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## Editor's comment

In the March issue I deleted "plus the \$84 I had just in store" from Stephanie Palmer's letter about Four Square. The sentence she supplied was "For that amount of loyalty plus the \$84 I had just in store, I expected them to help me out when I asked for \$10 in gold coins for the laundromat".

As editor I would like to explain that I made the edit with good intention to make the letter read better, not with any intent to change the meaning of the letter. I apologise to Stephanie for editing her letter. However, I don't think my editing justifies her calling my work sloppy, racist and biased.

I would like to remind people who supply letters and articles that I do edit them for grammar, spelling and in some cases need to adjust slightly to make them make sense. I also have to reduce some articles down in order to fit them all in. My job is a jigsaw!

Have a great month – lots going on.

*Debbie*

## Letters and opinion

### Don't be upset

Dear Damian, Coromandel Four Square,

Please don't be upset by S Palmer's letter in the March Chronicle.

You are such a helpful, brilliantly well-organised and amazing manager! Your workload must be unimaginably complex and full on. You deserve a medal or two, or more, for what you achieve and I know that the community really appreciates your service! Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Clare Dudley, Tuataewa

P.S. The BNZ closing is a devastating life-changing blow to the community. I have been with the BNZ all of my life and am shocked and disappointed that the bank could abandon its customers like this! An unbelievably upsetting situation for many people

### Public amenities

Firstly, thanks to the Chronicle for printing this. They do such a great job connecting our community. It is in the same spirit that we are writing this letter.

We have hopes of creating a beautiful farm park for the community and wildlife, but currently we are fighting an uphill battle. The vision was to extend McGregors Bay wetland, improve the contour of the Harray Track, landscape and plant natives.

We have offered to fund the opening of the paper road from the Harray Track to Rings Road, and hopefully all the way to Collville. We were so pleased after the wetlands were extended as three pairs of pied stilts nested and raised their chicks. The desire is to increase access so walkers and cyclists can enjoy New Zealand's treasures.

From the outset, we have been working with community groups and council towards a common goal. It was made clear from the start, to all concerned, that we would not be involved in consent applications or enter into the lengthy process of expert consultations.

Regulatory staff have come and gone. A lot of paperwork ensued. Our actions have been profiled, questioned and photographed. The project has been reversed, halted and regulatory input requested.

There was so much energy from community groups and council behind this project, but sadly, something that was intended to benefit our community has become a contentious and dividing issue, one that has become challenging for authorities to manage. We wish for this dream to continue, but are currently disheartened and disillusioned. We find ourselves confronted with the reality that we might have to let it go.

So, we are writing this letter in the hope that the community and council remember why they got behind it and focus on the greater good. We hope we can move through red tape and possible miscommunications. Let's come together as a community and create something beautiful for everyone.

Bob and Pip "The Medlocks"

### Response from TCDC

Recently Council received a complaint about unconsented earthworks being done on the Medlocks' private property, which we are obliged to investigate. We are working with the Medlocks towards a resolution.

In regard to the Medlocks' vision, the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and Council are always happy to work with anyone who has ideas or opportunities to improve public amenities. This can involve us arranging for all interested parties to meet and discuss how a vision may be progressed.

We've had only one preliminary meeting about the Medlocks' idea several months ago, but no further contact has been received, prior to these recent earthworks commencing.

Allan Tiplady, Area Manager North, Thames-Coromandel District Council

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# Golf in Coromandel is turning 100

By Ron and Joan Evans,  
both life members of Coromandel Golf Club

## Celebrating 100 years on 17 and 18 April

It all started in 1921 where the “Greenhills” development is now located, which was then owned by the Denize family – seven holes on one side of the Whangarahi Stream and two holes on the other side.

Membership grew and the caddies were introduced into the game. A good caddie could earn one shilling per round and a lesser-one, sixpence. The land today is covered in housing and still growing.

In 1933, the venue moved to Quarry Road when the Denizes sold the farm to Ken McNeil. Once again greens were formed and fenced in the cow paddocks and mowed with the everyday lawn mower. A small amount was paid for the privilege of use of the farm until war broke out and golf went into recess for a few years.

In 1954 there was another change of venue to the “Ponderosa” where the same procedure was used, although this proved more challenging as the land was prone to flooding quite often. Many working bees cleaning up rubbish was a frequent event. Golf here was stopped over the summer months as the owner, Clarrie McNeil, had to make his hay for winter feed for his cows. Once again this land today is covered in houses.

In 1960 a few wise men decided that the Golf Club should own their own patch and the present Hauraki Road site was bought with the valued help of a handful of generous residents in town. Development took place, bulldozers, tractors etc., mostly free of charge. A golf course was born where only five holes were played for some time until the rest was completed.

Many hours of work by many members and non-members went on



The club house today

for many years to get it up and running.

The Club House was moved from the previous course and was used until a new one was built in the eighties.

Over the years many changes have been made and the improvements are still being done today. The club stands very proud of what it has achieved over the years as almost everything is done voluntarily by its members.

Land is available to make the course into 18 holes when or if the population grows and membership reaches the point of need.

Coromandel Golf Club are celebrating the 100 years on 17 and 18 April. Please get in touch with Lynne coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com or 021 079 9349 if you have not received an invite but have connections to the Golf Club and would like to come



The Club in the eighties – showing new club house (left), with the old club house (right) still standing beside it

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# NEW OWNERS



## Old café, new owners!

By Bruce, Tracey and Team

Hello.

Firstly, a big thank you to community for all of your support shown thus far. We have loved meeting and getting to know you all and look forward to future visits.

Most of you will have noticed the changes that took place late last year to the Coromandel Café. We figured it was about time we formally introduced ourselves to the community.

Everyone who works here is related somehow, so we are a good old family business. We are from Hawkes bay (12 years) and West Auckland originally. We have no background in hospitality, but love cooking and eating good food. So when we saw the opportunity of owning a café, we thought why not!

We cook all of our food from the heart and with ingredients sourced as local as possible; not easy on the peninsula.

So what's The One Stone business?

Our special interest is American low 'n slow BBQ and if you have been lucky enough to try some you will agree it tastes awesome.

For this reason, we have decided to host BBQ nights.

They will be held monthly at this stage and will be a limited number, ticketed, evening event. You will enjoy a seated multi-course meal of some awesome dishes we have been working on. (Don't want to give too much away here.)

A full bar will also be available on the night.

To find out more or book a table/seat, contact us by following us on [www.facebook.com/coromandelcafeandfoodstore](http://www.facebook.com/coromandelcafeandfoodstore) or call Bruce on 027 563 6850, or come in and ask; we would love to meet you.

Thanks again.

## Christ Church

The Passion According to a Servant Woman  
Friday

Oh look at him, the poor thing!

He says nothing, not even a moan.

He must be hurting. What a mess.

All that blood, I'll have to clean it up.

They never think about that do they?

And it's going to get worse.

Here comes the daylight.

I wonder if he knows what's ahead.

We know.

There's something about crucifixions,

not that I approve of cruelty,

but they do draw the crowds.

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I'll be off just as soon as I've tidied the place up,

given them their breakfast,

and washed down the courtyard.

I wonder if I should give him something?

I felt sorry for him. They laughed at him.

He never said he was the King of the Jews.

Who cares if he thinks he's the son of God?

Doesn't do any harm, makes no difference to me.

I guess that all this is part of it.

Someone has to clean it up.

The die is cast now.

Will I see you later on?

I like to get a good seat, as close as possible.

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At first I thought, this is a bit of a let down.

We've been short-changed.

Didn't perform much.

Called out to his father I think, or maybe Elijah,

some said so. "Does it matter what he said?"

And then it was over, no one expected that.

I reckon it was the guard who speared his side,

hit his heart maybe, on purpose, or maybe not.

"Does it matter?" So we packed up to go home.

\*\*\*\*\*

"Getting dark all of a sudden," I said

"must be a storm brewing. Good God I can hardly see!"

And I couldn't until the lightning came.

One second, total darkness, and the next everything lit up,

lit up like nothing I ever saw.

Then the thunder booming though my ears, through my body,

nothing but noise shivering my bones.

Enough time to take one breath before the ground leapt up,

leapt up and twisted. I fell down. Lots of us did.

You couldn't stand upright, it seemed like an age,

the earth writhing like someone in pain.

It was a journey of dread, going home.

"What is it?" I asked.

No one knew, no ordinary storm.

We held on to each other.

A madman ran past yelling that the Veil of the Temple,

was torn and nobody did it.

All I could see was darkness, all I knew was chaos.

All I felt was despair.

The Sabbath Day

He kept looking at me all through the night.

Waking and sleeping he was there, standing, waiting,

blood streaked face, hands with those terrible wounds,

hands outstretched, his eyes piercing me until I cried out

"My God have mercy on me, save me, save me!"

His image faded and I slept.

I served the men their breakfast in silence, unusual silence.

Marcus and Vitellus, those two who had nailed him to the cross

got to their feet like old men.

I asked, "where are they going?"

I heard there were orders to seal his tomb.

"They don't want body snatchers."

"Who would do such a thing?" I asked.

Sextus said, "it's the Priests. Intelligence is that friends will take him.

They don't want that, very inconvenient."

Then it came to me. I never knew anything with more certainty.

"He will rise," I said.

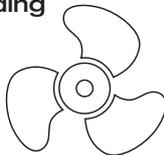
Footnote: *The Gospel According to St Matthew Chapter 27 verses 27-31*



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## Musings by Mahamudra

By Jennifer Coyne

A nurse recorded the top five regrets of the dying:

1. I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.
2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard.
3. I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.
4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.
5. I wish that I had let myself be happier.

Do any of these resonate with you? What would your biggest regret be if this was your last day of life?

The first one is interesting – so many of us live a life we think others expect of us, rather than living our own life. One of our common misconceptions is that it's selfish not to fulfill others' expectations of me. We spend our lives being "nice", being "good". But so often this is propelled by fear of upsetting others, our need to be seen as nice. It takes a lot of courage to really look inside and ask "What do I want?" "What is the right thing to do?". The hardest part is just to ask these questions; that takes a lot of self-respect! But the more we look inside, the more we aspire to do what is most beneficial, the more courage comes, and the rest it might just follow...

If it interests you to reflect more on this, join our "Living and Dying Peacefully" Anzac Day Retreat. Or if this makes you realise just how important your relationship with your mum/daughter is – save the date and bring her along to our very special Mother's Day Retreat **7-9 May** with our wonderful local yoga teachers Vanessa and Beth. Or you might simply take a deep breath and look up at the vast, open sky, and remember – you are alive!

### Dates for your diary

**1-4 April** 10am-3pm – Sand Mandala open to visitors

**3-4 April** 10.30am-12pm – Guided Compassion Meditation and kids activities

**5 April** 10am-12noon – Sand Mandala Dissolution Ceremony

**16-18 April** – Finding Calm in Turbulent Times – A Weekend Retreat with Hedwig Bakker

**23-26 April** – Living and Dying Peacefully – A Long Weekend Meditation Retreat with Venerable Khadro

**7-9 May** – A Mother's Day Weekend Retreat with Vanessa and Beth

Everyone warmly welcome to all events!

## Coromandel Lions Club – Help Us Help Coromandel

By Anthea Whittle



The Coromandel Lions Club will celebrate its 50th year this year since formation in 1971.

Many local organisations and individuals have benefitted from funds raised by the Lions. We have a strong emphasis on helping our tamariki, and do so through supporting youth rugby and participants in the Spirit of NZ programme, Colville School caps and t-shirts, youth sailing, and the Coromandel Area School India trip, among other initiatives.

Coromandel Town also benefits from Lions projects and support such as:

- The electric BBQ in town
- Seating at Elizabeth Park and Colville Bridle Point
- Wetlands signage
- Boom, Bust & Beyond walking tours
- Basketball hoop at Hauraki House

Our firewood services keep locals supplied with reasonably priced firewood through the colder months, and our famous mussel fritters are another key fundraiser with proceeds going back into the community. We also raise funds for the Rescue Helicopter Trust.

The Coromandel Lions are supported by many local businesses which enable us to continue with community projects,

however we are in a precarious position through lack of members.

### The Lions Club seeks members

Members of Coromandel Lions enjoy serving the community alongside like-minded local people, with opportunities to grow skills and build new connections. Service is a great way to become more engaged in local affairs and to help shape the future of our community for all.

Members meet twice a month in the St John Rooms – the first Wednesday of the month for a potluck dinner meeting, and the third Wednesday of the month for a business meeting.

### Friends of Lions

For supporters who do not have the capacity to become full members, we also welcome "Friends of Lions" who are called on to help out on a casual basis.

We would like the assistance of supporters who are able to join us some Saturday mornings to help cut, split, and deliver firewood. Or if you are able to assist with a few working bees, your effort will help to keep this community asset running to benefit Coromandel for years to come.

For more information about joining us or becoming a friend of Lions, please contact: Sue Hughes (President, and Firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124, Mary Farmer (Vice President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446, Rick Ward (Project Manager) (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664, Gordon Barnaby (Secretary) (07) 866 2433 or 027 245 7496

## Easter Market – Growers & Artisans Seasonal Market

Benni, Nalan and Bine

Dear market goers, we look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 3 April** for a diverse and rich gathering of organic growers, artisans, craft makers, bakers, artists, musicians and more!

Come along and enjoy the festivities!

Date: **Saturday 3 April**, 8am-2pm

Venue: Hike & Bike Square, Wharf Rd, Coromandel

Contact: coromandelmarket@gmail.com

*"In the centre of the market-place were the stalls, heaped with caraway cakes and brandy snaps and peppermint rock and aniseed balls.*

*Sam walked up and down and round about, staring and sniffing.*

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I work with clients and their families/whanau around the greater Coromandel region. I visit Coromandel township once a month (on the fourth Monday of the month).

I am available at the Coromandel Independent Living Trust Tiki House between 10-11am on the fourth Monday of the month for anyone who would like to drop in and discuss with me any general queries you may have relating to dementia, and what assistance/services may be available. No appointment necessary. I look forward to meeting you!

Alternatively, you are welcome to ring or email me.

Jill Edmunds (NZROT) Dementia Advisor, Dementia Waikato, Ph: (07) 282 1372 or 027 808 4837



**Poetry SPOT**

**A Charita**

*By John Irvine*

a box of cheap wine

marmite and cheese  
for his dinner sandwich  
in his dotage  
he is reduced to this  
and chuckles

**St John Heartbeat**

By Abby Morgan, Volunteer  
Ambulance Officer, Area  
Committee Chair, Coromandel



**St John**

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Over the last few months St John Ambulance has been working through the final stages of the Double Crewing Project which will establish two paid ambulance officers on every transporting ambulance in Coromandel Town. This will mean some changes for our Coromandel team and we will be looking to recruit some more volunteers to support our first response capability in the near future. We will keep our community updated as things progress.

From our Area Committee, the Pop Up Op Shop continues to be a huge success. We are very appreciative of the support we are getting from the community for this project both with items donated and people shopping for bargains. Funds raised are for community projects and to support our volunteers. At our next Area Committee meeting we will discuss what kinds of things we can do for our community with a health and wellbeing focus. If anyone has ideas they would like us to consider, please feel free to let us know. Our email is [coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz).

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

April brings the Easter break most years, and this year is no exception.

Traditionally it is a time to enjoy a variety of sports and to make the most of the last long weekend of the summer. Many people see it as the last opportunity of the season to enjoy a few days camping at the beach, with the next long weekend not due until winter. The combination of a long weekend and likely good weather has also made Easter a popular time for weddings. Sports continue all the year, of course, but Easter is a special time as it marks a change in the seasons. End of season Easter tournaments are held for cricket, bowls and tennis. Yachting, golf, fishing, tramping and horse racing have long been popular Easter attractions, and it is often the time for winter sports such as rugby to commence competition.

We are all very pleased that we can enjoy this variety of activities

now that the lockdown experienced last year is just a memory. No doubt with the vaccination program now started, there is even less likelihood of further lockdowns in the future. It is easy to forget, now we are back to normal, that many activities were not permitted over the Easter period last year. Many shops and workplaces shut down completely for the period.

Here is an item from "New Zealand Herald" of 2 April



New Zealand Herald, 21 April 1930. Easter Yachting at Coromandel. Wairiki, which won the race for keelers at the Coromandel regatta at Woolshed Bay on Saturday. Many of the visiting yachts took part

1942, which reminds us of that time, and shows that the restrictions on our activities is not unique to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### "Easter Holidays Travel Restrictions

#### Varied Attractions

#### Closing Of The Shops

The majority of people in Auckland will be confined to their own province during the Easter holidays because of train travel restrictions, but a varied series of athletic and other sporting attractions will be held. One of the most popular is likely to be the meeting of the Auckland Racing Club at Ellerslie on Saturday and Monday, while the annual tournament of the Auckland Bowling Centre will be another attraction. The weather forecast is for changeable northerly weather. A large number of players have entered for the Auckland Tennis Association's hard-court tournament, which will be decided over the holidays. Golf tournaments include the Easter event at the Maungakiekie links and competitions, while other clubs will conduct their own matches. Harbour races off Westhaven will be held by the Victoria Cruising Club, and the Manukau Yacht Club will hold its annual cruising race on the west coast. The Coromandel Regatta Committee will hold its Easter race to Coromandel for centreboard and keel yachts tomorrow. The race will start from the eastern wall at 9.30 a.m. By decision of the War Cabinet, all firms engaged in defence production and all men on defence undertakings will be required to work tomorrow and on Saturday and Monday. The order will involve a large number of workers in various essential industries and the wages paid will be those specified in the awards. Banks will observe holidays tomorrow and on Saturday and Monday. The Supreme Court will not resume until April 13, but early Police Courts will be held on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Butchers will close at 4.30 p.m. today until Tuesday morning, and there will be no bakers' deliveries either to-morrow or on Monday. Shops working under the retail shop assistants' award will close tonight until Tuesday, but it is probable that special hours, as previously, will be observed by dairies, confectioners and tobacconists."

The museum will be open from 1pm – 4pm during Easter, apart from Good Friday, and weekends only during April

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### Bus Matters

By Lora Mountjoy



As you probably know there is now no bus service at all between Coromandel and Thames. If you care about this, now is the time to act by making a submission to the the TCDC Long Term Plan. So far I have been unable to find any mention of public transport in the plan but that doesn't matter, you can still make your concerns heard. The Community Board agree with us that we need a daily bus to Thames and back, one which connects to public transport to other centres.

Submission forms are available online, or paper ones can be picked up from the TCDC Coromandel office.

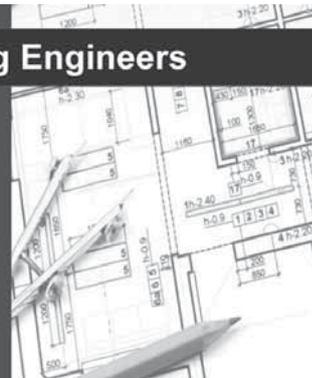
Also we will have a drop-in public meeting during the week after Easter where we can help you make a submission online or in writing if you haven't done it by then. Keep an eye out around town or on Facebook for details or contact me [lora.mountjoy@gmail.co.nz](mailto:lora.mountjoy@gmail.co.nz), or phone on 021 072 1301 or (07) 866 7176.

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## Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our March meeting's Show and Tell Table certainly had a diverse array last month. Raewyn's hand felted coat in shades of black and white drew many oohs and aahs, especially when she modelled it for us. Raewyn had not only made all of the felt pieces herself, but had extensively embroidered the coat with boro stitching which was extremely challenging given that the coat is entirely reversible. At the other end of the table were a collection of "returned" pieces of embroidery. Our president Lettecia had asked all members at our February meeting to embroider two shapes for her using long and short stitch and just four different coloured threads producing a shaded colour effect. She must have been pleased to see how many had dutifully done their homework! We are all waiting to see now what Lettecia has in mind for these shapes. The piece de resistance was not a piece that



our members can claim having done however. Dot shared with us a recent very lucky find on TradeMe – an exquisite sampler stitched in the 17th century. It is extraordinary to think that our endeavours may also last 400 years with some careful attention.

Our April workshop is to be Cornpad tutored by our own member Vi King. Cornpad stitching got its name from its past use of cornpads to provide raised shapes over which the stitching is made, giving a three-dimensional effect. Today, precut felt shapes are used and the two projects that Vi is offering to tutor are rather fantastical garden scenes which could have been from the pages of a Dr Seuss book – one of the still acceptable books of course!

The group of members that are working on Jill Wilson's Magic Cubes have progressed on to stitching the cross stitch panels, having done the preparatory edge stitching last month. We are being "fed" the instructions for a different stitch over the next eight months. For those that like surprises, our national body ANZEG is running a Mystery Stitchery fundraiser for the national conference in 2022 at Tauranga. As with our Magic Cubes, ANZEG will be releasing the next piece of the mystery sampler each month until the whole design is completed.

Our next Guild meeting will be on Wednesday 7 April.

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

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## Library News

By Robynne Jones

### Librarian

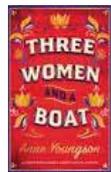
You may not know that the Library has a selection of travel books which I thought some of you may find an interesting distraction given we can't holiday overseas at the moment. Our armchair getaways range from Phillip Adams's journey around India in his book *A Billion Voices*, to Jason Webster's year on a Spanish mountain – in *Sacred Sierra*. Two new travel books just in are *Rolling Through the Isles*, by Ted Simon and *River Dog* by Mark Shand.

Once again, we have been fortunate to have had many good books donated to us to add to our collection or sell as part of our fundraising. There are too many donors to mention but I would like to thank all of you for your kind donations; they are much appreciated.

Our new books selected this month include the last book of the Wolf Hall trilogy, *The Mirror & the Light*, by Hilary Mantel, and some new books from popular authors like JD Robb, Dawn French, Pip Drysdale and James Patterson. We have also selected some new authors: Viola Ardone – *The Children's Train*, Hazel Prior – *Away with the Penguins*, and Una Mannion – *A Crooked Tree*. If you have a child interested in The

Dragon Defenders series, we have book five, the latest in this series by James Russell – *The Grand Opening*.

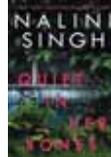
Our book features this month are: *Three Women and a Boat* by Anne Youngson



An uplifting story about how it's never too late for new adventures. Three women embark on a journey through the canals of England. Inexperienced and ill-equipped, Sally and Eve join the unsympathetic

Anastasia, the independent narrow-boat owner and operator who has suddenly become vulnerable as she awaits a life-saving operation. As they journey through the English countryside, the eccentricities and challenges of canal boat life draw them together and a tender and unforgettable story unfolds.

*Quiet in Her Bones* by Nalini Singh



A thriller set in New Zealand that takes you into the twisted world of an exclusive cul-de-sac located on the edge of a sprawling forest. When socialite Nina Rai disappears without a trace along with \$250,000, everyone assumes she was a thief who abandoned her family, but her devoted son, Aarav, suspected foul play. His theory gains weight when the police

find Nina's skeleton in the passenger seat of her car, wearing the clothes in which she disappeared. Aarav, now a 26-year-old crime writer, is certain it is someone in his parents' Auckland cul-de-sac who is responsible, and since he's staying with his father while he recovers from a car crash, he decides to dig.

A lot of our members are asking about whether we will be able to borrow books from other libraries when the new system is in place. As we are an "associate member" of the system via Thames Library, there are still a few logistics to work out in regard to exchanging books with other libraries, so this will not be happening straight away. However, it won't be long before we get this service up and running. Most likely in a couple of months after we get the new system running smoothly.

Finally, I would like to give all of our creative writers out there a heads-up that, as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations in May, we will be arranging a writing competition and intend to produce a small book that includes the winners' contributions. More details on the different categories for the competition will be published soon. They will include a category for the juniors, young adult, adult, best overall story and best poem. So, get your creative juices flowing and check out our Facebook page for more details.

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

April is the Hauraki Pairs competition. It is good to have three tables most evenings, especially as some of our members have had health issues. We welcome new members and also visiting bridge players who can join us on a Monday evening.

We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms.

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By Chris Wornall

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## Grey Power Association Coromandel

By John Rabarts – President

### Coromandel Grey Power AGM

The Coromandel Grey Power AGM is **Thursday 6 May**, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. We meet from 1pm for the annual general meeting to start at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea at 3pm as usual. All positions are open for election. Nominations to secretary Shirley Stol prior to the meeting or may be taken from the floor of the meeting. All paid up full and associate members are eligible to vote at the meeting. You will receive an AGM newsletter the week before or beginning of the week of the AGM.

**New Members and Renewal of Membership Coromandel Grey Power**  
All members have been sent a notice for renewal which is due by 31 March. New members may join at any time. Single members \$15, two members in one household \$28. Contact Carol Carson (07) 866 7172 to join or renew membership.

### Grey Power elected a new president in 2020

Mac Welch of Coromandel completed his term as Grey Power Federation President in October 2020. Grey Power, 50,000 members strong, is a national seniors advocacy group unaffiliated to any political party or philosophy. Jan Pentecost was elected new president. She has been the Federation Board Secretary for ten years, and is the first woman to occupy the position since the Federation was founded 34 years ago. Awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in 2018 for her voluntary work for seniors, Jan sees her role as leading the Federation in their fight for issues which affect many older people.

"Across the country we have many older people with inadequate income. Poor housing, unacceptable health and home service care, loneliness and elder abuse," Jan said. As chair of the Federation's Advocacy committee, Jan believes the fact that all of the main political parties have finally agreed to support the appointment of a Seniors Commissioner has come after years of lobbying by the Federation.

"We have an ageing population, many of whom are living solely on their pension. They cannot afford private medical care; they don't own their own homes so aren't able to move into a retirement village and can't pay sky-high market rent for their accommodation. We have also seen cuts in home health care for elderly people still living independently."

Jan said the Federation will go back to the government to see that election promises for a Senior's Commissioner are put into action. "We need someone with a similar role to the Children's Commissioner and the Race Relations Commissioner to advocate effectively for older people. With our seniors' population expected to make up 25% of the population by 2051, and with projections showing there will be at least 60% more elderly than children by then, we need an effective voice across all of our issues."

In her new role, Jan is keen to put the Federation in the public eye. "We want our work to complement the wonderful effort made in all local Grey Power Associations. Clear communication at all levels will be my goal," she said.

Last September I mentioned a quote of Ronald Reagan, US President in 1986 – "If it moves tax it – if it keeps moving regulate it – if it stops moving subsidise it." A member has pointed out that Ronald Reagan also said "Governments don't solve problems – they cause them." Food there for thought. John Rabarts.



## Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

It's April already and autumn is upon us.

Our ladies at P&Q are all very busy with all of the up and coming projects, including our six-pocket drawstring bag, which is proving very popular, and with 17 members stitching our mystery quilt.

There's going to be some exciting quilts to view. Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing everyone's creativity as these quilts are brought to life.

We all love the satisfaction of completing a project, large or small.

Each meeting we spend time viewing finished projects from members of our group which gives us all inspiration too (Show & Tell).

Sharon Currie is showing us her fabulous original-designed quilt theme Starwars. Sharon has ruler quilted this quilt on her new Benina Q16.

A lot of work there... looks great. Photo doesn't show a lot of the detail.

Feel free to pop in and see what we're up to.

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

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## Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

The equinox has passed. We are in the season of autumn and of harvest.

Sometimes, like with my macadamia nut tree, we harvest only a kernel, and throw the rest (or use as mulch). Or, like with my feijoas, some have guava moth, and I cut away the eaten part and salvage the rest. As a child growing up on a farm, I was adept at saving and harvesting from produce that was not perfect. When we grow our own, that's just the way it seems to be. "Waste not, want not," was my Nana's wisdom.

In mindfulness practice we are encouraged to know the wholesome thoughts and intentions arising in us, and also know what is unhelpful and unskilful arising in our thoughts and intentions. We don't have to criticise or applaud ourselves, just recognise the wholesome growth or harvest and, with mindful awareness, cultivate that. As we see the less helpful impulses arise, we can know it and not cultivate or act on it. So mindfulness gives us discernment and a degree of choice in what we sow and harvest within. Life is lumpy and uncertain. Discernment is not always clear. But we can establish wholesome intentions, and make choices about how to put these intentions into our thoughts and actions.

This is supported and challenged by being with others. I am offering a space on Wednesday nights for us to come together, to eat, to meditate, to share, to support.

Plan: Soup at 6pm, sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm.

April dates: **7th, 14th, 28th April. On 21 April** 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.

To contact me: email [annasorensen@doctors.org.uk](mailto:annasorensen@doctors.org.uk), mobile 021 135 7056

## Mamma wisdom – Pregnancy yoga and more

By Rebecca Leaker

I am offering small weekly classes in Coromandel Town to support women through pregnancy, birth and the first very busy months of motherhood. The focus of the classes is determined by what the mamas attending are most interested in and can include: Yoga postures; Breath practices; Deep nourishing relaxations; Practices for mums to connect with their babies; Hypnobirthing techniques (for pregnancy and birth); Baby positioning for a more comfortable pregnancy and birth (inspired by Spinning Babies); Sessions on the natural processes of birth and practical birth preparation; Art; Gentle dance movements; Meditations; Sound.

Most importantly, these classes are a space for pregnant women to be themselves wherever they are at in their pregnancy journey. To experience some nourishment in the busy-ness of their lives (while miraculously growing another human being!), to ask questions, to share, grow, learn and connect with other mamas-to-be in an approachable, non-judgmental, confidential space.

No experience of yoga is required and all equipment is provided, along with an abundance of practical handouts, recordings and mini library of pregnancy books to borrow.

In recognition of the increasing expenses that often go with preparing to have a child, and to make the classes more accessible, they are \$10-\$15 per session, depending on what works for each mama.

In addition to my 500-hour plus training as a yoga teacher and being a mother to two exquisite, happy, cheeky little ones, I have specific training to support women through pregnancy, birth and afterwards. I initially attended yoga training for pregnancy and birth and then completed two levels of teacher training in Embody Birth (previously known as Belly Dance for Birth) with Maha al Musa, while pregnant with my first child.

Between children I spent a year researching and delivering workshops to support women's hormonal balance through menstruation, pregnancy and menopause. Then while pregnant with my second child, I learnt more about the natural physiological processes of birth, what helps and hinders its flow and how to encourage babies into the most optimal position in pregnancy and birth, with Spinning Babies.

Supporting women and particularly mothers is definitely my passion! I absolutely love these classes and feel very honoured and humbled to share a small part of women's journeys into motherhood.

If you are interested in coming along or would like more info, please contact me on 027 407 0079 or [rebeccaleaker@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaleaker@gmail.com), [www.rebeccaleaker.com](http://www.rebeccaleaker.com)



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## Waikato prepares to launch National Bowel Screening Programme

The National Bowel Screening Programme is rolling out across the Waikato region from March, aiming to save lives through early detection of pre-cancerous polyps or bowel cancer.

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of bowel cancer in the world and it is the second-highest cause of cancer death across the country. Each year 3,000 people are diagnosed and 1,200 people will die from it. But if found early, it can often be treated successfully.

In Waikato there are more than 66,000 men and women aged 60-74 who will be eligible for the free programme. A test kit will be sent in the mail every two years to those who can receive public healthcare, around the time of their birthday.

The rollout will be staged with kits sent to people with an even-numbered birthday during the programme's first year and to those with an odd-numbered birthday in the second year.

It's hoped the programme will prove a lifesaver in Waikato. Figures from 2017 show that 41 percent of the 285 bowel cancers detected were diagnosed in people within the age range of the National Bowel Screening Programme.

Waikato clinical lead for the National Bowel Screening Programme Dr Liz Phillips

says the programme is also about raising awareness and getting people talking about bowel cancer.

"We should be encouraging each other to do the test because, while the chance of having cancer is slim, if a pre-cancer is present, the odds of picking it up and treating it are very high and we can prevent further deaths," she says.

The Waikato Hospital endoscopy team has been hard at work making sure there is capacity for an increase in demand for colonoscopies. The unit expects to perform an additional 1,100 colonoscopies a year as a result of the screening programme. From those they expect to find around 70 to 80 cancers and remove 700-800 pre-cancerous polyps.

Community events are being planned across the region to mark the Waikato launch of the National Bowel Screening programme.

For more information, visit the Time to Screen website, call the National Bowel Screening Programme on 0800 924 432, or talk to your doctor



Some of the members of the Waikato DHB National Bowel Screening team and the Endoscopy Unit



### Coromandel SeniorNet

By Bev Mayhead

Hi everyone,

I do hope you read last month's Chronicle article ... we really do need your support!

Our AGM is on **Wednesday 5 May** at 2pm and will be held at Hauraki House. There is plenty of parking so please come along, bring a friend or two, and have a say in our future. We welcome new members and new ideas.

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## Writers Group

Writing and meeting report by Vivianne Flintoff

### Coromandel Rivers

We have a few small rivers that sustain us as a community in Coromandel Town. The Waiiau provides water for household and recreational use. The Whangarahi, so aptly named, leads the wanderer down to the harbour. It floods sometimes, at least it used to when we had rain more consistently. It's a while now since the river flooded. The past two summers have been dry. Rimu, kauri, and kanuka are still dying.

The thing the two rivers have in common with all other rivers, apart from their chemical makeup, is that they all flow in a downward direction. A river always seeks the lower route, the humble hollows on or under the earth's surface. Rivers overcome all obstacles they meet be they dams, boulders, tree-trunks and even deserts. When held back by a dam wall, the water molecules collectively bide their time, and when released, join with other dammed particles and head off downstream, reconnected with their mother river. When meeting a boulder or tree-trunk a river will flow around, over, or beneath these obstacles. If a river is confronted with a desert, it allows

itself to be transformed. It surrenders to the sun, is wafted up into the heavens, to be blown spirit knows where, only to be released again upon the earth, enlarging a local river. And here's another thing about rivers. Even though they take the lower path, encountering obstacles along the way, they sing and sometimes even shout and roar as they rush or meander down, down, down, always seeking lower ground, finally surrendering their identity in a greater body of water.

On a particular day I find myself sitting on the banks of the Whangarahi beside a friend. We cradle our cups of tea, enjoying one another's company. Chatting to one another. Noticing the river. It is running quietly. Its bed sparkles golden in the mid-afternoon light. It is sublime and restful.

The river stays with me when I leave. It asks awkward questions of me. I become uneasy as the questions begin to penetrate my being. It is the way of rivers. They expose, breach, tear down, wear away, drown, create, sustain, and build up.

A river as a metaphor-of-life is not a comfortable metaphor. It asks if I'm humble enough to take the lower path. It asks if I'm persistent where I need to be, finding some way around perceived obstacles. It asks if I'm willing to be transformed, and even

transplanted, to ensure I contribute to the lives of those beyond myself. It asks if I'm patient, biding my time like the dammed river, knowing that at the right time I will be on my way again. And do I continue my song, even when confronted with challenges, with life-transforming events? Am I a river, that despite the vagaries of the weather, never gives up even while knowing I need to lose myself in the larger essence of life?

### March Meeting

Vivianne hosted the convivial March gathering with seven attending. The spontaneous writing topic was "bodies". Bodies ranged from human, to celestial, to car bodies.

Jane shared Elizabeth Bishop's poetry book, "Collected Works". Vivianne read John O'Donohue's poem, "The Inner Landscape of Beauty".

Elizabeth reviewed Sue Monk Kidd's book, *The Book of Longings*. It seems others will be reading this book after such a positive endorsement from Elizabeth.

A conversation ensued about the usefulness of feedback and it was suggested that all feedback is useful even if not incorporated. Next month's homework theme is, "Crossing the river for the 7th time".

Contact: Sue Gilmer 021 0291 6056

## The Natural World

By Alison Carter

When photographer John McWilliam was a small child the first thing he saw when he woke up was a tapestry of the poem "I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree", which hung on his bedroom wall.

"Growing up in Whangarei with a large orchard around the house meant that trees were my original playground," he says. "The forest was an even bigger playground with birds and insects and as a child I was struck with sense of wonder at the sheer size of the trees."

"The beach was our other playground, a place where everyone let down their hair. Even your parents forgot their troubles at the beach."

After a working life spent as a photographer, filmmaker and film editor in Europe and New Zealand, John settled in Coromandel two years ago. Since then he has rekindled his fascination with the natural world of the forest and the seashore.

"So much more is known about trees than when I was a child. We never knew for instance that trees gave off phytoncides that reduce blood pressure and anxiety. So walking in the bush really does make you happy."

John says, "I guess I am tree hugger from way back. But back in the day when we tried talking to trees we had no idea that trees had been talking to each other and us for centuries. They have their own internet where they communicate through an incredible underground system created by soil fungi."

"Quite simply we couldn't live without them as they make the very air that we breathe. So I suppose photographing them is my way of honouring them."

John's photographs of "The Natural World" will be on show at Hauraki House opening at 5pm on **9 April**. The exhibition will run for nine days.



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**Himalaya shop : Colville**

Hi Everyone, the Himalaya shop will be open over the Easter period. Our times will be 10 a.m. to around 4 p.m. after Easter we will only be open occasionally and probably at weekends rather than weekdays.

You can phone us at home 07 8666 865 to check whether we are open when you are coming up to Colville or text or whatsapp: Anette 021 139 7838, Rob 021 155 8559  
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# OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

April 2021

## We're holding a public consultation on our Long Term Plan proposals now to 12 April

**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.**

Our consultation is running until Monday 12 April.

"This is a big one," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie. "We've signalled for some time that we're facing challenges around things like dealing with peak summer demand and affordability, increasing costs with rubbish and recycling, meeting national drinking water standards, planning for sustainable growth, addressing climate change - all under the lens of COVID-19. "We need to increase our rates each year just to maintain what we currently deliver,



but we share our communities' concern about the affordability of rates increases. So we're going out with a 'no-frills' budget, which means we will only spend money on essentials, and we're looking at how we can generate revenue in other ways," says Mayor Sandra.

All our proposals for this LTP and Council's preferred options are in our consultation document, available at [tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021](http://tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021) where you can also make an online submission. Or the consultation document is available at our Council service centres.

The LTP itself won't be finalised until your feedback has been considered – [tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021](http://tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021)

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLANS

The tsunami warnings following the earthquakes on Friday 5 March were a timely reminder to get ready and be prepared – emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere.



The National Emergency Management Agency's Get Ready website has fantastic resources to help you, your family, your workplace and your school to prepare for emergencies: [getready.govt.nz](http://getready.govt.nz)

Our Emergency Management Unit has been working with community response groups around the District to put in place response plans that are tailored to local conditions and needs – [tcdc.govt.nz/communityresponseplans](http://tcdc.govt.nz/communityresponseplans)

Most communities now have a completed response plan which is a guide to assisting response at a local level. For more information on how to stay informed in an emergency, see [tcdc.govt.nz/emu](http://tcdc.govt.nz/emu)

## Easter Kerbside Collections

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection on Easter Monday (5 April) and Anzac Day Observed (Monday 26 April). So collections those weeks will be one day late.



[tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](http://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)

Our Refuse Transfer Stations are closed Good Friday (2 April) and are open to their Sunday hours on Easter Monday (5 April). They are open 1-5:30pm on Anzac Day (25 April) and are open to their Sunday hours on Anzac Day Observed (Monday 26 April).

[tcdc.govt.nz/rts](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rts)



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UPDATE

### A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard



"Council are now taking submissions for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan with a focus on the first three years. I recommend you take a good look at the proposals, and if you feel strongly that something should be changed please submit on it". [peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz)

**Jacks Point boat ramp** – Design and consenting applications have been started in order to make the boat ramp safer. [tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps](http://tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps)

**Widening of Te Kouma Road intersection, south of Coromandel Town** – Site investigation is complete and preliminary design is underway.

**Ride Coromandel Bike Park, Coromandel Town** – The concrete wash down area was poured last month, along with the storm water/drainage areas and kauri dieback wash stations. DOC has also installed its own wash stations, signage and guidance gates. The pump track was finished at the end of last year and the car park has also now been completed. [ridecoromandel.com](http://ridecoromandel.com)



**The next Board meeting** will be at 9am Tuesday 6 April at the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road. [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](http://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings)



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## Budding Writers

By Sue Gilmer

In the last two Chronicles, I have written about "The Seasons Project" offered to our writing group by Dr Paul Schneider. The idea is for us to write a selection of short stories based around the Coromandel area and relate the story in some way to seasons. This opportunity is now open to the wider public, and the invitation goes out to anyone who is interested, to join us in this story writing. If and when we get enough material, these stories will be compiled into a book. The criteria are that the story be approximately 500 words, have a connection to Coromandel and needs to relate in some way to seasons, or a seasonal experience. Poems, maybe even a sketch, could also be a way of contributing. If you would like to know more, have a story to offer, or would like to read a few sample stories to give you an idea of what we are looking for, you can contact me, Sue, on (07) 866 8833 or 021 0291 6056.

The story below is a sample, written by Elizabeth.

### The Smell of Summer Rain by Elizabeth Mather

For Justine, the approach of summer no longer brought that delicious sense of anticipation of beach picnics at Oamaru Bay and evening barbecues on friends' shady patios, with lots of laughter and glasses of wine. The dream of lazy, fun-filled days had gone. It was now just that, a dream. For the last few years that sense of excitement had been replaced by a feeling of anxiety from weather forecasts predicting yet another hot, dry summer with the promise of rain floating on some distant horizon. It was two months since they had had any rain and the small lifestyle block that she and her partner Simon owned in Coromandel was parched. The grass had gone, leaving the paddocks looking like cracked and crazed pieces of brown 70's pottery, with the surrounding treeless hills resembling a moonscape. The land was suffocating in its own dryness. All the stock on the surrounding hills were long gone, leaving a sense of desolation and abandonment. The stream that emerged from the surrounding bush and ran down one side of their property for years could be relied on to provide precious water for their garden, but now had shrunk to a trickle, with little to offer. Their water tanks were getting low and there was the prospect of having to buy in water to sustain them until the rains came. The surrounding bush was suffering from this drought with many trees hanging limply, desperate for a drink. The huge tree ferns known as mamaku were dying and their brown fronds hung limply, waiting to fall to the ground and add another layer of brittle combustible material. Last night Simon had found a drowned kiwi in the horse trough. In its desperation for water it had left its usual sanctuary of the bush and sadly had met its end in the very thing that Papatuanuku was crying out for. They buried the little fella in their now deceased vege garden. Justine sat on the top step with Sherman the boxer beside her. She looked out to the glistening blue sea beyond and couldn't help but think of all that water that was unattainable for their use. She looked up to the sky that was now turning a pale red as the evening closed in and briefly contemplated how this so-called loving God could allow his creation to suffer. It seemed so unfair. Simon came out bearing two glasses of chardonnay to help quench their immediate thirst. He put his arm around her and as he looked out over their property he said, "You know what I really miss is that smell of summer rain. Can you remember last year when the rain finally came?" "Of course I do," she replied. "It was such a magical moment after three months of no rain. We danced naked around the nikau palm at the bottom of the garden and got thoroughly wet." Justine laughed at the memory. "But what really struck me was the scent of the earth which the rain had released. It was like the earth could breath again," Simon replied. Justine and Simon sat in silence as the night descended, imagining once more the smell of summer rain.

## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson  
& Natalie Blasco



Hi everyone! How nice to see things looking greener thanks to the rain. Cooler mornings and sunshine days – so far autumn is looking good.

Just so you are aware the Information Centre is still open every day, but now from 10am-3pm.

The 360 Ferry currently operates Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, plus Easter Monday. Then it takes a break over winter.

We can still make InterCity bookings for you if you are travelling from Thames onwards, such as to Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington, Taranaki, etc. There is currently no service on the Peninsula.

If you have a health appointment in Thames or Waikato, CILT can arrange a driver to take you and bring you back (charges may apply). You just need to be the holder of a Community Services Card.

Our Boom, Bust & Beyond guided walking heritage tours are available throughout the year. They are available every day of the week by request. A day's notice is required. At this time of the year we can accommodate either morning or early afternoon tours. Cost is currently \$20 per person. Think of us if you are having a family reunion; book a tour and find out more about your home.

Seafood Fest is **Saturday 1 May**. Now in its fifth year, the Seafood Fest will be held at the Coromandel Area School Grounds right in the heart of Coromandel Town. Enjoy a variety of stalls including all-day entertainment, cooking demonstrations and much more, from 9am-4pm; gold coin entry.

Check out our website [www.coromandeltown.nz](http://www.coromandeltown.nz) to find out what is happening at Easter

## Colville Easter Festival

### Colville Sings Country

**Friday 2 April** 7.30pm, \$25 entry – tickets essential. Age 16+.

### The Big Music Night

**Saturday 3 April** 6pm, \$25 entry, 16 under free. Two top bands, two top DJs.

### Family Friendly Night

**Sunday 4 April** 5pm, \$20, under 16 free, children performances, kids' disco, and more.

Tickets available at Colville Store, Richardsons Coro and online: [www.cssc.net.nz](http://www.cssc.net.nz). All three nights, available for \$60.

There are also workshops **Saturday 3 to Monday 5 April**. See March issue of the Chronicle for a full list.

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](mailto:cssc@colville.org.nz) Steve 021 711 489, Ella 027 487 5131



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## Harray Track Upgrade

By Gavin and Leanne Jeffcoat

If you have been on or near the Harray Track, or the Golf Course recently, you will have noticed some changes in the landscape adjacent to the track. The aim of this work is to enhance the track, making it accessible to more people and improve the experience by replacing the introduced pine plantation with native forest. The longterm goal is to develop a vibrant and diverse habitat for native birds and other native species and avoid the cycle of pine planting, harvesting and damage to the local environment.

The Spirit of Coromandel Trust has been working with landowners for some time to make changes to the Harray Track, in particular removing steps, to enable it to be enjoyed by walkers, cyclists, and people with limited mobility. Just when options were running out and it was looking like this was not going to happen, Bob and Philippa Medlock stepped in. They purchased an area of land adjacent to the existing track in order to facilitate the track enhancement and stop the area being replanted in pines.

The Medlocks have since cleared the land of pine trees and other invasive species, and are disposing of the mountain of "slash" waste created when pines are harvested. Every effort is being made to prevent the slash washing into sensitive areas as happened recently in Tolaga Bay and Kuaotunu. In order to clear the land for replanting, and create the base for the enhanced Harray Track, some excavation was necessary.

Because of the extent of this project, discussions are underway with TCDC and a consent will be required to enable the work to be completed. We believe that this project, being undertaken by the Medlocks at considerable personal expense, will have significant benefits to the Coromandel Community and the native flora and fauna we share this beautiful place with. We will be making a representation at the Colville-Coromandel Community Board public forum on **6 April** seeking support from the Board to enable this project to be completed. If you have an opinion on this, positive or negative, that you wish to share, please either get in touch or come to the Community Board meeting at Coromandel council chambers on 6 April at 9am.

Disclaimer: Gavin and Leanne Jeffcoat are the owners of Hike and Bike Coromandel which will benefit from improved cycling infrastructure in and around Coromandel Town. However, they also strongly believe that the benefits to the Coromandel community and environment of this project far outweigh any personal gain.

*Editor's comment – See also letter on page 2.*

## Wild things

By Carol Sutherland

The photo was taken by Graeme Hawkins at his residence in Little Bay. The ruru/morepork family were in a fern tree, above the garden shed, for over a week. Graeme and Rosie even saw the adult feed a chick, one morning. The ruru didn't worry about photos being taken, appeared to watch, and then clean themselves.

Later a couple of chicks practiced flying between branches.

According to [www.nzbirdsonline.org](http://www.nzbirdsonline.org) ruru are not threatened as a species but are prone to predation by cats, possums, rats and mustelids when nesting. When nesting on the ground they can be susceptible to predation by pigs and hedgehogs. The 1-3 eggs are incubated for 25 days by the female only. Chicks fledge when about seven weeks old. Both adults feed the young. Like all owls they have serrated or comb like edges to their flight feathers that reduce air turbulence over the wing, enabling silent flight. Ruru strongly defend a territory of 3.5 to 7.8 ha. Birds that appear to be calling together in a "duet" are usually rival males duelling.

And for the trivia teams, a collective noun for owls is a parliament.

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**The Work Co-op - A safe place where people in need can receive support and build connections**

This month we are showcasing one of our longest running and most successful programmes – The Work Co-op. A lot of people may not have heard of or know much about the Work Co-op, but for the many participants it is a much valued and meaningful part of their lives.

Operating out of a colonial era villa for nearly 20 years, the Work Co-op is part of our vocational services programme. It is a big whanau with an open door policy that supports people who have an unwellness or other needs that require support and compassion – whether it be social, mental or physical needs. People come to be involved either through referrals from our social services or, mostly, through word of mouth.

It is a safe environment when there might not otherwise be one in someone's life. Participants get involved with projects such as creating artwork, catering for tangi and other functions, and getting involved within the community where the need arises. For the people involved the sense of camaraderie within the house, the awesome daily lunches and the lasting connections are some of the most important benefits.

Here's what Wikitoria Williams, the Work Co-op Coordinator, has to say:

"Kia ora, my name is Wikitoria Williams and I am the Coordinator for the Coromandel Work Co-Op. We do a wide range of activities at home and in the community such as arts and crafts, baking/cooking, gardening, mowing lawns and grounds maintenance, recycling/rubbish collection and removals, furniture collection and deliveries, and voluntary work. We help out in the Community Gardens – doing weeding/planting out, etc., helping at the Bizarre doing the washing and recycling and also at the Goldmine Reuse Centre.

We have recently set up a new workshop out of our shed and are working on bone carving and tile mosaics. This has sparked a lot of interest within the community and we hope it will attract new participants wishing to become more involved. We have our own gardens where we propagate our own seedlings and all produce grown gets eaten here or given to our participants to share with their whanau.

Recently two support staff have been employed and brought new skills and knowledge to the team, which has been fantastic. We can also help with advocacy, online applications, ringing up WINZ, setting up budgets, help with computer and telephone skills, and helping with shopping.

For a small koha/donation we help out in the community with any jobs people would like assistance with. This money is used for our social outings, maintaining our machinery for groceries and other bits and pieces we may need to keep the house running smoothly and to support people in need.

To find out more either head to our website at:

[www.cilt.org.nz/programmes](http://www.cilt.org.nz/programmes) or get in touch directly: (07) 866 8905

email: [workco-op@cilt.org.nz](mailto:workco-op@cilt.org.nz)



## I wish I knew that was on

Missing out on great events because you didn't know they were happening? The Coromandel Town Information Centre promotes lots of events through its Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/coromandeltown-informationcentre](http://www.facebook.com/coromandeltown-informationcentre)), on the noticeboard outside the door and through a free text messaging service (sign up with the information centre).

Event organisers – get your event promoted to a larger audience by letting the Information Centre know about it.

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**Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm. Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.**

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-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
-  **No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
-  **Minimise** your speed and wake
-  **Never** drive across the lines



## Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

Did you know that the tabs from aluminium cans, the metal caps from your wine bottles, oil bottles and other bottles are being collected in Coromandel to raise funds for charitable causes, e.g. Starship Children's Hospital and children with disabilities? You can take your tabs and bottle tops to the Market Hub where there is a collection point. This year, we hope to establish more collection points and we'll keep you updated.

One of our major initiatives this year is to encourage more recycling in our community.

Let's start with some of the items you can take to the Coromandel Community Preschool on Pottery Lane:

- Used toothpaste tubes
- Used toothbrushes
- Clean food storage containers like the ones you get with takeaways that are labelled 5 (NOT number 5 branded containers like yoghurt or margarine containers)
- Yoghurt pouches
- Disposable razors
- Ballpoint pens
- Felt tip pens and markers
- Plastic tags from bread bags

Not only does this save rubbish going to landfill, but it also gives the Preschool a boost for its fundraising initiatives. They send everything to TerraCycle who pay for the discarded products and recycle them.

[www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/](http://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/)

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Trisha Whimp

Welcome to 2021! So far we have had two great garden visits this year, planned by our super convenor – Jeni Mudgway.

Our first visit with 33 members was a week late in February but well worth the wait, to a local garden above Coromandel where a shared lunch was had. This incredible garden is set in the bush, high up on the hills off Tiki Quarry Road. While Margaret and husband have owned their property, they have cleared bush back to take advantage of the incredible sea views, had a fire through bush on their property, cut back overgrown bush and planted new gardens. Who would have known that there is a waterlily pond in the hills, which is filled by the streams from the hills above. The pond is a beautiful, quiet spot to enjoy the bird life and the wind in the many kauri trees surrounding it. All of the members who visited Margaret’s garden, were impressed with what can be achieved in native bush, high on the hill with high winds, but with a spectacular view! Thank you for allowing us to visit.

Our March visit was off to Rapaura Watergardens on the Tapu-Coroglen Road with 17 members, where we were warmly welcomed and had freshly made morning tea, and a stroll around part of the 64-acre property. A lot of work has been put into the property, taking care of the many walks and waterways. We came across several impressive waterlily ponds. A shame the waterlilies were not in bloom! Maybe next time? We continued our walk to the waterfalls made of huge rocks. The stream was peaceful today; not sure what it would be like after a storm?!

Once back at our cars, we headed to the Mahara Sculpture Park and Pottery Centre. This park is full of whimsical sculptures, dragon nest with eggs, lots of sculptures and artwork hanging in trees, or under trees or between trees! And some of our members were introduced to tiny frogs! Everywhere you looked, there was another piece of sculpture or art. There is a lot more in the park than can be put in this article – well worth the visit. Next stop – the Royal Oak Hotel for lunch and a cold drink. We finished the day exploring two private gardens in Te Mata. Again, all of our members were impressed with what can be achieved in high wind zones or steep banks! Thank you ladies for allowing us to visit.

Our next meeting is on **14 April** at the Coromandel Combined Club at 1pm. If you would like to join us, please call.

Convenor: Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341. Secretary Trisha Whimp 027 498 5227

## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Tam



Firstly thank mews to those who have donated cat food, tinned, sachets, pet milk and kitten food. This is truly appreciated more than people realise right now. We have been blessed with a donation of flea/worm treatment to cover six felines and a few lovely financial blessings from our Facebook page which gave us a little more in the kitties’ kitty.

Fundraiser – Easter garage sale – **Saturday 3 April**, Grahamstown Hall, Pollen St, Thames, 9am until noon-ish. Last year Covid-19 wiped out the Easter garage sale and this year we will hold it, irrespective of anything – that is how low we are in funds.

Any donations of clean, saleable, smaller items are welcomed, to help us raise desperately needed funds to keep the unit operational.

April also heralds our anniversary. This year we come into the 21st year of commitment and dedication to our waifs and strays in our community. The donations and hard yard fundraising we do and the support of those fundraisers is the only reason we continue to exist. It is however getting harder for us, with complicated health issues meaning that the unit’s future is in a very delicate position now.

Mewbies – my dear husband dealt with a couple, from Coromandel I think, with a very, very young black cat and two tabby kittens. We were told it was mum and two – just that the black being so small and young gave us concerns as to who and what that one was and whether it was just a random feline with the two kittens. The kittens – one male, big, healthy, very spitty and hissy; and a small cerebral girl Tam – who is dear wee girl with splay back feet, due to her grave condition. On coming here we chose to get the kittens up to the house units so I could work with them and both have flourished and are doing so well now. Tam certainly doesn’t hold back in cattitude nor in how fast she can move around the place. She is both cheeky, delightful and loves to attack moving knitting needles. The black “mum” is extremely shy and even after a week is still not coming out for pats or cuddles, which is a big problem. So their true story is questionable but nothing we can do, they are safe and in care and doing alright.

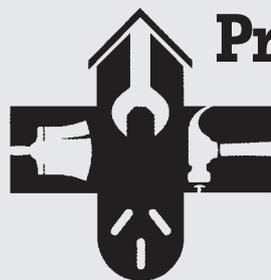
Lizzy – our naughty torty – the brat cat, she has now joined the house cat rules as in she may go outside. This actually only consists of our deck and racing hell bent up and down all afternoon, come inside panting like mad and flopping down; rest, then repeat. Wiki, our older boy, plays deck chasy with her which is pretty hilarious as they race toward the door and slide on in between them, so great games keeps everybody amused.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now; donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk all appreciated. Items for garage sale, books, toys, clothes, shoes, linen, knick knacs, bric-a-brac, etc., clean and saleable, purrlease ring us.

Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai/etc.) .

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## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

### Budget Advice

Welcome to April, we hope everyone is doing well. We have had a lot going on behind the scenes keeping us all extra busy. We have been lucky enough to have a new budgeting mentor join our team. Leigh has been in the budgeting sector for 17 years and brings with her a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. We are pleased she has ended up living in our area, wanting to be a part of the team and helping the members of our community.

If you would like 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

At the end of March, we said farewell to the lovely Brooke. Brooke had been with our service for over three years and has been pivotal in the operating of the Foodbank and the Community Garden. She has brought about positive changes including the way the Foodbank operates under the new Client Choice Pantry model. Brooke, we wish you all the best for the future. Thank you for your

tireless work and we hope you find some time for relaxing.

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 six- or twelve-pack eggs containers. These can be dropped off to the Budget Advisory office.

Jars and containers are no longer required.

### Community Garden

In the last couple of months we have had to make some big decisions regarding the Community Garden and how it works day to day for our service. We fully believe in the need to have a community garden operating, but for us, as such a small service, we felt we did not have the ability to continue this project in the most beneficial way for the community moving into the future. The land the garden sits on belongs to the Ministry of Education, therefore the Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees have requested any



expressions of interest from groups in the community who may be interested in running the garden be forwarded to them. Please contact Coromandel Area School to find out how to register your interest.

Brooke gives her thanks to the entire community for what they have given of themselves to keep this community asset running for so long, with a special shoutout to all of the volunteers who have donated their time and energy for the cause. It would have been absolutely impossible without you.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Brooke for all of the work she has done in the garden over the last three years. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped with the operation of the garden. It has been a great journey, and we look forward to seeing what is next for the Community Garden.

The sharing shelf will remain at the garden so please make use of it and post on our Coromandel Community Garden Facebook page when you have dropped items off.



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## Bike Park update

By Ally

The construction of the cross-country single trails has begun in the area known as the Kauri Block. This area was once the site of gold mining claims with colourful names like “Just in Time” and “Welcome Find”. Now we are pleased to be able to experience this area of regenerating bush with bike trails instead. There will be two loops, one that travels towards the west and will be a smaller flow-focused loop, and a longer more technical loop that heads south, initially gaining height via tight switchbacks to the top of the park with views out to the islands and over Coromandel Town then flowing downhill across the face above the old Bunker’s Hill mine site and towards the Coromandel Harbour. The trails are grade three technical rating, an intermediate skill level. They are 1.5 meters wide and designed to be ridden in a one-way direction.

The trails are being created with regard to the archaeological significance and history of the site and we have been working closely with local Iwi Te Patukirkiri and DOC to ensure the longterm impacts of the trails and preservation of the site is managed carefully. The cycle trails will not provide access onto the pa site or any areas of cultural significance and we will ask riders to respect this



and not to go off track, attempt to cross between tracks, or go beyond the bike park limits. It is a privilege for riders to have access into this unique site and we are very grateful for this access. And remember, the hillsides are riddled with mine shafts and adits, and we have picked the safe way through.

Interestingly, the Bunker’s Hill Claim you will be riding over was not considered to be very successful. It was opened in 1896 and closed 1907, and in that time 762 tons of quartz were crushed yielding almost 6,000 ounces of bullion. So, no need to get side-tracked into goldmining when you’re riding the trails!

At the start of the trails will be a Kauri Dieback wash station, that has been specifically created for cycles and riders. The crosscountry trails will have a single point of entrance and exit within the bike park and riders will be encouraged to come to the park with clean bikes, to reduce soil movement.

To be kept up to date on trail progress visit us @ridecoromandel or www.ridecoromandel.com.

We are hoping to open the trails mid-2021 after all construction and compliance has been completed.

If you would like to help with the park we’d love to have some helpers for the upcoming community planting day in June, and we’re also looking for volunteers who have a passion for mowing grass!

Please contact Keith Stephenson on 021 671 172 if you would like to help.

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### CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Tracey Smith of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Tracey has been nominated anonymously: “Tracey is an absolute asset to our community in her personal and professional capacity. She goes above and beyond her call of duty to ensure the Coromandel community is safe, that vulnerable are assisted and she constantly helps out wherever she can to make Coromandel a better place. Keep it up Tracey, all of your effort and acts are appreciated and constantly contributing to the betterment of Coromandel Town.”

Thanks for your community spirit Tracey, 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: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members



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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

### Digestion, or indigestion?

The human digestive tract is about 30 feet long.

The process of digestion, assimilation, and elimination take place at different stages of the gastrointestinal tract.

Your food must go through special pre-digestive stages before it can be assimilated and used as fuel. Carbohydrates (starches) become simple sugars, fats become fatty acids, and proteins break down to amino acids. The entire process culminating in elimination takes 16 to 24 hours in a healthy adult (as compared with an average 36 to 72 hours for the average modern western diet consumer).

The more food is chewed, the more active are the salivary glands located in and around your mouth.

Their function is to secrete enzymes which aid in the pre-digestion of starches. But they can only do their job when food is well chewed (masticated), so proper chewing is very important.

It is important to include bitter tasting foods with your meals. This activates a message to your brain, then back to your digestive tract, that food is on its way, and to get the digestive juices secreted to activate and optimise digestive function.

Once masticated, the food enters the first chamber of your stomach, where it will sit for up to one hour while food and salivary enzymes will continue to pre-digest it. Slowly your food descends into the tide of acidic digestive juices (hydrochloric acid, etc.) produced deeper in the stomach, where it is churned from side to side and saturated with the juices. Some food particles and juices are absorbed directly through the stomach wall. Ninety percent of your food, however, remains in your stomach, undergoing protein digestion before moving into your small intestine. The small intestine has millions of finger-like tentacles called villi, lining its interior walls. This creates a large surface area designed for maximum absorption of the essential nutrients from the foods you eat. Once absorbed, the nutrients are transported to the liver where they are filtered into your bloodstream and transformed into elements needed by your body. From the liver, your food (now blood) is sent to your lungs, where it picks up a fresh supply of oxygen before being sent out to every cell of your body.

Meantime, undigested food residues and fibre (your prebiotics) move into your colon before the absorption of available minerals and liquids. After the final stage of digestion, wastes are eliminated from your body.

### Food Combinations.

Different foods are acted on differently by the digestive tract.

Starchy foods require alkaline digestive juices which initially come from your mouth. Protein foods require the acidic juices formed in your stomach. When the acids mix with the alkaline juices, they tend to neutralise each other. Thus, the mixing of starches and protein foods at the same meal slows digestion of both, and indigestion occurs.

### Minerals

Minerals are vital for proper digestion. Are you absorbing the correct minerals, ideally from healthy foods you choose?

Know your mineral status – [www.activeelements.com](http://www.activeelements.com), username 259077, password 579819.

To avoid indigestion, optimise assimilation – healthy eating for a healthy body for life, it is important to follow simple rules:

- Prevent the need for Omeprazole, Losec, Quickeze, Mylanta and more. They may rid your symptoms, but not address the real cause of your indigestion or reflux, leading to maldigestion and malnutrition.
- Chew your food thoroughly, 30 or more chews per mouthful.
- Eat food that is warmed to room temperature. Excessively cold foods dilate your diaphragm.
- Eat raw food at mealtimes before cooked food.
- Sit and relax when eating.

For more detailed information and advice, I can help. Ph 021 046 1647

## Coromandel Community Market

Coromandel Community Market's new site is at the Hike & Bike Square, **every Friday morning in April 8.30am till 12.30pm**, opposite the bakery; a lovely atmosphere. At Easter the market will be on **Saturday 3 April** instead.

Come on down, sit and relax, listen to some live music and do some great shopping... cool down with a yummy ice cream, try a smoothie/shake. We have fresh fruit, veggies, breads, preserves, curries, spices, plants, organics, crafts, hempseed products. Try a tuning fork healing session or a massage, both great for pain relief, tension and relaxation.

Our last market this season is on **30 April**; they will recommence in **October 2021**.



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## Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

### Coromandel RSA

By Pat Williams

Wow, three months gone already; my how time flies. On reading thru the Summer Edition of The RSA Review, the posting of Deaths of Services Personnel is down to a half a page. Not that far back the Last Post was one or two whole pages. Thinking further back, in the 2nd World War our first troops, The 2nd NZ Expeditionary Force, left NZ in 1940. 81 years ago, so I guess these service men and women are becoming few and far between, hence not many deaths to record. Another thought I had, I and my two brothers are children of a 1st World War soldier, so we are, I suppose, becoming a rarity!

Our president and wife are back from their tour of the South Island sooner than anticipated, owing to the fact the vehicle was written off (Stoney not at fault). Luckily the caravan was parked up at the time of the accident. Thank goodness no physical injuries but I imagine the nerves might be all shook up.

I visited the Soldiers Memorial Forest in Hauraki Road recently and have some ideas on improvements! Hopefully I can gain some sort of traction. First job, get the notice board back in a prominent position! Would certainly like to get a display of Flanders Field Red Poppies going. Other areas do such things, why not Coromandel Town?

The Club upgrade has taken a lot longer than anticipated. I hope by the time you read this all work will be finished and the Club will be back, bigger and better.

Proverb for the month – “The Mill will never grind with water that is past.”

Bye for now. Be happy.

### Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver, President

Anzac Day is nearly here and we will be holding our usual Poppy Day sales on **Friday 16 April**. Our sights will be Coro Four Square and Coro Unichem. We will also have poppy boxes at other sights.

Our members have been busy knitting poppies and these will be on sale on the 16th.

A meeting to make all arrangements for Anzac Day has been held and we are all ready to go.

We are looking for new members so if you think you would like to join us just contact me (07) 866 8053

### Bowls Club

By Cherrie Rokela

Our annual Seafood Tournament was a great success in March, even though we lost six teams due to Covid restrictions in Auckland. The weather was fine, food delicious, and our visiting teams left Coromandel very happy with their weekend away, promising to return next year. Both winners of sections 1 and 2, were visiting teams (see photos).

A big thank you to our wonderful sponsors and club volunteers who continue to keep this tournament the best one of the year.

The club renovations have progressed really well in the past month... we are so looking forward to their completion very soon.

We have our final open tournament of the season, the Pepper Tree sponsored triples, coming up in April.

Hopefully this fine weather continues until then.

Our club champ teams are still playing the Thames Valley champ of champs. Congratulations to Colin Gawith for winning the men's singles title this year, and all of our other champ bowlers who were runners up.

And well done to all of the other club bowlers who represented our club in these events.

The second round of Twilight Bowls has been a huge success this year; please advise Linda Wright on 027 651 3477 if you wish to enter your team for the new season in November. Places are limited.

It is so rewarding for our club to be involved in such community spirit (and rivalry) at these events each year, and a lot of fun.

Come and join us on a Friday night for drinks, chat and a raffle or two. We would love to see you there.



### We are stronger together

By Christine Petrie, Thrive Coromandel Trust

“Collectively we do better; fragmented we are weak.” – Steve Meertens, CEO, Website Angels

Steve, the keynote speaker at a networking event hosted by the Coromandel Town Information Centre, has been working closely with the Information Centre since October 2020, marketing Coromandel and Colville as a destination of choice to Kiwi travellers.

Attendees learnt that digital marketing is like gardening, it needs tending little and often. Left for a while, businesses return to a mountain of work to get back to an even baseline. A successful digital marketing campaign is a combination of time, effort and money consistently applied. The huge structures behind the key players in the digital space, e.g., Facebook, Instagram and Google, make it difficult for amateurs to market their businesses online cost-effectively.

During the first lockdown last year the trustees and staff of the Coromandel Town Information Centre started thinking about how they could best support the region to attract domestic travellers. A collective digital marketing campaign was settled on and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board generously provided funding to support this over summer 2021.

Since then Website Angels have worked closely with the Information Centre marketing team to drive visitors to the [www.coromandeltown.nz](http://www.coromandeltown.nz) website and to our region. Through measuring performance and data segmentation Website Angels have constantly tuned the campaign to maximise the hits.

Where to from here? There is sufficient funding to continue the campaign through Easter and the school holidays. Businesses who would like to contribute some of their marketing budget to keep the campaign running through winter and into next summer, taking advantage of the insights gained to date, should contact the Information Centre.

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## Wild Stillness Retreats

By Beth Pearsall & Vanessa Edelsten

We are excited to announce our first retreat offering in the northern Coromandel. We create and hold space to deeply connect with self, each other and the natural world. Allow yourself to feel fully supported in the presence of these soul-sisters. We are here to facilitate the time, freedom and experiences to let you simply be.

The feminine bond between women is an incredibly precious thing. At Wild Stillness Retreats, we believe in the importance of nourishing this connection and finding ways to feel grounded and unified in this busy, modern world.

This Mother's Day weekend we will create the opportunity for you to go deeper and emerge knowing and understanding yourself a little more. Invite your mother, daughter, friend or other significant wahine to share this precious time, the sacred surroundings and collective experiences. With a small, intimate group size, this retreat will provide the space for not only love and understanding, but also fun and total relaxation.

The two-day Wild Stillness Retreat Programme includes:

- Daily sunrise yoga
- Evening yin yoga
- Guided meditations
- Feminine rituals
- Open floor dance



- Relaxing yoga nidra
- Nourishing vegetarian meals and snacks
- Wellness package on arrival

Nestled in the lush valley of Colville, you will feel spirited away from the rushing world and immersed in the gorgeous gardens of our local Buddhist retreat centre. The retreat will start at 5pm on **Friday 7 May** and finish with a closing circle at 3pm on **Sunday 9 May**.

This retreat is open to women\* 15 years and older. The perfect gift for Mother's Day! No previous experience of yoga or is meditation necessary.

\*All individuals identifying as female and/or non-binary welcomed.

### About Wild Stillness Retreats

*Vanessa Edelsten*

Vanessa is gracious and full of life's sparkle. She has an innate ability to intuit what others need and to give comfort and relief

that empowers. She has practiced yoga for 17 years and teaching for 10 years, having completed her 500-hour yoga teacher training with Ashram Yoga. Her classes are crafted to flow in the rhythms of nature and delivered with honesty, warmth and humour. Vanessa puts her students at the heart of every class, tuning in to the group and creating a safe space for all to deeply connect, ground and open. Vanessa is a devoted mother, exceptional cook, trained ecologist, wild dancer and fierce friend.

*Beth Pearsall*

The moment you meet Beth, you sense her genuine, joyful nature and feel instantly at ease. Her warmth with people and ability to create connection means she is a natural born facilitator. As a lover of life and nature, Beth is a trained ecologist, passionate cook, experienced sailor, avid gardener and keen surfer. Her true strengths, however, lie in cultivating the space for women to feel connected and empowered. Empowered to tune in to their inner nature and find connection both within, and with other women, in a manner that is so completely comfortable. Beth will be your guide and your cook on this journey. Lucky you.

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## Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière, Communications Manager

With all that is changing, in and around us, it feels like a potent time to be contributing in some way to the vision of a more harmonious relationship with the planet and each other.

At Mana, we are attempting to be as proactive as possible. We are starting with what is closest to home, what is realistic and achievable within our own context. It can be a little overwhelming to think about how one person or organisation can change the world, so we are simplifying things and taking it step by step.

We are educating ourselves and deepening our understanding of the issues that we are most interested in and their systemic context; local, sustainable food production; water conservation; local sharing and exchange economies; shifting to cleaner forms of transport and carpooling.

We are considering what we are good at, what we enjoy, what we have to offer in terms of planting seeds for a better tomorrow. If we love what we are doing then it is not a chore, which means the changes we are making can happen with ease instead of effort.

We are teaming up and working collaboratively, harnessing the diverse skills and passions within the community. It makes sense that our chef is inspired by researching new ways to source organic, New Zealand grown ingredients and our gardener is keen to find a better way to collect and store water. Between us we have enough passion, skill and experience to set the ball in motion; no one person has to do it all.

We are focusing on creating new patterns of activity and being that help contribute to a new paradigm. It is not about being overly ambitious. However, the changes we make do mean having to shift the old system or framework – not just work nicely alongside it.

It can be overwhelming to think about how we can personally make a difference. As individuals we don't really have the power to change the entire world, and that is okay. We can accept that and focus on what we can change, rather than obsessing over that which we can't.

Consider what you are passionate about. Is there a way that your interests and talents can be harnessed to contribute to a vision of a better world? What changes can you start to make today?

## Hon Scott Simpson

MP For Coromandel

I heard from a lot of people about the future of our emergency alert systems after the recent earthquakes which hit the Pacific and subsequently triggered tsunami warnings for much of New Zealand. This latest event came at the worst time for the council, who had announced the previous day that the siren system would be removed from around the region. There is a growing preference for emergency alerts to be sent to people digitally. I don't agree with this trend, because it assumes that everyone has a cellphone and overlooks that many of our more isolated coastal communities have limited connectivity. Moreover, the sounding of a siren is a well-understood message that there is an emergency and their continued use can only complement digital alerts. It seems a commonsense approach would keep both systems in place, because in an emergency the aim should be ensuring a clear message reaches as many people as possible.

Like many of you, I was disappointed with the messaging during the last community outbreak of Covid and the subsequent lockdown. Although we were able to carry on with most of our day-to-day lives, the shift to Level 2 meant that a lot of events were postponed around the Coromandel. Moreover, many of our towns were noticeably quieter without our regular Auckland visitors. Despite a year of disruptions our small businesses have proven incredibly resilient, but they can't be expected to keep going through this yo-yoing in and out of alert levels. With this in mind, it seems that the only plan for eliminating the use of lockdowns is for a widespread and successful vaccination rollout. We are finally and at long last getting a better idea of when and how this programme will be implemented. It's good that there is now enough of the Pfizer vaccine for everyone, but it's disappointing that many will have to wait until the end of winter to get their shots. I will be getting the vaccine when it becomes available and I encourage everyone to do so.





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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

Term 1 is proving to be full of exciting activities to keep our tamāriki busy!

### Junior camp

Sadly, due to the uncertainty around Covid-19 restrictions, and in the interests of Health and Safety for our school whānau, we had to postpone our annual Year 1-6 Camp at Tucks Bay.

Camp has been rescheduled to **Thursday 9 and Friday 10 December**. We would like to thank Des and Leanne for re-accommodating us and we are looking forward to an end of year camp this time around.

### Senior Sports by Geoff

Coromandel school sport is going to gain a massive amount of momentum this year especially if Covid-19 doesn't do its thing and all tournaments go ahead as usual.

Basketball should see four teams entered into the Thames Valley school competition. Rugby returns to the local school scene this year; girls' football is coming into a new generation as local students look to national opportunities.

Coromandel looks to enter AIMS Games again this year. This is an amazing Year 7/8 sporting experience. Central North Island Area School should be up and running again this year as Years 10-13 students take on board a week of coaching in Te Awamutu from **12-14 April**, vying for selection to attend the NZ Area School tournament held in Dunedin in Term 2.



The football girls will enter the Waikato Secondary Schools league again this year, eyeing opportunities at NZAS and NZSS national tournaments throughout the year. The squad are working as ambassadors for female wellbeing as part of their goal to use their success in sport as motivation for all young people.

Other sports on offer this term include the TVSSSA bowls in April. The local students will be excited about this opportunity as there are some great little bowlers out there!

Community sport will kick off this term for all those interested, after all why should the kids have all the fun? Please contact [k\\_oldridge@coroarea.school.nz](mailto:k_oldridge@coroarea.school.nz) if you have any questions about community social sport.

### Writing

By Rereanna Hartley

If I could change the world with my own two hands

I would remove every school in the whole entire universe  
Everybody would be rich, not poor  
And the kids would be in charge.

If I could change the world with my own two hands

Everybody would be able to fly  
Everybody's faces would be emojis  
At the click of their fingers people could change their hair colour  
This is what I would do if I could change the world with my own two hands.

By Cameron Evans

If I could change the world with my own two hands:

If I could change the world with my own two hands,

Climate change would be solved.  
The poor wouldn't be cold.  
There would be no pollution.  
Everything would have a solution.

If I could change the world with my own two hands,

Everyone would be paid  
A high yearly wage.  
Water would be clean.  
Nobody would be mean.

If I could change the world with my own two hands,

All food would be healthy  
All people would be wealthy  
Money would be printed faster,  
For the people who work harder.

If I could change the world with my own two hands,

All diseases would be cured.  
All the houses would be newer.  
You could see from any height.  
Crocodiles would not bite.

That's what would happen if I could change the world with my own two hands.

## Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal

We are settled into the new term and enjoying some of the improvements around the school property.

Over the summer break the tennis court was given a facelift with colourful astroturf. The school driveway was also given a makeover, with the construction team extending it to allow for additional parking, and with it then being resealed followed by

the line marking. A new pathway from the lower car park through the native grove has eased the congestion at the school gate during drop-off and pick up times. The junior children are enjoying new and much more pleasant toilet facilities.

The children have been involved in a variety of sporting



activities. The senior school held their swimming sports at the Coromandel Community Pool, and then returned a week or so later to join in with the Area School, Manaia and Colville students for more swimming. The junior school showcased their swimming skills in a display for parents at school. Two teams travelled to Coromandel for a cricket festival organised by Northern Districts Cricket. This was a fun day where the aspiring future Black Caps were able to show their batting and bowling skills. We are now starting to think about winter sports and getting soccer teams formed!

Meanwhile lots of learning is taking place in the classrooms. The inquiry this term is around looking after our local marine environment, particularly the Hauraki Gulf, knowing why we have marine reserves and the importance of looking after our sea bed. The senior children were fortunate to have one of our parents, Marine Scientist Dr. Kate James, come and speak to them.



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# Rangatahi CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN continued

## Colville School

By Susie Sumner, Principal



### Go Team Colville!

At Colville School we have seen lots of amazing teamwork this term. This includes our youngest preschoolers to our kaumātua. We are all part of the learning! The year started off with parents and staff taking part in a Garden to Table training day. We were learning how we can grow and harvest produce in our garden to create delicious, healthy food in our beautiful new kitchen. Learning to be part of a team develops key skills and grows positive relationships.

Our years 0-4 students in Kererū class have been reading a story about The Little Red Hen and learnt how she had to do things all by herself. We decided to write a different ending to our story. We worked as a team to bake some bread for all of our friends!

We love learning together! Contact us by email at [principal@colville.school.nz](mailto:principal@colville.school.nz) to book a time to visit and find out more about the learning at Colville School



## Colville Bay Pre School

By Elizabeth Mitchell

### Breathing, Meditation and Yoga

Here at Colville Bay Preschool, we do a lot of breathing exercises at mat time, before story time and throughout the day. We practice bee breathing, steam engine breathing and lots of other breathing techniques. These activities are perfect for regulating the breath and balancing oxygen levels in the body and it promotes relaxation in a fun way. Studies have shown that teaching kids mindfulness practices can build students' self-control, empathy, respect for fellow classmates and helps them to balance their emotions. The children also enjoy short meditations, being still and quiet with their eyes closed, and just listening for a minute or more. Then they all have a turn to quietly say what they heard. Another favourite is the five senses meditation, where they focus individually on sound, sight, smell, taste and touch. Giving children the tools to help them stay calm and focused and treat others and themselves with respect and appreciation, is a gift they will carry as they grow. We are truly fortunate to have one of our parents, Vanessa Edelsten (500hr qualified yoga teacher), come in and take the tamariki on a Yoga Story Adventure on Thursday mornings. So far, we have been on a Yoga Pirate Adventure and a Yoga Wizard Adventure, where Vanessa tells a story that weaves in the yoga poses. We end by saying three calming, grounding oms. Next week we are going on a Yoga Jungle Adventure. We also have an ongoing Gratitude Practice, where we pick a specific thing that we are grateful for, that brings us happiness and joy. We may focus on our bodies, our families, our preschool or the nature around us. Having an attitude of gratitude improves your physical and mental health and helps build positive relationships. The tamariki really enjoy these activities and it contributes to a sense of wellbeing, empowerment and belonging.

Colville Bay Preschool, 2391 Colville Road, Colville (07) 866 8319

## Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

School Term Times: Tues and Thurs 3pm-5pm, Fri 2-4pm, Friday night 6.30-8.30pm (school yrs 6-10), Sunday 1-4pm. Please make a gold coin donation.

All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

School Holiday Times – Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 11am-4pm, \$2 per child, Friday Night 6.30pm – 8.30pm (school yrs 6-10) and Sun 1-4pm.

Youth Group is for 5 years and over. There is a variety of activities to choose from; just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips.

For more information call in or telephone us on (07) 866 7061. Closed: Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday.

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust. Also Star & Garter Hotel's Give a Little Pizza Sundays

## Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody



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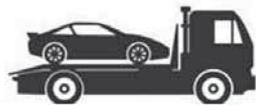
It has been such a positive start to the year. Our theme for this term is Respect (Manaakitanga) and our catchphrase is "I'm proud of where I come from, I'm proud of who I am, I'm proud to be a Kiwi, because a Kiwi Can!". So far we have explored our first module: Respect for Ourselves. We did this by making a food pyramid with food and packaging generously provided by Four Square Coromandel. This activity was a visual demonstration of how we can show respect to ourselves and our bodies by what food and drinks we consume. It was a great lesson written by Danielle – our newest Kiwi Can leader. He mahi pai, Danielle! Damian approached Kiwi Can at the end of last year wanting to be a part of our local programme. Thank you Damian for reaching out and helping us create this lesson for the tamariki. It's amazing to see the time and effort you put into our community!

Kiwi Can is also hosting an Easter Movie Night Fundraiser! Bring a pillow to the Coromandel Area School Library on **Thursday 1 April** at 5pm to watch Hop with us! \$2 entry and there will be food and drinks for sale. Hope to see you all there!

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team! 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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# Arts

## Carnivorous Plant Society

By Robin Münch

Carnivorous Plant Society are back!

New Zealand's favourite psychedelic jazz band will take you on a journey from the streets of Mexico City to the mountains of Asia then straight to the depths of hell!

The talented quartet of four of New Zealand's most accomplished

musicians perform their original compositions that will ignite the imaginations of both children and adults alike.

The stories told in the music are echoed visually by hand-drawn animations drawn by band-leader Finn Scholes, who happens to be NZ's best trumpet player (and who also plays tuba, vibraphone, piano, and organ).

Stories of dystopian futures, alien empires and trans-dimensional travel will unfold and your mind is guaranteed to melt.

### The Talented Band

Finn Scholes the band leader, has been playing trumpet, keyboards and vibraphone professionally for the last 15 years. He has performed with many great acts including Tiny Ruins, Hopetoun Brown, Lawrence Arabia, Neil Finn, The Rodger Fox Big Band and the Auckland Chamber Orchestra. He is also known for his psychedelic animations and art work.

Eric Scholes is one of New Zealand's top bass players. He studied classical double bass at Baltimore University and has performed several concertos. He is interested in many different musical genres, and has played in the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra, the Auckland Chamber Orchestra, jazz and rock'n'roll bands, and the mighty punk band The DHDfDs.

Brett Adams started his music career in NZ pop sensations The Mockers before moving to the UK. With Dianne Swann he formed The Julie Dolphin, and they were chosen as Radiohead's opening act in The Bends tour. Back in NZ, they are now known as The Bads and Brett has become an in-demand guitarist, playing with artists such as Tim Finn, Rodriguez, The Exponents and Tami Neilson.

Michael Barker has been one of Melbourne's top session drummers and percussionists for much of his professional career. There he played with many famous groups including Tim Finn, Neil Finn and the John Butler Trio. On his return to New Zealand he formed the band Swamp Thing, which took the country by storm. His skills on the drums, congas, vibraphone and marimba are not to be missed.

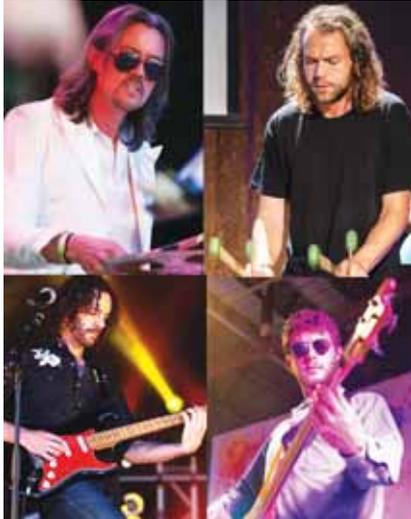
Sean Martin-Buss is a Tāmaki Makaurau based multi-instrumentalist who has performed with a wide variety of groups – most notably Scuba Diva, The Beths, Hans Pucket, Dead Little Penny, Blackbird Ensemble, and Creme Jean. Sean specialises in improvisational/experimental music as well as jazz and good old fashioned rock 'n' roll but owes it all to his roots in classical piano and AC/DC guitar solos.

Date: **Sunday 25 April** 7.30pm (doors open and bar available from 7pm).

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, 180 Tiki Rd, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.

Tickets: \$25 from Coromandel Town Information Centre ph. (07) 866 8598.

Door sales if not sold out prior.



## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Ooops! I missed the deadline last month so I am getting my act together this month.

A couple of weeks ago we sadly farewellled Annette Bishop and Phil Smith who have moved to Taupo. Annette was one of the original members of Pastel Artists Coromandel and we have enjoyed her company and beautiful paintings for several years. She has always been so helpful with all of the newbies' questions about pastel. We will miss her ready wit, knowledge and cheerfulness. We will also miss Phil's help, especially at exhibition time. Our loss is Taupo's gain but we hope to see Annette from time to time when she comes back to visit and join in our workshops.

On 13/14 February our club hosted a workshop with Julie and Michael Freeman as tutors. The workshop was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Michael and Julie are renowned national and international pastel artists who produce fantastic photorealistic work. Everyone who attended wanted to know how they could achieve the same results. Julie and Michael were very generous with their information and ideas and we all came away with plenty of enthusiasm and a few weeks' work to carry on with. Many thanks to Julie and Michael for an excellent weekend.

As Tuesday mornings clash with some of our members' other interests we are now trialling Wednesday mornings as our meeting time. If you wish to come along to either join us or just to see what we do, we meet every Wednesday morning from 9.00am to 12 noon in the Coromandel Aero Clubrooms on Tiki Road.

Phone: Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma (07) 866 8829



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# Arts continued

## Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray.

Here we are again, back into the swing of things. We had our first paint-out for the year, and the weather was really kind to us. We met at the cemetery, not your usual landscape scene, but it proved really interesting. The trees and surrounding area were beautiful and shady, and the history and headstones told stories of days gone by. The ornate railings around some of the graves told of the status in the community of the person they were protecting. All in all it was a fascinating morning, and it tweaked my interest enough to go home and again read the history of the cemetery in the Coromandel book *In Search of the Rainbow*.

The following week would have been good for painting pouring rain, much needed, but not on Thursday mornings.

The beauty of sketching and painting out on location allows you to collect a lot of invaluable work to refer to when winter comes and you have to paint indoors. It also gives you a real feel for the place where you are, and how the changing light affects the whole scene.

New members welcome. Come to the St Andrews Church Hall on Thursdays at 9am, or phone Ross (07) 866 8310 or Barbara (07) 866 7728



Due to popular demand, a photo of Lindsay Nicholls and her winning painting "Canterbury Glow". Selected by our People's Choice judges

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# Environment



## Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue



Forest & Bird have frequently commented on the importance of our vanishing coastal wetlands for wildlife and their value to people as a filter of run-off and sediment. 90% of the wetlands that were here on the day that Banks and Cook sailed by are now gone.

Coromandel is fortunate to have a coastal wetland at McGregor Bay, although it deserves better recognition and protection as a Scenic Reserve by both our local and regional councils.

This poem elegantly expresses our sentiments about the importance of wetlands to us all. Surely it is time to find a creative solution that protects the integrity of the McGregor Bay wetland, is acceptable to adjacent landowners and allows our community and our visitors to enjoy this special area.

### Tide

You had to be there that morning after the concrete slab was dropped broken into two neat pieces leaving the king tide to rise and rise you had to be there to see the water snake its way along never forgotten song lines the shimmering threads through mangrove reeds rushes over silt like the blood starting after a long winter hibernation a conversation you'd begun years ago and remembered the sheer poetry of it the way someone put words together made you see the world the old gods you had to be there to see a determined moon with luminous fingers enticing ocean and sky braiding dun rushes the red beaded oioi quenching the dry that morning the moment the gate came down you had to be there to hear them say it was the work of vandals eco terrorists a new slab of concrete must replace the old keep the tide out hold back the water starve the wetlands you had to be there.

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By John Veysey

Inhumane cruelty has become an accepted part of wild animal poisoning in New Zealand. It is accepted by the poisoners but not by the rest of the public, who are often enraged when they witness animals, often their own domestic animals, suffering excruciating pain from one of these poisons. This level of cruelty would not be accepted in any other country in the world but in New Zealand the government is forcing their inhumane treatment of animals upon us.

DOC scientists have put together a list of all of the poisons used to kill wild animals in NZ. 1080 appears halfway down this list, which is tabled in order of how inhumane each poison is deemed to be. All of the residual rat poisons are deemed inhumane.

The major local animal poison users simply accept the suffering they are inflicting. Some never think about it, none of them will talk about it. Every person who fills a bait station with a residual poison is intentionally inflicting extreme cruelty on all kinds of creatures. In some cases the only time they visit an area is to fill a bait station with poison and never go back to see the results.

**Moehau Environment Group**

**Raffle Fundraiser**

Make sure to grab a ticket (or two) in our “Fish the Tongariro” fundraising raffle. The prize consists of three nights’ accommodation at the lovely Tongariro Lodge and two full days guided fishing for up to two people. The prize package is valued at \$1,700 and was donated to us by a generous supporter. Tickets cost \$20 each and are available to purchase from Coromandel Town Information Centre or email us at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz).

The raffle will be drawn on **29 April** and the prize must be used by the end of October 2021.

**Ferret Found**

Unfortunately, we’re disappointed to announce that we caught our first ferret in the northern Coromandel last month. The odd remains were found in a trap in the Port Charles area and were brought in for further identification.

We also caught another ferret on a trap line within our Coromandel Kiwi Project, the 5th so far in this project area.

Ferrets are the largest of the mustelid family and are about the same size as a small cat. Introduced to NZ in the late 1800’s as a natural predator of rabbits, ferrets have turned their attentions to our natives and unlike stoats, have the ability to kill adult kiwi.

We will be working with the Department of Conservation, taking samples of any ferrets caught in our trapping network, to build a genetic database.

**Oh Rats!**

Rats are a challenging pest to manage with their penchant for swimming, year-round breeding and huge litters, and it seems like they’re starting their annual move from the bush down into more urban areas.

As the food sources in the forest wane and the temperatures start to get cooler, rats make the move into more comfortable surroundings, i.e. our homes! This means rats hanging out at the compost bin, rats in the ceiling, rats chewing the electrical wiring, etc.

One of our local volunteers purchased a new rat trap from us recently for their backyard and has caught seven rats in eight days! They received one of our new “user-friendly” rat traps and are raving about how much cleaner it is and how easy it is to set compared to more traditional style rat traps.

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If you’d like to do some rat trapping in your backyard our rat traps are available for purchase for just \$25 each. Email us at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz) to order.

Have a great month everyone!

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**McGregor Bay Wetland**

Last year we asked a group of students from Coromandel Area School to design and paint a new sign for the McGregor Bay Wetland. Five year 9 students and one year 1 student spent as much time as they could under the supervision of Pete Sephton to come up with a colourful and expertly made sign which is finally in place. We are thrilled with the result. Thanks must go to the students Tai, Rain, Carter, Mitchell, Marigold and Tegan as well as to The Coromandel Lions Club who provided funding to pay for all of the materials.



The CAS artists from left: Marigold, Rain, Tai, Carter, Mitchell and in the front, Tegan

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# Sport

## 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 April is gurnard. Congratulations to Ta Lei Russek who won FOM for February with a kingfish weighing 10.305kgs.

Our "Classy Chicks" tournament was held on 27 February - we had a terrific turnout with 117 ladies registering. There were some great catches and lots of fun was had at the prizegiving. Please read our advert for the list of sponsors in next month's issue, all of which have kindly donated most of the prizes won. Our main prize, for the Average Weight, was a \$1,500 travel voucher - \$500

of this was sponsored by Coromandel and Whitianga Takeaways and Fresh Fish. We had loads of spot prizes as well as prizes for some of the skippers. Without our generous sponsors we could not hold such an amazing event.

Results of the tournament are as follows:

- 1st Snapper - Gayle Berghan 7.927kgs
- 2nd Snapper - Kimberley Leckie 7.112kgs
- 3rd Snapper - Megan Andrews 6.477kgs
- 1st Mystery Weight Snapper - Ester Burnie 2.905kgs
- 2nd Mystery Weight Snapper - Kimberley Leckie 3.412kgs
- Average weight Snapper - Maree Hobern 1.555kgs
- 1st Trevally - Angela Webster 2.930kgs
- 2nd Trevally - Devon Newton 2.919kgs
- 3rd Trevally - Tania McNeil 1.040kgs
- 1st Kahawai - Lisa Westlake 2.471kgs

- 2nd Kahawai - Charmaine Martel 2.462kgs
- 3rd Kahawai - Kay Narstrom 2.317kgs
- John Dory - Jillanne Robertson 1.415kgs

We also need to mention the amazing costumes worn by the ladies for the dress-up



Classy Chicks - Rocking Rock Cods

parade, the theme being something beginning with the letter "R". The winners were:

- 1st - Rocking Rock Cods
- 2nd - Royal Flush
- 3rd - Reel Random Rebels
- 4th - Rubics Cubes
- 5th - Ragdolls

People's choice - Rucken Ruddy Roosters  
Committee choice - Rainbow Fishettes

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](mailto:coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com).

Here's to tight lines as always.



Classy Chicks - Rucken Ruddy Roosters

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

With autumn approaching the days are a little cooler which makes for more comfortable playing conditions. If you've never tried this fascinating game, now might be the right time. It's suitable 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. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club



## Coromandel Golf Club

By Darryl Okeeffe - a broken golfer!

"She's Done It Again!"

You may recall the heading in the last issue of the Golf Club newsletter, "Hole in One". Well, if you hadn't already figured it out, yes Marilyn MacKenzie has yet another of those elusive goals that every golfer aspires to! Almost exactly a month to the day on exactly the same hole, another hole in one! A very rare feat indeed and another huge congratulations from all of us at the club! Poor Marilyn (and playing partners!) had to finish the last four or five holes in the drenching rain to make sure she did her 18 holes so her hole in one could be officially recognised!

The 1st round of the men's Hekter Cup kicked off on 6 March. This is the best of two rounds out of three nett score (whatever score you shoot minus your handicap). Calvin Gibson proved untouchable with a nett 66 followed three shots back with a nett 69 by Peter Richardson and Kevin O'Keeffe with a nett 70. Two more rounds to go in this competition so anything can happen.

The men's Championship Pennants (handicaps of 12? or less) and Handicap Stroke play Pennants teams are also competing at the moment. Results of these competitions will follow next month.

Also the ladies' Pennants team played their 1st round at Pauanui on 1 March and came away running 2nd so great result for them with two more rounds to go at Paeroa and Thames.

The next big event on the calendar (apart from the Fire Brigade tournament on **4 April!**) is our club centenary - that's 100 years of golf in our little community! This is on the weekend of **17 and 18 April** and will be a big event. If you have any stories, pictures, information, etc., that may be of interest to us, please get in touch with us down at the golf club. This an event to be celebrated so any extra info would be greatly appreciated.

Remember, golf is hard (but fun!) and this little statement just about sums it up! Golf balls are like eggs. They're white. They're sold by the dozen. And a week later you have to buy some more!



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## MitoQ K2 Cycle Event Saturday 10 April – new date

### Estimated times for riders around the Peninsula

Please note that in our last article we said that if we had to postpone because of Covid-19 that the event would be in March 2022. Because so many events have been cancelled around the country with hundreds of disappointed riders we wanted to give it another go – fingers crossed that Covid-19 levels around the entire country are at Level 1. If the entire country isn't at Level 1 on 10 April, then we will have to postpone until March next year.

The MitoQ K2 is an annual cycling event that takes place on SH25 going anti-clockwise around the Coromandel Peninsula. Each year it is based around one of four Coromandel townships. This year Tairua will be hosting the event.

We are expecting close to 900 riders in total.

There are three distances: MitoQ K2 –

192km – starts and finishes in Tairua; Tineli K1 – 106km – starts in Coromandel Town and finishes in Tairua; Nicholas Browne Challenge – 53km – starts in Thames and finishes in Tairua.

It would be a great help if people would avoid unnecessary travel on the day, or avoid the roads when they are at their busiest with cyclists. The following notes will give you an idea where the main bunches of cyclists will be traveling throughout the day on the peninsula.

The first race off the blocks is the K2 Elite Men. This starts from Tairua at 7.00am on Saturday morning. It is followed by the main field of 500 riders which start in groups of 60 riders, 4 minutes apart, from 7.15am to 8.00am. These riders will be on the road between Tairua and Whitianga for the next two hours with the first riders coming through Whitianga at around 8.15am and the last riders coming through around 9.30am.

They carry on to Coromandel and will be on Whitianga/Coromandel road from 8.15am till around 12.30pm.

The front runners in the K2 will arrive in Coromandel at around 9.30am and will be heading over the Kereta hills to Thames. They will be joined by around 400 K1 riders

who start from Coromandel in a staggered formation between 10.30am and 11.15am.

The Coromandel to Thames road will be busy with cyclists from around 9.30am till around 2.00pm.

The last stage of the race, Thames to Tairua, sees the start of around 100 riders in the Nicholas Browne Challenge from 9.30am. Expect to see riders from 9.45am on the Kopu Hikuai road. The first of the K2 riders will arrive on the Kopu Hikuai from around 10.45am with the remaining riders in the field coming through until 3.30pm.

The first riders will start to arrive at the finish line in Tairua from around 10.45am onwards.

If you have any questions regarding the event please check the K2 website at [www.arcevents.co.nz](http://www.arcevents.co.nz). Alternatively ring Rita Stephenson on 027 210 3734, Keith Stephenson on 021 671 172 or Andy Reid on 027 492 1348.

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22 Mar - 28 Mar	-	-	-	-	8:45 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
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5 Apr - 11 Apr	4:30 PM	-	-	-	8:45 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
12 Apr - 18 Apr	-	-	-	-	8:45 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
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26 Apr - 2 May	4:30 PM	-	-	-	8:45 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM

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### Every Day

Free meditation at Mahamudra (except during silent retreats).....8.30-9am

### Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am

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 ..... 4.10pm

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, \$10-15.

Contact 027 407 0079 .....5.30-6.45pm

Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 ..... 7-9pm

### Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.

Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 9.50-11.20am

Wing Chun Kung Fu. Internationally recognised Sifu. Waikato Events Centre.. 4pm

Taichi classes, Anglican Church Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478..... 4pm

### Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am

Coro Bowls club day..... 9.30am

Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time..... 9-11am

Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 ..... 9am-12pm

Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) ..... 10am

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am

Zumba class every Thursday (school term only), Coromandel Area School Hall,

Claire 021 653 650 ..... 5.30-6.30pm

Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only.

Contact 021 124 7267 .....5-6.15pm

### Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am

Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152..... 9am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 ..... 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome ..... 5.30pm

### Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available.

President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576 (except 9, 16 and 23 January).... 3.30-7pm

### Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service ..... 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 1pm

### Monthly

**1st Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,  
Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm

**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,  
Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm

**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,  
Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 ..... 10am-3pm

**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.  
President 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

**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.  
President Sue Hughes 07 211 9774 ..... 7pm

**Last Thurs** – Green Drinks at Star & Garter ..... 5pm

**1st & 3rd Sun** – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road..... 10am

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5	Easter Monday Sand Mandela Dissolution Ceremony at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 12.59am (2.8m), 1.20pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.09am (0.7m), 7.32pm (0.7m)
6	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 36)	High tide 2.01am (2.7m), 2.22pm (2.6m) Low tide 8.13am (0.8m), 8.38pm (0.8m)
7	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 14)	High tide 3.05am (2.7m), 3.26pm (2.5m) Low tide 9.16am (0.8m), 9.44pm (0.8m)
8	Sand Mandela open to visitors at Mahamudra (see pg 6) Kiwi Can Easter Movie Night Fundraiser (see pg 30)	High tide 4.05am (2.7m), 4.29pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.16am (0.8m), 10.45pm (0.8m)
9	Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) "The Natural World" photography exhibition opens (see pg 16)	High tide 5am (2.7m), 5.26pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.1.10am (0.7m), 11.38pm (0.7m)
10	Mito Q K2 Cycle Event - NEW DATE (see pg 35) RSA AGM	High tide 5.51am (2.7m), 5.17pm (2.6m) Low tide 12pm (0.7m)
11	Coromandel Golf Club are celebrating 100 years (see pg 3 & 34) St Andrews Union Church, 10am. Ruth Erford-Bar	High tide 6.37am (2.8m), 7.03pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.24am (0.7m), 12.45pm (0.6m)
12	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 36)	High tide 8.01am (2.8m), 8.23pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.45am (0.6m), 2.06pm (0.6m)
13	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 36)	High tide 8.01am (2.8m), 8.23pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.45am (0.6m), 2.06pm (0.6m)
14	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 14)	High tide 8.40am (2.7m), 9pm (2.8m) Low tide 2.22am (0.6m), 2.43pm (0.5m)
15	Poppy Day (see pg 26) Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) Finding Calm in Turbulent Times starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 9.18am (2.7m), 9.35pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.59am (0.7m), 3.19pm (0.6m)
16	End of School term 1 Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) Living and Dying Peacefully Weekend Meditation Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 9.55am (2.6m), 10.11pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.36am (0.7m), 3.56pm (0.6m)
17	Trash and Treasure Car Book Sale in Fairua (see ad pg 7) Coromandel Golf Club are celebrating 100 years (see pg 3 & 34)	High tide 10.33am (2.6m), 10.49pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.14am (0.8m), 4.33pm (0.7m)
18	Coromandel Golf Club are celebrating 100 years (see pg 3 & 34) St Andrews Union Church, 10am. Ruth Erford-Bar	High tide 11.12am (2.5m), 11.31pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.56am (0.8m), 5.13pm (0.7m)
19	DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle May issue	High tide 11.55am (2.4m) Low tide 5.41am (0.8m), 5.57pm (0.8m)
20	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 36)	High tide 12.18am (2.5m), 12.42pm (2.4m) Low tide 6.31am (0.9m), 6.47pm (0.8m)
21	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 14)	High tide 1.10am (2.5m), 1.35pm (2.4m) Low tide 7.26am (0.9m), 7.45pm (0.8m)
22	Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) Living and Dying Peacefully Weekend Meditation Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 2.08am (2.5m), 2.34pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.25am (0.8m), 8.48pm (0.8m)
23	Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) Living and Dying Peacefully Weekend Meditation Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 3.08am (2.6m), 3.37pm (2.5m) Low tide 9.23am (0.8m), 9.50pm (0.8m)
24	"Take a Kid Fishing" Competition (see pg 34)	High tide 4.05am (2.7m), 4.38pm (2.6m) Low tide 10.21am (0.7m), 10.48pm (0.6m)
25	Anzac Day St Pauls Kennedy Bay, 10.30am. Rev Maku Potae Carnivorous Plant Society perform at Anglican Church Hall (see pg 3) Easy Beat Hifi - Ska/Rocksteady/Reggae Pepper Tee, 2-6pm	High tide 5.01am (2.8m), 5.36pm (2.8m) Low tide 11.16am (0.5m), 11.42pm (0.5m)
26	Anzac Day observed	High tide 5.54am (3.0m), 6.31pm (3.0m) Low tide 12.09pm (0.4m)
27	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 36) Youth Yoga Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 28)	High tide 6.47am (3.1m), 7.23pm (3.1m) Low tide 12.33am (0.3m), 1.01pm (0.2m)
28	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 14)	High tide 7.39am (3.1m), 8.14pm (3.2m) Low tide 1.24am (0.2m), 1.52pm (0.1m)
29	Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) Living and Dying Peacefully Weekend Meditation Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 8.32am (3.2m), 9.04pm (3.2m) Low tide 2.15am (0.2m), 2.42pm (0.1m)
30	Coromandel Community Market 8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 25) Living and Dying Peacefully Weekend Meditation Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 6)	High tide 9.24am (3.1m), 9.55pm (3.2m) Low tide 3.06am (0.2m), 3.33pm (0.1m)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May
- Sat 1 - Seafood Fest (see pg 18)
- Sun 2 - End of Season Fun at The Waterworks (see ad pg 19)
- Wed 5 - Coromandel SeniorNet AGM (see pg 15)
- Thu 6 - Coromandel Grey Power AGM (see pg 13)
- 7-9 - A Mother's Day Weekend Retreat (see pg 6 & 27)

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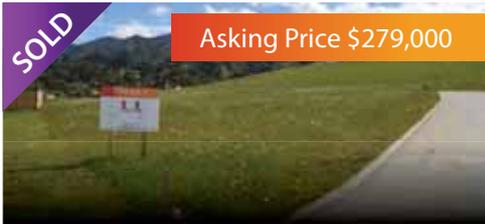
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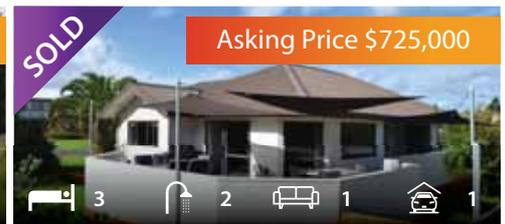
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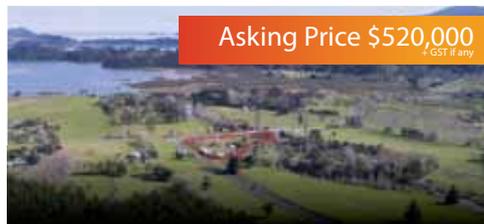


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