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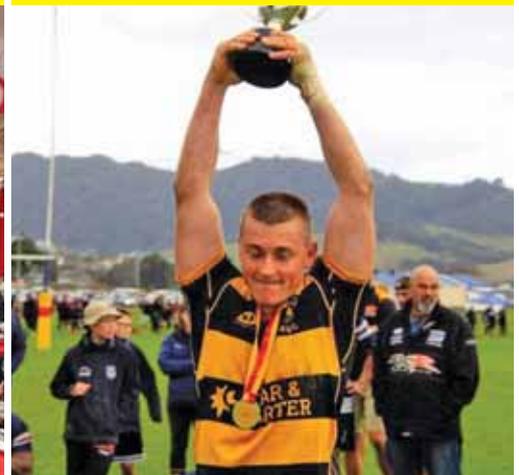
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compressions/calling 111 takes priority.

..... Editor's comment .....

Resource Consent has been granted to Pare Hauraki Asset Holdings Limited for fish farming in the inner Hauraki Gulf (Tikapa Moana). It does come with some conditions. I know some of you will have submitted against this consent being granted.

The following is an extract from "APP142620 - Pare Hauraki Kaimoana Hearing Panel Decision\_FINAL.pdf" which I have downloaded and you can view here.

"362. It is our decision to grant the application. The Coromandel Marine Farm Zone (CMFZ) has been established to enable the development and operation of fed fish aquaculture and tropic species in the Waikato region. The zone contemplates the aquaculture activities will have some impact on the marine environment but they are to be managed at an acceptable level by adopting a precautionary approach through adaptive management conditions including having an effective monitoring plan.

"363. We are satisfied this proposal will meet the requirements of the Zone. It will have a moderate adverse impact on water quality and benthic ecology in the CMFZ and the area immediately around the Zone but it will have minimal adverse effects elsewhere in the inner Hauraki Gulf and Firth of Thames.

"364. We are also satisfied that any adverse effects in and around the CMFZ can be avoided, remedied, or appropriately mitigated to an acceptable level through the conditions attached to this decision.

"365. Granting this application has the potential to provide significant economic benefits to the Waikato Region and beyond as well as help Hauraki Māori to provide for their social, economic and cultural aspirations."

You can also read Reihana Robinson's thoughts on this on page 25 of this issue.

On another note, many thanks to the road workers who continue to work hard to clear the coast road of slips, it is much appreciated.

*Debbie*

..... Letters .....

Dear Editor,

Regarding the MEG PR officer's letter (July 2023) asserting that MEG predator control was one of two primary factors that supported the reintroduction of pateke to Port Charles in 2003, initially the DOC contracted two individuals to complete the predator control. MEG's initial project was a rat control area on the private property of the MEG chairperson. Known as the "Rat Attack" Block, its scrubland and secondary forest functions appear to be a publically funded, private wildlife zone.

I designed and established the baseline (first) rodent result monitoring on that property with a class of undergrad students in November 2004, well after the initial pateke release in June 2003, which I also worked on. Our data contradicts the MEG narrative that their project was successful pre-June 2003, thus enabling approval for the pateke project. We also established five-minute bird count and seeding productivity data sets. I am unaware of any public reporting on these outcome monitoring tools over the last 20 years. The data shows their claims are incorrect and this fits a pattern of overstating their results, thereby attracting more funding and thus increased power within the wider community. E.g., between 2005 and 2015 they claimed their kiwi population was doubling every 10 years, yet their internal repeat monitoring in 2015 indicated the population had grown at half the rate previously claimed.

While overstating outcomes is understandable, accountability from these groups within the greater community matters, as they have attributed ownership of conservation to themselves and excluded capable local conservationists as part of their big plans for the peninsula. The exclusive, local, predator-free movement (of whom MEG is a part) has cherry-picked people not representative of the wider community, to plan, manage and deliver conservation peninsula-wide, displacing others. Part of a campaign to impel their values on all residents, residents should be careful when considering their proposals and assessing their PR.

Nga mihi iti,  
Paddy Stewart

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### Coromandel Community Gardens

By Rachel Benmayor, Garden Coordinator

We are well into winter and still dealing with heavy water-sodden soils, often clay based, and it can be all a bit daunting for us gardeners. However, on the upside of the news for the gardens this season, is a willing small group of volunteers who have been braving the weather and mud to help transform the garden. Most of the beds have been cleared and planted with winter and spring crops. Luckily, we have no strong sign of the dreaded armyworm, but plants struggle to establish with such wet feet.

Unfortunately, I must report that the garden has been raided by someone who took it upon themselves to take all of the potatoes, kumara, etc., and leave a mess of soil and upturned tyres for us to clean up. This has resulted in a notice asking folk to just take what they need and leave some produce for others. This is not an isolated case and can happen on occasion. Often seedlings are removed from the soil or entire plants uprooted rather than collecting just the leaves, like spinach.

It is so good having help in the garden now and if the weather improves, we will be ready for a good production of vegies in the spring and summer. The cost of buying these vegies is becoming so expensive that it will be wonderful to be able to help the community by providing them free.

Once again, if you have spare seeds, seedlings or plants, please bring them down on Friday morning when we gather to work the gardens from 9.30am onwards. Also, we would really appreciate any garden tools you are not using; the current ones we use are very old and breaking now.

Let's look forward to a good summer this coming season.

If you would like to join us, we meet at the Community gardens, next to Hauraki House on Friday mornings from 9.30am onwards

### Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Lynne, Sue and Carolyn



Through very trying weather and roading conditions visitors have still made the journey through to Coromandel Town. They are both international and domestic travellers now and most have a good idea of what they want to see and do. Some have been before; some are first-time visitors. Driving the Coromandel Peninsula loop has proven popular when we ask where they have come from or are going to.

A big thank you to the local businesses that are staying open to welcome these tourists, especially on the weekends. It makes the town, through very trying weather and roading conditions visitors have, still look and feel busy.

Today, as I write this, the town is celebrating our first Matariki holiday weekend with a market, entertainment and lights later today. The town is crazy busy at 11am, full of cars and people. No parking for the locals is always a great sign for us that the town is very busy.

Our very successful and popular Art Auction is now to be held biannually, making our next date December 2024. We all look forward to this event; it is so much fun for everyone.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the Information Centre. Please come in and have a chat with us and see if this might suit you. It is fun, and you will already know so much about Coromandel Town. My mum is ninety-four and she does all sorts of small jobs for us from her home. Maybe there is something you could do?

Please keep us updated on events for our town calendar.

Business card listings on [www.coromandeltown.nz](http://www.coromandeltown.nz) are \$55; make sure visitors know how to find you when they are staying in town and need something. Shop Local is very important. Sports and recreational clubs are welcome to advertise in this space as well. Call into the Information Centre, complete a form and we will add you on.



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## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer



Hi everyone, Mary Farmer here, sitting once more in the beautiful winter sunshine.

As you will see by the changes in the contact numbers at the bottom of this article we have a new “head table”. Please feel free to ring the numbers if you have any questions or want to place orders for firewood; it’s never too early to do so, only too late.

We work on first come (ordered), first served, so as the saying goes – get in early to avoid disappointment.

We are planning a mussel fritter stand for Labour weekend, and hope to see you guys there. We do “takeaways” just maybe bring a container or bread bag, and we will endeavour to please.

Paul Mackenzie is our new president, our vice president is Sue Hughes, Jean Smith is continuing as secretary, Joan Knudsen is treasurer.

We have a very strong support group in our members and we try to help the community in many different ways, so if you think we can help don’t hesitate to call any of the numbers below.

On a personal note I want to thank Rick Ward and Paul Mackenzie for helping me; your time was invaluable so thank you both.

So this is the news from the “Pride of Coromandel Lions” for this month. Stay safe and sound, warm and cosy.



P.S. Paul Mackenzie was surprised with the cake at the meeting; a little fairy told me it was his birthday so a cake just had to be made.

Paul Mackenzie, President 021 0256 6989; Lewis Rose, Project Manager (07) 866 7722 or 020 4125 3756; Jean Smith, Secretary 021 208 7576; Lyn Rose, firewood orders (07) 866 7722

Paul’s birthday cake or 020 246 5635



## Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly, thank mew to everyone who has donated small tins and sachets of food and also all the food donations; it is truly appreciated at this time. The cats do chew through a fair amount and the cost of food now is ridiculous.

Cattery mews – we were able to find the gazebo panels, the white ones with the clear windows, and in one intense effort from the two of us and two hours later we got three units changed completely over, the old torn and shabby panels removed and the new ones put up. So units 1 to 3 are all done, sorted, all cosy and will keep the weather from coming into these units. We still have unit 4 and the boarding unit to do. Also we got two sheets of nova type roof that is still to be put up on unit 4 – we found that the back panel of plywood is in a shocking state and will need repair. We bought a tarpauline to suffice until we can get up to fix it to keep that unit catproof and weatherproof.

Cats – all are doing incredibly well, and Cinders certainly has gained a huge amount of confidence as I found out when we did the units. Lincoln, the old grey boy, has worked his furry magic on her.

The rest are snuggling up in all the warm places they can find and hate to be moved at all and usually won’t move. Hubs learnt that when one pair of cats hijacked the blankets and left him in the cold.

Currently we are status quo as in having to stay exactly how we are without being able to take anything in due to the financial and accommodation restriction we have right now.

Fundraising is nil and we haven’t been able to gain anything acceptable in sales yet but we just keep on going for the love of our furbabies in our care.

Wanted – some pieces of lino, needing a metre and a half or more minimum to put on the floor of unit 1 outdoors, which is almost 2m by 2m, also carpet mat for unit 3 for the two in that unit for their floor and a piece of marine grade plywood for unit 4 purrlease. Also sachets and tinned foods, salmon, pet milk, cat toys always welcomed

Any financial blessings Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing.

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## Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

The Grey Power Federation held their AGM in Wellington at the end of June. Our President's summary was that the Grey Power Federation as an organisation is having a financial strain as members are dropping or not renewing, and therefore the Federation's income to advocate to the government is dropping also.

What is worrying is the obvious disinterest shown in attending the AGM by the government MP's. The Minister for the Aged (who works in the Beehive, just down the road from our meeting) couldn't be bothered to attend but sent a video message full of niceties and no allowances for questioning.

In contrast to the Minister's non-attendance, the Retirement Commissioner was a breath of fresh air. Jane Wrightson was clear, upfront, and willing to answer questions without equivocation. Her report on retirement income has just been released and in it she states quite clearly that super-annuation is an entitlement, not a benefit. She commented that in her view, retirement should not be considered as the end of the road, but rather beginning of an open highway!

Her greatest concern is that, should the age of Super entitlement be increased, the effects on the current cohort of 40- to 50-year-olds will be devastating, given that so many in that age group have been unable to purchase their own home. Jane also pointed out the inequity in savings among the population, with many of those in lower paying jobs probably being unable to save enough to supplement their Super. She suggested that candidates for the upcoming election be asked what the rationale is for raising the age of eligibility, given that research done for the commission strongly suggests there is no need to do so, and manual workers will be heavily disadvantaged should the age be raised.

A total of thirteen remits took almost a day to be considered by conference delegates. They ranged from Privacy Act; lobbying the government to ensure that rest homes provide a reasonable proportion of "standard rooms" that are affordable and fast forward the building of more affordable housing for seniors; the use of mobility devices on pedestrian walkways, etc.; and lastly, to raise the cash asset threshold for accessing the accommodation supplement.

On a final note: Visual Personality of an Organisation:

- Strong and active but not militant
- Friendly and mature
- Acting with dignity and integrity
- Having the dignity of age
- Adding to the quality of life

If you haven't completed the Grey Power Survey, please do so, because as they say, if you don't "vote" you really can't bleat at a later date!

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

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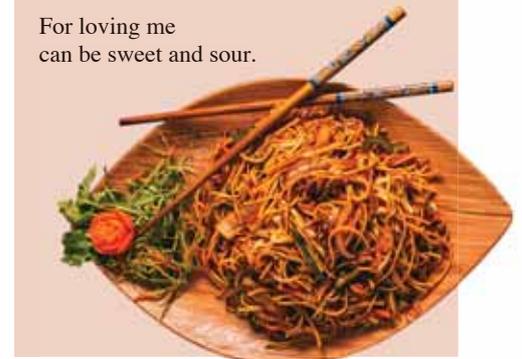
## Chinese Food

By John Irvine

Do you like Chinese food?

For loving me can be sweet and sour.

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## Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman,  
Trustee of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

### Missions for June 2023

Out of twelve missions to the Peninsula by Auckland Rescue Helicopters, three were to our patch.

9.6.23 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 20’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

13.6.23 – Manaia – Crew tasked to assist a female patient in her 50’s suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Thames Hospital in a serious condition.

23.6.23 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to assist a person involved in a motor vehicle accident. Enroute, crew were stood down and returned to base.

Not a lot to report, except that the crew house at Whitianga Base has had a lick of paint, at no cost to us.

Before we had the “luxury” of modern rescue helicopters, people in need had to “make do” with whatever was available. This story is from the mid 1950’s and involved a young man in his early 20’s, whose family farmed at Port Jackson, at the top of Coromandel Peninsula.

On a cold wintry July evening, a howling southeasterly storm was sending hurricane force gusts of wind down Mount Moehau and out to sea, taking the tops of the waves off in clouds of spray. The cold rain was horizontal, when Ron Geard and his brother Maurice ventured out to feed the farm dogs at the back from the homestead.

On their way, a particularly savage gust hit, and a large gum tree above them succumbed to the force and toppled over on top of Ron. A branch hit him a glancing blow on the side of his head and shoulder severely injuring him. After Ron was carried back into the house, and made comfortable, Maurice tried to phone for medical help but to no avail as the storm had caused breaks in the old single wire phone line back to Colville.

Leaving Ron in the care of his father, Maurice then set out to try and find the faults, running the 20-odd miles back towards Colville in the dark following the phone line. Rivers were in full flood, and to get



December 1965 – Waiheke Island

past them (there were no bridges then), Maurice had to swim out to sea where the torrent had slowed and then back to shore. All of this in a raging storm and at night!

Eventually, he arrived at the Goudie’s home at Otautu Bay, and with their phone working, he was able to get help. The Goudies then gave Maurice a ride to the first slip on the road home, and he then walked the rest of the way back to Port Jackson, getting home at daybreak. As all roads were impassable, blocked by slips and washed-out fords, help had to come from an unusual quarter.

A new company, Tourist Air Travel had not long started in Auckland using a Grumman Widgeon amphibious twin engine plane that could carry four passengers and a little baggage. They commenced operations in June 1955, with the legendary Fred Ladd as pilot. Fred had been an RAF pilot in the Pacific during World War II, and then had a few years with National Airways Corporation (NAC) which later became Air New Zealand. This experience enabled Fred to land the Widgeon in Port Jackson where a huge swell meant that he couldn’t taxi onto the beach but had to remain out in the bay. Maurice and his father loaded Ron into a dinghy and rowed out to the waiting aircraft.

The swell made loading of the patient almost impossible, but an opportune wave brought them together and Ron was catapulted into the plane where Fred lashed him down. After a hair-raising take-off, at times disappearing into clouds of spray, they flew the 25-minute trip to Auckland where they landed at the Mechanic’s Bay Base. Ron was transported to Auckland Hospital where he made a full recovery and lived a long and useful life.

Thanks to the late Ron’s sister Anne for her input to this article.

If you wish to donate to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, go to the website [www.coromandelrescue.org.nz](http://www.coromandelrescue.org.nz) or by internet banking 03-1578-0116338-001 with your name as reference. All donations are tax deductible, and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required. All donations are gratefully received to help keep this wonderful but expensive service going.

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## Coromandel Poets Reflect

It is over a month now since we sent our poetry book out into the world. A big thank you to all of those who came and made the Coromandel launch of *On Our Watch* such a success and also to the artists. Their work, inspired by our poems, was beyond our expectation.

Life was just settling back into a normal routine when there was a second event, a Thames launch, hosted by Carson's Bookshop. No art exhibition this time, but a welcome chance to introduce our work to a new audience. We are very grateful to Greg from Carson's for his amazing generosity, and are so lucky to have a first-class independent bookshop in Thames. Well worth a visit if you don't know it.

So far we haven't had any official reviews of *On Our Watch* but one friend and published writer emailed "I'm impressed. Both by the appearance and content. Congratulations. Much food for thought, and re-reading required". Verbal feedback has been that these are readable poems about recognisable lives.



*On Our Watch* poetry by Alison Carter, Catherine Delahunty, Julie Sargisson and Lora Mountjoy is now available to buy from The Source in Coromandel and Carson's Bookshop in Thames.



### The Big OE

By Alison Carter

I love the sense of history  
they say  
back from the Big O E  
Not me  
I see  
only the dead,  
trapped  
in the dark wyndes  
toddlers  
falling  
from medieval tenements  
and the complete disregard for health and safety  
shown in the building of cathedrals



### Visiting

By Lora Mountjoy

Welcome friend what do you want please  
tell me the truth I can make coffee  
as easy as tea as easy as pie whatever  
you want I can make it tell me the truth  
we can make time for our hopes and fears  
make allowances for our humanity I can  
leave judgement on the shelf because  
I have not made up my mind it is full  
and empty too that elusive entity mind  
through which we know the world.

I love the sense of permanence  
they say  
back from the Big O E  
Not me  
I love  
the way our matchstick houses  
can vanish in a blaze  
leaving  
no trace  
only space  
and the urgency  
of manuka  
pushing through hard clay.



### Directions to the Sea

By Julie Sargisson

On an island  
one locates oneself  
by points of distance from the sea;  
the nature of the terrain  
between the self and water.  
The outer edges of the flesh  
are found  
where the waves beat down,  
(the needle of the compass  
spins on its white face).  
But this thin thread of land  
is only a brief notion  
of unfathomable depths,  
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## Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph



In our current economic landscape insolvency can cast a shadow of uncertainty over employees and their livelihoods. More and more we are seeing in the papers big and small businesses going into liquidation. When a company faces financial distress and is unable to meet its obligations, the impact on its workforce can be profound. As an employee navigating through such challenging times, it is crucial to understand your rights and protections in the face of insolvency.

Insolvency occurs when a company's financial obligations surpass its available resources. It may result in the company entering liquidation, receivership, or voluntary administration. When faced with these situations, it is natural to feel concerned about your job security and entitlements.

Fortunately, employment laws exist to safeguard your rights during insolvency. In New Zealand, the Employment Relations Act 2000 provides specific provisions to protect employees in such circumstances.

When a company becomes insolvent, it must provide written notice to employees if their employment is likely to be terminated. The length of the notice period depends on the length of service, ranging from one to four weeks. Additionally, employees who have worked for the company for at least six months may be eligible for redundancy compensation.

In the event of insolvency, employees are given priority status for certain unpaid entitlements. This means that outstanding wages, holiday pay, and other related entitlements must be paid before other debts are settled. However, it is important to note that these priority claims have a limit, and any unpaid amount beyond that limit may be treated as an unsecured debt.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) plays a vital role in assisting employees affected by insolvency. They oversee the implementation of employment laws and offer valuable guidance and support to both employees and employers. If you find yourself in a situation of insolvency, reaching out to the MBIE can provide you with essential information and resources to help navigate the process.

In some cases, when a business undergoes restructuring or is sold as a going concern, the new employer may have reemployment obligations. This means they must consider offering employment

to the existing employees, ensuring their continuous employment or providing redundancy compensation if no suitable alternative employment is available.

Given the complexity of insolvency proceedings, it is advisable to seek legal advice to fully understand your rights and entitlements. Employment law experts can help you assess your situation, review relevant documents, and advocate for your rights during negotiations or any subsequent legal proceedings.

Insolvency can be a distressing experience for employees, but it is crucial to remember that you have rights and protections under the law. The Employment Relations Act 2000 ensures that you are treated fairly and that your entitlements are protected during times of financial crisis. By familiarizing yourself with your rights, seeking support from the MBIE, and potentially seeking legal advice, you can navigate the challenges of insolvency with confidence. Remember, you are not alone. Coromandel Workers Council is always available to answer your questions, just get in touch.

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## Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

July started with one of our members teaching us how to make patchwork stars to put in cards. Our friends and family are going to enjoy receiving these.



Like all projects big or small we sometimes need to encourage each other to keep going. It's easy to get part way through something and you think it just doesn't look right or not going to work but a bit of perseverance and all of a sudden it comes together. Thanks Judy, for showing us how to make these beautiful cards.

A couple of our members have made the six-pocket bags which was a class sometime back. Great to see the finished results.



Next month we have a couple of classes. **Monday 7 August** we will learn a new technique with Valda Sutton and then **Monday 21 August** one of our members will demonstrate ruler work.

We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to. Contact president Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or secretary Sharon Currie 027 299 6695

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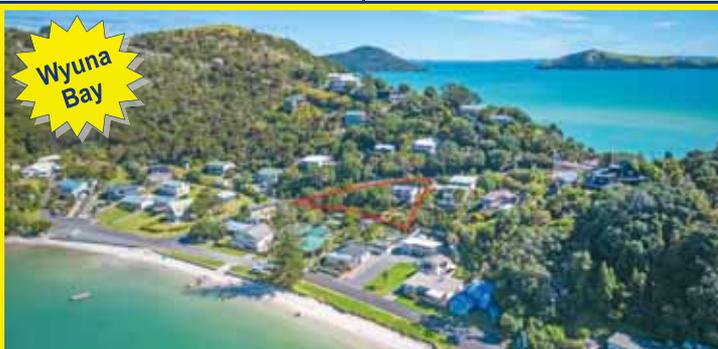


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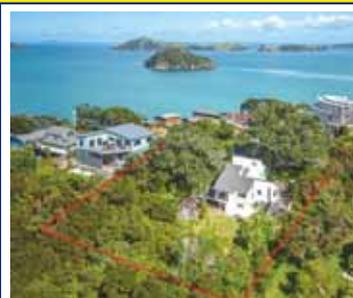
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Firlawn dairy windows

## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

At the recent AGM of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc, it was decided to increase the annual subscription to \$20 per person. Costs are increasing for the museum, along with everyone else, and this small increase will help keep things afloat over the coming year. The annual subscription does, of course, include free entry to the museum throughout the year, plus a monthly newsletter giving the latest news and happenings at the museum. Members can renew their subscription by direct credit to the museum bank account: 020304031121100. Please remember to include your name so our treasurer can write out your receipt and update your membership details. Anyone who would like to become a member can also pay by direct credit to the bank, marking the payment as a new subscription. Name and contact details can be forwarded to the museum at coromandelmuseum@gmail.com, or intending members can call in to the museum



on a Thursday morning when someone is usually there.

We are thrilled with the progress of work on the Firlawn dairy building. Coromandel is extremely fortunate to have so many talented people who are able to help with the restoration of buildings. And we are grateful to them for their help with our project. This month thanks go to Geoff for the window inserts, Richard for repairing the lock, and Mike for replacing the glass windows on the dairy building.

It seems the first half of 2023 has been wet and miserable throughout the whole country. We can only hope things change for the rest of the year. As I write this, the sky is blue and the sun is shining, long may it continue.

Here are some of the news items from August days long gone:

From 'Auckland Star' 13 August 1896:

### "Activity at Port Charles

(By Telegraph - own correspondent)  
Coromandel, this day.

Great activity is being shown in the Port Charles district, Cape Colville. A large number of claims are already pegged and, with the arrival of spring, vigorous operations will be commenced. The country is of a highly auriferous nature, and the reefs are of a large size. Some reefs which were recently opened up give very encouraging prospects."

From 'Auckland Star' 15 August 1900:

### "Coromandel Racing Club

(By Telegraph - own correspondent.)  
Coromandel, Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Coromandel Racing Club was held last evening at the Council Chambers. There was a fair attendance of members, Capt. Swindley presiding. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The balance sheet showed: Receipts from all sources. £524 15/6, expenditure. £513 7/3, leaving a credit balance of £11 8/3. The following were elected for the forthcoming season: Messrs W. Massicks, H. Rostgard, E Reynolds, C. Dunster, E. Denize, J. Donnelly, M. Grace, M. Corcoran, C. Verran. The dates of the club's spring meeting were passed for November 21st and 22nd by the racing conference."

From 'Thames Star' 26 August 1931:

### "Weather Conditions

#### Signs Of Spring In Coromandel

The beautiful mild weather conditions which existed all last week and on Sunday gave place yesterday to warm spring showers, which were much appreciated by the farmers of the district. The grass is coming on well; in fact, there is every reason to believe that spring is well on its way to Coromandel. Some fruit trees are in blossom, while many of the willows are more than half in leaf. We have heard, too, that young lambs are appearing on the hills."

During August the museum will be closed, apart from Thursday mornings. Visits by groups can be arranged by contacting the Coromandel Town Information Centre

## New support group for people with cancer in Coromandel Town

With one in three Kiwis experiencing the life-changing reality of a cancer diagnosis, having the support of the Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty in Coromandel Town is crucial. The Cancer Society is pleased to announce the formation of a new local support group for people with cancer, and their families.

For many people in the Coromandel, a cancer diagnosis involves many miles of travel, hospital appointments and nights spent away from home, and can be a very stressful and isolating experience.

A support group provides a safe space to meet others on a similar journey, share concerns and discuss the help that may be available.

"A support group can be very helpful during a person's cancer journey," says Coromandel supportive care nurse, Lareece McGregor.

"We talk through people's care and treatment, answer questions and discuss options. The group provides a welcoming space for people at any stage of their cancer journey, as well as to their support person. People realise they are not alone and benefit from making new friends who understand the issues they're facing."

If you, or someone close to you is, or has been, affected by cancer, you are welcome to come to the Coromandel Town Cancer Support Group which meets at 10am on the second Tuesday of each month at the Coromandel St John rooms. Give it a try – join us for morning tea, listen to others and share your story if you want to.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 8 August**, 10.00am. St John Room, Tiki Rd, Coromandel

If you'd like to know more about the group, please contact John Walker 027 482 0435



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**Coromandel-Colville Business Association (CCBA)**



During the CCBA networking session in July, a group of approximately 35 business owners from across all sectors listened to Simon Graney, Outward Bound's Strategy & Innovation Director, on the organisation's vision to have a facility housed within the Coromandel-Colville area. He outlined some of the organisation's reasoning which is to be closer to where the people are and within three hours of Auckland and that after scrutiny of various upper North Island localities, Coromandel is the location of choice with its sheltered sea, islands, harbours, and concentrated areas of bush.

Simon advised of their ongoing investigation to find some land, with bush and flat areas, bordered by the sea (or a combination of these). He explained that once it was ready, it would be run along similar lines as their very successful Anakiwa outdoor education centre, which is based in Anakiwa in Queen Charlotte Sound at the top of the South Island. The courses would be aimed primarily at young people aged 16 to 26 (fee paying and scholarship funded) who are on the cusp of their adult lives (such as apprentices or students) to experience a course of five to eight days. Three-week courses, such as the ones run in Anakiwa, are also a realistic possibility. Their courses empower people to make life-changing journeys of self-discovery through shared adventures in the natural world. They create a connection with nature and with other people, with the aim of helping people to be the best version of themselves in line with the Outward Bound vision of "Better People; Better Communities; Better World".

Meeting attendees were very pleased to hear of the opportunities that this venture will create for our region in relation to the potential for job creation, accommodation

and retail investment with support people coming into the area and the flow-on effect into the tourism sector right around the peninsula.

Outward Bound is still looking for a site and Simon will welcome contact from people via his email [sgraney@outwardbound.co.nz](mailto:sgraney@outwardbound.co.nz).

During the CCBA business meeting, Aaron McFarlane (Shelly Beach Top 10 Holiday Park/Anglers Lodge) was nominated and unanimously endorsed to fill a committee vacancy. CCBA discussed the results of the business survey feedback received to date, which will assist to inform how the organisation will support the business community.

The attendees heard about the plans for the Keltic Fair, a seafood/Coromandel kai food festival, and the potential for Illume to be revived. The CCBA is committed to supporting these events and will be working closely with the organisers. It was exciting to have two mussel farmers and an oyster farmer present and keen on helping the food festival.

CCBA members were advised of the proposal to disburse the recovery funding that has been allocated to its area (\$75K) which will mostly be via a mixture of networking, mentoring, business support, change workshops, seed funding and events assistance. More information will be made available once the funding is received.

The CCBA advised that this was its first official meeting as it had now been granted incorporated society status and was the proud owner of a GST number and a bank account. The business owners present were thanked for their attendance and enthusiasm and asked to ensure that they join

the association as one of its driving aims is to be a strong, united voice for our region. In recognition of the current struggles that are facing our businesses, our fee has been set for the year at \$100 including GST. The Kiwibank account is 38-9025-0028166-00 for membership fees for the financial year ending 30 June. Please put your business name for the reference and/or contact Patricia Whimp, Treasurer, for an invoice ([patricia@prosystems.co.nz](mailto:patricia@prosystems.co.nz)).

The next meeting is on **Thursday 17 August** at the Combined Clubs (5.30pm networking, with the business meeting to follow). Gilbert James is our speaker on the topic of the processes and costs involved in bringing a ferry service to Coromandel.

We also confirm **Thursday 21 September** (5.30pm start); this will be a meet the candidates opportunity for our area, with attendances from Scott Simpson (National) and Beryl Riley (Labour) confirmed so far. This meeting will also be at the Combined Club, Woollams Ave and we again thank them for their generosity in providing the facility at reduced cost.

## Wild things

By Pete Sephton

The weweia or dabchick is not well known due to its rarity and its skulking and diving habit in its freshwater environment. These attractive little birds are members of the grebe family and live on ponds and lakes. Nests are floating structures made up of rushes and raupo. Chicks are commonly carried on their parents' backs.

The weweia is an endemic threatened species which is probably declining in numbers. One or two have been spotted on the oxidation ponds in Hauraki Road but there is no evidence that they are breeding anywhere nearby. I wonder where they have come from.



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## Library News

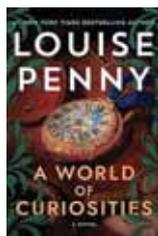
By Paul Lawrence

Just a reminder that the Coromandel Community Library AGM will be held in the Council meeting room on **Wednesday 16 August** at 2pm. Everybody who has an interest is welcome to attend.

The library has gone back to an old way of doing things. Our NZ author fiction, once again, has a section of its own. If you haven't tried a book by a NZ author, I suggest you give it a go. A couple of them are local which gives it special significance.

This month's books have arrived and will be hitting the shelves shortly. Just waiting for them to be covered and catalogued.

### *A World of Curiosities* – Louise Penny

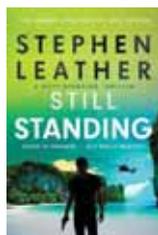


Number 18 in the Inspector Gamache series finds the inspector and Beauvoir concerned when two people turn up in Three Pines years after their mother was murdered.

A 150yr old letter emerges describing a stonemason's terror when bricking up an attic somewhere in the village.

When the room is found and opened up they find puzzles and hidden messages.

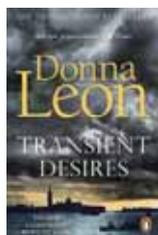
### *Still Standing* – Stephen Leather



The SAS don't believe it when one of their own commits suicide.

The soldier's twin brother flies to Thailand to find out what really happened. He enlists the help of SAS Sergeant Matt Standing. After coming under attack, Standing must investigate on his own and must find out who is trying to shut down his investigation.

### *Transient Desires* – Donna Leon



Commissario Guido Brunetti has much experience, in his native Venice, solving crime.

Two young American women have been badly injured in a boating accident and been dropped off at the local hospital by two young Italian men. Why avoid association with the incident if it was an accident? Because it's outside of his jurisdiction. He must work with unknown colleagues to solve a crime that has reported links to a man who is rumored to be involved in more sinister night-time activities.

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## Taichi for Health with Christina

By Christina Wu

When beginning to learn taichi, the form is what you are taught by your teacher that gives you a structure within which you experience the taichi principles. The form has two parts: external movements and internal aspects which are cultivated from the form. Accuracy and precision of movement are stressed at this stage.

The classics say "use your mind not your force"; that means there must be intention and awareness which lead the movements, not muscle force.

There are 13 postures in taichi: Ward off, Roll back, Press and Push, followed by Pluck, Split, Elbow and Shoulder; then Forward, Backward, Turn left, Turn Right and Centre. The Centre, referred as the centre of equilibrium, is the foundation of the other twelve postures, and relaxation is considered as its soul, according to my teacher Kee Jin Wee. Relaxation can be mistakenly thought soft and floppy. In fact, to be able to relax in taichi is to let go of any unnecessary tension that you might hold in the body or accumulate during the movements. To achieve the relaxation, you must first feel the tensions in the body, otherwise you can never relax. Relaxation comes from mind cultivation, that is using the mind's awareness to sense the tension and tell the body to relax. The degree of relaxation increases as the awareness of the body improves. In the end, only the very minimum of tension is required to maintain the postures of movements. There is no end to cultivating this kind of relaxation.

The class is run every Wednesday at 4pm at the Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool). We have a bunch of lovely, spirited and committed people.

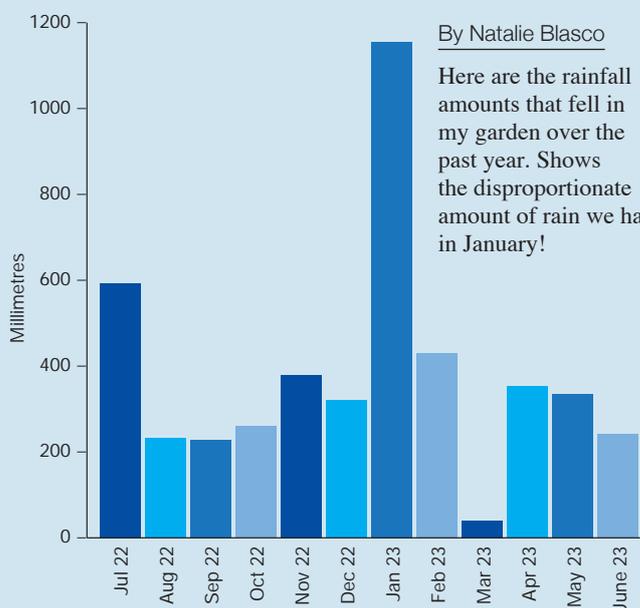
Christina, with over 20 years' practice and ongoing training from world renowned teacher Wee Kee Jin and with a true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her practice and background in Chinese medicine and acupuncture, aims to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

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

## Coromandel Town rain over the last year

By Natalie Blasco

Here are the rainfall amounts that fell in my garden over the past year. Shows the disproportionate amount of rain we had in January!



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## Embroidery Guild

By Jill Rabarts

Our July Embroidery meeting was well attended with 30 participants. We enjoyed each others' company compared to this dismal weather we have been having of late.

There was the "show and tell" table with the beautiful work everyone has been working on, and a petite project in the afternoon for those who wish to participate.

H & H Threads have a very good selection of embroidery fabrics and threads which they sell at our Guild meetings; we are very fortunate to have these two ladies for us to be able to have access to lovely embroidery materials, threads and haberdashery.



There was a lot to discuss at the meeting with our Retreat in July at the Friary in Auckland. This is a lovely three-night break with a Crewel work class offered. Those ladies not doing the class come for the company and to work on their own projects, including finishing off their UFO's (unfinished objects).

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are considering joining do come along and see what we have to offer.

Contact person is the secretary, Win McMinn at [coromandelembroidery@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelembroidery@gmail.com) or phone (07) 866 7508

## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



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It's common for people to come into my office looking for a JP, but due to time constraints I have to rely on our local team of dedicated Justices of the Peace. If you need a JP, you can look them up online at [www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz/Page/Search](http://www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz/Page/Search) to see the available Justices in your region.

JPs are one of the many groups giving back to our communities. We simply wouldn't be able to function without our volunteers' willingness to step up, give back and do their bit.

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### Your stomach, its acid and your health

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Without stomach acidity, undigested proteins and toxins create indigestion, bloating, reflux, burping and putrefaction of the food. Instead of addressing the real cause of the problem, antacids such as Omeprazole (Losec) are used. Under the guise of the problem being “high acid production”, when really there is insufficient HCL, the Losec even further suppresses the excretion of the essential HCL, causing massive problems further down the digestive tract and cellular malnutrition long term. Know how to treat the real cause of your digestive reflux, etc.

“Hypochlorhydria” means low hydrochloric acid in the stomach.

Insufficient acid is produced for pepsin to do its job properly. To protect it from the essential hydrochloric acid it produces, the stomach should have a very protective layer.

However, various pathogenic, opportunistic bacteria and fungi enter the stomach. These microbes play a very important role in causing ulcers, gastritis and stomach cancer – e.g., enterobacteria, candida, salmonella, E. coli, and streptococci. Helicobacter pylori (campylobacter pylori) burrow into the compromised gut wall.

Stomach acidity is the major regulator of pancreas’s and liver’s ability to respond to food. Normally, food coming from the stomach into the small intestine must be a pH of 2 or below, to stimulate production of two very important hormones – secretin and cholecystokinin.

Secretin commands the stomach to stop producing its juices, stimulates the liver to produce bile, and informs the intestinal lining that food is coming.

Cholecystokinin is needed by the pancreas to produce digestive enzymes. If this is not produced by the walls of the duodenum because of too little acid coming from the stomach, the pancreas fails to produce its digestive enzymes to deal with the food. It informs the stomach to stop its activity, makes your gallbladder empty its bile into the duodenum ready to digest fats, and opens the gates for pancreatic juices to flow and start digesting arriving food.

These two hormones are so important in normal food digestion that without them this digestion cannot happen. Their production can’t be triggered if food acidity from the stomach is insufficient, if the pancreas does not produce its juices, maldigestion and malabsorption follow. Half-digested proteins get produced and absorbed through the damaged leaky intestinal wall, acting as opiates on the brain. Other maldigested proteins cause allergies and auto immune reactions,



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By Judy Bronlund

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

The July meeting started at noon with a delicious Midyear Potluck Lunch. The Club was festooned with wonderful Christmassy decorations and heaps of red and white balloons as a result of the RSA's recent midwinter dinner.

Members were reminded to provide Cindy with a photo of yourself as a baby up to about two years old, if interested in participating in the August baby photo competition/quiz. If you don't want to give your original photo, feel free to provide a photocopy. Those not at the meeting or who forgot to bring a photo should get in touch with Cindy or Jeni, or any of the other committee members, to drop one off ASAP.

Our guest speaker in July was Olwyn Bourne. She gave a fascinating talk on her passion: ancestry and the family tree. Her presentation included photos and stories of some of her ancestors and links to (mostly free) online sources of information (some better than others) for those who want to research their own history. She warned that your research may unearth some unpleasant details, however, they don't need to be shared with others.

Two new members have joined our group. Welcome to Darnelle and Janine!

First place competition winners in June were: Jeni – Single Bloom; Sheana – Mini Bloom; Amanda – Multi Bloom; Cindy – Arrangement (With a Candle); and Sheana – Special (Show Us Your Citrus).

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9 August**. Meeting details are as follows:

Venue: The Club -- Start time: 1pm

Activity: Baby Photo Competition/Quiz



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## Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells - Licensed Agent

### Question – I am thinking about selling the home, when do I call the salesperson?

Answer – now. The earlier you involve the salesperson in the process, the more prepared you should be. It does not mean listing the property, but talking to the salesperson.

Ask lots of questions. Talk about the current market and market trends. Is there anything that should be done to better present the home? What is the budget to present the property? Have you got the documents from TCDC for your home and checked everything is legal? Can you sell if something is outstanding? Do you need legal advice about these documents? The salesperson can help you here, by walking you through the issues, if any. Yes, the property can still be sold, but how much financially will it cost in the sale? Should you spend money on the outside grounds or doing up the inside? Where should the emphasis be put? What are buyers looking for? Should you add an office? Or convert the carport? Close in the decking? Fix up fencing? Talk to neighbours about hedging?

The salesperson is able to advise on any number of matters. May even be able to assist in finding tradespeople and helping with timelines of action. In some cases they may even be able to put you in touch with finance companies to assist with the finance to present the home.

Generally speaking, the sooner you start these conversations, the better prepared you will be for the listing and marketing, hence a better sale process and result. Talking with salespeople is not being committed to listing with them, as you could be months or a year or so out from selling. Every few months, salespeople can give you an update on the market value of your property as you get towards selling.

A big one is sitting with the salesperson and going over the council documents. They are not lawyers, but have a good general knowledge to assist in how that information will affect the outcome of a sale, and what hurdles may need to be overcome. Maybe they say you definitely should see legal counsel on a matter. Best done before you sell than later on when negotiating a sale. If you are not in a position to rectify, they can explain processes that enable you to still sell.

Creating this type of relationship with your salesperson is of huge benefit to both the seller and the salesperson. It will definitely assist in the sale outcome.

Today there is and should be a high expectation of transparency. So knowledge definitely is strength, and removes negative surprises. An issue up front is easier addressed than a highlighted problem during due diligence. No one likes nasty surprises!

Selling what in most cases is your largest asset, you should seek as much advice as you can. Some costs will be inevitable. However, like when you paint the home, if you take short cuts and or rush, you pay for it at the other end by not having the outcome you need or want.

Preparation will be the single biggest asset in selling your home going forward.

There are many things that can come up. So over the ensuing months I will endeavour to address as many of these issues as we can.

Should you have any specific issues you would like to ask, contact me on glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz or 0800 735 788

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## Combined Clubs of Coromandel

A final reminder (if you get the Chronicle in time) of the Combined Clubs of Coromandel Inc. Annual General Meeting on **Saturday 29 July** from 2.30pm at the Club. All RSA and Bowling Club members are automatically members of CCC with full voting rights, so do try to attend and meet the newly elected committee to be.



Coromandel Team at Mercury Bay for the Winter Cup

## Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Wow, we are now in August and hopefully have the majority of the wind, rain and bitter cold behind us, especially with our 2023-2024 Bowling Club season due to start on **Thursday 7 September** 9am. Make sure that is marked in your diary as we look forward to brushing off a few of the winter cobwebs. Names in by 8.30am for Colin to make up the draw and plan for a full day of Thursday Club Bowls, so bring your lunch.

We are also commencing Sunday afternoon bowls from **Sunday 10 September** 1pm. Once again, come along a bit earlier to get your names in for the draw.

If you want to see if bowls is the game for you then you are most welcome to come along to our Thursday and/or Sunday rollups and try it out a few times before deciding if you want to join.

The Coromandel Bowling Club Programme for the 2023-2024 season is currently at the printers but you can go onto the club website [www.sporty.co.nz/coromandelbowls](http://www.sporty.co.nz/coromandelbowls) to view the season's programme in full and mark down some of

those important dates ahead of getting the booklet.

To all of our club sponsors for the 2023-2024 season, we say a huge thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated by all.

On Thursday 13 July, we fielded seven teams in the last of the Winter Cup Challenge hosted by the Mercury Bay Club. It was a day of wind, rain and sun but between games, Mercury Bay kept everyone's spirits up with a lovely morning tea and an amazing lunch which included homemade soup.

Mercury Bay won the Winter Cup over the course of the day and our club President Jim Dicks graciously handed over the cup to the Mercury Bay club President Robyn Anderson (see photo). Thank you Mercury Bay for being such wonderful hosts.

One of our club members, Colin Gawith, entered in the Taranaki Men's Open Fours-Pairs Tournament recently held at the Taranaki Bowls Club. Colin and his bowling partner Karl Garrett (Thames Bowling Club) won the Open Pairs and aside from being presented with a cup on the day, they both received a lovely certificate to keep. Well done Colin and Karl.



Jim Dicks (Coromandel) handing over Winter Cup to Robyn Anderson (Mercury Bay)

So, a reminder as I finish this month's article... the 2023-2024 Bowls season starts on **Thursday 7 September** with an added afternoon of bowling following on **Sunday 10 September**. We look forward to catching up and blowing off the cobwebs, as well as welcoming new players.

As always, the club is open for some social time and raffles on Fridays and Saturdays from 3-7pm. The RSA will also have the club open on the Sunday afternoons, once our Sunday rollups start.



The amazing Lyn with bar manager Paddy, and Frank the RSA Patron

## RSA

Over 85 people attended the RSA Midwinter Dinner on Saturday 8 July and an excellent time was had by all. Great company, wonderful food and the most entertaining band – The White Goat – making sure we were up on the floor and rocking the night away! The photo to the left shows the beautifully dressed room, all Lyn's work, and some of the happy patrons.

## Car Club

A dozen or so of The Car Club members braved the weather on Sunday 16 July and met for lunch at Luke's Kitchen. If you haven't tried Luke's pizzas you really don't know what you have missed.



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**Pestie Corner**

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services

Let’s talk about the insect everyone loves to hate – the cockroach. No one likes to find these critters in their house. They are fast and just downright ugly. They are also survivors, with fossil data showing they have been around for over 300 million years. But not all cockroaches are the same, and knowing some of these differences can help you identify whether you have a real problem or not.

The Gisborne cockroach, which has a wingless dark body with cream bands down either side, is probably the biggest and ugliest species we see on a regular basis. Although an introduced species, and often found inside, these guys are harmless. They do not spread disease, rarely infest food supplies, and are more likely just looking for somewhere warm and dry.

You may also notice a smaller wingless species around outside, with a half and half light amber and dark brown body. These are native bush cockroaches and are not considered a household pest, although may be brought inside with firewood.

The main two species you should be concerned about if found in your house or business are the American and the German cockroach.

The American cockroach is bigger, being up to 4cm long, red/brown in colour and has wings, although can only fly short distances. They prefer dark, warm and moist conditions, and are more likely to be found in walls and roof cavities or around grease traps and rubbish dumps.

The German cockroach is small, less than 2cm long, winged (although they rarely fly), a light amber brown and are prolific breeders. These are the most common infesters of domestic kitchens as they provide them with warmth, moisture and food, as well as lots of cracks and crevices to hide in during the day.

These species can both cause infestations which carry an increased risk of disease transfer. They are both nocturnal, so if you are seeing active numbers during the day, you may be harbouring a larger population than you think.



German cockroach

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**DoorDash Disaster Relief Fund to support restaurants**

New Zealand restaurants impacted by natural disasters can now apply for funding through the DoorDash Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund.

A week after launching in New Zealand’s biggest city, on-demand delivery platform DoorDash is proud to be expanding its Disaster Relief Fund to New Zealand, supporting small businesses across the country who have been adversely impacted by natural disasters.

Kicked off in the United States in October 2021, the fund was created to help small businesses get back on their feet. Funds can be used for a variety of important expenses including payroll for existing employees, developing a product or service, sourcing or expanding inventory, marketing and advertising, and general operating expenses like utilities or rent.

The fund, run in partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN), is providing 100 more \$16,000\* grants this year, with merchants across New Zealand, Australia and Canada now eligible.

DoorDash’s General Manager for New Zealand, Australia and Canada, Rebecca Burrows says, “DoorDash is proud to be launching our Disaster Relief Fund in New Zealand, after a successful launch in Auckland last week.”

“The unfortunate truth is that New Zealanders are getting all too familiar with the devastating consequences of natural disasters. By helping small hospitality outlets bounce back, we’re helping local communities bounce back, it’s as simple as that,” she says.

To apply for relief, restaurants must have between one and three brick and mortar locations, fewer than 50 employees per location, have been open for at least six months, and have been impacted by a Civil Defence or Government declared natural disaster.

To learn more and apply, visit: [www.genglobal.org/grants/restaurant-relief](http://www.genglobal.org/grants/restaurant-relief)

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## Mana

### Winter Greetings from Mana...

Dear Coromandel community,

We are back at Mana after our winter rest period, feeling refreshed and re-energised!

There is so much to look forward to!

As the solstice is now past us, we look forward to seeing the days become longer and lighter. Soon we will see the signs of new growth, nature's way of telling us that spring is coming. As we unwrap ourselves from the warmth and comfort of winter, it is a good time to shift our focus to setting new intentions for the months ahead. When we do this, we too see growth in ourselves, and in turn, our lives become lighter, easier, more joyful.

Our Spring Relax and Wellness Retreat on **Friday 22 to Sunday 24 September** may be the ideal retreat for you to catch your breath; re-create your intentions and reset your mind, body and spirit. These weekends are run by our Mana team and are a wonderful way to reconnect with yourself and to re-energize, while enjoying the beauty and tranquility of Mana.

We also have some exciting new community events coming up. So if you are feeling the urge to try something new; to step outside your comfort zone, or simply prioritize a little of your time, we invite you to have a look at our community happenings below.

- **Open Floor Dance Class** – Most Tuesday mornings 9.45-11.45am. Explore embodied movement practices through expressive dance. Cost: \$15-20 (sliding scale). Contact Pippa: 021 0296 3632, info@pranadance.co.nz.
- **Qi Gong with Hedwig** – Every Wednesday, 4.30-5.45pm. Join Hedwig at Mana for an hour-long Qi Gong class followed by a 15-minute meditation. Cost: \$15. Contact: qigonghedwig@gmail.com.
- **Community Garden Day** – **Wednesday 2 August** from 9am-1pm. Come and be part of the Mana community and enjoy a day of mindful gardening. No cost. Lunch provided. Stay as little or as long as you like, feel free to bring your favorite gardening tool!
- **Love Heals Full-Day Workshop** with Master Sunyong **Wednesday 27 September** 10am-5pm. An opportunity for the Coromandel community to experience a full-day workshop focused on the art of loving and healing your body through the mindful practices of Qi Gong and K-Meditation. Cost: \$80 (no lunch) or \$105 (with lunch provided). Bookings essential via Mana website.

For more information, you can now find all of our community events on our Community Event page on our website, [www.manaretreat.com](http://www.manaretreat.com).

We hope to see you soon at Mana!

Ngā mihi,  
The Mana Team

## CILT

Mānawatia a Matariki Coromandel! The staff at CILT celebrated Matariki with a ceremony and breakfast, coming together to talk about what we would like to achieve for our community this year. CILT is incredibly proud of the projects and programmes that we deliver in the Coromandel area, but we are always open to new and innovative ideas and ways that we can respond to needs in the community. If you have a great idea and think that CILT may be able to support you in getting it off the ground, contact [resourcecentre@cilt.org.nz](mailto:resourcecentre@cilt.org.nz) or pop in and see us at Tiki House.

### August is Money Month

CILT, with support from Te Ara Ahunga Ora, is celebrating Money Month with a Top Tip competition! Give us your best budgeting tip and go in the draw to win a \$300 Four Square voucher or one of two \$100 Warehouse vouchers. Top Tip boxes are located at Te Korowai Family Health, The Bizarre, Coromandel Family Health Clinic, Coromandel Takeaways and at The Resource Centre or you can post your tip on our Facebook page.

Our Budget Service is working hard to provide financial mentoring to people in our community. If you need some help working out a budget and figuring out how to get on top of your finances, Leigh is the person to see. Email [budget@cilt.org.nz](mailto:budget@cilt.org.nz) or visit us at the Resource Centre to make an appointment.

### Celebrating Artists in the Making

Some of the talented artists from one of our programmes for people with disabilities, based in Whitianga, Artists in the Making, took part in the Lions Art Expo in Whitianga from 13-16 July; the exhibition was a fundraiser for Project Mammogram. We are very proud of all of our artists who displayed their works in the exhibition.

If you are interested in joining one of our arts programmes, they run two days a week in Coromandel and two-and-a-half days in Whitianga. Pop into the Resource Centre or email [art@cilt.org.nz](mailto:art@cilt.org.nz) for more information.

### Community Hub Update

CILT's move to our new Community Hub is getting closer. The building is complete, and our landscaping is nearly finished too. The severe weather this year has meant that we have been unable to finish off our carpark, which is why we haven't been able to move into the building yet. We are currently exploring options of how we can get the car park finished off as quickly as possible. We are excited to move into our new building and to be able to open it up to the community.



Artists in the Making

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4-6 AUG	Mid Winter Relaxation Retreat with Jessica Devi
11-13 AUG	Premaloka Awakened Heart Yoga Retreat
13-20 AUG	Judy Satori Sunshine Before The Dawn Retreat
25-27 AUG	A weekend of Flow with Jo Monaghan
28 AUG - 1 SEP	Nourish your Inner Space 5 Day Retreat with Sally Flewelling & Fiona Liu
1 - 3 SEP	Rising, A Dance and Yoga Retreat with Neal Ghoshal and Sacha Paddy
8 - 10 SEP	Yoga with Juliet Forch
22 - 24 SEP	Spring Relax and Wellness Retreat with the Mana Team

COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Open Floor Dance with Pippa	1, 8, 22 AUG   5, 12, 19, 26 SEP
Qi Gong with Hedwig	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AUG   6, 13, 20 SEP
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# Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

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August 2023

## Annual Plan 2023/24 makes room for road repairs

Reprioritising budgets and projects to repair our storm-damaged roading network has defined our Council's Annual Plan for the 2023/24 financial year.

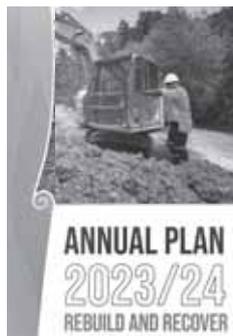
Our Council formally adopted the Annual Plan at the end of June, setting an average district-wide rates increase of 11.6 per cent.

To avoid a higher increase, we've cut our operational costs, revised our capital works budget and deferred some of our non-roading projects. We've also

used retained earnings – which are generated when our operational budgets have been underspent – to soften the rates increase by three per cent.

"The road to recovery may seem daunting at times, but we'll continue to advocate for ongoing central and regional support as we move through the recovery phase," says our Mayor Len Salt.

Find out more and read our full Annual Plan at [tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023](https://tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023)



ANNUAL PLAN  
2023/24  
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UPDATE

A word from our Board  
**Chair Gavin Jeffcoat**

"On the horizon next month, your household kerbside collections are changing from 1 September, when our new solid waste services begin. We're also switching from the blue, pre-paid bags for rubbish to wheelie bins with a 'pay as you throw' tag. Keep an eye out at [tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](https://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside) for the new schedule in August. This year's Annual Plan is also available to download at [tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023](https://tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023) – I encourage you to take a look if you haven't already. It's a great way to learn what you get for your rates, and which projects our Council has prioritised in its 2023/24 budget. Dealing with storm damage means roading is taking up a big slice of the spending. Rates rebates are also available now. If you qualify and need a hand to apply, you can drop into our Coromandel Town office."  
[gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz)



The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 5 September 2023, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road.

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New collection schedules will be on our website in August 2023. The new rubbish bin will require a Pay As You Throw (PAYT) tag, available from local participating retailers. This will replace the blue prepaid rubbish bags.

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- Whitianga, 10 Monk St

Pāuanui | Tairua: One day only, Thursday 3 August. No appointment needed.

- Pāuanui Community Hub, 23 Centreway, 9am to 12pm
- Tairua Library, 2 Manaia Rd, 1pm to 4pm

You have until 30 June 2024 to apply for a rebate in the current rating year.

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## Colville Pre-school Te koohungahunga o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka



By Esther Powell

*Ka whaangai, ka tupu, ka puaawai/ To nurture, to grow, to blossom.*

The days are lengthening already and it feels like the sun is back to warm our days and dry the mud. We know to enjoy it while it lasts! Already we have dug over our mussel buoy gardens beds, and planted winter crops of broad beans and radishes. We look ahead to the new season, weaving together current interests, hopes and goals. Time to dream and make way for new growth.

This week we continue to prepare for our Matariki Whaanau gathering; collecting driftwood and kindling for our fire on the beach, harvesting our kumara – what a surprisingly beautiful crop – our children’s contribution for the shared kai, we craft and create decorated candles, manu tukutuku and nga whetu, and singing out our waiata to welcome in the new year together.

Happy Birthday to Reignja and August who turn five this month, and Oaklan who is turning two!

### Community Education

The Incredible Years parenting programme (for parents, grandparents, caregivers of 3-8-year olds) starts in August, with a local



group or via Zoom. Please get in touch ASAP if interested.

Newly qualified Early Childhood Teacher in training or thinking of studying ECE? We are looking to ensure continuity of local kaiako to appreciate and nurture our tamariki. We can support you with gaining practical experience and mentoring in our wonderful centre. Relievers also welcome.

Thank you to Community Waikato who have, on our request, run two workshops for our Governance Committee recently. These workshops are to support anyone working in small community organisations, incorporated societies, or registered charities like our preschool. In their words: “Capability



and capacity building with community organisations.”

Open hours: Tuesday to Friday, 8.45am-3pm, including term breaks. \*20 free hours for 3+ year-olds and WINZ subsidies available.

Preschool transport provided: Coromandel to Colville return; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Spaces for 3+ year-olds currently available. Welcome to arrange a visit.

For information and enrollments contact Esther, Colville Bay Pre-school, 2391 Colville Bay Road, ph 022 645 3272, email [seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](mailto:seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz), [www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](http://www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz)

## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Thankfully we are seeing a few more dry days and with that we have been able to start up our walks out and about in the community. The children have been enjoying expanding their learning environments, visiting the nearby parks, community gardens, the Area school to see new classrooms arrive, joining in with the Coromandel Area School Matariki Celebrations including games and being a part of their Talent Quest along with Coromandel Playcentre.

We recently celebrated Matariki with a function at the Coromandel Rugby Club. It was a celebration of light with displays, children performing songs for their whaanau and sharing kai. This was a time to reflect on the past year and to think about the coming year, also setting our hopes and aspirations for our tamariki. During this time we also celebrated 17 years of Coromandel Community Preschool providing care and education for hundreds of Coromandel children.

The Preschool first opened on 24 July 2006 after many years of hard work by a dedicated group who saw the need for our service. Since that time we have seen children grow and learn, move on to school and into jobs. It is heartwarming to see these children in our community.

We are currently compiling a history of the centre so if you would like to contribute with any photos or stories about your time here, please contact us. Either drop into the centre to see us or email the centre at [coropreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coropreschool@xtra.co.nz); we would love your contribution.

We have celebrated Nia’s 3rd birthday, we wish her a very happy birthday.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child aged between six months and six years and are looking for a quality early childhood centre for your children to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers. Is this the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning? You can put your child’s name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: [www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/](http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/).

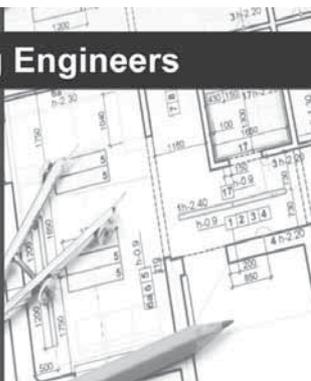
The centre operates Monday to Friday 8am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

### Welcome Karlene – our Interim Principal

Tena koutou katoa! A quick message from the Interim Principal.

“It is my absolute pleasure to be working here, to serve the exciting learning community here at Coromandel Area School. I arrived to a warm welcome starting with the Whakatau on 6 June. I travelled up from Akaroa Area School, and have much experience in Area School settings having also taught for five years at Mercury Bay Area School and was Deputy and Acting Principal at Karamea Area School. I have a passion for inquiry-based learning and utilising the local curriculum to maximise the learning opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. The opportunity for tukana teina and building a whānau feeling to a kura is what I love best about them.

“I strongly believe all young people want to learn and be their best selves, and that with engaging curriculum and hard work they will achieve highly. These beliefs are shared by the learning community here. The thing I have noticed straight away at Coromandel Area School is the strong community of care at this kura. The staff are dedicated and care so much for the young people here, and the students have been friendly and fantastic to get to know. I am looking forward to working hard myself during this fixed term position to ensure that Coromandel Area School continues to grow in its journey, with a strong focus on teaching and learning and a community of care.

“I am honoured to be kaitiaki of this space until the end of Term Three, ready to pass the mantle to Tracey Adams, the new permanent principal who is starting Term Four. This is an exciting time for the kura as Tracey will be a wonderful principal with her full kete of experience to share. In the meantime, I will enjoy working for and with the community’s taonga, our young people, to ensure learning is a positive experience. With so many exciting programs and activities on the calendar for Term Three I know we are going to have a great time!

“He waka eke noa. Grab your paddle and let’s keep this waka moving forward.”

### Jumping June

Jumping June is all about fun! Last term the primary school participated in this awesome event fundraising money for the Heart Foundation. Tamariki got to participate in a range of skipping activities with their fellow classmates and friends... all while keeping our hearts fit and healthy.

The effort and enthusiasm from students has been fantastic and we raised well over our intended goal for the Heart Foundation; the students in Years 1-6 raised over \$3,500. As a primary school we used our school values of Empower, Protect, Identity and Connect to give back to a worthwhile cause while thinking of other people and making a difference that is bigger than just us! We would like to say thank you to everyone that has donated. The money raised will go towards funding vital research into the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention

of heart disease. With your help this year, the Heart Foundation can continue to support over 175,000 Kiwis and their families who have been affected by heart disease.



Jumping June



## COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



## Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

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### Termtime Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, for 5yrs and up 3-5pm. Please make a gold coin donation.

For 10yrs and up:

- Adventure Time: offsite activities group, 10yrs+, Monday 3.15-5pm.
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For more info please contact us during opening hours: phone (07) 866 7061, drop in at Hauraki House or email coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com. If you would like to help Coromandel Youth Group with activities use above contacts. To help with operating costs you can make donations to our bank account: Coromandel Youth Support Inc. BNZ 02-0304-0316506-00.

This programme is made possible with kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust, AGT, NZCT, CILT and Star & Garter's Give a Little Pizza Sundays. Thank you!

## Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm

Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe

- Keep 30 metres from working mussel barges at all times
- Don't tie-up to a line being worked on
- Never cast your line towards a mussel barge - farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- No anchors. Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- Minimise your speed and wake
- Never drive across the lines



# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## Forest & Bird

By Kate James



### Invasive Seaweed *Caulerpa* Threatens Coromandel's Marine Ecosystem

The invasive seaweeds *Caulerpa brachypus* and *Caulerpa parvifolia* (these seaweeds look very similar) were first found at Aotea Great Barrier Island in July 2021, and then, later, at Ahuahu



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Great Mercury Island. *Caulerpa* poses a significant threat to the region's delicate marine ecosystem. *Caulerpa*, commonly known as "killer algae", originates from tropical waters but has spread to various regions worldwide through human activities.

The finds have raised concerns about the potential consequences of this invasive species on the area's rich biodiversity and coastal industries. To minimise the spread, a controlled area notice (CAN) remains in place on three affected harbours at Great Barrier Island and over an area of the southwestern coastline of Ahuahu Great Mercury Island, which bans activities likely to result in the movement of *Caulerpa* – fishing and boating. Mana whenua for the islands have imposed a rāhui on the same areas.

#### What does it look like?

Invasive *Caulerpa* has bright green vertical fronds in the shape of "solid" oar blades up to 10 centimetres long. They rise from horizontal runners or roots known as stolons.

#### Why is it a concern?

In the right conditions, this pest can smother the ocean floor between the low-tide mark to approximately 40 metres deep – crowding out native marine life including sponges, cockles, mussels and scallops and creating a threat to commercial and recreational fishing, diving and other leisure activities. Its aggressive growth and lack of natural predators allow it to outcompete native marine species, forming dense mats that stifle marine life and habitats. *Caulerpa* is impossible to get rid of once it is established.

#### How does it spread?

*Caulerpa* can be spread through breaking into little pieces and can potentially spread over large distances by rafting on floating debris. This can happen by wave action, or when anchors and fishing gear are moved into or through seaweed beds. To help stop the spread of *Caulerpa*, check your anchors, chains, fishing and diving gear for seaweed before you move on from the water you're in. This is a good thing to do no matter what seaweed is on your gear – you don't need to know that it's *Caulerpa*.

#### What to do if you find *Caulerpa*

If you spot either of the *Caulerpa* species, take a photo, record your location and phone the Pest and Disease Hotline at 0800 80 99 66 or complete the online reporting form at [report.mpi.govt.nz](http://report.mpi.govt.nz). Help stop the spread!

For information on other known marine pests in New Zealand, visit the Marine Biosecurity Porthole: [www.marinebiosecurity.org.nz](http://www.marinebiosecurity.org.nz)

## MEG

By Genevieve Morley



"Kiwi numbers are on the rise. About 300 stoats have been caught per year in the Kiwi Sanctuary area since it began. The way we monitor the success of the stoat control and its impacts on kiwi is by listening for kiwi every year over the winter months," said MEG's Operations Manager, Paul Johnson who presented on "What is MEG doing" at the Pepper Tree last month.

Paul's lowdown on how MEG's projects are tracking was very insightful! "In the MEGa Pest Attack, the seasonal peak of rats caught is from March to June. The breeding cycle of a rat is every six weeks and will reach sexual maturity in nine weeks. If your trap network is too loose, it will leave rats uncaught and if the conditions are perfect for breeding, one pair of rats in one year can create 1500 more. The indicator bird species we monitor in the MEGa Pest Attack is miromiro (tomtit). They can be heard and seen while trapping. They are small and are affected by rats and breed quickly so they are a great indicator species to show us how well the traps are performing. Last month was the first month of camera monitoring where we analysed the photos from 12 cameras. The highest tracked species on the cameras is possums, followed by pigs, thirdly kiwi and fourth on the list was rats. We used meat lure positioned in front of the camera as we are mainly using the cameras to monitor for cats and stoats. Quite interestingly by looking at the camera footage, kiwi were attracted to the meat lure, so if you are doing Timms traps lured with meat on the ground in a kiwi area, get those traps lifted off the ground".

Paul shared findings on the Waikawau Wetland which covers 70 hectares. The project has rat, cat and possum trap networks in addition to the mustelid traps. "We monitor for rats every three months and monitor the mātātā/fernbird once a year. The matakū/Australasian bittern are within the wetland too. So far we have surveyed bittern for three consecutive years and found them each time. If we can hear the male booming two months in a row, it indicates a possible nesting site."

#### Winter Lecture Series

The third lecture in our Winter Lecture Series is coming up on **Sunday 6 August** at the new time of 5pm at the Pepper Tree Restaurant, Coromandel Town. We are honoured to have Professor Dave Towns, an entomologist and the 2019 winner of the Charles Fleming Award for Environmental Achievement from the Royal Society Te Apārangi for his pioneering



Dave Towns

research in conservation and island ecosystem ecology. Towns retired as Professor Emeritus from AUT in 2020, which allowed him to focus on writing his book, *Ahuahu: A Conservation Journey in Aotearoa New Zealand* (copies of his book will be available to purchase). His presentation will be on the Secrets and Surprises on Coromandel Islands. "When James Cook and his party sailed north from Te Whanganui-a-Hei (Mercury Bay) in November 1769, they passed around a group of islands, which they called the Mercury Islands. Joseph Banks noted at the time that the islands appeared to be 'not fertile or well inhabited'. But those on Endeavour had just sailed past one of the most extraordinary biodiversity hotspots in Aotearoa New Zealand. After less than 50 years of conservation management and research, we know what is there, how the ecosystems function and why the Mercury Islands now defy Banks's assessment. This is part of their," writes Dave Towns.

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## Upper Coromandel Landcare Association UCLA Conservation Report

By Reihana Robinson UCLA spokesperson

### Weather and roads

We who live and work around Moehau must deal with daily uncertainties when contemplating a drive south, given all of the slips and washouts. We appreciate the work TCDC is undertaking on our shingle roads, however there are many issues. UCLA members have made various suggestions. First and foremost all culverts and creek crossings must be cleared so water is able to run under roads. Secondly the practise of transporting the overburden many kilometres away from slips is both wasteful and costly. Where there is no infrastructure below a slip or alongside, locals say it makes sense to allow the overburden to go down in the manner it would be humans not interfering, or else place it as a buffer in situ.

### Iwi caged kingfish industry rubber-stamped, only 12.5 km from Coromandel Town

That’s right, this dirty, controversial business proposed by Pare Hauraki Kaimoana, an asset holding company of Hauraki Māori Trust Board and Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust, is coming closer as their request to expand the privatisation of the sea has received WRC bureaucrats’ approval. Five circular plastic cages 53m wide with a 168m circumference now even closer to Coromandel Harbour.

Coming to the sea near you, annually, with the blessing of appointed commissioners (Cooney, Philips and Wilson) are more than 3100 tonnes of faeces, hundreds of tonnes of waste from 12,000 tonnes of feed producing at capacity a total nitrogen release of nearly 800 tonnes and 1614 tonnes of particulate carbon. Trying to survive in a depleted oxygen environment in the warming Hauraki Gulf are

tens of thousands of kingfish packed 7-10 kingfish in one cubic metre of cage space.

Of major concern to UCLA is the exploitation of impoverished coastal nations of the Global South losing their food source to fishmeal as we all understand environmentalists pushed for fish farming however the “industry became too big and too hungry. To fatten the farmed fish faster, they started feeding them high-protein pellets, called fishmeal, made from massive amounts of fish caught at sea and pulverized into powder. Now more than 30% of all marine life pulled from the sea goes to feed other, on-land fish”\*

This issue was of concern to original submitters, including iwi, in 2011.

UCLA can say possibly for the first time, Waikato Regional Council did an excellent job on behalf of our environment —specifically in the person of Christin Atchinson, Principal Consents Advisor together with the peer review scientists. Dismissive comments by the commissioners regarding the WRC condition requirements included repeated use of the terms “unnecessary” and “unreasonable”, plus “complex”, “likely to be unworkable”, “onerous consequences”, “too arbitrary and speculative” “adding unnecessary complexity” and agreeing with the applicant constantly.

Apparently the commissioners were “not persuaded to take the more cautious approach advocated by WRC peer reviewers. They “do not agree” to WRC monthly feed limits. They say chemical contaminants can be “adequately managed and mitigated”.

UCLA hopes there will be no quibbling over Bond Payment (Condition 101) because the clean up of Tui Mine (after the owners claimed bankruptcy) was in the millions and guess who paid?

Pare Hauraki are already talking of partners and once multinational-als are in on the deal UCLA imagines the so-called environmental groups will begin to take notice. So far Sea Change, Hauraki Gulf Forum, ACRE, the Green Party (Catherine Delahunty wrote an excellent submission in 2011) and Greenpeace are silent.

UCLA’s September report will include a critique of the so-called “upgrade” which is how TCDC refers to the new longterm contract with multinational Waste Management.

\*From Ian Urbina’s article in Yahoo News 2022 entitled “How a third of all fish caught in the ocean is turned into something that no one eats”.



Sea mammals, especially seals, can cause utter havoc with nets

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Saskia Wagner

We are very fortunate to have Hochstetter’s frogs (*Leiopelma hochstetteri*) at Driving Creek Conservation Park.

They’re listed “at risk – declining” and their presence indicates a healthy ecosystem and showcases the importance of conservation efforts.

Hochstetter’s frogs are semi-aquatic, living in and around shaded streams. They are nocturnal and shelter primarily under rocks, logs, or leaf litter during the day.

If you find a Hochstetter’s frog on your property: Congratulations!

It is crucial to handle these frogs with care if you happen to encounter them. They are a protected species, and it is best to let them go undisturbed about their natural behaviour. But you will have the opportunity to contribute to their conservation and enjoy their presence.

Here are some steps you can take:

- Control introduced predators such as rats, mustelids, hedgehogs and cats.
- Restore native trees and plants over and around streams.
- Reduce the amount of sediment that enters streams by preventing stock access to stream banks.
- Always clean your shoes when moving between frog habitats.

Get in touch with us if you would like to learn more about our native frogs and how to control their predators via Facebook/DrivingCreekConservationPark or Instagram/drivingcreeknz



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# mahi toi ARTS

## Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

The shortest day is behind us although you wouldn't know it, with some of the overcast dark days we've had since. It's hard to get inspired when everywhere is wet, and wind-blown, and cold.

We had our belated Christmas party in early July, but even that wasn't the same with rain lashing the windows. However it was a good time to brush away the cobwebs and put thinking caps on for the brain teaser quizzes and a few rounds of – what else for artists? – Pictionary. Always good for some laughs. We ended with a tasty shared lunch.

Thursday 13 July was Vaughan Udall's workshop on Atmospheric Skies! Just what we needed to brighten the week. Vaughan always gets us going, he is so imaginative and original. He's good at getting the ideas across as well. So as always it was enjoyed by all, and there were some great results. It was quite amazing really as everyone started with much apprehension, but once they got going and relied on their imagination, rather than following a photo, the ideas just took off with quite magic outcomes. It was great fun, too, interspersed with the equally magic "stops for eats". A very full and exhausting day.



Vaughan demonstrating his technique



Tricia and Wendy at the workshop



Samples of members' workshop paintings

If you are thinking of joining us, just pop in to St Andrew's Hall on a Thursday morning, or call Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or Val on (07) 866 8911

## Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

*Winding Up* by Roger Hall continues its season on **Friday 4 and Saturday 5 August**. Anne Zeeland came to one of our rehearsals and wrote: "Had the chance to see this in rehearsal yesterday. A really great play performed with sensitivity and loving care and humour. It made me laugh and cry. Don't miss it. We are so fortunate to have this quality of theatre here in Coromandel."

Then in September we are looking forward to seeing *The Wedding Dress* by Brooke Dennehy Lakin! We have our fingers crossed for her, as she has had so many setbacks.

This a musical written entirely by Brooke, and hinges around a family heirloom wedding dress. Prospective dates are **Friday 8, Saturday 9, Sunday 10, Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September**. Let's hope she is able to pull it off. If you would like to be involved in any way, please get in touch.



Mighty River Harmony Barbershop Chorus

## Thames Music Group

**Sunday Afternoon Concert – Mighty River Harmony Barbershop Chorus**

**Sunday 13 August** at 2pm. Tickets at the door cash only \$20 or TMG members \$15.

Mighty River Harmony is an auditioned, a cappella chorus of around 20 men, mostly from the Waikato. We sing four-part harmony, often in the barbershop style. For the past 30 years the Chorus has been one of the top barbershop harmony groups in NZ. Most of our singers are seniors but we also sponsor the mixed youth chorus Manu Mātāhahi, which has a promising future.

The Chorus and some of its quartets perform regularly at both private and public functions. At the Thames concert we will present a range of songs, old and modern, including two that we will perform on stage at this year's Pan Pacific Barbershop Singers' Convention in Auckland.

**Free Friday lunchtime concert – Thames Talent**

**Friday 25 August** at 12.15pm, St George's Church, Thames. Koha appreciated. Hot soup and bun for \$5 after the concert.

Thames Talent will showcase local musicians including Dylan Wade Lajunen – guitar; Nur Peach – vocal/guitar; Richard Moyle – piano; Barrie Stewart, Val Brannigan, Dawn Finch – keyboard/vocals, piano; Steve Broughton Band electronic/vocals.

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By Raewyn McKinney

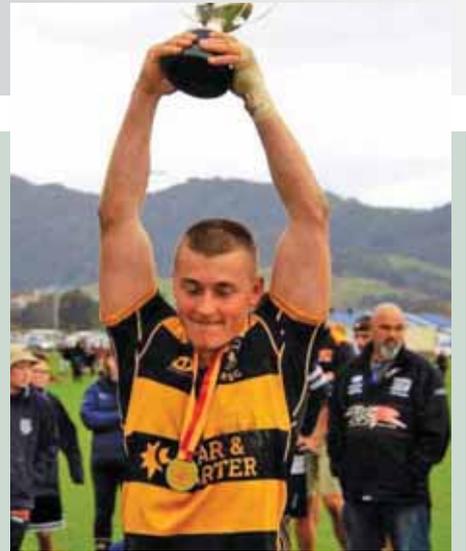


Although many people think of croquet as an English game, it is believed to have been first played by thirteenth century French peasants, who used mallets to whack wooden balls through hoops made of willow branches.

If you would like to try the game of croquet, call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45 am and provide all the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club.

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



## Thames Valley Rugby Union

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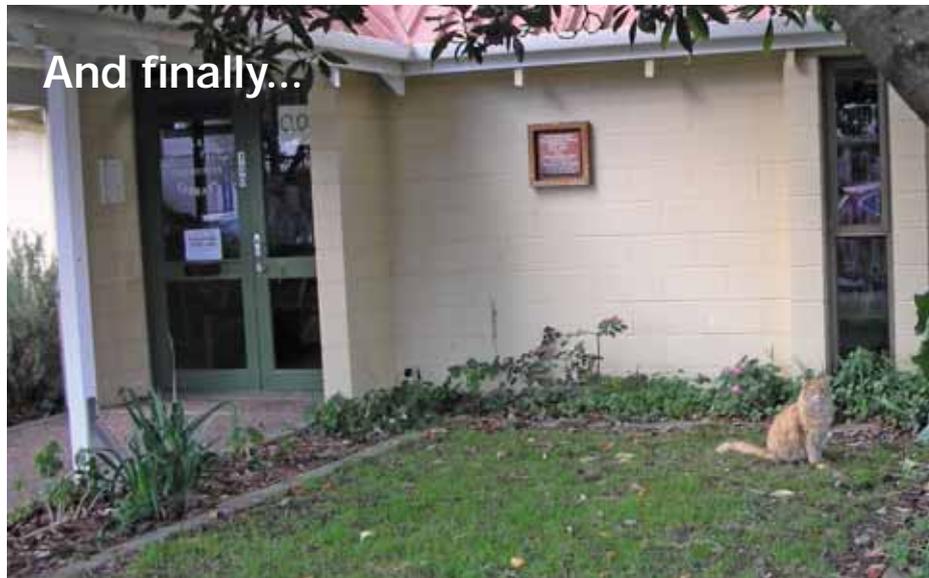
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Helen Clark, disappointed that the library is closed

# 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  
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..... 3pm  
 Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm  
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm  
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am  
 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  
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 ..... 5.30-6.45pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym .....8am  
 Meditation at Mahamudra ..... 8.15-8.45am  
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm  
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am  
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am  
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 ..... 12.30pm  
 Tai chi 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  
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 ..... 3-4pm  
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house), Liz 027 436 2800 ..... 6.30pm  
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra ..... 7-8.30pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym .....8am  
 Coromandel Homegrown Market (summer only) ..... 8.30am-12.30pm  
 Community Gardens volunteer day ..... 8.30-11am  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am  
 Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 9252 .....9.30am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 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, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**2nd Tues** – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms John Walker 027 482 0435 ..... 10am

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

**1st Wed** – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms. Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 ..... 6pm

**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 ..... 1pm

**2nd Wed** – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm

**3rd Wed** – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms. Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 ..... 6pm

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

**Last Thurs** – DCR Music and Art Night ..... 6.30pm

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

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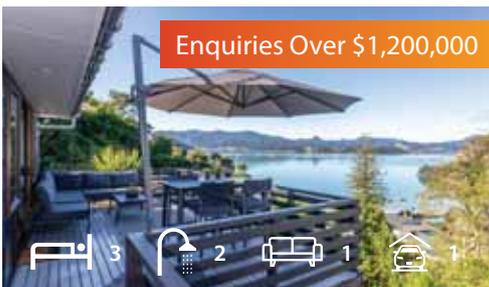
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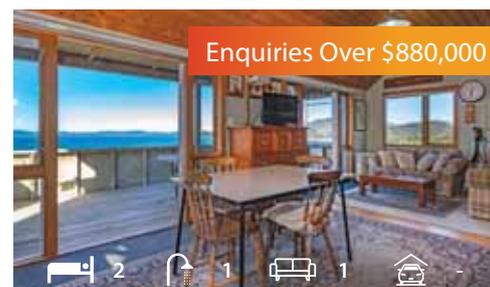
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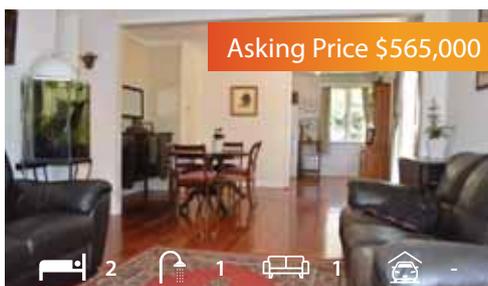
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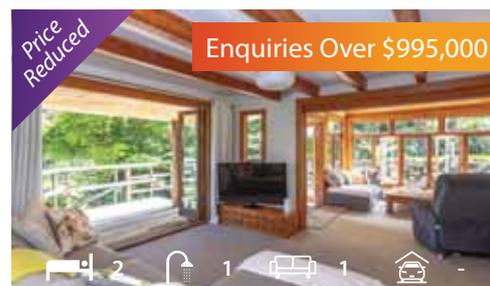
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