pm – Creative Unfolding – Art Therapy Workshop – A safe space to gently step into your heart, connect with your intuitive, creative side and share loving space together, held by Rei Bennett. No experience with art making necessary. (everybody welcome, \$15, bookings essential)
- **Friday 12 March** 4-7pm – Late Night Drop-in – A chance to experience the artworks and explore, feel, soak up the energy, and rest into being – outside of the regular exhibition hours.
- **Saturday 13 March** 7-10pm – Moon Lodge – Women’s Workshop – Unveil the Blood Mysteries. A deep dive into the taboo topic of menstruation and conversations to reaffirm that being a woman is worth celebrating, with Jade (for female bodied beings only, \$15 - RSVP essential)



We would love to share this inspiring space with you. For more information and bookings visit www.charlenescottartist.com/the-divine-feminine/. 5% of all art sales will go towards the charity TreeSisters to fund tree reforestation and work with women, supporting them to step into leadership roles



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By Carol Sutherland

Graeme Hadfield took this photo of one of the rats he trapped in the McGregor Bay Wetland. This one is a fairly sizeable beast and every rodent removed from the wetland, along with the stoats and hedgehogs, gives the native species a chance in a habitat that has been altered over time. This is what Graeme and everyone who does the not so glamorous role of removing invasive species sees when they go out. Behind every joyous photo, from a kiwi to a kauri snail, there is a trapper who is helping to keep them in the frame.

mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com welcomes wildlife photos

Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph

We'd like to thank all those who attended our business launch to listen to us talk. It was great to see people take an interest in what we do and we hope that it was helpful for those who attended.

Like their employees all employers and business owners in New Zealand have rights and responsibilities. In this article we will look at some of those rights and responsibilities that an employer can expect from their employees, the laws put in place to help protect them and the organisations and government agencies who are here to help all New Zealand businesses grow and be successful.

It goes without saying that employers have the right to hire and dismiss employees so long as they are following the proper procedures. There are a number of different factors that an employer must consider when hiring new employees.

Employers have the right to expect that their employees will show up on time to work and perform all of their tasks in a manner that is reasonable and in line with the health and safety procedures that govern their industry. This means that employers have a right to expect that their employees will perform these tasks so long as they are lawful, not dangerous (unless this is a part of the role) and within the scope of the employment agreement that the two parties have agreed on.

If an employee does not carry out their tasks properly, does something on the job that goes against the policy of the workplace or refuses to carry out their task, then the employer has the right to take disciplinary action against the employee. The employer must follow a fair process before making the decision and then acting on it.

Following the right disciplinary process should assist the employer to work through the issue and to deal with it before it becomes bigger or impacts more widely on the workplace. It should be seen primarily as a corrective measure, aimed at preventing further misconduct.

Employers and employees have a responsibility to act in good faith towards one another and act in a reasonable manner that builds trust and confidence.

- Employers have a responsibility to pay employees what is stated in their employment agreements and must be at least the minimum wage.
- Employers must give each employee at least four weeks of annual leave.
- They must give their employees the day off on 11 public holidays or give them an alternative holiday if they work if it is a normal working day for them, and pay them at least time-and-a-half if they work a holiday.
- Give employees a minimum of five days' sick leave. A new bill being brought before the house in 2021 will see this increased to 10 days if it is passed.
- Act in good faith and in an honest manner
- Provide a safe workplace
- Must not make any unlawful deductions from an employee's wages

The Coromandel Workers Council offers support services that can help business owners ensure that they understand their rights and responsibilities. To book a meeting with our workplace consultant, Pamela Grealey, visit www.cwc.org.nz/workplace.

Visit www.cwc.org.nz to view our upcoming March clinic for dates and location

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Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

It's been a busy start to the Parliamentary year and you could be forgiven for thinking that all that was being talked about was the vexed question of male MPs wearing ties.

But the serious work has been about RMA reform and the compulsory creation of Maori wards on local councils.



There's wide support for ditching the current RMA, but the harder question is what should replace it. We now have a timetable and a rough idea about that. It seems there will be initially three new pieces of legislation with probably more to follow. Anyone expecting quick change will be disappointed and there is no likelihood of any immediate solution to the nationwide housing shortage. The new laws are expected to take years to go through Parliament, and any noticeable changes at a local level won't be felt until much later because it will take Councils another couple of years to implement changes. This is why I and my National Party colleagues extended an offer to assist Labour to create some short-term relief. It is disappointing that this offer has been rejected.

The "trial" period for the return of our rescue helicopter has come to an end, but rest assured I'll continue working to get the service reinstated for the entire summer peak and during long weekends. Sadly, it was used regularly during January, which just highlights how important it is to our region. I'll provide updates throughout the year as our petition progresses through the Health Select Committee.

The Climate Change Commission has released its first report on the pathway to reach net zero emissions in 30 years. Many of these changes will be confronting, especially for people living in remote communities who will not have access to the majority of policies which are focused on improving urban transportation. Still, it is areas like the Coromandel which will be impacted by inaction or a failure to deliver. We are susceptible to the adverse effects of rising sea levels and increased likelihood of flooding. Heavy weather events impact our area more harshly than many other parts of New Zealand.

Tackling climate change and reducing our emissions is a monumental task which will not be achieved overnight. We need to ensure that the policies that will be introduced over the coming years are thoroughly analysed and are only implemented if they make a genuine impact on emissions. New Zealand cannot afford to waste time and money on projects that don't meet this criteria.

If you want to have your say on the Commission's report, public submissions are open until 14 March 2021. Visit www.haveyoursay.climatecommission.govt.nz/ for more information



Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

It is easy to spend a lot of time and energy trying to make sense of life, humanity and the current state of our world, and often our contemplations shift from a wholesome state of curiosity to an unwavering need to know. With everything that is happening around the world right now, it is easy to be swept up in feelings of anxiety and overwhelm. We are inundated with information, the television, news, social media all constant streams of opinions, beliefs and ideas that can steer us in one direction and then another. It is dizzying!

In a world where anxiety levels are extremely high, one of the greatest forms of liberation is coming to realise that there are many things we will never really know, don't need to know, and that is okay to not know.

There is a Zen proverb that says, "Knowledge is learning something every day. Wisdom is letting go of something every day." We are so busy pursuing knowledge and looking for answers outside of ourselves that we are consumed by the quest for more information. Even when we have answers, we keep seeking. This is the ceaseless nature of our minds.

Our hearts, in contrast a place of love and yielding often unheard amidst the incessant chatter of our minds, provide a key. It is from this place that we can learn to let go. Instead of comforting us with statistics, facts and quotes, our hearts can nurture a sense of assurance that if we surrender to not knowing and trust, then from a place of love we can meet whatever unfolds on our path.

We don't know, and that is okay. As we exhale, a tension we were unaware of can dissolve a little, and we keep going. It's okay to not know, to be scared, to wish things were easier, better, more peaceful. It is okay to feel. It is all okay.

Rest into the stillness of not knowing all or any of the answers and join us in setting an intention to turn towards your heart for guidance more often.

We are offering a 21-day Heart Smile Challenge online starting on **16 March**. Each day, for 21 days, you will be invited to open to the wisdom of your heart with gentle practices and self-enquiry. We call it a challenge because for many of us getting out of the head and into the heart is no easy feat. But with support and resources like this, the journey of living more gracefully is achievable. We invite you to join us for this heart-guided experience. Visit manaretreat.online for more information.



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Coromandel RSA News

By Pat Williams

Looking for ideas for this month's Chronicle in past copies, the March 2020 copy reminded me of something I did a year ago at the Coromandel RSA Forest of Remembrance, and that was to get poppies established on said site. Sadly no seeds germinated. Have hopefully got the idea back on track. The ones I have in my garden are such a joy. I also wrote about Service animals. Remembrance day for them is 24 February. Many larger RSA's acknowledge this day. In the last issue of RNZRSA National Women's Assoc. Inc. news bulletin there is a write up about a horse called Bess. She toured Europe and the Middle East with her owner Colonel Guy Powles in World War One: Egypt 1915, Sinai 1916, Palestine 1917/18, Germany 1919 and England 1920. Bess was one of thousands of horses to serve in World War One and one of only four to be brought home. She has a Memorial at Bulls and in 2020 she was awarded The Blue Cross, with what appears to have been quite an eventful occasion. The Blue Cross is donated by the UK and is the equivalent of the Victoria Cross. The year 2021 Blue Cross recipient is a dog named "Gunner" who was killed in Afghanistan; his body was repatriated to NZ. His Service will be held at the Waiouru Army Museum on 24 February and his final resting place will be in the Wall of Remembrance at Whenuapai Air Force Base.

Another piece from said Bulletin was an article about 104-year-old Betty Tyler of Hastings. Her and her late husband's medals had been stolen so arrangements had been made to obtain replacements which Ron Mark presented to her when he attended the RNZRSA Women's Section Conference in Hastings last September.

Back here! Coromandel RSA AGM is on **10 April** 2pm at The Club. We urgently needed a new treasurer. Poppy Day is **16 April**.

Club alterations have been delayed with holdups obtaining bits and pieces, etc. All will be back to normal by the time you read this!

I came across a page of my school work from Port Charles school in the early forties! Proverb: "A burnt child dreads fire." Till next time, as J.A. says, "Be kind".

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

It has been a busy time at the Bowling Club the past month.

Our Tidewater sponsored 2x4x2 tournament was won by a visiting team of Graeme and David. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors.

We hosted the Thames Valley Ladies' champ of champ fours last weekend, at our club, and our team of Lindsay Nicholls, Sue McNeil, Phillipa Medlock and Vi King were runners up. An amazing final game to watch.

Also runners up were our Men's champ of champs team, playing at Waihi Beach: Colin Gawith, Reg Wright, Danny Goodall, and Bob Sherer.

So a big congratulations to you players, keeping Coromandel club on the map.

The Taylor Shield, played in Pauanui this year, was won by our Coromandel team of Eythian Diaz, David Weatherley, Bruce Gawith and Jim Dicks, for the first time in 73 years!

Well done guys... a very attractive trophy has pride of place in our clubrooms.

Twilight bowls are underway again for 2021, and very well supported, as usual. This is such a popular community event.

Our club renovations are continuing, with a few holdups with materials not available. But looking good... thus far.



Thames Valley champ of champs fours. Left is our team of four, the four in white and blue were the winners from Thames Coast Bowling Club



Men's champ of champs team

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone
 The Himalaya shop will not be open daily during March month. We will probably be open most weekends. It would be best to phone first if thinking of coming up to us. Late season times will be 10a.m. to around 3p.m.
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Music at The Club

Following the success of our 1920's jazz night at The Club, we are moving on to the 1950's/60's rock and roll era. Come and join us on **Saturday 20 March** for another fun night – great rock band, raffles, prize for the best-dressed rocker! Supper included. \$25 – tickets from the Coromandel Town Information Centre, Ph: (07) 866 8598.

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A Day In The Life Of An Oyster Catcher

A story by Michael McKinlay
– abridged version for the Chronicle

“OK baby birds, today is moving out time. You get to experience the real world, instead of depending on your parents,” said Daddy Bird.

“It’s dog eat dog out there and only the alert and strong survive.”

The Baby Birds opened their beaks in astonishment.

“I think you mean bird eat bird,” said Mummy Bird. “On the subject of dogs, just avoid them, or they may indeed eat you. And birds might too, if you are not careful, though you are probably safe with your brother,” she said with a big birdy grin.

“Anyway, don’t you worry dears,” said Mummy Bird. “Stick with us for a while, and you will quickly learn what it takes to survive.”

“I hear we’ve got some interlopers on the beach. I need to go and sort them out,” said Daddy Bird.

“What’s an int...,” began Girl Baby Bird.

“It’s Fast Freddy. Every year, around about this time, he comes over to our beach and throws his weight around,” said Daddy Bird, before flying off with a series of shrieking sounds.

“Saw off the blighter,” said Daddy Bird, returning a few moments later. “He was

trying to take over the patch next to ours. I faced him off with a lot of noise and some direct hits with my beak.”

After some pathetic attempts to lift their fat little bodies into the air, the baby birds got airborne, enough to rise above their rocky haven, and head off in the direction of the beach.

As they got there, a couple of cousin birds dive-bombed the immediate family, with lots of friendly shrieks.

Cries of “Hi guys, welcome to planet earth,” and “wow who are these pretty wee things,” rang out.

“Buzz off you lot,” Daddy Bird said, in a not unfriendly voice. “Time to party is later.”

Daddy Bird led the way down to the low tide mark.

“When you dig your beak in, no half measures. Push hard and get your snip in. If you don’t, the shellfish might snap shut over your beak, and then you’ll be in a pretty pickle.”

“But first, it’s time for fun,” said Daddy Bird. “Today is our annual beach race. It is for three years old and upwards. It will be a good chance to get to know your wider family. It’s a straight 100 metres dash. No flying, just running with legs.”

There were twelve starters in this year’s race, spread out across the beach.

“You all know the rules then,” said Daddy Bird. “Keep you beaks to yourselves and pointed straight ahead.”

And so the race began.

One of the race marshalls was wagging his beak furiously and pointing to the bird in lane 5.

“The bird in Lane 5 deliberately kicked sand in the eyes of the contestant in Lane 6,” he said.

“OK guys, where is the contestant from Lane 5?” asked Daddy Bird.

“It’s me,” said a powerful-looking young bird, “and I won.”

“And who exactly are you,” said Daddy Bird, not recognising him.

“I think you know my Dad,” he said pointing, as Fast Freddy emerged from behind some rocks.

“OK, you are disqualified for kicking sand; and you and your Dad better get the heck out of here.”

“Hang on Daddy Bird,” said Mummy Bird. “We could do with a refreshment of our gene pool. After all, Fast Freddie’s son won, even though he wasted time kicking sand.

After a long harrumph, Daddy Bird went over to Fast Freddy and said, “very impressed with your son. I will see if I can find a wife for him in my family. But he is going to have to abide by race rules in the future.”

A big cheer went up from all of the assembled birds, including some feeble shrieks from the two baby birds.

Daddy Bird and Fast Freddy eyed each other for a moment, and then had a friendly beak embrace.

Budding Writers

By Sue Gilmer

In last month’s Chronicle an invite went out to anyone who is interested, to join a group of us in writing short stories, with the possibility of co-creating a book. This idea was put to the Coromandel Writers’ Group by Dr Paul Schneider who is part of a four-person team studying varied aspects of seasonal changes and how we can adapt to them. The idea is for us to write a selection of short stories telling of our own personal experiences. It may be a story sharing a seasonal habit or perhaps a story telling of a personal unexpected event. You may prefer to write a poem. We are looking for either fictional or non-fictional stories showing the personal side of these changes. The stories need to be approximately 500 words and based around the Coromandel area. We will be meeting with Paul on a regular basis where you are welcome to join us.

If you would like to know more, or read a few sample stories to give you an idea of what we are looking for, you can contact me on (07) 866 8833 or 021 0291 6056.

Happy writing.

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Colville Easter Festival 2021 – 2-5 April

3rd time lucky? So here we are again, trying to run our little festival, hoping nothing will stop it this time.

Friday Night - Colville Sings Country 2 April 7.30pm

\$25 entry – tickets essential. Local musicians singing one chosen country song each. This is a sit down concert. Entry age 16 years old up, please.

A country theme dress up competition will be on, with prizes for best costume – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – so make an effort.

Coffee, tea and cakes will be served at intermission. Koha is always appreciated. If you'd like to bake a cake that will be delightful.

Saturday Night - The Big Music Night 3 April 6pm

\$25 entry, 16 under free. Two top bands, two top DJs – Muroki and his band; Dastardly Bounder – Jamie Larnach; Labretta and The Motel 6; DJ Ike from Spectrum, London – Isaac Tucker.

This is going to be a fantastic dance night for all ages to enjoy.

We'll have a pie competition with Tim Fuller and Graeme Frazer as judges, so, again, make an effort. Prizes for the best savoury and the best sweet pie will be given on the night. Pies and a country type plate will be offered to purchase, cash only.

(This is a low alcohol event, please. No boxes or bottles of spirits allowed in the hall.)

Sunday Night - Family Friendly Night 4 April 5pm

\$20, under 16 free, children performances,

kids disco, plus... Vinyl Burns' Rock'n'Roll Circus Show! Kim Potter – Top NZ Comedian.

Sand Mandala Art and Cultural Exhibition

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Workshops

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limited to 20 participants. At Colville Hall.

Sunday 10am-11am - Musical Yoga Flow – with Vanessa Darshwana. An experiential yoga workshop to amplify, equalise and find your rhythm. \$10 all ages – limited to 15 participants. At Colville Hall.

Sunday 11am-1pm - T shirt Decorating Party – with Greer Rasmussen. Bring your own tee or get one from Greer (sizes and colours limited). \$5. Fun activity for all ages. At Colville Hall Grounds.

Sunday 1pm-3pm – Ecstatic Dance – with DJ Kimba Jade. \$10. 10 years old up – numbers not limited. At Colville Hall.

Easter Monday 10am-1pm – Clay Creations – with Frederick Church and Driving Creek Railway crew. Koha. At Colville Hall Grounds.

Easter Monday 11am-1pm – Creating Junk/Art Journals – with Denise Jones. \$25 adults, \$5 kids. At Colville Hall.

Tickets available at Colville Store, Richardsons Coro and online: www.cssc.net.nz. All three nights, available for \$60. Both Colville cafes will be open for business.

Watch out for our Facebook page and posters, there might be more to be announced. @colvilleeasterfestival

Enquiries and for workshop registrations: (07) 866 6920 / cssc@colville.org.nz Steve 021 711 489, Ella 027 487 5131

Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Time is rapidly flying again – already 2020 seems like some strange myth that has changed the world as we know it with the end to most international travel, so we all stay home – and so do the international travellers. The bonus is that it is Kiwis travelling so accidents are down as these people mostly know which side of the road to drive on.

As time seems to fly these days we need to acknowledge our Fire Chief, John Walker, who joined the Coromandel Brigade as a rookie in 1971, rose quite quickly up the ranks and has been our Chief now for many years, this month clocking up 50 years' service to the community as a Volunteer Fireman and Chief Fire officer. This is an amazing record of service and commitment to the community achieved by only a few. The community thanks you John.

We will celebrate this milestone publicly later in the year.

Our second celebration this month has been to have our new people-mover van blessed by local iwi kaumātua Harry Mikaere. Harry and wife Ruth have been longtime supporters of our Brigade, so it was fitting that they join us for this celebration along with longtime resident Tim Turner. Tim saw our aging vehicle had reached its end point and so generously has donated this replacement, new vehicle graphics and all. It was delivered operational. Added to this Tim was able to travel to Tauranga to collect and deliver the van to Coromandel and the members. Thank you Tim for this amazing gesture of support.

As I write this it is trying to rain but it won't be much and when that sun comes out again, all will fry. Please remember we are in a total fire ban – ie, no fires. It is dry and will take very little to become a serious problem.



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Poetry SPOT

Ode to a Blowfly

By John Irvine

A fat blowfly crawls up the window glass alongside my work station.
This dusky brown maiden pauses now and then performs a quick toilet on her antennae mouth parts and behind her ears perhaps in luscious anticipation much as we wash our hands before dinner.

Although her meanderings seem random I fancy I see a pattern there a method time-tested and true known well to Bella (as I've named her) as there is method in all things natural I just can't fathom what yet.
Bella – how do I know she's a girl? During a ten-minute lavatory break and wine glass refill she laid her eggs on my open ham sandwich. I give her ten out of ten for opportunism let her out the window to freedom with my best wishes for a safe future and wait anxiously for the arrival off her offspring.

I'm their surrogate father...

Writers' Group

Six members came together on 11 February at Te Kouma for their first writing event of the year. Hopefully it will be a year of fruitful writing without the disruptions of 2020. Claire shared her lovely illustrated story called "Jasper the Cat" which she wrote for her grandchildren. The set writing piece given in December last year was titled "Why" and Elizabeth's contribution follows.

Why

by Elizabeth Mather

A stroke, six months ago, had meant that Rose, at eighty-five, could no longer live independently in her own home of thirty years. Luckily the stroke wasn't too severe and she hadn't lost all of her mobility and her mind remained as focused as ever. Why she ended up in a rest home called Heaven's Rest Home seemed rather bizarre and she would joke to her friends that she was living at the station waiting for the last train to take her to Heaven. A joke that wasn't appreciated by some of the other residents. Perhaps there was too much truth in her lighthearted comment. Actually, Heaven was the name of the owners of this rather dated establishment. Rose might have lost her freedom of movement but her mind was still able to connect with her past adventures. She had lived a relatively active life, never married, though there were a few relationships thrown in on the way to add a bit of spice to living. She had discovered early on that committed relationships weren't for her.

One adventure Rose recalled as she reclined in her lazyboy chair was a three-month trip through China on an ancient motorbike along with Ralph, whom she had met somewhere on her travels. No crash helmet, just her hair flying in the wind as they rode along back roads in the heart of China where curious peasants gathered around them whenever they stopped. People seemed to materialise out of thin air, usually with something to sell. What surfaced these memories was her Zimmer frame parked beside her bed. She imagined sitting astride and riding off over the distant forested hills never to return. She was off – well at least to the dining room down the hallway. As she made her way slowly to lunch she gripped the handles of the Zimmer frame and could hear the roar of the engine with wind and rain hitting her in the face. She could feel the adrenalin as she roared up narrow mountain passes. She tightened her grip on her walker and aimed for the dining room. A caregiver's voice behind her brought her back to the present. "Rose, hurry up. Why are you going so slowly? Your meal will be getting cold. Come, I'll give you a hand."

That night as Rose lay in bed, her mind was still reliving aspects of her colourful life. The full moon lit up her room, stopping her from sinking into sleep. Instead, she slowly eased herself out of bed and felt around for her dressing gown and slippers. Standing up she grabbed hold of her trusty bike and walked down the corridor and out the front door. The moon illuminated the way as Rose shuffled down the drive onto the pavement that led to the local shops. She was riding again those mountain passes in China.

It was morning when they found her asleep on the seat of her walker under a tree in the rest home's front garden. A nurse coming for her shift had found her. "Rose, for God's sake. Why are you not in your bed? Why are you out here?"

"Why, why, why," she mumbled testily.

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By Chris Wornall



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Easter Market

By Benni, Bine and Nalan

Coromandel’s beautiful Growers and Artisans Seasonal Market continues, joining hands with the Coromandel Homegrown Community Market on **Saturday 3 April**.

We welcome local organic growers, bakers, artisans, craft makers, artists and musicians.

There will also be a children’s table, for creative fun, playing and singing.

Join us for a quality, lively, fizzy, vibrant and delicious market experience, celebrating the bounty, beauty and talent of the Coromandel community.

Saturday 3 April, 8am-2pm at Hike & Bike Square.

Contact 022 424 4163 before 15 March to book a stall



Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

Quiz night

Join us for a fun quiz night to test your knowledge of all things rubbish, recycling, reusing, composting and more.

Make up a team of four, choose a rethink rubbish name and even dress up for an extra chance to win a prize.

You’re guaranteed to have an evening of fun with a variety of questions, prizes and nibbles provided. The Club bar will be open for drinks.

Numbers are strictly limited so make sure you register as soon as possible to be sure of a place.

To register your team and receive instructions for payment, please email Robynne on robynnep@xtra.co.nz.

Event: Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town Quiz

At: The Club, Woollams Ave, Coromandel

On: **Wednesday 17 March** at 7.00pm

Registration: \$30 per table of four.



CILT

Kia ora Coromandel whanau.

We are so pleased to have launched the Bizarre Community Grants Scheme. Supported by income from The Bizarre Resale Shop, this grants scheme will provide much needed funding to local groups to support projects and activities that benefit the social, cultural, and environmental well-being of people within the Coromandel-Colville Ward. Applications are coming in and we are looking forward to seeing the great projects going on around the area.

We would like to thank all of the hard-working volunteers at The Bizarre, especially over the extremely busy period between Christmas and Waitangi weekend. If you are interested in helping out, want to have fun with a great team and make a difference to our community, please consider joining the team! Just pop in and have a chat when the shop is open.

The Bizarre also works in with the Work Co-op to help deliver furniture, clothes and

other essentials to families in need. We wish to extend a huge thank you to Lizzie, Nicola and Wikitoria at the Work Co-op for the wonderful work they are doing to support people in our community.

Refuse Transfer Station hours

There has been a bit of confusion out there around the opening hours for the Refuse Transfer Station.

The opening hours are as follows:

- Monday CLOSED
- Tuesday CLOSED
- Wednesday 9.30am-3pm
- Thursday CLOSED
- Friday 9.30am-3pm
- Saturday 9.30am-4pm
- Sunday 9.30am-4pm
- Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm

The Coromandel Hub Project

The Hub project is progressing very well. We have almost finalised the design of the building and are looking forward to getting started. The services that CILT offers are used by a broad cross section of the community and serve the aim of improving the lives of all people in the upper Coromandel. The Coromandel Hub will provide a purpose built centre for services

essential in a small, rurally isolated area which sits relatively high on the social deprivation index – such as transport to hospital appointments out of town, disability support, supporting probations clients to reintegrate into society, and whanau support.

While we are primarily a community and social services organisation, we are happy to support other groups and provide some infrastructure for sports groups to build off in the future. We are pleased that this new building will include large, publicly accessible toilet and shower rooms, plenty of locker storage, and laundry facilities.

On a final note, CILT staff would like to thank the St John service for their exemplary professional actions in dealing with a mutual client. During the summer break a casual visit by a social worker resulted in a 111 call which was responded to by ambulance Officer Toni Allies and Doctor Nick Ribet.

Well done St John.

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Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

I have a friend who has recently been unsettled by an encounter with a snarling dog. I am aware that I am carrying a low-grade anxiety concerning my adult children in the UK coping with prolonged lockdown. Whether we are knocked by a sudden event or drained by a long circumstance, we can use the skills of mindful awareness to come back to the body, back to just here, just now, with kindness and even tenderness in our attention. We can become aware of sensations, emotions and thoughts without getting lost or swept away. "Ah, right now anxiety feels like this." We can use the breath, tuning attention to the in-breath and the out-breath, to support our physiology calming to a level where we can think coherently and make skillful choices. These are some of the ways that regular meditation and sharing with others can support us in our day-to-day living.

I am offering a space on Wednesday nights for us to come together.

Plan

Soup at 6pm

Sitting at 7pm

Finish by 8.30pm

March dates: **3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st.** On 17

March I am encouraging people to go to the community meditation evening at the beautiful Dharma Gaia Centre for Mindful Living 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.

Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you.

Contact me: email annasorensen@doctors.org.uk, mobile 021 1357 056

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

The Guild's programme for 2021 began with our first meeting of the year in February. For some of us the heat and endless dry of summer had ironically dampened our enthusiasm for stitching but there was still a surprisingly large array of beautiful pieces on the Show and Tell Table. The "miniature painting" was stitched by Margaret Kilmister to be given to a talented grand-daughter who recently competed in a triathlon at Wanaka. There was no mistaking the scene with the famous lake tree captured beautifully along with the swimmer and waiting bike. Another eye-catching piece was stitched by our President Lettecia. She has found a novel way to keep and pass on a treasured but fragile piece of her grandmother's china by copying the pattern in thread on linen.



The highlight of the first meeting of the year is always the announcing of the winners in the Viewers' Choice from our November Exhibition. This year there was a clear winner being Jean Norton with her "Snippet Roll on Spindle". Jean is often disparaging of her stitchwork which she calls "slow stitching" when comparing it to some of the more intricate and traditional stitching she sees. Her win shows that there is definitely a place for both though and that the main reason to stitch is for the pleasure it brings. Helen Pearce's "In the Pink" took out 2nd place after having already won the judged President's Challenge.

Our Guild's calendar of events is filling up with workshops, a retreat, hosting and visits. Our February Bookbinding Workshop will have been held where members will have had the opportunity to make their own notebooks using a piece of previous embroidery for the colourful spine under the talented guidance of Diann Cade. The workshop for later in March is for a workbook and pincushion decorated in a choice of three cross-stitch designs – bluebells, poppies or pansies – tutored by Trish Hill.

To keep us all occupied, Jill Wilson will further lead us over the year's guild meetings in the stitching and constructing of a "magic cube". This is a version of the children's game made up of eight small blocks that can be twisted and turned to show different patterns on the cube faces. These patterns will be embroidered in either a Xmas theme, whitework or coloured sampler.

And just in case we have a spare minute, Lettecia continues to remind us of her President's Challenge for 2021 – Kintsugi. The art of kintsugi is kintsukuroi translating to mending with gold. Another busy year ahead.

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 3 March.**

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



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Yoga with Becks

A fresh change for 2021, classes now open for all levels

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Today most of the awesome regulars and those who pop in for a class are at a beginner to intermediate level, so from March I am teaching open level classes to better reflect this and open up the space to more experienced yogis in town too. However, my focus to provide an accessible space where people can truly follow what their body needs whether it's their first or 50th class, remains.

I have been practicing yoga for 25 years. It helped ease me through my teenage years, ground me during my adventurous 20's exploring the world, and nurtured me through pregnancy and life as a busy mother. My yoga practice has changed with me to suit the needs of my life at each stage. And this is how I approach my teaching, because even week to week we have different needs. Sometimes we are ready to be challenged to try something new and other weeks we need to slow down, go in and rest.

It takes courage and wisdom to listen to our needs and follow them, to be ourselves just as we are. This is what I invite everyone who comes to the classes to do. Listen to what you need as we go through postures (or asana), to release tension from the body and build strength. The poses are taught with different options and levels so you can choose what suits you. You may have had a big day in the garden and need to be gentle with your back, or your body may be calling out for movement and a good stretch after a day sitting in an office, and here in this space, you are free to move or not move as you please.

As well as asana, we do breathe practices (or pranayama) to soothe the mind and emotions, and finish with a relaxation or meditation to allow the body and mind to completely rest. Sometimes we mix things up with a walking meditation outside in summer, candle gazing in the winter and occasionally indulge in my delicious raw cakes!

I do offer options for those with minor injuries. If you have a minor injury, please let me know before the class either by coming a bit early or calling me beforehand, so I can adjust things to support you further in the class. If you are experiencing a more serious injury, like a "slipped" disc or are recovering from surgery, private classes are more suitable.

I teach a limited number of private classes for those with injuries, specific needs or who wish to develop a personal practice. Let me



know if you are interested.

I also teach a small, private group of pregnancy yoga classes which I am deeply passionate about. As well as yoga we explore hypnobirthing techniques, dance, art and baby positioning, practical information (with handouts and recordings) about birth and the very busy months after. Please feel free to call me if you are interested in joining or have any questions. Check out the April Chronicle for more information on these classes.

For more information on my training, teaching style and support of inspiring local, NZ and global projects responding to social and environmental issues, check out my website www.rebeccaleaker.com.

Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 6.45pm, \$10 at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd. All equipment provided. Phone 027 407 0079 for more info or check out www.rebeccaleaker.com

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bromlind

We started off the year with a good turnout and thought that we would continue to get all members back playing on a Monday evening. With an oops in Papatoetoe with the virus turning up, let's hope that it is under control and we can continue our bridge evenings. Our March competition is the Individual Championships.

We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms and we welcome new members and also visitors to Coromandel.

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

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou, we have had a busy start to the new year with some of our children graduating and going off to school. We are also welcoming new tamariki and their whaanau into our centre.

We would like to say a very big thank you to Coromandel ITM for kindly allowing us to use their fantastic BBQ trailer for our Children's Christmas party.

We are currently reviewing our healthy food policy in line with new regulations from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health in order to reduce the risk of children choking.

Our tamariki have been out and about enjoying the local area with visits to the beach, and they love the new bike park; thank you to the parents who have been coming along to help out.



The Preschool Christmas party.

We are also currently looking to redesign our outdoor playground area that is beginning to look a little sad. The tamariki have been busy helping to design the area and giving us their input into what they believe makes a good playground. So if you have some hidden talent in playground design we would love to hear from you to give us a hand with the design, and to help to keep the costs down.

Over the past month we have celebrated birthdays for Grace, Aroha, Anika, and Sadie; we wish them all a very happy birthday. We have said farewell to Marley, Cam and Grace who have moved on to school.

We are welcoming Georgia, Sophiea, Dylan, Rae, Reece, Meadow, and Nia to our centre; we look forward to learning more about you, your whaanau and your interests.

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 to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/>

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

Kia Ora from Coromandel Playcentre

By Jennifer Williams

Wow, we've just finished our first week back for 2021 and what an awesome week it was.

We had a big turnout with new and current members all showing up. It was clear our sessions were missed over the holiday period.

The energy was high and the kids were having so much fun playing with everything. We love and aim for our kids to feel like they are at a place where they belong and can be free and safe to have fun.

Along with our new members, one being a newborn, we had some lizard eggs and an adoptive parent join us, found by our oldest member, Nathan, four years old. The boys are looking after them and eagerly waiting for them to hatch.

We have a wide age range of tamariki here at our center and we can cater for tamariki from newborn up till the age of six.

So please, if you'd like to come along and see if this is for your whanau, send us an email at coromandel@playcentre.org.nz or show up at a session. We're located next to Coromandel Area School and are open Tuesday 10.30am-1pm and Friday 9.45am-12pm. Bring a packed lunch, change of clothes and lots of energy; we would love to have you.

Also we are doing some exciting things this year that we need to do lots of fundraising for. So if you'd like to support us to improve our center keep an eye out for us and know it's always greatly appreciated.

Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody



Kia ora koutou,

New year, new Kiwi Can! At Coromandel Area School we have moved from Room 6 into the hall foyer, and in Colville we were super excited to meet their new Principal, Susie Sumner. To start off the new year, we have sorted everyone into our new formation lines: Tui, Kākāpō, Pūkeko and Kererū. We have also revealed our theme for the term, Respect (Manaakitanga) and our catchphrase is "I'm proud of where I come from, I'm proud of who I am, I'm proud to be a Kiwi, because a Kiwi Can!" Respect was also our Theme in Term 4 last year, but this time we are focusing on different modules: Respect for Ourselves, Respectful Communication, and Respect for Others. This is a great way to start the year as we welcome new students, new teachers, and adjust back to the routine of school after having such a long holiday! The tamariki have also worked together in their classes to come up with their new class chant. Each class has a unique chant that is in their own words about our four themes, and how their class represents them. Their class challenges have been to remember their class chant, theme and catchphrase!

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!
Noho ora mai,
Brianna

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation



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Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

We are back to running our afterschool programme as usual. Please remember to scan the QR code before entering Youth Group or a staff member can record your details in our daily register.

School Term Time Hours

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

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. 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.

For more information, call in or phone (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations received, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust

Coromandel Area School

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



By Jamie Rose Brown

Welcome back everyone. What a great start to Term 1. It has been full of swimming, sports, camps and getting to know each other...we are ready for an epic year!

On 5 February we had a family day at school to welcome all of our new students, teachers, and whānau. It was also a time for students, teachers, and families to get to know each other. We had a yummy sausage sizzle and ice cream. Thank you to the Coromandel Bowling Club for coming over to introduce our tamariki to Lawn Bowls. And "way to go" to our senior students who stepped up to support our young ones to get involved in all of the games! Such a fun way to start the year.

Coming up

CAS Senior Athletics Day Years 9-13 – **Friday 5 March.**

Term dates

Term 1: **5 February – Friday 16 April**

Term 2: **3 May – 9 July**

Term 3: **26 July – 1 October**

Term 4: **18 October-17 December**

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.

In the next article we will have an update on swimming sports, athletics and junior camp!

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

These words are a quote from Benjamin Franklin and were embroidered on the lining of the coat that Jill Biden, USA's new first lady, wore at the recent inauguration day. They are pretty powerful words and have a synergy with our school goal. Te Rerenga school promotes a learning environment which equips our learners with the skills and mindset to thrive and confidently take on the world because "Learning, it's what we do!"

We are excited to be starting the 2021 school year and have three new staff members joining our team. After 12 years of wonderful service Mrs Cheryl Darling will be stepping back as office administrator and Mrs Danielle Threadgold has been appointed into the role. Danielle will bring to the position many years of experience in administration in the education setting. She will work closely with Cheryl during a transition period as Cheryl will continue in the office part time before she fully retires at the end of term one.

We also have two new classroom teachers. Mrs Jennifer Commins is teaching a Year 3 and 4 class. Jen brings a wealth of experience to the role. Before moving to Matarangi early last year she was teaching in China and in a number of Hamilton schools.

We are also delighted to welcome back to our team Mrs Fiona Watts, who has been appointed into a job share position in our senior room with Ms Kristin Street. Many will be familiar with Fiona from when she previously taught at Te Rerenga in the senior room a few years back.

At Te Rerenga School we have decided to rename our classrooms and we sought the student voice for this process. There were some great ideas all using Te Reo rather than English. It was unanimously agreed that the current numbering didn't work with the placement of classrooms so numerically the classrooms have been changed as well as giving each classroom a name. Tytan Adams's proposal was the successful option. His thoughtful statement (based on the 2020 room numbers), was the following: "Room 4 is the sky, so the highest class with the sky being the highest point. Room 3 is the mountain because the mountain is just below the sky. The mountain has a waterfall (Room 2) which falls down into the river (Room 5) and the river will go out to the ocean (Room 1)."

So, our new classroom names and 2021 teachers are:

Room 5 (Rima) – Rangi (Sky) – Years 6/7&8 – old Room 4 – Ms Kristin Street/ Mrs Fiona Watts.

Room 4 (Wha) – Maunga (Mountain) – Years 4/5&6 – old Room 3 – Mrs Odette Wilson.

Room 3 (Toru) – Wairere (Waterfall) – Years 3&4 - old Room 5 – Mrs Jennifer Commins.

Room 2 (Rua) – Awa (River) – Year 2 – Mr Darrell Adshead.

Room 1 (Tahi) – Moana (Ocean) – Year 1 – Mrs Shelley Corles.



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Arts

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray.

Our exhibition started on 1 February, but as it's been such an "up and down" year we didn't know how it was going to go. But we needn't have worried.

Some of our members found it impossible to paint during lockdown, while others really enjoyed the uninterrupted extra time, and turned out some really new and innovative work which was on show.

Our judges for People's Choice Awards were Kate Jacobson, Karen Davies and Grant Webber, and we would like to thank them for their time and selections:

First – Lindsay Nicholls "Canterbury Glow".

Second – Barbara Peddie "Under the Southern Sky".

Third – Barbara Peddie "Poppies".

Highly Commended – Barbara "The Red Shoe", and Miriam Moss "Red Billed Gull".

Our joint project "Happiness is a Garden" sparked some interest. It was inspired during lockdown, where although you couldn't go out, you always had your garden as inspiration.

We've had a good number of visitors through the exhibition, which has been good.

Our raffle winners are: First No. 107 – Lou Cox, Second No. 161 – Scott Innes, Third No. 68 – M Dobbs, Fourth No. 77 – M Dobbs.



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Time to be thinking about our Shared Studios Programme!

Running from the end of May into September, this popular programme for artists makes its home in the Art Room at Hauraki House in Coromandel over the winter months.

Organised workshops and more casual "residency-type" artistic enquiry make this time fruitful, with the opportunity of forming new professional relationships, and trying out new techniques, media and ways of seeing. There is also the opportunity to exhibit your work at the conclusion of the season.

If you identify as an artist, you're in.

The annual sub remains at \$60.

Interested? To register, or for more info on how it all works, please contact one of us: Sally Tennent-Brown 027 302 4245, John Eaglen 021 930 470, Fran Campbell 027 228 2553

Flourish art exhibition and documentary

He Mana Toi Moehau Trust/Creative Coromandel warmly invites you to attend "Flourish", a special event celebrating the success of the region's first artist mentoring programme, pARTner Up.

"Flourish" will take place on **Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March** at Hauraki House in Coromandel Town and will include new work from the visual artist mentees and performances from the performing artist mentees. The event will premiere the "Flourish" documentary, a short film featuring insights from pARTner Up mentees, plus a short Q&A will take place with two of the mentors.

Opening event and documentary premiere: **Saturday 20 March**, 1.30pm. Exhibition open: **Saturday 20 March**, 1-5pm and **Sunday 21 March**, 10am-3pm. pARTner Up commenced in July 2020 and was created by Creative Coromandel with funding from Creative New Zealand's Arts Continuity Grant. pARTner UP's aim was to connect a group of Thames-Coromandel based creatives with experienced artist mentors for a nine-month period.

Nine mentees were selected for the programme: Tyler Downey, Heather Watt, Jackie Francis, Deborah Hide-Bayne, Elisabeth Carter, Pete Aldrich, Charli McDougall, Shannon Nicolson and Amy Rogers; and seven mentors have been working alongside the mentees: Annie Smits Sandano, Sally Tennent-Brown, Hilary Falconer, Chris Charteris, James Webster, Kelly Harrison and Jacquie Ellis.

"The mentors that we selected for pARTner Up are all established artists, both visual and performing artists, with a wealth of experience, skills and knowledge," says Linley Rose, Master Certified Coach and Project Manager of pARTner Up.

"The mentees we chose are creatives who ultimately want to take their art practice to the next level," she says. "As a result, some really beautiful mentor-mentee relationships have formed over the course of the programme and 'Flourish' will showcase this."

Creative Coromandel patrons Michael Smithers and G'ian McGregor also generously gave mentoring time to each participant.

Jan Wright, Chair of He Mana Toi Moehau Trust, is thrilled with the success of pARTner Up.

"This first pARTner Up programme has been a success, and we're excited to continue with more programmes like it," she says. "We encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about being either a mentor or mentee for the next intake, to come along to 'Flourish' for a chat or get in touch with us."

The Creative Coromandel team would like to acknowledge the funding support of Creative New Zealand and Pub Charity Ltd for enabling the pARTner Up programme and the "Flourish" event.

For more information about "Flourish" or Creative Coromandel, visit their website www.creativecoromandel.co.nz, follow them on Facebook or contact them on info.creativecoromandel@gmail.com

Art Tour 2021

By Kim Brett



Hello and welcome to our buildup to the 2021 Open Studio Coromandel Arts Tour. The first Open Studios will be on the first two weekends of October (**2, 3, 9, 10 October**).

Last year was a great success with nearly 4,000 studio visits.

With a new Tour committee formed, it is now registration time. We have sent out the new form to past members and would like to invite artists in our community, that would like to join and be a part of this year's tour to please contact either Pete Sephton 027 424 090 or Kim Brett 021 866 879. Our deadline to join is **10 March**.

Opening your studio to the public can be a very rewarding experience for both artist and visitor. Here in Coromandel we have so many talented people and the public love to see and hear how and why you create. Inspiring both parties to create bigger and better things has to be a plus for everyone.



Pete Sephton at work



Kevin Brett at work

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Our Long Term Plan (LTP) sets the budgets, projects, and levels of service for the next 10 years.

To get it right, we need to know what you think.

We're holding a public consultation on our LTP proposals from 5 March to 6 April.

Our LTP is our roadmap for making sure our Coromandel communities are well served by us now and into the future.

Have your say from 5 March to 6 April.

When the consultation opens on 5 March we'll publish our LTP consultation document. This will have details on the budgets, projects and levels of service we'll be proposing for the 2021-2031



period, with a focus on the first three years.

Full details about how to give us your feedback will be on our website and in the consultation document.

The LTP itself won't

be finalised until your feedback has been considered.

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Samuel James Reserve

Local artist Caitlyn Maloney has painted a mural (*pictured above*). A gift to the town from the family of the late Rev. Phillip Sallis.

Father Phillip Sallis was the Pastor for the Anglican Church in Coromandel Town who commissioned the mural for the community to thank them for having him there. When he was younger he visited the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland where he felt at ease, lifted and at home. When he visited Coromandel Town he stood out on the Wharf near Long Bay and looked back on Coromandel Town where he felt the same way lifted, held, eased, and at home.

It has recently been one year since his passing and the mural is a thank you from Phillip's family to the community for having him there and making him feel at peace.

SUMMER INFO



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



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UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

"Hello everyone it has been a stunning summer so far. Water conservation is an important issue we would like to continue to remind everyone about so please continue to be water wise and lets enjoy what's left of summer."
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Environment



Coromandel Kauri Block Track Restoration Proposal

By Sami Hart

The Kauri Block Track is a popular choice for both locals and visitors, offering great views over our town and harbour. Comprising of a total of 240 hectares, it includes a well-maintained track managed by the Department of Conservation. It runs from Wharf Rd (opposite the netball courts) and along the hillside behind Anchor Lodge and Moana to either finish behind Harbour View Motel or continue to Top Town via the Harry Track.

A highlight of the track is a historic pa site which has remarkable 360° views reaching from Waiheke, over Whanganui Island and Coromandel Harbour and around to the township and surrounding hills. The area is also historically significant to our town's goldmining history.

If you have yet to become familiar with this gem in the heart of Coromandel Town it is well worth making the time to check it out.

The team of enthusiastic volunteers and workers, led by Keith Stephenson on behalf of the Kauri 2000 Trust, has seen over 10,000 kauri planted, primarily across the south-western slopes facing the harbour. This project has involved a monumental effort preparing the steep slopes for planting, clearing weeds and maintaining space around the newly planted trees. Those planted early in the project are now evident and flourishing.

The vision for this project is to establish a healthy and diverse urban forest in the heart of our town as a recreational space we can all enjoy.

One of the challenges to the vision being



The Kauri Block Track has great 360° views

realised is the ongoing threat of kauri dieback being introduced to the newly planted kauri. Although not currently present in the Kauri Block area, the threat of transmission increases along with the volume of track users from areas where dieback is prevalent. Additional concerns are people departing from the main track or walking with dogs off-leash.

Aside from the planted kauri, the site is dominated by one of the most diverse collection of invasive weed species present in our area. The multi-dimensional layering of weeds and invasive pest species across the site makes the restoration of this site a massive undertaking. Preparing areas for planting, weed and pest control on the site takes volunteers onto steep hillsides and land which has been otherwise inaccessible for years. Although the lack of accessibility has enabled significant pest plant species to develop, the soil remains uncontaminated.

It is important that a cohesive kauri dieback management plan is established to protect the newly planted kauri and prevent the site from being infected.

The effort towards the rehabilitation of

the Kauri Block to enhance its ecological integrity has been significant. Any ongoing management requires careful consideration. Concern over the potential of infection of the site has resulted in all operations currently being suspended, pending the development of a cohesive management plan with DOC.

Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird have been successful in gaining funding from MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries) to explore the potential of developing an overarching management plan between DOC and the various community stakeholders. The goal of this project is to support the development of a localised solution for the protection of our kauri. A successful outcome will see the development of a co-ordinated framework where the voices of the community interested in kauri protection can collaborate and drive an increased awareness and positive change for the future of kauri in Coromandel.

We are keen to hear from individuals or groups interested in participating in the development of this proposal, or would like to follow progress. Please email me on s.hart@coromandeladventures.co.nz

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

Standout Catches

We had a number of "standout" catches this month.

Volunteer trapper Evan caught two stoats and two weasels on his line, which is pretty impressive considering how notoriously tricky mustelids are to trap!

Lettecia caught a feral cat in Port Charles that weighed in at a whopping 6kg! I hate to think how many native species that thing had been chowing down on.

New trapper Pete went out on his first trap line with old trapper Pete and caught a weasel, a stoat, a rat and a hedgehog. That's Pete's species identification training almost sorted!

Weasels are generally smaller than stoats but the best way to tell the difference is the tails. Stoats have a long fluffy tail with a black tip while weasels have smaller/shorter tails with no black tip.

Stoat Facts

Stoats are members of the mustelid family, along with weasels and ferrets. They were introduced to NZ to control rabbits.

Stoats can live just about anywhere in NZ: beaches, farmland,



dunes and tussock. They are fast, are very good climbers and are capable of swimming over 1km. They are voracious and relentless hunters and have been described as only having two reasons to live – to kill and to reproduce! Their litters can be as large as 12 kits, especially in a mast year when food is plentiful, but are normally around 4-6 kits. A female kit can be impregnated at just 2-3 weeks of age but her body will hold that pregnancy dormant until she is an adult. Therefore a young female stoat dropped on a predator-free island could populate that island.

A stoat's main prey are birds, rabbits, rats, mice, hares, possums and insects (particularly wētā). Stoats will also eat lizards, freshwater crayfish, roadkill, hedgehogs and fish. If they get the chance, they'll kill more than they need for food and hide the rest in their den to eat later. They can kill animals much bigger than themselves and are responsible for killing about 40 North Island brown kiwi chicks every day!

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Have a great month everyone!

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McGregor Bay Wetland

By Carol Sutherland

For World Wetlands Day 22 volunteers assembled down at the McGregor Bay Wetland for a weed whack in the TCDC strip surrounding the wetland. (The TCDC part of the reserve is above the present MHW.) We couldn't remove noxious weeds from the coastal marine area without resource consent and a filing fee of \$2,000-\$3,000 with the WRC. So we stuck to the weeds on the outer TCDC margins and removed felled willows.

The area cleared was without sprays (as that would mean another resource consent) so although we didn't kill all of the weeds, it will make further weed management and any planting of any native species in the autumn easier. There was time to catch up with people and meet new, so thanks to all of those who stepped up with gardening gloves on to help our scenic reserve.

BBQ was held at the Medlocks' and a fantastic sunset enjoyed.

With the RMA under review we hope regulations in the future will recognise and support restoration and enhancement rather than a bias towards maintaining the status quo. An important point for all conservation groups and one highlighted in the MfE commissioned independent review of the RMA.

On the subject of RMA, we are still awaiting the consent process surrounding the tidal gate so we will update when we know. We also have been investigating quotes for the piles for the boardwalk. Ouch, one was eye-watering, so we're keen to get more quotes. It will be some time as consents and an ecological impact report will have to be done, but we will continue on and keep you all posted.

Corolandcare

By John Veysey

This year 1080 gets dumped behind Manaia and in the hills between The 309 Road and the Tapu/Coroglen Road, an area known as Papakai.

Last time this area received aerial 1080, in 2017, DOC released results of a prior possum monitoring operation. This monitoring showed that much of the area had few if any possums in it and in some parts the possum numbers had gotten completely out of hand. Instead of tackling the hotspots seriously and attempting to keep possum numbers down, DOC tells me that they simply poison the entire area every four years no matter what the monitoring tells us. This will be a repeat of the hugely expensive 1080 drop behind Thames last year.

In different hands the Papakai area could be trapped. For less cost than a four-yearly 1080 drop, the area could be trapped every year, ensuring the possum numbers are kept down all of the time. Aerial 1080 on the Coromandel Peninsula has become known as the most costly and the least effective method of pest control in existence.

Until we see a change of method we will continue to pay for poisoning operations which are largely ineffectual.

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Sport

Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

“Hole In One”

It doesn't happen often but when it does it is cause for great celebration. Well done Marilyn MacKenzie! A hole in one on No.8. The screams and shouts could be heard throughout the course. Thanks for the very generous “shout” Marilyn.

Covid-19, in a roundabout way, seems to have benefitted the golf club this year. With Kiwis travelling and exploring their own country, many of them have taken the opportunity to play other golf courses. Our income from green fee players has exceeded all expectations and is continuing to do so. The feedback we get from these players is extremely positive. They clearly enjoy the course and this is due to the fantastic team of volunteers who maintain the course and keep it in such superb condition. They are second to none. I, for one, feel very proud to be a part of this wonderful team.

New members have been trickling in over the last six months and we welcome them with open arms. However, what we are missing is younger members – us oldies won't last forever. To this end we are fully backing an initiative to get pupils from Coromandel Area School into the sport of golf. We look forward to seeing the youngsters on the course in the near future and taking advantage of this amazing facility.

Opening Day, on 30 January, proved to be an excellent day of mixed doubles (Bogey competition) playing for the Bob Riley Trophy. The year was opened by our patron, Ron Evans, teeing off very competently down the middle of the first fairway. Winners of the day were Eugene Weimer and Allan Rose.

On 6 February we held our “Seafood” Tournament. The Coromandel Golf Club has always had a great reputation for its hospitality and amazing food and this tournament was no exception. The field of 43 tucked in to a truly scrumptious spread all prepared by our wonderful ladies led by June Whitcomb. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors who provided much of the food and prizes: Coromandel Plumbing, Craig and Sandy and their team; Coromandel Smokehouse, Kevin and Bronwyn; Chris Fielding, our Mussel Barge Skipper; the Team from Top Town Takeaways and Ian and Natalie from Salty Towers. Two's sponsored by Kelvin and Sonia Wirihana and Warren Taylor.

Results – Best Stableford – Ladies Carol Carson, Senior men Micky Henderson, Junior men George Campbell. Best Nett – Ladies



Marilyn MacKenzie scores a hole in one

Barbara Gordon, Sue Pollock, Senior men Peter Richardson, Junior men Bryan McLeod. Longest Drive – Ladies Sarah McDermat, Senior Men Ross Mudgway, Junior men Wayne Barlow. Closest to the Pin – Ladies Barbara Gordon, Senior men Bob Haese, Junior men Wayne Barlow.

Upcoming events for March to put in your diaries – Heckter Cup (Nett) **6 and 20 March**, Waikato Eagles Tee off 10.30am on **13 March**, Championship Pennants and Handicap Pennants on **14 and 28 March** and finally, Meat Pack Laurie Olliff Trophy **31 March**.

“What should you do if your round of golf is interrupted by a lightning storm? Walk around holding your 1-iron above your head, because even Mother Nature can't hit a 1-iron.”



Riley Cup

K2 – Road Cycle 13 March

By Andy, Keith and Rita,
Event Organisers



The K2 event is run entirely by volunteers right around the peninsula – any profits generated go towards further developing the bike park on Hauraki Road, and establishing an outdoor centre – we have been working tirelessly towards these two goals for over 20 years. We are a not-for-profit organisation.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the K2 on **13 March**. If you have some spare time we would love to hear from you; please touch base with Rita.

Of course the event is at the mercy of Covid – fingers crossed that the latest outbreak is contained and we can proceed – if not, it may be postponed until March 2022. These are very uncertain times for us all.

Every year, for the last 18 years The Spirit of Coromandel Trust has sent four youths from the area on a fully funded five-day, life-changing course in Turangi, to the Hilary Outdoor Center. As Tairua are hosting the start/finish of the K2 this year four young ones from Tairua will be selected later in the year, next year Whitianga hosts the K2, so four young ones from their community will be chosen, in 2023 it will be youths from Coromandel.

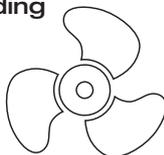
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Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Sharon Toms & CRFC Committee

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 March is kahawai. Congratulations to Troy Evans who won FOM for January with a snapper weighing 9.305kgs.

Our Anniversary Weekend tournament was a huge success with approx. 50 seniors registering. The weather was great and there were some awesome catches! We would like to thank Raewyn Moreland for her donation of a gift basket for the smallest snapper and Coro Fish & Dive for their donation of a fishing net for a spot prize.

Results of the tournament are as follows:

Seniors

- 1st Snapper – 5.832kgs – Yasmin Rose
- 2nd Snapper – 5.520kgs – Pam Franklin
- 3rd Snapper – 5.290kgs – Pam Harris
- Average – 1.330kgs – Murray Stewart
- Mystery – 1.970kgs – Pam Harris
- Smallest Snapper – 0.521kgs – Nadia Burrell
- Kingfish – 11.888kgs – Nadia Burrell
- Trevally – 3.057kgs – Logan Davies
- Kahawai – 1.327kgs – Nadia Burrell

Spot Prize – Aidan Knox Juniors:

- 1st Snapper – 1.667kgs – Mason
- 2nd Snapper – 1.634kgs – Carter-Jay Lang
- 3rd Snapper – 1.614kgs – Layke McNeil
- 1st Parore – 1.194kgs – Layke McNeil
- 1st Kahawai – 1.125kgs – Layke McNeil
- 1st Yellow Tail – 0.190kgs – Indi-Lee Moore
- Most unusual – blue mau mau – Charlee-Rose Moore

Our "Take a Kid Fishing" Inner Harbour tournament will be held on **Saturday 24 April**. Dress-up theme for kids will be "under the sea". Entry forms can be picked up from Wyuna Studios, Coro Fish & Dive, or email us coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

Results of our Classy Chicks tournament will be in next month's issue!
Here's to tight lines as always.



Anniversary Weekend tournament senior winners (left to right) Pam Franklin (2nd snapper), Yasmin Rose (1st snapper), Pam Harris (3rd snapper)

Coromandel Croquet Club

The holiday season is over, the kids are back at school, the mornings are getting cooler, so what better time to start playing croquet? It's an ideal 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.

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 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 ... 9am
 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
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, contact Sally 027 302 4245 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro 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
 Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.
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 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 10137-9pm

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 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time..... 9-11am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
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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 Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.
 President Sue Hughes 07 211 9774 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
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 President Sue Hughes 07 211 9774 7pm
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the Month for March is
Kahawai

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<p>1</p> <p>High tide 9:30am (3.1m), 9:58pm (3.0m) Low tide 3:12am (0.2m), 3:41pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>2</p> <p> </p> <p>Open Volle Day: interested in becoming a volunteer at Coromandel Information Centre? Come and meet the volunteers 10-11:30am at the info centre Yoga with Becks (see pg 32)</p> <p>High tide 10:18am (3.1m), 10:45pm (3.1m) Low tide 3:58am (0.2m), 4:28pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>3</p> <p></p> <p>Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 11:06am (3.1m), 11:33pm (3.0m) Low tide 4:45am (0.2m), 5:16pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>High tide 11:55am (3.1m) Low tide 5:35am (0.3m), 6:05pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>5</p> <p></p> <p>TCDCLong Term Plan public submissions open (see ad pg 27) "How do I exist? How do things exist?" Weekend Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 7) CAS Senior Athletics Day (see pg 25)</p> <p>High tide 12:23am (3.0m), 12:46pm (3.0m) Low tide 6:27am (0.4m), 6:56pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>High tide 1:17am (2.9m), 1:39pm (2.8m) Low tide 7:23am (0.5m), 7:50pm (0.5m)</p> <p>Hecker Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 30)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Four Sight art exhibition at Hauraki House finishes Lead Together starts at Mana (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 2:15am (2.8m), 2:36pm (2.7m) Low tide 8:24am (0.7m), 8:50pm (0.6m)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>International Women's Day The Divine Feminine – Art Exhibition Opening Night Cacao Ceremony (see pg 13)</p> <p>High tide 3:19am (2.7m), 3:38pm (2.6m) Low tide 9:28am (0.7m), 9:55pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>9</p> <p> </p> <p>The Divine Feminine – Yin Yoga at 7pm (see pg 13) Yoga with Becks (see pg 32)</p> <p>High tide 4:24am (2.7m), 4:42pm (2.5m) Low tide 10:33am (0.8m), 11:01pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>10</p> <p> </p> <p>St John Op Shop open (see pg 6) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 5:27am (2.7m), 5:47pm (2.5m) Low tide 11:34am (0.7m)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>St John Op Shop open (see pg 6) The Divine Feminine – Creative Unfolding - Art Therapy Workshop at 7pm (see pg 13)</p> <p>High tide 6:24am (2.7m), 6:46pm (2.6m) Low tide 12:03am (0.7m), 12:31pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Own your own intuition retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 15) St John Op Shop open (see pg 6)</p> <p>High tide 7:17am (2.8m), 7:40pm (2.7m) Low tide 12:58am (0.6m), 1:23pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>13</p> <p></p> <p>K2 - Road Cycle (see pg 30)</p> <p>The Divine Feminine – Women's Workshop at 7pm (see pg 13) St John Op Shop open (see pg 6) Waikato Eagles at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 30)</p> <p>High tide 8:05am (2.8m), 8:28pm (2.7m) Low tide 1:47am (0.6m), 2:11pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>The Divine Feminine – Art Exhibition at Hauraki House finishes (see pg 13) Championship Pennants and Handicap Pennants at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 30)</p> <p>High tide 8:49am (2.9m), 9:12pm (2.8m) Low tide 2:31am (0.5m), 2:55pm (0.5m)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle April issue</p> <p>High tide 9:31am (2.9m), 9:52pm (2.8m) Low tide 3:12am (0.5m), 3:36pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>16</p> <p> </p> <p>21 Day Heart Smile Challenge starts at Mana – online (see pg 15) Yoga with Becks (see pg 32)</p> <p>High tide 10:11am (2.8m), 10:29pm (2.8m) Low tide 3:51am (0.5m), 4:15pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>17</p> <p></p> <p>Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town Quiz Night (see pg 21)</p> <p>High tide 10:50am (2.8m), 11:06pm (2.7m) Low tide 4:28am (0.6m), 4:52pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>High tide 11:27am (2.7m), 11:42pm (2.7m) Low tide 5:06am (0.7m), 5:29pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>High tide 12:05pm (2.6m) Low tide 5:44am (0.8m), 6:07pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Rock and Roll at The Club (see pg 16) Flourish art exhibition and documentary (see pg 26)</p> <p>High tide 12:20am (2.6m), 12:44pm (2.5m) Low tide 6:26am (0.8m), 6:48pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Flourish art exhibition (see pg 26) Easy Beat Hifi Ska/Rocksteady/Reggae Pepper Tree - 2-6pm</p> <p>High tide 1:01am (2.5m), 1:26pm (2.4m) Low tide 7:11am (0.8m), 7:32pm (0.8m)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Death Cafe, Foragers Kitchen (see pg 7)</p> <p>High tide 1:49am (2.4m), 2:13pm (2.4m) Low tide 8:03am (0.9m), 8:23pm (0.8m)</p>	<p>23</p> <p> </p> <p>Yoga with Becks (see pg 32)</p> <p>High tide 2:44am (2.4m), 3:06pm (2.3m) Low tide 9am (0.9m), 9:21pm (0.8m)</p>	<p>24</p> <p> </p> <p>Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 3:44am (2.4m), 4:06pm (2.3m) Low tide 9:59am (0.9m), 10:24pm (0.8m)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>High tide 4:45am (2.5m), 5:09pm (2.4m) Low tide 10:58am (0.8m), 11:24pm (0.8m)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>High tide 5:42am (2.6m), 6:09pm (2.5m) Low tide 11:53am (0.8m)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Coromandel Easter Exhibition opens (see ad pg 11) Creation of a Sand Mandala starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6) Higher Heart: Cacao Ceremony starts at Mana (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 6:35am (2.7m), 7:05pm (2.7m) Low tide 12:19am (0.6m), 12:46pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Championship Pennants and Handicap Pennants at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 30)</p> <p>High tide 7:26am (2.9m), 7:57pm (2.9m) Low tide 1:11am (0.5m), 1:37pm (0.5m)</p>
<p>29</p> <p></p> <p>High tide 8:15am (3.0m), 8:47pm (3.1m) Low tide 2am (0.3m), 2:27pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>30</p> <p> </p> <p>Yoga with Becks (see pg 32)</p> <p>High tide 9:05am (3.1m), 9:36pm (3.2m) Low tide 2:48am (0.2m), 3:16pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>St John Op Shop open (see pg 6) Meat Pack (Laurie Olliff Trophy) at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 30) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 9:54am (3.2m), 10:25pm (3m) Low tide 3:36am (0.2m), 4:05pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p> New moon Full moon</p> <p>Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times: -19min High and -18min Low.</p> <p> = Rural North = Coromandel Town & Te Koura = Thames Coast & Waiwaka</p> <p> Put recycling out (plastic & 2, tins, paper, cardboard) Blue bin bags out</p>			

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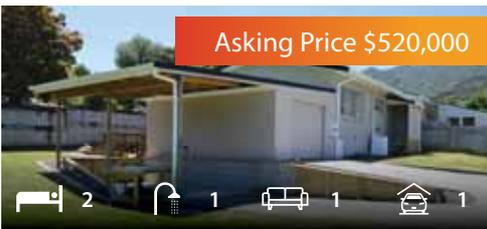
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