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Cover picture: Work starts in Pound Street to construct The Hub.

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**Editor's comment**

This is the smallest Chronicle I've produced for December in a lot of years! Everyone is a bit on hold this summer with uncertainties over Covid. So hopefully by the January issue deadline we will be a bit clearer as to what events are taking place.

While I have been working on the layout we have heard that the Auckland border will be relaxed from 15 December allowing Aucklands who are vaccinated or have just had a negative test to travel. I hope that brings much needed tourism to Coromandel Town and surrounds, and people will be able to have their families up to stay.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Chronicle over the last year with adverts and articles, and my deliverers. It's been a tough one for many, and the end is still not in sight. Do take care of yourselves and those around you.

Meri Kirihimete,

*Debbie*

**Letters**

**Farewell to Te Kouma**

To the lovely residents of Te Kouma and beyond,

Many thanks for the beautiful gift; we are so very spoilt. We have enjoyed our 35 years in Te Kouma with you all, but it was time to move on.

Please do call and have a cuppa with us sometime.

Thank you again,

Betty and Maurice Cooper

**A huge thank you!**

On Friday 12 November I was in town running a list of errands. About halfway through the list was a visit to the Post Office to send Christmas gifts to family and friends in the Northern Hemisphere. There weren't enough high value stamps; it was necessary to stick lots of lower value stamps on each package. This took quite a while, so after picking up a few groceries I hurried to my car and made my way to the next location on the list, Coromandel ITM. As I prepared to go into the store, imagine my dismay when I discovered that my wallet wasn't in the car. I drove back to Four Square. No wallet had been found or handed-in; my heart sank. As I searched my car yet again, new store owner Chris was viewing the CCTV footage to try and locate the missing article; which had by now been missing for 10 minutes. Simultaneously, my mobile phone rang. It was Tracey from the Coromandel Police; someone had handed-in my wallet. What a huge relief; I drove to the Police Station immediately. I was informed that a woman had found it in a trolley and dropped it off with the Police on her way through town. This amazing person was apparently in a hurry and neglected to reveal her name. Whoever you are, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Warm regards,  
Jayne Lister

**Thank you from Phoenix House to the Berghan Whanau and Coromandel Four Square**

During the recent Covid-19 outbreak and consequent Level 2 restriction we have been ever vigilant of the virus. We have maintained Level 3 restrictions currently and as such have had limited community accessing our facility. Throughout this period we have had no Covid and our residents and staff have kept well and are now 95% fully vaccinated.

During this period we received a very generous donation of a Nikki T Syringe Driver for the facility. It has taken three months to get the equipment delivered to Phoenix House due to Covid and importing delays. This donation was a joint effort from the Berghan Whanau, after the loss of their dearly loved parents Theo (Dicky) and Raewyn Berghan, and Coromandel Four Square, who ran a fundraiser for a piece of equipment that would benefit Phoenix House and the community.

A Nikki T Syringe Driver was the aim. This is used to deliver medications to patients in palliative care or those who have intractable pain. Phoenix House has one, but on the day Mr Berghan needed it, the pump was in Auckland for it's annual calibration. This is usually a 24-hour turnaround, however, there was a glitch and it was delayed. We were able to borrow a pump from the district nurses but it was time consuming and not ideal.

We now have two syringe drivers to ensure we have availability at all times for our facility and the community if needed.

We thank the Berghan Whanau and Coromandel Four Square for their generosity of thought and deed. It is much appreciated.

Riana and John Manuel and Ruth Mikaere, Phoenix House



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# Work has begun on the Coromandel Hub!



## CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust

For the past two years we have been working tirelessly to secure funding and support for the creation of a purpose-built space for community and social services in Coromandel Town. The aim of this project is to create a modern, enduring and collaborative environment where the social and community needs of the people of the upper Coromandel Peninsula can be met, which includes community service and social support providers, meeting space and co-working facilities.

We are now very proud and excited to finally see construction begin on this new community space on Pound Street, and with the Native Plant Nursery project also being constructed next door it is a busy site indeed! The Coromandel Hub will be a base for our more than 15 community projects, and a central space for us and other organisations to continue to improve the lives of all people in the upper Coromandel Peninsula. We are working with the Mana Whenua – Te Patukirikiri – to progress this project, and jointly we are developing this venture for the benefit of the community. We believe that by working together, other projects of benefit will arise.

The main driver for the Hub is to co-locate community and social services and to spark innovation, training and employment in the area. The purpose-built facility will improve the quantity and quality of services provided to the community in the upper Coromandel. It will offer a practical and flexible home for community groups, social and government services and sporting clubs as well as the general public.

We are pleased to have local expert builder Steve Wilson leading the construction, and a number of local contractors working on the electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and other key aspects of the project. We are grateful to the generous funders who have contributed to the project, including Trust Waikato, Thames Coromandel District Council, Tourism



Infrastructure Fund, Span Trust and DV Bryant Trust, the Len Reynolds Foundation, MSD Heartlands, MBIE and the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund.

“The Hub project has the potential to bring together those individuals and groups interested in the wellbeing of all of the people residing in the upper Coromandel... And provide a facility that can focus the efforts of individuals and groups to bring about positive generational change,” says Tony Kane (facilitator of the Coromandel Community Hub Project Feasibility Study, Phae Group Limited).

The build will be done in two stages, so we are still looking for further funding for the second stage. But in the meantime it’s full steam ahead on the first stage of this wonderful project which will have a significant impact on the social wellbeing of people living in the upper Coromandel.

For more info and to keep up with updates on the project head to our website: [www.cilt.org.nz/hub/](http://www.cilt.org.nz/hub/).

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## New owner of Coromandel Four Square

Hello Coromandel! We thought we would take the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are Chris and Becky Beard, the new owners of Four Square Coromandel. Our family, including two young boys Freddie (2½) and Beau (1) recently made the move from Four Square Tokomaru Bay and we would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome we have received. Coromandel is a fantastic community and we will continue to provide you all with an equally fantastic supermarket! We are committed to providing amazing customer service and a great range of fresh, quality products every day. We are also very fortunate to have taken on a team of people who share our passion to provide a great customer experience for you all. Hope to see you all soon!



### CoroLocalLegend

We are continuing with CoroLocalLegend. Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit? Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Send your nominations to: coromandel.4sq@4sq.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members.

### Cafe no more

BBQ low and slow is the go in Coro. One Stone BBQ is now open at 36 Kapanga Road (the old Coro Café site).

Fully licensed with craft beers, cocktails and amazing wines.

The menu is not just meat; we have some tasty vegetarian offerings as well.

Join our Facebook group so you can keep up with events and specials.

Merry Christmas to you all and hope to see you all at One Stone. Bruce and Tracey



## Seasons Project

By Sue Gilmer

I hope you're enjoying reading our monthly musings on how we see seasonal changes taking place in our lives here in Coromandel. After coffee, cakes and healthy discussions, Dr Paul Schneider set us "Environmental Changes" as this month's topic to write about. Here is Grace Sorensen's simple yet thought-provoking story.

Most days I am busy on the streambank and most evenings I am worn out. I am planting trees. Natives. Small trees. Well, shrubs really. Nothing grand.

I have lived here in Coromandel nearly a year now. It is joyous beside the stream and looking across to paddocks with sheep and now spring lambs. The section is flat because it is a flood plain. The Regional Council assure me that the historic massive floods will not happen again because of upstream management. Locals say differently.

I guess I don't mind. Life is lumpy, always uncertain. Maybe a massive flood will wash away my labours. So be it. More likely drought will be the greater challenge. We have had several very dry years and the watering restrictions kick in soon after the Christmas holiday season. Tourists and boaties come from far and wide, use our water supply without a care, and then we are not allowed to water our vegetables. I recently plumbed in a rainwater tank. Although my house has a small roof area, I have about 3000 litres saved so far. That won't last long with 150 baby trees and my veges too. I can carry water from the stream of course, assuming it keeps flowing through the dry.

Yesterday I sweated and strained for several hours unearthing a buried fence, coil after coil of wire, disintegrating battens still attached, buried under a load of stony fill, overgrown with privet and honeysuckle. All along the streambank I am removing other people's rubbish – fishing nets, broken bottles, hose pipes, rusty metal. I am digging out noxious weeds and making paths with all the stones. It seems to be the way of it, we clean up the detritus and weeds left by previous occupiers. I am fortunate in that at least the soil is not toxic from mining or industry. It will be fertile enough for growing trees and flowering shrubs for birds and bees. I am combing Papatuanuku's hair and gently replanting her. On this small patch.

Meanwhile we hear of sudden floods, extreme fires, massive tracts of trees all gone. I know that my small streambank is child's play in comparison. Yet this is the small drop that I can do for earth. To clear and plant, to mulch and water, to celebrate growth and grieve loss – this is my connecting, dust to dust, earth to earth, humble, playful, peaceful.

I have travelled for many years. I have lived away so long I have forgotten the normal patterns of seasons here. Living nowhere in particular.

Well, no longer. Coromandel is home because I have trees here. They need me if they are to have a chance to survive. Nowhere becomes now-here. As I sweat and strain with rocks and wire. I am content. I am content.

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# Christmas

## Santa Parade

By Sandra Wilson

Christmas Parade will be on, **Saturday 4 December**, 3.00pm, departing from Te Tiki Street and finishing in the Woollams Ave car park.

So get in touch with Rita on 027 210 2722 or 021 257 3457).

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There is no Christmas in the Park afterwards with stalls, music singing, etc., this year.

So let's make this parade bigger and brighter than last year.

Wishing you all a very Mere Kirimete. Have a safe and happy Christmas with your whanau.

## Christmas in the Park in Coromandel 2021

**Sunday 12 December 5pm.**

A fun community event.

Bring the family and a blanket to the Barry Brickell stage. Come and enjoy Christmas carols and a show for young and old.

BBQ sausages on site.

For more information phone Mike Mann 027 304 9252 or Anne Zealand 027 688 2718



## The Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT

Thankfully, we must generally be a fairly healthy lot, as we have had another quiet month. Of the ten missions to the Peninsula, only one was to our side of the hill. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, the crew were forced to return to base while enroute to patient. One of the effects of the Covid lockdown is that there seems to be a lot less demand for the emergency services.

On the evening of Tuesday 2 November, the rescue helicopter spent an hour searching out in the Hauraki Gulf, and circling Coromandel Town. This search was initiated by an EPIRB (emergency locator beacon) that had been accidentally activated. Fortunately, there was no danger to anyone, but the owners certainly found out the hard way that the emergency beacon worked properly.

This year, one of our major sponsors has decided to give in a different direction. This Whitianga couple has donated a very large sum of money every year since 2012. Their generosity has helped the Trust to develop the first-class facility that we have at Whitianga. However, donations are still required to cover repairs and maintenance plus running costs for the helicopters.

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

Have a safe month.

Nigel Strongman, Mob: 022 670 1549

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## Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle



A warm, festive greeting from the Coromandel Lions!

Suddenly that time is upon us and we are organising our Christmas dinner. Last issue we mentioned our Christmas cakes fundraiser; thanks so much to those of you who got right on it. Unfortunately though, we had a sample and the cakes were not of a standard we felt comfortable selling, and we won't be able to get replacements in



Lions Zone Chairman John Peterson with Logan and Rick Ward

time for Christmas. Refunds will be issued to everyone who pre-paid. We are very disappointed but thank you for your support nonetheless.

At our last dinner meeting our Zone Chairman, John Peterson, inducted our newest member Logan to the Coromandel Lions; welcome to you Logan.

Rick presented the Lion Rock this month to Joan, our hardworking treasurer. Thanks and well done Joan.

We continue to work at our major fundraiser, firewood. A very productive wood-splitting working bee was held at Mike Thompson's on 23 October. The team estimated between six and ten truckloads of wood was split that day – great effort, team. Thanks go to Allen Agar for cutting pine rings for us to split.

Over the next 4-5 months we will be focused on fulfilling all of our firewood orders (there are a lot of them!) so yet another reminder to get your order in if you know you would like wood from us. We do sell out.

If you're willing and able to lend a hand with our firewood work, either on a Saturday morning or during the week, your assistance is very welcome and Rick is waiting to hear



Sue, Jean, Paige, Logan at the working bee

from you. Just contact him on the number below. It's a great low-commitment way to get involved and help out.

It being "that time of year", we are pondering the Keltic Fair. We are unsure if the event is going ahead and if it does, whether the Lions will be able to participate. We will share any news on this as soon as we have it.

Stay safe, take care on the roads and enjoy our beautiful area this season. Merry Christmas!

Coromandel Lions Club: Mary Farmer (President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446, Rick Ward (Project Manager) - (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664, Jean Smith (Secretary) - (07) 866 6670 or 021 208 7576, Sue Hughes (Firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124

## Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Lively and interesting with some sparks flying – at our November Grey Power meeting we heard a presentation on the present state of the proposed "Three Waters" legislation that is to be imposed on us all in two or three years. Our TCDC Councillor, John Morrissey (remember he used to be our cop), was very upfront and I might add so were most of our members at the meeting. We can't really tell what all is coming our way with "Three Waters" but it isn't going to be a fun process is my guess. We thought that through our Council we were going to have a choice. But that's gone – just a few days before our meeting the big word "mandatory" got lumped on us and our Council – no choice. If you have been following the articles in our newsletter and the local papers, all of the fears written about seem to be coming true.

An older Coromandel Grey Power member was chatting. "Ever since I was a child I've been afraid of someone hiding under my bed at night. So I went to see a psychiatrist in Thames and told him. I go to bed at night and I'm scared that there is someone under my bed. I think I'm going crazy." The psychiatrist suggested that our member put herself in his clinical care, three days a week, for a year and he would cure her of her fears. "Oh OK, that seems like a good idea – but how much do you charge?" "\$200 a visit," he says. "Oh," says our member, "I'll have to sleep on that. "Well six months later she



saw the psychiatrist in Pak'nSave. "Hello," he says, "how are you? I notice you didn't come to see me about being afraid of someone under your bed" Our member – who is right onto it as you will see, chips in with, "Well \$200, three times a week is an awful lot of money. But I'm cured now – the barista girl at the cafe in the main street in Coromandel cured me for the price of a latte and a blueberry muffin. So I used the money you wanted to upgrade my car. I've got a nice red one now." "Tell me, how did the barista cure you of your fears of someone under your bed?" said the psychiatrist. "Oh that," says our member. "She just told me to cut the legs off my bed – there's no room for anyone to hide under there now. Watch that yogurt in your trolley. Its going to tip over if you don't look out."

### Pests

Moths – natural deterrents can be effective – lavender, mint, thyme and rosemary, either dried or in essential oils – but eradicating a moth problem humanely will take time. It's the larvae that eat your clothes, but the adult moths are the ones you need to catch. When they emerge, they'll look for a mate straight away. If there's no breeding adults, the population of those moths will stop. But be warned: this method requires persistence.

Grey Power Coromandel is a volunteer organisation. No paid staff. No office. We give our time to handle all enquiries, advocacy, and administration tasks of our association on your behalf. We have four members' meetings a year and four or more magazines. To join or renew membership contact Carol Carson - ph (07) 866 7172, or president John Rabarts on john.rabarts@gmail.com

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

The November meeting opened in Greenhills Subdivision with a garden ramble. Starting at Joan's home, we visited an amazing garden developed by Sandy – tomato hothouse, Swirling Corner, heat extraction over heater, beautiful roses, and many, many pots looking beautiful.

This was followed by a short walk to Ray and Annette's long back yard, what they didn't have in this long narrow strip behind their home, isn't worth talking about – grapes, espalier fruit trees, lettuces, herbs, seedlings, etc. Who knew what you could do with a 2m wide strip on the south side of a home!

Moving around the corner, we visited Sherrill's place – lovely roses, archways, places to sit and relax – astounding what you can do in a year or two. Across the road to Win's – cornflowers, lavenders, strawberries – a blend of fruit trees with grasses and shrubs.

We then walked by the river to Carol's place. This is a gorgeous garden that has been only developed in two years! Lots of love and hard work. Off to Jo's place – something completely different with organic as the backbone.



Greenhills has only been developed in the last 10 years at the most, and what people have achieved is something to be proud of.

Back to the Bowling Club for afternoon tea, raffle, sales table, and competitions. The Rose Bowl was fierce as the roses



out now are beautiful. And the Vege Box were well presented as well!

Our forum discussed Guava Moth again – here is the recipe - ¾ cup of apple cider vinegar, ¼ cup of treacle/golden syrup/brown sugar, 1 tbsp bleach, 5 cups of water. Mix and put into a plastic bottle with a small hole in the side and hang in the tree.

White fly in the garden – yellow cardboard or plastic smeared with Vaseline and hung in fruit tree works well.

White butterfly – cut out white plastic in butterfly shape and string around your garden. White butterfly are territorial and this makes them think that there is a butterfly here already!

Sea water – NOT salt water – is great for plants not looking well (good last resort). Good for asparagus, beetroot, silver beet, lettuce, etc.

Next meeting: **8 December** at Bowling Club. Start 12 noon with shared Xmas finger food. Arrangement – Tabletop Christmas Tree in Christmas tree shape; Special – Decorated Xmas muffin. Entertainment – Secret Santa – bring a gift-wrapped bottle value approx. \$10. Food Bank Hamper – bring goodies for hamper – check date hasn't expired.

If you are interested in becoming a member or being a speaker for us, please contact Jeni, details below.

Convenor – Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341, secretary – Trish Whimp 027 498 5227


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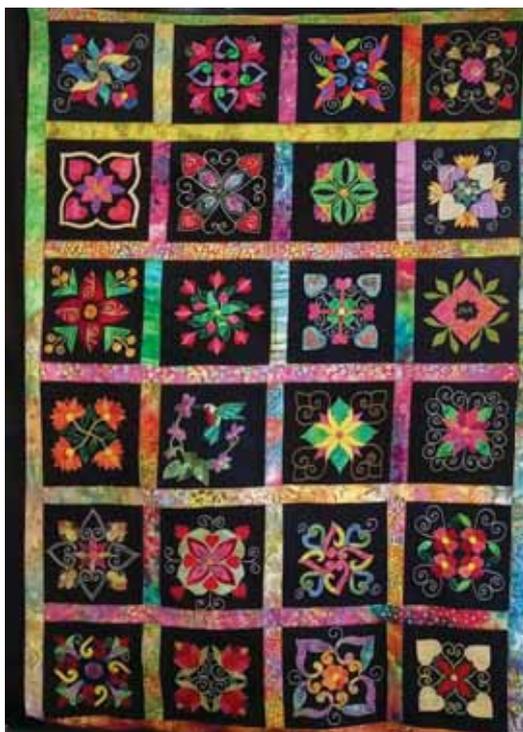
## Patchwork & Quilters

by Judy Russell

It's business as usual here at our Monday patchwork. Lots of sewing has been done. The ladies are producing so many fabulous quilts I wish I could have all photos published, but I have the difficult task of choosing one for the Chronicle.

I'll do my best to describe the others that are shared with our group.

Ursula has completed a stunning Appliqued Quilt on a black background. Ursula has been stitching these blocks throughout the year. As any quilt made involves hours of work, this one surely has. It's a stunner. Also completed her Mystery Quilt which was featuring



Ursulas stunning quilt

lots of her own treasures from the past; so special.

Robyn shared her latest creation, a very modern wall hanging set on a white background with bright coloured tri shapes. So cool.

Fiona showed us her chenille, which she made into a sewing machine cover. What a great idea. So love those birds,

Also Fiona has completed a very interesting colour combo quilt of triangles (Flying Geese) and they do look like they're flying. Wonder who she's giving this one to. Just love it.

Sue has completed a quilt for grandson. He is going to love it, any little boy would, featuring lots of things he loves plus Kiwiana, Mt Taranaki and road plus tunnel on the way. Also self-quilted. It's just fabulous.

Annette Kaye showed her lovely bag she made from a class at "Tis the Season", which has inspired everyone for another visit.

Pop in and view some stunning work as you're passing by.

We meet 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month. 9.30am-3.30pm at St John rooms, Tiki Road. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762

## Community Gardens update

By Rachel, coordinator for the Community Gardens.

There is a new time for volunteering at the gardens as we have found our afternoon time slot is now getting too hot.

We are now gathering on Tuesday from 8.30 to 10.30am through the summer months. The garden is right next to Hauraki House, just come along.

Well we have started clearing the beds for planting out the summer veggies!

If anyone out there has some spare seedlings or seeds and would like to donate them please drop them at the community garden donation shelves at the gardens. Just make sure they are labelled!

We have an overabundance of tomatoes so any other seedlings like cucumber, lettuce, rocket, broccoli, zucchini, etc., would be good. We are looking for donations of compost or grass clippings.

We still want volunteers to come along on Tuesdays. Of course you can just donate whatever time you would like. The level of jobs to be done is varied so if your knees or back is a bit dodgy, then there are easier jobs like making up seedling trays.

In whatever way you support the garden know that it feeds families with fresh organic, non-sprayed veggies throughout the year and has been doing this for 15 years. It is a wonderful, important part of our community support.

Soon we would like to offer some simple, small workshops on how to start a worm farm, start a no-dig garden, make the best compost and find organic solutions to pest control. If there is anything you would like to learn, please let us know.

Happy gardening.

## Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

We have been having a great time walking of late, doing some new tracks around the area. We have had several new folks join us on these walks and it's been so enjoyable. Springtime walking in the bush and on the beaches is awesome.

You are most welcome to join us any Monday – we meet at 9am at north end of Woollams Ave car park.

Our last organised walk for the year will be **13 December** and then restart again on **17 January**.

If you would like more information on where we are walking each week contact Irene on phone number below.

Those boots were made for walking folks – let's get out there and do it!

Happy walking everyone.

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## Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Judy Rooney

### Reducing food waste going to landfill

Food waste is a global problem that has lasting effects on the surrounding physical and cultural environment. In Aotearoa-New Zealand, it is estimated that approximately 571,000 tonnes of food waste is dumped in landfills annually. The flow-on effects of this are seen in increased landfill costs over time, soil and water contamination, and the release of greenhouse gases from the landfill, which contributes to climate change.

There is a group in Thames (Thames Food Waste Minimisation Group) who are on a district-wide campaign calling on TCDC to stop sending food waste to landfill and to implement other measures that transform waste into a resource. Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town is supporting this initiative.

In the Thames-Coromandel district, 60.9% of kerbside rubbish bags is food and organic waste (food/kitchen waste makes up 52.4%, garden and other organic waste is 8.5%).

The Council's solid waste contract is up for renewal shortly. The Council is required to consult with the community on this contract. To avoid filling up our landfills unnecessarily with food waste, the Thames Food Waste Minimisation Group, together with the Seagull Centre Trust, the Whangamatā Resource Recovery Trust, and residents across the peninsula, are calling on TCDC to:

- Subsidise home-scale food waste solutions such as worm farms or compost bins.
- Implement a kerb-side food waste collection and composting scheme, alongside existing rubbish and recycling schemes.
- Provide free support (e.g. waste audit and a supportive consultant) to businesses that commit to reducing their food waste.
- Develop and implement an education campaign for households and businesses to maximise the use of the previous initiatives, and promote food waste minimisation through behaviour change such as better planning, use of leftovers, sharing excess, and composting, as described in the "food waste hierarchy".
- Adopt more ambitious waste minimisation goals in the next LTP, ensuring that sufficient funding is allocated to attain the above goals.

If you are keen on reducing food waste to landfill and would like to be involved, please visit the website [www.seagullcentre.co.nz/food-waste](http://www.seagullcentre.co.nz/food-waste) or connect with them on Facebook. There is an opportunity to complete a survey and sign the petition.



## Coromandel Homegrown Market

We'd love to see everyone down at the market for fresh produce, baked goods, seedlings, locally made crafts and goods, music, and friends coming together.

Every Friday from 8am to 12.30pm, except 17 December where the market will be **Saturday 18 December** 8am-2pm. No market on 31 December.

Look forward to seeing you at Hike & Bike Square on Wharf Road.

## Do you live in a constant state of stress? Part 2

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith

When we are in suffering or stressful states we are experiencing our relationships, actions and responses, from these stressful states. We may be anxious, stressed, angry, or in fear.

So, suffering states are clearly states that affect and destroy your inner world. And in turn, this suffering state effects your external world.

So, let's look at what we usually do when we get into stress.

We indulge in stress and live in those states for a very long period of time. Or we distract our self through entertainment such as social media, TV, gaming, gambling and sometimes we move into addictions with alcohol and drugs. We experience a dopamine high, but once the dopamine subsides we return to feeling meaningless, purposeless or loneliness in life.

There is another group of people who replace inconvenient beliefs with more convenient ones. As we observe the more we try to replace the old, the old becomes stronger and more powerful.

On the other hand, beautiful calm states are ones where we experience love, joy, connection, and we are also very clear about what we want to do with our life. This journey in awareness is for everyone and everyone who wants to live a beautiful life.

It is unfortunate that our society, our educational system, our parents have not brought attention to our inner state.

It was not important to live in a beautiful state. That has not been part of education. It is all about showing, about achievement, having things and people, it's about possession, but very little attention is brought to how we feel.

As we move the experiences of rejection of loss of separation and as we move through suffering, we really do not know what to do with that suffering state. No one can free you from suffering – only you can free yourself from suffering.

Hold on to this teaching. Being in a Beautiful State allows your state to guide you. How do you sustain your state?

We have dipped a little finger into the Well of this subject. There is much more.

Happy holidays. Peace, joy, blessings to all at this special time of the year.

My offering is one of gratitude for all we have. All we need to do is "look around".

Would you like to experience a calm and beautiful state? Further info on the Facebook page "O&O Academy – Ekam the Coromandel"



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**Harray Track Update**

The Spirit of Coromandel Trust wants to reassure everyone that the Harray Track is still open and available for use. Over the next few weeks we will be clearing the dead branches and weeds to ensure it is shipshape for summer. Alternative routes are being developed for cyclists and those who do not wish to take on the steps. These diversions loop through the land which was previously planted in pines and is being rehabilitated into much more environmentally pleasing native plantings. Bob and Philippa Medlock, who now own this land, encourage walkers and cyclists to check these diversions out if you want to avoid the steps, or follow the Medlock Trail to the top of the hill to enjoy the view from the top of the Long Bay reserve. The diversions will lead you back to the original Harray Track at the northern end of the Golf Course, enabling you to continue on to Rings Road. From this point, however, there is no way to avoid the steps. With the weather improving, and visitors and holidays coming, take the time to check this area out.

**Coromandel Car Club**

By Bruce Finan



Our Facebook page “Coromandel Car Club” is well and truly up and running thanks to Soozy, so have a look and see some of the things we get up to as a club. The RSA, where we meet, now has the new carpet laid and a fresh bar look about it. It is our Car Club base.

Every week we have some new members joining – welcome. Our Car Club sign will be up by the time you read this. Many thanks for the 18 people that went to The Hive at Cooks Beach for lunch; a great day and beautiful weather.

The “dip stick” was passed on to Trevor and we raffled a Rolls Royce (donated by Brian), so Craig is now the proud new owner.

Our next Car Club meeting is **15 December** and the following weekend I am hoping to have a “shed visit”; more to come on that.

Get those cars going lads – let’s see them.

**Flying Club**

By Karen McMillan,  
Secretary



Good day to our valued readers.

I would like to start and end this article on a positive note and to carry that through into the 2022 year.

Like many of our hometown clubs with the same ideals, we have maintained our usual meetings throughout the year with a great committee team and neighbouring volunteers that have the heart of the Coromandel Airfield as its focus.

We have said it before and feel it is important enough to keep reminding everyone of this ... The Coromandel Airfield is one of our Community lifelines that is used by emergency services, police attendances, our Lions Club storage, art groups, meeting rooms and a venue for those in need of a fabulous space with a quiet and beautiful setting.

This valuable asset belongs to the many citizens of Coromandel, who have helped with the purchase of this property in way of shares that were offered many moons ago.

There will not be another piece of land that could be designated as an airfield for Coromandel, so we strive to keep it for future generations.

We would like to invite you to join us as the Coromandel Flying Club is having its 44th AGM on **Sunday 5 December** at 11.30am with a pot luck lunch to follow. All welcome to attend.

As a club we own our aircraft which is a Tecnam P92 and have owned it for approximately 19+ years. The Tecnam looks similar to a Cessna 150 but in actual fact is classed as a microlight and the benefit of this aircraft is you can learn to fly without the huge expense of going for your Private Pilot License. We can highly recommend you get your Microlight Pilot License and go flying. Your home on the Coromandel looks amazing from up there!

The airfield location is 1735 State Highway 25, opposite and just south of the Mussel Kitchen.

All new members are welcome. You can join as an Associate Member, Trainee or Pilot and no matter what your age, you can become a member.

To end we would like to say a big thank you of appreciation to the Coromandel-Colville Community Board members for the Grant received for urgent repairs needed to the Clubrooms this year.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Karen McMillan, Secretary Ph 027 290 8171

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## Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

What a year it's been. No one could have predicted the disruption and uncertainty we've all faced these last 12 months.

But like many others I'm looking forward to a "best as we can" classic Coromandel summer.

Our region is home to some of the best beaches, walking and cycling tracks, and fishing spots in the country. More than the well-known attractions, it's our small businesses, volunteers and local characters that make the Coromandel so special. We have so many amazing communities on the Peninsula and the summer signals a time when the rest of the country remembers what they're missing out on.

Locals and visitors alike rely on our already stressed roading systems to be open and working, not just during the summer peak, but all year round.

Recent news from the New Zealand Transport Agency that the Boundary Bridge on the coast road north of Thames is to be reduced from two lanes down to one places more stress on that stretch of highway. Apparently NZTA are concerned that weather and salt air have caused deterioration of the steel substructure and they see the best way of protecting public safety is to reduce the bridge down to just one lane. I've asked for information about the structural soundness of the bridge but even without that information I'm worried that the NZTA decision must mean there are underlying issues with the bridge. Another one way bridge doesn't help at all and it will be people travelling to and from Coromandel Town and surrounds that will feel the impact most.

The Boundary Bridge is not the only one with issues. We already know the Pepe Bridge in Tairua does have structural integrity issues but there is no funding committed for replacement.

My concern is that we have substandard and potentially unsound bridges on both sides of the Peninsula. We are at real risk if both suffer either closure or weight restrictions being imposed. The thought that SH25 could be closed on both sides of the Peninsula doesn't bear thinking about... except NZTA should be doing more than thinking about it, they should be quickly renewing both bridges. The risk of not doing so is too great to our region as we head into summer and beyond.



## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Another year is rapidly coming to an end, and we look forward to another busy summer for the museum. At this point I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have helped in the museum over the past year, our committee and other helpers and those who have helped on the roster. Thanks in advance go to all those who have volunteered to keep the museum open over the summer period. We really appreciate the help we get from each and every one of you. We hope lots of the members of the School of Mines & Historical Society will be able to attend the Christmas dinner on **Sunday 6 December**.

We recently found a small collection of books in the museum letterbox, with no note or indication who they were from. We would appreciate it if the person who left these books could please contact our President, Jennie, or call in to the museum on a Thursday morning.

I thought it would be interesting to look at activities from summers in days gone by. From New Zealand Herald of 23 December 1898:

**"COROMANDEL NEWS**

**[by TELEGRAPH. OWN correspondent.)**

**Coromandel, Thursday.**

The annual breaking-up picnic at the Government schools was held today. The usual Christmas tree in connection with St. George's Roman Catholic School was a considerable source of attraction. A farewell banquet is being given to Mr. Harry Hornibrooke. The Hon. A. J. Cadman is paying a flying annual visit to his old Coromandel friends. The Coromandel Regatta, to be held on Boxing Day, is receiving considerable attention, and is likely to prove a pleasant holiday attraction, whilst a large number of holiday yachts from Auckland and other ports are expected to be here on that day."

From 'Thames Star' of 30 December 1930:

**"LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Seven yachts are visiting Coromandel for the holiday season, amongst them being the 'Gladys', 'Solace', 'Rona' and 'Nomad', all of Auckland. The crews seem to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. More than fifty residents of Coromandel took advantage of the fine weather to attend the Colville sports. They had a very pleasant trip. The main road is showing the effects of the heavy holiday traffic, and will need the attention of the surfacemen after the holiday period.

The Coromandel Cricket Club is to see the Old Year out and the New Year in at a dance to be held in St. George's Hall tomorrow night. The floor is in excellent condition, and the orchestra has decided to bring out some of the very latest music. It should be a very pleasant way of spending the evening, and, in addition, should assist the Club.

The bandsmen of Coromandel will hold their annual picnic at Oamaru Bay on New Year's Day. This function is bound to be a success, as all arrangements have been made for the convenience of the public, and Denize Bros. buses will run at hourly intervals to the beach. The children will be catered for in a series of sporting events, and hot water provided free will solve the problem of parents who wish to picnic. Those who enjoy a real outing will make a note of the date."

On behalf of the committee of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The museum will be open on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12pm, and from 1-4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout December, and then daily from 1-4pm from Monday 27 December



## Scott Simpson

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## Resealing our local roads

**Our annual road network reseal programme has begun and is expected to be completed before Christmas, weather dependent.**

Every year at about this time we reseal some of our Council roads in the district. This makes them last longer.



Properties on urban streets about to be resealed will receive a letter with more information, including the planned date. Please follow traffic management instructions and make sure you park your car off the road on those days. This

will allow the full width of the road to be resealed. Any vehicles parked on the road following notification may be towed at the owner's expense.

The road reseal programme is available on [tcdc.govt.nz/roads](http://tcdc.govt.nz/roads), our Facebook page, and is announced daily on local radio Coromandel's More FM, Gold FM and CFM.



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**UPDATE**

### A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

"2021 has truly flown by. It's hard to believe that the Board meetings are complete for another year. At our last meeting, the Board discussed a range of issues important to our community, one of which concerned the use of 1080. We'd like to reassert our Board's position as against the use of this pest control method in our Board area. I am sure everyone is looking forward to celebrating the holidays, and we will see you again in February next year." [peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz)



**The Board's next meeting is on 15 February 2022, 9am** at the Coromandel Town Service Centre. Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](http://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings), where you'll also find meeting agendas and minutes.

## Kerbside Collections

Our summer Kerbside collections service will kick into gear in after Christmas providing additional refuse and recycling services over this peak period. For more information about rubbish collection during summer and our full Kerbside schedule, visit

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

Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) will also be operating with extended hours during this time. If you miss your rubbish day, just take your blue bags and recycling to your nearest RTS free of charge.

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



Summer rules about where you can walk your dog are in place from Labour Weekend to 1 March, with additional restrictions and prohibitions from 20 December to 31 January. These rules help to protect dogs, humans, and wildlife during peak periods and important nesting times for our precious manu Māori.

**The most important rule to remember is that dogs must be on lead unless specified otherwise. So, when in doubt, put your dog on a lead.**

Our bylaws team will be handing out free dog leads to anyone walking their dog without a lead in on-lead areas. Multiple instances of non-compliance can still result in a \$300 fine.

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

MERRY

Christmas

from TCDC

*We hope you have a festive but safe holiday. Here is some information from us to help you get ready for summer.*

### Our Council Christmas operating hours

- Friday 24 December – 8am–3pm
- Monday 27 December – Tuesday 4 January – Closed
- Wednesday 5 January – Open regular hours  
*Applies to all our offices and district libraries.*

Our Contact Centre and Bylaws staff will be available during this period. Contact us are 07 868 0200. Contractors and Bylaws staff will be available.

### Alcohol bans in public places

Our district has year-round, 24/7 town centre alcohol bans, plus additional Christmas and New Year alcohol bans on many of our beaches and seaside reserves. Find locations and dates here: [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](http://tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)



### Fire in Summer

A total fire ban applies in the Coromandel from late December to early February each year. Explore permits and rules here: [checkitsalright.nz](http://checkitsalright.nz) and stay safe over summer.



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## Growers & Artisans Seasonal Market

Bu Bine, Benni and Nalan

Our story.

It all began in November 2020, with a conversation around our favourite table at Wharf Road Cafe.

Markets....

Nalan spoke of her memories as a child, accompanying her mother to the local market in Biga, Turkey. The rows and rows of stalls selling locally made cheeses, fresh produce, olives.

I dreamt of markets in my native France. The friendly hustle and bustle, and vibrant abundance. Locals coming together.

The Hill Street Market in Wellington, was also a big inspiration. Tucked in beside the Cathedral of St Paul, a funky space and place with such a good atmosphere.

Beautiful stalls, a stylish coffee cart, freshly baked baguettes and pastries, organic fresh produce, live music. In the heart of the market: trestle tables, perfect space to sit, chat, munch, sip and connect. And always, activities for the children.

We were fired up with ideas! Bine, core member of the Friday Homegrown Market, was totally enthused, and joined us on our Growers & Artisans Seasonal Markets adventure, to complement the regular Friday market.



We planned four Seasonal Markets a year: Summer, Easter/ Harvest, Matariki and Spring, with our first market taking place in Summer 2021.

Our focus was on local, handmade/ crafted, organic, homegrown, plastic-free, and supporting local musicians and artists.

For music, we were blessed

with so much talent from Alexandre Ivanoff, Seonaid Espiner, Brooke Dennehy Lakin and Saskia and Jelts' band. The markets were abuzz with good sounds!

Daniel Kirsch, local graphic designer, created all of our gorgeous posters and our earth friendly and environmentally aware logo.

Brooke Dennehy Lakin held the children's corner with magic, creativity, grace and song.

Leanne and Gavin Jeffcoat of Hike & Bike were 100% supportive of our venture, encouraging throughout. "We were wondering when you would ask! We always imagined a market in the Hike & Bike."

Thank you to the Friday Homegrown Market for supporting us and joining in!

Gratitude to the many volunteers who lent their hands, skills and hearts – we were overwhelmed with kindness and help. Thank you to Robin Munch and team, of Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town. They were such a tremendous boost and energetic support for keeping to our vision of plastic-free, re-use, recycle and compost.

Thank you to Debbie Morgan of the Chronicle, for including our articles, submitted more often than not, at the very last minute.

And thank you to our stall holders, for your wonderful organic homegrown produce, thoroughly delicious baking and cooking, handcrafted remedies and cosmetics, handmade crafts and to our local artists for your beautiful creations.

But mostly it was the overall community response, so positive. You came; joined in, and ultimately, you made it possible! Thank you.

The future of the Growers & Artisans Seasonal Market is to be decided, as per Covid regulations, mandates and developments.

Let us take good care of ourselves, of each other and our communities.

We hope to see you soon.



### My Garden

By Beryl van Donk

The glories of the garden have always pleased me: the opening buds of spring, a blossom-covered lilac tree. Sweet fragrances of our roses, ferns thrusting t'ward the sky.. The soft notes of the bellbird, such beauty makes you sigh. There is no doubt in my mind that in the garden fair, I know God walks there with me. I can see Him everywhere.

### Bridge

By Judy Bronlund

Over the last few weeks we have been playing social bridge rather than the more serious competitions as written on our programme. So far we have had different winners each night which is encouraging. We may continue playing this way until the end of our year. We will hold our AGM on **13 December** at the St John rooms. Season greetings.

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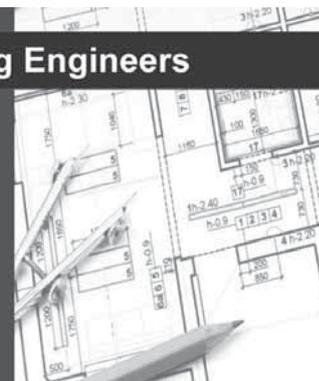
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**Animal Rescue Thames**

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to those who have so kindly donated cat and kitten food to us. Also a lovely lady donated Advantage flea treatments for nine of our felines, a fabulous gift that the cats didn't thank me for but we certainly appreciated her generosity. Also an awesome lady who donated a financial blessing that we have used very sparingly to make it go as far as it possible. We have had some bargain buys at Pak 'n Save with marked down meats and fresh mince and chicken ridiculously cheap which has meant the cats have had luxury foods that were cheaper than tinned. That is a blessing and the cats love it all.

We wish to thank everyone who has supported us over the 2021 year. Without your support we wouldn't be who and what we are today, and the cats wouldn't have a future that they have now. We wish you the best Christmas/New Year you can possibly have, and may it be special in all ways for everyone. Meowly Catmas to all.

Kera and Tam are hilarious partners in crime, trash 'n treasure and the speed that Tam can go is frightening for a cerebellar with odd back legs, and is becoming incredibly shrewd too when it's time for bed and she is like yeah nah ain't doing that one dad, and will run rings around him and zoom past and just about laugh at him trying to catch her. Kera, she is at least sensible



and polite and comes when called. All other cattery cats are enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather and rolling in the garden and the black cats are a dusty brown from rolling around.

Fundraising update – we will update our fundraisers in the new year due to deadlines. This fundraising is incredibly stressful for us as, irrespective of the funds we have or don't have, we have felines in care who have to be fed, defleaded and wormed and internet fundraising is incredibly slow with many items below cost not even selling. To even look at the cats' bank balance is scary due to seeing it diminishing faster than what we can raise. It's the worst time in our 21 years of running rescue and we are at the lowest point we could ever be. What the future holds for us at this current given rate is not pretty and we are most anxious over the future. But we have to accept what is, and we can only just hang in there for their furry sakes.

On **18 December** we fully plan on having the Christmas garage sale in the Grahamstown Hall. This will be modified to one way in and another way out and no crossovers. Should work given the change of floor plan. We have to seek as much help as we can get to get this loaded onto trailer and down to town and into the hall to get this massive job sorted and set up. It only takes a few hours Thursday arvo to load, a couple

next day to unload and set up; the more help we get, the quicker and easier it is  
 With only the raffle days and this garage sale to raise funds for the Christmas/New Year period, whatever we raise will be the funding we have. Our budget will be set to cover costs of their care and basically hope like heck we can get through it all. It will also dictate what we can and can not rescue. So as we have said it is really uncertain times for us.

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

Financial blessings to the unit will ensure we can continue the mission of compassion to the dumped, unwanted, abandoned felines in our region. We never know what the season will bring us until the phone rings wanting us to desperately help them. Saying "no" is never really an option and what we see though the season, more often than not, is very heartbreaking. Payments to Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai/etc.).

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## Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

In times of uncertainty and confusion about what is true, we can become strong individuals – voicing opinions, looking out for ourselves and our immediate family and friends maybe. Actually, demanding times are an opportunity for us to let go of some of our own preferences and focus on being a part of the whole living ecosystem and human family, growing in personhood rather than individualism. Actually, as I think about it, this is the real heart of Christmas – connecting as persons, loving and valuing what is innocent and wholesome in each other, and expressing care; simply being good neighbours to each other.

The writer Clarissa Pinkola Estes talks of “the river of life” and “the river beneath the river”. We can whirl in the turbulence of day-to-day events, demands and concerns – the “river of life”. But we are easily disoriented if there is no connection to those values and timeless truths of “the river beneath the river”.

In our very secular culture there can be a lack of places and paths to reconnect to our personhood, the best of what makes us human beings. It is a gift to find like-minded others who will hold space and allow us time to reflect inwardly on how we are doing and what truly is important in our response to what life is presenting right now. I hope our soup and sitting opportunity is such a space, and we can continue to be present for each other.

I intend to continue with having an open space for all, so please stay away if you are unwell or in contact with anyone unwell. We will eat soup outside in December! There will be a walking meditation time before our sitting meditation. Call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Join us for soup at 6pm and sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm, Wednesday nights **1, 8, 15 December**.

I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm. Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you.

To contact me: email: [annasorensen@doctors.org.uk](mailto:annasorensen@doctors.org.uk) mobile 0211357056

## Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

### Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Secretary

Twilight Bowls has begun at last after a delay due to the downpours we have been experiencing. It was great to see the old hands back and some new faces giving it a go. Some of these Twilight Teams have been there since the inception of this competition and they are quite the “gun bowlers”, or so they think! The games are played in great spirit, with plenty of fun and interaction between competitors. There are prizes for all winners on the night, some chocolate delights for “touchers” and other pieces of magic spotted by our President. Twilight Bowls is the epitome of community involvement and a fun experience.

The Thames Valley Centre, Men's A Division Inter Club, was won by the Coromandel BC Team of: Colin Gawith, Danny Goodall, Ernie Grocott, Jason Dickson, Reg Wright, David Weatherley and Jim Dicks. This was a great achievement from the guys and we are very proud of them. We are a small Club punching well above our weight!

Now that the renovations are finished the Club is looking very smart and the greens are playing superbly, we look forward to welcoming visiting teams, clubs and social visitors to our top class facilities.



Twilight Bowls

### RSA News

By Pat Williams

Last effort for the year, how it has flown and what a mess it has been, and still is. In spite of all of the trouble, we just have to push on. Armistice Day went off well, a small gathering at the Cenotaph, and then refreshments at the Club. This is hearsay as Shirley Fenwick and I (the two oldest Life Members of RSA) went AWOL – went to Port Charles on a bus trip organised by the Information Centre. Have been going to Port Charles all my life so couldn't say no. We had a lovely day. Note, I did do the wreath for the service.

The carpet tiles are now down and the Club rooms are looking great. Our RSA Christmas Trip to the Whitianga RSA is on **5 December**. This is always a great day. Our Coromandel RSA Christmas Dinner was on 28 November; will report on how that went in January.

The Howick RSA fishing trip has once again been cancelled, because of Covid. These guys have been visiting our RSA for years, a great bunch. Till takings go sky high!

Looking back one year to the Chronicle in December 2020. The Ride Coromandel Bike Park opened its first stages; Letter to the Editor from DOC re whale strandings in Colville Bay 17, 18 and 19 October; Richardsons Real Estate 60 years young! Our CCC Club rooms were in the middle of their facelift. Part of a write up by our Local MP Scott Simpson; “Keep scanning, stay home if not feeling well, wash hands constantly,” ending with, “So notwithstanding the challenges of the year and those that are still ahead of us, I wish you and yours a safe, relaxing and joyous festive and summer season.” Amen to that, he could write the same words this year!

Wishing all a happy and peaceful Holiday Season. Big hugs to those who need one.

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## Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

Now that the Coromandel Community Library is part of the TCDC District Libraries' catalogue, there is a lot more that you can do using your new library card. Using the card number on the back of your card and the PIN (personal identification number) that you chose when you received your card, you can log into the TCDC catalogue and browse for books that are available in our library or any of the other libraries (except for Pauanui). That is five libraries' worth of books!

In addition to books, the members of Coromandel Library also have access to the e-books and e-audio books available in the catalogue via the Wheelers e-Platform. To do this you need to log into the TCDC Libraries catalogue, have access to the internet and a compatible device. You have access to the e-books and e-audio books for 20 days.

We have recently been donated some books for young adults. There are some by Cassandra Clare, including her best-selling series *Mortal Instruments*, an exciting new series for young adult readers. For the Harry Potter fans we have a series by Shannon Messenger, *Keeper of the Lost Cities*.

This month, in addition to many new titles by popular authors like Richard Osman, Ann Cleaves, Nicci French, Lee Child, Heather Morris, Cecelia Ahern, Wilber Smith, Jo Nesbo, Colm Toibin and Tricia Stringer, we have also added some books by new authors. A couple of these are featured below. Come in and have a browse at the library or you can see what's new online. The online catalogue also provides you with a short synopsis of the book.

### **Māori at Home: An Everyday guide to Learning the Māori Language – Professor Scotty Morrison and Stacey Morrison**



*Māori at Home* is the perfect introduction to the Māori language. A highly practical, easy and fun resource for everyday New Zealanders. It covers the basics of life in and around a typical Kiwi household. Whether you're practising sport, getting ready for school, celebrating a birthday, preparing a shopping list or relaxing at the beach, *Māori at Home* gives you the words and phrases, and

confidence, you need.

### **The Apollo Murders – Chris Hadfield**



Chris Hadfield is a seasoned and accomplished astronaut. A veteran of three space-flights, he crewed the US Space Shuttle twice, piloted the Russian Soyuz, helped build space station Mir, conducted two space walks, and served as Commander of the International Space Station. Some of his other books are *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*, *You Are Here* and *The Darkest Dark* (available from the Thames Library). These books have been bestsellers all around the world, and topped the charts for months in his Canadian homeland. *The Apollo Murders* is his debut thriller, a voyage into the dark heart of the Cold War and the space race.

### **She's a Killer – Kirsten McDougall**



Kirsten McDougall's previous novels are *Tess* (2017), longlisted for the Ockham NZ Book Awards, and shortlisted for the Ngaio Marsh Award, and *The Invisible Rider* (2012). *She's a Killer* is an eco-thriller, the story of a brilliant and stubborn slacker who is drawn into radical action. The world's climate is in crisis and New Zealand is being divided and reshaped by privileged immigrant wealthgees. It's about what happens when we refuse to face our most demanding problems, told by a woman who is a strange and calculating force of chaos.

## Mana

By Jade Ferriere

It is a glorious feeling to discover we are capable of doing more than we realised we could. But many of us never really know what we can achieve because we don't challenge ourselves enough.

Pushing through challenges is never easy, and whether it is solving a difficult problem or stepping outside of our comfort zone, almost all of us reach a point where we want to give up. But we are usually capable of more than we give ourselves credit for. We underestimate how much growth we are capable of. How adaptable, how resourceful, and how resilient we really are – we get intimidated by the magnitude of a task before we give ourselves a real chance to dive in and get our feet wet.

As writer Robert Brault has noted, "How often in life we complete a task that was beyond the capability of the person we were when we started it?"

The key is learning to believe in ourselves, which is much easier said than done. We have been conditioned throughout our lives to doubt ourselves and it takes effort to retrain our minds, to move beyond our fears in order to really see what we are capable of.

The retraining is a constant process and with all of the uncertainty we have been moving with of late we have chosen four simple practices to focus on to keep our self-belief alive and thriving.

- Believe it's possible: we believe that we can do it regardless of what anyone says or where we are in life.
- Visualize it: we think about exactly what our life would look like if we had already achieved it, solved the problem, made the decision or given it a go.
- Act as if we already have it: behave in a way that is consistent with where we want to go and who we want to be.
- Take action: go beyond thinking; nothing happens in life until we take action.

When we keep moving and challenging ourselves, the motion of growth keeps us young. We continue to expand beyond what we thought we were and into a realm of welcomed surprises. This is our hope for you as we venture into another summer. May this be a time of growth and fearlessness. With blessings from us all at Mana.

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## The Road Gang

An abridged tall tale by Michael McKinlay

Deb and I were exploring the back roads in the Ureweras, getting lost. Suddenly, up ahead, we saw a road gang pouring asphalt. A big chap came up to us, introducing himself as Jim.

"No way through here for a few hours. But you are welcome to join us for some tucker, if you like."

"That's most kind of you," said Deb.

"It's a special day today. We've got our annual inspection from the government. The chap coming up is a lovely bloke by the name of Mike Quinn. It's his second year with us, and we are going to do him proud," said Jim.

"How are you...?" started Deb.

"Well, we fill him up from the hangi, and all of us, including Mike, get stuck into the booze."

"Our road is a bit of a dead end. But we like our way of life here. No nosy parkers, plenty of venison and trout and we can grow whatever we like," Tim said with a smile.

"Sounds OK," I said. "What's the catch?"

"Well, we've been working the same stretch of road for the past few years," said Tim.

"Meaning...?" asked Deb.

"We prepare the road surface and lay down some asphalt. Then six months later we start restoring it to its original gravel surface!"

"What on earth for?" I asked.

"Dumbo," said Deb. "You've invented an eternal jobs scheme," she said glefully.

Tim gave a big wave to a Toyota wagon that was headed our way at speed, in a cloud of dust. A gangly-looking fellow with blond tousled hair unfolded himself from the ute. Much back-slapping and hand pummelling.

"So how is our project doing?" asked Mike.

"Just fine," said Tim, "but before we get down to business, come and sink a few beers."

"It'd be rude to turn down some hospitality," said Mike, grinning.

Hot steaming plates of venison and kumara got handed around and there was quiet for a while, as we all got stuck in to the food and the beers.

"Before I knock back too many beers," said Mike, "just wanted to let you know why Head Office loves you guys. Your costs per km are much lower than other similar projects."

There was a banging of food utensils and vocal appreciation from the gang.

"Well, we are trying to give value for money," said Tim. "You know, we source all of our asphalt and aggregates locally, reusing from an old mining road."

"This is a wonderful story of Kiwi ingenuity. It deserves to be heard," said Mike, stretching himself out for a kip. as the beers took effect.

Deb turned to Tim and said, "I liked your fib about reusing asphalt."

"But it's true," he said proudly.

"Doesn't anyone actually measure the

extent of sealed road?" asked Deb.

"The blokes from Head Office don't seem to notice, except for the one before Mike. Got a bit suspicious. We explained that heavy storms had washed away a lot of the road."

"Ingenious," I said.

"Yeah, he ended up telling us what a terrific job of recovery we had done, but, "and as he said this, he lowered his voice, "there's something really important at stake here."

"Heck, what's that?" asked Deb.

"Global warming. The age of oil is coming to an end. We have to phase out the use of asphalt. We are headed back to an age of gravel."

"Golly, you may have a point," I said.

"So our skills in building gravel roads will be in demand nationally soon," he smirked.

"Did I hear someone mention gravel," said Mike, arousing from his kip. "Nothing beats cornering a tight gravel bend at 90 km/hour. Anyway, great trip. Must be off." He clambered back into his ute and took off in another cloud of dust, with a big wave.

### Lounging in the sun

A senryu by John Irvine

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Coromandel Area School children on a learning session

## RIDE Coromandel

By Steph Parkyn

Exciting News! Ride Coromandel Bike Park is a finalist for two awards in the 2021 Waikato Sport & Active Recreation Awards. The first is the Sport & Active Recreation Partnership Award where two or more organisations work together to achieve a physical activity outcome goal. The Bike Park has been recognised for outstanding collaboration between Te Patukirikiri, DoC, Heritage NZ, TCDC, and our enthusiastic community. The second is the Outstanding Active Space Initiative for an initiative where a space has been used to help people be active. We've



turned an old landfill into a fabulous resource for the community thanks to the hard work of Spirit of Coromandel Trust in fundraising and managing this build. Not only was creating mountain bike descent tracks on a landfill full of challenges, but turning the regenerating Kauri Block into a longer trail ride meant that a lot of the area had to be literally crawled through to mark out a trail that avoided kauri trees and any sites of cultural and historical significance, while avoiding all of the mine shafts! This area has had a lot of human use over the years and we are excited that the bush will be able to regenerate and riders appreciate a spectacular trail. We are proud that Coromandel now has an international-level competition pump track. Living in a rural community doesn't mean you can't be an Olympian one day. And thanks to all of you in the community who are enjoying using the bike park and saying how wonderful it is!

We look forward to celebrating with you all (fingers crossed) when the award winners are announced at the end of January.

### Life Saving Defibrillator Appeal

Since the park opened last summer, we have had over 10,000 visitors to the park, our youngest rider 18 months old, and many nearing their golden 80's. We are looking to raise \$4,500 to pay for a community life-saving Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). This is important because we know that being in this rural environment far away from fast medical intervention means having a defibrillator on site may just save a life. Having peace of mind means you can ride and hang out with the whānau knowing we got your back.

You can donate to raise funds for the defibrillator at <https://boostedsport.org.nz/projects/ride-coromandel-bike-park-community-defibrillator>.

## CILT – Coromandel Budget & Foodbank

By Caroline Dunn

Well, here we are, the countdown to the end of 2021 and what a year it has been. We are pleased to announce we have now finished our move over and are now working under the CILT umbrella.

It is that time of year when we start organising our Christmas hampers for clients we have been working with during the year. The Christmas hampers are our way of making Christmas time just a little easier and more special for clients who live within very tight budgets. The people we work with are from our local community and cannot afford to enjoy the kind of Christmas that many of us take for granted.

Our hampers provide food for a Christmas meal and some small treats. To make it possible for the Foodbank to provide this wonderful service we are reaching out to the community for support. We gratefully accept offerings of cash, bank deposits or items that can be used in our hampers. We can use everything!

Goods and cash donations can be dropped to us at Tiki House, located at 45 Tiki Road. If direct depositing funds, please use the reference XMAS21 into our account CILT 02-0304-0002267-012. Please note the change of our bank account if you have our details saved to your banking already. Please get in contact with us if you require a receipt for tax purposes; our new email is [budget@cilt.org.nz](mailto:budget@cilt.org.nz) or you can call the phone number below.

For the month of December, the Foodbank will be the recipients of the Star and Garter's Pizza Sunday deal. The support we receive

from local business is always hugely appreciated, and we know how popular the Give a Little Sunday Pizza deals are with locals. How could they not be? The pizzas are divine and the staff always welcoming, so make sure you get along and treat yourself this month.

If you are receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember to bring along your own boxes/bags to take your groceries home.

Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Budget Services prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

You will need to book in with a budgeting mentor if you will need assistance over a couple of weeks.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Our office hours are: Tuesday 9.30am-2pm, Wednesday 9.30am-2pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

Our last day in the budget office and for food parcels for the year will be **Thursday 16 December** we will be re-opening on **Tuesday 18 January**, with food parcels resuming **Thursday 20 January**.

We hope you enjoy the holiday season and remember, don't let the pressures of the celebrations land you in financial trouble for the New Year. Having fun doesn't have to cost the Earth.

Looking back on the year, we are extremely grateful for all of the support we have received from businesses and individuals from throughout the community as well as our funders. We look forward to continuing to support our clients and having a successful 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all.

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## Coromandel Playgroup

by Brooke Dennehy Lakin

Coromandel Playgroup has been running locally on a Monday for almost three years now, held at St Andrews Church on Rings Road from 10am onwards. All are welcome. Over this time, it has become a true sanctuary and grounding place for us parents, a fun-filled and caring environment for the children, and a weekly reminder for all of us of the wonderful and powerful effect belonging to a group or community can have, particularly in these globally turbulent times.

As our playgroup is not covered by government mandates, we have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to come together and connect each week, holding it perhaps even closer to our hearts with the awareness of its preciousness now more than ever before.

“Playgroup on Monday” gives us all an opportunity to reset to a more relaxed pace of life in which all moments are moments to be appreciated, to ease our emotional burdens by sharing the stories of our week amongst trusted friends, and of course to revel in the exciting and wonderful developments and expressions of our children.

Recently we’ve been making the most of the sunshine by flowing

outside to play very active and fun games like Colour Rush and Stuck in the Mud, as well as the long and leisurely activity of drawing together with chalk on the concrete. Another favourite has been making mandalas from all of the different coloured things nature has to offer, a pleasant and thought-provoking way to celebrate the abundance and variety of nature at this time of year. We’ve also recently brought out our incredible hand-crafted nativity set which set the children into reverent play for a long time, bringing some of the themes of Christmas to our hearts once again.

The practise of celebrating the seasons with festival events together has become a pinnacle of what we are about – cooperating and sharing together to create meaningful ways to tune in to the cycles and seasons, reminding us of the myriad of beautiful ways these very cycles and seasons reflect the stories of our own lives.

This group is thriving now more than ever because of this strong philosophy that guides us, because of the nurturing care of all of its diverse members, and because of the overwhelming positive feelings we all get from simply being together.

Thanks for another wonderful year belonging to Coromandel Playgroup! I personally look forward to many more to come.



## Colville School

By Susie Sumner, Principal



We are nearly at the end of the year and it’s a good time to reflect on the rich learning at Colville School. Our Local Curriculum has a strong environmental focus. Learning flows beyond the classroom walls into the garden, through the stream, along to the foreshore and beyond! Learning in and about our local environment helps us to understand our story and learn about how we can be the kaitiaki of this unique place in the Coromandel Peninsula.

We have been working with local weaver Briar van Dort to learn traditional raranga (a plaiting technique used for making baskets and mats with flax). The Fishing Net weaving created by the Colville year 4-8 students was on display at the Colville Art Show along with their retelling of its origins.

### Origin of woven fish net

The O-ngohi stream has its source at the summit of Moehau and was considered as one of the waterways used extensively by the legendary patupaiarehe, the tiny fairy-folk inhabiting the area.

In those ancient times, it is said that these forest people had developed skills in hunting and fishing which were later adopted by ordinary men. It was here, according to Maori legend, that an ancestor named Kahu gained the knowledge of weaving nets.

Reference: *Te Takoto O Te Whenua O Hauraki (Hauraki landmarks)* by Taimoana Turoa

### Kahu Steals the Net by Holly Y8

Kahu was travelling when he found himself stranded along Waikawau beach, just as night fell. He slept in the sand dunes. He was awoken by the sound of voices and laughter. At the edge of the water there was a group of patupaiarehe, fairy people catching fish in a woven flax net. Kahu crept behind them hoping to steal the net and see how it was made. It was dark and he was slight like the patupaiarehe. They didn’t notice him as they thought he was one of them. Kahu helped thread the gutted fish and made his knots so that they would easily come undone. His plan worked and as the sun rose the fairy people suddenly disappeared, leaving the net and all of the fish.

We are proud to be a big family where leadership dreams can be realised and each student’s needs are met. Student wellbeing and positive relationships are a key part to ensuring that our tamariki are resilient lifelong learners. If you would like to find out more about learning at Colville School please give us a call and arrange a visit on 021 091 20434, (07) 866 6815 or email me at principal@colville.school.nz. We look forward to welcoming you to our unique rural school!

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# rangatahi OUR CHILDREN continued

## Coromandel Area School

Jamie Rose Brown

I can't believe that this is the last Chronicle article for the year! Some highlights would have to be our

Matariki celebration, the development made on our learning through play and nature class curriculum, the Y10 Spirit of Adventure trip, an increase in sport participation, and our growing kapa haka roopu. A big thank you to our amazing community for all of the support given to us throughout this year, and to our whānau who continue to support us here at CAS. Bring on 2022, with a growing roll, and some EPIC curriculum plans already in the works!

### Beginning of Term 1 dates

Remember to stay up to date with what is happening by checking our Facebook Page regularly and our calendar on the school website.

**Friday 4 February** is the first official day of Term 1, 2022. This day is for all students, Years 1-13; the buses will be running on this day.



### Play-Based Learning

Learning Through Play takes a considerable shift away from traditional teaching practices to one where intentional teaching involves honouring children in leading their own learning. This year the Year 1-4 classes have all implemented play based learning in their classes. This term was spent integrating our curriculum through play-based learning as a whole cohort where the students engaged with a play invitation across the four classes in a Tuakana Teina approach. We have had water play with a link to measuring, storytelling and drama, fossil finding linking to science, the arts, nature play, messy play and loose parts creations. The students have also learnt how to use our EPIC values in their play.

### Nature Class

Nature Class has been designed to work on natural interests, curiosities and strengths we all have, yet may not have the time or space to explore them. At Coromandel Area School, Nature Class provides students and adults an environment where they can explore interests in a natural setting. Some of the activities that take place are fishing, shelter building, fossicking amongst the



Nature Class

rocks, swimming, snorkelling and bush walking. Nature Class also offers time for students to push their comfort zone, learn to share and take turns, collaborate, build resilience, grow new relationships in a positive environment and so much more.

Below are some pieces of writing describing what happens in the outdoor classroom.

*Writing by Anahera*

Boom snap! As the fire shoots out a hot ember onto the rocks while I was cooking a sausage for Whaea Sheree and Matua C. Boom! Crack!

It went when I was roasting a marshmallow... oops it burnt, oh well.

*Writing by Zianna*

That was good, let's start cooking the marshmallows. Finally, I am cooking my last one. The stickiest one. I'm full.

Anahera and I decided to go and talk under a

pohutukawa tree.

*Poem by Lilianna Hill*

The forest is a young lady  
Her trees are all different autumn tones  
She protects the little creatures that live in her arms

They are her family  
She meditates to the peaceful sounds of nature

The juicy leaves fall from her eyes like loving tears in any season

The way she dances when the wind blows is so graceful

That every animal feels safe in her presence  
The animals love her because she is so kind.

### End of Term

The final day for 2021 will be **Thursday 16 December** with a finishing time of 12:05pm.

We would like to say a huge thank you for your support this year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

## Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal

The school is counting down to the end of the year, with school finishing on **15 December**. The year has had many highlights.

Like in 2020, Covid-19 has had its impact in the school. It continues to cause uncertainty in our world. During 2021 we have embedded our Well-Being and Mindfulness programme which has enabled the children to develop their own personal tools for managing life's uncomfortable and challenging moments. Each school day the children engage in a variety of mindful activities, including breathing meditations, listening and breathing exercises, and yoga, to name some examples.

One of the best ways to practice mindfulness is in nature. We know that nature is a place of regeneration, resilience, learning, peace and escape. It is comforting and a delight to the senses and it can help children see the beauty of nature through trees, water, wind, clouds and the sun. In term 1 we visited Opera Point for a whole school Mindful Morning. We had planned to have another morning at Opera Point in November, but due to the Covid-19 restrictions this had to be held at school. In Term 3, our Year 3&4 children started having Nature School on Fridays, under the guidance of Barry-George Colmer. This has been a wonderful exercise for our children, which will continue to become part of our regular programme in 2022.

We embrace using our local community to teach our children. Opportunities in 2022 included:

- Working with DOC and WRC with planting projects
- Waste Wise Week
- Having local, well-known children's author Des Hunt speak to our senior students
- Dr Kate James, a parent and marine scientist, sharing her knowledge and expertise
- Participating in "The Nukes" ukulele show at Coromandel Area School
- Having sporting sessions with folk like Northern District Cricket, David Hopai and Geoff Horton teaching our children various skills
- Having our wonderful parents supporting their children through the learning at home classes during lockdown
- We celebrated a number of children who won various national art, writing and video competitions during the year, including Rosie and Stella James who won the Lockdown Challenge Panasonic Package from Seven Sharp; Lila White whose writing was selected the Young NZ Writer's Journal, and Ben Aston and Roland Matthewson, who have been selected to illustrate for the *Toitoti* publication.





**Colville Bay Pre-School: Te Umangawha taku whare ako**

By Esther Powell

Haere mai! Welcome! Early childhood Education and Care for 0-6 year olds.

Come visit; we are located on the Colville foreshore, just behind Colville School.

We provide nurturing and stimulating experiences for our mixed age group.

We make regular excursions in our local environment and value collaboration within our community for learning opportunities. We have a well established "Bush Kura" program every Wednesday where we venture out to explore the ngahere or the foreshore with our older tamariki. Meanwhile our Parents & Toddlers group plays at pre-school 9am-12.00pm. On Fridays we enjoy kapa haka and waiata with our visiting kaiako Brandon. We have a dedicated, highly experienced teaching team. The centre is licenced by the Ministry of Education.

Open hours: Tuesday to Friday 8.45am to 3pm during school terms. 20 hours' free ECE for three years and over. WINZ subsidies available. All welcome

We can provide transport from or to Coromandel!

We are looking at extending our open hours if the demand is there. Would your child come five days a week if we operated on Mondays?

Check out our website: [www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](http://www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz).

For enrolments and enquiries please contact our Senior Teacher/ Centre Manager Esther: [cbpreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cbpreschool@xtra.co.nz), phone (07) 866 8319, mobile 022 121 7846, 2391 Colville Road, Colville.

Pizza Night on **Friday 26 November** from 5pm. This is a fundraiser for Colville Bay Pre-School and is at The Forager's Kitchen, Colville. Live band "Felt" will be entertaining.

Colville Bay Pre-school is a not-for profit registered charity, owned and run by our community. If you would like to become a member of the Committee or the incorporated society please let us know. Monthly meetings, all welcome.

If you would like to donate to this wonderful centre, bank details: 38-9005-0803508-02.



**Christmas Holidays – Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House**

Youth Group is for 5 to 15 year olds; choose from a variety of activities and hang out with friends. Just fill in a membership form, then ensure your children are signed in with a staff member.

For school holidays bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies, hot chips, etc. Bring togs and towel for water activities! Holiday entry \$2.

**December School Holiday Times**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-4pm, Sunday 1pm – 4pm.

Friday Night (school years 6 to 10) 6.30-8.30pm.

**After-school times**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3pm-5pm. Friday Nights 6.30-8.30pm (yrs 6-10) and Sunday 1-4pm.

Our last day for 2021 is **Friday 24 December**.

We reopen **Wednesday 5 January 2022**.

For more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, Coromandel, COGS & D.V.Bryant Trust.

**Kiwi Can**

By Brianna Moody, Kiwi Can Coordinator



Kia ora koutou, thanks to everyone that dressed up and showed up to our Halloween Disco! We had amazing feedback, and it looked like the tamariki had fun! It is a bit tricky to navigate with Covid and level restrictions when it comes to events, but we thank you so much for the great communication from parents and caregivers leading up to the event.

We're on the home stretch to school holidays, so we need this kaupapa Positive Relationships to remind us to have fun and be kind to one another for the rest of the school year. Over the last couple of weeks we have been focusing on Positive Communication: how our body language is just as important as how we speak to each other, showing active listening to one another and asking questions respectfully when we don't understand; all the good stuff that makes us trustworthy friends!

If you would like to keep up to date with Kiwi Can Coromandel, please like our page on Facebook! Search: Graeme Dingle Foundation Coromandel. Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation



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# mahi toi ARTS

## Gallery 6 – a new pop-up gallery space in Coromandel

Six artists are setting up a pop-up gallery in a vacant shop in Coromandel Town for three months starting mid-December 2021.

The principal artists – Diann Cade, Deborah Hide Bayne, Jan Linklater, Vaughan Udall, Donna Scatchard and Fran Campbell – are all painters and create different styles of work ranging from Impressionist, Contemporary to Surrealist. Ceramics and craft by other local makers will also be on display, plus cards, prints and books.

Deborah says, “2021 has been a strange year but I’ve been busy in my studio for most of it. I jumped at the chance to be part of this group. What a great opportunity to get my work out there and on display! I look forward to chatting to all of the locals and summer visitors about this talented group of artists, which I’m super proud to be part of.”

Diann says, “It’s exciting seeing the idea happening and being! The gallery space has large wall areas and an open feel so the works should look really good. I’m going to enjoy the time sharing our displayed works.”

The gallery will be open from 10.00am-4.00pm Tuesday to Sunday starting on **Monday 13 December**, and you can contact the group



The Gallery 6 Artists pictured left to right: Diann Cade, Vaughan Udall, Deborah Hide-Bayne, Fran Campbell and Donna Scatchard (Jan Linklater missing)

on 027 777 1572 (Ed Buckett) or their Facebook page Gallery6 Coromandel.

Please come and celebrate with us at the gallery opening on **Wednesday 15 December** from 6pm at 191 Kapanga Road, Coromandel (Covid levels permitting).

## Coromandel Players – “Murder Deferred”

Play review written by Brooke Dennehy Lakin

If you are one who, like me, enjoys attending theatre performances to see the people of your community thrive as they step into character with full commitment to bring a story to life, then you would have loved Coromandel Players’s performances of “Murder Deferred” by Stuart Ready.

Seven strong female actresses brought to life seven very intriguing and endearing characters whose stories weave together to tell the tale of a woman, a Mrs Leila Markham, who finds herself in a very tricky situation indeed.

Despite the entire story taking place in only one room, there were several elements that brought a dynamic and interesting quality to the staging, effectively pulling us into the mystery-fuelled world of the characters of the small Dorset village. The accents portrayed by five of the cast, two real and three well-practised I believe, added a lively feature to staging of the play, allowing actors to bounce off each other almost musically, and helping crucially to solidify each character’s unique identity in the minds of the audience. The timely furniture and costuming, paired with the

on-cue background noises of the pub making merry, added to the feel that we were in fact visiting a time and place and circumstance worth paying attention to. And then there were the enthusiastic and skilled actresses who invested themselves, and us, in the storylines and evolving personalities of their characters over the course of the play.

Skilful actress Heather Long at the centre of the plot as Mrs Leila Markham brought out the best in every actress she interacted with, portraying the journey of her character with such honesty and vulnerability that all other characters made sense in reflection of her. The pairing of Heather and Claire Johnson as villain Ruth Cousins, created a fantastic, dynamic, and realistic duo with each holding their characters with commendable consistency throughout, bringing a level of believability to the story that was anxiety inducing for the audience.

Actress Dawn Wylie made for a warm and energetic companion in Mrs Boulders, a very reassuring character presence indeed amongst the mayhem and distress of the play. Angee McWatt, as Irish lass and trouble-maker Bridget Clancy, brought a vibrancy and aliveness to the stage in her portrayal, the sassy and staunch character leaving a memorable mark in our minds

long after she left the stage.

Lisa MacLeod as young Swiss girl Trudi Bauer added a well-needed innocence and good-intentioned presence to the play, Trudi holding her head above the waters while other judgements become clouded by emotion. Lisa was perfect for this role, playing it with integrity.

Bronnie Kennedy as cunning and inscrutable Minnie Akers, and Anne Zealand as shrewd and strong Beryl Fountain, made for another dynamic, and sometimes even amusing, pairing. Bronnie portrayed a remarkable kind of heroine with a steady fire that burned brighter and brighter throughout the play, and Beryl was a trustworthy reminder for us all that things were, in part, going to be kept in hand, at least while she was present.

All in all, a few great nights of mystery and suspense were held by the Coromandel Players. As an audience member, my attention was always engaged with the drama unfolding on stage as the actresses left us clues with their practised acting to follow along with, and take great relief in, the reveal just as much as the characters themselves. Thank you everyone for the immense effort, and waiting time, to bring this creative work to the stage!

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### 33rd Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

Hauraki House – Coromandel Town 12 December until 9 January 2022.

Come to the opening – **Sunday 12 December** – all welcome. Mix and mingle from 5pm, opening at 6pm.

The exhibition will be open from 10am until 4pm daily. Closed on Christmas Day.

Artists exhibiting include: Bronwynne Cornish, Michael Smither, Gian McGregor, Fatu Feu'u, Wailin Elliott, Tom Elliott, Lindsay Garmson, Pamella Annsouth, Anneke Borren, Cindy Alger, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Bev Thatcher, Rod MacLeod, Barbara von Seida, Mike O'Donnell, Allan Beaver, Pete Sephton, Kim Brett, Kevin Brett, Kay Ogilvie, Tracy Johnson, Ian Webster, Mike Barton, Jan Kocian, Sam Ireland, Mike Cogswell, Raewyn Penrose, Marian Cogswell, Deborah Hide-Bayne, Iain Crichton, Petra Meyboden, Diane Cade, Jan Linklater, Mary Lee, Joanne North, Jenny Shearer, Vaughan Udall, Andrew and Jeannie van der Putten, Frederick Church, Barbara Peddie, Natasha Hunter, Paul Maseyk, Te Whanoa Cobbe, Stuart Spackman.

Come along and experience some of New Zealand's leading artists.



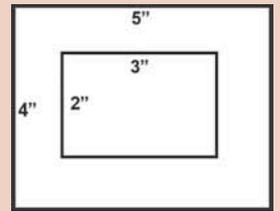
Wendy's palette knife painting

### Coromandel Art Group

by Val Gray

Here we are again, I can't believe how quickly Christmas has come this year. We have just got going and we will be stopping to over-indulge for Christmas, starting with the Art Group's Christmas party on the 23rd. We will also hopefully catch up with some family hugs again.

As I write this, the weather has suddenly turned on the sun and it is ideal for painting out on location. Some people find painting al fresco very daunting, so vast, where to end and where to begin? Make yourself a little viewer out of card about 4x5 inches, or for the metrically minded about 100x130mm. The hole in the middle is about 3x2 inches. Hold it up at arm's length and look around until you find a view that you like. The viewer cuts out all of the extra stuff around the edges. Don't be afraid to rearrange what you see. It is, after all, a painting, not a photographic image that you want.



Example of a viewer

Most important of all, don't forget to stop and have a coffee and just admire the view. It's good for the soul.

Last week we tried our hand at palette knife painting with interesting results. It's a good way to get some depth into a painting too.

Merry Christmas to all, we hope to see you in January at our annual exhibition.

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## Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

We have survived yet another year with a small membership, thanks entirely to our

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To all of you, our grateful thanks. Every year your donations allow us to just pay our annual bills.

But this year we were given another huge donation from Tim Turner which allowed us to buy three new nets, one for each of our courts, and build a volley board. Special thanks to you Tim.



## Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

### Inaugural Inter Club Competition

After a number of delays due to Covid-19 and rain, on Thursday 4 November, 14 members travelled to Matarangi for the inaugural Inter Club

Competition between Coromandel Town Golf Club, Matarangi Dunes Golf Club and Whitianga Golf Club. What an awesome event! Our Dunes Golf Club hosts organised a wonderful day of golf, catering for a large field of over 70 players on a beautifully prepared course followed by an impressive afternoon tea and amazing meatpack prizes. Making the day even more special for Coromandel was the overall victory thanks mainly to the very creditable ladies' scores, in very windy conditions, from Phillippa Medlock (39), Rangimarie Wirihana (38) and Peg McLean (37), aided and abetted by Craig Kerr (34), Paul Lawrence (33) and Ron Brooking (32) being the top scoring men.

The next round of this Inter Club Competition will be hosted by Coromandel Town Golf Club probably around March next year, followed by Whitianga sometime in the future. Matarangi was a big act to follow, but I am sure Coromandel will rise to the challenge and maintain our reputation for being amazing hosts. The competition looks to be a great addition to our annual calendar.

Melbourne Cup Day brought out "Wannabe Royal Enclosure guests". Unfortunately, they had to make do with a round of golf! The unusual format was pair's stableford where each player's points were multiplied by their partner's, so if one player had 0 and the other 3, total points for that hole would be 0. You can work the rest out for yourselves. Winners of the day were Phillippa Medlock and Richie Neal.

Finally, the Club Champs were eventually decided on 31 October after rain delayed the previous set date. Winners were as follows:

Seniors – Winner Chris Fielding over Peter Richardson

Intermediates – Winner Ross Mudgway over Max McLean

Juniors – Winner Richie

Neal over Ron Brooking

Junior B – Winner John Bull over George Campbell

After a frustrating few months recovering from a broken wrist, our intrepid golfer decided it was time to gently get back into the game by practicing some putting. After numerous putts that consistently missed to the left she was heard to say, "The surgeon must have set the bones wrongly!"

On-form golfer, Peg McLean, achieved a "hole-in-one" on the 8th hole on Wednesday 17 November. Waaahoooo!



Inaugural Inter Club Cup winners 2021

## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By the CRFC committee

With the water warming up the snapper have moved in. A lot of fish around the 10lb mark and over have been coming in.

Fishing in the mussel farms is excellent right now and there has been reports of gurnard being caught up and down the coast

The club held its AGM on 16 October where we said goodbye to some of the old crew and welcome to a few new members.

December means it is time for our Christmas function for our members. It will be held on **11 December** at the Admiral's Arms at 5.30pm with Santa arriving at 6pm!

The club's "Fish of the Month competition" for the \$100 prize is for our August 2021-July 2022 current members only. Fish of the Month for December is piper and January's will be snapper.

Finally we would like to say a massive thank you to those committee members who have left, especially Shevana, Nikki and Chris for all of the hard work they have put into the fishing club.

Look forward to seeing you out on the water.

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## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Summer has arrived and in response to the lovely warm days we have switched to summer time, meeting at 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you'd like to join us for a game and find out more about the intricacies of croquet, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

“Clean and green belongs not only to the greens but to all of us” – Barry Brickell (founder of Driving Creek Railway, Pottery and Conservation Park).

Part of the Driving Creek Conservation Park is a 1.6 ha wildlife sanctuary. The sanctuary is a replanted enclave surrounded by a predator-proof fence. It provides a haven for native birds such as kereru, tui, pukeko, riroriro, and piwakawaka. It is home to a breeding pair of nationally threatened pāteke which currently have three gorgeous ducklings. The sanctuary also has a series of enclosures which house native forest geckos and Auckland green geckos. The sanctuary is always open to the public and always free to enter and explore. We also have a short bush walk to an old goldmine with beautiful wētā and glow worms. Visit us this summer and enjoy some time with nature.

To finish the series of workshops we started earlier this year we are hosting one last conservation event for 2021. Come and join us for a free workshop to learn about environmental weeds with Richard Webster from Remnant Restoration Ltd.

This workshop is to be held on **Thursday 9 December**, from 6.30pm in the Driving Creek Gallery. It will be followed by the chance to network over drinks and snacks. All welcome.



Forest gecko/moko pirirākau in the sanctuary

## MEG

By Amy Lendrum

### MEG hosts Coromandel Kiwi Hui

On 5-7 November, MEG hosted a Kiwi Hui with 14 community conservation groups from our rohe Te Tara-o-te-Ika a Māui, Coromandel Peninsula to share and learn from experts about caring for our taonga species. The time was invaluable to us all and we are grateful that so many experts took the time to share their knowledge and research with us over the weekend session. Sessions on pest trapping, toxins and lures, and kauri dieback prevention were woven amongst national and local programme updates, and plenty of time was spent learning from each other.

Well done to everyone involved for their inspirational mahi in this important work.

### Look out for Tūturiwhatu this summer

The sun is well and truly out and summer is here! For many of us that means long days spent at the beach soaking, playing and cooling off in the ocean at one of our favourite spots. Summer also means nesting season for the native tūturiwhatu/dotterel. From December, the tūturiwhatu mainly breed on sandy beaches and spits, and their nests are often found in open or grassy sites in these areas.



So along with certain tides and weather events posing a risk, the nests are at a high risk from disturbances from vehicles, walkers, and dogs or other animals who flock to our coastal areas to enjoy the best a Coromandel summer has to offer.

If you have a dog, please remember to keep it on a lead and well away from sand dune areas or areas in which the tūturiwhatu are known to nest. The nests are easily disturbed by excited dogs and the adults will actually leave the nests in an attempt to distract perceived threats away from them, leaving them exposed and further at risk.

According to DOC, there are only 2500 tūturiwhatu left in New Zealand so they need us all to look out for them.

### The Colville Kiwi

MEG committee member Diane had the job last month of tracking down one of the kiwis who lives around the Colville area to change its transmitter in the hope that when he nests, we can harvest the eggs and transfer them to “The Burrow” facility in Wairakei.

He hasn’t nested so far this season but fingers crossed that he nests soon.

Have a great month everyone!

Contact us at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz) or make a donation by visiting our website [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)



Tūturiwhatu/dotterel

## Waiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary

By John Veysey

We have come through DOC’s latest poisoning of the Papakai area behind Manaia with group finding of the loss of 43% of our hawks and 19% of our moreporks.

It will be four seasons before their numbers begin to rise again by which time we will be facing another poisoning of that land just over the ridge.

This is just one of the hazards you face when you try to protect birds in an area adjacent to one which is being poisoned.

We can only be thankful that all of the native birds in the 10,000 ha Papakai area will now be “saved” for the next four years.

## Upper Coromandel Landcare Association

By Reihana Robinson,  
Spokesperson UCLA

Be aware that there are poisons yet again in our rural community. Recent signs along the boundary of Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat just before you enter Port Charles, declare Moehau Environment Group has applied poison in the area – please look out for the signs.

### Papakai Poison 1080

Local environmentalists believe the Moehau 1080 aerial drop scheduled for 2021 was only halted by the Rahui placed by Frances Henare, Mana Tangata Whenua Rongo-U o Te-Pa-Tu-Ta-Tahi Iwi.

DoC and EcoFX naturally tell us that the Waikato DHB was too busy with Covid to sign off on the drop.

But they found time to sign off Papakai which was aerielly poisoned Monday 8 November just in time for the nesting season.

Traditionally DoC drops poison in winter so as not to disturb nesters.

So who really cares about Papatūānuku? Those who trap or hunt responsibly or the poisoners?

Not just UCLA residents and visitors but birds, insects and animals are grateful for the power and presence of the Rahui Kia kaha.

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# te taiao ENVIRONMENT continued



Snapper/tāmure in Poor Knights marine reserve

## Forest & Bird

By Kate James



Did you know that Forest & Bird focuses efforts on much more than its name suggests? We are a voice for Aotearoa’s land, fresh water, oceans, climate, and economy. Our islands are some of the most remote in the world. Their lonely place at the southern limit of the vast Pacific Ocean makes them an important place for marine species and for marine conservation.

Almost half of the world’s whales and dolphins visit or live in New Zealand waters – from the tiny Hector’s and Māui’s dolphins to the largest animal that’s ever existed, the blue whale. Our oceans are home to the world’s rarest sea lion, penguin, dolphin, whale, and albatross.

Aotearoa is also the seabird capital of the world. Of the 360 seabird species found worldwide, 86 breed in New Zealand, including 38 which breed nowhere else. Whilst around a third of New Zealand’s land mass is protected in parks and reserves, only a tiny fraction of our marine environment has any protection. Marine reserves cover less than 1% of our marine area! In the Hauraki Gulf, fishing and shellfish gathering are allowed everywhere except in the five small areas, less than a third of a percent of the total area, set aside as marine reserves.

When you head out to the beach, go boating or fishing this summer, remember to do what you can to help protect our marine environment. Know the correct catch and collection limits for kai moana and think about other ways to look after the sea. A serious contributor to local chemical pollution in the sea during summer is sunscreen. Try to buy and use reef-safe sunscreen (labels will clearly say if they are reef-safe) which contains fewer chemicals that damage marine environments; cover up in protective clothing or a rash shirt so you don’t need to wear as much sunscreen; and apply your sunscreen at least half an hour before you go swimming. Enjoy our beautiful Hauraki Gulf and have a great summer!

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Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road. Contact Angee 021 255 0399 ..... 9.30am-12.30pm  
Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768 ..... 4.10pm  
Bridge, St John rooms ..... 7pm  
Taizé 4-part harmony singing, contact Sally 027 302 4245 ..... 7.30pm
- Every Tuesday**  
Community Gardens volunteer day (summer times) ..... 8.30-10.30am  
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
Age Concern seniors’ exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 ..... 10am  
Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
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- Every Wednesday**  
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Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-12pm  
Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
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Taichi classes, Anglican Church Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768 ..... 4pm
- Every Thursday**  
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Coro Bowls club day ..... 9.30am  
Coro Art Group, St Andrew’s Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799 ..... 9am-12pm  
Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) ..... 10am  
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am  
Yoga with Vanessa, Colville Hall, Colville Road, \$10. All equipment provided. Contact 021 124 7267 ..... 5.15-6.30pm  
Free Drop-in Dharma Talk or Video at Mahamudra ..... 7-8.30pm
- Every Friday**  
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- Every Saturday**  
RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available. President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576 ..... 3.30-7pm
- Every Sunday**  
Anglican Church Service ..... 10am  
Coromandel Tennis Club “club day” ..... 1pm
- Monthly**  
**1st Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers’ Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 ..... 10am-3pm  
**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 6pm  
**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 ..... 1pm  
**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 7pm  
**Last Thurs** – Green Drinks at Star & Garter ..... 5pm  
**Last Thurs** – DCR Music and Art Night ..... 6.30pm  
**1st & 3rd Sun** – Church Service at St Andrew’s Church, Rings Road ..... 10am

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at [corochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:corochronicle@gmail.com) with the subject “meeting” or txt/ph 021 235 6648. Please include contact name and phone number.

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