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## Editor's comment

As another year draws to a close I would like to thank all of the advertisers I have had and who continue to support the Chronicle. Also to all of the contributors of articles which make the Chronicle what it is – I especially appreciated articles written and sent in when meetings and events were cancelled due to Covid! It is so nice to see events starting to fill the calendar once more (see pg 34).

Santa Parade, which Coromandel Playcentre have kindly stepped up to organise, is on **Sunday 4 December**, as is the Annual Summer Kick Off at The Waterworks – so hopefully you can fit in both! There will be summer cinema in both Coromandel Town and Papa Aroha (see pg 7), then there is carol singing on **Friday 23 December** and Christmas lunch for

those who would like some company on **Sunday 25 December**. The Keltic Fair will be back on **Monday 2 January** too.

If you see a copy of the Chronicle on your travels this summer, please flick me an email at [corochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:corochronicle@gmail.com), and let's see how far copies have travelled.

Wishing a very Happy Christmas, Meri Kirihimete to all readers of the Coromandel Town Chronicle – far and wide!

*Debbie*

### POETRY SPOT Christmas ~ Anon

Every time a hand reaches out  
To help another....that is Christmas  
Every time someone puts anger aside  
And strives for understanding  
That is Christmas

Every time people forget their differences  
And realize their love for each other  
That is Christmas

May this Christmas bring us  
Closer to the spirit of human understanding  
Closer to the blessing of peace!

## Letters

### Close Sugarloaf to the public

Dear Editor,

Last week, my seasoned crew and I were returning from a trip. We were pulling into Sugarloaf. There was a bit of wind-against-tide, but not too bad. This time, my timing was marginally out and I was coming in slightly too hot. A brave crew member leapt onto the ramp, dinging his ribs against the boat rail and almost getting squeezed between the boat and these ridiculous, rusty, edgy, steel struts that run beside the ramp. It was just another close call at Sugarloaf.

Adding insult to injury was the new parking fee of \$15 which we paid when we launched. If you didn't pay, you are now forced to park on the side of the narrow, busy road and hope you don't get bowled by a vehicle on the long walk back to the ramp. This new fee is in addition to the launch fee of \$15.

I believe it's a bit dim-witted to be thinking about user-pay when, by keeping the ramp operating, you are exposing the council/ratepayers to being sued. Sued because this ramp is clearly not fit-for-purpose. It's rubbish at every level. It's a health and safety debacle. Despite this, you are charging ramp users \$30 for the privilege of getting themselves maimed. Why hasn't the Council's legal department had a word to someone about this?

I am not going to use that ramp-of-death again until the new one gets built and at that juncture, I am happy to pay a fee for a safe ramp. I guess that leaves us with the Jack's Point ramp? Is Jack's Point still silted to the gunnels or has it been dredged yet? I think I know the answer. Come on town, are we deliberately trying to put all of our visiting boaters off this town as a boating destination, so we can just have it to ourselves? Even if we don't think that way as locals, it's certainly the outworking of the town's profound lack of progress towards building safe, workable ramps.

David Jansen

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## Santa Parade

**Sunday 4 December** at 3pm.

Playcentre were devastated to here that Coromandel Town wasn't going to have a Christmas parade this year so we have taken on the challenge of organising it.

Watch the parade from 3pm, starting at Watt Street and continuing down Kapanga Road. The Parade will finish in the school field where you will find our festive Christmas market. Photo opportunities with Santa, face painting, Christmas gifts, home-made crafts, carols and a good old sausage sizzle are just some of the activities on offer at the market.

So far we have had some amazing donations from Flooring Xtra Whitianga, Premium Seas, and Perfect Air. If you would like to help support this day by volunteering your time or a cash donation, please get in touch.

We are doing this for the kids so if you want to share in some Christmas cheer, get in touch. Float and market stall registrations are still being accepted; the more the merrier.

Floats are to be in line by 2.30pm on Watt Street; market stalls can set up on the school field from 1.30pm onwards.

All enquiries can be directed to Shevana 021 081 86834 or sent to [coromandel@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:coromandel@playcentre.org.nz)



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## The Great Colville Re-Fashion Show!

By Emily Macleod

The Colville Community Health Trust would like to thank everyone who came together to make The Great Colville Re-Fashion Show such a stellar event! Our designers and models were fabulous, making the judging of "Best Outfit" a very difficult task for our celebrity judges – Coro's own Funky Frock-ista Christine Potterton and Mr Silk Satin Suede himself, Max Duncan. Huge thanks to them, and to all participants. Thanks also to Steve and Ella, organisers of the Colville Festival 2022, and the Colville Junction, without which none of this would be happening. Thanks for professional help from Matt Sephton on music, Mike Ledger on lighting, and Hans Gebhardt our official photographer – we don't have them yet, but watch our FB page and website to see his photos! The band was terrific, and Ris and Pamela made a great team as stage manager and MC, and kept us moving at a good pace all evening. A huge thank you to our team of volunteers from the Health Trust, The Colville Project, and keen community members, and to our sponsors – The Pepper Tree, Coromandel Zipline Tours, Hereford 'n' a Pickle, Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, and Coromandel Four Square. Sincere apologies if we've left anyone out... we'll fix

that on our website, promise!

The show was a fundraiser for a very important project – the construction of The Colville Project's "Wellbeing and Education Centre", which will eventually be the permanent home of the Colville Health Centre and all of its associated health support providers. We are a small Trust with a big impact on the communities in the northern Coromandel through providing equipment and infrastructure to the Health Centre, ensuring viability and sustainability of health and wellbeing services in our own community. Your support, through buying tickets and enjoying the show with us, and the support of this event's sponsors, is invaluable to us.

To keep up with future plans for fundraisers, please see our website, [www.colvillecommunityhealthtrust.com](http://www.colvillecommunityhealthtrust.com), or our Facebook page

## Christmas Carol Singing

This year we plan to sing in the street and at the market on the morning of **Friday 23 December**.

All are welcome to join in. Practices will be at the Hauraki House Theatre, **Sunday 11 December** 4pm and **Sunday 18 December** 4pm.

Any questions ph Anne Zeeland 027 688 2718 or Brooke Dennehy Lakin 022 522 5324



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## Chopping Block wins award

By Chelsie Geldard

Matthew Colvin and I own “The Chopping Block” in Coromandel Town, which we opened in 2020.

We are so humbled to be awarded The Micro Business of the Year Award 2022 from the Waikato Chamber of Commerce in November.

Our unique, small, family-run butchery’s goal was to not only provide our small town community with the finest quality gluten-free meat, old school butchery style in an affordable and innovative way, but also offer them homekill and wild game processing and offer our wider North Island community home delivery services. With a paddock to plate approach and a sharp eye for quality and detail, we pride ourselves in putting 110% into everything we do.

Matthew has been training his twin brother, Stephen Colvin, for the last few years to become a butcher and we are in the process of setting him up with an apprenticeship. His fiancé Holly helped out a lot in the front of the shop in the first few months while they were expecting their first child. The twins’ mother Ngairina has been an amazing help and travels up from Cambridge in the summer to lend a helping hand in the front of the shop. She is super creative and made the awesome paper mache meats that sit in the butcher’s bike at the front of the shop along with many other unique items. Lance, the twins’ father, also comes up from Cambridge to lend a hand out the back with his sons. I myself do the admin, marketing and online orders as well as working in the shop in my spare time.

Being a little fish in a big pond, we did not go in to the award process with huge expectations, but were eager to get some construc-



Matthew Colvin and Chelsie Geldard at the 2022 Waikato Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

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tive feedback for our future in business. It was, however, one of our goals before opening to receive a business award, so our fingers were crossed that we had done enough to take away a win. We were extremely excited to find out that we made the finals and then to go on to take out a trophy was so very, very humbling. We are looking forward to continuing to improve and expand in the coming year, with adding seafood to our product range and broadening our online presence by creating a website and improving our online ordering systems.

We are very thankful to the Coromandel community for their ongoing support and were so very proud to represent Coromandel at the awards.

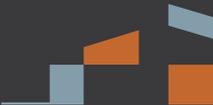
Judges’ feedback: The judges were impressed with what the team at the Chopping Block had achieved in such a small amount of time and during the disruption of Covid. Matthew and Chelsie’s attention to detail, their search for market opportunities and drive for innovation have made them become a success in a competitive market.

For info on the other winners please go to [www.waikatochamber.co.nz/business-awards](http://www.waikatochamber.co.nz/business-awards)



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December, 2022

## New Elected Members sworn in

Our new Council held its first meeting on 2 November, during which our new elected members were sworn in, Mayor Len officially received his chains, and Councillor Terry Walker was appointed Deputy Mayor.



Speaking of changes that lay ahead for our Council, Mayor Len said: "The future for local government

document sets out a pathway forward, and we get to have a say in that pathway. Today is the beginning, and I for one, can't wait to get started."

The new Coromandel-Colville Community Board also met for the first time on 15 November, appointing

Gavin Jeffcoat as Chair and Jean Ashby as Deputy Chair.

### Your representatives



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A reminder that the new QR payment system has replaced the physical ramp permits.

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*We wish you a safe and festive holiday season. Don't forget some rules and services change over Summer.*



### CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Our Council offices are closed from 3pm on Friday 23 December, re-opening to normal hours on Wednesday 4 January 2023.



### LIBRARY SERVICES

Our libraries are closed from 12 noon on Saturday 24 December, re-opening on Wednesday 4 January at 10am.



### THAMES CENTENNIAL POOL

- Closed Saturday 24 to Tuesday 27 December
- Open Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 December
- Closed Saturday 31 December to Tuesday 3 January, re-opening Wednesday 4 January



### ALCOHOL BANS

Our district has extra Christmas and New Year alcohol bans. This year, the ban for Xmas/New Year runs from 4pm on Friday 23 December to 4am on Monday 9 January. Check the locations and dates here: [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](https://tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)



### KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Our peak period summer Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule for the Eastern Seaboard and Northern Coromandel begins Monday 26 December 2022 and ends Friday 10 February 2023. Collections are Monday to Friday (no weekends), starting at 7.30am. For details of your area check [tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](https://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside) For Refuse Transfer Station hours, check [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](https://tcdc.govt.nz/rts)



### WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water restrictions may be in place this summer. Find out about your area at [tcdc.govt.nz/waterrestrictions](https://tcdc.govt.nz/waterrestrictions)



### LEAD THE WAY

Summer rules about where you can walk your dog are in place until 1 March 2023, with additional restrictions from 20 December to 31 January. Remember, dogs must be on lead unless specified otherwise. Find out more at [tcdc.govt.nz/dogs](https://tcdc.govt.nz/dogs)



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## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer, President



Hi everyone, Lion Mary here to let you know just what has been happening in the club.

We have had a visit from Brian Macmillan to induct Ryan Visser into our club. This was a great evening, as we entertained Brian and his wife to supper and were able to have him present Noeline Martin with her Coromandel Lions badge.

Noeline's hard work in getting the Christmas raffle off and running had been, as of "going to print" a great success. The draw will be taking place hopefully in time for the next edition of the Chronicle, but if you are one of the lucky winners, you will be contacted ASAP.

Lions Lyn and Pam have been out and about with the Christmas cake raffle and winners will be contacted as soon as possible.

We as a club strive, as our motto says "to serve". In this we rely on nonmember's to give of their time, expertise, work vehicles

and manpower, not forgetting land to get things such as logs to our yard for sawing, splitting and bagging for the winter fuel for many people of the town.

And it's hard to say just how grateful the club is for all of this work that goes on. I know many of you guys (and ladies) don't want to be named personally; you know who you are and are happy just knowing that you in your own way are doing your bit to serve the community.

I'll take this opportunity to thank you all so much, and wish you a Happy Christmas, and look forward to working with you all in the new year.

So it just remains for me to wish all of Coromandel a very happy Christmas, safe travels to you and your family, and look forward to seeing you at the Keltic Fair on **2 January**.

Thank you for all of your support throughout 2022.

Stay safe and well. Till next time.



Ryan Visser being inducted into the Lions

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Noeline Martin receiving her Lions badge

## Hot Spot Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Recent callouts: Helicopter landing Zone (2), debris on road, cardiac arrest (2), truck fire, sprinkler alarm (2), motorhome over bank person trapped, wharf fire, vegetation fire, trees on fire, bush on fire, MVC car vs car, house fire (2).

Another busy period that tests the crew training as people seek assistance from this willing band of local volunteers.

Now that Covid has finally released Aotearoa, we the Coromandel Team have been endeavouring to hold what has become a national Fire Brigades fishing contest, for the eleventh year. With some 160 entrants from across the North Island and amazing support from our local businesses and community (see the sponsors list below) wouldn't you know it, in comes the weather! A subtropical front threw winds of over 45 knots (83km/hr) into the space necessitating the cancellation of Friday's competition, so no weigh-in or entrants' prize draw for the Friday prizes. Saturday was back to normal for a very successful day on the water.

A huge thank you to all of our supporters and sponsors. Your local Brigade is indebted to you for such support. For the eleventh year, Hunting and Fishing Te Rapa became our major sponsor. Thank you Julie and Scott Fraser.

Xmas is coming, be safe as we face the increases of visitors and traffic.

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**Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild**

By Lesley Anger

The last guild meeting for the year was on 2 November and we have had some amazing tutors to inspire us during the year. Our tutor for the month of October was Heather Constantine, one of our guild members who did a two-day workshop teaching us the art of Hardanger. This class was enjoyed by 14 of our members.

Our annual exhibition at Hauraki House had a diverse range of styles and was judged by our guest exhibitor Kim Wood, with a wonderful selection of her work on display.

If you are interested in embroidery and think you would like to join, come and see us at the St John Hall in Coromandel.

Our next meeting will be on **1 February 2023** at 10am.

Merry Christmas from the Coromandel Embroiderers.

For information and enquiries please contact Win McMinn, Secretary (07) 866 7508, winandalf@gmail.com



**Summer Cinema Comes To Coromandel**

This year we are lucky enough to have the first film program from the pop-up cinema in Papa Aroha and Coromandel Town.



The screenings are organised by Joshua Dullroy who is visiting from Berlin, Germany with his travelling cinema "Mobile Kino". Joshua, originally from Australia, shows films in quirky locations across Berlin and presents an international film festival "Lakeside", each August in the German countryside. His roaming cinema plans to stop at the Papa Aroha Fire Station and also in the Hauraki House Theatre for several film screenings. Travelling all the way from Berlin, the mobile cinema brings a unique program, including a mix of European and New Zealand films.

Tickets are on sale at Coromandel Town Information Centre for Hauraki Theatre screenings and Papa Aroha Holiday Camp for Fire Station screenings.

Search "Mobile Kino" on Facebook for films and dates

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**International Cinema comes to Coromandel this summer!**

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 Friday 16th, 23rd, 30th December at 8.30pm  
 TICKETS FROM PAPA AROHA CAMPGROUND SHOP \$10

**Coromandel Town dates**  
 Hauraki House Theatre (behind Kapanga Road playground in old school building)  
 Saturday 17th, Wednesday 21st, Wednesday 28th December at 8.30pm  
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Check Mobile Kino Berlin Facebook page early December for movie titles and synopses.  
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Josh from Mobile Kino

## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



With summer just around the corner, we'll soon be welcoming another batch of new and returning visitors to our beautiful part of the world. Not only do our businesses rely on the increased summer trade, the Coromandel benefits year-round from its reputation as a warm, inviting destination. It's always terrific to see people discovering and enjoying all that our region has to offer. Whether it's a day out on the water, tramping through the bush or relaxing on the beach, there's something for everyone.

Unfortunately, Fullers's decision to cancel their ferry service to Coromandel Town will have a negative impact on the community and the wider region. I'm sure that we'll still have a bumper summer, but it's a shame that our local businesses must overcome yet another obstacle.

In news from Wellington, the Government has pushed through the Fair Pay Agreements legislation which will result in a significant change to our industrial relations landscape and laws.

Essentially, the legislation will make New Zealand's workplaces less agile and flexible. Instead of individual employers and employees negotiating terms and conditions, Fair Pay Agreements force employers and workers within a sector to bargain for minimum terms and conditions for all employees in that industry or occupation, regardless of whether they want to be included.

Back in the 1970s and 80s these used to be called National Awards and those who are old enough will remember hearing about big unions and big business meeting together in closed rooms, usually in Wellington, and setting the terms and conditions for the businesses. That arrangement changed in the 1990s with the Employment Contract Act, because workplaces were evolving and we needed to offer people greater flexibility.

The biggest impact of going back to Fair Pay Agreements will be felt by smaller businesses who don't have the resources to be sitting at the negotiating table. They're going to be left out and won't have an input into what the terms and conditions are of their employees.

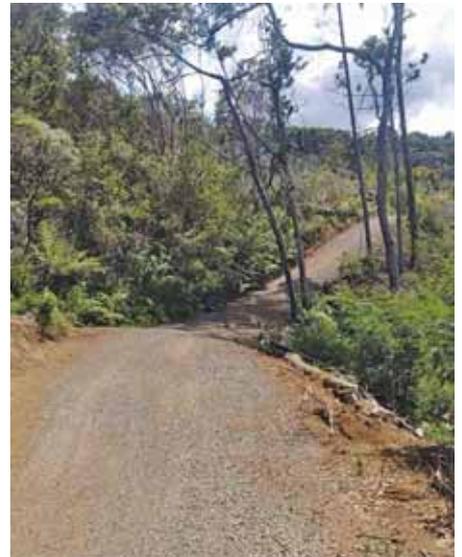
National believe that flexible labour markets are essential to our future economic success and have promised to repeal the Fair Pay Agreements as soon as possible.

## Harray Track update

By Bob and Philippa Medlock

We would like to take this opportunity to update you all on the progress we have made upgrading the Harray Track. Visitors to the southern end of the Harray Track will have noticed the restoration work that has already been carried out following the removal of the pine trees. The newly formed and graveled track is being complimented by plantings and water features to enhance the natural beauty of the area. We also recently completed our purchase of the old Harray property, on Rings Road, which had previously been mined and farmed but had become overrun with weeds. We set out to find a more user-friendly route across this property, and discovered the old road which once linked Top and Bottom Towns. By using this route we have been able to minimize the impact we are having on the land. Invasive weed species are also being removed to allow the natural environment to recover, while at the same time improving access to the public so you can experience and enjoy it.

The satellite photo (below) shows the original route of the Harray track in yellow and the alternative route shown in red. The Golf Course is in the middle of the picture. The new route will avoid steps and enable it to be enjoyed by a wider range of people. We want this track to be accessible to, and enjoyed by, everyone, from walkers and bikers to horse riders who have very few public places to ride. We are committed to the public retaining access to this land, including the stream and swimming hole, and restoring the natural beauty of the property. This project will be completed over the next few months, including signs and maps, and we look forward to sharing it with the Coromandel community.



The newly formed and graveled track



The original route of the Harray Track in yellow and the new alternative route is shown in red

## Scott Simpson

MP for Coromandel

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### Colville Festival – Labour Weekend 2022

Once again, a wonderful event! Sellout shows every night.

Friday: Colville Sings Swing & Blues – 21 singers, in the form of solo/duo/band acts, took the stage plus a random French man, Marcel Dupont, who stood in as MC for the evening.

We had a great supper; thanks to Coromandel Four Square for providing the kai. And the amazing baking and display by local volunteers.

Saturday: The Big Music Night – a night of music and dancing.

Two Waiheke bands, two local DJs and a duo from Nelson/Birkenhead performed. Wonderful sound from Matt Sephton and great lighting by Mike Ledger.

An exciting night with wonderful food by The Forager’s Kitchen.

Sunday: The Great Colville Re-Fashion Show – after Covid postponement, finally got to be... It was a terrific event with amazing outfits designed locally with great imagination and modelled by fantastic models. A wonderful new local band played some songs in between categories. This was hosted by the Colville



Community Health Trust, raising funds for the construction of the Colville Project Wellbeing and Education Centre. We hope it will happen again.

Monday: Matinee – a combination of Colville Sings and the Re-Fashion Show. This was for those who couldn’t get tickets to the previous evenings or preferred a daytime event for kids. It was a wonderful family event.

Workshops: clay, candle making, live sound and flax weaving – all well attended and enjoyed. And last but not least a mural painting by the children.

So... be ready for the next Colville Festival, which will be on Labour Weekend from now on – some great surprises are being planned. Remember to buy your tickets early as this was the fourth year it sold out!

Big thanks to our funders: Trust Waikato, TCDC Creative Communities Scheme and Lotteries. We would also like to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors: Resene, Driving Creek Railway, Hike & Bike, Himalaya Shop, Lothlorien and Coromandel Four Square.

We’d also like to thank all of our amazing supporters: the Colville Store, Hereford ‘n’ a Pickle, The Forager’s Kitchen, The Colville Community Health Trust, the musicians, tutors, designers, models, judges, all the volunteers and the great community! It wouldn’t be possible without you.

Thanks Steve, Ella, and the Colville Junction team



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### Kiwis want flexibility with how and where they work

Ongoing changes to the way people work in the Waikato is showing up in broadband usage patterns on the Chorus network. As increasing numbers of businesses in the region adapt to worker demands for flexible, hybrid working models, average monthly data usage for residential and small businesses in the Waikato increased to 442 GB (July 2022). This compares with 244 GB in February 2020, ahead of New Zealand’s pandemic response. In the Thames Coromandel District average monthly data usage increased to 314 GB (July 2022), compared with 174 GB in February 2020.

Working from home before 2020 was for a select few, and it was unimaginable to think working from home would be widespread within the year. This culture-shift is driving considerable data usage on Chorus’s network in the Waikato.

This developed-appetite for remote and flexible working has Kiwi businesses deciding what the future of work will look like for their staff.

Chorus Chief People Officer Shaun Philp says, “People are now more comfortable working from home, following extended lockdowns and the pandemic response. While Covid was the catalyst, it’s now the environment we’re operating in, and that means businesses are having to adapt.”

Fibre has eased New Zealand’s transition from an office-focused workforce to an adaptive and flexible one, meaning Kiwis can do more at home without impacting the rest of their household’s internet experience.

### Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch – Sunday 25 December



Christmas lunch is open to all. To make it happen we are reaching out to our community asking for monetary donations, which can be left at Four Square (addressed: For Coromandel Community Lunch). If you want to help with preparing/cooking or donating food, or just help on the day, we look forward to hearing from you. Please email: [Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com](mailto:Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com) or phone Rita 027 210 3734. Those attending are welcome to make a donation if they would like to do so.

Please book early (see form) as the venue has limited seating; we would hate for you to be disappointed and miss out.

The lunch is at the Citizens’ Hall on Kapanga Road. Doors will be open at 12.30pm, lunch will be served at 1pm. We look forward to sharing a delicious lunch with you.

From Chris (Four Square owner), Lyn, Rita and the Elves.



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## High Tides and Floods

By Julie Sargisson

The last couple of days (Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November) have been dramatic wherever you were in Coromandel. Howling winds, pouring rain, branches ripped off trees and no power. Today we're back to summer and it's hard to believe how wild it was.

Looking down on the wetland/salt marshes, over the night and day of the storm, the flood water filled all of the low-lying land, creating large lakes. Then, from about 8.30am Friday morning, the seawater started pouring into the wetland for the 10am full tide (2.8m). By this time it was fast turning into an inland sea. And for about 3 or 4 hours, we did have a sea of water over the greater wetland area. A sight to behold. The water was contained, however, in its usual low-lying basin and the roads remained well clear of tidal or flood water. An incoming wind on the harbour would have put the sea over the causeway, but it didn't happen this time.

That afternoon, the rain eased and the tide receded. The now large mats of bright yellow button flower that cover the sea's path on the paddocks, popped back up in buoyant clumps, perfectly happy and adapted to such a drowning. In fact this is their ecological niche: muddy wetlands and brackish water. The plant has fleshy leaves that store water when the salt water covers them. They are native to NZ and southern Africa.

Today (Saturday after the storm), with the sun shining, the mats of button flowers are almost iridescent, glowing gold in the afternoon sun. Of course the mangroves and rushes love the salt water.

The family of paradise shelducks has emerged again with their six large young ducks. Herons flap busily from salt marsh to pine trees and pied stilts feed on the newly washed-in small fish. The mud is full of life. A family of pateke ducks have taken up residence in a pool not too close to the territorial paradise ducks and the kotare were back on the power lines for today's incoming tide.



## Going Loco

By Carla Grosman

### Dance and Spanish workshops

Classical, contemporary dance and Spanish language for all ages. This is a good choice as afterschool activity or as unschooling/homeschooling education. Parents can join the dance classes and have a language class.

This is at Te Puru Community Hall, 4 West Crescent, Thames.

Expressing through rhythm and movement as well as learning another language are both ways of searching into personal communication skills and emotional development while strengthening mind and body.

### Schedule (Tuesday 22 November-Thursday 22 December)

- Classical dance: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3.30 to 4.15pm
- Contemporary dance: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs 4.30 to 5.15pm
- Spanish beginners for children: Tuesday and Thursdays 5.30 to 6.15pm
- Spanish beginners for adults and teens: 5.30 to 6.15pm

### Terms and conditions

Commitment is for package of eight classes per person. Price is \$160 paid in advance.

Bring comfortable clothing for dancing.

Bring a writing book for language class.

Fridge and kitchen are available during class breaks only.

The teacher is not responsible for children present in the building who are not attending the class in progress.

### About the teacher

Carla Grosman is a licensed Dance and Spanish teacher from Argentina. She has taught Classical and Contemporary dance as well as Spanish workshops in New Zealand since 2001. She has private and institutional experience teaching all ages and levels. Pedagogically, she trusts creativity as the teaching/learning approach to help students to develop their technical potential and to find their inner expressive voice.

For more info contact Carla on 022 539 7953 or [www.facebook.com/Goinglocoworkshops](https://www.facebook.com/Goinglocoworkshops)



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## Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay

Twilight Bowls is well underway, although there has been one cancellation because of a downpour. Amongst the thirty-two teams playing it is 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 with great spirit and 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 for the participants and our generous sponsors, not to mention a fun experience for all.

Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris-sponsored Alternate Fours were held on a sparkling Coromandel day with some very close games played in excellent spirits. Congratulations to David, Colin, Brian and Dave from Mercury Bay on their win.

The Men’s and Women’s Championship Triples were played on Sunday 6 November, with both titles hotly contested. The Men’s title was eventually decided after a number of calculations; after all teams were tied on wins, the points differential and ends came into play. The winners were a mixture of youth and experience. Layke McNeil, in his first year of bowls, Danny Goodall and the evergreen Colin Gawith were the eventual Men’s Triples Champions. The winners of the Women’s title were Vi King, Linda Lindsay and Sue McNeil. We wish these teams the best as they progress on to the Champ of Champs later in the season.



Linda Lindsay, Sue McNeil, Vi King, Women’s Triples Champions



Danny Goodall, Layke McNeil, Colin Gawith. Men’s Triple Champions



## RSA

By Gary Pettett

### Armistice Day

On 11 November, 20 members braved the wet and windy weather and met at the Club in remembrance of the official end of the 1914-1918 Great War. The war finally ended with the signing of an armistice between Germany and the Allies on 11 November 1918. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent.

New Zealanders enthusiastically celebrated the premature news of an armistice with Germany even though Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria-Hungary had previously surrendered.

Despite the joy throughout the country, the 1920 flu epidemic took hold through lack of quarantine when hundreds of servicemen returned home, and 9,000 New Zealanders died within a two-month period. The NZ Health Act 1920 was drawn up and still forms a great part of our present day Health Act.



President Kevin Stone and RSA Chaplain John Gaffikin-Cowan at the Armistice Day remembrance at the Club

### Car Club news

By Bruce Finan



### COROMANDEL CAR CLUB

Our meeting on 9 November went very well. 32 members arrived at the Club for “Happy Hour” and our new dip-stick recipient is Richard, so look out. We currently have a total of 53 members.

On the 24th we did a run to Thames and joined the “Beach Hop Boys”. What a day, with many opportunities to pass on the dip-stick on **Wednesday 14 December**, which is our next “Happy Hour” meeting.

Keep in mind **Monday 5 February** as we are planning a “Car Fair” in Coromandel. This will be our inaugural Car Show Day taking place in a big paddock near town, with a BBQ, music, great food, etc. Get those cars ready, guys and gals.

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## Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

We welcomed some new faces to our November meeting. Overall, it was not well attended again, which is a shame because Brenda Flay was a great speaker and knew her stuff regarding wills, Power of Attorney, trusts and lots of other bits and pieces of information. Everyone who attended came away with something they didn't know.

We all need wills, and it is a good idea to have an enduring Power of Attorney for property and for personal care and welfare. Both need to be in place while you are of sound mind, for when you become unsound of mind or have an accident.

A member spoke to the meeting regarding the Rule of Law and Government Emergency Powers. He asked if it was worth taking a remit to the Federation AGM. After further discussions, the meeting suggested we have more information before doing so.

The Committee called for feedback on the newsletter. We welcome assistance with information for our members. Letters to the Editor (Grey Power Coromandel Newsletter) may give us ideas or subjects to discuss at meetings. Is there anything we can assist with as a Society for our members?

What do we need to do to attract some of the 200-odd members to our meetings? Is it the venue? Time? Covid has caused a lot of fear over the last couple of years, and we hope that this is in the past now.

We would love to see more members participating at the meeting. The Committee is only as good as its members, so please – give us your views of how you would like Grey Power Coromandel to move forward. We welcome your thoughts!

Membership for the year April 2022 to March 2023 is \$28.00 per two members living in same house, and \$15.00 per single member. Bank account is 38-9023-0537303-00. Carol Carson, our Membership Secretary, is more than happy to help you. We have had some members who have paid twice for this year, so please check your membership card which year you are paying for.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact John on 021 139 0189 (johngaffkincowan@hotmail.com) or Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 027 498 5229 (patricia@prosystems.co.nz)



## Coromandel Community Garden

By Rachel Benmayor

Hopefully we will continue to get periodic rain over this summer rather than the drought-like conditions we have had over the last two or three summers. Certainly, it is good for our gardens if it is a bit disheartening for us, this rather wet spring.

The garden and grass are growing exponentially and if we can ward off the slugs and snails, we will soon have lots of lettuces and greens coming on for summer.

At the moment you can pick spinach, silverbeet, rhubarb, celery, kale, spring onions and cabbage from the garden. Please come and help yourselves. We won't be putting things on the sharing shelf as they wilt quickly, so come along and just take from the garden what you need, remembering to leave some for others.

If anyone has some time to pull some weeds, then please do. There are only two of us managing the garden on Friday mornings, if it is not raining, so any help would be so appreciated. For those of you who have donated seeds and seedlings, many thanks; they are so good to receive. As there are no finances available, it is completely dependent on what people donate.

Have a happy Xmas holiday period and let's look forward to a peaceful, harmonious world next year.

### Himalaya shop : Colville

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This year we are very grateful to Richardsons Real Estate, who are receiving Christmas presents on our behalf for families in need. For people who would like to donate presents you can hand these in to Richardsons Real Estate. Please include a brief description of the present, and the age that it is appropriate for. We are also collaborating with Coromandel Four Square in putting together Christmas parcels for families and individuals in need of a bit of extra help this year. There will be a box by

the Christmas tree in the store where food can be donated.

The Coromandel

Foodbank has been very well utilised this year. We are thankful for the support received from Hauraki Maori Trust Board, Ministry of Social Development, Sir John Logan Cambell Residuary Estate, and some generous local supporters to help keep the pantry shelves stocked.

The Coromandel Foodbank is open on Wednesdays. Our policy is that people can receive the first food parcel without any questions (except your name and address). After this, if you would like to have continued access to the Foodbank, you are required to go through our budget advisory service and work with a budgeting mentor. One of our staff will work with you to help get your finances on track. Appointments to speak to a budgeting mentor can be made at the Resource Centre.

To receive a food parcel on Wednesday, time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Budget Services prior to 2pm Tuesday on 022 018 0849. This is essential so we know numbers and have all the items we need on site.

We urgently need reusable shopping bags if people have excess. They can be dropped into Tiki House Monday-Thursday and let

reception know they are for the Foodbank.

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

Additionally, we have a separate service available to people who are at home isolating with Covid-19. If you or a family member has Covid then you can register with “Here to Help You” (<https://heretohelpu.nz/>). Once you have registered, a message goes through to our social workers who will get in touch with you about what food and other assistance you require.

“Budgeting does not limit your freedom; it gives you freedom.”

**Summer Closedown Period**

The Resource Centre will be closing for four weeks over the summer break at 3pm **Wednesday 21 December.**

If you need a volunteer driver to get you to and from a hospital appointment in Thames or Waikato, then your GP can help you with this, or if you are driving yourself to your appointment (or being driven by a friend/family member), then simply save your stamped and signed appointment letters and we will reimburse you for your travel costs once we reopen after the break.

Thank you. Ngā manaakitanga.

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

The December meeting of Garden Circle was very well attended by 36 of our members, including new member Joan Castle. Our meeting was held at Lorraine Lang's lovely home on a beautiful day. Lorraine has been shifting her garden to her new property over the past five years. She enjoys collecting plants; struggles with wind damage; and got soil from various sources, including another member's worksite! She has planted her borders and a picking garden for arrangements, with her vege beds being the current work in progress.

Thelma talked about her recent trip to Nelson to see peonies that are mostly grown for export and showed us two that she had stored in her fridge. We were all in great awe of their beauty... and a bit sad that we would struggle to grow them in the Coromandel climate.

First place winners in the November flower competitions were as follows: Irene/Single; Keitha/Mini; Kelera/Multi; Linda/Arrangement (Roses Grow On You); and Sheana/Special (Show Off Your Succulents).



Miniature blooms

Our December meeting will be a shared lunch at The Club, 12 noon on **Wednesday 14 December**. Members are encouraged to dress up, a little or a lot, for the Christmas meeting.



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Lorraine Lang's garden

even if just wearing Christmas jewellery, a festive hat, Christmas outfit, etc. You may even win a prize! Don't forget to bring a wrapped Secret Santa gift valued at about \$10 and an unwrapped, nonperishable food item for the Foodbank. The arrangement is Christmas Table Decoration (with maximum height of eight inches) and Special is Salad Bowl (salad ingredients in a bowl).

Visitors are always welcome to join us.

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

### Taichi for health with Christina

The third of the ten taichi principles is to sink the shoulders and drop the elbows; that means that they are able to relax and hang downward. If the shoulders aren't relaxed the body will be tense and if they are raised so will the centre of gravity, hence the body loses its balance. If the elbows are pulled up, the shoulders aren't able to sink. Sinking the shoulders and dropping the elbows enable qi to naturally sink to the Dantian (the body's centre of gravity, in the lower abdomen) and the whole body can maintain its balance and rooting. Be aware that sinking shoulders doesn't mean collapsing them. This principle is connected the first two principles (raising the upper back and relaxing the chest, and suspending the crown of the head from above). The upper body's relaxed, erect posture is fundamental to keep the central equilibrium. People can tense their shoulders without awareness in everyday life. Giving a few minutes mindfulness exercise to relax the shoulders and breathe from the abdomen (Dantian) might help us to relax our body and mind.

Our weekly taichi class runs every Wednesday at 4pm at Waikato Events Centre. We have a bunch of lovely and spirited people. On Friday/Saturday and Sunday mornings if the weather is good, some of us gather beside Karaka stream, feeling the joy of doing taichi in a natural setting.

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

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**Museum News**

By Raewyn McKinney

Things are going well at the museum. We thank those members of the community who have helped us with our fundraising: CILT, Combined Clubs of Coromandel, Star & Garter and Lions Club. Also, thanks go to the many individuals who have sent in donations. If anyone would like to assist us, donations can be made direct to our bank account: 02 0304 0311211 00. All donations over \$5 are tax deductible, so send us your name and address if you would like a receipt. Our applications for grants have been successful, so we are hopeful of a start being made in the very near future.

The support we have had from the community for our project to conserve an iconic historic building is not unusual, of course. There are many examples around the town of great community projects.

The Coromandel Community Library is possibly the best-known example of community spirit. Coromandel has had a library since 1939. Until 1971 it was housed from unsatisfactory space in the council offices to an old council building in the shopping area. However, in 1978, it became clear that this building was in a very sad state of repair, with only a limited life left. The library committee of the day recognised that their collection of books would be jeopardised if steps were not taken to remedy the situation. A purpose-built library was clearly needed and, thanks to some of the many talented people in the town, a design was soon forthcoming and quotes obtained. However, the District Council of the day declined to support the project, so a subcommittee was formed to raise the sum of \$30,000 to complete the project. Local residents initially pledged \$3,300, so the fundraising got off to a healthy start. Many varied fundraising

activities were undertaken, and various philanthropic organisations were approached. By June 1980, enough money had been raised to convince the District Council to issue a building permit. From then, progress was very fast. Most of the labour came from volunteers, and the new library was ready for business on 6 March 1981.

The final total of funds raised was \$34,895.63, of which \$20,395.63 was donated by members of the community. This was a truly wonderful effort from a small town, and Coromandel can feel proud of the residents who achieved this goal. As is the case today, the Lions Club of Coromandel were



Evelyn Green helps move library books 1981

prominent in helping to raise the money and were active in donating labour. The committee and volunteers of the library were also heavily involved in the fundraising.

At this time, Evelyn Green was an assistant librarian, and committee member. She played an active part in running raffles and other fundraising efforts and was closely involved in the relocation of library books when the new building was completed.

Evelyn went on to serve 41 years as a volunteer for the library, working in roles from treasurer to librarian, and was an important part of the book buying committee over many years. At the AGM in 2017, Carlene Carmichael paid tribute to Evelyn's amazing record of volunteer service. Evelyn turned 98 in October and continues to be very interested in the activities in the library and the community. We hope you had a wonderful birthday, Evelyn, and wish you all the best for the future.

On behalf of the committee, I thank all of the volunteers who have helped keep the museum open throughout the year. We wish everyone a very happy festive season.

The museum will be open Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to noon and weekends from 1pm to 4pm during December



Evelyn and Ann at Library AGM 2017

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## Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee - Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

Twenty-two people were fortunate to have the services of the Rescue Helicopter on the Peninsula available during October, six of which were from our side of the hill.

### Missions for October

10.10.22 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

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14.10.22 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 80’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

23.10.22 – Port Jackson – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his teens involved in a dirt bike accident. He was flown to Middlemore Hospital in a minor condition.

29.10.22 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 60’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

30.10.22 – Waikawau – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 50’s who had suffered a fall onto rocks. He was transported to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

Good news, for those that missed last month, is that the Rescue Chopper is returning for six weeks, Boxing Day to mid-February.

A very big congratulations to Trustee Doug Walters and his crew at Whangamata Golf Club for organising and running the Annual Ray White Sponsored Golf Tournament recently. The money raised from this event went to Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust (\$10,745.00), Ronald



McDonald House (\$10,745.00) and a smaller amount to Whangamata St John Ambulance. What a fantastic effort!

The bi-monthly meeting of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust was held on 27 October at the Ardmore Base of the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust. Before the meeting, we had the privilege of being shown around the base by the Critical Care Paramedic, Marcel Driessen, who incidentally started his career at Tairua St John Ambulance.

Situated beside Ardmore Airfield, the base consists of a group of unpretentious but functional buildings including staff kitchen, common room, ablution/accommodation block (for night shift crew), control room, boardroom and hangars for the choppers and rescue equipment. There are two rescue machines and crew on standby at all times, with a third machine as backup.

The two newer helicopters are Italian Leonardo AW169, capable of 250km/h cruise speed, and can reach the Coromandel Peninsula in just 13 minutes. They drink 360 litres of Jet A1 kerosine fuel per hour and hold 1100 litres, giving them a comfortable three-hour range.

Crew include pilot, co-pilot, paramedic, and doctor. Most of the doctors are volunteers who each spend a couple of days per month to

further enhance their training.

These helicopters are fitted out with advanced stretchers and medical aids. The photo attached shows Marcel Driessen demonstrating an automatic CPR unit, that can be strapped onto the patient and set to deliver CPR compressions to suit the patient’s needs. This is just one of the bits of amazing kit carried onboard, all designed to give the patient the best chance of survival.

While we were there, a chopper took off for winch training over water for newer recruits. Before lift-off, the machine was sprayed with anticorrosion solution, and after returning, was washed thoroughly inside and out, with fresh water to neutralise the salt water.

Please remember, donations can be made on the website, or by online banking to Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust; 03-1578-0116338-001, with your name as reference. All donations are tax deductible, and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required. All donations are gratefully received.

Have a safe and warmer month

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## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Seasons greetings. 2022 has been a rather unsettled year for our club. First we had to abide by the government covid restrictions regarding meetings earlier in the year, then a combination of members’ health, the weather as well as members on holiday has made it very hard to put bums on seats!

Kereta Pairs is our final club competition for the year. Our AGM will be held on **Monday 19 December** at 6.30pm at the St John rooms, followed by an evening of bridge.

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## Library News

By Paul Lawrence

The very first thing I must do is to thank the committee and volunteers of the Coromandel Library for the warm welcome, and help I have been given, during the first couple of weeks in my new position as the town's librarian.

Thanks must also go to our wonderful book borrowers for their patience and understanding as I am finding my feet.

Also, thanks to Robynne, who made the transition as smooth as it has been.

We have a number of new books on the shelves. These have proved very popular and are whizzing out the door.

Behind the scenes we are currently accessing more new titles which will be on the shelf ready for a relaxed Christmas read.

If you are looking for something specific, and we don't have it, remember, we will do our best to access it for you from another library.

Here are a few titles that have had positive feedback:

*The Attack* – Written by the multi-award winning Australian Catherine Jinks, an author who has published more than 40 books for both adults and children.



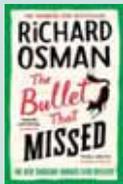
Attack centres around a camp caretaker, Robyne Ayres, who runs a former leper colony off the coast of Queensland. Her current clients are a group of ex-military men running a boot camp for troubled teens. One of the boys she recognises from ten years ago. Robyne escaped the past once. Now it's back – and this time there's no way out.

*The Doctor's Wife* – The latest novel by Fiona Sussman, a South African born author who arrived in New Zealand in 1989 to train as a doctor.



This is a crime fiction story that has its roots in the diagnosis of a brain tumour and the discovery of a body at the bottom of a cliff on an Auckland beach.

*The Bullet That Missed* – Author Richard Osman – the new Thursday Murder Club mystery. A decade old cold case leads the Thursday Murder Club to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers.



## Mahamudra Centre Update

By Beth Pearsall

We are taking a pause and breath before the summer season hots up.

It is so wonderful to see the flowers bursting and the centre is splashed with colour everywhere you turn. There is a wonder in being surrounded by such beauty.

It can be easy to feel happy when the sun is shining, and the flowers are blooming. But I have been thinking about true happiness. His Holiness the Dalai Lama says that our interest in the spiritual life is: "...something very instinctive and there is no need to prove it is there. Happiness is something that we all aspire to achieve and of course we naturally have a right to fulfill this aspiration."

We need to answer this for ourselves... Do we really wish to be happy? His Holiness says it is instinctive. If that is so, is that instinctive feeling always with us? If it is, how much are we fulfilling it? How are we going about fulfilling it?

The Buddha taught that there is a path to true happiness. One form is the Lam Rim. And the foundation of these teachings are the four noble truths: the truths of suffering, the cause of suffering, the cessation of suffering and the path to the cessation of suffering.

We can remove our delusions, come to our Buddha nature, and experience the clear light mind by following this path. We are responsible for our lives and creating our experience of the world. We can choose to fill our lives with temporary happiness, or we can choose to seek the true nature of our mind, which is blissful in a way we cannot even imagine.

We are so lucky to have Venerable Tony Beaumont here at Mahamudra to share the teachings of the Buddha this summer. Here are some of the retreats and courses we have coming up. Talk to us about our local discounts.

**Tuesday 27 December to Sunday 1 January** – Chenrezig New Year Retreat – This retreat connects Christmas with the new year and offers an opportunity to relate to these days in the wisest and most healthy way so as to complete the year well and start the new year with an altruistic mind.

**Thursday 5 to Sunday 15 January** – Lam Rim Course and Retreat – The course will cover many important topics such as: Refuge in Buddha, Dharma, Sangha; rebirth and mental continuity; death; the Four Noble Truths; karma; compassion and bodhicitta.

**Light offering Saturday 31 December 10pm**

Light dispels darkness, and in a similar way wisdom dispels ignorance and compassion dispels narrow-minded self-centredness. In engaging in the light offering practice on **Saturday 31 December** there is an opportunity to complete 2022 in a positive way and start the new year well. Open to all! Email [spc@mahamudra.org.nz](mailto:spc@mahamudra.org.nz) if you would like to attend.

You can get all of the details on our website [www.mahamudra.org.nz](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz).

As always our centre is open to walk around the Stupa, sit a while in the Gomba, visit our small shop or have a cup of tea.

We are running weekly Wednesday morning meditation 8.15-8.45am; all welcome!

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## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Furstly thank mews to everyone who has donated tinned, sachets, bedding, pet milk to the rescue kitties. They sure appreciate your generosity and also to those awesome people who have blessed us with financial donations to help us help the rescue kitties.

2022 has certainly been one heck of a year and we are enormously grateful to everyone who has supported the unit with financial blessings, food donations and bedding. This has meant we have survived yet another weird year, both good and terribly bad. The loss of fundraising over the year has stretched the unit but we have yet again got through the year thanks to the generosity of our amazing community and some seriously amazing people.

We are doing a series of internet fundraising to get us through each month so the budget is pretty disastrous but we are coping and we are able to add in the raw meat from TameWolf out at Matatoki due to this being affordable and great value for money and their health as well. The variety of different raw meats available for the cats means they don't get sick of the same one. A few flavours they have refused us on but we knew that they would. They all have special ideas in furry heads of what is acceptable to them and what isn't. Typical cats.

Dylan, our older black white cat from Pukekohe who has always been the loveable sooky gentle soul of the two boys we got, passed away peacefully through the night. He had shown absolutely no signs of being unwell, but his history notes we had showed a cat who had had issues all his life on and off and whilst deeply sad it is a blessing



when they pass this peacefully. We are grateful that his mate Lincoln has Cinders as a buddy and the loss of a mate won't be as dramatic or as hard for him as he is not alone. Husband is bereft and we are both most upset at Dylan's passing but understand he has had a fabulous life and a great time here with us, and now he has passed across to be with his beloved owner.

The other rescue kitties are just fine. Kera has rejected two possible homes and one we thought might have been a really good one has not come to anything, so our darling young one-year-old classic tabby girl still seeks a special home, rural, without little kids, to call her own. Would be okay with another cat.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and stay safe and hope everyone has the best holiday time they can

Wanted – any donations of cat or kitten foods, sachets, tinned, salmon, pet milk, cat toys, cat treats and special things for them for the Christmas period. Any financial blessings to Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing.

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## Mana Update

By Jade Ferriere

Do you ever feel like time is passing faster and faster with every day that goes by? As another year comes to a close we find ourselves in awe of how fleeting time is. We can recall the years of our youth and how each day felt long and full; the moments passed by so slowly and it felt like an eternity between weekends and birthdays. Now, we pause for a moment to catch our breath as the months pass in the blink of an eye.

The essence of time is reflected in the busyness of our attention. Especially as we grow older. We have become exceptionally skilled at multitasking and time management... and as a result, in many ways we have cultivated a time-poor society. Ironically, we cannot change the past and we cannot foresee the future so our efforts to control time have been in vain. The only part of time we have “control” over at any given moment is the present. So it stands to reason that being in the now, mindfully, might be our only chance to liberate ourselves from the feeling of time or life passing us by.

The holiday season presents an opportunity to change our routine, to release our grip over time and all that needs to be done. Slowing down. Savouring all that enlivens our senses. Reveling in heartfelt conversations. Investing in the things and people that we wholeheartedly love. Often this time of year is a cause of overwhelm – for reasons beyond time – and it is our hope that this year the holidays can be an opportunity for replenishment instead of exhaustion.

As our team prepares for a short summer break we are contemplating how a state of presence might bridge the gap between having a full summer calendar and still feeling spacious within. Part of the process has been tuning into resources that can help us to slow the busyness of our minds, like our monthly audio meditations that we publish on our website. We are looking forward to long walks on the beach, slow starts to the day and carving out a bit of time each morning to cultivate our capacity for inner stillness. What might support you in creating a little more inner space this holiday season?

Rumi reminds us, and so does Shanti, one of the trustees and guardians at Mana who is often heard speaking these words... “with life as fleeting as a half drawn breath, we have no time to plant anything...but love.” We hope that this holiday season presents an invitation for you to leisurely rest into time and sow seeds of love in your life.

With fervour, we would like to extend our love to all who have walked alongside us and shared in the wonder of this year. It has been another for the history books and we are grateful to be a part of such an affectionate and conscious community. Seasons blessings and deep appreciation from all of us at Mana. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

# Wild things

## Kaka

By Pete Sephton

The kaka was once one of the most abundant birds of the NZ forest but due to habitat loss and predation by rats, possums and stoats, it is a threatened species. We are fortunate to see a few in parts of Coromandel although the numbers are not increasing. Successful breeding requires a predator-free environment such as Zealandia and Maungatautari.



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## Eyebody retreat 2023

By Peter Grunwald

A new vision for the New Year at the Mana Retreat Centre.

This time of the year, the Mana Retreat Centre looks absolutely stunning. Many of us are driving up and down SH25 and seeing the signs of Mana, but perhaps have never had the chance of visiting personally.

In early January 2023, I, Coromandel Town resident Peter Grunwald, am leading my annual retreat as I have done for the past 30 years. I have seen Mana developing from the humble beginnings to its present day with abundant gardens, beautiful manicured lawns and wide-swept views across the Manaia Harbour and the Coromandel ranges.

This is the superb environment to discover the close distance of humming bees and blooming flowers, the colourful gardens in the middle distance to the sweeping views of the far beauty

### UPCOMING RETREATS

Book Online - [manaretreat.com](http://manaretreat.com)

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7-9 DEC	Private Event – Medical Mindfulness
9-11 DEC	Summer Relax and Wellness Retreat with Mana Team
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## Patchwork and Quilters

By Raewyn Penrose

This month we feature one of our members, Diane Russell.

Diane had a very interesting life as a youngster. She was born in Wellington, but at 8 years of age, work took their family to India, based in the foothills of the Himalayas. The school she attended provided many new perspectives on life. There were many American kids (and teachers) there, and mixed with the local Indian community life, Diane experienced a quite different education from most kids in New Zealand at that time. She gained real insight into quite different cultures, and school involved a lot of outdoor, sporting activities. Uniformity was the rule in her US-based school, so to some extent, she was seen as an outsider. However these sporting activities were not for her, being more interested in reading and domestic skills – cooking and sewing. She used to love designing and sewing clothes on her mother's sewing machine. Later, she designed clothes and had local tailors (always men) create the final garment. Diane still has one of these

garments that gets regular use.

Aged 18 she returned back home to pursue a career in nursing. Back in NZ, she continued to be an enthusiastic sewer, and after marrying, continued making garments for herself and her three daughters. Diane drifted away from her hobby for a while, but later, her daughters' garments were "repurposed" (i.e., chopped up) and re sewn as quilted bags for her daughters when they, in turn, travelled overseas.

Diane and her husband have recently moved to Paeroa, but she says that she really enjoys our friendly little group of like-minded and talented people. We wish her all the best for her move, but she still continues to travel back here each fortnight to be involved in our group. She is a respected member and great asset, and we really appreciate her continued involvement.

We welcome new members – please come along any day and see what we do. We meet at the St. John Ambulance rooms on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact our President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Sharon Currie 027 299 6695



Diane Russell holding up this strip quilt that she has made for her grandson

which we enjoy every day here on the Coromandel.

When brain and eyes are healthy and well-connected, our eyesight and vision are flexible and pliable. Yet due to stresses in our life we have forgotten how to use eyes and brain to our own advantage. The 2023 retreat will focus on the relationship between eyesight and vision, body posture and movement; how our emotions and thoughts and spiritual virtues work effortlessly in combination – in the close and far distance. It's the brain – not the eyes - which sees and processes the incoming information. Because of the neuroplasticity of the brain, the eyes are flexible and can change – and not only change in getting worse. With the right physical, emotional and mental tools, inquiries and practices, they can adapt their shape and become healthier, even after years of wearing glasses or contact lenses.

Many come with symptoms such as presbyopia – it's the condition where near distance vision becomes blurry from age 40 onwards. Also people come with symptoms of far- and near-sightedness from a young age, cataracts, glaucoma, squints, lazy eyes, floaters, macular degeneration and more.

Fuelled by my training in the somatic Alexander Technique in the early 1980's, I originally discovered patterns and relationships between the eyes and the entire visual system affecting the head, neck, back and body posture, organs and body movement. Different visual abnormalities are reflected in our body, in the stance such as our head moving way forward and our back tightening

and shortening. Changing our body posture alone is not enough in changing the visual system nor the eyes. Including our brain's function of presence and envisaging allows our brain synapses to function in such a way that the eyes will subtly follow and affect our body posture and organs to its better alignment.

Additionally, I researched emotional aspects such as fears, anxieties or present day uncertainties which play into our physical eyesight deteriorating. Those rising emotions are part of being a human being, but holding on to them comes only out of survival or trauma, which is essentially unnecessary to hang on to. Partaking in the retreat will give you constructive practices to undo those old patterns of emotional attachments.

Many participants in the retreat find benefits for their eyesight, vision, body posture and emotional freedom. Time will allow for applications such as reading clearly and understanding effortlessly, writing or computing with ease and poise, increased presence and clarity in communication, creative visualizing, effortless singing or playing an instrument and much more. Surprise yourself with a new vision for the New Year.

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Problems initiating sleep can lead to poor sleep maintenance, quality of sleep and daytime fatigue. These three areas can all affect each other. Know the other underlying factors that can contribute to these issues.

**Sleep initiation** – This should take less than 15 minutes; if not, let's identify the problem. Do you have pain, inflammation or anxiety? Can you unwind without TV or devices in the bedroom? Keep this space for sleeping or intimacy.

**Sleep maintenance** – Is there a specific time you wake through the night? Nocturia – frequent urination through the night? Itchy bottom?

How do you get back to sleep quickly, when waking through the night? Is night-time anxiety keeping you awake? Your brain is more active at night. It needs the right nutrients throughout the day to heal and detoxify during sleep. What foods should you have in the daytime, not at night? Learn how you can prevent frequent waking.

**Liver function** – Detoxification occurs best at night while you are sleeping. Poor liver function will affect sleep maintenance. How healthy and functional is your liver?

**Quality of sleep** – Are you alert, energetic, and motivated during the day? Or lacking cellular vitality?

Poor sleep quality and/or insomnia is a symptom, or a consequence of any one of several causes. By ignoring and adapting to a sleep disorder, or depending on pharmaceutical drugs, the primary issue will worsen, triggering other serious health issues.

### Gut health, sleep hormones and neurotransmitters

For daytime wakefulness, and best sleep quality, your endocrine system sorts your hormones. This process also requires your other body systems to be functioning the best they can be – especially your nervous system for brain chemical balance, immune system, and most importantly your digestive tract and gut microbiome.

To produce your night sleep hormone melatonin, you need serotonin, and 90% of it comes from your gut. For serotonin production, you need the amino acid L-tryptophan, also sorted by the gut. For adequate L-tryptophan, you need vitamin B6 and magnesium, via the digestion of the wide range healthy foods you choose to eat. This process occurs best with a healthy gut, mouth to bottom, and gut microbiome, or essential good bugs.

**Breathing and respiratory tract function** – Do you wake with a dry mouth, snore or stop breathing, then wake while gasping for air? Blocked airways lead to poor oxygenation throughout the body and brain, and can contribute to muscle aches and pain, kidney and cardiovascular issues, strokes, dementia, etc. Suffering nasal polyps? Try my herb drops to unblock those nasal passages.

**Structural issues?** Pain/inflammation? Neck, shoulders, or jawbone misaligned?

**Reproductive system** – Prostate issues, erectile dysfunction, menopausal sweats or flushes, poor libido? Poor sleep affects and creates poor cellular metabolism and inefficiency.

**Nervous system** – Yoga, meditation, mindful breathing, I can help.

**Kids' sleep** – Are your children experiencing bed wetting, itchy



bottom, teeth grinding, nightmares, sleeping with eyes partially open? **More good news:**

- Live blood screening – How healthy are your cells? Toxicity/liver damage, immune function, nutrient deficiencies, inflammation?
- Massage – Specific areas, or full body.
- Foods/nutrients/herbs for best sleep.
- How's your mineral status – [www.activeelements.com](http://www.activeelements.com), username 259077, password 579819.

Christmas vouchers are available for naturopathic and bodywork consultations.

Have a healthy, happy festive season – let vegetables be the hero of your Christmas meal! Make your wellness long-lasting.

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## Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

### New fundraising campaign launches to protect more women from breast cancer

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ (BCFNZ) is asking New Zealanders for help to expand its early detection education programme. The charity is fundraising for a new, state-of-the-art Pink Campervan which will allow its team of specialist breast nurses to reach more women in the country's most isolated and rural communities.

Latest figures from BreastScreen Aotearoa's Coverage Report show that the Waikato region have only a 56% participation rate in the national breast screening programme. This rate falls well short of BreastScreen Aotearoa's 70% target.

Ah-Leen Rayner, chief executive of Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, says: "Getting more women into screening and educating them about early detection is key to our vision of reaching zero deaths from breast cancer – especially in the wake of Covid-19 which sent screening levels back by 10 years. But if we don't act now, we'll lose one of the best tools we have to deliver our life-saving messages, as our old Pink Caravan faces too many limitations."

The charity's old Pink Caravan has travelled around the motu since 2014 with breast nurses on board, educating women about the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, family risk, and the importance of mammograms and self-checking.

The iconic retro caravan has become increasingly unfit for purpose. It relies on volunteers to tow it around, which restricts the timing and location of visits. Nurses will be able to drive themselves in the new custom-made campervan, giving them better access to hard-to-reach communities.

Donations towards the new Pink Campervan can be made at [www.breastcancerfoundation.org.nz](http://www.breastcancerfoundation.org.nz)



BCFNZ's old Pink Caravan

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# mahi toi ARTS

## 34th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

Hauraki House, Coromandel Town, **Sunday 18 December to 14 January 2023.**

Come to the opening – 5pm **Sunday 18 December** – all welcome. Mix and mingle from 5pm, opening at 6pm.

After the opening night, 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; Caitlin Moloney; Kim Brett; Kevin Brett; Kay Ogilvie; Tracy Johnson; Ian Webster; Jan Kocian; Sam Ireland; Raewyn Penrose; Iain Crichton; Petra Meyboden; Diane Cade; Jan Linklater; Joanne North; Jenny Shearer; Vaughan Udall; Andrew and Jeannie Van der Putten; Frederick Church; Barbara Peddie; Stuart Spackman; Jenny Currie; Annette Kaye; Bob Drummond.



## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

I hope you all had a chance to visit our exhibition in Hauraki House that we held over Labour Weekend. We had a successful exhibition with 61 paintings displayed and a steady stream of people wandering through. We loved the comments and compliments. A big thank you to the people who loved four of the paintings enough to give them a new home.

Liz Cameron asked if we would consider opening on the Tuesday night for the Coromandel Players to have a look. We are pleased that we did as it bumped our numbers up to around 300 and we even sold a couple more paintings. So thank you Liz for the idea.

If you liked what you saw at the exhibition and would love to see how it is done you are very welcome to come along to one, or all, of our weekly meetings in Rose’s studio on 860 Tiki Road Wednesdays from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

Contact Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Saskia Riemersma 021 296 1670

## Kay Ogilvie's Pottery Studio

It is with great delight that I am opening my studio again after needing to be closed for the past two years. My studio is part of our clifftop home and overlooks the Hauraki Gulf. I’m completely happy sitting in such a beautiful space creating work that I really like.



I first felt the magic of clay when pottery was one of the subjects taught in the design course I was doing at Polytech, 30 years ago. I was immediately enchanted by the feel of clay, the way it responded to every touch, the heat and noise of the kiln being fired, the buckets of sludgy glaze that would transform (usually!) into beautiful colours.

Today I am just as captivated by that magic, still experimenting, still learning, still loving it. Rarely do I have my hands out of the clay, forming it into platters and bowls, figures, dancing women, dresses, garden pots, flowers, totem poles, cups, tumblers, vases and lots more.

My current work keeps calling me to the edges of “what I think should work”. I am constantly surprised at how far I can push boundaries, stretching and stressing the clay, then assembling pieces that are full of cracks and fissures.

I find deep satisfaction with the earthiness of these works, the clay’s sense of endurance, surfaces with bumpy textures, hollows and irregularities. I feel so satisfied and full of joy when works make it through the entire journey, emerging whole from the kiln, and once again leading me to the next piece.

My studio is full of beautiful works and is a great place to buy Christmas presents and to bring visitors. I hope you get some of the same pleasure from my work as I do creating it.

Open when the sign is out or ring first to check. Email: kaythepotter@gmail.com, phone/txt: 020 4191 7611. Address: 1800 Wyuna Bay Road, Coromandel. Facebook: Kay Ogilvie’s Pottery Work



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# mahi toi ARTS continued

## Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

The Players were very happy with their reading of *A Mighty Totara Falls* by Peter Tryon, and were pleased to pass on the recording made by Matt Sephton to Peter's family. Proceeds from the reading amounted to \$420, and have been donated to the Cancer Society.

One of our members, Claire Johnson, has been running an after-school drama course for school children. Their show sounds like a lot of fun.

Coro Superstars, our local Performing Arts Group for 6-14-year-olds will be sparkling bright this Christmas, with our first ever festive show at the theatre on **Wednesday 14 December** at 6.00pm. This term our extremely talented artists have been busy concocting their own unique Christmas show with a mix of bonkers characters, hilarious storylines and a sprinkle of their magic; it's a show not to be missed.

All ages welcome, 6.00pm start (duration approx 45 minutes). Please bring lots of fun Christmas spirit and get ready for a panto style, silly show.

Also watch out for some movies to be shown in the theatre during December! So, while the Players may be having a little break, there is still lots happening in our theatre.

Happy silly season, everyone!

## "Womb Women" a representation of the matriarchal lineage

Art Exhibition by Lisa Corston-Blanche

Monday 23 January to Monday 6 February 2023 Hauraki House Gallery

By Lisa Corston

Thank you to all who shared with me that they had read my article in the November issue. I really appreciate the interest and encouragement, and so enjoy the wide variety of conversations that were sparked.



This month I would like to touch upon women's stories, the individual and the collective, that each woman contains the power of her own story, and collectively become an insight into the powerful story of womankind.

I am one woman who happens to be alive now, one woman's voice in the entire existence of womankind, so too this exhibition becomes one window into the bigger subject of women's voices, the story of women as a whole. At times I feel my own voice, my own story, is small and insignificant, simply one of many millions and therefore does not really matter. I then remember the one hundred thousand grandmothers behind me. I wonder what their names were and how they experienced life. I sense a deeper connection and know I have a place, that I am adding my voice to theirs. Their collective story is alive within my own bones; I do matter.

I feel so honoured to hear the stories women have been willing to share with me ... Stories of adoption; choosing not to have children; unable to conceive; naming the women in their line back through generations; friends and family pregnant right now; grandchildren just born;

broken connections between daughters, mothers and grandmothers; sadness of a grandmother who knows this particular line of hers ends with her daughters because there will be no grandchildren; midwives and doctors tending to pregnant women; the pain of miscarriage; the pain of wanting and trying for a child so deeply yet those precious little embryos don't make it. I have heard women's voices speaking with joy, pain, tears, excitement, tentativeness, heartbreak and I have been brought to tears feeling so humbled. For some women a new curiosity has been ignited when we talked about the idea behind Womb Women: who are the women in their line? What stories are still alive about their grandmothers? A new desire sparked to reconnect with mothers and grandmothers alive with us now.

This work is more expansive than one continuous line of women reaching back behind us, then forward (for some women) into the future. This work honours every woman and her story; every woman has her own place in the continual unfolding of humankind.

Last week I completed the 9th life-size Womb Woman, the last of this particular line; this felt like such a big milestone! My excitement keeps growing as I imagine how they are all going to look as they stand in one curving line through the centre of the two rooms in Hauraki House! Next I will be starting the two life-size women who will be gracing the entrance doorway of the gallery; you will pass between them as you enter. I feel a sense of guardianship in these women, pillars of the gateway to the world of women within.

Keep an eye out in the next two Chronicles as I will be sharing more about this ever-evolving exhibition, plus you can also check out my website for a deeper view of "Womb Women".

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### Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

This is a really busy time of year, with school exams, holidays, getting paintings done for exhibitions and all the usual Christmas excitement. I just love Christmas and family get-togethers, and remembering everyone near and far.

Our second art group project painting is finished, and it looks really great as you will see in the photo. It is a panorama of the harbour but from an unusual viewpoint, from the top of the hill on the James's farm at Te Kouma. So the view pivots from the (usually hidden) Te Kouma Harbour in the south, out to the Hauraki Gulf, then north to Coromandel Harbour, the islands and Mount Moehau. It will be for sale at our annual exhibition at Hauraki House Gallery from **Thursday 9 to Sunday 26 February**. This painting is done on two panels, each about 90cm wide, making nearly two metres in total if hung side by side. Alternatively, they can be hung in a corner, with each panel on a different adjacent wall.

In October we had a good morning with a model and life drawing. We haven't done these life studies for so long; it was really enjoyable. Our model was Frederick Church, and he was very obliging, and very still (and clothed)! Thank you Frederick, I hope we did you justice.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, and we will see you in February at our exhibition.

We welcome new members, just phone our President Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or call in to St Andrews Hall on Rings Road on Thursday mornings

### Exhibition of paintings at Hauraki House

Opens **Tuesday 6 December** at 5.30pm and runs until **Thursday 15 December**.

Artists showing are Cindy Alger, Natasha Armstrong-Hunter, Andrew de Boer and Genevieve Morley.

### Thames Music Group

Our concert programme for 2022 has concluded and we are looking forward to beginning a full programme of twice-monthly concerts from March to October 2023.

Thank you to the Coromandel Town Chronicle for your wonderful community support, and to our patrons who keenly support us. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.



ART EXHIBITION | 23RD JAN TO 6TH FEB 2023 | HAURAKI HOUSE, COROMANDEL

# WOMB WOMEN

BY LISA CORSTON

A body of work dedicated to every woman in our female ancestral lines.



# rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

## Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

After school: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 3pm-5pm.  
School Holidays: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs – 11am-4pm.  
Plus every Sunday – 1pm-3pm.

Closed **Friday 23 December to Tuesday 3 January**; reopening **Wednesday 4 January**.

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

Adventure Time, for 10+yrs, explore outdoor activities our community has on offer. Meet Monday after school at Hauraki House, ready to leave by 3.20pm, returning 5pm. Permission slips must be filled in to be able to participate. Thank you Leanne and Des of Long Bay Motor Camp for hosting Adventure Time in November!

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

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

## Coromandel Area School

By 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 breakfast and production, the development made on our learning through play and nature class curriculum, outdoor education trips, snow camps, senior diving, Raglan sports exchange, our whole school cross country event, the CILT nursery project, leadership camp in Akaroa, our senior boys basketball team and senior netball team and their epic efforts this year, AIMS games, our kapa haka noho and their performance at the Cultural Festival, growing the Kapa Haka roopu, the Y10 Spirit of Adventure trip, and hosting Thames Valley sporting events. Although we have had disruptions with illness and absences this year it has been great that we have been able to host events and have whānau and community members join us again! 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 2023, with some EPIC curriculum plans already in the works!

### End of Term 4 2022

Our End of Year Celebration of Learning night will be 5.30pm **Thursday 15 December**.

The final day for 2022 will be **Friday 16 December** with a finishing time of 12.05pm.

### Beginning of Term 1 dates 2023

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

The school office will be open week of **31 January 2023** for new enrolments and any questions that you may have.

**Friday 3 February** – Year 11-13 course confirmation and mentor time in the morning (buses will run this day for Year 11-13).

**Tuesday 7 February** – For all students Year 1-13: we will begin our day with a whole school pōwhiri. The buses will be running on this day.

**Friday 10 February** – Whānau fun day, you are all welcome to attend, nau mai haere mai whānau. We will send more information out about this at the start of the year!

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!

## COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## UCLA

By Reihana Robinson

18 community members from our region were honoured with a Community Service award in October from outgoing Mayor Sandra. The recipients included two members of the Upper Coromandel Landcare Association and Dr Wendy Pond of Manu Waiata.

After decades of environmental work the groups UCLA and Manu Waiata have been acknowledged for their work.

Farmers, fishers, artists, and scientists who reside around Moehau kaitiaki thousands of acres, providing kai for national and international markets. Their research and participation in humane wild animal control using hunting, trapping or cyanide can consider their rural contribution acknowledged.

Meanwhile the trawlers scrape the Colville channel killing the sea floor and glyphosate shrouds our verges, killing off bee sustenance.

### Our work continues

May all visitors who read the Chronicle over summer days enjoy the beauty and know residents work hard to create ongoing beauty for generations to come

UCLA members Geoffrey and Reihana Robinson are the invited guest speakers at the Waiheke Marine Protection AGM on 27 November with the goal being to prevent cage kingfish farming in the Hauraki Gulf.



Dr Wendy Pond supporting humane wild animal control at Whitianga demonstration 2021

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

We now have a thriving population of Coromandel brown kiwi here at Driving Creek. It is so special to know we have these birds living in the bush so close to town. During the day kiwi rest in a burrow, hollow log, or under thick vegetation. They emerge slightly after nightfall and feed by slowly walking along, tapping the ground to detect worms, larvae, and other tasty critters.

We carry out intensive trapping across the Driving Creek property and up onto DOC land to protect these kiwi. It is important that as we all get out and about more over summer, we remember that kiwi have a very strong and attractive smell to dogs. Even domestic dogs (yes, even little ones) can maim or kill a kiwi. It's always a good idea to keep your dog on a

lead whenever you are in the bush and do not let dogs roam outside at night. This is also true for sea birds and keeping dogs under control when you are enjoying the beach. Dogs can scare birds off their nests, eat their eggs and even attack seabirds such as oystercatchers and dotterels. Dogs love getting out for a run, but it's so important they are not harming our wildlife when they do. Make sure your friends, family and visitors know how to keep our birds safe from dogs while you have a great summer on the Coromandel.



**Moehau Environment Group**

By Genevieve Morley



**It's time to pull out "that" tree**

Remember this? It's August, the last month of winter, it's still cold and gloomy, you are driving along a winding road somewhere on the peninsula and you see the most beautiful site: a large tree or many large trees literally covered with bright pink flowers. If you stop to look, you will possibly count about 20 tui, all in one tree. "Wow," you might say, "isn't that beautiful." Well now, those hundreds of flowers that were wonderfully pollinated by the bees and birds have become small red cherries which are scattered on the ground underneath the tree and washed by the rain into lovely pockets of fresh soil. The fertilised seeds will no doubt germinate to create another beautiful exhibition of bright pink within several years. These trees are tough, the seedlings grow quickly and within a very short period of time they are too hard to pull out, then growing into large trees. Its name is *Prunus campanulata* or Taiwan cherry.

A very good example of how this species can infiltrate an area can be seen driving



Taiwan cherry

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along the 309 Road where a few trees are on their way to becoming hundreds, and these, left unchecked, in another ten years will continue to spread, completely transforming the terrain. Even though it might be an abundant nectar source for tui, this tree's ability to dominate will actually destroy our native trees and ecosystems. They might look pretty and be a source of firewood, but these trees are illegal to sell or cultivate and have recently become illegal in the Tasman-Nelson region. For those of us who love this tree, there is another way, however, and it is to buy a sterile version of it which is named "Tui Tree" or "Prunus Felix Jury". This would still bring the tui into your backyard but without the longterm negative consequences. Now is the time, while spring cleaning the garden, to be pulling out these baby trees.

**Summer Holiday Programme running again in January 2023**

On a different note, we are really excited to be organising our Summer Holiday Programme which will be running again next year. We have got a wonderful line up of different events which will be happening around Coromandel, Colville and Waikawau. Some of the events are seaweed and seashore discovery, clay critters, kiwi night adventures, screen printing workshops, outdoor sketching, karanga putiputi and film night. We have Keith Woodley, shorebird expert from Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird

Centre holding a workshop at Colville Hall on **Wednesday 11**, and on **Saturday 14 January** Doug Ashby, aka the lizard man will travel to Coromandel with his rare scaly-skinned reptiles. On **Saturday 21 January** we have a beginners wildlife photography workshop and dog training workshops including kiwi avoidance training. These events are one way for MEG to fundraise and advocate for the valuable conservation work that we do and are a great way for us to come together and celebrate nature. For more information about the Summer Holiday Programme please check out our website [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz).

**Bittern monitoring**

Paul, our Field Team Manager, has been busy placing out audio recorders in order to monitor the matuku/Australasian bittern. The results of this will be coming in shortly. The data gained from this monitoring helps us work out where nest sites are, which in turn dictates where the predator traps need to be placed. We'll keep you updated as to what we find!

Have a great month everyone!

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**Forest & Bird**  
By Kate James

**Forest & Bird AGM**  
Unfortunately Forest & Bird Coromandel have cancelled their AGM promoted in the November issue of the Chronicle. The AGM was due to be held on **Saturday 3 December**.



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# hākinakina SPORT

## Coromandel Golf

By Malcolm Stone



### Wetsuit, Snorkel and Flippers needed for Club Champs!

Perhaps it should be renamed “Club Chumps” as you would have to be a chump to play in those conditions. Sadly, the finalists had no choice. The men’s Club Championship Final had to be played on Sunday 30 October as there were no other dates free on the calendar. Unfortunately, it just happened to be one of the wettest days of the year. Barnes Wallace would have been proud as balls skipped across waterlogged fairways on their way to the saturated greens. The course only used to have one water hazard. That day, every hole had a water hazard! The 7th fairway was literally a river! I take my hat off to the finalists who braved the conditions to complete a full 18 holes. Drowned rats comes to mind as they slid off

the course to the 19th hole for a well-earned beverage.

Winners on the day were: Seniors – Ross Mudgway over Allan Rose, Intermediates – Kelvin Wirihana over Ron Brooking, Juniors – Bruce Fitzpatrick over Kevin O’Keefe (by coin toss).

With the introduction of new flag sticks, flags and cups for all greens, the continued amazing work of our volunteer green keepers and the car park looking resplendent in its new coat of tar seal, Coromandel Golf Club fully deserves its ranking of one of the 10 best 9-hole courses in New Zealand.

After a visit from Dave Ormsby of the NZ Turf Institute to review our progress, it would seem that the programme we are using, with a few small tweaks, is the right one and the course should continue to impress and play well.

The Ladies’ Club Championships were completed in far more favourable conditions, thankfully. The results are: Senior – Peg McLean defeated Eugene Weimer, Intermediate – Lynne Fenwick defeated Gina Carr, Junior – Carol Carson defeated Sue Davies.

Melbourne Cup Day, by contrast to Club Champs day, was played in beautiful spring weather by mixed teams of two.

The winners were Craig Kerr and Carol Carson with 68 points.

The Ladies’ AGM was held with no dramas. The outgoing officers were thanked, achievements in outside competitions recalled and cup winners announced. Office



Melbourne Cup Day winners – Craig Kerr and Carol Carson

bearers for 2023: Ladies’ Captain – Marilyn MacKenzie; Ladies’ Secretary – Carol Carson; Treasurer – Sue Davies; Selector – Jenny Coatsworth.

In line with other years, our final day was a fun event. This year we tried our hand at outdoor bowls, with mixed success. Thanks to Linda Wright for coaching.

Whilst our season has officially ended, we shall continue to meet at the golf course, Hauraki Road, at 9.30am on Tuesdays. All welcome.

Youngsters, don’t forget to email your details to [peter@coromandelectrical.co.nz](mailto:peter@coromandelectrical.co.nz) or [coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com) if you would like to take advantage of an amazing free offer to learn to play golf. This would include free use of the course, coaching, equipment and day trips. Coaching will be on Sundays 12.30-3pm throughout the summer. Don’t delay – commit today!

Golf Club AGM – **Saturday 3 December**; look forward to seeing you all there.



Club Champs 2022

## Ride Coromandel

By Ally Davey

Celebrating innovation, collaboration and achievement in play, active recreation and sport.

The Waikato Sport & Active Recreation Awards are a celebration and acknowledgement of those who work to change the way they deliver programmes and initiatives to meet the needs of the participant. For the second year in a row, we are delighted to have reached the finalist for the Sport Waikato Outstanding Active Space Initiative: Any programme or initiative that’s held in a space such as community halls, parks, gullies, rivers – wherever a space has been used to help people be active. The finalists are: Ride Coromandel Bike Park - Spirit of Coromandel Trust (Thames Coromandel); SuperSmash Hubs, Northern Districts Cricket (Hamilton); Youthtown’s Waikato Cycling Project – Expansion Initiative (Hamilton).

All categories will be judged and finalists and their supporters will be invited to a special awards event to be held at Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton on **Thursday 26 January 2023**, where the winners will be announced; we’re excited to be in the running.

The new Hemiville skills track is proving one of the favorite places of the park, with multiple generations riding the wooden features together. This area is popular with the turtle race – going as slow as you can without dabbing a foot on the ground requires quite some skill and it’s great to see so many tamariki progressing in their riding ability.

More events are in the planning stages after such positive feedback from the Waahine on Wheels and Bike Fest. Keep an eye on the Ride Coromandel Facebook and Instagram pages or come to the park and introduce yourself.



Colville School and Coromandel Area School kids at the Bike Fest day

## Coastal Classic Yacht Race

By Dot Basjes

The Coastal Classic Yacht Race is an annual event that happens every Labour weekend for 40 years, apart from Covid. So it was the big celebration on Labour Weekend Friday 21 October.

Participating were 170 yachts of all designs and sizes, over a course of 116 nautical miles.

From North Head Devonport, watching the start of this Coastal Classic Race is spectacular. The first yachts leave at 9am from Waitemata Harbour, then so on for the other categories. The cutoff time in Russell was at 1pm Saturday 22 October.

There were four yachts participating from Coromandel Peninsula this year:

1. "Titanium" – Mike Phear has done quite a few of the Coastal Classics, and was the person who opened up the "Single Handed Division" about five years ago.

Unfortunately, due to electronic failure on his yacht, he missed his winning place by about 30 minutes!

Mike Phear has had three attempts at the "Single Handed Division" but missed out due to various circumstances, all which were done on an Elliot 53ft "JJ".

Mike is a member of the SSANZ Club Auckland (single handed group) and Thames Yachting Club.

There were six single handed yachts in this Solo Division this year 2022, and only two finished up in Russell.

2. Scott Carr is crewing for "Mythos", which is an Auckland-based yacht, and Scott has done three Coastal Classics prior.

Scott is also member of the SSANZ Club Auckland. Scott and Glenys sail for the Thames Yacht Club in Coromandel on their yacht called "Peddler".



Titanium



Mythos

3. "Hans Up" – owned by Carl Davies (Thames Yacht Club member), joined the fleet of 170 yachts heading up to Russell.

This was Carl's first Coastal Classic, and he will be building up nautical miles for the Double Handed Race around the North Island in February 2023.

4. "Second Nature" – owned by Tim Johnson from Coromandel, is a member of the Mercury Bay Boating Club. His yacht is an Elliot 42ft, this is Tim and crew's second attempt at this Coastal Classic yacht race.

All four local Coromandel yachts finished the race in the wee hours of Saturday morning, welcoming a hot drink on shore, and hot showers and a rest before the prizegiving in Russell.

The huge spot prize this year was a trip for two to Spain to see the America's Cup, worth \$10,000. A very lucky yacht called "Rum Bucket" won this prize.

Dot Basjes is a sailing enthusiast and an avid follower of this yearly race, when she travels up to greet our local sailors



Hans Up



Second Nature

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



The Coromandel Croquet Club must have the loveliest setting of any croquet club in the country, if not the world. It is always a pleasure to spend a morning on the greens. On behalf of the Coromandel Croquet Club, I wish all readers of the Chronicle a very happy festive season, and a great new year of croquet to come.

If you would like to try the game of croquet, call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.30am and provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you decide to join. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



Andrew & Geoff watch the action as they await their turn

## Coromandel Flying Club

Coromandel Flying Club AGM. Shareholders, members and new – all welcome.

**Sunday 4 December**, 11.30am at Club Room, 1735 SH25, Coromandel Town.

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# Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

## Every Day

Free meditation at Mahamudra (except during silent retreats) ..... 8.30-9am

## Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 ..... 9am  
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408 ..... 9am  
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
 RECOVA 12 step addiction recovery meeting, Elim Church, Liz 027 436 2800 ..... 11am  
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..... 3pm  
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, Christina 021 113 4768 ..... 4.10pm  
 Bridge, St John rooms ..... 7pm  
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245 ..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am  
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 ..... 10am  
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 10am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085 ..... 3.15-4.45pm  
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 ..... 5.30-6.45pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Meditation at Mahamudra ..... 8.15-8.45am  
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 .. 9am-12pm  
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263 ..... 9.50-11.20am  
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 ..... 12.30pm  
 Taichi classes, Waikato Events Centre, Christina 021 113 4768 ..... 4pm

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) ..... 10am  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 ..... 10am  
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am  
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 ..... 3-4pm  
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra ..... 7-8.30pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Coromandel Homegrown Market ..... 8.30am-12.30pm  
 Community Gardens volunteer day ..... 8.30-11am  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club ..... 3.30-7pm  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4pm  
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome ..... 5.30pm

## Every Saturday

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

## Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service ..... 10am  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 1pm

## Monthly

**1st Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 ..... 10am-3pm

**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 6pm  
**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 ... 1pm  
**2nd Wed** – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878 ..... 4pm  
**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 7pm  
**Last Thurs** – Green Drinks at Star & Garter ..... 5pm  
**Last Thurs** – DCR Music and Art Night ..... 6.30pm  
**1st & 3rd Sun** – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road ..... 10am

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Exhibition of Paintings at Hauraki House opens (see pg 27)

Summer Relax & Wellness Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)

Christmas Carol Singing practice (see pg 3)

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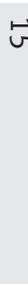
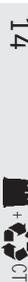
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Coro Superstars festive show at Hauraki House Theatre (see pg 26)

Exhibition of paintings at Hauraki House closes (see pg 27)

CAS End of Year Celebration of Learning night (see pg 28)

Summer Working Bee at Mana (see ad pg 22)

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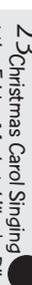
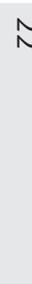
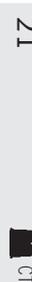
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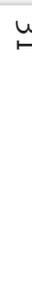
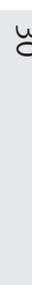
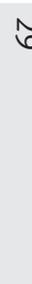
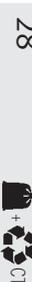
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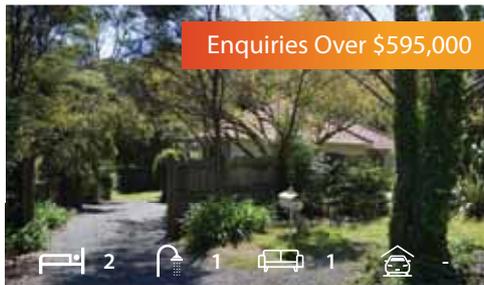
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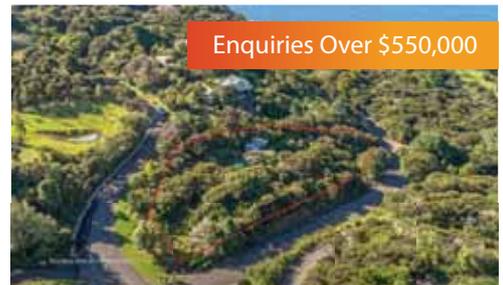
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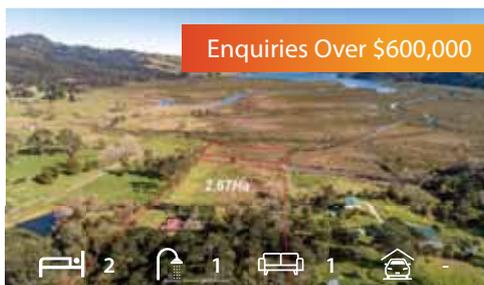
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