

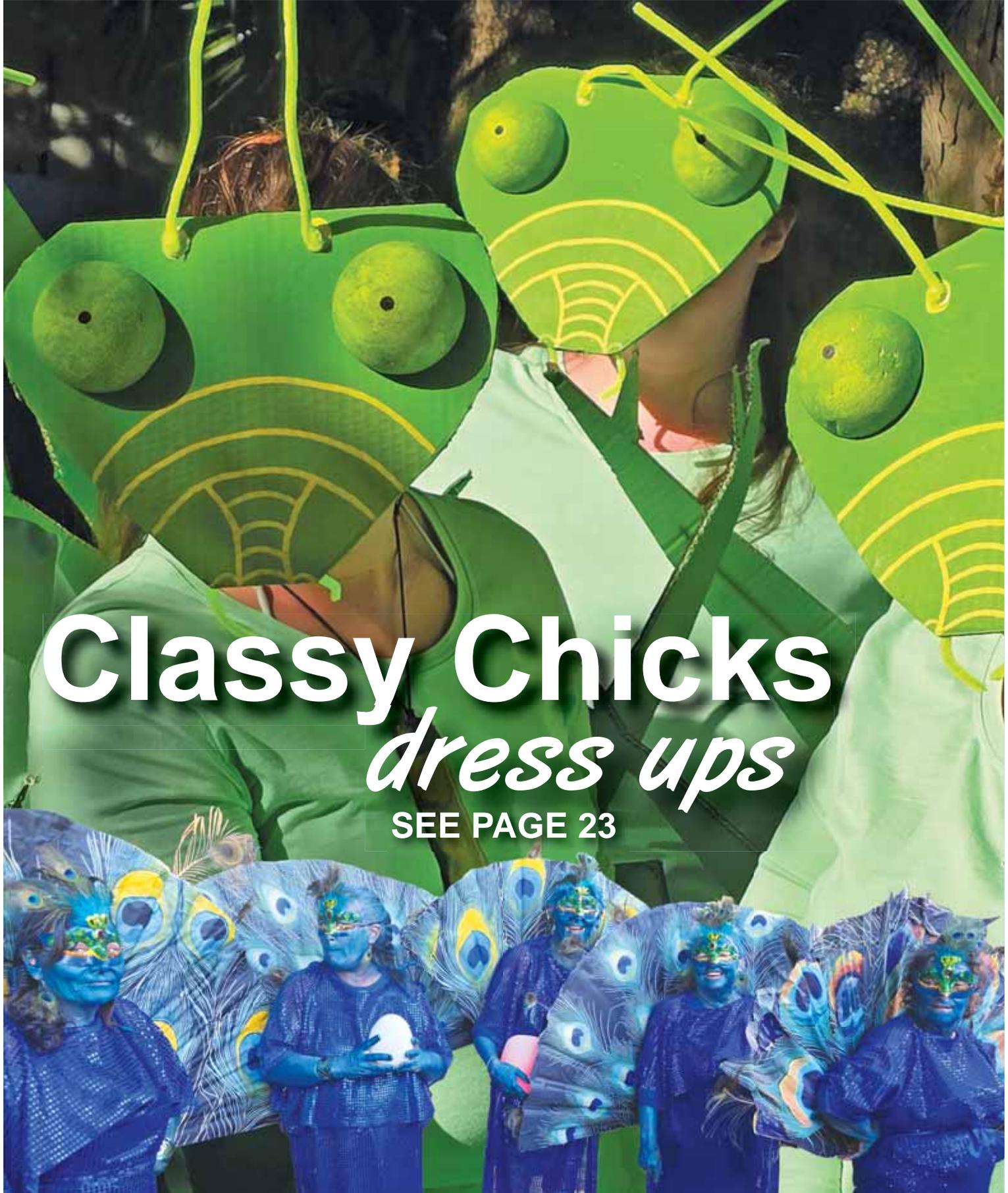
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.....Editor's comment

April starts off with A Taste of Matarangi on the first weekend of the month. Term 1 of school finishes (that went very quickly!) and then it is Easter. We have a lot of public holidays this month with Anzac Day falling just after Easter. Enjoy your days off if you get them.

I was asked if I can print the recycling rules as a reminder to everyone about what is accepted now, so on page 6 you will find an article explaining everything clearly – please read.

In March I visited some of the Mercury Bay Art Escape Art Trail. Being somewhat "arty" myself, I have always loved visiting open studios. This was the first time I have been to the Mercury Bay version and would like to have seen more.

Have a good month,

Debbie



Just some of Annemieke Kregting's bird mosaics on show at the Mercury Bay Art Escape Art Trail

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Christ Church

From the desk of Father Andy

In just six weeks time John and I will be heading off to Europe to begin our Camino. There are several routes that can be taken but we're going to take the most popular one, a walk of 850 km from the French Pyrenees through to Santiago de Compostela in North Western Spain.



Camino means "The Way" and for centuries pilgrims have made their "way" to Santiago where the Apostle St. James is reputed to be buried. The huge and imposing cathedral there dominates the city skyline and there it is that the Camino ends although some choose to continue to the Atlantic coast. Some people walk the "Way" for religious reasons, some do it for the sheer challenge and some do it to clear their heads and perhaps find a little more out about themselves as they journey with others for the forty day trek.

Journeys are important for us, some are physical journeys and some are metaphorical ones such as the "journey of life". Christian folk are currently "journeying" through the season of Lent, the great penitential season which leads us through to the journey Jesus made to the cross and beyond to the resurrection. Jesus was a wonderful man who embodied the very nature of God himself. He was feared by authority figures and misunderstood by religious leaders and so eventually he was put to death. Christians believe that his death was the supreme expression of the creator God's love for humanity. But his death was not the end of the story because the foundation of the Christian faith is built on the resurrection and the belief that Jesus rose from death to life and lives on in our world in a metaphysical way, transcending physical matter and the laws of nature and changing human lives. The Gospels in the Bible are the record of his life, snippets of who he was, what he taught and what he did. He brought hope and joy where there was disappointment and sadness and he revealed the way to living life to the full.

Many people in our sophisticated and seemingly self-sufficient world today choose not to give time or thought to this man Jesus and his "way" but equally many people have considered his life and his legacy and have found a real joy in life for doing so. The church's celebrations at this special time of the year is an ideal time to renew an old interest in the Christian Way or to give it some thought for the first time perhaps. At Christ Church on Tiki Road we will be gathering over the Easter break at the following times and it would be lovely to see a few new faces in the church as we remember again this special man and all that he has done and all that he desires for our world today.

Good Friday Service – **Friday 18 April** at 2pm
 Holy Saturday Morning Tea – **Saturday 19 April** at 11am
 Easter Sunday Service – **Sunday 20 April** at 10am

In addition to these service times I am available to anyone who would like to discuss issues of life or faith so please don't hesitate to contact me on 022 175 5684.

So the clock is ticking now and our Camino is getting nearer and nearer and I look forward to letting you all know about our adventure in the June edition of the Chronicle.

May God's rich blessings be yours.

The Colville Project

Catching-up with DV Bryant Trust

DV Bryant has been a long-time supporter of our vision and we are thrilled that they have awarded a significant partnership multi-year grant (SPMYG) to The Colville Project.

DV Bryant noted that, "This project is a great demonstration of a group that is deeply embedded in its community – is led by and works with, in and for the community



that it cares intensely about". DV Bryant's continued support is gratefully acknowledged and will contribute meaningfully to the achievement of equitable outcomes for our rural and remote communities.



Bronwyn Blair, (Archie the dog), Raewyn Kirkman (DV Bryant Trust), Kate Armstrong, Janet Palmer and Amajjika Kumara

Coromandel Contact Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Daylight saving is here again so winter must be just around the corner. Visitors to Coromandel are most welcome to come and join in with us but please let Jackie know so that she can fit you in. We also welcome new members, contact Jackie on the number below to apply. We meet each Monday evening at the St John room.

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Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

When this issue goes to print we will have had our exhibition so will report more about that next month.

Our last get together saw a group of us making Drawstring Lunch Bags. Thanks Michaela for a great class. Was a fun day and I'm sure we will find plenty of uses for our new bags. Tina had another one of her fabulous quilts all finished, Judy a bag which she is already using to keep her projects together.

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.

Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Michaela Green 021 028 71879



Coromandel Museum

By Maureen Kimber

There is an old myth that says the place to go on a wet miserable day is a local Museum – we have obviously debunked that myth at the Coromandel Museum as we have had a record number of local and overseas visitors over three very successful months during our beautiful summer – hardly a wet miserable day in sight!

Our free Open Waitangi Day showed a record number of visitors attending, and both adults and children alike were fascinated by Martin Carr's live blacksmith display.

People seem to be staying longer in the Museum enjoying the wide variety of displays we now have on offer, not the least of which is our revolving monthly presentation of local items of interest. The month of April will be dedicated to the RSA with the main showcase being Anzac Day on **Friday 25 April**. Ex servicemen will assemble at the Citizens Hall at 9.45am and march to the Cenotaph for the 10am community service. Please come along and share memories and stories and enjoy refreshments afterwards at the Club in Woollams Avenue. Visit the Museum during April and share the very special involvement that our town had during wartime and through the local RSA who continue the community involvement.

The Lions Club have our vote of thanks for donating and installing a wonderful garden seat for visitors to relax and reflect on all the things they have seen in the Museum. Members Rick, Kerry and Joan Knudsen also have our appreciation for this gift.

We are still working closely in collaboration with the Gold Stamper Battery who also had a good summer for the re-opening of an iconic part of Coromandel's history. If anyone has a couple of hours per week to assist both attractions to meet and greet our visitors, we would love to hear from you.

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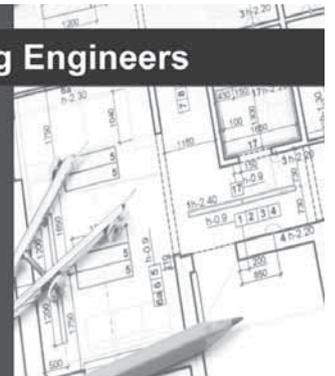
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Coromandel Growers & Artisans Market

By Susanna Borgstede



Easter Market – Coromandel Town
After a busy market season, we're planning to go out with a bang on **Easter Saturday 19 April** from 9am to 1pm with music, food, crafty stalls, colourful wares, sweet treats and many wonderful things from across the Peninsula. Don't miss it!

Our last market day will be **Saturday 26 April** before we go on a well-deserved winter break. There has been some talk about continuing the market over the winter months, but from experience the weather is not always kind to outside events at that time of year, so this year we'll all enjoy the time off to relax, recover and re-stock for another bright market season, starting in spring. Date to be confirmed. This season started in mid-September, in time to get our vege, flower and herb seedlings out into the community and we are aiming for the same time line in the new season as well.

On reflection, the season we've just had, has been an incredible, never-ending summer. Where usually a few rainy weather days are stalling market activity, we only had a couple of days with a bit

of wind and rain, but most of the time the sun has been shining on us and the weather has been absolutely fantastic.

We welcomed many new stallholders, mostly from the Northern end of the Peninsula, as far away as Port Charles, Waikawau, Little Bay, Tuatēawa, Kennedy Bay and all the way from Tairua. We were blessed with some of Coromandel's wonderful local musicians, playing and singing for us and enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our weekly market, alongside our talented artisans who presented their wonderful wares, baking, plants and food.

We had locals and many visitors mingling, catching up with friends, stocking up on produce, flowers and honey, listening to music, enjoying the treats on offer and the friendly, happy vibes at the event.

A big thank you to all our patrons and everyone who supported the community initiative this summer. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Wishing you all a cozy winter and see you again in September!

We still welcome new stallholders, so anyone who is planning to join our market, please contact susanna.borgstede@gmail.com or text 0211 596 487 or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568677982321

POETRY SPOT

Haiku

By John Irvine

freedom
the older one gets
the easier it becomes



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Win McMinn

Our last meeting saw 29 members enjoying good company and lots of stitching. The "show and tell" table included Helen's stump work from the class just held, completed! Fast work Helen. As well Helen had finished her gold work "beetles". There was also a beautiful cross stitch pouch – a pattern from Stacy Nash designs which Vi had bought in Dunedin.

Stitch Summer – a day in February where Guild members from across the country are encouraged to sit in public and stitch to raise awareness of our craft, was held on 22 February. It was a glorious day to take stitching out into the open as I did. Hopefully next year will see many more out and about - perhaps at the Saturday market.

If you think you might be interested in learning or renewing an interest in stitching, do contact Helen (see end of article) or come along to one of our meetings at the St John



rooms in Tiki Road. We are a friendly and welcoming group from Coromandel, Matarangi, Port Charles, Whitianga, Tairua and even further afield, and that's without mentioning the amazing morning tea!

We meet on 1st Wednesday of each month in the St John rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel/Kapanga at 10am. Contact person is Helen Pearce ph (07) 866 8460, coromandelembroidery1@gmail.com



Clearing up the trash

By Kate Fenwick

How to navigate the national standardising of recycling rules

So what's actually accepted for recycling now?

Here's a simplified list of what you can recycle in your kerbside bin, wherever you are in New Zealand.

Plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5: The basic rule here is a plastic bottle, tray or container that is used once to store food or products for your kitchen bathroom or laundry. Not buckets, Tupperware, or any reusable plastic products like drink bottles or kids' toys.

Pizza Boxes are now in: But you need to make sure there is no leftover pizza or excess food or sauce stuck to the box. If there is, then pull the box apart and put the clean part into the recycling bin, and the dirty part into your rubbish bag/bin to go to landfill.

Paper and cardboard: But no coffee cups, liquid food containers like alternative milk/ long-life liquid cartons, chip canisters, paper towels or tissues, shredded paper, or food-contaminated paper like the wrappers from your fish and chips.

Tin cans and aluminium cans: These should be well rinsed with no food left in them. No tins over 4 litres, no paint cans, no bottle caps, no pots and pans, no aerosols, no aluminium foil.

Glass bottles and glass jars only: No broken mirrors, windows, lightbulbs, glass bottles or jars used for medicine, glass cookware or drinking glasses etc. These are made from a different type of glass to your standard glass bottle or jar, and cannot be recycled. And please no broken glass at all, for the safety of the workers at the sorting plants.

And the last few guidelines – no lids, nothing smaller than a yogurt pottle (including no yogurt pottles themselves, because they are a number 6 plastic), and all products need to be well rinsed, otherwise they are not going to be accepted as they are food- or liquid-contaminated and then become hazardous.

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The Conch

By John Veysey

Council is going to poison the harbour. You are told by the sub-contractor who lives in Whitianga.

Spark is erecting a cell-tower on council land in front of your house. Council does not consult you. You are told, not by Spark but by one of their sub-contractors who lives in Auckland.

You put your property on council's no-spray map but your road frontage gets sprayed anyway by the contractor who lives in Rotorua.

The rubbish collector leaves smashed glass at the end of your drive. Council refers you to the contractor who lives in Australia.

The "people" deserve to have their voice heard and their wishes acted upon but no one in government is listening.

The people's voice can be heard through the "conch".

Like a website or a chat app, the conch will enable discussion on every matter of government, after which the conch will count your vote and publish how the majority want the matter to proceed. The result of this count will be published just like a referendum, though it will be much cheaper to run and quicker than any referendum handled by the present system.

The conch will provide an alternative for those eligible voters who no longer have so much faith in the present system of representation. The widening gap between govt staff and the public has led to increasing distrust from both sides.

Helpless TCDC councillors bleat that they are powerless to fight against direction from central government.

As one rejected candidate put it: "To tell the truth, it's better I lost. The System is just too powerful, it's like quicksand, and I would have been sucked in."

Central government bleats that their decisions meet with world approval and the people of NZ just have to comply. The present government system excludes all local knowledge in making its decisions – at local, regional and national levels.

The conch will change all that. If the "conch" should appear on the electoral paper as an option the number of ticks it receives will give an indication of how many of us are ready to adopt a system dreamed up and driven by public opinion and how many of us are too afraid, like all today's public servants, of any kind of change.



Grey Power Coromandel Inc.

By Patricia Whimp

The Grey Power world in Coromandel has been a quiet one this month. The Constitution is nearly completed. A copy will be sent to members who are interested in reading.

Coromandel Fuel Stop opened their doors so Grey Power members could come and load up for their new Fuelcard – we had eight members attend. Several new and potential members also attended. Coromandel Fuel Stop will do this again in April. An email will be sent to members once a date has been set.

We encourage members to attend the Annual General Meeting in May to ensure that we have new committee members stepping up as some of the committee members are moving away and/or would like to resign. One member has stepped up as a volunteer – thank you. A couple more would be great.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grey Power Coromandel, see the below for contact information.

President – Brian 027 319 0172 (beeandgee@hotmail.co.nz), Vice-President – Barbara O'Reilly 027 209 8595 (bor375@gmail.com) or Membership Secretary – Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 0274 985 227 (greypowercoro@gmail.com)

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sue Ngamane

Another day in paradise! Although the mornings and nights are beginning to turn a little cooler, the days have been cloudless, sunny and built for purpose to enjoy our environment – as many of the tourists through the Centre this month have commented.

We have had record bookings for the many attractions and activities around the Peninsula over the last month and the feedback received from the experiences we have recommended have all been glowing and complimentary.

Natalie's book collection sale would have happened by the time this article comes out so we hope it was well attended and her beautiful collection has gone to good homes.

Apart from the services we provide to visitors, promoting our businesses and activities, we also provide printing, copying and photo-copying services for any in the community for a small fee. We have to date helped locals with hospital appointments, filling out official applications for work vacancies and immigration requirements. You are able to email us at info@coromandeltown.nz with the attachment you wish printed out and it will be ready for you when you require it.

Things to do in April

- Saturday Growers & Artisans' Market 9am-1pm
- Easter Exhibition at Hauraki House featuring a retrospective of Waitin Elliott's work – **Saturday 12 to Monday 21 April**
- Off The Rails exhibition at Driving Creek Railway opens **Thursday 17 April** and then Tuesday to Sunday until **Saturday 17 May**
- Over the Fence – worlds in miniature – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 11am-3pm, ph (07) 866 8171
- Various artists studios that are open to the public – please enquire at the Information Centre
- Kiwi Avoidance Training for dogs **Saturday 5 April** – contact Moehau Environment Group for time and venue
- Car Boot sale 1st Saturday of the month at Woollams Ave carpark 9am-12 noon
- Coromandel Stamper Battery open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10am-3pm
- Coromandel School of Mines and Museum – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1-4pm; Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 10am-4pm
- Boom, Bust & Beyond heritage walks about town – 24 hour notice needed – see the town through the eyes of a local – historical and anecdotal.

So get out there and enjoy the last of the summer sun this April – Easter is expected to be just as busy as the season to date.

Open 10am-3pm, 7 days



Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly a huge thank mews to everyone who has donated cat food and financial blessings. **Sunday 6 April** marks the rescue units anniversary and this one is the best ever.

This year it is our 25th year, amazing to come so far as such a small team with huge hearts. To every one who has supported us, thank you. We have gone through many lows, many highs but we always got through, they say success is a measure of support so to everyone out there thank you for your support.

We have some still in our care who will remain and live life out with us – Gobe, a farmie who was once feral and we said to him “go be a cat,” that is how he got stuck with that name. Naming cats has always been interesting – be it some quirky trait or something silly they did, or where they came from. Hilarious sometimes what they got named. We have named thousands of perfectly good ferals over the years, the farm kittens were no match for the Tonkinese wild ones, they were incredible, the Burmese kittens we got ten years or more ago the quietest rescue – we couldn't say anything much about them until they all were desexed and that was the agreement with the owner for the cats' sake.

The wildest kitten, a fiery red ginger boy we called Rambo, was lethal. He came in on New Years Eve all agro and on the war path to annihilate any dumb human stupid enough to get close to him. We sought a special home and tried not to rehome to a home with a child, but a fiery red head girl was determined beyond all things to have him and so that was that – two redheads left the unit and Rambo grew up in a rather high profile home.

I could write a huge book on the unit. The unit was founded on the 23rd psalm and basically that psalm still carries on to this day.

Financially we have little funds left now but will locate items to sell once humans recover from repeated trips to hospital and any donations would truly be a blessing to the unit

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

Any enquiries to Thames Animal Rescue ph (07) 868 2907, afternoons best

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Meet The Team: Treena

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Just a note to introduce myself and what I do here at Te Roopu Whaiora (CILT).

I have spent the better part of my life living in one of the most beautiful parts of Coromandel, my home Harataunga (Kennedy Bay). It is also the home where I raised my four children and now get to do the same for my mokopuna.

Most will know me from around town having worked in hospitality and retail since forever ago, but I first started here in 2022 as a kaimahi (support person) for Te Mana Tangata (previously known as the Work Co-Op), then before long I was asked to become a part of the Budget and Foodbank Services. Having done the courses and working under my supervisor Leigh, I officially became a Financial Mentor. With this service we are able to guide our kiritaki (clients)

to the best we can. By doing a simple weekly budget, Kiwisaver hardship applications, rates rebate, help with Work and Income, debt collectors, just to name a few. Advocacy (working on your behalf) is also something we can help you with.

If you are needing support, please contact the Coromandel Financial Mentoring Service on 027 316 4662.

Welcome to Marcelle

Our team would like to say a big welcome to Marcelle, who has joined the CILT team as our new People and Culture Coordinator! She brings valuable experience and energy to the role, and we look forward to the positive impact she'll make.

Coromandel Community Van

Our van is back up and running, travelling to Thames and back every Thursday! Door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs are available within Coromandel Town, or you can be picked up from our office at 150 Pound Street. A koha of \$15 for a return trip would be appreciated to help keep the service accessible.

Departure: 9am from the Resource Centre (150 Pound Street)

Return: 2pm from Pak n' Save, Thames

To book a seat, please contact us on (07) 866 8358 or come see us at 150 Pound Street, Coromandel Town.

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Employee spotlight: Fee Paine

Written by Sam Ward

Hello Coromandel. Today I'd like to tell you all about our member of CILT, Fee. Fee has been a member of our staff for a while now. She's fun, kind and sweet! Fee looks after us and helps set up courses on first aid and other things, too. We all love Fee!



MP Scott Simpson and student leaders

Students leaders

A student leadership summit took place at Wharekawa Lodge, near Opoutere in March. It included Year 13 leaders from Whangamata Area School, Thames High School, Hauraki Plains College, Mercury Bay Area School, Coromandel Area School, Morrinsville College, Te Aroha College, Paeroa College, and Waihi College.

MP Scott Simpson spoke to the students and found them passionate, smart and ready to make their mark on the world.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

How's your cholesterol, really?



Cholesterol is essential to life, found in every human cell, which helps protect our tissue. It plays both vital and detrimental roles in our healing.

Cholesterol balance-deficiency and excess

Many people fear and focus on high cholesterol levels, due to cardiovascular disease (CVD), yet little attention is paid to low cholesterol levels, which have serious health consequences.

Low cholesterol – has been connected to autism, Alzheimer's disease, alcoholism, suicide, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, a statistically higher frequency of violent behaviour.

Gastrointestinal diseases, malabsorption and malnutrition, reflux, candida and intestinal permeability, celiac disease, Crohn's disease, liver disease.

Also, Parkinson's disease, thyroid disease, joint and muscle issues, rheumatoid arthritis, obesity and viral infections,

Most significantly, the death rate is doubled in older adults with lower total cholesterol. Also strokes, cataract rates and cancer mortality are all higher.

Pregnant women with low cholesterol are twice as likely to have premature babies or babies with small heads.

One of my main concerns over many years of clinical practice is that there has

been an increase in a wide range of reproductive system imbalances and diseases. Coinciding with this has been a push for lowering cholesterol levels.

Cholesterol is vital to start the biochemical pathways for hormonal production.

It is required for the male and female sex hormones to develop and maintain the wonderful and delightful differences between the two genders.

Feminisation of growing boys and masculinisation of growing girls is on the increase. Coinciding with the encouragement and acceptance of mediocre or low cholesterol levels, other contributing factors are inadequate nutritional daily intake, environmental toxins and poor liver function, malabsorption, malnutrition, which is a huge concern.

Cholesterol and cardiovascular disease

High cholesterol may be associated with CVD development, but cholesterol can be beneficial, acting as a patch on inflamed or injured blood vessels. How do you know if your blood vessels are healthy? Have peace of mind and know accurately what is causing your inflammation. Do the right tests. I can help.

Cholesterol lowering drugs

Statin drugs are prescribed to lower LDL cholesterol levels, to prevent heart disease. High LDL cholesterol is not a disease. The cause of heart disease is not high cholesterol. It is cellular inflammation and arterial wall damage which oxidizes LDL and causes it to stick to damaged blood vessel walls and build up plaque. This can be prevented through proper diet, exercise, stress reduction, drug

and alcohol avoidance, and supplementation with the correct nutrients. Statin drugs deplete vital nutrients. Serious side effects of statins are a result of how they work. They block cholesterol production in your body by inhibiting an enzyme, which uses the same pathway that your body uses to create and enhance potent energy producing substances, of which are essential for proper cell health.

By blocking cholesterol production, the statins drugs also block production of these vital energy producing nutrients. These essential substances direct proteins to the areas of the cells that need repair.

Statin side effects I have observed in my clinic: muscle fatigue, pain and weakness; erectile dysfunction; heart disease and failure heart attack, stroke and cancer increase with age (statin drugs deplete certain nutrients even further thus increasing the risk even further); liver damage; brain and nerve damage; depression; cancer/ lowered immunity.

How I can help:

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Coromandel Car Fair

By Kiri Warwick

The crowds streamed through the gates of Peter Visser’s fields on Tiki Rd to enjoy the Coromandel Car Club’s annual car fair this year.

Back in February, Peter’s Paddock’s fields came alive with more than 100 cars and motorbikes from throughout the decades and continents.

As the sun beat down, a wide variety of vehicles were on offer – from American classics such as Dodges, Camaros, Chevies and Corvettes to an e-type Jaguar, a 1933 Essex Terraplane, Morris Minors, and plenty of Fords and Holdens.

The New Zealand BMW Club returned this year, showcasing the different eras of the car make.

A large number of cars from Whitianga made the trek over Whangapoua Hill, thanks to the Whitianga Car Club. And a group who had been flying overhead when they saw the cars and crowds decided to also pay a visit once they landed their plane nearby.

But the day wasn’t just for car enthusiasts alone.

Live music put on by local band Bits & Pieces offered a fun soundtrack for people to peruse with and the local Bootscootin’ line dancers were a crowd favourite.

Those coming through the gate, for a gold coin entry, were treated to the club’s classic mussel fritters and build-your-own burgers. And the icecream truck was especially popular with the team there run off their feet.

Nearly \$2000 was raised through the generosity of people coming through the gate. All proceeds go back to the local community via the RSA Welfare Fund.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers for the time and efforts in making the day a success.



Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

The weather was very kind to us over the five Tuesdays of our Twilight Bowls competition and also for our annual Seafood Fours Tournament held over the weekend of the 1-2 March.

The winning teams of the Twilight competition were Plus 2 for the 5pm session and Tennis for the 6pm session. Well done to all those that entered and we look forward to seeing you all back next season.

We had 32 teams enter our annual Seafood Tournament with a waiting list once again of those wanting to get a team in. This tournament is very popular and like the Twilight competition, we could not run it successfully without the support of our sponsors and our volunteers. To you all, we owe you a big thank-you.

The winning team (Division 1) for our Seafood Tournament comprised of Danny and Belinda Goodall along with Kevin Sprott and Layke McNeil.

Division 2 was taken out by Peter Blick, Michael Feek, Roger Gardinger and Val Arndt.

The winning team of our Open Optional Classic Fours sponsored by Tide Water Motel & Tourist Park Coromandel was Jim Dicks, David and Judy Haycock and John Carr and the winning team of our Kolondyke Cup was Malcolm Stone, Shirley Stol and Pam Harris.

We held our Men’s Club Champ Singles over the weekend of the 8-9 March due to some of the players being down in Wellington for the National Interclub Sevens Tournament on the date proposed for the singles.

Fourteen hopefuls soon became two for the final, played on Sunday afternoon after some great semi finals earlier. The final was contested between David Weatherley and Gary James with David coming out on top after playing consistently good bowls all weekend. Well done David.

We played for the Patrons Cup mid March and the first of two Summer Cup Challenges against Mercury Bay on the 27th so I will follow up on that next article.

Fundraising is ongoing for our carpet green so if you would like to support us by making a donation it would be very much appreciated. Deposits can be made directly into the Combined Clubs of Coromandel

Acc – BNZ 02-0304-0038075-01. Or email corobowlingclub@gmail.com with any queries.

Remember too there is always something to look forward to at the Coromandel Bowling Club so come down and join us at our lovely setting for a rollup at the club on Thursdays and/or Sundays or for a social drink and chat from 3pm every Friday.



Seafood Tournament Winners



Twilight 6pm winners "Tennis"



Mens singles champ David Weatherley (holding the cup) with runner-up Gary James

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The band for the St Patricks Day celebration

Coromandel RSA

By Gary Pettett

Our local news

Once again we had a very successful St. Patricks Day for 17 March, celebrated earlier on Saturday 15 March! Our thanks to our local band “Bits and Pieces” for the music, including some well known Irish tunes and songs.

Very important news, our Annual General Meeting is booked for **Saturday 5 April** at 3.30pm in the Club. Please make every effort to attend – all members have voting powers and should exercise the right to use them.

Anzac Day is celebrated on **Friday 25 April** and the public are invited to join the ex servicemen at the Cenotaph for the community service and enjoy refreshments together at the Club afterwards (see advert below).

Why do people have red poppies at Anzac Day?

This flower has become a symbol of war remembrance around the world, it is associated with Anzac Day. It’s also known as the Flanders poppy, as it was one of the first things to grow in the mud and soil of war-ravaged Flanders in northern France. The meaning of the poppy was first captured in a poem, “In Flanders Fields”, written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, and has become a tribute to the unmarked graves of soldiers.

This year is the 109th anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Returned and Service’s Association’s (RSA) Poppy Appeal. The organisation, which was set up in 1916 to support service personnel and their families, sells around a million poppies in a street appeal prior to Anzac Day.

FRIDAY 25th APRIL 2025

Parade assemblies at the Citizen’s Hall at 9.45am. March to the Cenotaph for the 10am Service.

Attendees are welcome at The Club in Woollams Ave for refreshments after The Service.

Library News

By Jasmine Strauss, Librarian

Hello, Coromandel! My name is Jasmine, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new librarian here at Coromandel Community Library.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to Paul, our previous librarian, for the incredible work he has done over the past few years. I also want to thank him for the time he has spent training me and ensuring a smooth transition. I look forward to building on the foundation Paul has set and continuing to offer a welcoming space for all.

Did you know that the Coromandel Community Library hosts a car boot sale on the first Saturday of every month? It’s a fun, easy way to find some hidden treasures and support your local library at the same time! For just \$5 per boot, anyone is welcome to come and sell their items – no need to book in advance, just turn up on the day. All proceeds from the sale go directly to supporting the library.

We also have a selection of books for sale at the library, all priced at just \$2 each. It’s a great way to add to your reading collection while helping the library. And if you have any books lying around that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the library. We’re always grateful for new additions to our collection, and your donations help us continue to offer a wide range of reading materials for everyone in the community.

We’re also excited to announce that we now accept Eftpos, making it easier than ever to support the library.

If you’re in town, stop by to say hello or explore our wonderful collection of books. I’m looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones.

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- Never drive across the lines**

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Coromandel Walkway

Work is underway to repair a damaged section of the Coromandel Walkway that connects Stony Bay and Fletcher Bay. It follows the contour of the coastline and is a popular visitor site in northern Coromandel. It was damaged during the extreme weather events of summer 2022-23, with large slips causing significant damage and forcing the temporary closure of a 670-metre section.

“In some sections, the landslips had taken out the track completely and it has been completely impassable,” says DOC’s Coromandel Supervisor Matt Flynn.

DOC staff have waited for land movement in the area to cease – and now the land has settled, work has begun to recut the track.

The reinstatement work has involved contractors using a small 1.5-tonne digger, and also cutting back vegetation.

The contractor has cleared slips which were considered safe to remove using the digger.

Track reinstatement includes a process called benching, which requires removal of soil to create a flat and safe track surface for visitors.

The resulting section of repaired track will be slightly narrower than the original track. Visitors need to keep moving through the repaired section.

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For more information visit www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz

Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

I keep hearing about a “buyers market”. What does it actually mean to me as a person looking to purchase a home?

A “buyers market” is a market where the buying conditions of the market favour the buyer over the vendor/seller.

In breaking this down, it started as we saw more listings appear or property for sale. We see currently a strong supply of houses coming into the market for sale, essentially creating an oversupply or selection for buyers. This gives the buyer a lot more choice and a lot more negotiating leverage, meaning sellers are having to be more open to offers that they may not at one point have been prepared to take.

This supply usually is supported by listing prices decreasing and more property taking longer to sell if the vendors are not attuned to the market supply and demand.

The other very notable thing in this “buyers market” is what has been a continuing decrease in interest rates, ie the price of borrowing funds from the banks. This has caused some buyers to wait and see if interest rates continue to fall. Or have they pretty much reached their bottom? This wait and see has also helped to slow down the sales, further increasing pressure on the sellers.

Do sellers wait, or withdraw their property? Or do they accept the likely lower offers?

At the time of writing this, the balance is squarely in favour of the buyers. Meaning that any new listings to sell are generally at much sharper prices as the sellers want a sale – otherwise they would be waiting for a change in the market to a sellers advantage.

These conditions in the market also create a situation where sellers often endeavour to make their home a lot more presentable to buyers by fixing small issues which in a “sellers market” would not have been done. This also creates a separation in pricing as buyers are often attracted to the better property at good prices rather than having to pay the same price and fix up as they would in a sellers market.

So at present it would be fair to suggest that now is a great time for buyers, it is a good time to buy as they have choice, good interest rates and good opportunity to buy at very good prices. Banks are quite competitive in getting your, the buyer’s business.

How long will this last? Hard to say. Nothing really indicates a rapid return to rising prices. It really does look like now is the time to take the leap and get on the property ladder.

My advice. All ways seek independent legal advice, from start to finish of a home purchase.

Should you wish to discuss these or other real estate matters, contact Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent (licensed REAA 2008), glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz or 0800 735 788

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Tēnā koutou Coromandel community, Autumn is upon us with sunny days, crisp nights, and clear skies. After a busy summer, our rhythm is slowing down and we now have more space between retreats for community events. Our garden team has been preparing the soil for the winter months ahead.

In March, we had the pleasure of hosting several homegrown retreats where our talented team held the teachings. We continue to feel blessed to offer a space of beauty, simplicity and inspiration to people from all walks of life.

Easter Coming Home to Yourself Retreat 18-21 April

Looking for a different way to spend Easter? Our Easter Coming Home Retreat is about coming home to yourself, meeting yourself just as you are, with kindness, pausing, exhaling, and resting. This organic, home-grown retreat is hosted and held by the team here at Mana. We provide a caring environment and a daily schedule with a variety of sessions available for all levels of experience from gentle yoga, conscious dance movement to sound healing, encouraging you to deepen your own personal practice or try something new.

Want to learn more about plants as your medicine? 6-8 May

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"Thank you so much for holding such a special retreat and for sharing your amazing plant knowledge... I admired this delicate approach and I felt very comfortable and so enjoyed the nourishing food, and treats... Most of all I got to learn a more respectful way to be with plants." – Retreat participant

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Wishing you a nourishing and inspiring month ahead. Ngā mihi, The Mana Team.

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Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

We all know how important tourism is to the Coromandel and what it means for local businesses.

So I was thrilled that on the back of a strong summer tourism season, several policies which are aimed at continuing this momentum into the autumn and winter months have been announced by the Government.



There's a campaign to encourage Australians to visit New Zealand, a special fund for projects that get people to venture beyond the bigger centres, and more money to maintain and improve the Great Rides cycle trails.

Across the country, there are 23 Great Rides, including our own Hauraki Rail Trail. While I don't get to ride the Hauraki trail as often as I'd like, it's a terrific showcase of our region and helps to draw people to spend time in our communities, especially because we're close to Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga. Collectively, the Great Rides receive about a million visitors a year and this extra money will make these trails better able to cope with higher rider numbers in the future.

These simple new actions are part of the Government's Tourism Boost package which supports the sector and emphasises the role it plays in growing our total economy. The latest report from StatsNZ shows tourism contributes 7.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product with more than 300,000 people working in the tourism sector.

In other news, NZTA have provided an update regarding one-lane bridges across the Coromandel Peninsula. They advise that the Boundary Creek Bridge on the Thames Coast Road, north of Te Mata, which has been reduced to one-lane will return to two-lanes once a new bridge deck is installed later this year.

Before this work is undertaken, NZTA say they will consult the public and try to minimise the disruptions that could occur while these improvements are being completed. They'll provide further updates on the project over the coming months.

The upgrade to make the Pepe Bridge in Tairua two-lanes is also one step closer to reality, with NZTA confirming the project is in the procurement phase. They advise that construction is due to begin in spring 2026, with the improvements expected to be completed before Christmas 2027.

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

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APRIL 11-13	April Relax and Wellness Weekend with The Mana Team
APRIL 18-21	Easter Coming Home to Yourself Retreat with The Mana Team
APRIL 23-30	Iyengar Yoga Retreat with Glenn Ceresoli
MAY 2-4	Find Your Flow Retreat with Jo Monaghan
MAY 6-8	Breathing Forests – An Introduction To Wild Herbal Medicine with Clio Meyer
MAY 9-11	Mother's Day Relax and Wellness Weekend
MAY 16-18	Movement and Meditation: An Open Floor Dance Floor & Meditation

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Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams, Principal

What's happening at CAS

Rugby – we are excited to be working together with TWOM and Thames High to put together a 1st XV team to enter into the Thames Valley Schools competition this year. The team will be based at the Coromandel Rugby Club and borrow some kit the club has to get the team underway. A number of community people are getting involved with coaching and managing the boys. We are looking forward to having some home games here in Coro! There are eight teams in the Coulter Cup competition this year, the largest turnout for quite some time. It's great to see our youth developing and able to transition into our adult sporting clubs. Keeping our kids engaged with sport, is hugely valuable in terms of health and wellbeing.

Te Puritanga Coromandel Area School has a culturally lensed class named "Te Puritanga". The purpose of the class is to maximise educational achievement by learning locally and thinking globally. "Te Puritanga" means "Legacy". The class offers more exposure to indigenous cultural experiences than "mainstream" classes. You will see members of the Te Puritanga whānau out and about around town doing various fundraisers as they have a cultural exchange to Rarotonga (and hopefully, the outer-island of Atiu) scheduled for Term 4. The kaupapa? To retrace the journey of tūpuna from Hawaiki, who passed through the area before arriving in Aotearoa. A big thank you to ITM who are supporting the fundraising through the lending of their awesome BBQ!

Sea Week was celebrated recently at CAS. Our primary students were supported by Bronnie Kennedy from MEG to explore various environmental issues around kaitiakitanga and looking after our local environment. The students worked on making a large stingray out of recycled materials. The students worked on slogans to raise awareness around the conservation of the Hauraki Gulf and walked through the school with their work during break time to raise awareness amongst their peers.

For our secondary students there has been a focus on our local environment through a geography, statistics and biology lens. Teachers have worked together to co-plan across learning areas. Students in Years 9-11 visited Tucks Bay to do some sampling from the high tide mark through to the low tide mark to identify creatures and features of the environment. This outing will provide the data the students need for a number of assessments they are working on for the second half of term 1. We were then fortunate to have representatives from DOC come in and present the work that is being done in the Hauraki Gulf around marine protection. Students heard about marine reserves that are in the implementation phase and also potential future vocations and careers that may be of interest to them locally.

Curriculum updates for teachers – there is a lot happening as the government rolls out curriculum changes at a fast pace. Staff are chipping away at this in the background, being as conscious as possible about "not throwing the baby out with the bathwater" and being circumspect about what is implemented, for who, and at what pace. Primary teachers are focusing on structured mathematics implementation. Our math resources have arrived and teachers are finding they complement existing classroom programmes to a large extent. The primary staff have been using structured literacy for many years now, so other than some updates and refreshes there aren't too many changes. The next "roll out" is more secondary focused. Our goal will be to manage change in a realistic way, again, adding to our programmes with what is useful and keeping our tamariki at the centre of all that we do.

A big thank you to all of you in the community who are supporting CAS, we appreciate you!



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Well summer is nearly over and we have really enjoyed the abundance of fine weather we have been experiencing, our children have been busy exploring the properties of water and ice, a great way to keep cool in the heat.

Also we have been exploring nature in our own backyard, planting and harvesting from our garden and finding all the different kinds of bugs, slugs, snails, praying mantis, centipedes, skinks, spiders, butterflies, caterpillars and many more. Children learn through active exploration of the environment – Koo te whakatiipuranga teenei o te mana rangahau, me nga maatauranga katoa e paa ana kit e aoturoa me te taiao.

As teachers – kaiako it is our responsibility to foster this interest in the world around them, to role model how we treat other creatures that share this environment, how to care for papatuaanuku and all her taonga. We guide our tamariki to discover and to wonder how they can become kaitiaki, giving them the skills necessary to live in balance with nature.

We are currently looking to increase our pool of wonderful relief teachers at the centre, these people would have a love of working with children, be flexible and adaptable, the work involves teaching and guiding our tamariki as well as some routine work that keeps the centre running such as cleaning, laundry etc. This is a paid position on a casual basis with no fixed hours, relievers may be called upon with only a few hours notice, or they may know in advance any days of work. An ECE or Primary Teacher qualification and registration would be a bonus, but not necessarily a requirement. You would need to agree to undergo a Police Vet check, as this is a legal requirement for all people working with children. If interested and would like to learn more, either call in or call Debra at the number listed.

Since our last report some of our children celebrated birthdays. Happy birthday to Rae, Rocco, Rylee, Willow, Delaney, Izzy, Mac, Jayvious and Noah. We say farewell to Rocco and Rae who are going off to school.

We currently do not have any spaces available, looking forward you can call in 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, if you feel that this could be the right place for you and your child we can place you 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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Driving Creek Pottery Doings No. 2

By Matilda Halley

Apprenticeship

We have some exciting news to share with the community this month: the production pottery is looking for an apprentice to join the team! We will be giving priority to local applicants, so please help us spread the word.

You may not have been aware of the flurry of activity in the pottery over the past couple of years, but lead potter Callum Trudgeon and I have been steadily churning out pots for Driving Creek in the old red barn.

Both Callum and I owe our pottery careers to apprenticeships. Callum apprenticed at the renowned Leach Pottery in Cornwall, while I began my training locally with Petra Meyboden and have continued through Driving Creek and The Leach Pottery.

You may be wondering how "production" differs from other types of pottery. Production pottery involves a team of potters working together to create a set range of pots by hand, as efficiently as possible. This process instills focus and attention to detail in training potters and is the fastest way to master the craft.

Apprenticeship opportunities were once common in Aotearoa, but with the decline of the pottery industry in the 1980s, they have become very rare. By offering this position, we hope to pass the craft on and help raise the standard of pottery education once again.

As a multigenerational St. Ives local, Callum recognises that the opportunity to train in a professional pottery in his hometown changed the course of his life. Similarly, we would love to find a Coromandel local to fill this position. While the apprenticeship is open to all New Zealanders, priority will be given to local applicants.

Applications close on **Friday 18 April**. See our ad in the classifieds section for more details, and please help us get the word out!

We have had a steady flow of resident artists since the beginning of the year. In January, we hosted clay workers Andrea Gaskin (Auckland), Sam Dickenson (Auckland), Georgia Hodiernie (UK), Sasha Polonko (US), Cindy Huang (Auckland), Yvonne Matstoms (Sweden), and Sara Buchner (Australia). In February, we welcomed Ellie Woods (Leach Pottery, UK), Patrick Ferris (Nelson), Birthe Morberg Nielsen (Denmark), Neeti Gokhalay (India), and Jacopo Cucci (Italy). If you'd like to learn more about these talented makers, we post profiles monthly on the Driving Creek website.

On the website, you will also find a complete list of upcoming pottery courses at Driving Creek. There is a beginner-intermediate eight-week course starting at the end of April. We also run various five-day and weekend courses throughout the year.

We have a couple of exciting events coming up in April. The gallery at Driving Creek will host Driving Creek Pottery: Off the Rails, an exhibition of work by Driving Creek staff and friends. The show will open in the gallery on **Thursday 17 April**. Join us for drinks and nibbles from 6-8pm. It will run until **17 May**, with the gallery open Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to 3pm.

Also coming up on Easter weekend, we will host our biannual pottery seconds sale. If you're in the market for a bargain, join us in the baseyard (by the trains) from 10am to 4pm on **Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 April**.



Callum Trudgeon trimming bowls in the production studio

Thames Music Group

Concert on **Sunday 13 April** – Shan Liu. Not to be missed!

Shan Liu, a 15-year-old pianist and Year 11 student at Westlake Boys High School, is rapidly emerging as one of the most promising talents in classical music under the guidance of renowned educator Stephen De Pledge.

His journey to international acclaim is marked by a series of remarkable victories. In 2023, he made history as the youngest-ever winner of the Lewis Eady National Junior Piano Competition and received the VAC (Variety Artists Club of New Zealand) Classical Music Award. In 2024, Shan was honoured with the GOCAA Young Artist Award and the AIMES Emerging Talent Award.



Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Barbara riding around our exhibition on her wheels

A great exhibition with many great views and comments on both the artwork and our presentation.

Thanks to Coromandel Garden Club for their lovely displays and to Logan for assisting daily with opening and closing and to our duty officers and helpers.. also to our sponsor of our new wonderful road signs you may have seen around town.

Without all the help, it wouldn't have been possible to present such a display to the public.

Also many thanks to Creative Communities NZ for their support.

We only had the exhibition for 13 days but over 800 went through in that time. We had good sales with many paintings venturing to new homes overseas .

We were very encouraged by the comments of our group and have a few potential individuals thinking of joining us. If this is something you may be considering contact us or pop in out at the Airfield on Thursday morning for a visit. We do have day visitors for a small fee too.

Raffle winners were: B Mayhead, Winsome from Auckland and S Bretherton. Thanks for everyone's support.

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone,

The Himalaya shop will not be open every day during April month. Especially in the earlier part of the month. If you are coming to Colville, maybe best to phone or text us first to check if we are open that day. We hope to be open over Easter and Anzac day weekend.

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Aya and the Butterfly – for children!

Expect exquisite puppetry, live music, lots of joining in and giant caterpillar fun, as well as a poignant experience for children and their whanau.

Award-winning Children’s Theatre Company, Birdlife Productions, bring this heart-warming and joyful story to the stage – about a little girl who finds happiness through her experience of the metamorphosis of the Monarch Butterfly.

Designed for families and ideal for children aged 3 to 9 years, Aya’s story encourages compassion and empathy for different cultures, and helps us all become part of an important movement of change towards living together in peace, and all the while featuring plenty of magical puppet moments, music and songs, and lots of joining in!

This work is based on the book of the same name by Ōtautahi/Christchurch based author, Dr Maysoon Salama, who wrote the story for her young Granddaughter Aya, and all the tamariki of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

We want all Colville/Coromandel children to be able to attend. To make it affordable, we are delighted to announce that we have received funding from Creative New Zealand.

The Star & Garter Hotel raised money in March from their “Give a Little Sundays” fundraiser. Thank you, Star & Garter, for your outstanding community support.

The remaining amount will be raised by requesting a koha at the door.

Tuesday 22 April at 11am at Coromandel Area School Hall. Entry: Gold coin koha. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Places are limited so you must register by **Friday 11 April** c/o j_brown@coroarea.school.nz.



Coromandel Easter Exhibition

By Pete Sephton

This year marks the thirty eighth edition of the annual Easter Exhibition making it the longest running art exhibition in the Thames Coromandel region and one of the longest running in national terms. The eagerly awaited and iconic event was started by a group of artists with a connection to Barry Brickell’s Driving Creek Pottery. The first few exhibitions were held in what is now the meeting room at the council building in Kapanga Road, formerly the Coromandel Magistrates Courthouse. The founding group consisted of Barry Brickell, Tom and Wailin Elliott, Paul Tobin, Jenny and David Shearer, Deidre Airey and Jan White. The first exhibition was opened by friend of the arts, Jo O’Neill. Over the years the artist group has gradually changed but two of the originals, Tom Elliott and Jenny Shearer are still fully involved. Both in their mid 80s, they continue to produce very high class work as you will see at the exhibition. Tom is a highly regarded wood carver and Jenny is one of NZ’s top ceramic artists.

The exhibition moved to the Hauraki House Art Gallery in the early 1990s because it was seen as a more suitable venue with special gallery lighting and more space as well as having the ability to display work on the walls. It has been there ever since. This year’s participants are Jenny Shearer, Tom Elliott, Mike O’Donnell, Janet Smith, Maureen Allison, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Paul Cornwell and Pete Sephton. We are also featuring a retrospective of work by the late Wailin Elliott which many people will be very eager to see..

The official opening takes place on **Saturday 12 April** at 5.30pm with complimentary food and refreshments. As always the exhibition will close at 4pm **Easter Monday 21 April**.

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Our club is back in full swing for the new year. Some of us used the fine weather to sit outside on Rose’s deck and tried our hands at plein air painting. Rose has a lovely view of the sea and headlands so there were some different painting styles happening.

Some of our members have attended Maxine Thompson’s workshop in Morrinsville in March. We are looking forward to seeing some of their results and to hear what they learnt. Maxine is an excellent pastelist from Katikati.

Some of our members have entered their work in the Cambridge Art Society’s Exhibition, held at the end of March.

We are all looking forward to the Tricia Taylor Workshop to be held in Rose’s Studio on **Tuesday 29 to Wednesday 30 April** this year. We will be learning about underpainting and painting waves in pastel. Tricia is a renowned pastel artist from Australia and is the guest artist and Judge at the Pastel Artists of NZ (PANZ) Convention and Purely Pastel Exhibition held in Alexandra, South Island this year. We are lucky to have her visiting Coromandel Town for a workshop. There are still a few places left if anyone would like to attend. Cost

per person is \$150 for PANZ members or \$200 for non-PANZ members. Contact Rosemarie rmurph@actrix.co.nz if you are interested.

Rose’s Gallery is open to the public – just call in when the open sign is out.

Pastel Artists Coromandel meet every Wednesday from 9am until 12 noon at Rose’s Studio, 860 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town. Feel free to call in for a coffee and to see what we do. Contact Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Saskia Riemersma 027 296 2670



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Pastel art on Rose’s deck

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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Saskia Wagner



Cheers to our volunteers: your efforts make all the difference!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the recent “Kahili Ginger Bash” in February. Your time, energy, and dedication made all the difference, and we couldn’t have done it without you!

Why do we control Kahili Ginger and where does it come from?

Originally from the Himalayas, Kahili Ginger was introduced to New Zealand as an ornamental plant around the 1860s. Although some may find them visually appealing, these plants have proven to be highly invasive in Aotearoa. They have the ability to form dense colonies, which can suppress native seedlings and alter our forest ecosystems.

How does Kahili Ginger spread?

Humans. Many new infestations come from garden waste dumped along bush edges or waterways. Kahili Ginger plants are shallow rooted and can slip on steep sites and streambanks, causing erosion. If you stay observant, you’ll spot the “charming” yellow flowers almost everywhere along our waterways in Coromandel Town around this time of year.



Kahili Ginger

Birds also play a role in dispersing the seeds of Kahili Ginger.

Interested in getting involved? Join us in making a difference!

A “Ginger Bash” is when we get together to control Kahili Ginger at certain sites where it is impacting the native environment. This is usually for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. We supply everything you need for the Ginger control and even some morning tea afterwards at Driving Creek.

We’ll be hosting “Ginger Bashes” every month

moving forward (weather permitting). Feel free to reach out if you’d like more details or would like to be notified about upcoming events.

Email: conservation@dcraillnz



MEG

By Bronnie Kennedy

Thanks to the tamariki of Coromandel for the enthusiastic response to our first story tent event during Sea Week at Coromandel Area School and Colville Bay School. The entire junior school and whole school at Colville played a part in celebrating Sea Week with MEG. It was great to hear of the genuine respect and aroha for the creatures of our oceans, coastline and our sea birds. Many thanks also to those who attended our Volunteer Information Evening at the Pepper Tree. If you missed this and would like to know more about how you can be involved, even for a few hours a month please email us at info@meg.org.nz.

Coming up on **Saturday 5 April**, we have Kiwi Avoidance Training for our canine members. This will be held in Colville near the cemetery in Wood Road, Colville. The team from Kiwi Avoidance Training Aotearoa will be there to set our dogs on the right path to avoid kiwi birds and nests. It is instinctive and natural behaviour for a dog to investigate unusual odour and movement. Regardless of their size, breed, training, or temperament, all dogs have the potential to regress back to their hunting instincts and kill a kiwi. Please book a place at www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz.

More ginger bashes to come! Another chance to join us as volunteers and in partnership with Driving Creek Conservation. Watch out for the exact dates later in April. We also have the opportunity to join Tim Johnson who will take volunteers out on his boat to attack another piece of coastal ginger. Tim will pick volunteers up at Oamaru Bay at 9am **Saturday 3 May** and return by midday. Please let me know by emailing info@meg.org.nz if you can make it and I will give further details.



Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel

By Kate Donoghue and Kate James



We are sad to impart the news of Rex Croucher’s recent death, at the age of 94. Rex was Forest & Bird’s trusty treasurer for many years, a great asset to the Upper Coromandel Branch. Well into his 80s he was still very active doing pest control around the entire Wyuna Bay peninsula and through to Long Bay and Tucks Bay reserves. He said that what spurred him on in this work were the results – he was fortunate to see the results of his labour pay off in healthier coastal forest and more birds in the area. He was always active in working bees and, with Sue Wright, worked with the “Keep Coromandel Beautiful” scheme especially around the Whangarahi Stream (bordering Hauraki House) He helped release weka onto Whanganui Island and with the Kauri 2000 pioneers, planted many kauri through our tracks. And more.

He managed with good grace the difficulties that old age can bring and was still attending our AGMs up until last year. Rex was pleased that our current committee continues the work that he and others began, we wholeheartedly acknowledge his efforts and strive to continue working to protect our local biodiversity.

Protection and conservation of our environment require inter-generational efforts. We don’t often take the time to ask our older generations what things were like when they were young; what did they see, experience, harvest or protect. Our natural environment is changing very quickly, and it is important to look back as we look forward. What have we lost, or gained, and how are we working successfully to bring back a thriving environment?



Rex Croucher (bottom right), with Anne Hughes, Dorothy James, Lynette Croucher, Colleen Tiller and Jean Wells

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

April 2025

Windy Point repairs underway

A project to build two seawalls at Te Kōuma Rd, Windy Point, is making good progress to repair storm damage.

Work at the two sites on Te Kōuma Rd (either side of Windy Point, see map) involves building rock walls using large rocks to withstand the sea and waves. It should be finished by the end of April, weather allowing.

Traffic management is in place and may cause small delays. A reminder that



vehicles that usually park at Windy Point need to find an alternative location. Parking in this area can resume once work is finished. tcdc.govt.nz/roads

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP



We have a couple of important issues that we'd like your input on over the coming weeks.

ANNUAL PLAN – The budgets and projects for the coming financial year are being prepared. The main change we'll be proposing from what we forecast in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan doesn't directly affect residents and ratepayers in the Coromandel-Colville area. In case you're interested, we'll be asking for feedback on a proposal to cut the second rubbish and glass recycling collection in the east coast communities over the peak summer period. It's not well used and it'll help keep the average district rates increases down.

tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2025



LOCAL WATER DONE WELL –

This is the government's water services reform programme which requires us to rethink who will deliver our water services in future. To meet new legislation and regulations, we're developing a Water Services Delivery Plan to submit to the government by September. We'll have options for you to examine later in April. Please tell us what you think. tcdc.govt.nz/lwdw



Coromandel - Colville Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Board

Chair Gavin Jeffcoat –

"It's hard to believe Easter is on the way already. Good to see the resilience repairs are being done at Windy Point, Te Kōuma – this route is such a vital one for our local aquaculture industry and mussel farmers. If you're visiting over the long weekend, please take care on our narrow roads and stay safe. If you're over this way on Anzac day, you're welcome to join our local civic service as we honour the sacrifices of those involved in war efforts. Happy Easter everyone – Kia pai Te Aranga."



gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

Networking news

Last month we received updates from Council's Licensing and Compliance Officer, and the Coromandel Library, who asked us to explore sustainable funding options. Te Ranga Wairua – a trapping project that begun in Harataunga (Kennedy Bay) – shared plans to create a 10km-wide pest-free corridor from coast to coast. The Coromandel Stamper Battery raised the need for a public toilet for visitors. Momentum Waikato also updated us on its philanthropic funds around our district, which help support local charities and projects.

The Board's next meeting is Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Meeting agendas and the 2025 Council meeting schedule are at tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes



EASTER AND ANZAC WEEKENDS



Kerbside collections

With the public holiday of Easter Monday 21 April, collections for Coromandel Town, Rural north and Te Kōuma that yellow week (food, glass, recycling) will be a day later than usual, on Thursday 24 April. Check your local calendar at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

Refuse Transfer Stations: On Sunday 6 April, with the end of Daylight Saving, our Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations revert to their non daylight saving opening hours of 8.30am–4.30pm. The only days they'll be closed in April are Good Friday 18 April and until 1pm on Anzac Day, Friday 25 April.



Service centres

Our offices (and AA services) are closed on Good Friday 18 April, Easter Monday 21 April, and Anzac Day Friday 25 April. You can still contact us 24/7 at **07 868 0200**; customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS FRIDAY 25 APRIL

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



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Ride Coromandel

By Ally Davey

Exciting upgrades coming to Ride Coromandel Bike Park this April!

Ride Coromandel Bike Park is gearing up for an exciting

April, with the much-anticipated construction of a new toilet facility set to begin. Thanks to funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund and Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC), the project will include landscaping and installation of the new amenities, making the park even more welcoming for riders and visitors.

Alongside these improvements, our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work spraying, clearing trails, and weeding to keep the park in top condition. A huge thank you to everyone who has pitched in! If you're keen to get involved, we'd love to hear from you—just drop a text to 021 029 00507.

To make the most of the school holidays, Ride Coromandel will be hosting open shed days on **Tuesdays 15 and 22 April**, from 2-4pm. Bikes and helmets will be available—just make sure you bring an adult to supervise and come have some fun on the trails! We have a wide range of bikes, starting from 16-inch bikes for the little ones right up to medium adult bikes. Bring covered shoes and a friend and enjoy a great afternoon on the trails!

Come along, check out the progress, and enjoy everything the park has to offer!



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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



It has been lovely this past week to see some new faces at croquet. Welcome to the Club!

Our new players bring skills picked up in various different sports, notably golf and bowls, but also pool, tennis and even darts.

It is possible to learn the basics of “golf croquet” in around five minutes, however, to master the game of croquet completely takes years. This is one of the reasons playing croquet never becomes boring.

If you would like to try croquet, we meet at 9.15am on Tuesdays for “association croquet” and 9.15am on Fridays for “golf croquet”. We provide all the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day.

If you would like to join us, contact Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club

Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie



Coromandel Golf Club ladies hosted the Karin McGirr Thames Valley Competition in late February. Karin McGirr, a devoted member of the Te Aroha Golf Club, held various positions within the club and at Bay of Plenty Golf. Her goal was to establish a straightforward Stableford competition for the Thames Valley Clubs, and she generously donated a clock trophy.

The Coromandel Golf Club emerged victorious in the competition, with five ladies showcasing consistent golfing skills. The club appreciated the participation of teams from Tairua, Thames, Paeroa, Mercury Bay, Hauraki and Coromandel, which made the day special. The course was in exceptional condition, thanks to the efforts of Kevin and the wonderful team of volunteers. Our ladies once again demonstrated their culinary expertise by producing a meal to be proud of. Thanks to everyone who helped with organising the competition.



Karin McGirr Trophy, won by Coromandel Golf Club. Team: Greta James, Peg McLean, Janine Kerr, Raewyn Wallace and Gina Carr

Coromandel Golf Club's interclub pennants ladies and mens teams, have exhibited remarkable golfing skills at Hauraki Golf Course recently. The ladies are nearing the conclusion of their competition, currently holding second place with one round remaining. The men have qualified for the final, where they are presently ranked 4th.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with a number of working bees over the past month. Your help is invaluable for the upkeep of the course. A big shout out to the Coromandel Fire Brigade for your help with cleaning out blocked drains on the course.

Monday – Junior Golf Program 3.30-4.30pm course closed during the Junior Golf Program.

Tuesday – Club Day tee off 9.30am, 9 or 18 holes ladies and men, everyone welcome.

Wednesday – Men's Midweek Club Day 12.30pm tee off. Meat pack last Wednesday of the month.

Saturday – Mixed Members Club Day 12.30pm tee off. Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days.

Club carts available for hire, bookings essential. Happy golfing.

For more information and if you would like to give golf a go phone Marilyn 027 253 7882 or email coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com



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Peacocks – winner of dress up



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

Hi all, a busy month last month for the CRFC. We held our annual Classy Chicks Ladies Tournament. What a brilliant turnout – 166 ladies entered, amazing fish caught and absolutely fantastic dress ups.

Results

Major prize – \$1,500 Travel Voucher for Average Weight Snapper was won by Macy McKelvey 1.380kg (Closest to 1.371kg)

The Mystery Weight Snapper was won by Celeste McMillan 3.37kg (Closest to 3.40kg)

Mystery Other Species was won by Treena Raupita 3.22kg

Heaviest Snapper – 1st Esther Burnie 7.24kg, 2nd Jade Attwood 5.96kg, 3rd Brenda Harpur 5.87kg

Heaviest Kingfish – 1st Cheyenne Te Huia 12.32kg, 2nd Jade Attwood 12.06kg, 3rd Leanne Young 10.00kg

Heaviest Trevally – 1st Treena Raupita 3.22kg, 2nd Kath Makiri 2.89kg, 3rd Leanne Young 2.26kg

Heaviest Kahawai – 1st Cheyenne Te Huia 2.11kg, 2nd Whari Sheely 2.0655kg, 3rd Deann Marchioni 2.060kg

Heaviest Piper – Reef Townsend 0.050kg

Heaviest Gurnard – Tracy Beer 0.675kg

No John Dory were weighed in.

Dress up results

“P” was the dress up theme letter. 1st – Peacocks, 2nd – Praying Mantis’s, 3rd – Pimped Out Pensioners. Committee Choice – Patients

Thanks to our sponsors for your generous support.



Fish of the month for April is gurnard for all members and yellow tail for juniors,

There’s been some huge fish being caught, in close too, so good luck!

Tight lines as always.

Pickleball

A group of enthusiasts have started playing pickleball in Coromandel. It’s a game that has taken off all over the country, we welcome all new adult members and from senior school age upwards.



Pickleball is a paddle sport in which two or four players use a paddle to hit a perforated hollow ball. A combination of several racket sports, pickleball is social and friendly. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn but can be developed into a fast paced game with practice.

Coromandel Pickleball is held at the Coromandel Area School gymnasium on Thursday evenings between 6pm and 8pm. Paddles and balls are supplied. You need to bring a drink bottle, sports shoes and energy. Cost is \$3 per session.

For further enquiries please contact Delwyn 027 298 9073

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OTHER

AGE CONCERN Falls Prevention Strength and Balance exercise class for seniors. Coromandel Gym, Pottery Lane Tuesday and Thursday, 10am, \$2. Vickie (07) 866 7894.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering ads are free to place in the Chronicle (subject to space)!

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35458.30am
 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
 Rummikub at The Club..... 1-4pm
 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 Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave,
 Lyn 027 466 2661 (summer hours) 9.15-11.45am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$3
 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 315210am
 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 Gym8am
 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, \$15 per class.
 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm
 Kung Fu, Coromandel Hospital5-7pm

Every Thursday

Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$3
 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,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 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, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5-6.15pm
 Coromandel Narcotics Anonymous 12 step addiction recovery meeting, at 100
 Pound St (orange house). Contact Rosie 027 577 7716 6.30-7.30pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club – Club Day. Runs until 1 May.....9am

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Community Gardens volunteer day 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661
 (summer hours).....9.15-11.45am
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 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club – Coaching/Rollup. Runs until 2 May..... 3pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 9am-1pm
 RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.
 President Gary Pettett 021 061 0852 3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 2pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club – Club Afternoon. Runs until 27 April..... 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Michaela Green 021 0287 1879 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Michaela Green 021 0287 1879 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms
 John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

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.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 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.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm
Last Wed – Coromandel-Colville Business Association networking meeting,
 Combined Clubs, Woollams Avenue, everyone welcome (Feb-Nov)..... 5pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
3rd Fri – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 ..10.30am
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....10am

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