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# Editor's comment

Thanks for the great feedback on the Matariki cover. Glad you like it and thanks again to Ian Preece for supplying such a great photo to use. It sounds like Coromandel Area School put on a great Matariki ceremony breakfast and production – I heard about it from a number of people. The Coromandel Area School have provided some photos, see page 20.

Quiz nights at the Star and Garter continue till mid August, and the ones at The Club finish on 30 August. There is also a new play at Hauraki House theatre (see dates on calendar page 30).

And if you're curious about the upcycling workshop pictured on the cover, then there are more workshops to come (see pg 3). There are also workshops at Driving Creek Conservation Park (see pg 24) and, if you get this Chronicle in time, the next MEG Winter Lecture Series is on Sunday 31 July (see pg 25).

Keep warm. The word "winter" is mentioned 24 times in this issue!

*Debbie*

# Letters

## 5G petition

Thanks to all of you who signed the petition against installing a 5G tower in a residential area. There was an overwhelming 93% support from the 174 people we spoke to through door knocking. At the time of writing this article, the petitions, which are circulating in the business area, are due to be collected next week.

At the moment Vodafone, by an act of parliament, have the right to put a tower almost anywhere they want. Lisa, the Vodafone PR representative, has received many letters and phone calls. From Vodafone's standpoint, they have no doubt that they will bring 5G to Coromandel.

Many of us do not want 5G. In reality, we now need to work with the best of a bad situation. In a summary of the presentation given to the Community Board, sent to both Lisa and the board, we have stated our needs as:

To find a site which does not desecrate the visual impact of the adjacent houses. This in itself will alleviate to some extent the mental health concerns – out of sight, out of mind.

A more realistic distance away from dwellings so that people feel less threatened.

By the time this goes to print, it may already be a "done deal". Let's hope that the needs of the people have been considered alongside the needs of a large corporate businesses.

Kia kaha.

From Sue Gilmer

## 5G Tower in Town

Following the statement made by the Community Board Chair in the June edition of the Chronicle there was confusion within the community as to whether Vodafone intend to erect a 4G or a 5G tower.

Vodafone boasted their 5G rollout around the country in their presentation to the Board, and later issued a fact sheet on 5G as part of a consultation package. They expected the Board to take the responsibility of distributing it to the township. After writing directly to Vodafone questioning the generation capacity of the tower I was told that from the day the tower is installed it will technically be of 5G capacity.

There is also misinformation being quoted re the zoning of the site where the tower is intended to be erected – by the Chair and Vodafone – who have made statements about the location as "being in close proximity to a residential zone" and a claim that "the site is not located in Road Reserve adjoining a Residential zone".

Urban development in Coromandel Town, which includes all housing from the retirement village to Buffalo Road, is zoned Extra Density Residential Zone. Vodafone intend to place the 15-metre-high tower in the midst of this zone, adjacent to one of the few passive recreational green reserves. This new tower will incur a major impact, and an unacceptable loss of enjoyment for those residing within a kilometre in the surrounding urban area.

Telecommunications Community Engagement guidelines advise that when establishing wireless facilities, companies should "act in good faith with residents" and as such be "good neighbours" when exploring residentially zoned areas.

Be aware that these imposing activities could both directly and indirectly affect you. As the Board keeps informing us, under the Telecommunications Act erecting a tower on Council land is a compliant activity under the Resource Management Act. Are you aware of where roads and any other public reserves are near your place, including unformed public paper roads? A 5G tower is the first step; relay stations will follow.

Kind regards,  
Amrita McNab

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# Upcycling workshop

## Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Munch

What a great start to our newest Rethink Rubbish project. We've joined forces with Glenda from The Bizarre (one of CILT's community projects) to upcycle surplus materials which cannot be sold in the shop, to make beautiful new items.

At the first session, our enthusiastic participants began making rag rugs. Just look at the photos to see what fun they had – this is an easy project for anyone to try.

These workshops will be run fortnightly and most of the participants will continue their rugs at the next session. Some will start other items and new people can join in anytime.

We have all sorts of ideas to share with you – using second-hand goods that can't be sold at Bizarre and would probably otherwise be sent to landfill: books, mosaic work with old china, jewellery making, cake stands and more.



We will provide all of the materials and equipment you need although we could use some safety pins if you have them to spare (for rag rug making).

There is no charge for participants (we do accept donations

to help us keep these workshops going if you can afford even a small amount).

Come along and see what you can make from "rubbish". Everything we make means less waste to landfill.

The upcycling workshops are held roughly on a fortnightly basis on Tuesdays at 10.30am at the St John station, 355 Tiki Rd and will be on the following dates: **2, 16, 30 August, 13, 27 September, 11 October, 1, 15, 29 November, 6 December.**

If you are on Facebook, please follow our page Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town to keep up with the latest information about our activities



## HIKE & BIKE COROMANDEL

**A few exciting changes to Hike & Bike Coromandel**

### MOVE TO COLVILLE

While maintaining a presence at 105 Wharf Road, we are moving our focus to Colville. Although not being at our Coromandel base every day, we can still offer bike repairs and parts if you phone beforehand to check availability.

### CASUAL BIKE HIRES

These will now be available from Colville. Keep an eye on our website as we develop new ride options. [www.hikeandbike.co.nz](http://www.hikeandbike.co.nz)

### COASTAL WALKWAY TOURS and HIKE & BIKE COMBO

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

As with June, our July meeting managed

to coincide with a fine day between persistently rainy days, when 20 members plus one guest (lovely to meet you, Helga) got together at The Club. Welcome to new member Shona; we hope you'll enjoy our friendly and informative group.

Jeni shared some details on our future trip to Taupo for three days in October and asked those who would like to be included on this trip to get in touch with her. Jeni also mentioned that there is line dancing at Citizens' Hall on Mondays at 3pm. Good for brain and body!

The day following the meeting was Pat Williams's milestone 90th birthday, which was acknowledged with a bouquet and card.

Ann Kerr-Bell gave us an interesting and informative talk about fermented vegetables/sauerkraut/cultured foods, which



can be made with many different kinds of veges like brassicas, daikon radish, carrots, seaweed, etc. She brought a variety for people to sniff and sample, including

some that had gotten mouldy (it happens). Historically, this method of preservation began in China and India in the 1300s, using salt as the preservative, but now there are other methods. Ann uses a starter and various seasonings in hers. These foods aid digestion and nutrient absorption.

Garden Circle member Elspeth Campbell spoke about growing up in a large family of siblings who were encouraged to write and play with words. She read three poems: one by her older sister, followed by Elspeth's reply poem, and her winning entry, "Lucky", from the Library competition.

Lucky is about a forest gecko she found in her wheelbarrow and she showed us two photos she managed to get of this fearless (until she touched it!) gecko. The poem was also printed in the July issue of the

Chronicle.

We again had a fair number of competition entries for a winter day. First place competition winners for the month were Lorraine – single bloom, Elspeth – miniature bloom, Sherryn – multi bloom, Irene – arrangement and Linda – special entry. Well done ladies! Members are reminded to carefully read the category description as two of the arrangement entries this month did not comply (used bowls instead of saucers).

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10 August** at The Club, 1pm. Weather permitting, we'll do a bit of a garden ramble to the Community Garden, several Village gardens, and Jeni's garden. Arrangement is Favourite Vase (and tell your vase story) and special is Focus on Fragrance. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our friendly group.

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

## Phoenix House update

By Ruth and Riana

Kia ora koutou,

We thought it would be a good idea to update our community on life at Phoenix House.

We have had a very busy couple of years with Covid-19 and the many changes it has made to both the way we work and the pressures that our staff have come under from time to time.

We now find ourselves facing one of the toughest winters we have had as a sector and as a community in a long time. The case numbers for Covid are on the rise and we now have new subvariants of omicron (BA.4 and BA.5) in our community. This means our residents will be at higher risk of catching Covid, as will our staff. We also have several viruses in the community and of course influenza is back with a vengeance now that the borders are open.

All of this means that we will be increasing the precautions we take with visitors coming to Phoenix House and our staff will continue to follow strict infection control measures to reduce the risk.

When Covid-19 finds its way into Phoenix House we do not sit

there and ponder how it made it into our whare. Quite the opposite. We expect that throughout this pandemic that we will be visited by this virus like everywhere else.

Our role is to support and care for our residents no matter what is happening in our community or wider afield.

Please do not visit if you are unwell. We prefer no more than two visitors at any one time. However, if you contact Phoenix House we can make arrangements for larger numbers for special occasions. We thank you all for your patience and understanding.

We have faced the shortage of registered nurses here in Aotearoa and in particular for aged care facilities like ours. We currently have a shortage of 1200 nurses in our sector. There are many registered nurses in our community, and we would like to invite any of you out there to come and work with us to cover the shortfall.

If you have a day or two that you could come and work with us, that would be fantastic, so please contact Phoenix House and ask to speak with Ruth Mikaere (07) 866 8612. If you know someone out there or a whanau member who is a registered nurse who might be willing to help with a day a week or each fortnight, we would be grateful.

We have been privileged to provide care and support to our kaumatua (elderly) residents of our community for nearly 36 years and would love to have others come and help us out and give some relief to our staff.

As we move forward into winter and onwards, we wish you all the best. Please make sure you remember the things you can do to slow down this virus (and any other viruses): Wear a mask when in public spaces and places; social distancing; good hand washing and sanitising; stay home if you are unwell; test if you experience any symptoms.

Mauri ora.

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## Library News

By Robynne Jones

Our next AGM will be held on **Tuesday 16 August** at 3pm in the TCDC meeting room. At this meeting there will be a proposal to increase the membership fee from \$10 to \$20 and given the feedback from a survey we did earlier this year we expect that most votes will be in favour of the increase. There will also be elections for the new Committee. If you are interested in helping on the Committee, we are always looking for new committee members to share the load. In particular this year we are looking for a new secretary. If you are interested, and thinking about nominating yourself for the role, a list of the duties for the secretary's role is available at the desk.

Congratulations to Stan Walker, the lucky winner of the Winter Goodies raffle and thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

The good news for Lucinda Riley fans is that we have her latest book, *The Murders at Fleet House*. I'm sure there is going to be a lot of interest in this book, while we wait for the next book in the Seven Sisters series, *Atlas – The Story of Pa Salt*. The update on Atlas is that it will not be available in New Zealand until March 2023. We also now have book 6.5, *The Hangman* from Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache series. It's a short story but if you're a Louise Penny fan you won't be disappointed.

Don't forget that if you are interested in a book that has already been checked out, we can place a hold on it for you; just ask at the desk.

To celebrate our first Matariki public holiday last month we purchased a selection of children's story books featuring Matariki themes and a book by Dr Rangi

Matamua on Matariki – *The Star of the Year*. Dr Rangi Matamua is a New Zealand indigenous studies and Māori cultural astronomy academic and is professor of Mātauranga Māori at Massey University. His book is an interesting summary about how Matariki was traditionally observed and why, and when and how we can celebrate now.

You may also like these new books, by new authors, that we have recently added to the shelves:

### *The Making of Her* – By Bernadette Jiwa

This is a debut novel set in Dublin 1996 about what it means to be a mother, a daughter, a sister, keeping family secrets, falling apart, and coming together again. Described as a page-turning, mother-daughter love story, it charts one woman's journey to escape the legacy of the society that shaped her.

### *Dr B* – By Daniel Birnbaum

Another debut novel, Daniel Birnbaum is one of the world's most prominent art curators and is currently the director of Acute Art in London. *Dr B* is a riveting story of spies and diplomats during WWII.

### *Edith and Kim* – By Charlotte Philby

A page-turning spy novel and thriller set in the 1930's, if you like the John Le Carré novels you will probably like this one. It's a historical spy novel based on the true story of the woman behind the Cambridge spies in Cold War espionage.

Thank you to Annette Clarke for her recent book donations. Included were some interesting bios on people like Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, Sir Peter Blake and Graham Henry. All book donations are much appreciated as we can include them in our collection if we don't have them, or add them to the book sales.

Lastly, don't forget, when in doubt go to the library.

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It is not only the virus that is causing havoc as we nearly had to cancel an evening of bridge due to the weather.

Congratulations to Jackie and David, the winners of the Cashmore Pairs. Our next competition is the Whangapoua Pairs followed by the Jackson Pairs.

We play at the St John rooms every Monday evening. We would welcome new members and visiting bridge players are welcome to join us.

Contacts Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 4678 8390, Judy (07) 866 8637

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## Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

Winter is upon us, and between the weather and Covid, it hasn't been much fun.

With Coromandel Grey Power being quiet this month, it may be a good time to think about old friends, wills, and funerals. An article in the NZ Grey Power Magazine – June 2022, makes for good reflection on days gone by, and what the future holds for us. The Ministry of Social Development report in 2019, on “Elder Abuse in New Zealand”, singled out isolation of friends and family. The article pointed out that friends you have grown up with may have been moved by family into retirement or rest homes without considering who they are leaving behind. Please families, ask your parents or relatives if there is anyone that they would like to have told of their move. This is important for their mental health – think how you would like to be treated when you reach this age.

Funerals and wills – this is a can of worms that most of us are reluctant to consider. But everyone must consider this final step. Kathryn Perks, an end-of-life expert, has written a workbook for individuals called “When I Die”, which covers many things that a good lawyer will need to assist with putting your final words into print for that far off day! Kathryn can be reached on 021 255 8839, email [whenidie.info@gmail.com](mailto:whenidie.info@gmail.com) or on website [www.whenidie.co.nz](http://www.whenidie.co.nz). And if you have a will, but feel it is not right due to changed situations, again a good lawyer will help with rewriting your will. Talk it over with a good friend. Don't assume that your family know what you would like to happen!

It may be a good time to think about a “Power of Attorney” too – this is for when you're not able to make decisions for yourself. So, on that note, spring is not far away, the daffodils will be out this month, which always brings a smile. Stay safe and well.

Grey Power New Zealand Federation is a volunteer organisation ([www.greypower.co.nz](http://www.greypower.co.nz)) which lobbies government for benefits for New Zealanders over 50, so if you have an issue that you would like to have lobbied to government, please come and join us at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 18 August** at the St John Hall at 1.30pm. We have invited Denis Tegg to our meeting to discuss local transportation – or the lack of transportation to and from Coromandel.

Membership is \$28 per two members living in same house, and \$15 per single member. Bank account is 38-9023-0537303-00. Carol Carson, our membership secretary, is more than happy to help you.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact John on 021 139 0189 ([johngaffikincowan@hotmail.com](mailto:johngaffikincowan@hotmail.com)) or Carol 021 081 66129 ([carolcarson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:carolcarson@xtra.co.nz)) or myself 0274 985 229 ([patricia@prosystems.co.nz](mailto:patricia@prosystems.co.nz))



## Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman,  
Trustee of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

The Auckland Rescue Helicopter effected 13 missions to the Peninsula for June. Of these, three were to our side of the divide.

### Missions for June

5.6.22 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 30's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

7.6.22 – Firth of Thames – Crew tasked by the Rescue Coordination Centre to the Firth of Thames to assist with the search for an activated beacon. Crew were stood down and returned to base.

9.6.22 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 70's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

The new 30,000 litre tank for JetA1 fuel is almost ready to go. Delays with concrete drive being allowed to harden, electronic glitches where the computer won't tell the pump what to do, etc., have all culminated in the “up and running” date being pushed out. And out. Not far off, now! Like that confounded cheese!

A very big thanks must go to John Murray of Bay Project Services and his band of merry helpers, who supplied materials at cost and labour at discounted rates. John has been the “Project Man” from day one of CRHT, building the hangar, later the house and now the tank foundations.

The new website is just about ready. A couple of fine details on the donation part of it and it will be ready to roll, certainly by 1 August. Go to [www.coromandelrescue.org.nz](http://www.coromandelrescue.org.nz) to view. The new site uses the “Windcave” payment system, which will be much more user friendly. If the website has a contact phone number ending in 298 on the home page, this is still the old website. Our heartfelt thanks to Stephen Hutton from WebsiteGuy who has given his time so generously to the cause.

In the meantime, you can donate to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust – 03-1578-0116338-001, with your name and “donation” as a reference. All donations gratefully received. Or phone me and I will collect. A receipt will be issued. Please remember donations are tax deductible and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required.

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Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT - Mob: 022 670 1549



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### Worm Farm at The Goldmine

The Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station and the Goldmine Reuse Centre now have a worm farm, and the worms are very hungry!

We'd love to have your food scraps if you don't have a composting system of your own.

Food scraps in rubbish bags can become a messy problem once a roaming dog or hungry birds get at the bags. So if you have excess food waste, and to avoid your food scraps going into your rubbish bin, then please consider collecting your scraps in a bucket, and bringing them up to The Goldmine to feed our hungry worms. The worm farm is already producing a good amount of worm wee. This is an excellent rich fertiliser for your garden, it is a natural insect repellent and improves soil health. Bottles of worm "tea" are available for purchase.

### Volunteers' Trip to the Eyefull Tower

Thank you to Driving Creek Railway for hosting our volunteer train trip to the Eyefull Tower! As an acknowledgement of the incredible work that volunteers do in our organisation, we took a group on the DCR train to the Eyefull Tower for a social outing with food provided by JAK's Cafe. It was a really enjoyable afternoon trip. Thank you DCR and thank you to the volunteers!

### Coromandel Hub Progress

Our new community services hub is really



coming together. The windows are in and now the cladding and lining can go up. Head over and take a look at the activity on Pound Street; it's looking great! We are also fixing up the little orange cottage next to the building site. This was previously the Broad-spectrum site office. It's quite run down and hasn't had much maintenance done for a while, so the builders are fixing it up and it will become the new location for Te Mana Tangata/The Work Co-op.

### Native Plant Nursery

The Native Plant Nursery next to the Hub site is also progressing. Our hard workers Tia and Te Raana have been busy spreading topsoil for the Rongoā Gardens where we'll grow plants with medicinal and healing properties. The wicking beds are in place and ready for gravel, and by the time you read this our large hot house might have been constructed. Brianna and Tia have been hosting classes with students from the Coromandel Area School and from what I've heard these have been going really well. It's exciting to see what was previously a barren industrial car park being

converted into a thriving, educational space.

### Job Vacancies at CILT

How would you like to join the great team at CILT? We have a few job vacancies for the right candidates. Check out classifieds page 28, or go to the "vacancies" section on our website for full job descriptions and application forms.

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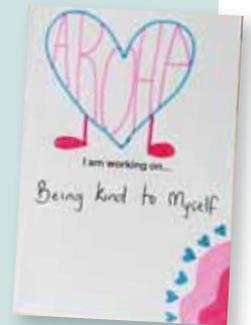
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## Mindfulness Month this August

Mindfulness Month is an initiative that encourages participants to prioritise a mindful moment during each day of August while raising money for the Mental Health Foundation. There is a variety of tools on offer to support participants: daily guided mindfulness podcasts by Kristina Cavit, a mindfulness journal based on the "month done" concept by Stephen McCarthy and daily mindfulness activities to weave into everyday life from Pause Breathe Smile.

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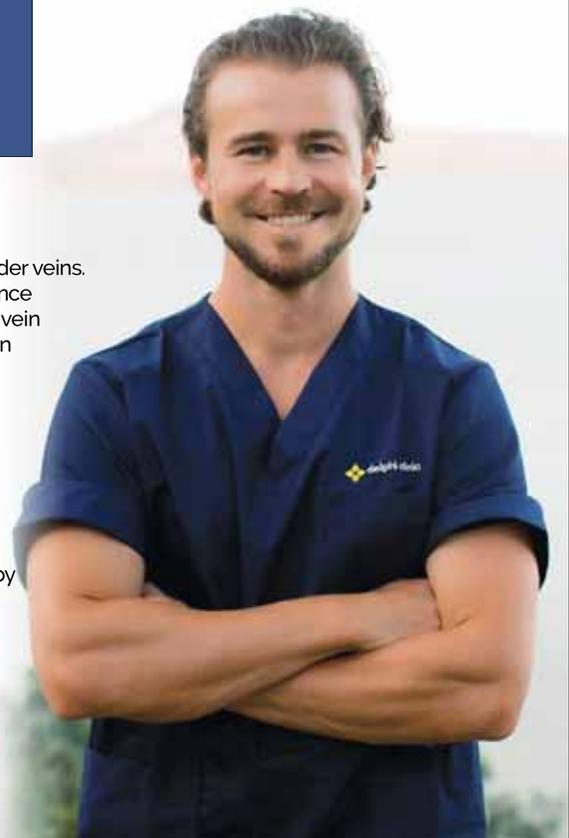
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## Being Present with the diseased mind

by Linda Cholmondeley Smith



Depressed? Unable to connect effectively to those around you? Burned out?

An effective tool to address this state of mind is to be more conscious and aware and that requires us to be in the present.

### What does “being in the present” mean?

A common but inaccurate definition of “being in the present” is thinking only of where we are right this moment, excluding all past memories or thoughts of future planning. But then how can someone with this mindset ever build on past experiences or set goals toward future success?

While it’s possible to be in “present” higher states for brief periods of time, those who live in these states are capable of processing the past and the future. The only difference is that being in the “present” is not a compulsive movement of the mind.

The ordinary mind is compulsive. It is pulled into the past and pushed into the future seemingly at will, sometimes causing chaotic thought processes. In fact, the problem of being burned out or depressed often springs from this behaviour.

When one is unable to connect with people, feelings of depression can occur.

When you are not present with your morning cup of coffee, it’s only hot water and coffee. But when you are present, that cup of coffee is heaven.

depression can fill that void.

That is why there is a need to set out on a path of greater awareness to every aspect of your life and the time to do that is now!

Depression in its many forms is a worldwide pandemic of humanity. Prior to the Covid pandemic, over 300 million people were already suffering from some form of depression.

Being conscious of one’s suffering is important. Many, when asked about their state of mind, will say they have no suffering. But with some guidance and introspection, it becomes apparent rather quickly how much suffering there is needing to be addressed. That’s not to say that one is being untruthful. It’s more a quiet, even subconscious belief that suffering is natural by worrying about the future and brooding about the past, moving from one unpleasant emotion to another, succeeding through driving oneself with comparison and aggression, living with defensive mind chatter every wakeful moment. This is the

It’s important to understand that the more one is absent from experiences, the joy of living is lost and

only way the majority of us know how to live.

There are many parables about how to deal with those situations and become comfortable.

One must wake up to the fact that anxiety, stress, anger, jealousy, depression and loneliness are suffering states that have become so habituated in one’s life that they’ve moved in and it’s time to move them on.

We are the result of 13.8 billion years of evolution but even though immense intelligence is involved in creating us as homo sapiens, we are not particularly wise. We have been given the intelligence to live through our suffering and to do this requires our awareness in being present in our everyday living of life to every moment.

To be present to life is to know that you are truly “living your life”. – Namaste

Email [linda\\_c@orcon.net.nz](mailto:linda_c@orcon.net.nz)

## Hot Spot – news from Coromandel Fire Brigade

Recent callouts: Rubbish fire; security alarm call; car vs pole; two car collision; truck over bank; power lines arcing; rubbish truck fire; car fire; trees across road; motor vehicle accident – car rolled, persons trapped; two times lift support for ambulance; rescue helicopter assistance.

A significant diversity of callouts requiring a wide range of skills training for our crew, and all in a time when Covid is not going away.

As with all volunteer brigades in Aotearoa, Coromandel receives an annual grant from Fire and Emergency NZ (i.e. the Government) which we stretch as far as possible to cover all costs. We are incredibly fortunate to have within our community, locals who help make our working life easier with a range of most generous donations, both funds and time. In recent times that parcel of land behind the Fire Station known as the Pony Club Paddock, has been offered to the Brigade as a training area and overflow vehicle parking for a nominal rent by TCDC subject to it having a substantial clean-up and being securely animal fenced. Working bees by members to strip and clear fences, remove rubbish and weeds has been added to with the generous donations of machinery from local contractor Alan James and fencing from Neal Blythe, fencing contractor. Added to this recently, local Tim Turner (who in the last two years has donated to the Brigade a replacement support van) has again provided a very generous financial donation to support Brigade events. Such generosity from Tim, Alan, Neal and others ensure Brigade members can function at the highest level of community protection without having to spend time fundraising to survive. So, a huge thank you from us to you.

The drought has broken, and it’s winter. Keep an eye on your chimney and don’t put drying clothes or other flammables near your heater; be fire safe.

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New Listing

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New Listing

Tranquil and funky! A wonderful 2,220m<sup>2</sup> bush getaway at Tuateawa, with glimpses of an ocean view through the trees. 3 cabins with the largest offering the comforts of a great holiday retreat. BBQ area, outside bath, vehicle parking. **\$540,000**



New Listing

Compact and just over 520mtr walk into town. The 396m<sup>2</sup> section offers enough space for vehicle & boat parking, with a lawn and front/rear decking for BBQ's. Semi open-plan living, 3 double brms, 2 bathrooms, garage and carport. **\$650,000**



New Listing

The bungalow styling of the home will appeal to traditionalists. Open-plan living with ranch-slider to deck, 3 double brms and a large enclosed sun room. Rear section for the family to play. Currently tenanted - 24 hours required for viewing. **\$700,000**



New Listing

Summer getaway at Kennedy Bay. The 1,549m<sup>2</sup> section offers plenty of parking space and a selection of fruit trees. The cottage features open-plan living, 2 brms, bathroom and great decking. Separate small studio. Come and see. **\$450,000**



Absolutely perfect in virtually every way! Immaculately presented home with impressive decking, large open-plan living, excellent kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and spacious garage/wkshop. Private courtyard gardens. **\$PBN**



The stream boundary ideally sets off this 768m<sup>2</sup> property for your growing family. The large home features spacious lounge (fireplace)/dining/kitchen areas, 2 great decks, 4 double brms, office, 2 bathrooms, double garage and workshop. **\$835,000**



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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

### Your immunity and your gut health

For many years I have specialised in gut health and its connection to the immune system.

I have written articles about it, educated my clients about it. The best news is that, for decades, I have succeeded in healing my clients.

In the media recently, discussion of "new research" by the Malaghan Institute, stating that children born to mothers who have taken antibiotics during pregnancy, are at a higher risk of developing asthma and other inflammatory or allergic diseases. See [www.malaghan.org.nz/news-and-reports/news/study-shows-link-between-prenatal-antibiotic-exposure-and-allergic-diseases](http://www.malaghan.org.nz/news-and-reports/news/study-shows-link-between-prenatal-antibiotic-exposure-and-allergic-diseases).

### My good news

This is not new news. My specialist gut microbiome work has successfully prevented and healed many issues for preconception, pregnancy and breastfeeding. As with all drugs and vaccines, antibiotics kill essential good bacteria, also bad bugs, creating



long-term poor innate immunity. Antibiotics are not necessary in most cases. I have healed the hospital super bug, when antibiotics have failed. I have attended National and International three-day seminars over the years, on the topic of the microbiome and gut immune health.

### More good news

From the same institute, here is another study headed: "Gut health – new frontiers in immunology." See the study [www.malaghan.org.nz/news-and-reports/news/gut-health-new-frontiers-in-immunology/](http://www.malaghan.org.nz/news-and-reports/news/gut-health-new-frontiers-in-immunology/).

Again, not new information. Their study talks about:

- Feeding our gut and the microbes that call it home – The gut quality and microbiome (good bacteria) influence all human health. Your microbiome influences the behaviour of immune cells in your brain, heart, skin and lungs, as well as your immune system.
- Understanding the role of the immune system in the gut – The article states, "A healthy immune system means a best functioning gut, which in turns benefits the rest of the body." Any processed foods or toxins weaken immunity long-term, depleting it of its natural strength and integrity.

In my clinical experience I have seen far healthier responses and outcomes to a viral infection, when focus is on optimising diet and gut immunity, rather than drugs and jabs.

If your intestinal membrane quality is compromised (leaky gut), something foreign enters your body such as undigested proteins, toxins, viruses, parasites, etc. The immune system's white blood cells see them as "foreign", causing infection, inflammation, and consequently arthritis and auto-immune diseases. Take away

the invader, correct the microbiome, and the inflammation settles and infection goes.

They talk about their research hookworm programme, to use parasites to show how a healthy immune system adapts and responds to a harmless infection. Again, this information is old.

- From the lab to the clinic.

Enough of the lab – the best way I have learnt to understand the gut in the context of human health, is in my clinical environment. I've become an "expert" in the physiology of the gut, understanding different aspects of immune related disorders, such as ulcerative colitis, and inflammatory bowel disease.

### Conclusion

This study claims to be bringing together a world-leading team to cover metabolism, immunology, nutrition and physiology for a more holistic view of the immune system and the gut.

It is great that there is now an awareness from the orthodox medical field, of what we have known for years, and what I have been specialising in for many years. In my opinion we don't need further studies, research or more dollars spent on something that many of us have been aware of for decades.

Funding directed towards such studies could be used to have helped in a more productive way.

I am proud to helped so many people reverse their health status, to the best it can be.

Love your gut, your bugs and feed them well!

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## Taichi for health with Christina

When people come to try my taichi class, the first thing I do is to let them relax muscles and remove tensions by learning the six relaxing exercises and five loosening exercises, which were designed by Master Yek and Grand Master Huang, aimed to help students to practice taichi principles such as Song (relaxing) and Chen (sinking), central equilibrium (open and close from the centre with raised spirit) and whole body harmonizing (one part of the body moves, the whole body moves). As I mentioned in our previous articles, we begin with the tranquil mind without lingering thoughts; use the awareness or the mind intention to guide our movement. Once students can feel and experience the flow of qi (life force) and understand the basic taichi principles, they will learn the taichi form. Currently I am teaching Great Grand Master Zheng Manqing's short form which has 37 steps. It requires students to utilise those taichi principles practiced from the relaxing exercises, and explore more principles in movement such as differentiating substantial and insubstantial, releasing relaxed force to the fingertips, etc.

The obvious benefits of taichi would be: an improvement of balance and agility, great relaxing of muscles and mind which helps lower blood pressure and puts less strain on the heart, and reduces tension and perhaps keeps us happy, a kind of moving mindfulness meditation.

See meetings page (page 29) for details on Christina's weekly taichi classes in Coromandel Town on Wednesdays and in Coville on Mondays.

There is also a free taichi practice outdoors (weather permitting) for class members on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Christina, with over 20 years' practice and ongoing learning from world renowned teacher Wee Kee Jin, and with a true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her practice and background in 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](mailto:christinawu121@gmail.com)

## Transition to Salt Marsh

By Julie Sargisson

Over the past months I have witnessed a low-lying paddock reverting to salt marsh.

For a few days each month, usually around new moon and/or full moon, the king tides flow through the original wetland and make their way over the part of the paddocks behind that are below sea level. It pools into small lakes. The salt kills off the kikuyu and the non-native wetland reeds and any other species not adapted to salt water, leaving a brown dead zone.

Over seasons, this is being covered in a haze of green with the creeping foliage of the yellow button flower (*Cotula coronopifolia*) or water buttons. Last spring the thousands of flowers were a mass of gold.

The native reed that covers the original wetland area is marching up the tidal zone and with the increasing clumps of oioi, the very fine native salt marsh reed, the brown silt is slowly transforming into an entirely different ecosystem. Tiny new mangrove seedlings this far up are a surprising new event.

This tidal marsh is now visited and inhabited by pateke ducks, pied stilts, paradise shelducks and very occasionally, the large and magnificent royal spoonbills. Kingfishers and herons are drawn to the increasing tiny aquatic life evident in the hundreds of small holes in the muddy areas.

I read of the restoration of other salt marshes where there are meadows of sea grass and salt lavender. I am looking forward to all of these changes and having the privilege of witnessing the salt marsh rewilding itself. In New Zealand this is a rare and precious thing.

For more information about salt marsh restoration: [www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/127435508/blue-carbon-sites-could-limit-retreat-from-coast-groups-say](http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/127435508/blue-carbon-sites-could-limit-retreat-from-coast-groups-say)



# VOTE - Len Salt - A New Mayor for Thames-Coromandel

### THE CHALLENGE:

Our council and ratepayers are facing enormous pressure on services and works programmes.

- Critical shortages of materials
- Inflationary pressures on freight, shipping and fuel
- Increased pressure on personnel and staff costs
- Higher interest rates and cost of debt servicing

### WE NEED:

- Innovative, modern solutions to achieve cost-efficient outcomes
- Future proofed critical infrastructure
- Responsible and prudent financial management

### CRITICAL FACTORS:

- Financial management that targets cost reductions without compromising services
- Infrastructure security – building for tomorrow
- Solid waste management that achieves measurable reductions in costs and volumes
- Community based solutions with council engagement and support
- Emissions reduction and innovative environmental management
- Housing security – apply creative solutions and fix the problem for service workers, tradespeople, teachers and pensioners
- Roading and footpaths – make it happen (instead of waiting another 30 years)

### THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY:

We will develop a "Centre of Excellence" model to attract leaders in tech innovation to relocate to the Coromandel. We'll start with Thames, which is perfectly located for easy access to Auckland, Waikato and BOP, and we'll grow from there. We want young, brilliant minds living and working in Thames, Whitianga, Coromandel, Whangamata, Tairua.

Areas include: Digital marketing; Environmental and agricultural innovation; Educational software; Social media; Computer gaming; Waste management innovation and resource recovery.



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## Len Salt – standing for mayor

My preparation for the job of mayor started three years ago.

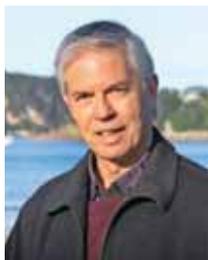
I stood against the current mayor in 2019. A day before nominations were due to close there were no other names in the running. There would not be an election if nobody else stood.

I did not expect to win, but I wanted at least a debate on the key issues facing our voters.

In my working life I have, amongst other jobs, owned and managed manufacturing operations, run a timber processing plant, and owned award-winning retail operations. I've travelled to many parts of the world, however the Coromandel is my favourite part of the planet. I feel privileged to live here, but also a deep sense of responsibility for the well-being of our whenua.

In 2019/20 water supplies across the district fell critically low. Tankers were going as far as Hamilton to get water. I formed the Whitianga Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA) with some willing helpers, to work with council and community board on an alternative water supply for Whitianga, Wharekaho and Matarangi. We succeeded in getting a formal investigation underway, and we're on track to solve the water supply problem for future generations.

Increased waste volumes, especially from construction, was a major issue. Council had a robust waste minimisation strategy in place,



but it wasn't working in the areas where we don't have resource recovery centres. Too much valuable material was going to landfill.

Working again with Community Board, I helped form the Mercury Bay Resource Recovery Centre Trust. We ran our first e-Waste drive (12,000 kgs saved from landfill) and secured \$250,000 from the government to build a new facility in Whitianga. Opening in March, it draws inspiration from the Coromandel Independent Living Trust and the Seagull Centre in Thames. These groups (with the Bizarre Community Grants scheme) have returned over \$65,000 to community projects and provided jobs and opportunities for local people. Whitianga will do the same.

Outside the main centres there was a perceived lack of investment in smaller communities. Volunteer groups needed more support and less red tape.

All of these factors contributed to my decision to stand for mayor.

As Vice President of Greypower Mercury Bay, issues affecting our older population are important. It can take nine hours to get from Colville to Waikato Hospital. Community groups such as the Tiki House Resource Centre provide community driven solutions. These initiatives deserve maximum support.

As chair of Creative Coromandel, we secured \$75,000 from Lotteries to promote the arts in the Coromandel. \$28,000 of that is for support

of Māori arts, and we are working with iwi to make this happen.

When standing for mayor, you represent the whole district, not just the bits of it closest to home. You have to do the mahi, put in the miles and the hours. I attended all nine of the Shoreline Management Panel public meetings in June. More than 624kms over two weekends, including a pleasant and informative afternoon spent with the folks at Wyuna Bay to talk about the erosion issues and their battle to get the speed limit reduced.

Right now council is facing savagely increased costs for planned projects. Finding innovative solutions, outside funding where possible and smarter ways of doing things is vital if we don't want to be saddled with unaffordable rates increases.

A key element of my plan is to undertake a total review of the "contracts model". TCDC has around 275 staff and limited capability to do work in house. Starting with smaller items, repairs, painting and maintenance, signage (we recently spent \$220,000 on signage for tsunami warnings) we will find cost saving in every possible corner. I learned many years ago that you spend according to your budget, or face the consequences further down the road.



## Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Helen Pearce

Another enjoyable embroidery guild meeting was held on 6 July.

Our workstream for this year, "Italian Love Affair", is continuing – this month's project was Punto Madama, an embroidery technique created by Catherine de' Medici who brought the embroidery from Italy and made it known in France.

Members had obviously been busy in the cold and wet days as the show and tell table had lots of completed projects.

Upcoming classes are Sashiko, Hardanger and Thread Painting; lots to look forward to.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

August 2022

## Nominations open for local elections

If you're looking to stand for Mayor, Council or a Community Board in the coming elections and want a heads-up on the key strategic issues for our Council, our Pre-Election Report is now available.

This is our Council's guide to what's involved in being an elected member and some of the larger issues we are facing, including the big ones of Climate Change, Three Waters (wastewater, stormwater and drinking water) Reforms and the current ministerial review of local government.

These reforms and legislative changes



are likely to result in significant changes to the current structures, functions and powers of local bodies, so this report is a great way to get up to speed.

Pre-Election Reports are prepared independently of Elected Members and required by law to include the Council's financial position and upcoming major projects.

The Pre-Election Report is available at [tcdc.govt.nz/election](https://tcdc.govt.nz/election) or our Customer Service desks.

### How to vote:

If you live in the Coromandel make sure you're on the Parliamentary Roll: [vote.nz](https://vote.nz)

If you don't live here but pay rates here, make sure you're on the Ratepayer Roll: [tcdc.govt.nz/election](https://tcdc.govt.nz/election)

### Aquaculture Forum – save the date

Our Council is hosting an aquaculture forum this August to provide an opportunity for those working in this sector to connect, network, share issues and collaborate on actions.

**Date:** Tuesday 16th August 2022  
**Time:** 10am – 3pm  
**Venue:** Thames Civic Centre

The event will be held partnership with Coromandel Marine Farmers Association, Aquaculture New Zealand, Waikato Regional Council and Ministry for Primary Industries.

For more details, email: [lisa.church@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:lisa.church@tcdc.govt.nz)

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## CAREERS EXPO COMES TO THE COROMANDEL



Linking businesses and young people up with work in the Coromandel is the key focus of the Careers & Employers

Expo taking place on Thursday 18 August, from 9am-6pm, at the Thames Civic Centre.

Businesses and organisations from our district and Hauraki and Matamata-Piako areas are invited to be part of this year's Expo, which is co-produced by CANDO and the Thames Business Association.

Register for a stand online at [candothames.org/register-your-stand-now](https://candothames.org/register-your-stand-now) or send an email to Sue at the Thames Business Association: [manager@thamesbusiness.co.nz](mailto:manager@thamesbusiness.co.nz)



Coromandel  
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UPDATE

**Cycle Trail Supported:** Coromandel-Colville Community Board has recommended that our Council declines a current request, and any future requests, for road stopping at 101 Colville Road. Our Council was asked to support the proposed cycle trail by the Spirit of Coromandel Trust, and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Trust for the route and any future maintenance and upgrading.



### Freedom Camping Bylaw Review:

Our Council is reviewing the draft Freedom

Camping Bylaw, which was due to be approved for public consultation on 26 July. Watch this space at [tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw](https://tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw) for more information on how to provide your feedback.

**The Board's next meeting** is on 16 August at 9am in the Board meeting room at 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town. If you wish to speak to the public forum, contact [governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz) Recordings, minutes and agendas of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](https://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings)



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## Patchwork and Quilters

By Raewyn Penrose

This month we feature Jill Wilson.

Jill has been a real stalwart of our group since she originally joined (the then much smaller group of eight) in 2008, which met in the old RSA rooms



A quilt by Jill Wilson

attached to the Citizens' Hall. Within four years membership had increased to around 30.

She is Coromandel's "go to" person for all things textile – embroidery and patchworking, as well as having earned a very well respected profile nationally.

Jill was largely self taught in patchworking, plus a few specific workshops of interest.

She has been actively involved in our committee continually since 2009, and has been involved in organising many workshops, mystery projects and days out, and regional get togethers. Jill has always been very generous with her time tutoring and sharing knowledge freely with others. She calls a spade a spade and is respected for that.

We all greatly appreciate Jill's ongoing contribution to our group, and the laughs and enjoyment that we all have following our common interest.

Small towns owe a lot to people like Jill – those people that help to create that special environment that we all love and thrive in.

## Bowls report

By Linda Wright

The greens keeper David is doing a great job renovating the greens over the wet winter season and hopefully the spring opening day scheduled for **Thursday 1 September** goes as planned. If you are interested in playing bowls this coming season come and see us and have a go.

Finally we played the first round of the winter cup against Mercury Bay in Whitianga and we are three game points behind. The 2nd round has been postponed to due to road closures and rain, so a new day has been set and it should be played by the time this goes to print and hopefully a good turn around.

Our social Friday afternoons are going strong over the winter months, when the club is open from 3.30-7pm. All welcome; we would love to see you there.

## RSA

By Gary Pettett

It is hard to believe that our beloved member Pat Williams has just celebrated her 90th birthday (please forgive me for mentioning it, Pat). Her quick wit and sharp tongue have kept us amused and informed over so many years. To celebrate the occasion she, together with member Peter Thompson who was enjoying a birthday at the same time, put up a tab on the bar and all members present raised a glass to these two long-standing members.

Our midwinter Christmas celebration on 9 July was an outstanding success with well over 80 club members and friends enjoying a great meal and dancing the night away with the White Goat Band. Thanks go out to all of the volunteers who made the evening so special – Lyn turned the room into such a festive occasion with Alan providing his impressive lighting.

The CCC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 30 July** and all members are entitled to a vote but may be just a little late for this reminder to be placed in the August Chronicle. However, it is

very pleasing to see new names being proposed and seconded for positions on the CCC committee, representing both the RSA and Bowling Club who are the associated members of the Combined Clubs of Coromandel Inc. Committee names will be published in the next edition of the Chronicle.

See you at the Club on Friday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30pm. Keep warm and dry over the next month; spring is on the way!

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Members, and intending members, of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc are reminded that subscriptions are now due for the 2022/2023 year. These remain at \$15 per person per year and can be paid to the museum's bank account: 02 0304 0311211 00. We thank all those who have already paid.

This month we acknowledge Coralie Davies, who died on 24 June. Coralie was a longstanding and enthusiastic member of our committee for many years. Coralie and Jim were both valued members of the society. It is no exaggeration to say that without Coralie's fundraising efforts, and her own personal donations, we would not have built the new building at the museum in 2012.

The committee is once again fundraising, this time for the relocation of the Firlawn dairy building. We have a firm quote for the preparation work for the dairy and the repositioning of the jail building and hope to have confirmation of all costs for the project soon. It seems we need to raise around \$20,000, so welcome ideas and contributions from the community. We are thrilled that some members have included



Rebekah Pearson's artwork for the fundraising T-shirts

donations when renewing their subscriptions. This is most welcome, and we thank those members very much. We were also very pleased to receive a substantial donation from one local business. It is encouraging to receive such support from the community. Other initiatives include an offer from the Combined Clubs to donate the money raised by one of their quiz nights. Rebekah Pearson, a local artist and good friend of the Museum, has made a

wonderful offer. She has done a drawing of Helen Clark, the local cat, and has permission to put her design on T-shirts which she will sell on her website and at Weta Café. She has decided that all proceeds from the sales will come to the Dairy Fund. We trust everyone will support Rebekah and the museum by purchasing these T-shirts.

I thought it would be interesting to look at some previous fundraising ideas.

From "New Zealand Herald" 08 August 1899:

### "Coromandel Hospital Ball

The annual ball given on behalf of the Coromandel Hospital came off on Wednesday evening. The attendance was good. The costumes were plain and fancy, and on the whole presented a bright and cheerful scene. The financial results will be

a handsome addition to the hospital funds. Great credit is due to Miss Baston, the hon secretary, who was indefatigable in her efforts to make the function a success."

From "Auckland Star" 29 August 1899:

### "Coromandel News (By Telegraph. Own Correspondent)

A bazaar in aid of the Convent opened at St George's Hall on Saturday, being largely attended. The stalls, in charge of various ladies, were well stocked with work and toys and all descriptions of fancy work. Good business was done during the evening."

From "Auckland Star" 26 August 1901:

### "Coromandel News Variety Entertainment

By Telegraph. Own Correspondent  
At the Caledonian Hall last evening a variety entertainment, promoted in aid of the funds of the newly-formed town band was given, and proved a great success. There was a large audience, who thoroughly appreciated the items rendered. The first part of the programme consisted of minstrel patter songs, interspersed with dances, Mr W. McKinlay being interlocutor. Some excellent songs were rendered during the second part, most of the local vocalists assisting. Mr A. Chapman gave a clever exhibition of ventriloquism. Two very amusing farces were played, which created great amusement."

The museum is now closed for the winter, apart from Thursday mornings from 9.30am to noon, and will re-open in October



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## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer, President

Hi guys. Another month has passed and we are, at the time of writing this, still enjoying the odd sunny day.

I am lucky enough to be able to enjoy the winter sunshine as I write this article sitting on my deck, on a chair, with the fantails flitting and bellbirds calling with their distinctive song!

I count myself lucky to be able to enjoy this lifestyle in no small part to my friends in the Lions that are always there if needed. We are, and always have been, a group (although small to some standards) that look after the Coromandel community as much as we can, and are looking forward to keeping the tradition alive for many years to come.

We have our annual change of officers dinner on the 20 July and there we hope to welcome a new member transferring from Cambridge Lions; more details next time with names, etc. This will bring our number of members to the mid 20's. Not a large club, but we have at heart our motto "To serve", and that we plan to do to the best of our ability, as we pledge to do when becoming a Lion.

May I take this opportunity to remind you all our order book has been opened for next season, for firewood. Be in early to avoid disappointment, and on that subject we are hoping to have a truck full of firewood to raffle outside the Four Square/Wharf Road cafe at sometime in the next couple of weeks depending on helpers to man the ticket table, so will see you there.

And if you are not lucky with the raffle, you can always get bags from Chris at the Four Square.

Well I'm out of news, little as it was this month, hopefully I've not bored you with my diatribe.

Take care, keep warm, and importantly keep an eye on your neighbours if you haven't seen them in a couple of days. Call them or call in, we all need good friends and neighbours at any time.

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## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



New Zealanders certainly are growing tired of things getting more expensive, with inflation hitting another three-decade high of 7.3%. Unfortunately, the economic pressures faced by households are only getting worse. Food price data from Statistics

New Zealand shows that grocery prices are up 7.6% compared to a year ago. Perhaps more alarming is the Reserve Bank increasing interest rates faster than at any previous time in New Zealand's history. This is a response to the government letting inflation get out of control and will hurt everyone who has a mortgage.

I've been speaking to local businesses around the region to get a gauge of how the increased cost of living is affecting them. They tell me that with the cost of doing business going up, they have no choice but to put their prices up. That means their customers are paying more which continues to contribute to high inflation. They also tell me that business is much slower, especially over the school holiday period. People are more careful with their spending as they remain uncertain about when we will return to a more optimistic economic outlook.

These are the on the ground impacts of a cost of living crisis and the poor governance of our economy over the last five years. It's sad to think that in five short years our economy has gone from being described as a rock star economy to one which is struggling.

National have been offering solutions to the wide range of issues facing the country, but the Government refuses to budge from pushing through its agenda. We need to get on top of inflation as more and more Kiwis are feeling poorer. National would return the Reserve Bank to a single focus on price stability, reduce costs on businesses and remove the bottlenecks in the economy.

### Scott Simpson

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## Mana Update

By Jade Ferriere

It seems that many of us are in a season of change. Perhaps that is in part due to all that has unfolded during this time of pandemic. Or, perhaps it is more complex. Joanna Macy speaks of this time where “future generations, if there is a livable world for them, will look back at this epochal transition we are making to a life-sustaining society. And they may well call this the time of great turning.” Whether we know it or not, we are all playing a part.

Often it is hard to imagine how one, simple life, lived here on the Coromandel, can invoke a change as impactful as that which is needed to restore harmony in our world right now. However, Joanna reminds us that “if the world is to be healed through human efforts,” she is convinced “it will be by ordinary people whose love for this life is even greater than their fear.”

This is a time of evolutionary change and for some, that means answering the call to take an evolutionary leap of faith. Change bridges the world between the familiar and the unknown, and naturally when we turn towards it the voice of fear rises. If you are ready to move towards something new in your life, here are six simple reminders to help you make the “leap”.

Know that your goal is achievable. The author Richard Bach said, “We are never given a dream or an idea without the ability to make it come true.” Trust your inner voice. That feeling in your gut is almost always right – trust it and follow it. Allow a burning desire to replace your fear. When you are connected to your passion, self-doubt and fear begin to dissolve.

Surround yourself with like-minded people. There will be many along the way who will try to talk you into a more “rational” decision, so it is crucial to surround yourself with people who believe in you. Stop comparing yourself to others. It’s easy to get attached to deadlines or to compare your results to what someone else has already achieved. You are on your own unique path. Stay the course and things will unfold exactly as they are meant to in “perfect” timing.

Trust that the “net” will appear. We are conditioned to have all of our ducks in a row before we take a leap. Our sense of security relies on knowing how we are going to get there and when we are going to cross the finish line. But life doesn’t work that way. It is only when we “jump” that the net will appear. What if it doesn’t? It is possible that the net won’t appear and you’ll fall and like Edison who “failed” nearly 3,000 times on his way to creating the light bulb, don’t look at your falls as “failure”, but rather as “feedback”. Get back up, recalibrate, and take another jump.

We are celebrating the momentum of change within us and around us and encouraging you to heed that inner call. Join the revolution. Without being cliché, be the change you want to see in the world.

With love, from the team at Mana.

## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris



Furry gratitudes to those who have donated to the rescue kitties. Also thanks for the donations of sawdust and kitty litter – we ran totally out of and had to go urgently on Facebook to locate some supplies. There are lots of variety of what we can use – even paper pellets we were advised can be used.

Winter has hit and it is certainly very cold. All cats have their winter snugglies to curl up into and they relish the heater that sits beside me and I usually end up with four of our long-term rescue felines in a heap on top of me, which means I am warm and they are happy – until I have to get up in the night. The winter bedding we have supplies of is a huge blessing as all units are topped up fully to ensure they can hunker down and bury into their beds.

Lincoln, our elderly estate cat, decided to play bull rush with husband one morning. Lincoln decided to bolt out the door and go off on a morning walk – for him this is a first time outdoors as he and Dylan are both indoor cats and have not been outdoors since they were babies when they were in a feral colony. So this caused major concern and alarm. He had a marvelous morning out. Husband sat on the step of unit two and Lincoln saw this rather bereft human, head in hands, and sauntered up to him, smooched and meowed. Husband was able to grab him and get him back to his unit. Cat most pleased with himself and he was well behaved about being caught and picked up again, which was a surprise for us as well. It’s always an unknown factor as to how these older animals will react to new situations.

Squirt, the black girl, is now madam smooch. The boys have taught her that it is okay to be patted and stroked by a human and she is relishing this.

Kera and Lizzy are proving to be pretty decent mousers, and Kera is now learning off Lizzy how to sit motionless when finding a mouse in a hidden spot. Lizzy sits almost like a statue until the mouse makes the fatal mistake of going to change places and that is the end of the mouse;

For Rescue we are really just sitting as is until things change for us both regarding our health and finances for the unit and we just quietly carry on for the love of what we do.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help. Donations of tinned cat food, sachets, sardines, salmon, pet milk and kitty litter all appreciated. Credit Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai etc.).

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## Mahamudra Centre

By Beth Pearsall

Winter is a time of reflection and renewal, to clear out the old and make way for the new. So we have been doing just that!

We have been busy recarpeting and repainting the rooms; refreshing the gardens with new planting around the Stupa, Gomba and our brand new Ksitigarbha statue; cleaning and clearing out all of the long-forgotten storage areas all around the centre. You can really feel the love and care going into all parts of the place.

As without, so within. One of the best ways to cleanse ourselves, is by working with the breath. We can think about the breath as being three parts. The first part is our outer breath. This is the physical breath that we feel filling our lungs. One of the best ways to observe this breath is to notice the sensation at our nose tip. The cool air coming into our body and the warm air leaving our body through the nose.

The second part of our breath is our inner breath or prana. This is the energetic quality of our breath. We can send the cleansing energy of our breath to any part of the body. One way to work with the inner breath is to feel into our body and try to notice anywhere we feel tension or holding. Then to imagine we are breathing into that place and when we exhale, we offer relaxation to that tension. We can scan through our whole body using this process and find deep relaxation.

The third part of the breath is the secret breath. This is the central point of the breath that is awareness. When we practice meditation, we can move into this third dimension of the breath and rest in the quiet spaciousness of simply being.

We have some wonderful opportunities to learn and practice meditation in the coming months. We have also just published part of our summer programme led by Venerable Tony Beaumont. Check our website for details.

Here's what we have coming up soon:

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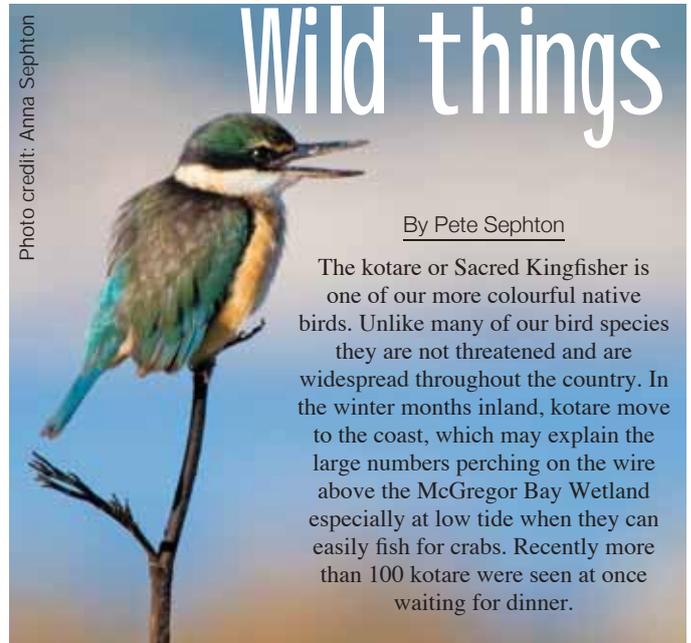


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# Wild things

By Pete Sephton

The kotare or Sacred Kingfisher is one of our more colourful native birds. Unlike many of our bird species they are not threatened and are widespread throughout the country. In the winter months inland, kotare move to the coast, which may explain the large numbers perching on the wire above the McGregor Bay Wetland especially at low tide when they can easily fish for crabs. Recently more than 100 kotare were seen at once waiting for dinner.

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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose  
Brown



### Matariki

**Ceremony & Breakfast at CAS**  
On Thursday 23 June 6-8.30am we hosted our first Matariki ceremony breakfast. It was an outdoor event, of ancestral stargazing and rituals, followed by an amazing cooked breakfast! We thank all of our workers (staff, students and whānau) and everyone who donated food and equipment for the breakfast. We especially thank Mike and Karen from Pepper Tree, JAK's Cafe, One Stone BBQ and Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki.

### Matariki Production

This year's show built on last year's production. In 2021 our students learned about and presented korero pertaining to the place of the Matariki stars in mythic creation stories; one version of the whakapapa (origin narratives) of the individual stars and their perceived bearing upon life on Earth. This year we revisited these korero but placed

them alongside events in our journey from oceanic homelands to Aotearoa and, eventually, the Hauraki region.

Check out the photos!

### Matariki Writing

The ancient form of Japanese poetry known as haiku is used to describe the wonders of nature and particularly seasonal changes, so it fits perfectly with Matariki. Check out these awesome haiku!

*Matariki poem – By Sandra*

Helping our whanau  
Start of the Maori new year  
Time to set some goals.

*Matariki – By Bubalu*

Bringing wishes true,  
Cooking kai for our whanau,  
Longest day begins.

*Matariki – By Ollie*

Looking at the stars  
Cooking hangi in the earth  
Time to make a wish.

*My Haiku – By Jimmy*

Time to make a wish.  
Eating kai by the ahi.  
Making new wishes.

*Hiwaiterangi – By Kahu*

Makes wishes come true for you  
Make the bright star shine.

*Matariki – By Cahleisha*

1: Celebration time  
Making hangi for whanau  
Helping out whanau

2: Making some wishes true  
Matariki is this month  
Helping out whanau

3: Pohutukawa  
Remembering past whanau  
Getting happy as

For those that were able to make it to our Matariki celebrations, we thank you for coming. We also thank our whānau and community members for their support and contributions of kai and time so that we could pull off this awesome event. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

## Manu Taonga Restored

By Heather Long

A collection of treasured birds at Coromandel Area School has been restored thanks to the dextrous hands of skilled taxidermist David Weatherley. The birds, a kakapo, tui, banded rail, kokako, long-tailed cuckoo, brown kiwi, little spotted kiwi and two red-winged parakeets, had fallen into disrepair and fallen off their perches, attacked by beetles. They have been at the school for generations, but nobody is sure where they came from originally.

David said: "The old-fashioned eyes and the techniques originally used on these birds date them as being from the late 1800s or early 1900s. They are very valuable and are treasures for the school. It has been my absolute pleasure to restore them."

David's lifelong career was that of a taxidermist, and he was the top of his profession, winning awards around the world for his skills and working in museums across Europe, the USA and New Zealand. He has worked on huge animals including polar bears, big cats and the skeletons of dinosaurs. These days the former professional footballer from the UK generally spends his retirement tending his veggie garden and keeping the greens tidy at the Coromandel Bowling Club, but he was more than happy to revisit his craft to help the school.

David has been sharing his expertise with keen amateur taxidermist, artist and animal bone enthusiast, Coromandel student Grace Smith, teaching her how to strengthen feathers with wires, insert the correct glass eyes and align the birds' feathers. The birds will be welcomed back to the school with a hui at the beginning of Term 3.



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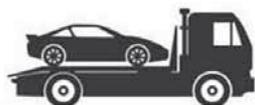
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If you would like to help Coromandel Youth Group with operating costs and activities you can make donations to our bank account: Coromandel Youth Support Inc. BNZ 02-0304-0316506-00.

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## Te Rerenga School

By Isabella Comer, Year 8 student

### Highlights of Terms One and Two

Term One 2022 was a rollercoaster of a term, with Covid-19 interrupting a lot. All of this aside, the term has been nothing like any other. The Life Education bus paid its yearly visit, Nature School started back up, Te Rerenga had its first ever Triathlon and we have become an official Enviro School.

The Life Education bus joined us for a week in March. Kids from each classroom had the wonderful privilege of having two fun, educational visits from Harold the talking giraffe. Some were unlucky and had to miss this opportunity like me, my siblings and their many friends due to Covid-19. Here's a quote from my younger brother Jacob Comer.

"Covid-19 was annoying and made me miss my friends."

During this time Nature School started again with the Years Three and Four students going to Opera Point every Friday while the Years Seven and Eight students were at manual.

Once I finally came back to school after many weeks we had a fun triathlon with running, swimming, and an obstacle course. I think everyone



can agree with me when I say that all students and staff enjoyed the day and would love to do it again.

We started Term Two off with a bang. Three Year Eight students, Roland, Indy and Isabella, went to represent our school at National Young Leaders day in Hamilton.

I think it's safe to say everyone enjoyed our mufti days, including the staff. We had a Pink day for anti bullying and a Red and Yellow day for the Westpac Helicopter. For the Queen's Jubilee Claire Veevers dressed up as the Queen. She had me fooled.

Later on into the middle of the term we had our Whenuakite sports day that we trained long and hard for. The games consisted of dodgeball, hockey, football, rippa rugby, indoor games, kick ball, and netball.

One of the Te Rerenga teams sadly were too sick to compete which left us to one Years 7/8 team competing. This team was put together last minute. On the other hand one of our Years 5/6 teams won in their age division.

On Tuesday July 28, 2022 the whole school joined other schools at the Matariki Show at Coromandel Area School and the following day we had our own Matariki activities here at school.

These two terms have formed our year so far into being something unforgettable. This year has opened up for more opportunities for the students of Te Rerenga. Covid-19 has not stopped the students from being themselves.



## Colville School

By Susie Summer

Are you ready for delicious cakes, yummy treats.... and entertainment? Colville School is getting ready for their first Bake Sale to raise funds for the Garden to Table Programme. All term we will be flexing our baking muscles and refining our recipes for the day. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at the Forager's Kitchen on **Friday 5 August** for afternoon tea from 1-3pm (was previously scheduled for July, but had to be postponed). It will be a wonderful celebration of the students' learning and a community get together. This time the kids are running the show!



Photo credit Belinda Williams

## Colville Bay Pre-School Ko te Uumangawha o nga waka taku whare ako

By Esther Powell

Kia ora. We warmly welcome children ages 0-6 to our vibrant, community-owned, early-learning centre on the shores of Tikapa te moana.

This month we had a lovely Hui Matariki at the Colville Foreshore. Nga mihi nui to the families who joined us for this special gathering and to Matua Brandon for joining us with his guitar and waiata lyrics for everyone!

We are excited to announce that our adult te reo classes will be starting in Colville, at the School Library from **Monday 25 July** 5-6.30pm. All parents/whaanau welcome so we can all continue to enrich and support teaching/learning this kaupapa with our tamariki.

We hope everyone is keeping cosy, fires burning while the rain persist through Hoongongoi/Te Aho tuturu. At Pre-school we are beginning to prepare our mara kai for spring planting of peas and beans and other favourites and we are transforming one end of our covered deck into a greenhouse/nature discovery area. Donations of plants, seeds, crystals, bug farms and other natural materials welcome.

20 free hours for over 3s and WINZ subsidies available. Open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-3pm. Term breaks inclusive. Pre-school minivan transport for children from Coromandel return, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Limited places available.

Colville Bay Pre-school, 2391 Colville Road (behind Colville School). Phone 022 645 3272, email [seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](mailto:seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz), [www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](http://www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz)



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- No anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- Minimise** your speed and wake
- Never drive across** the lines



# mahi toi ARTS



## Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour 2022

By Pete Sephton

This month we once again feature two new artists to our arts tour.

### Debra Lee Dickson

Debra was trained as a silversmith twenty years ago and when she moved from



Auckland sixteen years ago it gave her the opportunity to connect deeply with the spirit of the land. Her latest collection of pendants is concerned with whakapapa and the spiritual influence of the maunga of the Coromandel ranges. Each of the pendants is an identified maunga so these are one-off pieces of beautiful wearable art rather than being described as jewellery. In 2004 her work was important enough to be showcased by a designer in NZ Fashion Week.

Personal principles around the sustainability of using gold and silver caused Debra to briefly stop her art but she is now able to source precious metals that satisfy her kaupapa. She is also passionate about conservation and restoration of the maunga represented in the work so a percentage of the price each piece sells for is donated to a local conservation group. This is her way of honouring the guidance of The Spirit.

For this year's tour Debra will be in her house studio along with painter Tony Calsferri at 1125 Rings Road.

Check out her page on the website [www.coromandartstour.co.nz](http://www.coromandartstour.co.nz).

### Saskia Riemersma

Saskia and her husband came to Coromandel twelve years ago after a number of years



as farmers in the Waikato. Their beautiful handmade house is surrounded by native bush and has a wonderful view over distant farmland to Te Kouma harbour. Such a perfect spot for a multi-talented artist. Saskia has been a self taught sculptor since 1992 but she has since added a few more strings to her bow in the forms of ink sketching, acrylic painting, and pastel work.

Floristry is another one of her skills.

Saskia's home studio is full of light and her very accomplished work reflects her happy disposition and sheer joy of creativity.

For this year's tour she will be based at The Hub, the old Coromandel Hospital, with three other artists. We are very grateful that, once again, Patukirikiri Iwi are allowing us to use this wonderful facility.

Check out Saskia's art on her website [www.sasherart.blogspot.com](http://www.sasherart.blogspot.com) or her page on [www.coromandelartstour.co.nz](http://www.coromandelartstour.co.nz).

## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Our club has moved into Rose's new studio on 860 Tiki Rd. We are thoroughly spoilt by being able to use Rose's large, well lit and warm space. Thank you to Rose and John and thank you also to the Coromandel Aeroclub for allowing us to use their clubrooms for the past six years. It has been very much appreciated.

We had a surprise visit from Annette Bishop who joined us one morning. It was lovely to see Annette and Phil again.

We are pleased to welcome Andrea as a new member.

Life drawing is a learned skill so we have been practicing with various (clothed) models. Firstly, with a warmup 10-minute sketch, followed by a longer session in charcoal. The results have been varied but fun. Improvement could be seen with every sketch attempted. Thank you to Rose, Marianne, Saskia and John for your patience as models.

We meet every Wednesday from 9am to noon. Call in and check out what we do. You will be very welcome.

Contact Allan Beaver ph (07) 866 8053



## Coromandel Players

By Heather Long

### Constellations by Nick Payne

Tickets are now on sale for the Coromandel Players' latest production. Constellations by Nick Payne is a play which challenges conceptions of the world by delving into the infinite possibilities of a relationship, raising questions about the difference between choice and destiny. Comedy, tragedy, heartache and love play their part, and forget chronological order – because what does time even mean? Starring Angus Long and Jess Ghaemaghany, directed by Heather Long. Adult themes and some strong language. Shows are **Friday 19, Saturday 20, Thursday 25, Friday 26, Saturday 27 August**. Tickets on sale at Coromandel Town Information Centre. Cash bar.

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## Thames Music Group August Concerts

Sounds of the Shore Chorus (Women's Barbershop Chorus)

**Sunday 7 August**

at 2pm, St George's Church, Thames. Face masks are required to be worn.



The Sounds of the Shore Chorus is a dynamic group of barbershop style singers from Auckland's North Shore who are applying to be admitted to the Sweet Adelines Organization. The chorus includes many very experienced singers who have previously, in other choruses, competed in the USA in international competitions

"Sounds of the Shore is a vibrant, exciting women's chorus on Auckland's North Shore. We sing an eclectic range of songs in barbershop style; from golden oldies to modern pop favourites. Come and watch us perform – fun, friendship and laughter guaranteed! Our members are beautifully unique, of different backgrounds, ages and occupations – all connected through friendship, and a love of singing and performing. We are a prospective chapter of Sweet Adelines International (one of the largest singing organisations in the world). Our award-winning director, Richard Harker, is very entertaining and professional – you will love watching us perform."

Tickets at the door \$20 or \$15 TMG members. Cash only.

**Free Friday lunchtime concert – Auckland Men's Barbershop Quartet – "Block of Flats"**

**Friday 26 August** at 12.15pm at St George's Church, Thames. Face masks are required to be worn.

"Block of Flats" barbershop quartet formed in 2018 and is made up of four very experienced singers and musical leaders from the City of Sails Barbershop Chorus in Auckland: Tenor – Ross McMillan, Lead – Bruce Warren, Baritone – John Denton, Bass - Richard Harker.

The quartet has achieved success at national barbershop conventions and performs widely around Auckland at private functions, concerts, and workshops. The group loves to share the joy of four-part harmony singing with the community, and has an extensive repertoire of songs by such artists as John Denver, Billy Joel, Bob Dylan, Elton John, and Adam Sandler, along with good old barbershop classics.

Block of Flats promises a highly entertaining lunchtime concert, including Broadway show-stoppers, Disney classics, comedic gems, and plenty of ringing chords to fill the beautiful acoustics of St George's Church.

Enjoy hot soup and a bun after the concert for \$5.



## Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Winter is on us! I don't mind cold, but I hate cold and wet. It is a good time to sit by the fire and paint.

Our club projects are coming on nicely, but our workshop had to be rescheduled due to a member getting the virus. We will enjoy the workshop even more when it happens, as it seems so long since we had one. They really inspire you and get you motivated after a long break.

It's easy to lose motivation, and hard to get fired up again. Maybe a day out sketching all of the different chimneys, or mail boxes, etc., would help. There are also still so many things flowering. Try a new medium or style, printing inks or gouache. Just to get going. Whatever you try, it is time well spent building up a good reference to look back on when in need of some inspiration. Have fun and enjoy it.

One highlight for the month was a Clay Day at Kay Ogilvie's studio. The hard bit is to concentrate on the clay and not the view! We all got amazing results, and a great day was had by all. It is so generous of Kay to give her time and expertise and we really appreciate it.



Val going back to her pottery roots – throwing on the wheel

## Mercury Bay Art Escape 2023

After a difficult 2022, the Mercury Bay Art Escape is all go for the first two weekends in March 2023. As the proverb says, "Every delay has its blessings" and we certainly believe this is true, as it has not only provided time for artists who were out of the country to return to Mercury Bay, but it has also proven to be an awakening at how important this event is to our area and how popular it is – not only to locals, but to the regular visitors who frequent the eastern Coromandel.

The 2022 Art Escape is not lost as the Mercury Bay Art Escape members are keen to extend an invitation throughout the year to welcome visitors for viewings by appointment. Call the artists using their info on [www.mercury-bay-artescape.com/artists](http://www.mercury-bay-artescape.com/artists) or use the existing 2022 guide available at i-sites.

To receive news regarding The Mercury Bay Art Escape 2023 please subscribe to our newsletter on the contact page of our website [www.mercurybay-artescape.com](http://www.mercurybay-artescape.com), follow us at [www.facebook.com/mercurybayartescape](https://www.facebook.com/mercurybayartescape) or [www.instagram.com/mercurybayartescape](https://www.instagram.com/mercurybayartescape)

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## CLAIM

### Huge underground gold mine applied for in Coromandel forest park

Chronicle readers may recall our column a few months ago, describing Oceana Gold's plans for Wharekurauponga Forest Park, near Whangamata, which were laid out in a document released in June 2021. The company's "Waihi North Project" envisages a huge underground mine beneath more than 3000 hectares of forest, a 6.8-kilometre tunnel to access the ore body, and an underground conveyor belt to carry the unprocessed rock to Waihi, with the eventual dumping of millions of tonnes of processed ore in a tailings dam to be created on farmland near Waihi.

Oceana has just submitted its resource consent application, and it's several thousand pages of dense technical detail that is for the most part only accessible to a small handful of highly-paid consultants and experts. Long-term residents of Coromandel will remember our struggles against multinational gold-mining companies during the 1980s and 1990s, and the passage of the Schedule 4 Amendment to the Crown Minerals Act, which prohibited large-scale mining on DOC-administered land north of the Kopu-Hikuai Road. This proposal seeks to override the provisions of the current law by mining underneath, not on, public estate.

Wharekurauponga is one of the few areas that is home to Archey's frog, one of the world's most endangered amphibians, and if Oceana Gold succeed in their bid, then applications to mine underground could spring up all over the Coromandel Peninsula. It's time to get active to protect our environment from mining all over again. Read more in these two articles:

[www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/news/129275083/50-million-or-5000-rare-frog-count-latest-front-in-coromandel-mining-war](http://www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/news/129275083/50-million-or-5000-rare-frog-count-latest-front-in-coromandel-mining-war) and [www.stuff.co.nz/environment/127157848/former-conservation-minister-calls-for-urgent-halt-to-mining-on-protected-land-our-smallest-frogs-are-at-stake](http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/127157848/former-conservation-minister-calls-for-urgent-halt-to-mining-on-protected-land-our-smallest-frogs-are-at-stake).

The well-known New Zealand artist, Stanley Palmer, has personally signed 400 high-quality prints of Waiaro, north of Colville and in next month's Chronicle we'll let you know how you can purchase a print and donate to the defence of the Coromandel environment.

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James



Freshwater species and ecosystems are often overlooked in favour of birdlife or native forests, but they are a vital part of our environment. Freshwater ecosystems are impacted by things like deforestation, pollution, and sedimentation. These pressures can have significant consequences for our freshwater species. But there are some simple ways to assess freshwater health.

### Freshwater Workshop

Here at Driving Creek we have a beautiful stream which flows through the Conservation Park and last month we went out to check the health of our freshwater. Thanks to the Moehau ki te Moana Project and Colville Junction we were able to run a workshop onsite. With a dozen eager field researchers-in-the-making, we sampled water clarity, levels of contamination and macroinvertebrate species. Aquatic macroinvertebrates include insects in their nymph and larval stages, snails, worms, and crayfish. The macroinvertebrate community index (MCI) is used as an indicator of water quality and overall stream health.

The site we looked at is a healthy, forested site and we were pleased to find no nasty chemicals or pathogens when we tested the crystal-clear water samples. We used standard research protocols and some basic gear to find out what macroinvertebrates live in our stream. After emptying the contents of our nets carefully into white trays we could identify ten different native macroinvertebrates from just a few samples, including mayfly species, caddisflies, tiny little crayfish (koura), limpets and snails. The abundance of macroinvertebrates and number of different species gave our water a very high rating for health and biodiversity. It was amazing to see all of the critters, some of which look remarkably like alien species, before we returned them to the stream.

Thank you to Nathan McCauley and Cassidy Connor for co-hosting this fascinating workshop. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for more workshops over the coming months.



Freshwater workshop



## Waiaru Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary

By John Veysey

The enviro-business has reached a peak. If you are in the enviro-business, you are riding a wave of limitless funding.

A small group at the top of our road has been given another \$210,000; this equates to \$100 per hectare per year for the next four years.

If you have a decent-sized property, there's a good living to be made.

Enviro-funded workers comprise our largest work force on the peninsula,

preparing us for the imposition of the Three Waters Scheme and all of the regulations we next must face to save us from the effects of global warming.

The success of the enviro-work which has been going on for thirty years is summed up by kiwi counts. Literally thousands of kiwi have been counted over the last year or two. No one has counted the number of morepork left alive. There are native bird species which never get any attention. There are fewer of these species than there are kiwi but their care is not fundable.

The enviro-drive receiving the most funding is called "predator-free".

Does predator-free mean the removal of the morepork, the falcon, the kingfisher and the hawk – as they are predators? And where does this leave the kiwi whose beak can weasel its way under the rock and pull out that tasty little frog.

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## Moehau Environment Group

By Amy Lendrum



### Conservation Kōrero

MEG's Winter Lecture series kicked off with a successful Conservation Kōrero last month at Pepper Tree Restaurant. Conservation groups from around the Peninsula came together to share their mahi, their ideas, and their challenges with each other and other locals.

It was a great opportunity for those involved in local conservation to network, to meet and make new connections.

Thank you to Driving Creek Conservation Park, Waiarau Wetlands, Forest & Bird, Whiskey Bay, McGregor Bay Wetland, Motukawao Island group, and MEG members who all shared their mahi.

Spending the time with other likeminded individuals was a great reminder that working together in this way makes all of us greater and nature will win at the end of the day.

### Winter Lecture Series calendar

We would love to welcome everyone along to the next event in the Winter Lecture Series – if you get this issue of the Chronicle in time to see this. It is at 7pm on **Sunday 31 July** at Pepper Tree Restaurant in Coromandel Town. Professor Bruce Clarkson is coming along to share his talk on “Bringing Indigenous nature back to NZ cities and towns”. Having received multiple awards for his work and environmental achievements, this lecture is not to be missed!

### Farewell Amy!

The MEG team are sad to farewell Amy Lendrum as our Communications and Engagement Manager after an amazing year full of challenges! Amy did a stellar job of organising our kiwi hui last November that brought together all of the conservation groups in the Peninsula. When we couldn't run our usual Summer Holiday Programme due to Covid, she made up activity packs for the kids instead. She has been getting to know the local schools with tree planting and trap building and meeting our volunteers at weeding days. Thank you, Amy, for your enthusiasm, energy and ideas. We wish you all the best with your busy family and new adventures.

Moehau Environment Group is a not-for-profit community group that has existed for over 20 years, working to ensure the native biodiversity of our region is flourishing, celebrated and cared for by all. We implement large-scale conservation projects, like stoat and rat trapping, possum control, and run programmes to interact with children and adults in Coromandel North. If you would like to be the next Communications and Engagement Manager for MEG, please see our classified on page 30.

### Spotlight on: Woolly Nightshade

Many of you will have seen first hand how woolly nightshade grows rapidly and establishes itself quickly at the expense of native seedlings. It can grow up to nine metres tall and when it matures it forms dense stands which crowd out other plants preventing regeneration of native species.

Introduced into New Zealand in the late 1800's, it is also known as tobacco weed or kerosene plant due to its distinctively strong smell. Woolly nightshade is allelopathic, meaning it produces toxins that poison the soil, preventing growth of other plants, and is happy to invade almost all kinds of areas and soil types, including coastal and estuarine margins.

Apart from its distinctive kerosene-like smell (which is amplified when you rub the leaves), it can be identified by its velvety oval grey/green leaves, and dense clusters of purple flowers which are followed by clusters of small round green berries that ripen to a soft yellow. They are moderately toxic to people, especially children.

It is important to keep on top of woolly nightshade as once it gets established it takes hold quickly. For more information on and how to eradicate this weed from your property go to [www.weedbusters.org](http://www.weedbusters.org).

Have a great month everyone!

For more information or to make a donation, please see our website [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)



## Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

### Planting at Torehina

The day of the planting dawned clear, still and warm.

A great bunch of helpers

arrived (some more agile than others) and got stuck in to planting. Three hours later we stood back and admired our work. 700 knobby rushes planted in the dunes under the cliff (to protect from the rising sea), a couple of dozen karo, a few pohutukawa, some pseudopanax (puahou), and 300 small wharariki flaxes. It looked fantastic. For the following two days it bucketed down. A perfect start for the new plants.

This is the second year of a planting project at Torehina (Little Waitete). Last year was abandoned due to Covid. This is a joint project between TCDC and Forest & Bird with the intention of protecting the bank from erosion, providing shade and shelter, increasing the native fauna and flora and generally beautifying this special area which is a popular summer destination.

In a couple of weeks, Coromandel Area School students and teachers are going to plant the remaining flaxes and possibly another couple of pohutukawa.

Next year we plan to complete the planting, hopefully with another grant from the Community Board and the help of a similar bunch of incredible volunteers.

If you're in the area, take a look – weeding and mulching will always be welcomed.



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## Mussels

By Denis Tegg, Thames Coromandel representative on the Waikato Regional Council and member of the Hauraki Gulf Forum

What if we could re-mussel the Firth of Thames to provide a habitat for juvenile fish and larger species like snapper, to filter nasties out of the water and reduce sediment? This could lead to our grandchildren and their children experiencing the kind of biodiversity and abundance our grandparents enjoyed. That is what the Revive Our Gulf project aims to do.

Since the project started in 2013, an incredible 220 tonnes of green-lipped mussels have been deposited on the seafloor.

At the turn of the 20th century the inner Hauraki Gulf was carpeted with over 600km<sup>2</sup> of sub-tidal, soft-sediment kūtai (mussel) beds. From 1910, the inner Hauraki Gulf was dredged for green-lipped mussels. By the 1960's the mussel fishery completely collapsed. 1,500km<sup>2</sup> of the inner Hauraki Gulf seafloor was scarred by dredging. Over 50 years has gone by, and the reefs have not recovered on their own.

Adding to the pressures, sediment and nutrient run-off from decades of poor land management practices has turned much of the Firth's seafloor into a mushy mess. Below the waterline, there is a biodiversity crisis. Kōura (crayfish) are now functionally extinct in the Gulf. Without them, and with fewer large snapper, kina populations have exploded, turning kelp forests into barrens. Marine scientists describe an ecosystem on the verge of collapse.

### Why mussels?

These brilliant bivalves reduce sediment and filter out heavy metals such as excess nitrogen and harmful bacteria, resulting in cleaner, clearer water. They provide a home for tiny critters, and a nursery habitat for juvenile fish. They provide food for crustaceans and larger species like tāmore (snapper) and rays.

Once established, these mussel beds become a sanctuary for marine life attracted by the healthier water.

The Revive Our Gulf project is a collaboration between The Nature Conservancy NZ, University of Auckland Institute of Marine Science and the Mussel Reef Restoration Trust. The project plans a network of restoration sites across the Hauraki Gulf to support the research on how to achieve mussel reef regeneration "at scale".



Denis Tegg

## Upper Coromandel Landcare Association

By Reihana Robinson

### Mussels Revive our Gulf

So says the headline and the PR from the Waikato Regional Council. Funny how it's the same organisation that is promoting privatisation of hundreds of hectares for the dirty, caged finfish farming in the very same Gulf. If we all truly wanted a healthier Hauraki Gulf, we would not be agreeing to build steel structures housing thousands of tonnes of vigorous kingfish to be raised for expensive foreign taste buds.

### Finfish Farming

Greenpeace Africa Senior Oceans Campaigner Aliou Ba urged an end to using fish fit for human consumption in finfish farming.

"Our governments have created an economic model that benefits the wealthy in developed economies, rather than our own people... West African states should get rid of these destructive industries and take their responsibilities in order to preserve food security, jobs, and the well-being of the populations." – FAO March report

And all this is to happen in our watery backyard.

UCLA members are delighted to see Forest & Bird has submitted against the application for a Fin Fish Farm within the Hauraki Gulf.

"The Hauraki Gulf is in a significantly degraded state. If the proposal is granted consent it will place added pressure on the Gulf. There are many potential risks this poses to the ecosystem including the transmission of diseases and parasites to wild fish and entanglement of marine mammals and seabirds," says Bianca Ranson, Hauraki Gulf Coordinator for Forest & Bird.

Bianca adds, "An overhaul of fisheries management is needed for the Hauraki Gulf where the focus is on ecosystem-based management. The Gulf is in a biodiversity crisis, the focus should not be on farming fish in a depleted moana but doing the work to restore ecosystems and marine biodiversity to a thriving and abundant state."

To top it all off there is a request for a plan change to extend the area by one-third. This will increase seabed "dead zones" due to direct deposition and buildup of faeces and uneaten food. It will also increase direct chemical pollution of the seabed due to cleaning agents and anti-foulants used on structures.

It will increase the total area of potential entanglements and direct strikes in nets and anchor structures by marine mammals, including several endangered species. It will increase hazards to navigation and increase the required navigational exclusionary area and the extent of pollution and damage due to tidal current and drift of faeces, uneaten food, cleaning agents, anti-foulants, antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals in adjacent Hauraki Gulf waters. Of relevance to the current promotional material published by WRC in local papers, there will be an increase in degradation of amenity values and natural values in the vicinity of the CMFZ and a decrease in public space and increase in the public recreational exclusionary area.

Unlike most requested private plan changes, this request would provide a solely private operational and financial advantage for the applicant, while providing no wider social benefit, and resulting instead in actual increased damage to the environment, ecosystems, and public amenity. – Geoffrey Robinson

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## SPORT

### Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone



Normal winter golf continues although the weather and Covid have managed to disrupt the Top Dog tournament so quarters and semis have been delayed.

The final round of the ladies' Thames Valley zone match play competition was held in Thames on June 22, with the Coromandel ladies well placed. At the end of the day, joint winners were declared and our team was one of them. Players involved during the season were Lynne Fenwick, Janine Kerr, Peg McLean, Glenise Robertson and Eugene Weimer.

On 25 June, with a little re-organising of the normal club schedule, we were delighted to host a large group of golfers from around the country and Australia who had expressed a burning desire to hold their celebratory "Ambrose" tournament on our wonderful country course. Having played the course regularly since 1990, the organizer, Todd Williams, was adamant that this was the only course they wanted to play on to celebrate the lives of his brother and father who sadly passed away recently. It also happened to be Todd's 50th birthday. Apparently, the family had regularly fought for the coveted "Green Jacket" on this fair course.

The day was a huge success both for the visitors and the club as the 19th hole can testify. Thank you from Coromandel Golf Club for your patronage.

The first section of the car park has now been completed and looking good in coloured concrete that will blend in beautifully with the rest of the tar seal when finished. Thanks to Aotearoa Gaming Trust, we now have grant funding to the tune of \$19,660 that will go a long way towards paying for the remaining portion of the car park to be



Five out of six of Val's children. Back row l-r: Jackie Foster, Tony Phillips, Karen Phillips. Front row l-r: Patricia Rowe, Yvonne Robinson (missing is Peter Phillips)

resurfaced in tar seal. All going well, this should be completed in Sept/Oct.

#### Tribute to Val Rangī-Marie Phillips

Val started playing golf at the age of 16 and clearly loved the game, as she went on to become an extremely active member of Coromandel Golf Club. As a committee member and Club Captain for many years, Val was instrumental in organizing the Maori Golf Tournament, ensuring that it was a great success.

For many years, Val volunteered her time to coach the juniors and up and coming golfers and was a real asset to the club, passing on the knowledge and experience she gained from competing in golf tournaments around New Zealand and Australia.

Val, along with Arthur Pratt (her father), also created the Pratt Family Golf Tournament, held on the first weekend of November every year, which is still going strong after 27 years. This tournament regularly attracts a field of around 85 players aged between 6 and 84; a truly family affair!

Although life was not always easy, Val was a true matriarch of her family, forever the very essence of

selflessness, duty, mana and beauty. She was always there to offer a lending hand or some wisdom or advice.

"Mum will always be remembered for never holding back from helping others and would never ask for anything in return. Mum was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her unconditional love for all walks of life is what she will always be remembered for."

The bench seat in the photo was donated by Val's family and greatly accepted and appreciated by the members of Coromandel Golf Club. Situated under the shade of a golden totara (itself planted in honour of a past member) alongside a beautiful bird of paradise plant at the back of the 6th tee, Val's bench overlooks the pond, 6th, 7th and 9th fairways, which is an ideal place for golfers to rest and reflect on her past and on our future with family and friends.

### Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

The club "Fish of the Month" competition for the \$100 prize for current members was won by Kylie Hohepa with a massive 2.66kg John Dory. Congratulations Kylie.

The McNeil family took out the FB photo competition, choosing the \$50 BP voucher; congrats to them!

Our AGM is being held on **Sunday 14 August** at 3pm at the Admirals Arms. There are a few key roles that need to be filled to ensure the continuation of the club so if you have the time to give, then please come down and join the committee; we need the support. See you all there.

### Coromandel Chess Club

The Coromandel Chess club has been meeting regularly on Friday mornings 9.30am at Wharf Road cafe. Anyone wanting a game is welcome, all abilities.

Ron Lanning and team members from the Hauraki Thames chess club were guests on 25 June at the Citizens' Hall, Kapanga Road for an enjoyable time of casual competition, then onto the Pepper Tree for a social time. The chocolate fish award went to Emma (a Junior) from the Hauraki club for the outstanding performance of the day.

A new member Keith from Matarangi has joined the regular Friday cafe group after attending the Citizens' hall event.

The Coromandel club has a team attending the normal Hauraki club event on **Sunday 11 September** at 3pm in Thames.



Anyone interested to join us please contact Bryan dr.bryan.macleod@gmail.com or Mike mike.mann@xtra.co.nz

### Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Rain has caused one or two cancellations this last month, but in general we brave the weather if at all possible. We are fortunate to have extremely well-drained lawns, so that even after the heaviest of downpours we can still play. During the Second World War the lawns were dug up to plant potatoes for the local community, so we think these lawns were probably built in the late 40s. What a fantastic job was done!

If you're interested in trying out the game of croquet, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968 for more information. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start and provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you decide to join. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



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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, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 ..... 9am  
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408..... 9am  
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, Christina 021 113 4768 .....4.10pm  
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm  
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245 ..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am  
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 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  
 Social badminton at Manaia School gym, term time only. Cost \$2. Lorraine 027 441 7017..... 6pm  
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 .....7-9pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 .. 9am-12pm  
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263 ..... 9.50-11.20am  
 Taichi classes, Waikato Events Centre, Christina 021 113 4768 ..... 4pm

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) ..... 10am  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 ..... 10am  
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am  
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## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Community Gardens volunteer day .....8.30-11am  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 ..... 10am  
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club ..... 3.30-7pm  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4pm  
 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" ..... 1pm

## Monthly

**1st Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 ..... 10am-3pm  
**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 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, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 7pm  
**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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1	2 Upcycling workshop (see pg 3) Quiz night at The Club	3	4	5 Colville School Bake Sale (see pg 21) Venerable Robina Mahamudra Retreat starts (see pg 19)	6	7 Thames Music Group: Sounds of the Shore Chorus (see pg 23)
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 Full moon

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