

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Whats on in **JUNE** guide

### **REGULAR Events**

Tues 10 - 12 Yoga at the Colville Hall.

First & Third Tues of every month 11am Clay time & Sewing at the Colville cafe Every 2nd Wed Senior net at CSSC.

Every Thurs Candlelit **YOGA** at the Colville War Memorial Hall 5.30 - 6.45pm. Every 3rd Sat of every month **Working Bee** and BBQ, Colville Harbour Care nursery **JUNE Events** 

Fri 1 Hereford 'n a Pickle opens again.

Wed 6 CSSC closed for Planning Day.

Fri 8 World Ocean Day Movie Night at Colville Cafe 6-30pm.

Fri 8 - Community Van departs Colville 9am to Coro and Whitianga Returns 4.20pm.

Mon 11 - Closing date for Health Trust Position.

Thurs 14 - IRD coming to CILT.

Fri 15 - 24 Robina Courtin teaching at the Mahamudra Centre.

Sat 16 - CHC Working Bee

Sun 17 Panui cut off date.

Fri 22 CHC Bird call quiz night 6.30. Pizzas available from 5pm at Colville Cafe.

Tues 19 - CSSC Trust meeting 3pm.

Wed 27 - Capturing your ideas for the Education and Training Centre.

### **JULY Events**

Show me short films deadline July 1



If you would like a listing on the Panui events calendar, email the Panui Editor:
panui@colville.org.nz



JUNE 2018
Newsletter



PHONE: 07 866 6920

cssc@colville.org.nz

HOURS: 9am - 3pm MON, WED, FRI.

10am - 3pm TUES.

2311 Colville Rd, Colville.

panui@colville.org.nz www.cssc.net.nz

Kia ora,

It feels like a bit of a topsy turvy month, what with THE wedding and all! Hope all is going well in the keep warm department, as we have had a mild Autumn so far. A warm welcome to Larissa and Pamela who sem to be settling in seamlessly. We miss Janet but hope she has a great break.

### **Guidelines for Panui Contributors**

### Deadline for contributions to the JULY issue is: SUNDAY 17 JUNE

Email your news, notices, advertisements, jokes, recipes, dreams, handy hints.

Send images as jpeg, pdf, word, pages & open office document, or post, phone or drop into CSSC. Contributions welcome, though not always used. CSSC may edit contributions.

For our advertising rates, see our website: cssc@colville.org.nz

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Contact us on 07 866 6920 Email - panui@colville.org.nz

**Disclaimer:** The opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of CSSC.

### Next CSSC monthly Trustee meeting: Tuesday 19 JUNE at 3pm.

Colville Social Service Collective (CSSC) would like to gratefully acknowledge the following funding organisations: NZ Lottery Grants Board, COGS, Creative New Zealand, Trust Waikato, Ministry of Social Development, The Tindall Foundation, Len Reynolds Trust, A.N.Z Staff Foundation, Coromandel Bizarre Trust, Child Youth and Family, Ministry for Culture & Heritage, Waikato Regional Council, Sky City Hamilton, Dept of Internal Affairs, Thames Coromandel District Council.



# FARM SHOP COLVILLE VILLAGE



### **OPEN IN JUNE**

So pop in for some coffee and cake, fresh sammie or a hot Hereford burger and chips. And don't forget our amazing 100% pure Hereford Beef cuts you can take home.

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Huge thanks for the incredible community support we've received for the curry night and auction at the Colville Café. It was a huge success and a lot of fun, and would not have been possible without the help of the volunteers, donors, staff, the Colville cooperative, people spreading the word, and all the folks who turned out on the night itself to buy food and auction items. You are all amazing!



For June, we welcome back Venerable Robina Courtin from the 15-24 for a teaching retreat on "Riding the Waves of Life's Ups and Downs." Our accommodation is already almost totally booked, so word is out about Ven. Robina's clear, direct, and engaging teaching style. Locals who would like to come for part or all of the retreat are welcome on a donation basis, but since we have limited space pre-registration is still essential so you'll have a seat in the hall. Please contact us at retreat@mahamudra.org.nz or 07 866 851

You may have seen some new but familiar faces at the centre. Roy Fraser is back

as director. Susan Rodgers and Sarah Taylor now run our office, and Ness Mack has been helping keep the place looking good. Sarah Brooks still organizes our programming and Rachel Wills helps with cooking. July we'll be closed for the month for the winter cold, then back in August as we gear up for our next round of courses. Everyone stay warm and healthy!

2183 Colville Road

www.mahamudra.org.nz



### Hello everyone,

May was a busy month for the Health Trust, with our 'behind the scenes' participation in The Colville Project activities, and a successful fundraising dinner and dance on 19 May. \$2800 was raised for The Colville Project land purchase, so thank you to all who attended and showed us how important the project is to you. A huge thank you as well to Charlie Searancke and his bandmates in News for donating their time and talent, to all our volunteers who pulled together to make it happen, and to all who donated food and items for the raffles. Thank you as well to PaknSave for a generous donation of food, and to the Colville Cooperative Society for donating the cafe for the event.

In June we will have a table at the Queen's Birthday Weekend Community Market, so stop by and check out what we have on offer. Our raffles at the clinic continue, with some beautiful prizes up for grabs. This month we have a blanket/tablecloth from the Himalaya Shop, one of Linda Green's beautiful hand knit baby caps and more of that gorgeous Whitestar Honey. We are so grateful to all donors of these items. A special thank you as well to Coromandel sculptor Uli Christoffersen for donating a beautiful bronze sculpture which is now for sale to raise funds for the land purchase effort. This sculpture can be viewed at the clinic, or online on The Colville Project's Facebook page.

Our team will be undergoing changes this month, with Brenda Carson's retirement from the Financial Administrator position. She will be greatly missed. We want to thank her warmly for her dedication and her contribution of time and talent to the smooth running of the Trust. We wish her all the best. As she leaves us, someone else will join, so have a look elsewhere in the Panui for our 'situation vacant' notice, and we hope that next month we will be introducing the newest member of the team

Have a happy, warm, safe and healthy June!



### SITUATION VACANT

### Financial Administrator Position Part-time (5hrs p/week)

The Trust is seeking a motivated, flexible and capable person who is committed to working in the Colville community.

The ideal applicant will have:

- A can do attitude with an openness to try new things and learn on the job
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills a "people person"
- Previous experience in administration and community based work
- Understanding of booking keeping and
- A reasonable level of Computer literacy
- A willingness to self manage, work as directed by and alongside governance.

For further information and a copy of the Job Description please contact

colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com or phone 07 866 6618

Closing date: Monday June 11th 2018

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Tueane Tibbo, Mike, Marigold and Nathaniel on the birth of a beautiful baby girl

# Sylvie Primrose

Born in Hamilton on May 19th 2018

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### COLVILLE SOCIAL SERVICE COLLECTIVE SUPPORTING THE FAR NORTHERN

### COROMANDEL COMMUNITIES

My name is Pamela Grealey and I'm very excited to be the latest Community Development worker at CSSC and I'll be working on a number of awesome projects, including The Colville Project, which

I wrote a haiku to express my feelings:

I love living in Coromandel I can use my skills to help Ricky Baker\* is my inspiration \* From the film Hunt for the Wilderpeople.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Mā te wa.



### Rate Rebates!

If you're on a low income and paying rates you may be entitled to a rate rebate. Rebates are up to \$620 for the year.

Applications for rebates are open now and close on 30 June 2018.

For more information you can look on the council's website:

https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Rates/Rates-Rebates/ or call the council's customer service team on 07 868 0200.



The IRD are visiting Coromandel CILT office on Thursday 14th June, and Thursday 12 July. Please phone The Resource Centre 07 866 8358

### **CSSC Closed for Planning Day**

Kia ora Koutou katoa. Colville Social Service Collective will be closed on Wednesday 6 June 2018 for a planning day.



"The communities of Colville working together to create a healthy harbour now and into the future".

## **Celebrating World Oceans Day**

World Oceans Day on June 8 has got me thinking. There are some pretty heavy statistics out there about the current state of our oceans, including half of all marine life lost in the last 40 years, and half of the world's coral reefs dead. More plastic than fish is predicted, by 2050. It can be hard to remain optimistic. Colville Harbour Care has a vision of a healthy and thriving Hauraki Gulf. We can all be part of making that a reality. Join us

CHC World Oceans Day Movie Night. *Blue the Film (2017)*. Friday 8 June 6:30pm: Colville Café. Free entry, warm fire & drinks. "BLUE is a cinematic song for our oceans; beautiful, intimate and grand." (Greenpeace Australia).



## What do Colville, the Yellow Sea and Alaska have in common? Godwits!

In May Keith Woodley from Pūkorokoro Miranda Shorebird centre gave two fantastic presentations about Godwits- one to Colville Youth Group (on the foreshore), and one later the same evening at CSSC. These remarkable birds do a 28,000 km round trip flight every year. They arrive in Colville in September, stuff themselves with food and depart for the Yellow Sea in March. Eating well in Colville Harbour is key to their survival as they

don't refuel until reaching the mudflats of China and North and South Korea on their way to the Alaskan tundra to breed. In Alaska, the chicks are left to fend for themselves while the parents make the long journey back to New Zealand. Four months after hatching the young birds must make the 11,000 km trans-pacific flight south with only the sun, moon and stars to guide them.

We'll bring more talks to Colville so look out for posters, join our email list or follow us on Facebook @colvilleharbourcare .

"The Godwits thing was good last night ... Bloody good actually." (Attendee)



# **Bird Call Quiz Night**

We are lucky to have so much bird life in the northern Coromandel. This is largely thanks to all who work tirelessly to rid the forests and coastlines of introduced predators. We have been collecting recordings of bird song around Colville and have come up with a FUN-raising way to share them with you! Please join us. How well do you know our birds? Bring your friends, make a team and come test your skills.

CHC Bird Call Quiz. Friday 22 June 6:30pm. Colville Café. Wood fired Pizza from 5pm. Awesome prizes!!

# CHC Working Bees: 3rd Saturday each month.

Next community weed-busting working bee: 10am Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June. Site to be announced. Get reminders by email or text. Contact Beth or follow us on Facebook (@Colville Harbour Care)

Contact:

Beth at CSSC (Weds-Fri)

p- 07 866 6920 e- chccoordinator@colville.org.nz

### New Faces...

MEG are happy to announce that we have filled the GM position we advertised recently with no one but two new faces. We would like to welcome Richard Webster (Field & Operations Manager) and Natalie Munns (Communications & Community Engagement Manager) to our team. Both Richard and Natalie have been involved with MEG over the past few years and they are looking forward to working together to further promote and enhance conservation on the Peninsula.

### Winter Lecture Series.

Our May lecture was extremely popular, with the front restaurant of the Pepper Tree packed full of interested individuals.

### Potiki Possums!

Over the last wee while our MEG field team have been hard at work making and clearing tracks on the Eastern coastline between Port Charles and Waikawau, including Potiki Bay. The ancient Pohutukawa, Puriri, Kohekohe and other associated coastal trees in this special area are being devastated by large Possum numbers. So large are the numbers that our team have seen numerous Possum climbing through the canopy during daylight hours while they've been working!

Access to these sites is extremely difficult so some major work has been undertaken by the team, including extensive GPS mapping of the area and thanks to funding from WRC, and the support of the landowners, the cyanide Possum control is well underway.

The initial Possum monitoring proved challenging as there were high levels of rodent interference. It would be great to be able to carry out rat control here in the future, as well as the adjacent regenerating native forest, as the area is a great habitat for native lizards, birds and invertebrates.

Commonly when we cut new tracks the tracks are given a 3 letter name for identification. The name might refer to the person who cut the track or the name of the area the track is located. The individual tracks/lines in this project have been respectfully named by our team with names from a local Maori legend.

Although It may be too late to save some of the individual Pohutukawa trees within this area, many will come back and Pourish post Possum control and the remnant as a whole should recover.

Therefore it is very important that ongoing control be carried out to ensure Possum numbers do not get back to this level again and that no further iconic ancient trees are lost.

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Email: thrivecoromandel@gmail.com

firewood. \$200 a trailer load, - delivered.





### Opening hours 8.30am-5.00pm 7 days a week.

Winter is upon us so please let us know what stocks, soups and ingredients for winter stews. As the guiet season approaches, we are grateful for your continued custom.

Hot water bottles, Epsom salts, essential oils and all lovely things for cosy relaxing nights. Cold and flu remedies, vitamin C and lozenges for winter ailments in stock now.

We have some highly competitive priced goods in store so come and support local - you might be surprised.

Thank you

Your fabulous Team at The Store.



feel so lucky to live in the Coromandel, nowhere on earth compares to it's natural beauty. That's why it upsets me so much to see trash thrown into the bush and plastic washing up on the beaches. I hope the mural will encourage people to pick up and take away any rubbish that they come across while enjoying this beautiful area

Also keep an eye out for sculptures on the beach made from rubbish picked up along the coast between Kennedy Bay and Waikawau. Remember to 'Take 3 for the Sea'- take away at least 3 pieces of rubbish every time you visit a beach and keep all rubbish inside your car while traveling around this beautiful countryside

Thanks!





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What do you need the Information Centre for? How could the Information Centre better support the community, environment and economy?

What should the Information Centre stop doing? Have your say! Come along to one of our community meetings at either:

### Colville

23 June 2018, Colville Hall, 10.30 AM

### Coromandel

23 June 2018, St John Ambulance Station, 3 PM Email: thrivecoromandel@gmail.com

### SITUATIONS VACANT

DOC in Whitianga is recruiting new Rangers.

Apply online via our careers portal at www.doc.govt.nz/ careers

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 11 June 2018



# COLVILLE SOCIAL SERVICE COLLECTIVE SUPPORTING

### THE FAR NORTHERN COROMANDEL COMMUNITIES



### Colville And Beyond – 2019 Advertising

### 2019 updates are already here!

Colville And Beyond is updating a range of promotional materials to be released in September. The promotional materials show the brilliant variety of goods and services available in the northern Coromandel Peninsula. Please get in touch with any updates before July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For payment details, questions and enquiries please contact Anna at CSSC, email cdw1@colville.org.nz, ph. 021 110 7799, 07 866 6920, pop in on Tues or Wed.

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<sup>\*</sup>DL cards are distributed locally through a range of Coromandel town & northern Coromandel Peninsula based retail and accommodation outlets, and are placed at the Coromandel Information Centre.

## Education and Training Space – what are your recommendations?

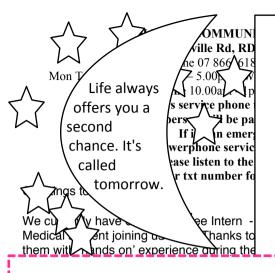
Do you have recommendations for good / enjoyable spaces to train/ learn/ work. Lighting, layout, facilities, equipment, IT, computer access...

A brainstorm to capture your ideas for the Education and Training Centre June 27th Wed Contact Anna for more info: cdw1@colville.org.nz, 07 866 6920, At CSSC Tues & Wed



# **ARTREACH Workshops -How To Promote Your Creative Work**

A big thanks to Creative Waikato for traveling the extra mile to Colville. We had a great informative day on How to Promote Your Creative Work. Thanks also to the Clay Club and the Colville Café for accommodating the use of the Backroom for the workshop. Most of the ARTREACH workshops are based in Hamilton this year – but if there are 6 people in Colville keen to learn a workshop they will come up and teach us. Interested in more workshops or want to ask any questions - contact Anna.





### **Sewing Group**

Meeting every Tues from 10 am behind the cafe for sewing – making rags to bags, your own projects etc.

Fabric and machines provided. Please bring your own thread, scissors etc. and koha for room. Any questions call

Jane on 021 048 4584

# Northern Coromandel rubbish days for **JUNE**

**WED** 6th JUNE



Tues 12th JUNE



Tues 19th JUNE

Tues 26th JUNE

Please put your kerbside collections out by 9am. We only collect glass left in official Council crates.

# Coro dump & GOLDMINE SHOP

hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri, Closed Tues & Thurs: 11am - 4.30

Sat & Sun: 11am - 5.30

Public hols: 11am - 5.30

Go and have a browse: recycling / up cycling can be **FUN** and satisfying! You never know what you will

Lift that weight off your shoulders free yourself from unecessary items. LET GO!

> 525 Hauraki Rd, Coromandel. 07 866 7616

<sup>\*\*</sup> Coloured, back page - 4 ONLY distributed to all northern Coromandel Peninsula residents and local retail and accommodation outlets.



## Lunch Special

Steak & Beer

\$22,50

250g Sirloin served with Salad & Fries PLUS

A glass of Tangiaro Craft Beer (Dutch Pilsner or English Brown Ale) Available:

Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm

Phone: 07 866 6614

Opening hours:
Tuesday to Saturday: 10am - 7pm
Sunday: 10am - 5pm
(Bookings advised for Dinner)
ACCOMMODATION - OPEN 7 DAY

ACCOMMODATION - OPEN 7 DAYS Ph: 07 866 6614 kiwir 1299 Port Charles Road, Coromandel



# Colville Bay Pre-School

colvillebay.elc@xtra.co.nz

We are open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9.00 to 3.00pm New enrolments welcome!

20 free hours ECE and WINZ subsidies available.

Phone 07 8668 319 or email (above)

### **WANTED**:

Relieving staff for Colville Bay Pre-school

An energetic person with a positive attitude to fill in when staff are absent.

# "Clay Time"

Anybody interested in clay work?

We meet at the *Colville Cafe* on the **first** and **third** *Tuesday* of every month.

**5 & 19 JUNE** at 11am

Cheers, Te Whanoa.



### D & K

HOME IMPROVEMENT HANDYMAN

Ph. David 07 866 7788

email: davidkim@colville.org.nz

### ALCOHOLIC DRUG HELPLINE

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# COLVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 2299 Colville Rd, RD 4, Coromandel 3584

Phone 07 8666618. Fax 07 8666619

Mon Tues & Thurs 9.00am – 5.00pm / Wed 10.00am - 5pm Fri 9.00 am – 4.00 pm 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am - 1pm - Dr Clinic at Port Charles
For after hours service phone the clinic number 07 866-6618.
The On Call person will be paged by the after hours service.

If it's an emergency, dial 111

There is no answerphone service during the hours we are open,
Please listen to the message carefully.
Our txt number for the clinic is 4335

Greetings to all

We currently have 6<sup>th</sup> year trainee Intern - Hannah, and we will have Joey a 4<sup>th</sup> year Medical student joining us soon. Thanks to everyone who is helping us to provide them with 'hands on' experience during their time at the Clinic. We believe together we are all helping develop the medical practitioners of tomorrow.

The Zostavax (for Shingles) is back in stock, so do make an appointment if you want to have one, remembering it is free for those over 65 years.

Highlighted below is an excellent, free personalized wellbeing and educational program that has lots of research backing it. The first link is to a site that offers a weeks free trial. After assessing your health type, you are given your own personalised plan which includes things like what times of day to eat, how to eat, when to eat and other advice around wellness.

https://app.ph360.me/freetrial/index/t/healthtype?

The second link provides information about the group that have developed this approach and it may help answer some of your questions.

http://ultimatehumanfoundation.org/mission/

We invite you to CHECK IT OUT!

Remember that we have Free Wifi at the clinic, which can be accessed from the roadside outside of the clinic too. Chose Colville Free Wifi or if you are with Spark, you can choose Spark free Wifi

We are still strongly encouraging our patients to join Manage My Health – this gives you access to your medical record on line, enables you to make appointments and request prescriptions on line - all of which help the clinic meet your health care needs in a more timely way. Please talk to reception about this when you are in next.

Till next time, keep well,

The team at Colville Community Health Centre





# **Land Purchase Target Update: NEW TARGET!**

Our original target was published in December before we had fined tuned the details of the land purchase and the gst requirements. So it is with great pleasure that we can now announce that the total needed to purchase our identified preferred site is \$670,000 (rather than the \$800K previously advertised).

### Where we are at

With your support we continue to move forward in our efforts to purchase the land for the Wellbeing and Education Centre. Our total currently stands at \$122,000. Thanks to all who have given to help build this total. Thanks also to Charlie and The News and JV & the Rockers and to **CCHT** and their helpers from **CSSC** who organised the recent dinner and dance in Colville. This raised \$2,800 for the project.

## Please keep the funds rolling in

Got any great ideas about how we could grow our fundraising efforts? Please share these with us. We need to keep and grow momentum. Also please share our newsletters, and website and facebook links with friends and family.

# Give-a-Little

A Givealittle page is being set up to help fund the project. Our next milestone is to create the concept model of how the overall site development could look and our target for this is \$15,900 Please help. Visit "The Colville Project GiveaLittle page.



### Rongo Whenua: Does Colville and Beyond have a Poison-Free Future?

By Stephanie McKee

### **Our Organic Local Culture**

Colville Store was founded in the 1970's based on co-operative principles and on promoting organic principles and practices. It aimed to walk the organic talk and it now has a proud track record of supporting organic foods for its consumers. Many local residents choose to live organic lifestyles.

Call for Submissions on NZ Organic Regulations Such is the exponential growth of the organic market in NZ and overseas that the Ministry for Primary Industries has just called for submissions on "whether new organic regulations would benefit NZ". Submissions close on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The MPI discussion paper offers a good definition of key principles of organics: "1.Organics are produced without the routine use of artificial chemicals. 2.Organics are produced without the use of genetically-modified organisms. 3. An emphasis is put on animal welfare, for example animals must be able to express natural behaviour, and access to pasture is usually mandatory. 4.Organic production can also include adherence to certain *ethical principles*, for example those relating to health, ecology, fairness and care. In New Zealand, traditional kaupapa Maori growing practices can represent a distinct indigenous approach to organic production."

### Oranga Nuku, Oranga Kai, Oranga Tangata.

Heathy soil, food, people. This is the mission statement of Soil and Health Association founded in 1941. Colville and Beyond could be a beacon of Rongo Whenua, poison-free lands for organic industries of all kinds, for employment opportunities in possum fur and pet meat industries, for eco-tourism, walking tracks, guided tours. Oranga wai: streams you can confidently drink from and oranga kai: wild food, healing plant medicines, local organic honey and wild meats that you know are free from the risk of being poisoned. Food for thought! (Organic of course!) https://poisonfreecoromandel.blogspot.co.nz

http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-way-organicproduction-is-regulated/

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Term 2 Youth Group schedule has been sent out to parents: Mondays May 14,21,28 TUESDAY June 5, Monday June 11. This term we have an environmental focus and have speakers coming in to talk about Godwits, Giant Weta and other diverse creatures in our local area. If you have any questions email Elizabeth youthgroup@colville.org.nz

Cheers, Elizabeth & Team

