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.....Editor's comment

It's been strange having Easter weekend start in March and it not being part of the school holidays. As I am writing this the end of term is approaching – but then I realise there are two weeks after Easter of school term as well!

The calendar (see page 30) isn't that full this month, but the most important thing to take note of is putting your clocks back on **Sunday 7 April!** The big April events are A Taste of Matarangi on **Saturday 6 April**, and the Take-A-Kid Fishing tournament on **Saturday 27 April**. I hope the weather will be good for both.

Sorry, I got the moon dates wrong on the March calendar (they were March 2023 dates!). I corrected the online version of the Chronicle once alerted to this error.

Have a good month,

Debbie

..... Letters

Hauraki Herald newspaper

Hey Coromandel Town!

Some of you may have read in the last *Hauraki Herald* on 1 March that this was the final edition. Unfortunately, this is true. Recently the *Hauraki Herald* was printed in Wellington, and it was noticeable that the news was not local or recent. I was given four days' notice, however at this stage I am still delivering advertising materials.

On this note, I am available for any business if they wish to do a letterbox drop to the residents.

I am also still available to do Test and Tag for your work, kitchens, and your home safety on all electrical appliances. Only single phase currently including all Residual Current Devices (RCD's).

Thank you for your attention.

Logan Nicholls, Coromandel Town

Privet and Pines

I heartily endorse Ben Conway's letter in the February Chronicle re privet. However, I would like to go one further and add wilding pines to the list. When I was young (some 70 years ago) the backdrop to Coromandel Town was beautiful regenerating native bush. However, over the intervening years, there has been an explosion of wilding pines. The native bush is rapidly being smothered, Nothing grows under pine trees. The same goes for the Kauri Block to the west of town, and parts of Preece Point. The late Keith Stephenson got rid of a lot from the Kauri Block, but even more remain. Some are even endangering the integrity of the power supply to Wyuna peninsula.

We need a concerted effort to control these horrible imports; they have well and truly worn out their welcome.

Regards,

Nigel Strongman, Coromandel Town

Where has our ambulance gone?

Have you noticed that the two-bay ambulance station built by the community is empty? The late Tom Whittle spent many hours organising the construction of the facility to serve our community. I know of two locals who gifted \$100,000 each to facilitate the new station, and another local who donated his house, along with many other donations.

Coromandel bought its first ambulance some 70 years ago, and it was driven by volunteers. It was housed in the old fire station. In 1985, when the new fire station was built on Tiki Road, it was then housed in a totally inadequate shed at the old hospital. Many local volunteers manned the ambulance. Fire Brigade and Ambulance volunteers worked very well together. The local Fire Brigade is still a volunteer brigade, and now attends many medicals in the absence of the ambulance.

Prior to retiring after 50 years as a volunteer fire fighter, as well as 10 years as a volunteer driver for the ambulance service, I met with the area managers for both Ambulance and Fire and Emergency NZ. I was told that the ambulance was to be replaced by a First Response Unit to be located in the Coromandel Ambulance Station, and ambulances would be moved around during the day to be better suited to serve the whole area. I didn't agree, but I was reminded that as Chief Fire Officer, the decision had been made between Fire and Ambulance and to keep quiet, which I did.

Since then, I know of lots of people who have waited hours for the ambulance to attend. I personally had a quick response early one Sunday morning when the ambulance happened to be in Coromandel. We are also very fortunate to have our three doctors and prime nurses available, but no transport. The Fire Brigade was donated a brand new Toyota van by Tim Turner which is jammed into the replica museum, however the ambulance station is empty. Why can't we go back 50-plus years and work alongside each other for the good of our aging community?z
John Walker QSM, Ex Chief Fire Officer, Coromandel Town

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CILT Community Hub opening

By Debbie Morgan

CILT had the official opening of Coromandel’s new Community Hub “Te Pūtahi Whaiora” on Friday 23 February. The rain stayed away, there were karakia and speeches were made. We heard about the drive of Mike Noonan, former CILT executive trustee, to get this building built and everyone involved in making it happen. Mike Noonan cut the ribbon and we were welcomed inside to look around the lovely new building. It looks like it will be a great space for CILT to run their projects from.

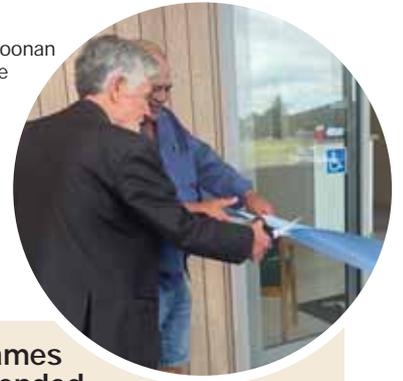


Above: Mike Noonan speaks to the crowd



Left: Mayor Len Salt with CILT Trustee Vicki Sephton

Mike Noonan cuts the ribbon



Coromandel Town- Thames Connector bus trial extended

The free trial of the Connector bus service between Coromandel Town and Thames has been extended for a further three months until **Tuesday 18 June**.

Almost 300 trips have been made on the service since it began on 18 December 2023. This Connector service is funded by a government storm recovery grant, in order to reconnect our communities.

The bus leaves at 8am from Coromandel Town and returns at 10am. Then a bus leaves Thames at 3pm, returning directly after. Check details out online by searching “TCDC Coromandel Bus”.

There is currently no further funding secured for our Council to continue the trial past 18 June. Waikato Regional Council (WRC) is responsible for the long-term planning, management and provision of public transport in our region. TCDC will be sharing the data and feedback from the trial with WRC and the government in order to discuss options for funding local transport options long-term. WRC are currently considering the region’s transport options for inclusion in their 2024-2034 Long Term Plan and in the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2024–2054 (RLTP).

Have you used the bus to Thames yet?

Introducing Father Andy

Hi everyone, I’d like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to the community here in Coromandel Town. My name is Andy and I’m the Assistant Priest at Christ Church Anglican Church on Tiki Road. Some of you may already know me or may have seen me wandering about the town because I’ve been coming to Coromandel for some time on a once a month basis to conduct worship at Christ Church.



We’re originally from the UK and moved to Aotearoa New Zealand 12 years ago and currently live in Auckland where I work as a specialist nurse at Te Toku Tumai, Te Whatu Ora (what was Auckland District Health Board) and I am licenced as Assistant Priest at St. Luke’s Church, Mount Albert. We have recently purchased a house in Greenhills where we will live once retired from full-time employment in April this year and I’ll be taking up the role of priest-in-charge at Christ Church.

The church has been an important focus in the life of the community in every generation and people have come to Christ Church in times of joy and in times of sadness, to share their experiences of life and find comfort and support. It is a lovely building with a history that goes back many years and continues to be an important part of the community but more importantly it is home to a warm and friendly group of people who value what the church stands for and who are keen to share with others why that is so. The church is quite small but there are a few empty seats at our weekly service of Holy Communion at 10am on Sunday mornings so I’m hoping that some of you may like to visit us, perhaps for the first time or maybe to reconnect with the church after a break, to find out something more about the Christian way and what the faith may have to offer you.

Our service is a traditional Anglican church service yet it has an air of informality about it and everyone – yes everyone – gets a genuine and warm welcome when they visit. We are an open and inclusive community and there’s a seat for you. If the service is not for you, then perhaps a cup of tea or coffee and a savoury or cake may suit you better, which we share together at 11am after the service.

Christ Church is also here for occasional services such as baptisms, naming ceremonies, weddings and funerals. It’s been such a delightful experience to gradually become part of the life of the town over the past few years and I hope very much to connect with many of you personally in the future.

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Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services



With cooler temperatures in the mornings, autumn is well and truly upon us. Although that means we may be past the peak flea season, it pays to be informed as prevention needs to be practiced year-round. Fleas are very common in New Zealand, particularly the ones found on our beloved pet dogs and cats. These can often find their way into our homes which can end up causing us, as well as our pets, discomfort.

Fleas are tiny, brown/black, wingless insects that look like they have been flattened sideways. They are amazing jumpers (for their size), and adults are parasitic, meaning they require a host to feed from. A female flea can only reproduce after it has had a blood feed but is capable of laying several hundred eggs in her lifetime, so you can see how they can rapidly become an issue!

The lifecycle of a flea has four stages – egg, larva, pupa and adult. Eggs are often laid on the host, but then fall off onto the carpet, pet bedding, etc. Once the larvae hatch, they burrow down away from the light and feed on any organic material they can find. Next they form a pupa, or cocoon, which in optimal conditions an adult flea may be ready to emerge from after a week or two. However, they also can remain dormant for up to 18 months, only hatching once vibrations are felt, signalling a potential host close by. Adult fleas can live for over a year and can endure long periods (up to four months) without food.

Tell-tale signs of fleas include:

- Your pet scratching or biting constantly and acting somewhat distressed.
- You may see the fleas on your pet, particularly around the head and neck on cats or the hindquarters on dogs or jumping onto your feet.
- The presence of “flea dirt” on your pet’s bedding, skin, or carpet. This will look like ground pepper but is the faeces of adult fleas.
- Clusters of small red, itchy bites on you or your children – generally clustered around the feet and ankles.

To help prevent fleas taking hold ensure that your pet is treated consistently for fleas and checked for signs of the insects. It also helps to vacuum often and wash your pet’s bedding regularly on a hot wash.

If fleas have already taken hold in your home, you may require a chemical treatment to kick them to the curb – contact us for more information!

Coromandel-Colville Business Association

By Lucas Evans and Glenys Carr



Business Network Meeting with Lucas Evans, CEO of Premium Seas

The Coromandel-Colville Business Association (CCBA) February meeting featured Lucas Evans, CEO and Co-founder of Premium Seas.

Lucas is a board member of the Aotearoa New Zealand Seaweed Association (ANZSA). He has been working with seaweed since 2012, however it is only in the last few years that circumstances have allowed him to develop his vision, made possible by relocation to Coromandel. The vision is to cultivate multiple species of seaweed and develop a range of premium products from them. The seaweed which Lucas believes will represent the biggest opportunity for New Zealand is *Undaria pinnatifida* known as wakame in its food form.

Undaria is an introduced pest species, prolific on our eastern and southern coasts. Undaria grows naturally and successfully on mussel lines, hence the attraction to the Coromandel.



The Premium Seas team in the hatchery L-R Tahlia Potae, Lucas Evans, Julia Rambacher

Lucas sees a bright future for seaweed, in time potentially providing another aquaculture option for our region and country as well as an attraction for young people into a diverse and sustainable new industry.

Premium Seas operate New Zealand’s first commercial seaweed hatchery here at Preece Point, Coromandel Town, with the support of Gold Ridge Mussel Farms.

Premium Seas has also partnered and shared a vision with Greenwave Aotearoa, a group pioneering regenerative ocean farming in New Zealand. Their vision is to create flourishing ecosystems and economies that will leave our waters brimming with abundance for future generations.

The CCBA would like to thank Lucas for an extremely interesting overview of seaweed farming, product development plans underway and the future with Premium Seas in Coromandel.

We warmly invite the community to our April and May meetings held at Combined Clubs, Woollams Ave, 5.30pm. On **Wednesday 24 April** Steph and Paul Johnson from Moehau Environmental Group (MEG) will be speakers. On **Wednesday 29 May** Toby Adams, Chair of The Hauraki Gulf Forum, will be updating us on the state of the gulf. We hope you can all join us.

For CCBA enquiries call Jeni Ashman (Chair) on 021 636 119 or Glenys Carr (Secretary) on 027 256 3260

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Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph

Minimum wage increases

New Zealand's recent minimum wage increase, effective **1 April**, to \$23.15 per hour, reflects the government's attempt to address the rising cost of living. However, the effectiveness of this measure hinges on the ever-evolving inflation figures. While a step in the right direction, concerns linger about the minimum wage's alignment with current realities (inflation currently sits at 4.7% as of December 2023) and its potential impact on specific demographics.

The minimum wage increase of 2% offers some relief, but it doesn't fully compensate for the rising costs of essentials like housing, food, and transportation. This creates a situation where workers might see a small increase in their nominal wages, but their purchasing power remains stagnant or even declines.

Minimum wage hikes can have unintended consequences, particularly for unskilled labour sectors. These roles, often filled by Maori and Pacific Island communities, might face challenges due to the increased wage floor. Small businesses, for instance, might be hesitant to hire additional staff or may need to automate tasks to offset the higher labour costs. This



could lead to reduced employment opportunities in specific sectors, potentially disproportionately impacting these demographics.

In response to these limitations, the concept of a living wage is slowly gaining traction in New Zealand. Unlike the minimum wage set by the government, the living wage is calculated by independent organisations like the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand. It takes into account the actual cost of living in a particular region, including housing, food, transportation, and other essential expenses. The goal is to provide workers with an income that allows them not just to survive, but to live with dignity and participate meaningfully in society.

The living wage offers several advantages. It can improve worker wellbeing by reducing financial stress and allowing for a better standard of living. Additionally, a living wage can stimulate the economy as workers have more disposable income to spend on goods and services. This can benefit local businesses and create a more equitable economic landscape.

The living wage movement isn't without its challenges. Voluntary adoption by businesses is crucial for its success. However, businesses might be hesitant due to the initial cost increase. To overcome this hurdle, the government could consider incentives for Living Wage Employers or

raising public awareness about the social and economic benefits of paying a living wage.

If you are unsure whether your employer has implemented the recent minimum wage increase, it's important to check directly with them. They are legally obligated to pay you at least the minimum wage based on your experience level. Resources like Employment New Zealand (www.employment.govt.nz) can provide further guidance and support.

If you have any questions please get in touch with us.

www.cwc.org.nz, tautoko@cwc.org.nz, 027 296 5276

Sugar Loaf fire

There was a fire on 9 March on Sugar Loaf in Coromandel Town which was swiftly put out by the local Volunteer Fire Brigade.



Photo kindly sent in by David Sampson

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Mindfulness Sessions

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For more information and to register, please contact Josie at josie@cilt.org.nz, or call (07) 866 8358.

Artists In The Making (ATM) & Te Mana Tangata

Our vibrant community at Artists in The Making and Te Mana Tangata has been buzzing with activity. Here are just a few highlights of recent endeavors:

Brian Jarvie, participant for Artists in The Making, Whitianga, showcased his work at the Affordable Art Exhibition at Hauraki House, where several of his remarkable paintings found new homes.

The Artists in The Making group enjoyed exploring the art studios during the Mercury Bay Art Escape, providing a unique opportunity for engaging conversations and witnessing works in progress.

Te Mana Tangata hosted inspiring art workshops at 150 Pound Street, collaborating with talented artists such as Wiremu KauHau (raranga), Kay Ogilvie (pottery), Caitlin Moloney (mural and pottery), Vaughan Udall (painting), and Moana Harrison (tukutuku).



Brian Jarvie exhibits his wonderful artwork at the Affordable Art Exhibition at Hauraki House

ATM participants visiting one of the studios during the Mercury Bay Art Escape



Our kaimahi welcome new participants to Te Mana Tangata, offering a diverse day program that provides a safe space for community members to socialise and explore various enriching activities, including gardening, pottery, carving, weaving, cooking, and carpentry.

For more information, drop by Te Pūtahi Whaiora or contact josie@cilt.org.nz.

Transport to Thames

The Coromandel Community Van is a door-to-door pre-arranged pickup service that departs from Coromandel Town every Thursday at 9am to Thames Pak ‘n Save. Please ensure you are ready for departure at 2pm to return to Coromandel Town. A \$15 koha per return trip provides an affordable service accessible for our community.

If you would like to book a seat on the next van trip, please call us on (07) 866 8358.

Pātaka Kai (open-street pantry)

The Pātaka Kai is a discreet place for our

community to collect donated products such as any non-perishable items, tinned food, dried goods and feminine hygiene products. All donations are welcome. On behalf of our local community CILT would like to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Check out Pātaka Kai today, located at 100 Pound Street, Coromandel. Town

The Bizarre

If you have an excess of kitchenware, knickknacks or any other household items and would like them gone, The Bizarre would be happy to take them. Please bring in your donations between 10am-2pm on Monday and Saturday, or 10am-4pm on Tuesday to Friday.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us on (07) 866 8948, or email Glenda at thebizarre@cilt.org.nz.

Money Mates

The Coromandel Budget Advisory and The Coromandel Foodbank are thrilled to introduce Money Mates, our official launch in May. This is a confidential space for discussing budget-related topics, such as budget-friendly recipes, financial challenges and much more.

If you have any budget-related issues, please share your thoughts by visiting Te Pūtahi Whaiora at 150 Pound Street or participating in our survey on: www.facebook.com/ciltcoromandel/.

Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer



Hello everyone. Well, autumn has started, and the morning temperatures are dropping, but with clear skies the days are still warm and there’s plenty of free vitamin D!

Be ready for the colder days to come. This brings me to the wood orders. We seem to be having a few problems with certain phone numbers and addresses so if anyone hasn’t had their order delivered, please can you contact Lyn on (07) 866 7722 with your phone number and address. This will help us to get your orders out and keep you warm this winter. I apologise for the inconvenience caused to you guys.

This past month we have seen the passing of one of our stalwarts of the Lions club. Peter Sowden was very cheerful, funny and a joy to have at all of our events. He was the unofficial boss of the working bees that he and Pam attended and brought a light to the club that will be sadly missed.

You had a full life Peter, and all of the members of the club feel privileged to have been part of your last years. Our thoughts are with Pam, Kim and all of the family. RIP Peter.

Well that’s it for this month, and remember to get those details to Lyn (her answer phone is in action if no one is at home).

Enjoy your Easter and be safe on the roads.

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Grey Power Coromandel Inc



By Patricia Whimp

10 Grey Power Coromandel members were welcomed by Grey Power Whitianga at their coffee meeting at the Lost Springs in February. Everyone that attended enjoyed the meeting and their local lawyer spoke on the need of Enduring Power of Attorneys as we get older.

The March coffee meeting held on 19 March at 10.30am was attended by just 10 members, and we thank the attendees. This was very disappointing to the committee. Our local Business Association Chair (Jeni Ashman) spoke about the various matters happening in and around Coromandel-Colville Ward, including CCTV cameras, success story with the Keltic Fair, Victoria Street Bypass, sea entrance for visitors.

The Staying Safe – A Refresher Course for Older Drivers is on **Tuesday 16 April** from 9am to 1pm at the Combined Clubs of Coromandel/Bowling Club in Woollams Ave, Coromandel. At print of the Chronicle, we have a waiting list for this course.

We seem to be at the same point as we were last year, with lack of attendance or very low numbers. This is soul destroying to the committee. The Grey Power AGM meeting is due on **Thursday 16 May** at 1.30pm, at St John rooms. We are calling for new committee members, so please attend. We have Colin Caldwell from Groundswell as a speaker.

We thank the Grey Power members who have paid their subscription, and we urge members to attend to ensure the Grey Power Coromandel continues holding meetings.

If you would like to know more about Grey Power Coromandel, please don't hesitate to contact us. We can email membership forms and past newsletters if this would interest you.

President - Bill 021 083 42030 (billchadderton@yahoo.co.nz), Vice-President – Brian Holmes 027 319 0172 or beehandgee@hotmail.co.nz, Membership Secretary - Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 0274 985 227 (greypowercoro@outlook.com)

Embroidery Guild

By Sharon Currie

Wednesday 6 March was the Embroidery Guild's second meeting for the year and was attended by thirty of our members so there was plenty of conversation and lots of stitching done. Each year we have a monthly project which helps us explore various aspects of embroidery and enables us to try out new stitches on small projects and explore different threads and colours to inspire the creative process. We always have a steptoe table to explore and H and H threads have a table of delicious threads to add to your collection or maybe you have just run out of a thread needed to complete a piece of embroidery.

If you are interested in embroidery, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month from February to November and in November we have an exhibition of work completed during the year at Hauraki House. This month Sheryl Wigmore, who won our raffle from last year's exhibition, attended our meeting and told us how delighted she was with her prize and it had inspired her to finish a tablecloth she had started.



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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Gut health and your feet

Do you suffer from plantar fasciitis, fallen arches, bunions, Achilles tendonitis, sciatica, warts, herpes spots, dry flaky feet, corns, smelly feet, hot swollen feet, foot cramps, pain in heels, cracked feet, burning, tingling feet, swollen ankles, chilblains, cold feet, skin ulcers? They are all preventable.



Got athlete's foot/tinea toes/fungal toenails? Topical treatment is not effective longterm. The core problem is an overgrowth of yeast infection or systemic Candida stemming from within an undernourished body at a cellular level, with a poor gut microbiome and inadequate immune defence system.

Sugar, wheat, alcohol, yeast and processed foods cause Candida. Consume the correct combination of fibre-rich foods, which are prebiotics, to encourage your own production of probiotics to prevent the over-proliferation of bad bugs and fungus, causing Candida.

More than 80% of the population suffers from painful, aching or unhealthy feet. The triggers are many and varied. Your foot has over 150 movements, which has been referred to as a "symphony of movement". This symphony can turn into chaos as deviations from normalcy occur. A small deviation can contribute to gross pain and discomfort and may not be isolated to your foot. Movements within your feet affect your whole body.

When humans decided to wear shoes, many problems developed. Painful feet were the order of the day as the shoes were made of hard and unforgiving materials, jamming feet into poor-fitting shoes. No consideration was often given for the different shapes of feet or between variation of the left and right foot. Both shoes were made the same. Shoe lasts (moulds) to more accurately shape the shoe to accommodate the differences between feet, gradually evolved.

Adaption to an ill-fitting shoe not only affects the skeletal system, but also the muscles, fascia, ligaments, tendons, and the body cavities and the organs within the cavities – influencing all body systems, including the nervous system and immunity.

I can help. My reflexology treatment (not reflexology), addresses structural deviations from normalcy; it gives amazing relief to tired, aching feet and legs. And, by identifying your nutritional imbalances and deficiencies, true correction and healing of the issue is potentiated. In tiny increments over time, because of a deviation from normalcy in your feet, the structure of your whole body shifts, effecting and compromising a healthy function. Structure affects function.

There are 26 bones and two sesamoids in each foot and four layers of muscles. These bones form delicate joints that provide shock absorption and provide the ability to move freely. Placement of these bones is very important as any malalignment within these joints may cause pain and aggravation to your feet. As previously mentioned, it is easy to abuse your feet with ill-fitting shoes.

The more common way to abuse your feet (and least realised), is by unhealthy food choices. Healthy food, a healthy gut and microbiome are essential to prevent feet malnutrition and disease. Your bones, ligaments and tendons require all of the essential nutrients for optimal longterm health. Arterial circulation from a healthy heart should deliver these nutrients to your feet. Healthy veins and blood vessels should carry the toxins back up to your lungs to be expelled from the body.

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Project Mammogram

Project Mammogram has received donations that currently total \$122,000.

Both Whitianga Lions Club and Mercury Bay Lions Club members are spearheading the fundraising, but many community organisations and individuals have also contributed.

The goal is to offer a public/private general mammogram service, based permanently in Whitianga, that will be more convenient for anyone wanting a screening mammogram.

Biennial screening appointments will be able to be made at any time throughout the year, enabling people to plan their scan around their work or time it with a trip to Whitianga. The private service would also be available to visitors to our region who may be tourists due for a scan or holidaymakers not wanting to miss their scheduled scan.

Looking at the map of the eastern seaboard of the Coromandel Peninsula, we envisage the catchment area for people using this service as running from Port Charles and Coromandel all the way to Whangamata, especially where private scans would otherwise be conducted in Hamilton or Auckland.

Given the demographic of our region it's important to provide a system that would allow women of all ages in our area to be able to be screened when they want to.

The gold standard internationally is for women aged between 40 and 74 to receive a regular biennial mammogram. Currently in New Zealand the public system provides free mammogram screening two-yearly for women aged 45-69. However, there are others outside that age group, including those with a family history of breast cancer, who may still have to pay for their mammogram but they will save the cost of travel to Hamilton if we have a unit in Whitianga.

Breast cancer doesn't respect any age boundary so we recommend you continue to screen outside the publicly funded age group.

Your continued support for Project Mammogram is greatly appreciated.

Footnote: On 15 February, Health Minister Hon Dr Shane Reti announced on Beehive.govt.nz that the coalition government has made the first steps in delivering on its promise to extend free breast screening to women aged 70-74.



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Coromandel St John Area Committee

By Nigel Strongman, Chair



The Coromandel St John Area Committee is a group of six volunteers, past and present ambulance officers, who manage the day to day running and maintenance of the ambulance station grounds and building on Tiki Rd, Coromandel. The Area Committee has no responsibility for the operational management of the frontline ambulance services. We are the local connection for wider Hato Hone St John to our community and support the HHSJ Community Engagement team with delivering their programs such as 3 Steps for Life AED training, St John in Schools, Mental Health First Aid courses, etc., to our local area. If anyone would like contact regarding HHSJ programs please feel free to get in touch with us.

Our station hall is available for hire as a meeting venue. We have a projector with a large screen, wifi and a full kitchen able to cater for 50 people. Please email booking enquiries to coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz.

This month we wish to give thanks to Steve, Kirsty and Daniel Sowerby of Coastal Plumbing, BP Coromandel, Coromandel Lawnmowing for keeping the grounds looking mint and Paul McKenzie from Coromandel Lions for emergency repairs and advice on the roof. Thank you to Colville School for allowing us to use their facilities for our regular training throughout the year.

Many thanks also to our regular hall users whose contributions help with the upkeep of the facilities.

There are a few local people who make regular donations and wish to remain anonymous. These contributions are greatly appreciated; thank you so very much.

Thank you all for your continued support of our service in the community. Funds raised are used to maintain our facilities, support our volunteers' training and helps with the upkeep of some of the AED's in our community.

Contact details: Coromandel Area Committee, 355 Tiki Rd, Coromandel. Please leave a message on the landline (07) 866 8279 and we will call back asap. Email coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz

The Colville Project

We are well into 2024 and we have started our journey of pest control on The Colville Project (TCP) land. A huge thanks go to Colville Junction who secured a two-year grant from Waikato Regional Council to expand their animal pest control in Te Ūmangawha-o-ngā-waka to include TCP land and nearby properties. Colville Junction's animal pest control on TCP land includes possum, stoat and rat trapping. Track clearing to establish these trap lines will also support weed control, as it opens up access. TCP is happy to be part of this wider community initiative because it aligns with our vision of protecting biodiversity and ecological restoration.



Amajjika Kumara

In March we welcomed Amajjika Kumara to the TCP team. Amajjika will be supporting TCP in the Marketing and Funding role. Amajjika comes to The Project with a wide range of skills and experiences which will benefit the Project as we move forward. This is a timely appointment as we seek to grow and develop relationships with a wider range of stakeholders and potential partners/supporters in 2024.

Here is an intro from Amajjika, "I have spent a lot of time visiting NZ over the last 17 years, but the last nine months as a Thames resident has shown me that the veneer between the 'haves' and 'have nots' is extremely thin and very close to the surface. I asked a lot of questions of my new friends and the, 'Well, that's just the way it is,' doesn't really cut it for me. We are all activists in our own way through the choices we make. My conscious choice is to work for meaningful and ground-breaking initiatives based in goodness, altruism and strong ethical values. I couldn't think of a better project than The Colville Project. I am honoured and excited to be a part of it. My deep thanks goes to the TCP Board for choosing me."

Naumai, Amajjika, we are excited to have you on the team, and look forward to working together.

Rick Lambourne, our Technical Support, has been busy over the last few months, exploring the TCP land in order to unlock the maximum site potential for The Project. This has been crucial in the drafting of our Site Development Plan, which in turn is crucial in informing our concept planning and preparation for the resource consent process. Thanks, Rick, for your efforts and guidance in these areas.

The wider team has been busy talking with a range of groups and organisations, including representatives from Ngāti Tama-te-Rā, stakeholders in the housing sector, and meeting with the Coromandel Colville Community Board on their recent site tour of the western side of the Ward.

Ngā mihi, The Colville Project Team.

If you would like to donate, affirm any previous or make new offers of support, or get involved in any way, please contact [Katie admin@thecolvilleproject.nz](mailto:katie.admin@thecolvilleproject.nz)

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By John Irvine

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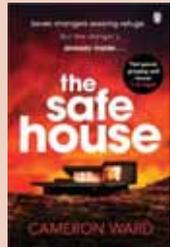
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Library News

By Paul Lawrence

As most of you will know, we mourn the passing of one of our library stalwarts. Peter Sowden was awarded life membership for his tireless work for the library and as a librarian. A number of our long-serving current volunteers were trained by Peter. Up until his passing, Peter was a regular visitor and a prolific reader. His smile and wit will be missed.

We are on the lookout for people to volunteer on our library committee. Commitment required is about 1-1½ hours, once every six weeks. There is nothing too strenuous and different ideas are always welcome.

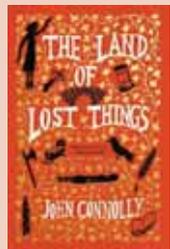


Don't forget our car boot sale on the first Saturday of each month, so **Saturday 6 April**.

The Safe Hose – by Cameron Ward
Isolation is just what she needs. So Jess agrees to look after a luxury property in the Australian outback.

Bush fires approaching, and people seeking refuge, leads to rising tensions.

Phones down and all exits cut off. Time to panic. Then the first person goes missing.



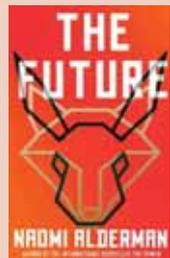
The Land of Lost Things – John Connolly

Eight-year-old Phoebe lies in a coma following a car accident. Her mother sits beside her hospital bed reading the fairy stories that Phoebe loved so much, hoping that she can get through to her daughter.

In the grounds of the hospital stands an old house tied to the stories of a vanished author. The house is calling to Phoebe's mum. Calling from a land of witches, giants and mandrakes, to a land where old enemies are watching and waiting.

The Future – Naomi Alderman

Martha flees her father's compound and finds herself working for a powerful social media mogul who wants nothing more than controlling everything. Mega-rich companies designing private weather, predictive analytics, and covert weaponry. Her father's doomsday warnings are starting to look real.



Meanwhile in a mall in Singapore, Lai Zhen is being pursued by an assassin. No way to escape. Suddenly a remarkable piece of software appears on her phone, telling her how to escape.

Martha and Zhen's worlds are about to meet. This meeting could lead to salvation or the cataclysmic end of civilisation.

A Taste of Matarangi



Not long to wait for
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Anticipation is building for the much-awaited "A Taste of Matarangi" festival, set to take place at the Village Green reserve in Matarangi on **Saturday 6 April**. Music enthusiasts and festival-goers, get ready to indulge your taste buds like never before. With a diverse array of culinary delights and exciting activities, this festival promises to be a feast for the senses.

Beyond the entertainment and food, the festival is driven by a spirit of generosity and community. This year, A Taste of Matarangi is proud to support local charities Te Rerenga School and Kuaotunu Search & Rescue through various avenues, including charity auctions, raffles and the ever-popular bucket drop.

Embark on an extraordinary adventure with our star auction prize – a breathtaking scenic flight for three people over the stunning Mercury Bay with your expert pilot, Charlie Chilwell.

But that's not all! The festival will be buzzing with additional auction packages and fantastic raffles generously supported by local businesses.

Be festival ready

To ensure you make the most of this experience, be sure to visit the festival's official website www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz. There, you'll find all of the information you need to plan your day, including details about participating vendors, the charities, the festival programme and the all-day music lineup.

Whether you're a seasonal festival-goer or a first-timer, take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the terms and conditions, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all.

So, mark your calendars for **Saturday 6 April** and get ready for a day of unforgettable experiences.

A Taste of Matarangi awaits – see you there!

The festival organisers wish to thank all of our sponsors supporting this event:

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CCC news

The Club certainly celebrated St. Patrick's Day on 17 March in style, with our local band "Bits and Pieces" keeping us entertained and we were singing and dancing to old standards and Irish music combined. The room was packed with Irish celebrants and other nationalities! The food supplied by members for a shared supper was outstanding. Our thanks to the bar staff and Lyn for the great room and table decorations and for members and friends who joined together for great Irish shenanigans.



L-R: Marie, Ruth, Glenise, Pat, Linda, Lyn

Quiz evenings at the Club will start on **Tuesday 7 May** from 6.30pm.

RSA news

By Gary Pettett

The RSA Annual General Meeting is set to be held on **Saturday 13 April** at 3pm. Nominations for the committee close two weeks prior on **Saturday 30 March** and all positions are available. Nomination forms are at the Club so don't be shy, we'd love to see some new faces on the committee.

The Fishing Club are having another day out on the water on **Sunday 14 April**. The cost is \$100 plus bait per person, so please contact the Club to book your "plaice", or cod or snapper!

Anzac Day is still celebrated as a remembrance day for the fallen. On **Thursday 25 April** marchers are requested to gather at the Community Hall by 9.45am and march to the Cenotaph for the 10am service. All members of the public are invited to attend this special event and attendees are welcome to return to the Club for refreshments after the event.

History

ANZAC is an acronym for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, a grouping of several divisions created early in the Great War of 1914-18. No one knows who came up with the term; one likely idea is for use on a rubber stamp. ANZAC was the convenient shorthand and became the telegraph code word for the corps.

The Anzacs first saw action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. Initially the term Australasian Corps was suggested for the combined force but Australians and New Zealanders were reluctant to lose their separate identities. The Anzac name was used to describe all of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula but later became to mean any Australian or New Zealand soldier.

The term continued in use in later wars. An Anzac corps was briefly formed during the ill-fated 1941 campaign in Greece. During the Vietnam War, New Zealand and Australian infantry companies combined as the Anzac Battalion.

Car Club news

The Coromandel RSA Car Club raised \$1,500 at its Car Fair in February and our thanks go to the public and all involved in the event. This amount is to be donated to local charities and not-for-profit organisations. Applicants should apply in writing to ccwaikato@xtra.co.nz if you would like to be included in an application, which must be in by **Tuesday 30 April**.

Our next Car Club meeting will be held at the Club on **Wednesday 10 April** at 4pm and we look forward to seeing members and friends there.



Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Kolondyke Cup winners

Twilight Bowls for the season finished up on Tuesday 27 February with Moana Pearls winning the 5pm session and Ice Age winning the 6pm session. Runners-up for the 5pm session were Plus 2, and for the 6pm session, Greenhorns.

Well done to everyone who competed and a very special thanks to all of our sponsors as we could not run this very popular community event without your support.

On 15 February we played for the Kolondyke Cup over four one-hour games with Doug Mulholland and Gary James winning overall and Val Ardnt and Judy Campbell coming in as runners-up.

Our annual Seafood Tournament 4's was held over the weekend of 2/3 March. What a great success it was once again and what an amazing couple of days of bowls.



Seafood Tournament Coromandel runners-up team

This tournament brings 100+ bowlers/supporters into our town for the weekend and is only made possible with the support of our sponsors and the hard work on the ground by our club members. Our President Jim Dicks says a huge thank you to you all.

The winners of the tournament overall were Terry Skelly's team from Waihi Beach and runners-up were Colin Gawith's team with Lindsay Nicholls, Jason Dickison and Johnny Brooks.

On Saturday 9 March the club held it's Men's and Women's Club Champ Fours. The Women's Fours Champion team was skipped by Shirley Stol and included Maureen Kimber, Dianne Burton and Linda Wright. The Men's Fours Champion team was skipped by Roger Gardiner and included Doug Mulholland, Layke McNeil and Gary James.

We have a few tournaments coming up: The Patrons Cup on 14 March will consist of four one-hour games, the Men's and Women's Club Champ Singles over the weekend of 23/24 March; Coromandel vs Mercury Bay – Summer Cup on Thursday 28 March; and the Open Optional Triples (sponsored by Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar) on **Wednesday 3 April**.

We also have Lindsay Nicholls and Colin Gawith who have been selected for the Thames Valley Centre Representative Teams to play for the Inter Centre in Wellington from 14-17 March.

Once again, if you'd like to give bowls a go, come down to the club on Sunday afternoons (12.30pm for a 1pm start).



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sue and Carolyn



Another busy month of talking to tourists coming through the Information Centre – Kiwi and international and at the time of writing this article we are looking forward to hosting the Beach Hop participants when they visit Coromandel Town on Thursday 21 March. We have no doubt the town will come out and welcome them.

The feedback and comments we get from our international tourists bring home the fact that we do indeed live in paradise – the fact that we see it everyday and maybe become a little complacent, it is so heartening to hear other people’s opinions of our home, e.g. “you are so lucky to live here”; “it’s like a postcard around every corner”; “everything is just so beautiful here”. Then, of course, there are many and varied opinions regarding our roads – “challenging” is a nice way to describe the tourist experience. We point out that there are no straight roads on the Peninsula; take care and enjoy the views.

We have also had a number of visitors taking the Boom, Bust and Beyond guided walking tours we offer at the Info Centre. Many thanks to our volunteer guides. Feedback from participants is always positive and they thoroughly enjoy this experience. Why not take the opportunity to be a part of one of our Boom, Bust and Beyond tours and become a tourist in your hometown?

We would welcome any members of the public who may wish to join us at the Information Centre on a volunteer basis. It is very entertaining, and it is an opportunity to get to know your local town and surrounds and see them through the eyes of the traveling public – always a rewarding experience. Email, call or pop in and ask to speak to Carolyn – info@coromandeltown.nz; (07) 866 8598, James Reserve, Coromandel Town.

Thank you to all those locals who are making use of the shuttle to and from Thames on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – it’s the old adage – use it or lose it!

We will be open every day of Easter 10am-3pm and Anzac Day 12-3pm. Look forward to seeing you around the traps.

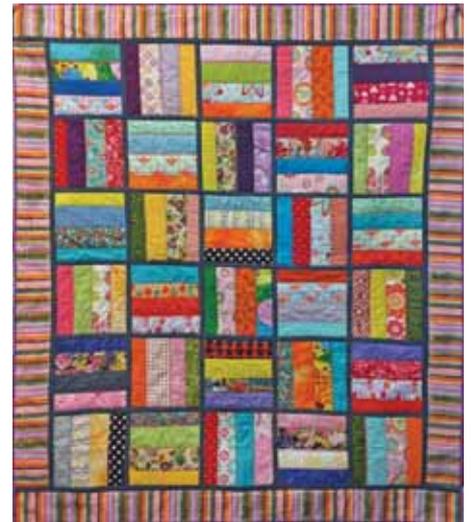
Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

When life hands you scraps, make quilts! As a group we are working on a scrap quilt which will be interesting to see how it all comes together. Watch this space. We all seem to have accumulated odd bits of fabrics and there are so many ideas of things you can do with them. Delwyn has just completed her own scrap quilt. A great example of what can be done. Such lovely colours and beautiful stitching. She used the “Quilt As You Go” method, which for those not familiar with the term means each block was quilted before putting it together with the other blocks.

We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to.

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Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel: Expanding Horizons for Seniors

By Francine Hills, Health Promoter

Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel (ACHC) is embarking on an exciting journey to enhance the wellbeing and quality of life for seniors across the district.

At the heart of this expansion is our unwavering belief in the power of community connection to enhance overall health and wellbeing. Central to these efforts is the introduction of the Steady As You Go© initiative, a comprehensive falls prevention program designed to promote strength, balance, and mobility among seniors. Steady As You Go© sessions, led by trained peers, provide a supportive environment where participants can engage in tailored exercises, whether seated or standing. Attendees have already praised the program’s evidence-based approach, citing tangible benefits of improved strength and balance.

We also run Chinwag Café, a weekly social gathering where older adults can enjoy a cup of tea and engage in lively conversation with like-minded peers. We recognise the negative impact that social isolation can have on health, which is why we’re so passionate about creating these opportunities for our seniors to connect and improve feelings of wellness.

In addition to Steady As You Go© and Chinwag Café initiatives, Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel partners with Waka Kotahi (NZTA) to offer the “Staying Safe Driver Refresher Course,” aimed at maintaining safe driving practices and increasing awareness of alternative transport options for senior road users.

Guided by our values of dignity, equity, inclusion, and cultural respect, we’re dedicated to promoting services tailored to the needs of older people in our Hauraki Coromandel community. As we continue to expand our reach and impact, we extend a warm invitation to all community members to join in our mission of empowering our older adults (those aged 65 and over) to lead active, independent lives. We’re committed to cultivating an inclusive society where older individuals can truly live life on their terms.

We firmly believe that collaboration is key to making a meaningful difference in the lives of seniors across our region. So, whether you’re an individual, a business, or an organisation, we invite you to reach out and join us in our efforts.

For further information about any of our programs, including Steady As You Go©, Chinwag Café, and the Staying Safe Driver Refresher Course, please visit our website, www.achc.org.nz, check out our Facebook page



Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Fuzzles

Firstly our grateful thank mews to those who have donated cat kai and tinned, sachets, biscuits. Also the wonderful person who donated a flea collar and packet of flea treatments. We truly appreciate your generosity and support.

Whilst the cats hate the flea treatments, they are vital to their wellbeing and ours. Nothing worse than fleas to leave one itchy. We have two cats who get flea allergy dermatitis and end up with really terrible coats with lumps n bumps so they have to have regular treatments to help them through the flea season.

Wow, April heralds our anniversary for the unit. We are so amazed really that this year marks our 24th year in rescue and still going. This is really only through the support from our community; we would honestly not be who we are and where we are without the support. 6 April 2000 was when the unit officially opened. Thanks to everyone who has supported us over nearly two-and-a-half decades. We have also written articles for the Chronicle for almost the same amount of time, which is awesome, and we are truly grateful to the Chronicle for the support to the unit.

We have gone through so much. It’s incredible at times that we got through the dark times and financial limitations but we did and we still carry on. We are running very low numbers at this time due to personal health issues and also financial limitations as well and that fundraising is pretty much limited as to what we can do.

Cat-wise, Mascara sleeps in the oddest places and usually the sink bench or on the baking trays. We haven’t figured what the draw card or comfort is on that one. Wally, Gobe and Tutu have chosen to be outside to be and only come in overnight if it’s cold or raining. So we have had a few nights with them inside and being totally annoying. We have to be careful when getting up in the wee hours because one isn’t sure where they are sleeping. A black cat on our carpet can lead to standing on that sleeping cat if not careful.

Wanted: cat food – tinned, salmon, sachets, sardines, pet milk; also cat toys, any financial blessings to Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing. Meow furr now.

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Taichi for health

By Christina Wu

Taichi is regarded as beneficial for functional mobility and balance in aged populations, though such benefits are not well understood due to a large variance in research study protocols and observations.

Recently, a new research review and analysis shows that taichi can indeed induce greater improvement in functional mobility and balance in relatively healthy older adults compared to conventional exercise.

Researchers examined 12 studies involving 2,901 participants that compared taichi to conventional exercise. They produced the following performance results:

1. The time to complete a 50-foot walk was 1.84 seconds faster.
2. The time to maintain a one-leg stance was 6 seconds longer when eyes were open and 1.65 seconds longer when eyes were closed.
3. Individuals improved their timed up-and-go test performance by 0.18 points, indicating quicker standing, walking, and sitting.
4. Individuals taking the functional reach test showed significant

improvement with a standardized mean difference of 0.7, suggesting a noteworthy positive impact on the ability to reach and perform daily activities.

Secondary analyses revealed that the use of taichi for a relatively short duration (<20 weeks), low total time (≤24 total hours), and/or focusing on the Yang style of this ancient form of Chinese martial arts was particularly beneficial for functional mobility and balance as compared to conventional exercise.

“This systematic literature review and meta-analysis are exciting because they provide strong evidence that taichi is a more efficient strategy to improve functional mobility and balance in relatively healthy older adults, as compared to conventional exercise,” according to Brad Manor, Ph.D., director of the Mobility and Falls Program at the Hebrew Senior Life’s Hinda and Arthur Marcus Institute for Aging Research.

“This research suggests that taichi should be carefully considered in future studies and routines of rehabilitative programs for balance and mobility in older adults,” suggested by Bao Dapeng, professor at Beijing Sport University.

Christina’s taichi class runs Tuesday at 5pm at the Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool). There is a group practice for intermediate and advanced students at Wyuna Bay Beach on Saturday or Sunday morning if weather permits. We have a bunch of lovely, spirited and committed people.

Christina, with over 20 years’ practice and ongoing training from world renowned teacher Wee Kee Jin and with a true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her current practice of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, aims to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Christina on 021 113 4768 or email christinawu121@gmail.com

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Summer might be over, but in my opinion the Coromandel only gets better in autumn. Compared to the hectic pace of the peak season, it’s a bit more relaxed and the cooler weather is refreshing. There’s still plenty to do as well. Events like Beach Hop and the Easter long weekend help to attract people to the Peninsula. No doubt we’ll continue to see a steady stream of visitors making the most of what our region has to offer throughout the year.



I’m pleased to hear the Minister of Conservation, Tama Potaka, has instructed DOC to prioritise the reopening of the walking track to Cathedral Cove. While initial rumours put the track’s future in doubt, there’s now a firm commitment for it to reopen for the upcoming summer. This news will be welcomed across the Peninsula, because the iconic attraction is a huge drawcard for our region. Local and international tourists build their itineraries around a visit to Cathedral Cove and restoring walking access will be an added incentive to spend some time on the Coromandel.

The Coalition Government has announced our Policy Statement on Transport. This outlines the government’s priorities for transport over the next ten years. It comes with a big price tag, over \$20 billion in the next three years, but this reflects the deteriorating state of our transport network. Decades of underfunding and poor planning has left behind a significant infrastructure deficit. We’re determined to turn things around and get our transport system back on track.

The draft Government Policy Statement on transport also fulfils our campaign promise to establish a Pothole Prevention Fund. Potholes became a talking point around the country when it was revealed that under Labour, the State Highway network needed over 62,000 potholes repaired in 2023 – the highest number in 10 years. We’re focused on maintaining our State Highways and we’ve ring-fenced \$500 million over three years to the repair and prevention of potholes.

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

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From a Butchery to a Brewery

By Nigel Strongman

The recent closure of the butcher shop in Kapanga Road most recently known as “The Chopping Block” marks the end of over 75 years as a butcher’s shop in that location.

Originally built for William “Punga” Denize about 1937, who also owned the house next door where Pepper Tree Restaurant is now situated, for the use of one William Milburn Kento Peachey, the first of a long line of butchers. An abattoir to service the butchery, consisting of a crude corrugated iron shed, was built on land where the present Golf Club is at the top of Hauraki Road. At this stage Bill Peachey was around 57 years of age, so after about eight or 10 years, he handed the business over to his son Cyril. Incidentally, in 1944 Bill’s wife Lillian planted the pohutukawa tree beside the boat ramp at Long Bay. Not long after, Ernie Deeble, an ex-lawyer, took over. Ernie soon gained the reputation of selling meat of dubious quality, e.g., slaughtering TB cattle, for which he was prosecuted. Many stories abound about his wheeling and dealing.

Len and Joyce Bethell took over in the early 1950’s; the phone number in 1956 was No.1.

Up until Len took over, there was no electricity connected to the premises. I don’t know if the previous owners had any refrigeration, probably not. I will leave that to your imagination.

In the late 1950’s, Len sold out to Pat Haggie, who was the last to use the old slaughterhouse (abattoir) in Hauraki Road. Around 1960, all meat had to be killed in a registered abattoir and inspected by government inspectors, the nearest being Thames.

Soon after, Kingi Notman took over, followed a few years later by Doug Beech. Tragically, on 16 December 1971, Doug died suddenly aged only 51 years old. At this stage, Percy Syddall, who had been working for Doug, assumed ownership. Later on, when Percy retired, his son-in-law, Keith

The butcher’s shop in 2019



Stevenson picked up the reins. Keith also started a “home kill” on the side. About 1995, Keith sold the land and buildings to Eddie Windhager, and the lease for the business

went to Bill and Desarei Cameron. John and Dale Karauria took over about 1997, and eventually bought the land and buildings back from Eddie. In 1999, John won the award for the “Best Butcher”.

John and Dale sold the business to Carl Evans, known as “H”, followed soon after by Edd Murray and Nicky James. In 2010, the business was purchased by Shane and Tanya Richardson (The Meatkeeper). Their tenure lasted 10 years, being cut short when Shane injured his shoulder causing him a lot of grief when lifting carcasses. Matt Colvin and his family then took over until late last year, at which time they relocated to, and combined the butchery with; the “Smokehouse” on Tiki Road. Since then, the land and buildings have been sold, and the new owner is repurposing it into a boutique brewery. This proves that there is life after death.

Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Communication

One of the biggest issues in our industry comes back to communication!

There are some basics that we are required to carry out to inform. Yet vendors, purchasers and salespeople can all do better to keep things moving fluidly.

Right from the first appointment to appraise the property, honesty is essential. All problems should be discussed. Why hide it? Vendors and purchasers expect transparency from salespeople. To be transparent, we need honesty from others as well, in all communications.

After viewings, it is imperative that vendors receive feedback on the viewing, such as a quick simple text, later followed up by an email and/or phone call. As a vendor I would absolutely expect this would happen – letting vendor know if there have been no viewers at open homes, or ten viewers.

Weekly written reports – it astounds me just how little of this is done. As a vendor you should expect a written overview of the week. Maybe even a follow up call or at the same time as a personal visit. Nothing like face-to-face conversations.

As a vendor I would want to know what the market or viewers are thinking of my property, whether making an offer or not. The input would enlighten me to be able

to make decisions in the future when an offer does present itself. Honest, not nasty, comments are essential. As a vendor, if you are not getting reports, then demand them. The regulatory body expects it from the salespeople.

If there is a contract in place with certain due diligence aspects required to be fulfilled, then we should be communicating regularly with the purchaser as to how things are moving. We should be passing information through to the vendors to keep them well informed of progress or of any issues we may be able to attend to as we progress. No one likes last-minute challenges. This is a common area of complaint from both vendors and purchasers to managers of offices.

Even during the course of offers being written up and presented, it amazes me just how little communication happens. It is beholding of salespeople to keep in touch, to keep parties up-to-date, not just sit back and wait, only passing information when they deem something is important enough to pass on.

Communication is the essence or oil of our industry, whether communicating with current vendors or with the community prospecting future business.

If you have any questions in regards to the above, or on other matters real estate, contact Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent, glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz or 0800 735 788

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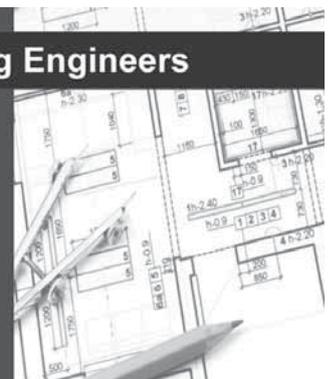
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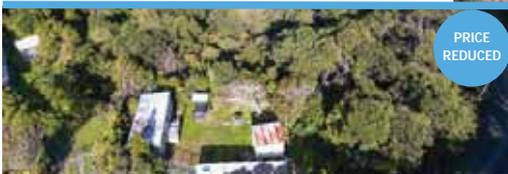
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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Thanks to the continuing good weather, and the school holidays falling after Easter, it has been decided the museum will continue with summer opening hours until the end of April.

During April we remember our fallen soldiers on Anzac Day. Most attention is given to those who served in the First and Second World Wars, but we should also remember there were many New Zealanders who served in South Africa during the Boer Wars from 1899 to 1902. A total of 6,507 New Zealand troops went to South Africa to assist the British Army. There were 230 fatal casualties: 71 were killed in action, 26 died due to accidents, and 133 died of disease. Included in this total was Leonard Tarrant, who served in the Coromandel Rifle Volunteer Corps, saw active service in South Africa, was captured by the Boers and subsequently died from typhoid.

His death was mentioned in the New Zealand papers on Anzac Day from 'Thames Star' 25 April 1900:

**"Death of Trooper Tarrant
Auckland, April 25.**

The Governor has received a cable from Sir Alfred Milner, Cape Town, stating that. No. 71, Trooper Tarrant, of the First New Zealand Contingent, died of typhoid fever at Pretoria on April 20. Tarrant was one of the New Zealanders recently captured in the Free State. He belonged to Coromandel."

At that time, as in the following World Wars, New Zealanders were proud to do their part to help Britain during conflicts. However we view these wars today, we should never underestimate the bravery of those who went to foreign lands to fight for what they felt was a just cause, and sadly lost their lives in the process. Trooper Tarrant was rightly honoured by his contemporaries in a memorial service.

The "Colonist" carried this story on 29 May 1900:

**"The Late Trooper Tarrant.
Memorial Service**

The 'Coromandel County News' contains the following notice of a memorial service held on Sunday 6 May at Coromandel: There was a large attendance in Christ Church on Sunday morning, the occasion being a memorial service to the late Leonard Matthews Tarrant, formerly a member of the congregation, and one of the New



Zealanders who went to South Africa with the first contingent, saw active service, was captured by the Boers, and died from enteric fever at Pretoria, on April 20th. His old comrades – the officers and privates of the Coromandel Rifle Volunteer Corps – were present to do homage to his memory. The Communion Table was draped for the occasion. Appropriate hymns were sung, and the organist (Mrs W. H. French) played the Dead March at the commencement of the service, the congregation upstanding. The Vicar (the Rev O. F. R. Harrison) delivered a most impressive and pathetic sermon. In the course of his sermon the Vicar said: 'The war in South Africa – although horrible in destroying the lives of so many valuable men – has been the greatest means during our gracious Queen's reign of consolidating the British Empire. It is only in the time of the deepest distress and difficulty that the best traits of character of the British people come to the surface; it has brought forth from all parts of her possessions a devotion to our Queen and country, that would not have been apparent but for the present struggle for liberty and just government.'

During April the museum is open 1-4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 10am-4pm on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays

Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By CFO Mike Olliff

Fire calls over the summer – Rubbish fire Te Mata forestry, grass fire Waitete bay (3), scrub fire, motor vehicle accident (MVA) persons trapped, MVA persons trapped Kennedy Bay, car off road Waikawau Bay, car fire Kennedy Bay, MVA car vs car Whangapoua, grass fire Colville, car fire Preece Point, MVA person down bank Kereta, ute vs car Manaia, heli landing, person lying on road, landing zone, car vs car, medical Manaia, shed fire Kennedy Bay, lightning strike Old Coach Road, scrub fire Sugar Loaf.

A busy summer and thank goodness it weren't too dry. Right now, the fire season seems to be easing.

I would like to commend Mr & Mrs Medlock for opening the Walking and Cycling Track from the Bike Park on Hauraki Road to the beginning of the Harray Track on Rings Road.

I find it very generous of them to allow public access through their property to enjoy these activities and see another part of Coromandel Town. Anything that gets people out exercising is a great thing!

From a fire fighter's perspective, the area up Hauraki Road and behind and around the Golf Club has always been one of concern. For us, with a lot of structures, surrounded by a lot of standing fuel, access to fight any fire in this area will always be difficult, but with the advent of this new track, this may just provide a little bit more advantage if we have a significant fire in that area, so "well done Bob and Phillipa".

20th Anniversary of Sky Tower Challenge

On that note, the 20th Anniversary of Sky Tower Challenge is on in May so you will find a number of our members running and cycling the track as well as working out at the gym – this is Fire and Emergency's annual fundraiser to support the Leukaemia Foundation. All money donated goes to this fund. Please, if you see our guys training, give them a bit of encouragement and think of giving a donation to this worthy cause.

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

February gave us an opportunity to visit two local gardens. The first was a section owned by a nonmember and beautifully planted with flowers, shrubs and fruit trees. Rose has named some of her lovely dahlias after the people who shared them with her and has found that a baking soda and water spray is very effective on powdery mildew if and when it occurs. She considers her garden to be her “happy place”.

We then carpoled to Joan’s property on Long Bay Rd, where our meeting was held. It’s a very large, beautifully landscaped property with heaps of colourful flowers both on the ground and on various fences, a vege area with angular beds surrounded by a wood fence, lots of trees, lawn and paved areas, and wonderful views across McGregor Bay.

Competition winners for February: Natalie/Single; Natalie/Mini; Lorraine/Multi; Sheana/Arrangement (Valentine’s Day); Sheana/Special (Make It Red).

Our March meeting was at The Club, where Sheana, one of our very talented members, talked to us about her career in education and then her decision to start painting rocks during Lockdown. She had never painted before but found lots of ideas online. Posting online also gave her lots of encouragement. Sheana repurposes all sorts of items and you may have seen some of her

creations at the Friday market.

She brought in some flowers she’d made by painting pieces of meat and biscuit trays, a sauce bottle she painted and turned into a solar light, pine cones, terra cotta pots, mussel shells, gourds and various other bits she uses to make figurines, plus special items people have requested. In addition to extensive prepping of surfaces (each item takes about three weeks from start to finish), she seals her creations with acrylic so that the work she’s put into each item will last for years.

Competition winners for March: Lorraine/Single; Pauline/Mini; Tracy/Multi;



Joan’s colourful garden

Tracy/Arrangement (Decorate a Jandal); Sheana/Special (Stir Fry).

Our programme for April has changed, with Jeni’s previously scheduled floral arrangement demonstration being moved to May. As usual, details on the April meeting will be emailed to members closer to the day.

Wednesday 10 April

Venue: The Club

Start time: 1pm

Activity: TBA

Arrangement: In a Wine Glass

Special: Bouquet Garni

If you are interested in joining or being a speaker, please contact Kath Denize, Convenor, 022 413 6573 or Natalie Blasco, Secretary, (07) 866 7518

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Mana Retreat

As autumn emerges, we are enjoying the crisp mornings and warm days spending time in the gardens or walking along the many mountain and bush paths. The last month has been vibrant here at Mana, with many special moments: like the sound and sight of 50 dancers during our recent Open Floor Dance workshop, and the peaceful silence during our Reiki retreat.

For many people, coming to Mana has a feeling of coming home, and we invite those of you who are seeking a deeper connection to self and/or to explore the awakening of consciousness, to join us for any of our coming retreats or workshops.

Women's Open Floor Dance Retreat with Sacha Paddy

A retreat for the women in our dancing community, coming up is an Open Floor Dance retreat, Tending the Flame **Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May**. A weekend of Open Floor Dance, movement meditation, guided nature time, creativity and sharing in the community of women.

A 7-Day Mindfulness Retreat with Bob Stahl and Jan Landry – Cultivating Wisdom and Compassion Amid Life's Changing Currents

Bob Stahl and Jan Landry bring a wealth of knowledge on mindful practices. This year **Friday 3 to Friday 10 May**, he brings his retreat on Cultivating Wisdom and Compassion Amid Life's Changing Currents. This retreat will explore our relationships with illness, aging, and death; cultivate compassionate presence to alleviate suffering; develop inner resources to care for ourselves and others, and meet life and death with a kind and wise heart.

Community Open Floor Dance

Open Floor Dance most Tuesdays at Mana is a great morning of creative expression and movement. Simply show up and move with whatever is present: our creative minds, our tender hearts, our joys and excitements, our aches and pains. 9.45-11.45am. No prior experience needed. Cost: \$15-20, sliding scale.

Tara School Reunion

We would like to warmly welcome Tara School attendees to our reunion on **Wednesday 9 October** at Mana Retreat Centre. All enquiries and RSVP's to marketing@manaretreat.com.

Ngā mihi – The Mana Team.

Email be@manaretreat.com, phone (07) 866 8972, www.manaretreat.com

Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman,
Trustee; Coromandel Rescue
Helicopter Trust



Out of a total of 16 missions flown to the Coromandel Peninsula in February, nine were to the western side.

3-2-24 Manaia – Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a female patient in her 20's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

4-2-24 Tapu – Crew tasked to Tapu to assist a male patient in his 60's involved in a motor vehicle accident and in a moderate condition. Transport to hospital by helicopter wasn't required and crew returned to base.

4-2-24 Kopu – Crew tasked to Kopu to assist multiple patients involved in a motor vehicle accident. Crew stood down enroute and returned to base.

5-2-24 Thames – Crew tasked to Thames to assist a male patient in his 30's involved in a car versus motorcycle accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

8-2-24 – Pinnacles Crew tasked to the Pinnacles to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a fall. He was flown to Thames Hospital in a minor condition.

11-2-24 Colville – Crew tasked to Colville to assist a female patient in her 60's suffering a medical complaint. Unfortunately, she died, and crew returned to base.

13-2-24 Port Charles – Crew tasked to Port Charles to assist a male patient in his 70's who had fallen down some steps. He was transported to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

17-2-24 Coromandel Forest – Crew tasked to Coromandel Forest by the Rescue Coordination Centre to assist a female patient in her 40's suffering from an eight-metre fall into water while canyoning. A beacon was activated. She was extracted by winch from a height of 70 metres and transported to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

20-2-24 Puriri – Crew tasked to Puriri to assist a male patient in his 30's involved in a trail bike accident. He was extracted by winch and flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

Some of the above missions really highlight the versatility and importance of having a Rescue Helicopter service. The logistics of getting those patients out of the accident sites any other way, plus the extra time involved, doesn't bear thinking about. Their injuries would have been compounded further, and could have even led to death. We are extremely lucky to have such a superb Rescue Helicopter service.

One of the interesting things during the closure of SH25A, Kopu Hikuai road, was that there was no upsurge of missions to the east coast. Were the people over that side extra careful during that time, or did they all have to suffer the extra hour or so travel around the long way? I don't envy the patients who traveled all that way on our winding and increasingly rough roads.

The chopper and crew will be back in Whitianga for the Easter holiday weekend. Enjoy the Easter break and stay safe and healthy.

Please feel free to contact me on 022 670 1549

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12 - 15 APRIL	Alchemy of Voice - Unveiling Your Authentic Expression 3 Day Women's Workshop
18 - 21 APRIL	Yoga Sanctuary Retreat
23- 30 APRIL	Yogamind Retreat with Glenn Ceresoli
3-10 MAY	Meeting The Heavenly Messengers – A Mindfulness Retreat with Bob Stahl and Jan Landry
10-12 MAY	Mother's Day Relax and Wellness with The Mana Team
17-19 MAY	Tending the Flame – A Women's Open Floor Dance Retreat with Sacha Paddy
24-26 MAY	Bodylight Weekend Retreat 2024 with Edna Levy
29 MAY - 3 JUNE	Tranquility and Insight – A Meditation Retreat with Susan Allen
7-9 JUNE	Brain Fitness QiGong and Brain Wave Meditation

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

April 2024

Long term budgets and projects in the spotlight

Now's the time to give us your take on Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034 budgets and projects before public feedback closes on Monday 8 April.

Our Council is proposing a 'just the essentials' budget for our future planning that will make provision for the basics, such as repairing and improving our roading network, dealing with the effects of climate change, and supporting and growing communities to become more resilient.

To achieve this, we're proposing an average district-wide rates increase of 12.9% for the 2024/25 financial year. You can check your proposed rates for 2024/25 at tcdc.govt.nz/rid

Some issues we're asking you about:

- How to manage the rates increase to lessen the impact on our ratepayers.



- Options for investing more in future planning.
- Investing in connected communities.

How can you give your feedback?

- Online: tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034
- Email consultation@tcdc.govt.nz with 'LTP feedback' in the subject line.
- Pick up a feedback form at a Council service centre and post it or drop it off in person: tcdc.govt.nz/contact
- Invite us to talk to your ratepayer or community group: 07 868 0200, customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz
- Speak to your elected members: tcdc.govt.nz/ourcouncil

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

No collections Easter Monday 1 April. Rubbish and food waste collections are a day later than usual the rest of the week.

Check your area's schedule at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays



TRANSFER STATIONS

Coromandel Town Refuse and Recycling Transfer Station (RTS) is closed Good Friday 29 March, but open the rest of Easter Weekend from 8.30am–5.30pm. From 7 April, with the end of Daylight Savings, all our RTSs are open 8.30am–4.30pm. ANZAC Day Thursday 25 April, all RTS are closed until 1pm then open until 4.30pm. tcdc.govt.nz/RTS

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

THURSDAY 25 APRIL



10am Civic Service – Memorial Reserve, 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town.
To be followed by morning tea at The Club, 190 Woollams Avenue.



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board

Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"Easter is here, and the new beginnings that it symbolises seem especially appropriate for us all. We're still emerging from recovery mode, and there are still challenges ahead, but it's been good to see visitors returning in greater numbers. If you're visiting for Easter, we know you will enjoy the amazing hospitality provided by our local businesses. Happy Easter everyone – Kia pai Te Aranga."

gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Big day out for the Board

Board members and staff had a busy day away from their offices this week, connecting with local community groups on the Ward's western side.



The first stop was Waitete Bay where Upper Coromandel Forest and Bird showed the group plantings of pōhutukawa, flax and other plants to control erosion. At local community café Hereford & Pickle, The Colville Project shared the latest on their plans for a Wellbeing Centre and housing for Northern Coromandel communities, and Colville Junction discussed their community initiatives including the Colville Festival, Children's Day, Colville Harbour Care, and a five-year project to help protect local waterways. Site visits were also made to Colville Cemetery, Colville Harbour Care native plant nursery and Otautu Bay. A big thank you to everyone who took time to share with us.



The next meeting is Tuesday 16 April 2024, 9am, 355 Kapanga Road.

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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal



It was wonderful to welcome back our children for the 2024 school year in such beautiful summer weather. Such a contrast to the events of 2023 which seriously affected our start. We were optimistic on having a great year of learning and currently have a roll of around 120 with a number of expected enrollments during the year. The term has flown by!

We only had a couple of small changes to our team this year. We welcomed Mark Commins who has taken on the role of caretaker-groundsman and learning support after Howard Collins retired and we farewelled our learning assistant Mrs Robelyn Dickinson, who moved with her family to Auckland.

There was lots of action on the school site over the summer break. The ground work for our new pump track was completed before

Christmas. We are finishing off the final bits and pieces of the project, with concreting the edges as well as planting/landscaping around the track to get everything ready to officially open the track and have the children using it. A funding application has been made to get helmets, bikes and scooters that will be kept in locked storage. Fingers crossed that will be successful!

The school had a busy February calendar with our Meet and Greet evening followed by a family picnic and sausage sizzle and the Years 1-3 Swimming Demonstration was held where parents came to see what their children were doing in their class swimming sessions. The Years 4-8 students had their swimming sports at Coromandel Area School. There were some great results and the top swimmers swam again for the Northern Peninsula and Thames Valley Swimming Sports in March.

Our Years 3 & 4 children have enjoyed getting back to Nature School on Fridays. This term they have been using the Whangapoua Estuary for this. And the Life Education Caravan was here for a week. The children loved learning about keeping their

bodies healthy from Harold the Giraffe!

The big out-of-school events for the term were the PTA's successful Colour Run in late March, and we are delighted that our Kapa Haka Rōpū was asked to open "A Taste of Matarangi" again this year. This is a fabulous fundraiser for our school and a great opportunity to showcase the talents of our tamariki who have spent time refining their group performance over the term.

Finally, we were very proud to hear that Milan Evans, in Year 8, has been chosen by the Antarctic Heritage Trust as one of 25 Years 7-9 students from around the country to attend the "Young Inspiring Explorers Summit" in Christchurch where he will visit New Zealand's Gateway to Antarctica and experience a weekend of exploration. The students were chosen for having a positive attitude; a natural curiosity about the world; and a desire to work alongside fellow explorers to learn about the remarkable world we live in. This certainly describes Milan well!

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu. Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

We are well into the swing of things now. This term the primary school have been focusing on hauora with a focus on mindfulness and self-regulation. This has then led us into "Aotearoa, our place, our people". This year within the primary school we have looked at how we integrate purposefully a know, understand, and do approach to teaching and learning following the curriculum refresh guide. In the junior spaces they have been learning about shapes and patterns and exploring number knowledge in maths. For literacy they have been following

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



the better start literacy approach which is a structured approach to literacy for Years 0-2 students to support students' early reading, writing and oral language success. In the secondary school we have had the TCDC Careers expo, leadership camps which saw a group of our students and teachers paddling the Whanganui River, scuba diving, day trip to Maungatautari Sanctuary, day trip to see

the national tour of Hatupatu and establishing our flexible Friday sessions, which are awesome!

In February we had our annual swimming sports. This involved competitive, give it a go and fun events. This was a whole school event, where those who wanted to swim participated. We even had many senior students help by timekeeping and getting in the pool for the fun events with our juniors. Following this we hosted the Northern Peninsula Cluster event at the beginning of March, and this was an opportunity for students to compete for a spot in the Thames Valley event. Well done to all participants and a big thanks to whānau who supported these events!

Check out some awesome writing from Room 2:

I see the sun; it was a nice sunny day. I see a tree; it is green and brown, and it has apples on it. By Takiri, Year 2.

I went to the beach. We had a nuke fight. I was in a team with my tiny sister. By Zephaniah, Year 2.

I went to the beach and there was a rainbow. We played in the ocean. By Nova, Year 2.

I love the zoo. It has so many animals. The zoo is one of my favourite things. By George, Year 2.

In the weekend I went to the beach and watched the sunset. By Indi-Lee, Year 2.

Ratty tatty cat is happy. He likes to sniff in bins and run. He has friends. By Anika, Year 2.

I am going to win the swimming competition. And I will call for Kapanga. By Macy, Year 2.



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Swimming sports day

Colville Bay Pre-school
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COLVILLE BAY
 PRE-SCHOOL



By Esther Powell

Ka whāngai, ka tupu, ka puāwai. To nurture, to grow, to blossom.

Another day exploring, adventuring and story-creating with the tamariki of Colville Bay Pre-school leading the way

Following our children's interests; in this case a fascination with pirates, we find many ways to foster emergent literacy skills through map-making and storytelling, dramatic play, and a love of learning as we create opportunities for investigation, exploration and connection to the elements of our natural environment.



We have spaces available for children ages six months to six years old. Open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-3pm

Transport available for 3-6-year-olds from Coromandel to Colville return three days per week.

20 hours free ECE for 3-year-olds+ and WINZ subsidies available.

Our Licensed Early Learning Centre is a registered charity. If you would like to make a donation the details are: Kiwibank: Colville Bay Preschool Inc: 38-9005-0803508-02, reference "donation".

If you are a Qualified ECE Teacher or a Kaiako in training and would like to join our reliever pool, please get in touch.

Contact Esther, Colville Bay Preschool, 2391 Colville Bay Road, ph 022 645 3272, email seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz, www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

After school: 5yr+ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 3-5pm.

For 10yrs+ Adventure Time: Explore outdoor activities our community has on offer, meet Monday after school at Hauraki House, ready to leave by 3.15pm, returning 5pm. Miniatures Game Club, Wednesdays 3-5pm.

School holidays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 11am-4pm. Closed: Public holidays.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a safe, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play! Parents just fill out a membership form.

For more information, during open hours, call in or phone (07) 866 7061 or contact us at coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Along with kind donations, we are grateful for grants received from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, NZ Community Trust, Star & Garter



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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Moana Keyworth



Kia ora koutou.

Moving into March we found autumn came with a bite, with cooler mornings and evenings. We have been lucky to still be enjoying those long clear days in the hot sun. Tamariki have been busy clearing our mara for some autumn seedlings, checking the worm farm and transporting some worms into the garden soil. Insects and bugs have been a definite interest of some of the tamariki. We have had plenty of water play, arts and crafts, puzzle challenges, and more.

With the change of seasons we have had a few bugs circulating. Please remember to pack a mix of warm and cool clothes for the change of season.

During the month of March we welcomed Enrique, Mareikura, Oliver, Amelia, and Willem to our preschool whānau. We have celebrated birthdays for Rae, Rocco, Jayvious, Noah, Willow and Coral. We would like to farewell Coral who has turned five this month and wish her all the best on her new journey to school.

Our waiting lists are coming down so if you are looking for a quality Early Childhood Education Centre for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers and you feel that this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning, you can put your child's name on the waiting list. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/30295/coromandel-community-preschool>.

The centre operates Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-3.30pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

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MEG

By Genevieve Morley



Coastal pōhutukawa

Back in December, our field team were hard at work putting out 50 of NZ AutoTraps AT220 traps to target the possums that seem to be decimating the coastal pōhutukawa north of Waikawau bay. It's tragic to see the ghostly patches of silvery dead trees along the coast. One reason trees can be killed by possum browsing could be that when some trees become stressed, their leaves become even more sugary and attractive to possums, so the tree will become more and more tasty, attracting more browsing and can result in whole trees dying while a neighbour is largely unaffected (this phenomenon has been shown in Australia). Last month we went back to service the traps and see how well they've done in the two months since they were all deployed. We're pleased to report that 215 possum kills were recorded so far, and the auto traps will keep doing their work all year round so that by spring, when the vulnerable fresh new growth and flower buds emerge, the possum population will be greatly reduced. Thanks to WRC for this important funding. We're keeping an eye on the trees with drone camera monitoring thanks to our volunteers and hoping for a flush of recovery in those trees that can still be saved.

MEGa Pest Attack Possum Control

Over the last 12 months, NZ Auto Traps's self-resetting possum traps have been installed throughout the MEGa Pest



Possum on a trap

Attack in Port Charles. The 450ha project already had effective stoat, cat and rat trapping throughout the area. Regular possum monitoring showed that reinvasion occurred within six months following a previous toxin operation. This made us rethink our possum control protocol and look to the self-resetting traps made by NZ AutoTraps. Wax tag monitoring prior to the trap installation showed an average of 55% of the wax tags were chewed by possums. Six months after installation began, the wax tag index had dropped to 14% and then six months later it had dropped to 2.8%.

The traps count the number of possums killed and in that 12 months we have removed 849 possums from the area! In addition to possums the traps also catch rats, mice and the odd stoat and the counters show an additional 2592 kills that will be mainly rats and mice.

With possum numbers now so low in the project area we can reduce the trap intensity. We will do this by relocating some of the internal traps outside the boundary to further increase the area of possum control. Thanks to Lotteries and WRC for funding this work and helping our forest ecosystems thrive.

Seaweek

To celebrate the beginning of Seaweek, we teamed up with the "Coromandel Dolphins", a group of local swimmers who gather regularly

to swim the coastline. Together, we taught some of our local children how to use fins effectively and how to snorkel. Thank you to the Coromandel Dolphins and everyone who participated in this event! It will be up to the keen eye of local divers and swimmers to identify the invasive seaweed Caulerpa when it reaches our local beaches. Caulerpa has been found in the sea around Waiheke Island, Mercury Island and Great Barrier Island, and just like the predators that prey on our native bird species, it will harm marine life.

Ginger Bash

Talking about invasive weeds, MEG volunteers will get back to doing a regular "Ginger Bash" in Coromandel, so join us on **Saturday 13 April** at Oamaru Bay at 9am and we will head by boat back to Whisky Bay. For more information about this, email us on moehauenvironmentgroup@gmail.com.



Flipper fun event

Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James and Saskia Wagner

Learning about Conservation at Driving Creek

Last month we were asked to host two classes from Coromandel Area School to learn about conservation and the importance of protecting our native species. We were excited to be able to show students around Driving Creek and talk about our work here. Our ranger Saskia presented a great mini-workshop for the students (and teachers).

She talked about the first steps to pest control and how to find out what pests you have in your area. Monitoring for pest animal species can be done by using wax tags for possums, tracking tunnels for pests like mice and rats, and trail cameras for mustelids. Once you know what pests you have and what you want to target you can choose from different trap types. At Driving Creek we use 12 different types of traps; some of those are automatic. The presentation to students ran through the most common types of traps, how to use them safely, and what species they target. Depending on your budget and your time available for trapping you can choose the right trap to fit your needs.

The students then had a great time finding cave wētā in an old goldmine, learning about our pest-proof fence, and visiting our gecko enclosures in the sanctuary. Thank you so much for visiting Driving Creek. We welcome school groups to visit anytime to learn about conservation and the work we and other community groups are doing to protect our native wildlife in Coromandel.



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By Kate Donoghue

Our land is no longer protected

We have a new and extremely concerning piece of legislation that the government is in the process of introducing: The Fast-track Approvals Bill. This ill-conceived piece of legislation rides over all normal democratic checks and balances, such as the select committee processes.

Currently on the peninsula we and our land and seas are protected from destructive gold mining by hard-won protection achieved during the 80s and 90s by many dedicated residents. Many of us will remember those days!

Under Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act, all land north of the Kopu Hikuai Road has special protection and the District Plan also offered protection for coastal land, native forests, townships, Moehau mountain, etc.

Achieving these gains involved many residents of the peninsula who found themselves battling some of the biggest multinational gold mining companies in the world and who had huge areas of land under license. In a survey of residents carried out by a polling company in the 1980's, over 86% of the Peninsula's residents were opposed to mining. The inevitable negative destructive and dangerous environmental consequences of opencast mines and tailings dams in the steep, unstable Coromandel topography was obvious to most.

With the introduction of the Fast-track Bill, there will be no protection for any of the peninsula. The protection that Coromandel currently has will be repealed.

There is a submission process for this bill. Search "Fast-track Approvals Bill" and the information about how to submit will be there. The submission process closes on **Friday 19 April**. It's important to let the government know how we feel. It will be a critical chance to engage with the decision-making ministers.

The outcome of the case lead by conservation group Ours Not Mine versus Oceana Gold and the Hauraki District Council (HDC) was announced a few weeks ago. The Judge has found in favour of HDC and the mining company. Ours Not Mine has decided to appeal this decision. The Canadian mining company Oceana Gold, having a right to use a publicly owned paper road in a Forest Park near Whangamata for their mining paraphernalia is something that the group feels should be challenged!

If you would like to donate to this appeal, Umu cafe is selling two beautiful Stanley Palmer prints individually signed by the artist.

If you would like more information or would like to join CLAIM and/or Watchdog please contact Pamela Grealey at claimtreasurer@gmail.com



Forest & Bird

By Annette Steele



Podcasts for nature

Podcasts are a wonderfully easy and entertaining way to soak up new information and knowledge, and there are several really good ones about New Zealand conservation and ecology you might enjoy listening to. They can be easily downloaded to your phone to listen to anywhere.

"Our Changing World" is made by RNZ and won the 2022 New Zealand Radio Award for the best factual podcast. Episodes come out weekly, with engaging presenters who report on science and nature, visiting researchers in the field and their laboratories. Recent episodes have included farmed seafood, highlighting the decline of wild species (often through overfishing or harvesting), and our attempts at rearing paua, whitebait, and kingfish sustainably, discussing the science, pros, cons and ethics involved. Another episode looked at kina, which in contrast are causing damage through overpopulating the seabed, and how this could be mitigated by eating them, exploring what makes a good tasting kina.

"Fight for the Wild" is also made by RNZ and is focussed specifically on "Predator Free 2050" in Aotearoa. There are four episodes, all of which make riveting listening about this "moonshot" programme. The story begins with the evolution of our unique fauna, and the disastrous effects of introduction of mammal predators 80 million years later. With our unique ecosystem in freefall, it then goes into detail about this bold project and how science can help achieve the seemingly impossible.

DOC produce a podcast series called "Sounds of Science", which looks behind the scenes at how they care for our unique native species and natural environment, covering subjects as diverse as kakapo to volcanology, kauri protection to invertebrates. They interview scientists, volunteers and field workers who tell their stories, engagingly conveying the unique experiences that bring great joy and wonder in their work.

Looking globally, Deutsche Welle's weekly "Living Planet" reports on the state of the earth from the perspective of new technologies and innovative projects. Recent examples include a series called "What's better?" comparing books with e-readers, or plastic vs paper packaging in terms of the environmental impact, reviewing it from production to disposal or recycling – which provided some surprising as well as expected conclusions.

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Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We seem to have settled after our very busy exhibition and our recent move to the airfield.

What a lovely, inspiring view we get to paint from in our new rooms.

We also have the added bonus of planes coming and going plus a helicopter the other week too. I'm sure one of those will get painted soon. We all stop painting to watch the action of the visiting planes.

Plenty of room got some of us to paint outside too, with views and open space.

Our AGM has been set for **Thursday 18 April** at clubrooms at 9am. We will discuss our next year of art going forward and fees, etc. New members welcome.

We all work with different mediums and it's amazing to see what eventuates.

Contact Lindsay 027 494 9738 for details



Lynne enjoying the outdoors from our clubrooms

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

After our successful workshop with Maxine Thompson things have settled down a little.

Some of us have registered for the Pastel Artists of New Zealand Convention and Exhibition in Morrinsville in March this year. This is an annual event which is held in a different part of New Zealand every year. There is a five week Purely Pastel Exhibition of selected pastel artwork from the best pastel artists in New Zealand. It runs from **Saturday 23 March until Sunday 28 April**. If you are in Morrinsville it would be well worth a visit to the Morrinsville Community Gallery in Thames Street, Morrinsville.

Saskia Riemersma and Rosemarie Murphy have both had art work selected into this exhibition.

The rest of the Convention consists of two workshops with Tricia Reust from Australia as tutor and a two-day Convention with all sorts of demonstrations and activities planned. Members of PANZ come from all around New Zealand to meet up with other members and enjoy themselves.

The rest of the Coro team will be holding the fort at Rose's Studio at 860 Tiki Road on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 12noon so if you have the time, pop in and have a nosey.

Contact Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma 027 296 1670

Shared Studios

By Yvonne and Amelia



Calling all artists!

This year's Shared Studios kicks off in June!

Shared Studios is a program created and run by artists, for artists.

This program is open to anyone who identifies as an artist or creative and would like to join in over the winter months.

Work alongside other artists in the Art Room at Hauraki House and choose whether to participate in exciting workshops, gallery/exhibition visits and/or artist studio tours.

Our focus is on the process, experi-

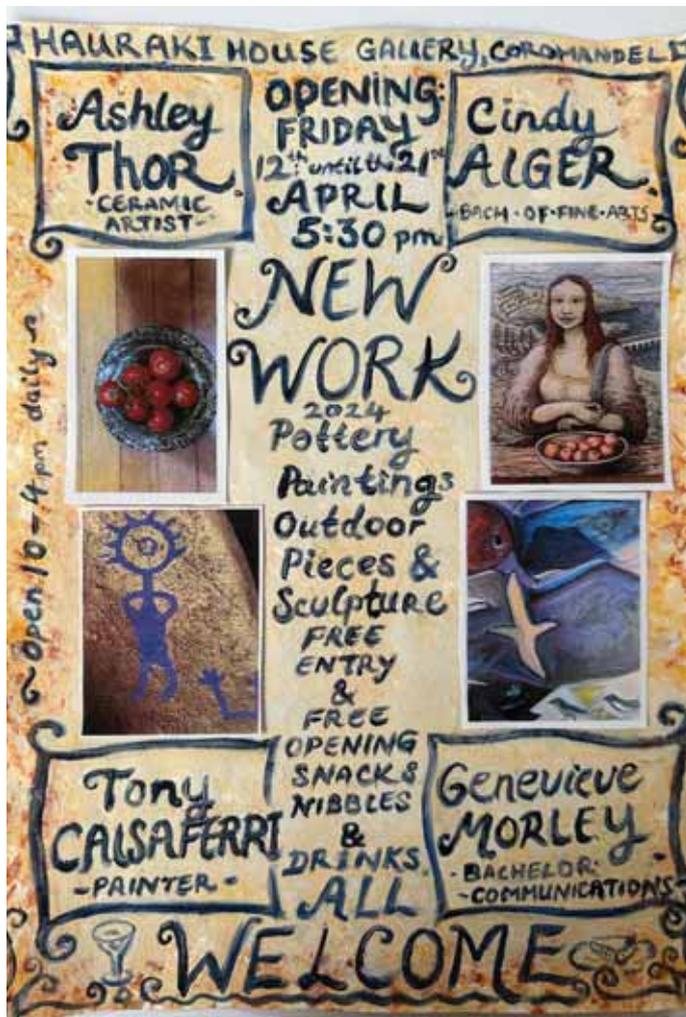
menting with our own work and learning from each other in a fun and no pressure environment.

We have had painters, potters, textile artists and sculptors, so whatever your medium you are welcome and we would love to see new members.

So start to think about whether you would like to join us!

Shared Studios is part of Watch This Space (WTS) Coromandel and is in its 9th year.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions please email Yvonne at yszabo1971@gmail.com



Thames Music Group

Concerts for April are:

Sunday Afternoon Concert - Gliss Harps

Sunday 7 April at 2pm at St George's Church, Thames.

Tickets: general \$20, members \$15, under 18's free.

Well known NZ harpist Anna Dunwoodie leads her quartet with mesmerising harp music.

Gliss Harps brings you a programme of music which defies any one label - where else could you hear four harps playing a tango or a ragtime number, film music or traditional songs, something classical or a waltz, a pop song or a hymn? A fun and interesting repertoire of ensembles and solos which showcases both lever and pedal harps and a variety of sounds and techniques which you may not have known were possible on the harp!

Harpists Anna Dunwoodie, Harrison Chau, Kate Dodds and Joelle Ireland have each been playing the harp for more than half their lives and show an affinity for putting together a harp extravaganza.

Following the concert you are welcome to try playing a harp and take part in a mini harp lesson with one of the expert harpists who will show you some little harp tips.

Free Friday Lunchtime Concert - Thames Talent

Friday 26 April at 12.15pm at St George's Church, Thames.

Koha appreciated.

Featuring Maria Yates - a local guitarist/singer and Arthur Road - a guitar and song duo with Sam Rogers and Jayne Bolsover. All are known Thames musicians who will entertain during the lunch hour.



Gliss Harps

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Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

Take-A-Kid Fishing – Inner Harbour Tournament

Saturday 27 April.

Dress-up theme (optional): Your favourite person (superhero, Uncle Bob, etc.). Free sausage sizzle!

Final registration – by 5pm on **Thursday 25 April.**

Start time: 6am.

Weigh-in: 3-4pm.

Weigh station – Garden Bar, Admirals Arms.

Prize giving – 4.30pm at the Garden Bar, Admirals Arms.

Junior division

Heaviest Snapper 1st – \$100, 2nd – \$70, 3rd – \$50

Heaviest Kahawai 1st – \$70, 2nd – \$50, 3rd – \$30

Heaviest Trevally, Yellowtail 1st – \$40, 2nd – \$30, 3rd – \$20

Most Unusual Species (6 years and under) – prize

Heaviest Sprat, Yellowtail (6 years and under) – prize

Snapper Average Weight – \$50

Mystery Weight – \$50

All kids entered to fish get a prize!

Adult division

Heaviest Snapper 1st – \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200.

Entry

Members: Adults \$20, kids \$10 (13 years and under at 1 July 2023)

Non-members: Adults \$25, kids \$15 (13 years and under at 1 July 2023)

Entry forms available from Coro Fish, Dive & Hunt, Kapanga Road; Salty Towers, Tiki Road.

Online entry forms: Facebook: Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club or <https://form.jotform.com/240658351270050>.



Fishing zone boundary

From Te Kouma Head (last point on left before going out of Coromandel Harbour) across to Tawhiti Point (Cook and the Maori). This now includes the Esk Mussel Farms and across the little passage at the light. Fishing outside these zones will result in automatic disqualification – this area will be patrolled. All club rules and MPI rules apply.

Fish of the month

Fish of the month for April is gurnard and piper for juniors. Fish of the month for May is snapper and sprat for juniors.

Results from the Classy Chicks tournament

Average snapper weight – Major prize \$1500 travel voucher, \$250 spending money, 1 x suitcase – there was a tie for 1st, both agreed to half the prize – Nikki Stephenson 1.34, Sharnikan Witika 1.34 Waharao

Mystery Weight – Margaret Visser – 2.805

1st Snapper – Nikki Stephenson 6.760

Skippers Prize – Rob Davies – Locator Beacon donated by Maritime NZ

2nd Snapper – Kim Olliff 6.255

3rd Snapper – Jade Beaver 6.075

We also had 4th to 15th snapper prizes

1st Kahawai – Kelly Jenkins 1.920

2nd Kahawai – Briar Sturgeon 1.835

1st Trevally – Helen Puia 1.535

2nd Trevally – Briar O'Keefe 1.180

No Kingfish or John Dory weighed in. These were spot prizes

Dress up – 1st Hillman Hunter Galz, 2nd Heavy Metal Punks, 3rd Hedgehogs.

Thanks to the 139 ladies who entered and the 42 boats. See you all next year.

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors!

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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

One of the many great things about croquet is that it can be played all through the year. However, autumn is just about the best time as the weather is usually fine, but the days are not too hot.

If you are interested in spending an occasional morning in beautiful surroundings, in great company, and learning about croquet, then call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15am, which will change to 9.45am after the clocks change on **Sunday 7 April**. We provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club.

The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



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Ladies' winning team:
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Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie, Secretary

2024 Stroke Play Men's Champions

Verner Cup 36 holes – Senior – Ross Mudgway
Dudson Family Cup 36 holes – Intermediate – Allan Rose
O'Keeffe Family Cup 27 holes – Junior – Richard Neal.

RD1: Ladies' Pennants at Hauraki Golf Club, Team Coromandel 2nd Equal. Net Round. 6 Players Best 5 count. Ladies' team: Sue Davies, Peg McLean, Carol Carson, Greta James, Jenny Coatsworth, Gina Carr.

RD 2: Another fantastic result for Coromandel Golf Club ladies when we hosted our Zone Pennants on our home course with Coromandel winning this round. Ladies' team: Jenny Coatsworth, Peg McLean, Greta James, Glenise Robertson, Gina Carr and Rangimarie Wirihana.

Those behind the playing team also contributed to a very successful day, catering and running the competition.

We cannot play great golf without a great course and the ladies, as always, are extremely grateful for the care that was taken in the presentation of the course for this important day. Thank you to all those responsible

Tuesday's Ladies' Club Day 9.30am Tee Off

Wednesday Men's Midweek Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off

Saturday Members' Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off

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For more information phone Marilyn 027 253 7882 or email: coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

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, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602....9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,
 Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 47229am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341... 3.30-4.15pm
 Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact
 Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661.....9.15am
 (9.45am after Sunday 7 April)
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,
 Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768 5pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am
 Meditation at Mahamudra..... 8.15-8.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio,
 contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.
 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class,
 contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
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 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, at the Pyramid, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 .. 5.30-6.45pm
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house),
 Liz 027 436 2800 6-7pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am
 Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 8.30am-12.30pm
 Community Gardens volunteer day..... 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 26619.15am
 Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 92529.30am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.
 President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576..... 3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"..... 2pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm
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2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms
 John Walker 027 482 043510am
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 1pm
2nd Wed – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm
3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....10am

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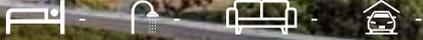
Calendar of events Coromandel Town April 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Easter Monday Last day of Coromandel Easter Exhibition at Hauwaki House	2 Open Floor Dance at Mana (see ad pg 20)	3 Bowling Club Open Optional Triples (see pg 12)	4	5 Coromandel Home Grown Community Market Tony Bachhouse – Sing Your heart out starts at Mana (see ad pg 20)	6 Library Car Boot Sale in Woodlams Ave (see pg 11) A Taste of Matarangi (see pg 11 & ad pg 5)	7 Daylight saving ends clocks go back 1hr at 3am Thames Music Group concert – Gliss Harps (see pg 26)
8 Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club	9 Open Floor Dance at Mana (see ad pg 20)	10	11	12 Last day of school Term 1 Coromandel Home Grown Community Market Ashley Thor, Cindy Alger, Tony Calasferri, Genevieve Morley art exhibition starts (see ad pg 26) Alchemy of voice workshop starts at Mana (see ad pg 20)	13 RSA AGM 3pm (see pg 12) MEG Ginger Bash (see pg 24)	14 RSA Fishing Club contest (see pg 12)
15 Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club	16 DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle May issue Open Floor Dance at Mana (see ad pg 20) The Staying Safe – A Refresher Course for Older Drivers (see pg 7)	17	18 Coromandel Art Group AGM (see pg 26)	19 Coromandel Home Grown Community Market Last day to submit on Fast-track Bill (see pg 25)	20	21 Ashley Thor, Cindy Alger, Tony Calasferri, Genevieve Morley art exhibition ends (see ad pg 26)
22 Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club	23 Yogamind retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 20)	24	25 ANZAC Day (see pg 12 & pg 21) Final day to register for Take-A-Kid Fishing – Inner Harbour Tournament (see pg 27)	26 Coromandel Home Grown Community Market Thames Music Group Free Friday Lunchtime Concert – Thames Talent (see pg 26)	27 Take-A-Kid Fishing – Inner Harbour Tournament (see pg 27)	28
29 School Term 2 starts Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club	30 Funding app deadline (see pg 12)	COROMANDEL RUBBISH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION To 6 April: Daily 8.30am-5.30pm From 7 April: Daily 8.30am-4.30pm	Make sure your event gets listed To get your event listed, email the details to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups. Regular meetings aren't included here – please see weekly and monthly meetings on page 29.	KEY ● New moon ○ Full moon Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times: +5min High and -19min Low. Rubbish and recycle collection for Coromandel Town (CT), Te Kōhuna (TE), Maniaia (MN), Coromandel Rural North (RN), and Thames Coast (TC). Put red lid rubbish bin and food scrap bin out. Put recycling bin (plastic 1, 2 & 5 tins, paper, card), glass recycling bin and food scrap bin out.		

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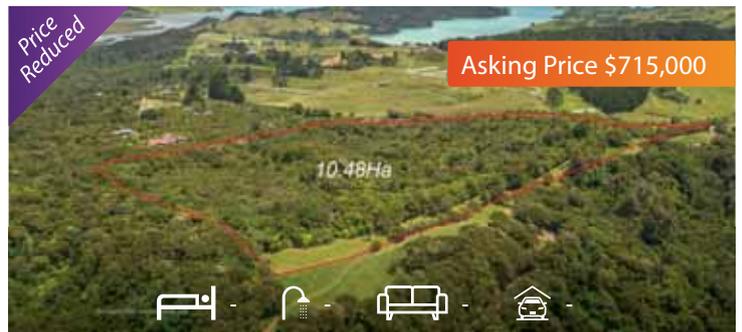
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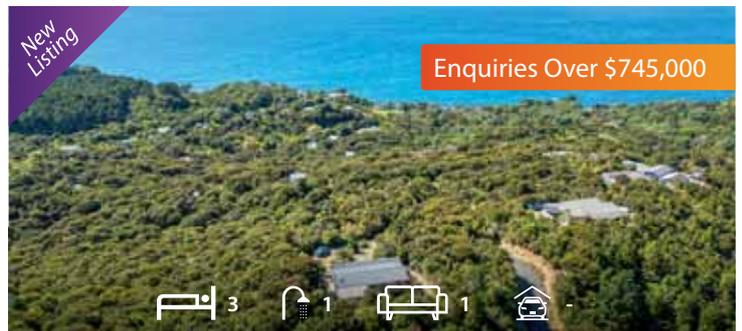
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