A young girl with a backpack and hat stands on a suspension bridge in a lush forest. The bridge is made of wooden planks and netting, and is surrounded by dense green foliage. The girl is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, another person is visible on the bridge.

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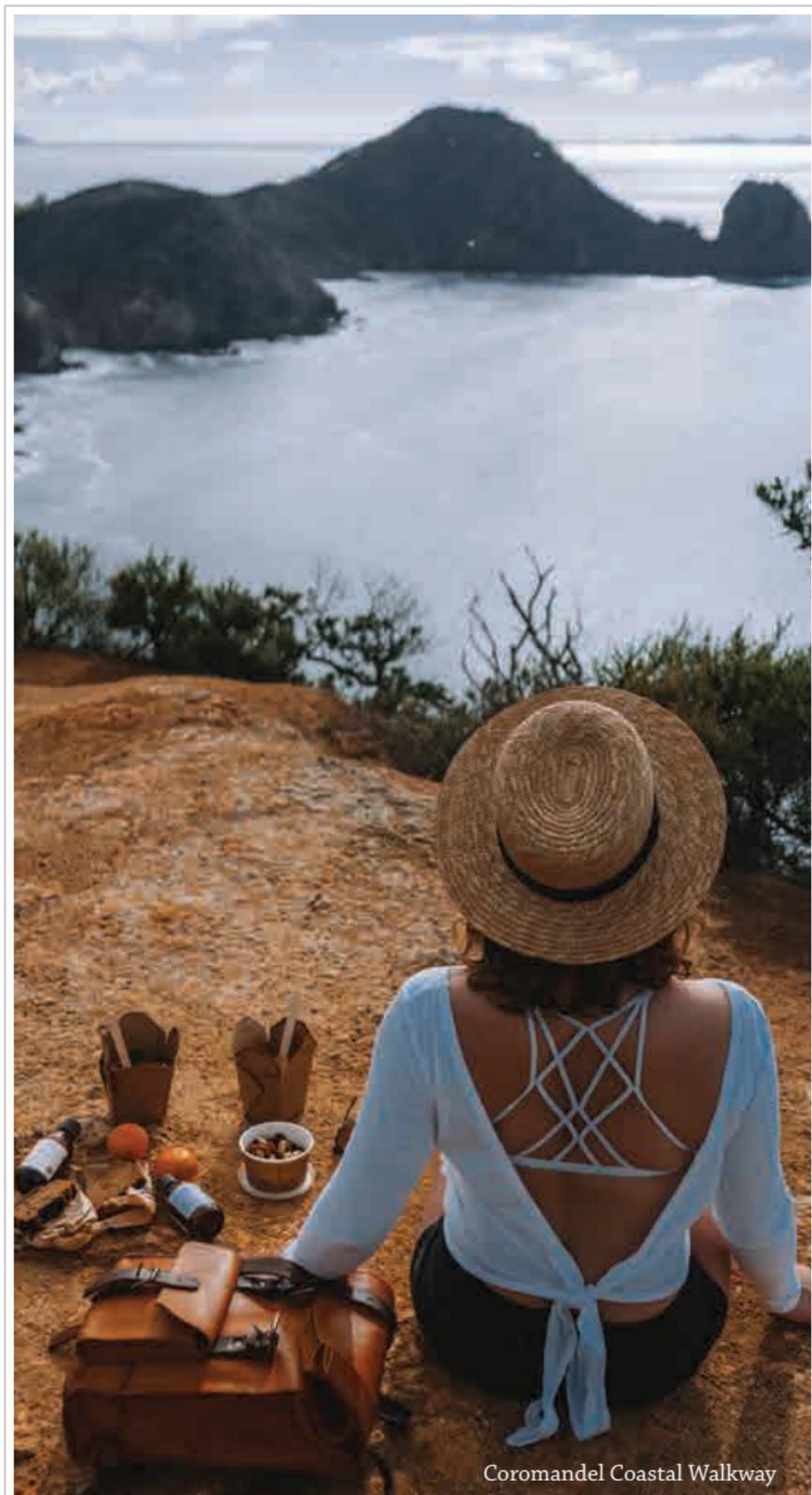
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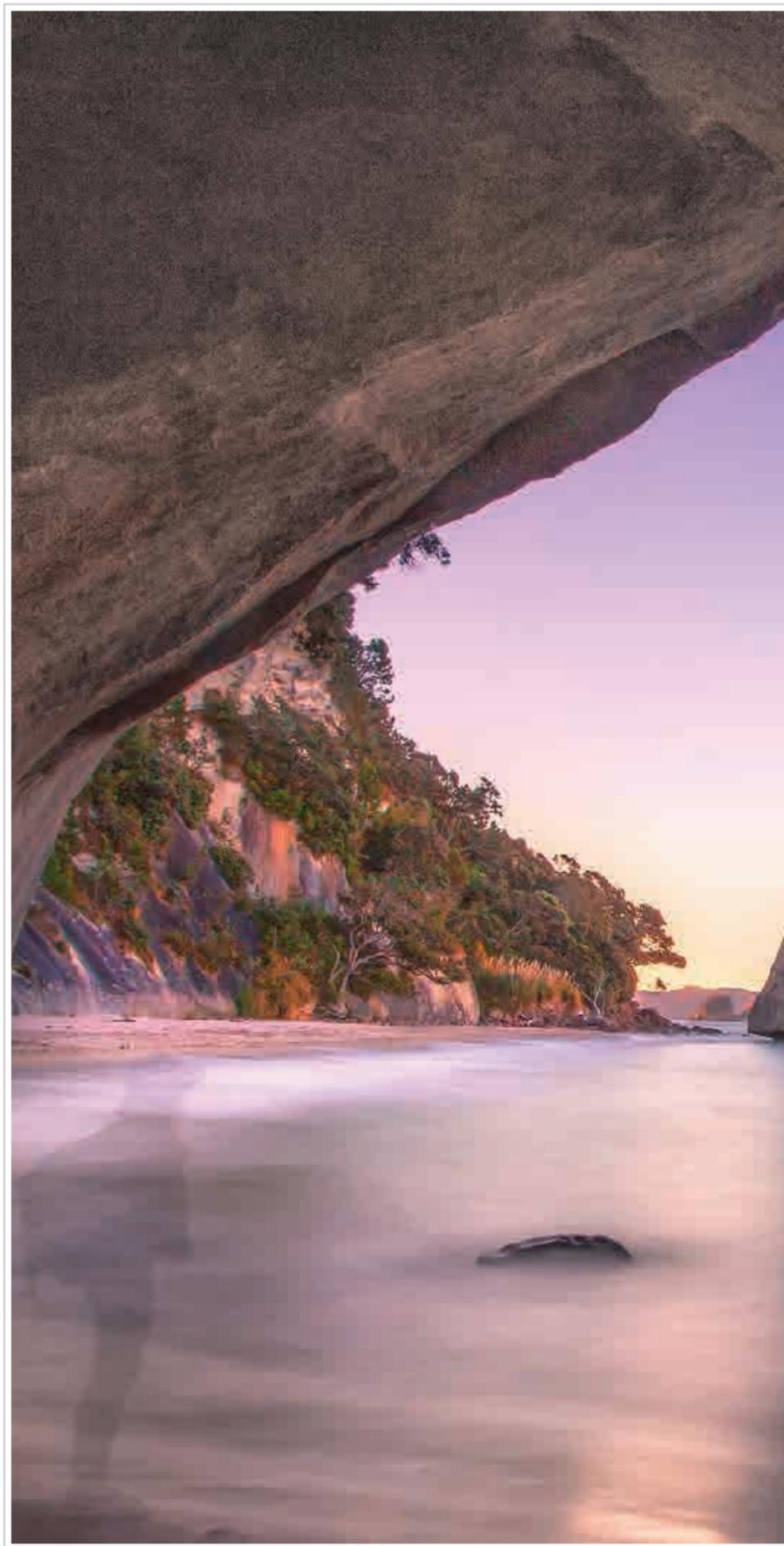


Coromandel Coastal Walkway

It's easy to find your way around, to take your time and connect with our nature and our people.

Kiwis are at their best on holiday in *The Coromandel*, where time spent in our backyard is good for your soul.

OUR TAONGA





There are some big signposts in our region that will help guide you and introduce you to the hidden gems along the way.



THE PINNACLES



Sunrise from The Pinnacles

Taking the old logging trail up the stone steps and through the bush gives you a sense of the rugged nature of our mountains. Ladders and stairs lead you to the peak for a panorama from forest to coast.

Mystical at sunrise and sunset.

HOT WATER BEACH



Bathing in the hot water pools

The simple magic of a handmade hot pool lapped by the waves of the mighty Pacific. Low tide is the time to visit, when the underground hot spring can be found near the surface.

The name says it, all you need is a spade.



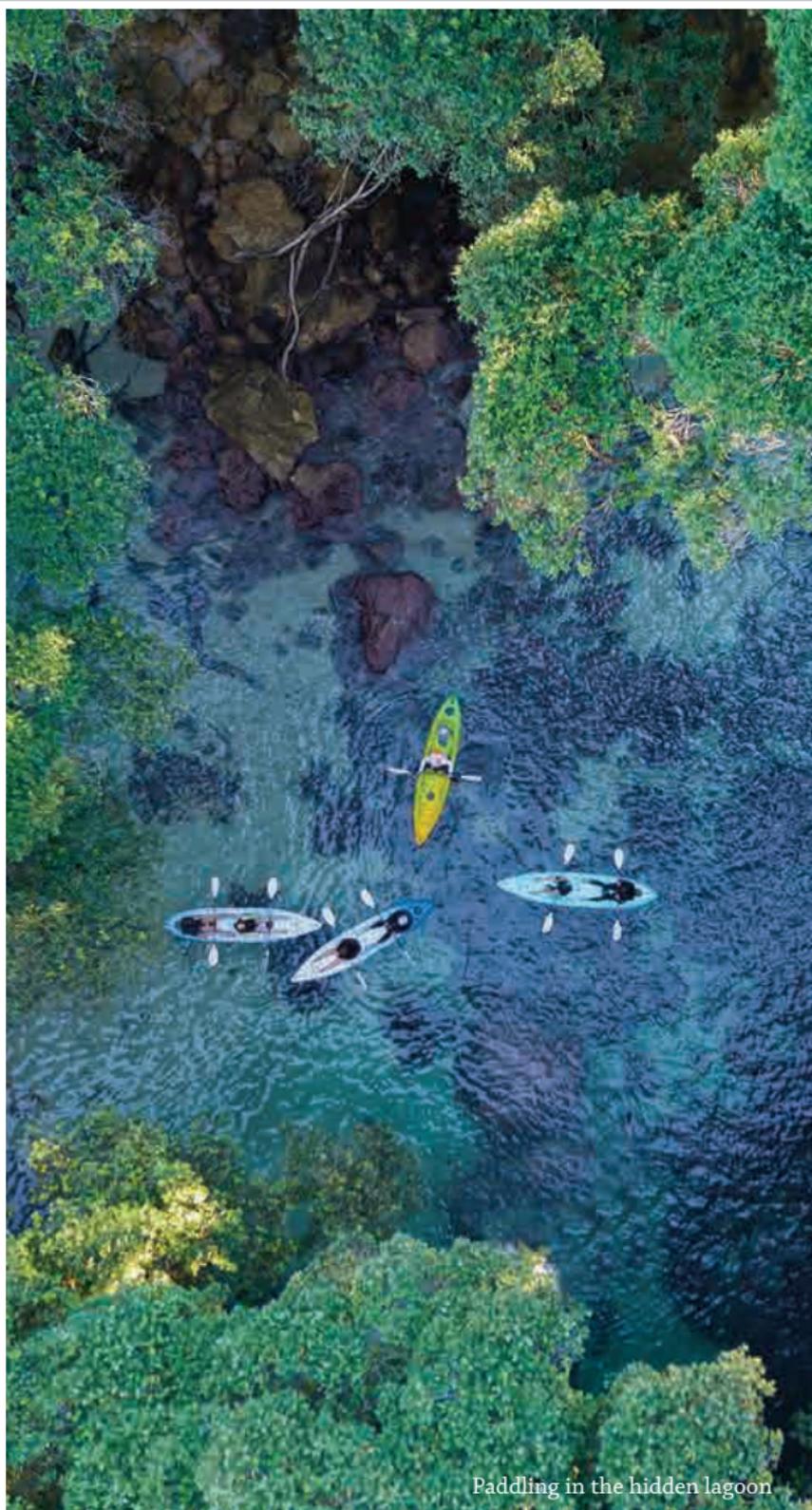
COROMANDEL COASTAL WALKWAY



The last frontier

From the road end you venture across *The Coromandel's* northern most point, with views out to the barrier islands and down to the deep blue below. Taking a shuttle from Coromandel Town means you can enjoy the dramatic drive and won't need to double back.

WHENUAKURA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

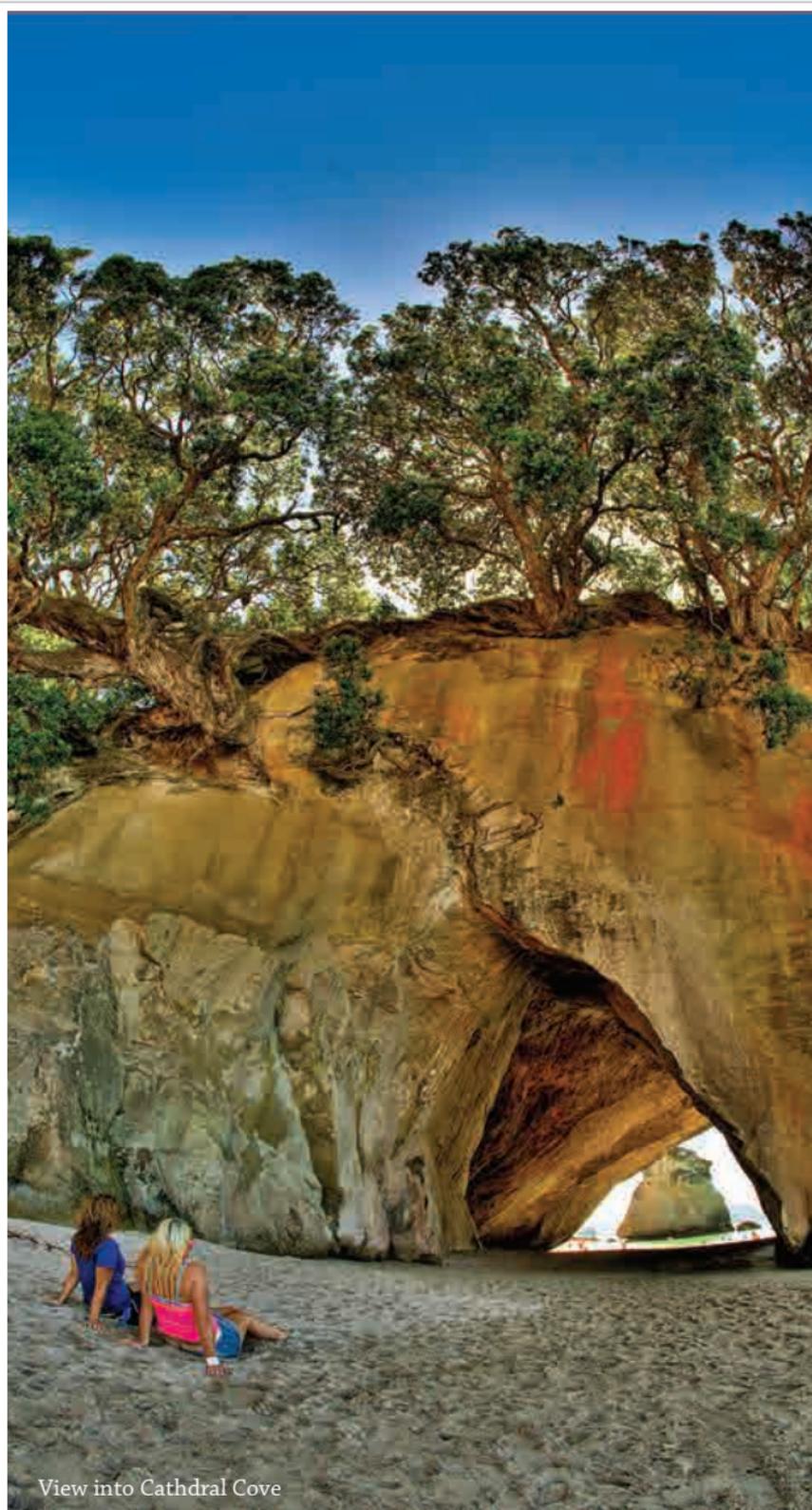


Padding in the hidden lagoon

A secret cave leads to the turquoise lagoon in the submerged volcano crater, invisible from Whangamatā Beach. Your guide will show the way and tell the story of this protected island and how you can help preserve its future.



CATHEDRAL COVE

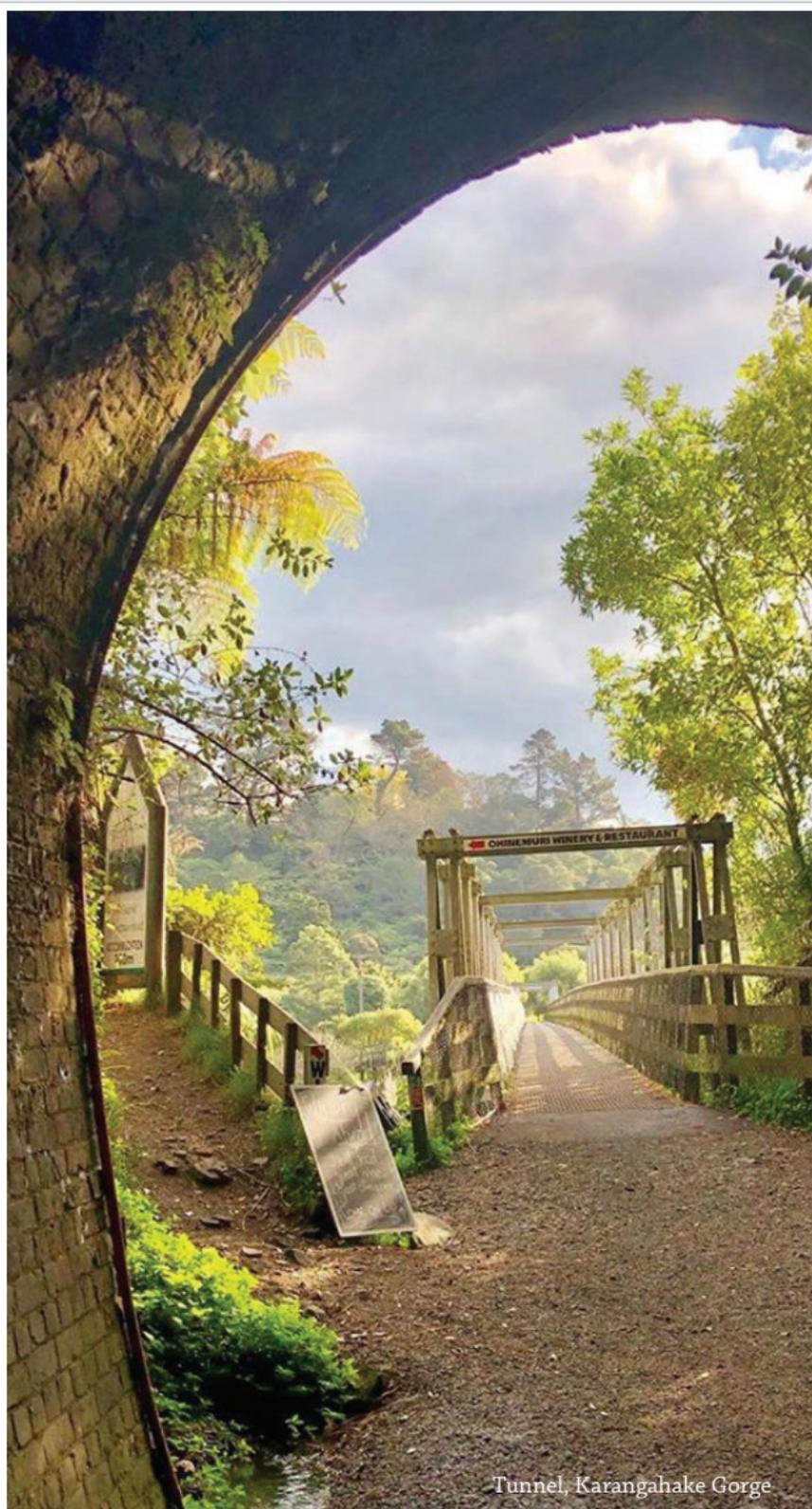


View into Cathedral Cove

Shaped by ancient volcanic forces, a majestic cathedral arch connects two golden sand coves in a place of Māori legend and great beauty.

Walk the track from the village of Hahei, take boat and kayak tours through Te Whanganui-a-Hei marine reserve.

KARANGAHAKE GORGE



Tunnel, Karangahake Gorge

Deep valleys, rocky tunnels and swing bridges take you along the rivers through relics of goldmining fever in the wild beauty of the native forest.

Dramatic views down into the gorge from the Windows Walkway and a highlight on the Hauraki Rail Trail.



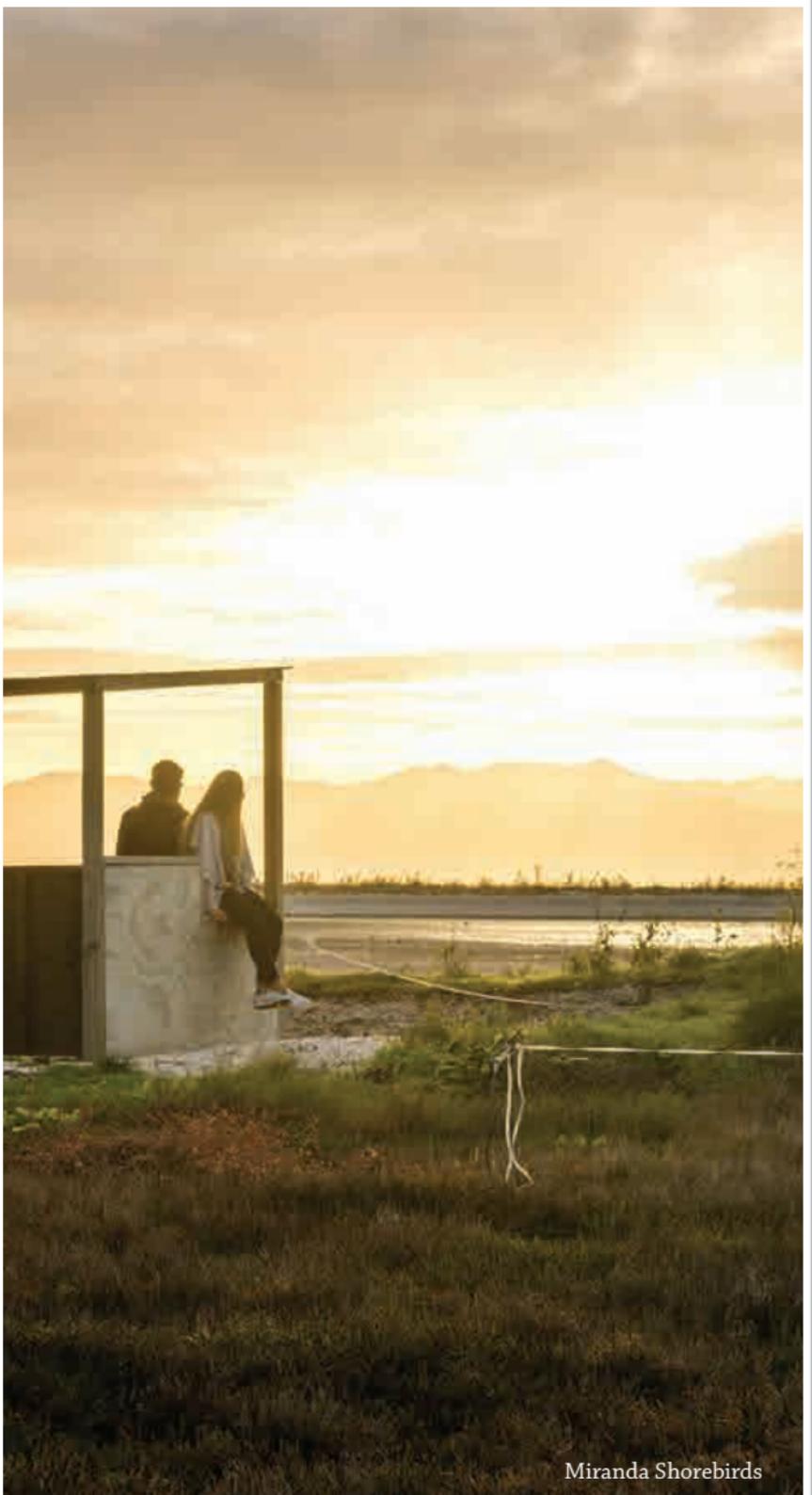
HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL



Cycling one of the easiest Great Rides

Connecting Kaiawa on the Shorebird Coast of the Hauraki Gulf with the deep Karangahake Gorge through the mountains, it's a leisurely flat ride across marshlands and rural plains. Charming towns along the way welcome you with old school hospitality.

SHOREBIRD COAST



The wild protected shellbanks and wetlands of the Shorebird Coast shelter thousands of migrating birds. A spectacular sight from the Pūkorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre on the edge of the Hauraki Gulf.



WHERE KIWIS HOLIDAY



Shelly Beach, Kikowhakarere Bay



Wide open nature, the beach, the bush and the swimming holes, the barbeques and the fishing trips; all the simple elements and the true luxury of time to spend with those who matter most.



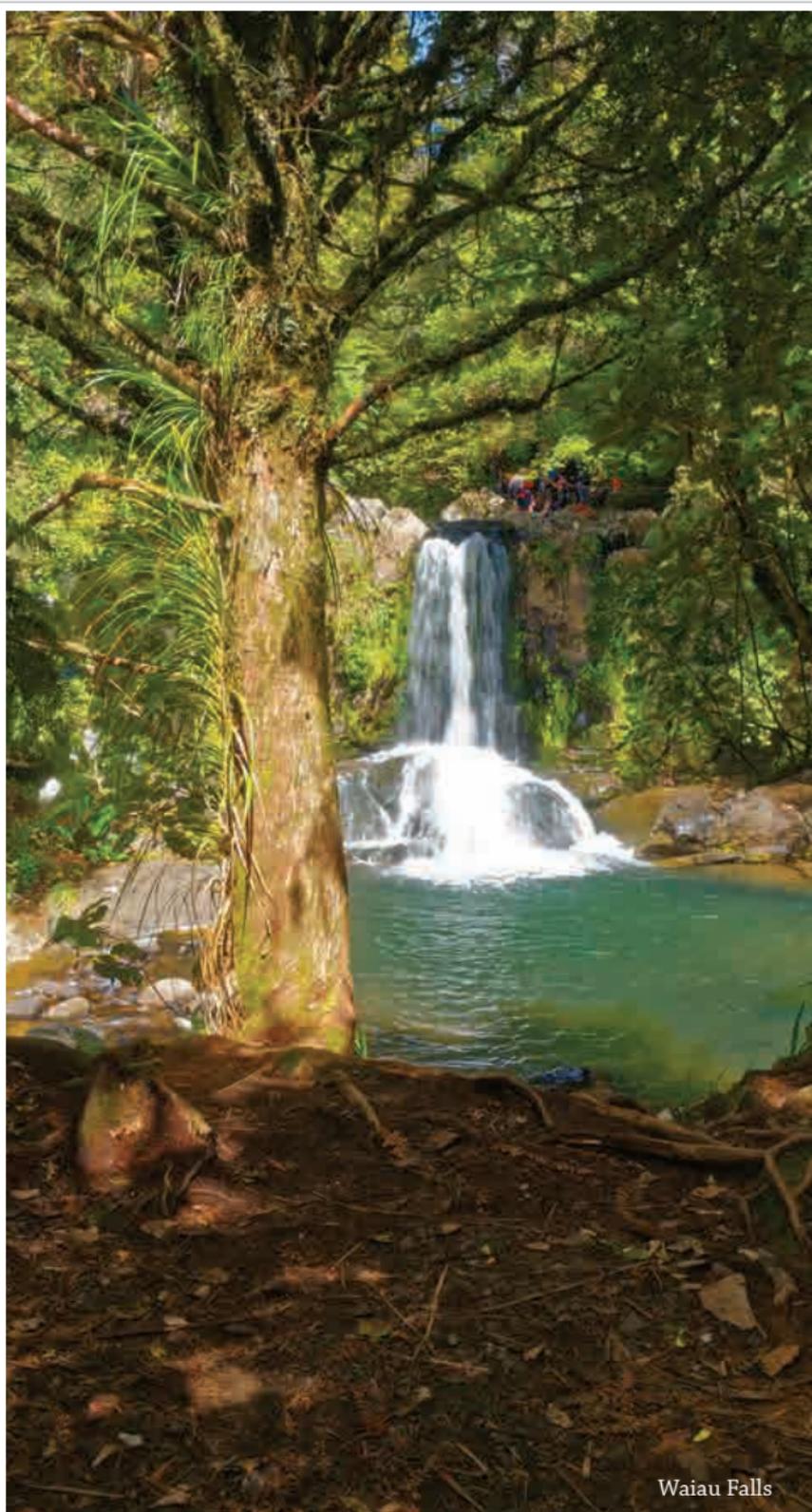
OUR BEACHES



Orokawa Bay

The roar of surf, the calm of Mercury Bay, the shade of Pohutukawa on the Thames coast, everyone has their favourite. For the summer buzz of sunscreen and boogie boards, and the peaceful solitude of the cooler months.

CHASING WATERFALLS



Waiau Falls

In the cool green forest, along the 309 Road, up the Kauaeranga Valley, behind the Wentworth campground, there's a trail to the rush of water where it tumbles into a green swimming hole beneath.



FAMILY FUN



Kuaotunu

Making memories together in the great outdoors, tracks and trails to explore, farm parks and nature reserves full of wildlife, flying foxes and skate parks, beaches and islands to discover, all part of the plan.

Experiencing something new or sharing a family favourite.

ON THE WATER



With 400km of coast, the sea plays a big part in life here.

Set sail at sunset on Mercury Bay, fish snapper barges in Coromandel harbour, explore volcanic caves along the Hahei coast and paddle into hidden blowholes.



HOMEGROWN



Kua Kawhe, Kuaotunu



It's in our nature to make use of all that we have in our backyard, to grow and gather, to craft it ourselves, and to share it with you.



TASTE THE COROMANDEL



Luke's Kitchen

Flavours of the sea and the bush fill the cuisine in our cafes and restaurants and produce at our markets; mussels and oysters, organic fruits and nuts, manuka honey and wild herbs, craft brews and boutique wines.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Laughing Pottery

The Coromandel is a well-known haven for the artisans and artists creating their magic and crafting their wares in our galleries and studios, inspired by the valleys and bush, the sound of the sea.

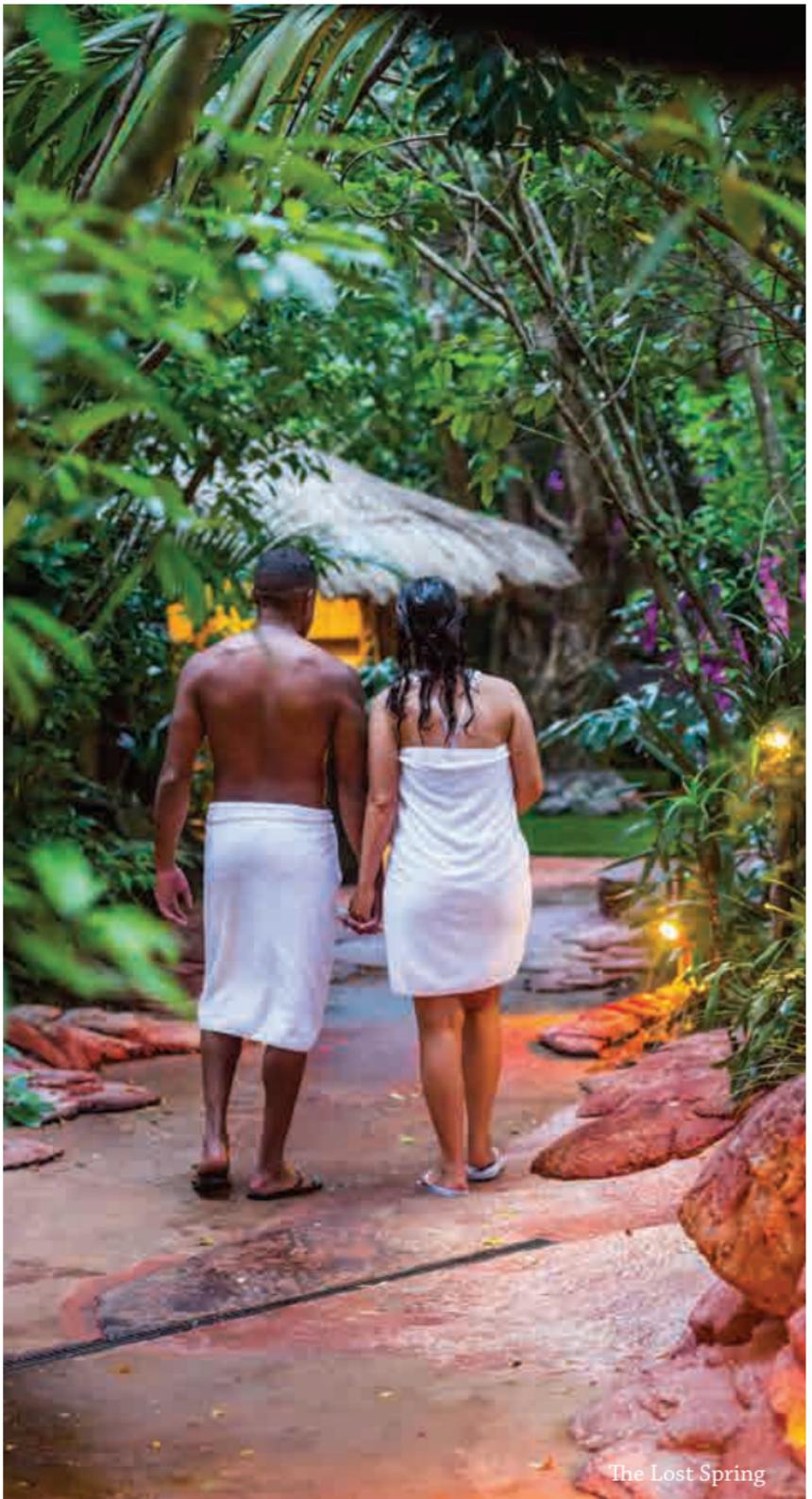


RETAIL THERAPY



Fine art galleries and design stores sit comfortably alongside contemporary fashion boutiques, vintage precincts, bustling markets and health stores. Shopping in our friendly small towns is relaxed and fun.

WELLNESS



The Lost Spring

Natural mineral spas and deeply relaxing thermal pools, healthful products and specialty treatments, good food and immersion in nature will recharge your batteries.



A SIMPLE WAY OF LIFE



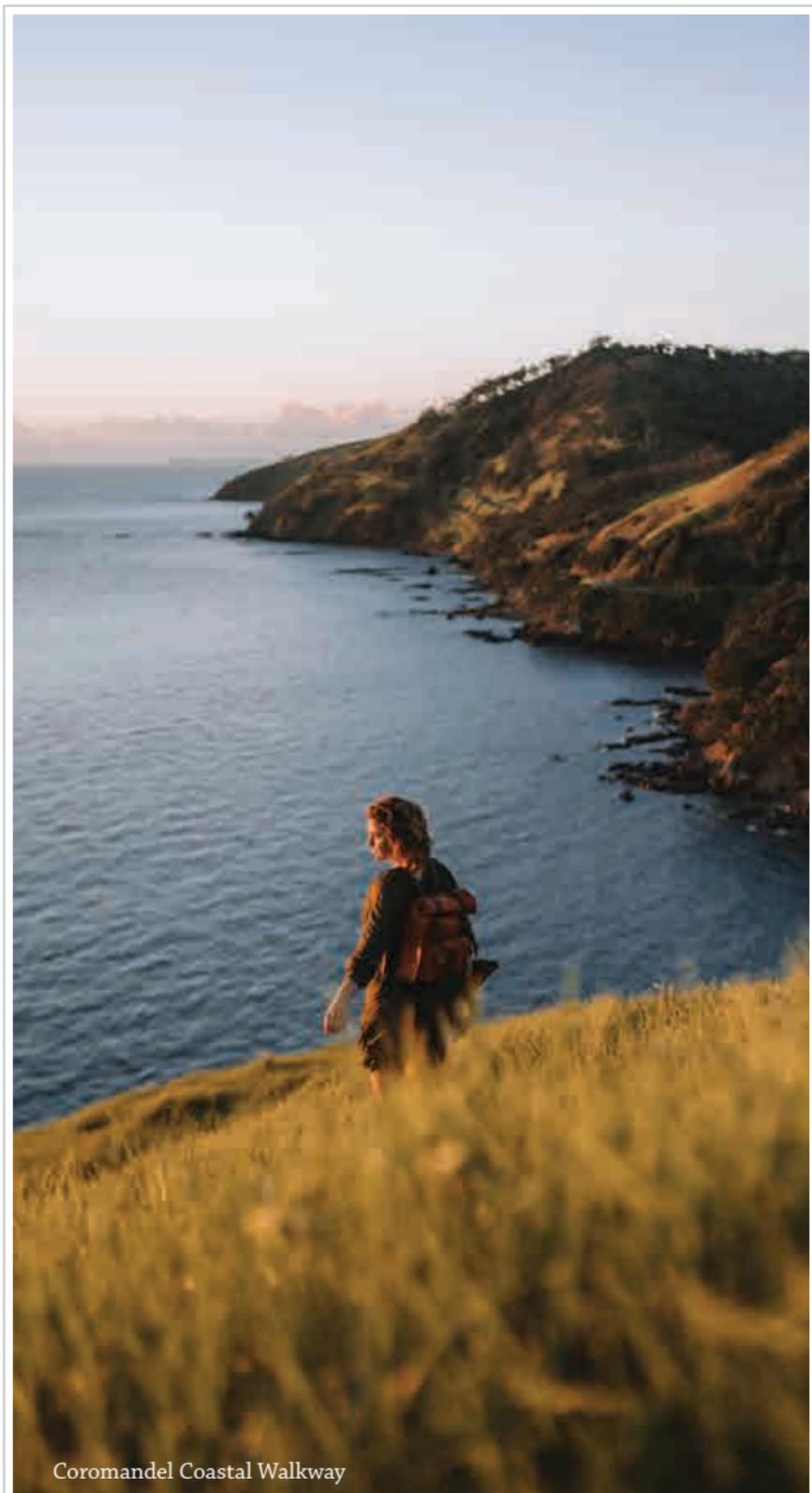
Fletcher Bay



*The pace is easy, there is time to connect,
no grand plan is needed, and everything is close.*



WALKING



Coromandel Coastal Walkway

Through the green bush at Waiomu, along the stream in the Puketui Valley, up mountains to The Pinnacles, and beside the coast to Stony Bay.

Hiking or walking, it's good for your soul.

FISHING



Snapper Barge Fishing

Afternoons at the Whitianga wharf or mornings on the rocks in Tairua, from a boat in the Coromandel harbour, off the beach at Matarangi, the tides and seasons determine the catch of the day.



DIVING



Aldermen Islands

In the beauty of Te Whanganui-a-Hei and Aldermen marine reserves teeming with life, the volcanic forms and sheltered coves of the Mercury Islands, you will connect with the world below and part of our way of life.

SURFING



Surfing Tairua

From the beach breaks of Whangamatā and Waikawau Bay to the rocky point break of Hahei, the east coast rolls with expert barrels and fun waves for all levels of skill.



BIKING

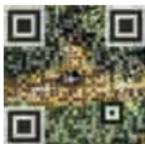


Shorebird Coast

Mountain bike and skill parks in Whangamatā and Whitianga, hilly trails behind Thames and up the Kauaeranga Valley will hone your skills and bring a wide grin to your dial.



Waikino, Karangahake Gorge



GOLDEN HERITAGE



Gold Mining, Karangahake Gorge



The rugged mountains in The Coromandel were clad in giant forests with seams of gold beneath, inspiring early European settlers to hard labour and amazing engineering feats in their quest for fortune.



KAURI



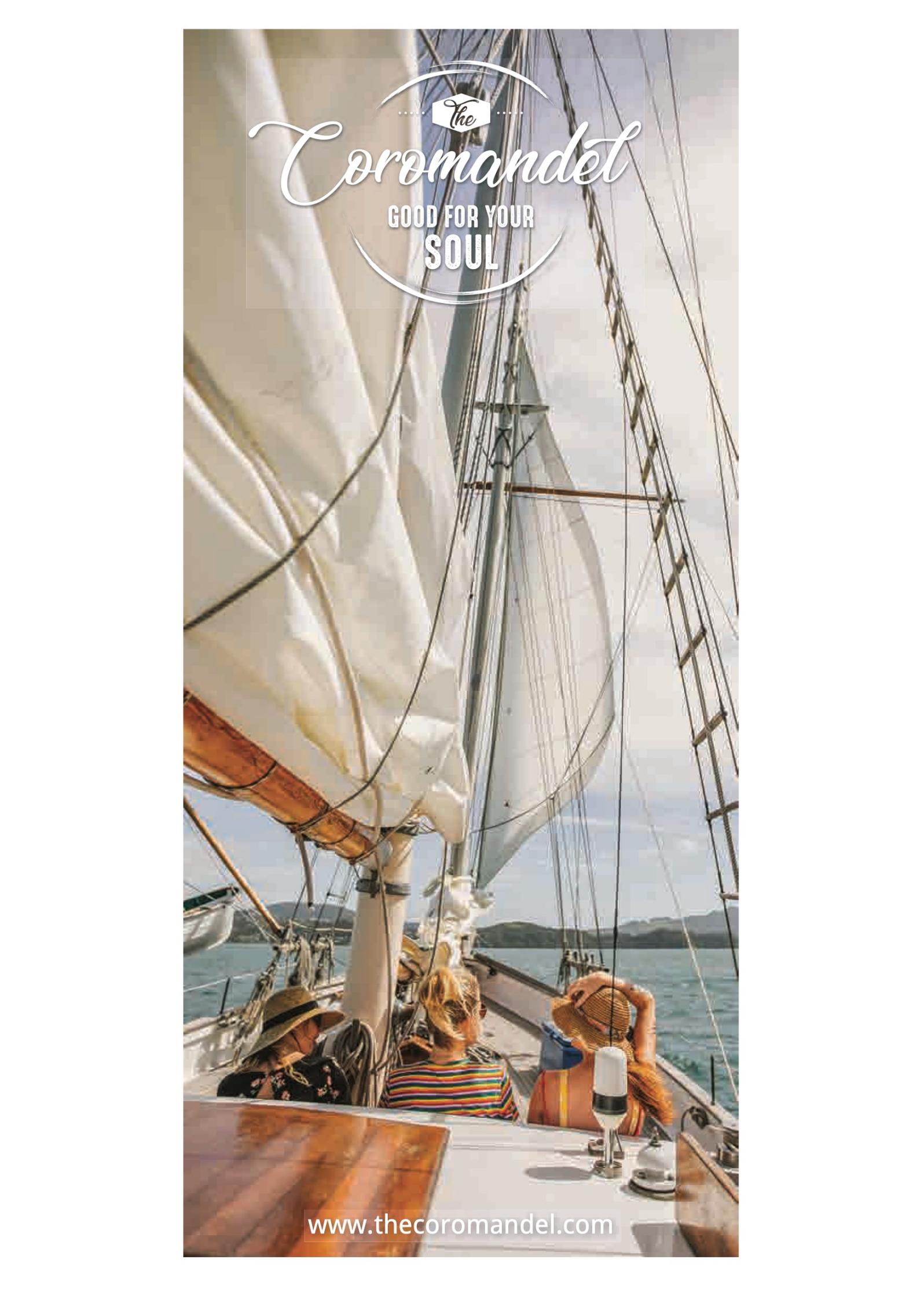
Square Kauri

Giants of the once-mighty forest tower above the canopy on the 309 Road and magnificent ancient specimens stand tall on the Kauri Block and at the Square Kauri.

GOLD



Miners left behind stamper batteries in Thames and Coromandel Town, long tunnels in the Karangahake Gorge, spooky mine shafts at Puketui, relics to tell the stories of the hard years in the grip of gold fever.

A photograph of a sailboat deck. In the foreground, a large white sail is partially visible on the left. The deck is made of light-colored wood. Three people are visible: one wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a dark patterned shirt, another in a colorful striped shirt, and a third in an orange life vest and a straw hat. A white wine glass and a small white teapot are on the deck. The background shows a blue sea and distant green hills under a clear sky.

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