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... Editor's comment ...

There are so many mentions of the Christmas Parade on **Sunday 10 December** from community groups this issue that it looks set to be a great day. If you are still to book your float in, then details of whom to contact and start time are at the top of page 4.

So as 2023 draws to a close I want to thank all of the community for the support I have received for the Chronicle in 2023 for what has been a tough year for many businesses.

I hope that the reopening on SH25A, that looks to happen before Christmas, will firmly state that The Coromandel is open for business.

There is still one more deadline before the end of the year though – the January issue will be printed prior to the printers closing for Christmas and New Year. So send your New Year adverts and articles by **Tuesday 12 December**.

Have a good Christmas, Meri Kirihimete,

Debbie

..... Letters

Great publication

Congratulations Debbie, this last was yet another wonderful edition of the Chronicle.

When I return to Coromandel I always seek out the latest Chronicle. It is a real credit to you and the community.

After reading each issue I know what is happening, and whom to contact.

Here in Whangarei our similar publications are no where near as informative.

And my congratulations again; it carries only good and interesting news. You don't depend on stories about death, destruction and turmoil to attract readers.

An excellent publication. My thanks,
Don Goodall, Whangarei

Ron Evans

To the Editor,

We would like to say a sincere thank you to the Coromandel Golf Club for all of the hard work that went into preparing for Ron's funeral and the wonderful ladies who assisted with the catering.

Likewise, to the Coromandel Fire Brigade who made it possible for Ron's last ride on the old fire engine; he would have loved that.

To the District nurses as well as staff at the Coromandel Medical Centre, a huge thanks for your care of him.

To everyone else who helped on the day, friends who have supported us over an extended period and many who visited almost daily, this was very much appreciated.

Please accept this as a personal thank you, there are so many of you and you are all very special people.

Joan, Jen and family

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Christmas Eve on the run

By John Irvine

He hurtles through a freezing uninhabited and unfenced Outback night at 80mph+ on an 1100cc two wheeled behemoth trusting in reflexes and the dubious graces of Lady Luck to provide a clear passage through browsing kangaroo and wallaby and spirit away those snoozing cattle and sheep who choose the day-warmed bitumen as their nightly bower.

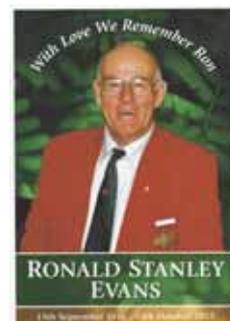
Freedom is an urgent whisper in the darkness liberation and emancipation are proud banners crackling against a luminescent moon.

Release from the bondage of urban drudgery rebellion against enforced compliance to fiscal reality rapturous revolution rings in the frigid air...

but truthfully philosophies have no place here there are no epiphanies or revelations only an idiot savant in a delirium of impatience who knows that he's running late for Christmas brunch in Brisbane 700 miles to the north and has the Christmas pud in his saddlebag.



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The opening day for the Fir Lawn Creamery went very well, and we were pleased to have a fine day for the occasion. We thank TCDC Mayor Len Salt for performing the official opening. We also thank all of the kind people who helped make the day a success: the people who made cakes and scones, the people who loaned the marquee, tables, chairs, and urn, and we thank the Four Square for their generous donation of goods. We were pleased to see a good turnout of people on the day, and we thank all those who took the trouble to come along, especially Robin Bryson from Heritage NZ, who came down from Auckland to join us. Without the support of Heritage NZ this whole project would never have been possible. On behalf of the members of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc., I thank committee members Joanna, Judy and Susan for all of their efforts over the course of this project, and I especially thank our President, Jennie James, who has put in many long hours of work behind the scenes locating suppliers, co-ordinating contractors,



Jennie James with Mayor Len Salt

obtaining quotes and fine-tuning arrangements, ensuring nothing is forgotten while keeping the members of the Society informed of progress. Thank you, Jennie, we hope you are enjoying a well-earned break. Once again, we also thank the community of Coromandel for the generous donations of money, time, and services.

Now it is time to look ahead to a new year and face whatever challenges it holds in store. Work is ongoing inside the museum, as displays are constantly redeveloped or amended, often thanks to donations of family artifacts. An example of this is the new display we have featuring the Audley family. We recently received a donation of items, which included photographs, some ivory hair pins, and a silver-plated teapot on a stand, which belonged to the Audley family. These items were added to a collection of sewing items we already had that belonged to Matilda Audley. Frederick and Matilda Audley arrived in Coromandel in 1882 and lived on Whangapoua Road. Frederick was an engineer in various mines and later became the local harbour-master. We would welcome any further information on the family if anyone can help.

Here are a few items of local news from the 'Thames Star' of 29 December 1930:



"Local And Personal

The pupils of the Coromandel School were very successful in the recent examinations for their proficiency certificates. Seventeen pupils sat for the exams, and of these, 12 obtained the coveted proficiency, three obtained competency and two failed. This is an excellent record and reflects great credit upon the headmaster and staff. Special mention is accorded by the examining authorities to a pupil of the Coromandel School in connection with the proficiency exams. Leslie Turner put up an outstanding performance, gaining 447 marks out of a possible of 500 and she got full marks in writing and drawing. This is a very creditable performance, indeed... The heat was very noticeable at Coromandel yesterday and soothing ointments are the order of today in many cases. The increasing popularity of Coromandel harbour as a landing place for yachtsmen was shown during this Christmas period. Yesterday two more crews came from Auckland to the town."

On behalf of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc., I wish all of our members, and all readers of the Coromandel Town Chronicle, a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

During December the museum will be open from 10am to 4pm from Thursday to Sunday inclusive

Treasure or Trash Pre-Christmas Market in Colville
 Saturday 2 December at the Colville Hall.
 Stalls available; email colvillecommunity@gmail.com to book a space.

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Coromandel Town Christmas Parade and Market

Sunday 10 December 3pm start from Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub).
Assemble at the Top Pub/Watt Street at 2.30pm.

Float and market stall entry forms can be collected from James and Turner or phone/text Shevana with any questions 021 0818 6834.

Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch Monday 25 December

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



The title of the lunch says it all – it’s a “community lunch”; anyone is welcome to attend – just book your place. Thanks to our Coromandel Community who make this lunch happen; it really is a community effort.

Coromandel Christmas Community Lunch has been running for a number of years now, all through your support, and we ask again can you help out this year? If you can there are several ways in which you can help: donations of food, assisting with food prep, monetary donations, help on the day. Please email: coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com or phone Rita 027 210 3734, if you can assist with any of the above.

Monetary donations can be left at Four Square in an envelope marked “For Community Christmas Lunch”.

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. For anyone wanting to attend the lunch, you are very welcome; we only ask that if you have booked and find you can no longer attend, please phone Rita and let her know.

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

To book email coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com or phone Rita 027 210 3734

Coromandel Embroidery

By Vi King

Our Guild members met on 1 November.

We had Xmas mince pies with our morning tea and after lots of talking we all went to Hauraki House where our annual exhibition had been set out for us to see. All of our members are encouraged to display their finished embroidery work for the year at our exhibition.

Once we had admired everyone’s work, we went back to the St John’s room for our Xmas luncheon. It was great with everyone talking and eating. A lovely day. I do hope some of you went to see our exhibition of work and our next meeting is the first Wednesday of February next year. Please do join us if you are interested.

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As we farewell 2023 and look forward to welcoming 2024 we’d like to wish you all a very Meri Kirihimete, a safe summer and best wishes for the new year ahead.

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P.S. We will be introducing a loyalty card program for locals early next year. A big thank you to our local community for their continued support; it means the world to us.

Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer



Hello everyone. Well another year has come and almost gone, I hope it's brought happiness and success to you all.

For me personally an up and down year, but new year will be a time of renewal. Thanks to everyone that's helped; you know who you are. Bless you.

On club news, we are all set for another Keltic Tair on **Tuesday 2 January 2024.**

Come one come all and taste our famous mussel fritters. We will be in our usual place and we look forward to seeing you. All proceeds go to our many local community projects and if you are interested in finding out more just chat with us; we would love to have you join us.

The first wood orders have been delivered, more working bees are planned, and once more get your orders in; Lyn's number is at the bottom of the article.

We are planning a float for the Santa Parade, so give us a wave and enjoy the fun. Hope Santa brings you lots of happiness this year along with your gifts.

I'll leave you for this year with the hope you have a good year to come, watch over your neighbours, enjoy your family, and don't forget to watch out for more news in the new year.

PS, a little trivia – The word "news" I'm told comes from the compass – North, East, West and South. Well it's what I've been told.

Happy New Year everyone.

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Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services



Did you know that we now have a large insect residing on the Peninsula that looks very similar to a weta, but has wings? We didn't! Until we had a call from a lovely local who was wanting to share her sightings. After a bit of research, these insects proved to be the Australian winged weta, and were first sighted in New Zealand in 1990. They seem to have very limited distribution in the country, found only (so far) in Northland, around Auckland and on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Although they look very similar, these two do have a few distinguishable features. Apart from just the wings, they tend to be a bit lighter in colour than our tree weta and their feet have a very different shape. Although a bit hard to describe, a good illustration of this can be found on the following webpage: <https://blog.shaanlee.co.nz/identifying-australian-winged-weta/>.

Funnily enough, after learning about these curious creatures, we saw one ourselves! It was unfortunately already dead and a bit squished so we couldn't get a good photo to share with you. If you ever see an interesting insect and you are not sure what it is, please take a photo and get in touch. We would love to see and learn about it!

On another note, the holiday season is fast approaching, bringing (hopefully) lots of fun in the sun, bbq's, parties and picnics at the beach. Just a gentle reminder that extra food and mess around can be attractants for a number of pests, including ants and flies, so it pays to tidy up afterwards.

Simon and I wish everyone a very Happy Holidays and we will see you back here in the new year for more interesting insects and pestie talk!

Elim Church

By Michelle Dellabarca

People around Coromandel are talking about a large building being erected parallel to Tiki Rd, not far from the intersection with Whangapoua Rd. They want to know what it is and what is its purpose? The land has been owned by Coromandel Elim Church for about 20 years and Steve Garland (Pastor) explained that after many years waiting for the nod from God to begin, they are finally starting to construct a new building to house their church family. Their original building is the little white church on Kapanga Road, just up the road from the Top Pub. It has been sold and is currently rented back from the kind new owners, to give the church family time to build the new structure. The sale of the old building is helping to finance the new build.

Steve believes that the new building will be a blessing for both the people of Elim Church and for the Coromandel community as a whole. The old building is getting too small for the services it hopes to offer. Sunday worship services at 10am are getting more and more crowded – not only with regular church goers but also visitors from around the world, who want a place to sing and pray and listen to wisdom in these interesting times in which we live. After the service the back room in the old church is way too small for the people who stay on to have a coffee, cake and a chat with friends and visitors. Pop your head into the old church on a Tuesday morning and you will see it full of pre-schoolers and their mums at a music and dance class. The room is just about overflowing.

Steve explained that the new church building will not only be a place to worship, but will also have facilities for groups to meet, a decent kitchen to prepare food in and space for children's and youth ministries. Elim Church currently run weekly prayer groups, men's and women's study groups, where a wide range of topics are discussed, a basic food bank, and they give support to a variety of community outreaches. They would like to offer more to the community and the new building will give them the space and resources to do this. Some ideas put forward include marriage courses, an alpha course (conversation about life, faith and Jesus), women's retreats, helping with meals, etc.

The new building is designed to be functional and not ornate. The church trustees are very mindful of spending the money wisely. Funding has come from within the church up till now and some fundraising is still required. Construction is being done by local contractors and sub-contractors wherever possible. It is large enough for big community gatherings such as large funerals, worship services and possibly conferences. Steve is mindful that it is first and foremost a place of worship; this will help determine any other events that take place there.

The trustees are hopeful that the building will be finished by Christmas 2024 – and possibly even before then. Elim church is looking forward to welcoming visitors to their new church home and are excited about what the future will bring. Steve commented that what the world needs most of all right now is HOPE and that we can offer this to our community by serving God, and sharing His message of hope in Christ.

In this coming Christmas season Coromandel Elim Church is presenting a free Christmas in the Park by Hauraki House at 4-5pm **Saturday 23 December**. There will be a sausage sizzle, carols and gifts for the children. There will also be a Christmas eve service on **Sunday 24 December** at our old church at 10am.

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Te Mata Pink Morning Tea

By Rosemarie Murphy

On Monday 30 October, in the really shitty weather, the ladies of Te Mata and a couple from Tapu held a Pink Morning Tea to raise money for the Sweet Louise Foundation, a charity which helps people with incurable breast cancer.

Everyone who came paid with a donation and a small plate of food. There were some imaginative cake decorations with boob mallowpuffs and boob and butterfly shortbread.

We all had a fun time with a quiz, games and raffles. We had five raffles donated. Thank you to: Walter & Co, Thames, whose raffle was won by Lesley; Rosemarie, whose raffle was won by Myra; Margaret, whose raffle was won by Jill; Burton Catering, Thames, whose raffle was won by Mary; and Myra, whose raffle was won by Denise.

There was a lot of laughter when the games of Bra Pong and Pin the Nipple on the Boob were played. There was also a food quiz provided by Sweet Louise. The quiz proved to be surprisingly

difficult with two winners scoring 7/11. All of the winners and second place getters went home with a pinky bar supplied by Gay (thank you Gay).

Many thanks go to all who came and helped make the morning so much fun. Thank you also to the people who couldn't come but made donations: Graeme for balloon blowing, Frank for being the lift man, Charlie for balloon blowing, washing dishes and a lot of other helpful things, Linda for helping deliver invitations and, of course, Margaret for being the lovely person she is, getting behind it with such enthusiasm and helping in too many ways to count. We could not have done it without her.

We raised \$828 dollars for Sweet Louise, so a fantastic effort everyone.





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The route will re-open by **Wednesday 20 December**, reconnecting the two sides of the Coromandel in time for the summer holidays.

Getting traffic across as soon as possible has always been the aim for Waka Kotahi. We know how difficult the highway closure has been on local families, businesses, schools and communities. That’s why, along with our builders, McConnell Dowell and Fulton Hogan JV, we’ve pulled out all the stops.

We’ve built the 124-metre bridge in record time by being able to use a similar bridge design from another project which allowed us to start ordering materials and begin work before the SH25A design was complete. Once the road is open, be aware there will still be finishing work to complete, so the bridge will open under traffic management at a reduced speed.

After the holidays the project team will be completing drainage, some earthworks and removal of temporary bracing under the bridge.



Evelyn Green in 2011 – at 30 years of the Coromandel Community Library celebration

Library News

By Paul Lawrence

It is with sadness that we note the passing of one of the library’s greatest stalwarts and life-members, Evelyn Green.

Of all the community members who had major involvement in the life of our library, I believe I can say, without contradiction, that nobody offered more than Evelyn.

It all started for her well before our current library was built, a project that she was a major part of, spending many hours selling raffle tickets and indulging in other fundraising activities. Hours were also spent shifting books into the new building.

Evelyn had a number of roles in the library, from treasurer to volunteer librarian. Roles that spanned 41 years.

Upon leaving her home in Coromandel, just before she passed, she had a garage sale with all proceeds being donated to the library to go towards her favourite section. She stipulated that all monies were to be used for the purchase of children’s books.

That area will now be known as the “Evelyn Green Children’s Corner”.

The weather has definitely improved, allowing more time for outdoor activities, and not as much reading time. The number of issues is down a tad, but a steady stream of stalwarts are still borrowing.

The car boot sale is still going well, the weather certainly helps, so we are able to purchase a few extra books. Our normal number is about 20-25 a month. Last month we bought 30 and this month, 38. Hopefully, something for everyone. We just need the space to show them at the front. Work in progress.

Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz – By Garth Nix

A story about the only male child of an ancient society of witches and a sorcerous puppet.

This is a fantasy book aimed at young adults but has been read and enjoyed by readers of all ages. If you’re into a bit of fantasy, I’m sure it will be a good read. Has been recommended by borrowers.

The Waters – By Carl Nixon

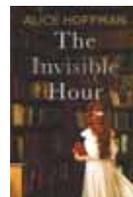
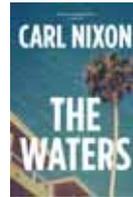
A book about New Zealand by a New Zealander.

This is a novel in 21 stories about a family thrown into turmoil when their father sells the farm and invests the money in a doomed property development in Christchurch.

The Invisible Hour – By Alice Hoffman

Ivy, sixteen, pregnant and alone. Seeks refuge in a community where she thinks she will find peace and safety. However, strict rules and oppression curtail any notion of freedom.

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~ from Kim, Melissa, Laurie-Ann and Lynne at **Richardsons Real Estate**

Taichi for health with Christina

A recently published study has stated for the first time that taichi can reduce the severity of Parkinson’s symptoms in the long-term.

The participants in the taichi group had better motor function at the end of the study. The control group, on the other hand, experienced a faster decline of their motor functions – including their walking ability and balance. On average, the control group also took more Parkinson’s drugs to manage symptoms over the course of the study compared to the taichi group.

These positive effects of taichi also showed in non-motor symptoms, with the taichi group reporting better quality of life and wellbeing, sleep, as well as memory and thinking benefits.

This isn’t the first trial to show taichi may have benefits for people with Parkinson’s disease. But previous trials only found benefits in the short-term, over a period of six months. This study is the first of its kind to show long-term benefits.

Other types of exercise have also been investigated to see whether they benefit patients with Parkinson’s disease like walking or swimming. These have been shown to benefit motor symptoms and slow the disease’s progression over a short period of time.

We still don’t know why exercise, especially taichi – is so beneficial to people with Parkinson’s. But we do know from other research that lacking exercise can promote inflammation, which is detected in the blood of people with Parkinson’s disease. Chronic inflammation can lead to loss of neurons in the brain.

People who do taichi are shown to have anti-inflammatory markers in their blood. This may explain why it’s beneficial for people with Parkinson’s as it decreases inflammation.

More research will be needed – especially to understand if taichi also benefits people with later stages of Parkinson’s disease – the findings of this latest study show taichi could be used as a complement to treatment plans. It addresses both the physical and mental aspects of the condition, providing benefits such as improved balance, flexibility and wellbeing.

Christina’s taichi class runs every Wednesday at 4pm at the Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool). We have a bunch of lovely, spirited and committed people.

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

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



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

It has been really great to get out and be welcomed to visit the gardens of various members and generous nonmembers over the past few months. In November, 40 of us



rambled to the gardens of two of our members on yet another fine day.

Judy’s garden on the 309 Road sits in an elevated position with expansive views of both rural land and bush-covered hills. Her undulating section is beautifully landscaped with shrubs, trees and flowers and some of us wondered about the challenge of planting on some of the steeper areas.

Pauline’s garden on Tiki Road has orchards, a large rose garden, farmland, vege beds, ornamental plants, and a wood wall with a mirror giving the illusion of a doorway to another area. Some of us were very glad we weren’t required to do the massive amount of mowing.

We then returned to The Club, our home away from home, for afternoon tea followed by our meeting, competitions, raffles, sales table, and lots of conversation. One of our members, Sharlene, will be organizing us for this year’s Santa Parade on **Sunday 10 December**. Another member is looking for some occasional help in her garden, so if this sounds like you, feel free to get in touch with us.

First place winners of our floral competitions were as follows: Linda – Single; Keitha – Mini; Darnell – Multi; Jeni – Arrangement (Rose Bowl); and Jill – Special (Salad Selection). Well done, one and all!

Our final meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday 13 December**, with an early start of 12pm at The Club. This Xmas meeting will include a shared lunch, Secret Santa (\$10 wrapped bottle), nonperishable Foodbank donation, and entertainment. The arrangement is Xmas Cracker and the special is Lovely Lilies.

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

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Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

Three missions for this side of the hill for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter, out of 16 missions by ARHT to the Peninsula in October, plus three inter-hospital transfers from Thames to Waikato or Auckland Hospital.

Missions for October 2023

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

10.10.23 – Port Charles – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

14.10.23 – Colville – Crew tasked to assist a female patient in her 70’s suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

On Friday 3 November, Whangamata Golf Club held its annual charity day tournament. Despite the closure of SH25A, and absolutely lousy weather which reduced the day to 11 holes of golf, they raised \$26,500.

Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust and Starship Children’s Hospital each benefitted by \$12,250, and Whangamata St Johns, \$2000. Locally, Paddy Bull Limited

contributed mussels for the barbecue. A package comprising a fishing trip for four people from Mussel Barge Safaris, accommodation from Harbour View Motel, and meal vouchers from Coromandel Hotel raised \$1,000’s at the auction. A huge thanks to all involved.

Flying helicopters is pretty safe these days and incidents are rare considering the challenging missions that rescue choppers are often called to execute. However, Waikato Rescue lost a machine a few months back while searching for an injured tramp on Mount Pirongia, west of Hamilton. With adverse weather conditions and strong winds, somehow the machine ended up crashing into the bush on the side of a steep slope. All the crew escaped virtually unscathed, but not so the machine. Just a fortnight ago, an Air Force helicopter lifted the remains out of the bush. Fortunately, Waikato has since taken delivery of a new \$18-million Airbus H145 twin engine Rescue Chopper that has undergone an 18-month-long development process in installing advanced technology and “top of the line” equipment. This brings the Waikato Service back to a two-rescue helicopter base.

A few days after the Waikato loss, Auckland’s third machine, the oldest of the fleet of three choppers, suffered a freak accident. The machine had landed back at the Ardmore base after a rescue mission and was “winding down” when a freak gust of wind caught the slowly spinning blades

of the rotor, forcing at least one blade low enough to hit the tail. The damage to the machine was substantial but again the crew escaped shaken but unhurt. This chopper was repairable, and after an extensive overhaul is expected to be back in the air before the end of the month. Fortunately, incidents like these are extremely rare.

Auckland contract stipulates that they must always have two operational choppers and crews available, so after this incident it was a mad scramble to procure a lease chopper. This requires an update of the operational specs, negotiating a new lease contract, updating the insurance, training, engineering assessment, acceptance, collection and safety risk assessments. This achievement is no mean feat, and I commend everyone involved, especially one employee who went above and beyond, much of which was in his own time. Nothing is easy or straightforward these days.

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

Keep safe!

Contact Nigel Strongman, 022 670 1549



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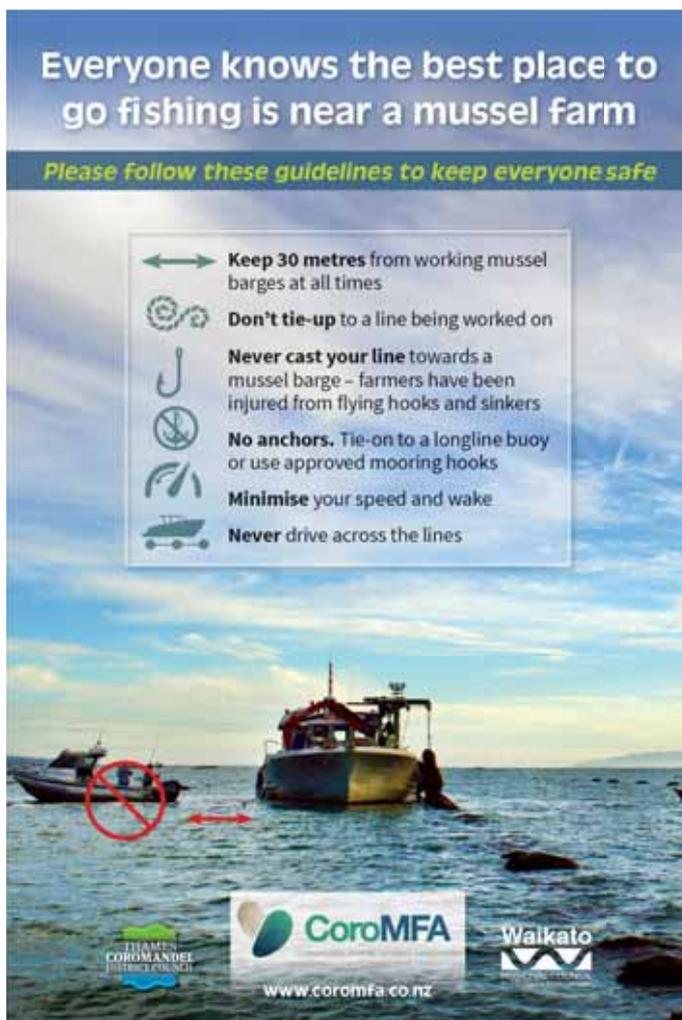
Wishing you all a dazzling festive season and a 2024 overflowing with health, joy, and plenty of new adventures.

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CILT

Kia ora. With summer finally here and the New Year just around the corner, we have decided that our staff have earned a well-deserved break this Christmas! In light of this, we would like to advise everyone that the Resource Centre will be closed from 3pm on **Thursday 21 December** and will reopen at 9am on **Monday 8 January 2024**.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Community Transport Assistance Scheme

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Transport Assistance Scheme. With this wonderful opportunity, we will be offering fuel vouchers to assist with the cost of travel when attending medical or Work & Income appointments that are not already covered by Te Whatu Ora, ACC and Work & Income funding. To qualify, you must bring a valid community services or Gold card and proof of your appointment to the Resource Centre.

For more information, contact us on (07) 866 8358.

The Goldmine Summer Hours

Need a summer project? We've got you covered! The Goldmine Reuse Centre is now open from 9.30am to 4.30pm, 7 days a week and we've got plenty of goods to keep the whole family busy this summer. Pop in and find yourself a bargain!

Visit from Mike King

We were very fortunate to have Mike King visit us in October and learn more about some of the wonderful work he does with his incredible organisation – I Am Hope. I Am Hope is dedicated to normalising the conversation of mental health amongst our young people and providing free counseling to youth through the Gumboot Friday Fund.

If you would like to learn more about their incredible work, please go to www.iamhope.org.nz.

Fishing Trip

A wonderful time was had by all on our "Take a Kid Fishing" barge trip recently. This was a great opportunity for some of our local children, accompanied by a family member, to experience a day out fishing. The weather was good and the fish were biting so everyone came home with fish for dinner. A big thank you to Four Square for sponsoring the onboard barbecue. A magical day out for all.



Mike King and two team members from I Am Hope with some of our CILT staff

A Special Thanks

As 2023 comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported CILT this year. Without all of the amazing volunteers who have dedicated their valuable time to supporting us or the incredible people who have generously donated to any of our projects, we would not have been able to provide the same level of support to our community that we have this year.

From the entire CILT team, thank you!

Mahamudra Centre Update

By Beth Pearsall

I had some folks tell me they missed my small column here, so I thought it was about time I got back to it. I have to say that our centre is looking particularly stunning at this time of year, with the fresh green growth and flowers bursting forth.



We had a wonderful retreat with Venerable Robina Courtin in October. We spent five days in the gompa learning about how to die without fear. She is such a force and offers the dharma in such a clear and concise way. I highly recommend looking her up on YouTube. And Hedwig was here too, offering her very popular Labour Weekend Qi Gong retreat.

These were set to be our last retreats for a while as we are now going to be offering the space for those completing Solitary Retreat at Mahamudra. Retreats can be from one week to two years by application. While we are a Buddhist centre, we want to open this opportunity for retreat to those on all spiritual journeys and to artists as well. If you know of someone looking for a space to do their practice, feel welcome to pass on our details.

However, Hedwig will offer three silent group retreats at the Centre in 2024. The first will be at Waitangi Weekend – The Art of Effortless Power **Friday 2 to Monday 5 February 2024**. More info on our website.

I want to continue to share from the 16 Guidelines for a Happy Life and this month's theme is Respect. Respect goes beyond mere acknowledgement; it is the act of genuinely valuing, understanding and honouring the intrinsic worth of every individual, every being, and every aspect of our shared existence.

Respect holds the power to transcend barriers. In its embrace, differences don't create divides; they paint a vibrant tapestry of shared human experience. It invites us to see through the eyes of others, fostering empathy, understanding, and deep-rooted trust.

What would the world look like if we could truly and wholly respect each other? How do we choose the people we respect? What effect will this have on our lives? How can respect contribute to a happy life? "Mutual respect is the foundation of genuine harmony."

– HH, The Dalai Lama

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Lynne, Carolyn, Sue, Viv, Bronnie and Annette – your “frontliners”



We are here for all of your questions and bookings over the summer, so please send your visitors into our info centre as this helps to keep it viable.

It is heartening to hear the comments of our international visitors each and every day which brings home how privileged we are to live in this corner of the world. We have welcomed visitors from the four corners of the globe through our little information centre and all comment on what a beautiful place we have on our back doorstep.

We would encourage you to buy local, buy from someone you know when considering Christmas presents this year – the big stores do not do a jig when you purchase your Christmas presents from them; the local, sole trader does – make someone in our community jig this Christmas.

When thinking about Christmas presents for family or friends that may be visiting our town, gift vouchers are always a good option. Don't forget the Boom, Bust and Beyond guided tour around Coromandel that we offer. They are very entertaining sojourns around town with splatterings of local history thrown in for good measure by our local guides.

Gift vouchers are also available from our tourist operators – Driving Creek Railway, zipline and pottery classes, our many excellent cafes and restaurants, The Waterworks – a great day out for families, and the many other attractions we have to offer in our small corner of the world. A package of gift vouchers and walking maps may be a unique gift to give to those visiting this season.

While visitors appreciate being able to communicate with a local, a large part of our enjoyment is supporting as many local groups as possible with promotion, plays, concerts, tickets, local events, markets and contact information or anything else local. We wish every single one of you that we have had contact with this year, and of course all of

the local community, a Merry Christmas.

There were times through the rain and road closures this year where the thought of being dry, basking in sunshine and not having to check which roads were passable, was ever going to come again – but here we are, so fingers crossed for a relaxing, sunny, profitable and busy festive season.

It has been very noticeable at the Information Centre that there has been an upturn in international tourists visiting our town over the past couple of months, so the stars appear to be aligning.

With the Christmas Parade on **Sunday 10 December**, Keltic Fair on **Tuesday 2 January 2024** and the influx of visitors and holiday-makers to the town, it will be another busy time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped keep the Information Centre operating, from the Thrive Trust board members, the Boom, Bust and Beyond local guides, the volunteers who give us a hand on the “frontline” and those in the background doing the mahi, ensuring the service we offer is the best it can be because of this collective effort. Never forgetting that money is the oil that makes the machinery, so a heartfelt thanks goes to all of our advertisers, funders, grant givers and the TCDC – it would not be possible without you.

Nga mea pai katoa mo te wa e haere ake nei - kia haere te oranga, te oranga me te oranga i a koe me o tau e haere ake nei me tua atu. All the best for the coming season - may prosperity, health and wellbeing walk with you and yours next year and beyond.

We want a future

By Reihana Robinson

We want a future
 where the sky is overhead
 the grass is underfoot and
 the river flows from the past to beyond where we can see.
 We want a future where insects alight on flowers
 where the air is sweet and
 food grows out of healthy soil.
 We want a future where discord
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Elevate your outdoor entertaining space

Now is the ideal time to refresh your outdoor space ready after a long, wet winter. Whether you have a spacious backyard or a cozy balcony, creating a relaxing, functional outdoor space can elevate your summer experience and make it a beautiful space to relax and enjoy with family and friends.

Here are a few tips to update your outdoor space, including a few of our favourite pieces by Tulips:

Summer colours: Planning a colour scheme can help guide all of your design decisions when planning or refreshing an outdoor space, ensuring that it all ties together. Calm neutral colours connect with the colours of nature and won't date. Colours like rust, khaki, tan, oat and malt are trending right now. But if bright, cheerful colours, like turquoise, yellows, reds, or bright blues and greens are more to your taste, have some fun and embrace a bold colourway, introducing it through cushions, throws, outdoor rugs, and even painted furniture.

Comfortable seating: Invest in comfortable and stylish outdoor seating positioned for conversations and relaxation. Consider options like weather-resistant wicker, teak, or metal furniture with plush cushions for durability.

Outdoor dining: Kiwis love a BBQ and alfresco dining, so creating an outdoor dining space is sure to get a lot of use. Tulips's



Bended series includes metal tables and bench seats in a stunning Scandinavian style. Style with large candles, matching placemats, and cushions to add your personal style. Add in a couple of timber fieldchairs with sheepskin for a relaxed spot to enjoy by the fire.

Outdoor textiles: When choosing an outdoor couch, opt for outdoor-friendly fabrics that are UV-resistant, easy to clean, and water-repellent. These textiles can be used for cushions, drapes, and even outdoor rugs.

Create shade: It's looking like we might be in for a very hot summer, with high UV as always. Sensible and style shade is crucial during the scorching summer months; umbrellas, pergolas, shade sails or retractable awnings can be good options. More durable options can also provide rain shelter.

Outdoor oven: Nothing adds ambiance outdoors than a fire, and Tulips's Outdoor Oven by Welteevree is a popular choice. A log burner for evening warmth, it doubles as an oven, perfect for cooking easy pizzas, or slow roasting lamb. Crafted with weathered steel and fireproof pizza brick and stainless steel, this oven is an investment in many, many

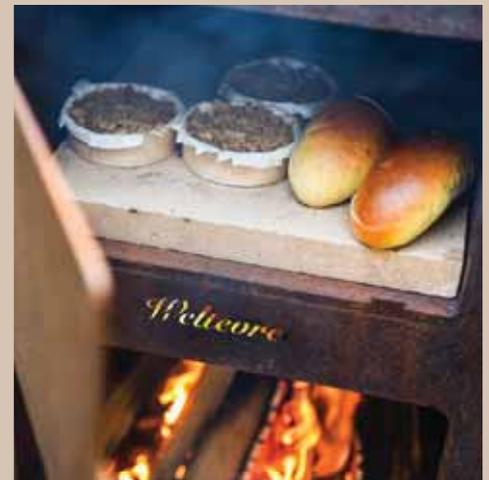
years of outdoor entertaining.

Lighting: Extend the usability of your outdoor space into the evening by installing outdoor lighting. Tulips's string lights add a stylish touch, or a selection of Tulips's guidelight lanterns, and LED path or fairy lights not only add to the aesthetic but also ensure safety and visibility.

Extra style: Incorporate greenery into your outdoor design. Potted plants and flowers in colourful planters can add life and vibrancy to your space. Hanging plants and climbing vines can create a lush, natural canopy. Use decorative accessories like outdoor rugs, throw pillows, and outdoor art, which can add personality and charm to your space. For an intimate feel, use outdoor curtains, bamboo screens, or trellises with climbing plants to create privacy and block unsightly views.

Remember, your outdoor space is an extension of your home, so don't hesitate to infuse your unique personality and style into the design. By following these design tips, you can create an outdoor haven that is both beautiful and functional, making your summer days and nights all the more enjoyable.

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I'm delighted that NZTA has announced repairs to SH25A are well ahead of their schedule and the route is expected to reopen in time for Christmas and summer holidaymakers to visit the Coromandel. I was very critical that it took six months for work to get underway, but I couldn't be happier with the efforts of the contractors and the workers on the ground. To be in position to reconnect our communities and fully reopen the Coromandel in time for Christmas is only possible because of their professionalism and hard work. This year has been brutal for local businesses, but I'm hopeful that today's news will be a much-needed boost as they prepare for summer. While the Peninsula has remained accessible, a fully operational SH25A is a signal to the rest of the country, and the world, that we are back in business. We were already looking forward to enjoying another the classic Coromandel summer, but this is an early Christmas present which will make it even better.

In other news, the school year is coming to an end and now is a great time to reflect and acknowledge our students' achievements. If you ever feel despondent about the future of the country or our local communities, I highly recommend going to a school prizegiving ceremony. You'll be blown away by these talented, articulate, and self-assured young Kiwis. They have a bright future ahead of them and I wish them all the best as they take on life's next challenges.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mew to all of the special people who have donated kai for cats and also two people who provided us with a financial blessing. We truly appreciate all donations made to the rescue kitties. We are also grateful to everyone who has donated sachets, tinned foods and biscuits – the cats appreciate it.

We wish to thank everyone for their support over 2023 and wish everyone a very safe, happy and joyful Christmas. Without the support, we wouldn't be operating, so know that each and every one of you who have supported us have helped us to help those who need us most in a time we need it most. Thank mew so much.

We are ticking along very slowly. We have repairs to units to do, and other smaller things to sort, but financially we will do them when we have funds and hope for the best. Financially we are just getting by but with kitten season ahead of us we are in a shocking space really. But we will continue to care for those in our unit and as we have always done, find a way through. We will try to organise some internet sales, which is being hampered by a digital camera that is past its best date and getting dodgy with us. We are keeping our eyes open for a cheap secondhand one that is easy to use and operate.

One issue we have had arise a few times now is what help is available to people in the Coromandel Town/Whitianga areas and we need to locate who does rescue up in these regions. Are there vets who help out animals, people who do rescue? Really, it is who can we refer people to to get the appropriate help over the summer period? We are totally unsure who does what in those areas. If you can help with any information please contact us so we can ensure the summer season is covered.

Wanted: cat food – tinned, salmon, sachets, sardines, pet milk, cat toys – also flanellette sheets which we use for both bedding and a fundraiser as we shred the sheets and crochet them into bath mats to sell to raise funds for the cats.

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

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Community Gardens

By Rachel Benmayor, Garden Coordinator

With summer coming on we are planting as many salad vegies as possible. With the growth of the vegies comes the growth of the weeds which seem to be exponential in proportion. However our heavy mulching does help a lot.

In the garden lettuces are coming on, spinach and silver beet are ready to pick and the last of the winter veg are at an end.

After seedlings were being taken from our hothouse we locked the door only to have it ripped open at the back. Things like this are disappointing.



If anyone out there has extra seeds or seedlings they will be most welcome. All of our produce is donated. We are trying to establish a new herb garden so if you have some spare cuttings or plants please donate them. Lots of visitors have been dropping in, travellers and locals swapping garden tips or advice. All very welcome.

The Community Garden is next to Hauraki House in town.

Gardening day 9am to 12pm Fridays.

Infinite being – from knowing to living

By Yaning Foreman

Have you been trying to create an outcome for years and you still don't have it?

The personal development world is broken.....because most of it focuses on fixing. The problem-solving means you will always have to look to fix or improve things in order to be motivated. It becomes a lifelong journey of the problem-solution orientation of books and seminars and it's a stark contrast to what the super successful do: They don't try to solve problems. Instead, they create what they love. Do you still want to continue to take one step forward and two steps back? I am Yaning Foreman, qualified magnetic mind coach. I have more to offer which I name in my program: Infinite Being – From Knowing to Living. I am here to help you understand the basic truths and laws around manifestation that you have to be able to apply correctly in order to manifest what you want. Uncover your true goals and begin to resolve the unconscious blocks, limitations and sabotage patterns that have stopped you from having the life you desire. As infinite being, I hope we can experience that everything is energy to the actual experience of it. We can go from the idea of infinite possibilities to the actual experience of it. We go from the idea that "I create my reality" to the experience of it.

You are not broken. You are superconscious. The common denominator is structure. True choices are essential for all transformation.

My personal experience of the work is the magic because we get information from superconscious (higher self). Superconscious memory is physiological and passed down through family; it is a field structure that informs our cells/DNA how to act and what to turn on. There is no judgement, bad or good, etc. That first magic made me realise that more people should know this work!

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Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Q – I have a contract to purchase a property. How often can I now visit the home and when?

A – Viewings for inspections are through the salesperson by appointment. Having a contract in place, possibly with conditions in it to be satisfied, means you may need to have a building inspection for example. Open Homes are not the time to do building inspections.

Your tradesperson will contact the salesperson who will then organise the inspection time. Some purchasers attend these inspections with their builders. This may take anything up to 1.5 hours on average, depending on the home and your requirements.

You may want to organise viewings to get other parties through with you for various reasons, e.g., carpet measurements, kitchen measurements, etc. Always book through the salesperson.

Having a conditional contract does not mean you own the home and can just rock up any time and wander around, vacant or occupied. It is still private property with the vendors having rights.

Prior to the conditional agreement becoming unconditional, you may request and attend any number of viewings.

However, once an agreement becomes unconditional, the agreement has some guidelines around approaching the property. Most often you are entitled to one inspection, called a “pre settlement inspection”, no later than one day prior to settlement. This is to inspect the property to ensure the chattels are in working order or at least no worse for wear than when you inspected the purchase. So no large holes in the carpet under the mat, no hidden holes in the walls, lights work, elements on the stove work, power sockets work, etc. This is not the opportunity to do an “unofficial building inspection”. The vendor on settlement day does not have to allow you access until after settlement in full notified by their lawyer. The exception to this may be if your contract has a vendor warranty, where the vendors have warranted to complete a task prior to settlement. In these cases you

may want to access the property a week out from settlement to check on progress of such work. Again, this must be through the salesperson you did the contract with. You may check until you are satisfied the work is completed in a professional and satisfactory manner.

Should you feel the work is not being done correctly or timely, you should always contact your lawyer and keep them apprised, or have them communicate with the vendor's lawyer. In these cases, keeping photographic records is helpful.

Once the agreement is unconditional, the vendor has no obligation nor expectation by contract to grant access. You need to organise these viewings prior to going unconditional. If you want to have these sorts of viewings, please keep in touch with the salesperson and give plenty of notice; the vendors may be forthcoming, but they are under no obligation.

There are occasional agreements where some matters may be written into the agreement for access for particular projects after the agreement becomes unconditional. Both vendors and purchasers should take guidance from their legal representatives prior to entering into these arrangements, as there can be serious consequences if matters go wrong.

Should you have any questions, please contact the writer on 0800 735 788 or glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz. Or just pop into the office on 105 Kapanga Road, Coromandel

Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

At the end of October we hosted Peninsula Day with a Christmas theme. A great turn out, 57 ladies and one brave man. We started the day with morning

tea, chatting and catching up with familiar faces and meeting new ones. Our group had on display our recently made quilts. We also had two merchants, Tis the Season and Bowerbird, who had a wonderful array of fabrics which we were able to purchase.

Kirstin, our new Pow Wow administrator, gave us an update on Peninsula Patchers Pow Wow and how it will now run on Facebook. For those interested there is a public forum and a private one.

We then had “Show and Tell” from the different groups. Such wonderful work being done around the Peninsula.

Raffles were drawn and some very lucky people went home with some lovely goodies.

A break for lunch and then Delys shared some great ideas for preparing quilts for longarm quilting.

We had a great response to the 12” square unfinished Christmas block with 24 entries. Two lucky participants took home 12 blocks each to make into whatever they want.

Thanks to those who made the journey to Coromandel Town.

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



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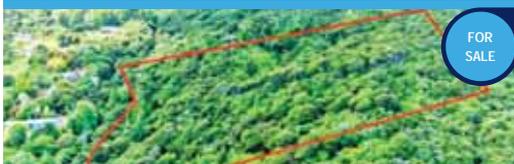


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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

First of all, huge congratulations go to our youngest club bowler Layke McNeil who has been selected for the

Thames Valley Bowls 2023/24 Men's Junior Rep Team (1-5 years). We are all very proud of you.

We have had a busy month of bowls, which is great, but also managed to squeeze in a working bee to paint the wooden plinth boards around the Bowling Club Greens. This working bee had to be postponed twice due to the weather but thankfully; the job has now been finished and it looks great.



Open Optional Triples

underway now with 32 teams registered and the drizzle holding off until everyone left at 7.45pm on the first night. Play was held up briefly on 7 November with everyone watching the Melbourne Cup race on the Big Screen at the club first but a fun evening of bowls followed. Come on down to the club and enjoy the social atmosphere, even if you're not in a team. I'm sure you will find someone to cheer for.

The Open Alternate 4's (sponsored by Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris) were played on a glorious day with the both the wind and the rain holding off. Teams from Mercury Bay, Coromandel plus a mixed Thames/Coromandel team enjoyed some stiff competition and some good banter. The winning team came from Mercury Bay and Darryl O'Keefe of Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris presenting them with their prize personally. Darryl also presented prizes to the 2nd and 3rd place teams.



Twilight Bowls

We played the Open Optional Triples (sponsored by Coromandel Four Square) with three visiting teams from Mercury Bay taking out the top sponsored prizes there. Well-played Mercury Bay.

Twilight Bowls is

Our Club Men's & Women's Championship Triples commenced on Saturday 4 November with the winner of the women's competition being Sue McNeil, Val Arndt and Vi King. At time of print, the men's final was set to be played on Friday 10 November 4pm so next article will record the winners of that competition.

Sunday Bowls has been going well with those coming along, enjoying the relaxed atmosphere. We have enjoyed games of Triples, swapped Skips about and also played the faster 2-4-2 format which is a lot of fun. Thank you to the members who have been helping out with preparation, coaching and match convening.

Coming up on **Wednesday 29 November** is our Open Optional Triples (sponsored by Pak 'n Save Thames) and for December we will enjoy our club Christmas Pot Luck Dinner Party.

We also have for our junior members (under five years' playing) the Men's and Women's Championship Pairs and Singles. These will be played on **Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 December**, so come along and support these players.

We have a number of new members, both full playing and social. With club bowls being played on Thursdays (three games over the morning from 9am into the early afternoon), Sundays (two social games from 1pm), Twilight Bowls (until 21 November and another round **Tuesday 30 January to Tuesday 27 February**) and coaching weather permitting every Friday from 3pm, the opportunity to give the game a go is there for all. Come down to the club on any of those days and see how enjoyable outdoor bowls can be.

Merry Christmas everyone from the Coromandel Bowling Club.

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

November was a very busy month with the great car run to Sandspit and then boating to Kawau. I was so sorry that I could not make it owing to some "flu" problems which also prevented me from taking part in the Tairua and Mystery Creek runs.

The big Coromandel Christmas Santa Parade is on **Sunday 10 December** and we have four pickups available, several convertibles and some rods and classics. Join in the fun or hop on board one of the pickups.

Our final "Happy Hour" for the year will be on the evening of **Wednesday 13 December**. We are looking at having a general get together on **Sunday 17 December** probably at Wayne and Glenise's place for a BBQ.

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RSA News

By Gary Pettett

Armistice Day was celebrated at the Club on Saturday 11 November. Kevin Stone officiated as RSA President, John Gaffikin-Cowan as Chaplain and Stuart Bayes played the Last Post and the Rouse. Marie Mead prepared, and with our patron Frank, laid the wreath and Doug Rogers raised and lowered the flag.

Major James Davis RNZIR Retired told a very moving tale about an Australian from the Light Horse Regiment who did not make it back home. An old painting was found in a secondhand shop of a digger sitting on a wall. Upon the painting's restoration, letters were found concealed – one of them being the last half-completed communication from his mother to her son plus the telegram saying that her son had been killed. The story was as much about his family as his wartime experiences. Many thanks to Jim for his very professional storytelling.

Thanks to the ladies for organising the lunch after the service with refreshments provided in the Club room.



Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

As I write this, for the 12th year our local Fire Brigade has run a fishing competition open to firemen past and present from across the motu and while numbers are slightly down this year, there are still a significant number of mostly volunteer firefighters who have come to spend a few days in our great town, are enjoying our wonderful hospitality and going fishing. Once again we have had the most amazing support from our local businesses and community without whom this would never take place. The list below shows those we are most indebted to for this support.

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Despite the weather of late or rather the wet winter, the experts are still predicting a very warm, dry summer – you may well need to conserve water so think ahead. If you have an issue please call us on 111 and call us.

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Christmas haiku

By John Irvine

oxymoron: eating gourmet
yogurt drinking cheap wine

cosmic xmas music: my feet
dance to music I cannot hear



Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Seasons greetings to all. The autumn system is working well for us when we don't have eight players. It is so good when we do have eight players, but six is working well. I do hope that lessons for newbies will have started by the time this gets to print. It is still not too late to come along and join in for lessons or a refresher course.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of our playing year. We will be enjoying festive nibbles as we play bridge after our AGM on **Monday 18 December**, with play restarting in February.

We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms on Tiki Road. Visitors to town are welcome to join us for an evening of bridge.

Contacts Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 478 8839, Judy 027 517 8306, Jackie 021 061 6876

Moehau ki te Moana

By Vanessa & Cass

Wow, it is hard to believe we are approaching the end of the year! This spring has been a busy one again, with our final plants going in the ground, seeds sown for new plants, and preparations for fencing commencing.

We would like to acknowledge all those that came to our Potting Party held on Saturday 7 October at the Colville Harbour Care Nursery. It was such a beautiful day with wonderful humans, and we achieved so much! To know that these pots will be filled with native, eco-sourced plants, to then be grown and planted here in our community, is such a fulfilling loop.

With the arrival of spring comes the increased sound of bird song! To the trained eye and ear, there are many different birds that provide this melodious backdrop. This month one of our coordinators, Vanessa, had the privilege of sharing some bird knowledge with the tamariki of Tairua School. Starting with a bird call quiz, the students listened carefully to attempt to match the bird with the call, focusing on many birds we see and hear in our rohe. This was followed by a quick lesson in completing a standardized Five-Minute Bird Count. With binoculars at the ready, we set off outside to complete a count together, counting all birds we could see and hear. We were fortunate to have resident spoonbills in our count – a beautiful bird if you have never seen one before!

As we move into the busy summer months, this is just a gentle reminder to be mindful of birds on our beaches, in our estuaries and even sometimes on our roadsides. We are in peak nesting season and many of our birds are particularly vulnerable to disturbance by dogs, vehicles and humans. If you do see a nesting bird, please provide them with space and ensure dogs are kept on a lead.

Wishing you a wonderful summer ahead,
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Coromandel Dreamin'

By Ron Murray

Finishing my first novel has been a tonic in tough times.

Coromandel Dreamin' has taken four years to write, roughly coinciding with my up-and-down battle against metastatic melanoma – first diagnosed in 2019. The book doesn't draw on the cancer struggle though.

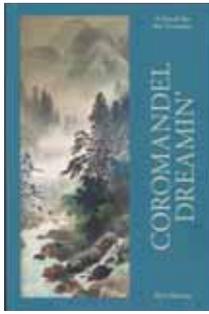
The book is set in the mid-north of the Peninsula in the late 1970s.

The novel is a love story with elements of high drama and I wrote it to reflect a little of the Aotearoa of the time – and the beauty and allure of the Coromandel.

It was also driven by my desire, as a writer all of my working life really, to pen a novel. More lately, I was driven by the urgency of the moment – I wasn't sure how much time I might have up my sleeve to achieve this.

I'd written poems and published poetry books, as well as a couple of non-fiction books – but a novel is the holy grail.

The book's inspiration came from an old English ballad "Thomas The Rhymer",



made famous by '70s folk-rock band Steeleye Span. It tells the story of Thomas, who's a musician just kicking around on some side road in old England when a woman on a white horse appears and invites him to jump up and come back to her place.

The novel opens with a similar pickup – the lead character (and narrator) of the story is hitching through the Coromandel on a wet autumn, late afternoon when he gets a ride with a woman who has a small settlement in the backblocks of the Peninsula near Coromandel Town. He ends up staying a while (and I'll let the reader discover what ensues).

The setting of the story was a no-brainer. I spent my youth in the Bay of Plenty, which is an area I know well and love, but the Coromandel always had a sort of wild allure. It's my favourite coastline and the hinterland is utterly spectacular.

Why the '70s? Well, my intention wasn't to write some sort of historical novel,

but I went from adolescence to adulthood in that decade. It was transitional for the country too – and the region. I saw it as a sort of shift in innocence: we were a pretty prosperous place with Britain buying most of our primary produce, then suddenly they're in the European Common Market and it's not so favourable for our farmers. Then OPEC raises oil prices. Things got tougher and more real. Then there's the music of the times – which features in the novel.

Coromandel Dreamin' is available from Carson's Bookshop in Thames and through the website <https://wrytings.com/books/coromandel-dreamin/>. The first three chapters of the book can be read on Ron's website at <https://wrytings.com/books/coromandel-dreamin/>

Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp



With committee members busy with their own lives, Grey Power Coromandel has just been ticking on. We can advise that we have three new members joining for the membership and electricity/broadband advantages.

Our November meeting will have been held on 23 November at St John for a General Meeting, by the time this goes to print.

The November 2023 to January 2024 newsletter was sent the first week of November. If a member didn't receive their copy, please call one of the committee team for a copy.

Grey Power is going to have a float in the Christmas Parade on **Sunday 10 December**, so watch for us!

Our next coffee morning is **Tuesday 19 December** at the Combined Club of Coromandel (Bowling Club) with a Christmas theme. We ask members attending to bring a \$10 gift wrapped and labelled male or female, to share with the Christmas cheer planned.

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

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Mana

As we look back over the past year, we're reminded of the beauty that surrounds us and the connections that keep us grounded. We've been feeling an abundance of love and connection from guests, staff, volunteers and facilitators, and for that we're truly grateful.

We recently held a singing workshop with Tony Backhouse. It was such a beautiful experience to listen to the sound of 56 voices in harmony together! Join us in April and November 2024 for additional singing workshops. Keep an eye on our website for more information.

As we close out the year, we're excited to offer a few more retreats that we think you'll love. The perfect way to relax, recharge, and connect with a community of like-minded individuals before Christmas. Like our "Relax and Wellness Weekend" on **Friday 8-10 December**. A relaxing retreat to unwind from the busyness of life and catch your breath before the busy season begins.

We also have our Summer Working Bee **Friday 15 to Sunday 17 December**. It's always a great time to come together as a community. If you would like to come during the day for our Working Bee, feel free to join us.

Mana will be taking a short break from **Monday 18 December 2023 to Saturday 6 January 2024**. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Arohanui, The Mana Team

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By Esther Powell

Kia ora koutou. This Monday we hosted a workshop for parents and kaiako on “Supporting Social and Emotional Competence in Early Learning”. As one parent commented, it gave us “some more tools for our kete”. Thanks to those who came to support this learning together. We will run the course again next year, meanwhile we have many resources to share-just ask. We are also taking “Expressions of Interest” for the Incredible Years Parent Programme, which if we have enough local interest will be facilitated in person up in Coville or Coromandel early next year. Please get in touch if you are keen or would like to know more.

As kaiako we put our learning into action as we notice and appreciate children’s positive dispositions or patterns of behaviour, ways of being, thinking and interacting. Five key “dispositions-in-action”, identified in our curriculum Te Whaariki (MoE, 2017), which are conducive to lifelong learning are: taking an interest; being involved; persisting with difficulty; expressing an idea or feeling; and taking responsibility (M, Carr, 2006). As we reflect on our environment and teaching strategies we recognise ways we can promote and support the development of these dispositions.

In the photo top right we see our tamariki engage their powers of imagination, their prior experiences of ballet, climbing,

gymnastics and bush-walking, as they deal with the mud and cow-rutted pathway on their way to the ngahere. Overcoming fear of falling in, or losing a shoe, or getting mucky, they learn that with focus and intention they can balance and find their way over this tricky terrain. “Persisting with difficulty” they build their mana and self confidence and encourage others to follow their lead.

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Enquiries welcome for 2024. To arrange a visit, call or email Esther.

We close for summer holidays from **Friday 15 December** this year, reopening on **Monday 22 January 2024**.

We hope you all have a beautiful summer with family and friends and keep safe in the sun and around the water.

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

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I say this every year, but I can’t believe that this is the last Chronicle article for the year! Some highlights would have to be our Matariki celebration breakfast, talent quest and fireworks display in Term 3, the development made on our learning through play and nature class curriculum, outdoor education trips, having our local iwi working alongside our staff, students and whānau, senior diving, Raglan sports exchange, skateboarding, tree planting in our community, Jumping June, Area Schools music camp, our senior and junior netball team and their epic efforts this year, Market day, CM games, our kapa haka noho and their performance at the Ahurei at the end of Term 3, having our first combined group perform at Hauraki Cultural Festival, hosting over 800 people here at CAS for our annual Ahurei, the Y10 Spirit of Adventure trip, welcoming our new principal, and hosting cluster and Thames Valley sporting events.

A big thank you to our amazing community for all of the support, generosity and help you have given to us throughout this year, and to our whānau who continue to support us here at CAS. Bring on 2024, with some EPIC curriculum plans already in the works!

Beginning of Term 1 dates 2024

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

Wednesday 24, Thursday 25, Friday 26 January – Teacher only days. Office will be open these days for new enrolments.

Friday 26 January – Senior course selection (if this needs to be done).

Tuesday 30 January – First day Term 1, 2024.

Monday 5 February (day before Waitangi Day) – School closed. School resumes **Wednesday 7 February**.

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. See you all at the Keltic Fair!

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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou katoa, time is flying by so fast that I missed last month's report. With Christmas fast approaching we are starting to get ready for the festive season, the Christmas carols can be heard throughout the centre, and children are starting to write letters to Santa.

The garden exploded with the onset of the warm weather and children are enjoying eating the peas, and looking forward to the tomatoes and strawberries.

We really enjoyed being a part of the Coromandel Cultural Festival where our tamariki performed with mana and wairua. We were so proud of how they took on the challenge and excelled with confidence. Thank you to all who helped out on the day.

In early December we will be having a visit from the Education Review Office who visits all Early Childhood Centres and Schools to ensure that all compliance is correct and to undertake a Quality Evaluation of our early childhood service. A Quality Evaluation focuses on the extent to which our early childhood service has the learning and organisational conditions to support each child's learning and development.

We have celebrated birthdays for Aurora, Eliza, Kora, and Levi and we wish them a very

happy birthday. We said farewell to Aurora who is off to school and we welcomed Karamana, Rakairoa, Myra and Jayvious Tangaroa, Noah, and Dylan to the centre.

We will be taking a break over the Christmas period closing on **Friday 22 December** and reopening **Monday 15 January**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our centre throughout the year, from working bees, raffles, fundraisers, supporting trips, sewing uniforms for the Cultural Festival and everything else; we could not do this very important job without your continued support.

We will have a couple of spaces in our "Up to 2's side" so if you are interested in having your child at Preschool please call in and see us. We currently have no spaces available in the 2-6 years age group but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre, for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers and you feel that this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning, you can put your child's name on the waiting list. Check out our latest Education Review on the website: www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/.

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

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Youth Group is for children 5-15 years to play, socialise, enjoy creating art and crafts or just relax and enjoy the fresh fruit supplied by Countdown.

School Holiday Times – Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 11am-4pm. Check in daily to see what excursions we have on as permission is required. Otherwise, for new attendees, fill in a membership form and bring a packed lunch.

School Term Times: Tues, Thurs and Fri 3-5pm.

For 10yrs+ – Adventure Time – Mondays 3-5pm and Miniature Game Club Wed 3-5pm.

All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

For more information: call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061 during opening hours or email coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

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The Source turns 20

By Nigel Sparrow

The Source opened its doors on 7 December 2003. It started then with nine artists looking to present their work in art, craft and design and continues today as a successful collective.

We will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of our gallery on **Thursday 7 December** at The Source (31 Kapanga Rd).

Come and join us from 5pm when we will be toasting our success with some refreshments.

You'll find us in our sculpture garden (between the Star and Garter and Pepper Tree Restaurant) beside our gallery. All welcome and we hope to have many of our artists, both past and present, visiting to help us celebrate.

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel held their annual Labour Weekend Exhibition at Hauraki House for four days over the holidays.

We had 60 paintings on display. A great result for our nine members over the year. We had a lot of people attending and they were very interested in what can be achieved with soft pastels. Sadly, while it is lovely to get such positive remarks about our work, there were no sales this year. We have, however, interested Barbara enough that she has been coming along to our Wednesday morning meetings. Welcome to our group Barbara. I'm sure you will enjoy learning about pastel.

Thank you to the lively members who manned the exhibition and also to Dave and Marianne for her expertise in hanging the art.

The pastel group meet every Wednesday morning at Rose's Studio.

You may have seen the sign at 860 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town. The hours are 9am until 12 noon so, if you are interested, pop in to meet our members and have a cuppa with us.

Phone Allan Beaver on (07) 866 8053



Pottery and paintings

Domestic ware, sculpture, oil and acrylic on canvas.

Artists: Ashley Tor, ceramicist; Cindy Alger, Bach. Fine Arts; Richard Crisp, painter; Andrew de Boer, Bach. Fine Arts; Genevieve Morley, B. Communications; Tony Calsaferrri, painter.

Opening preview on **Saturday 2 December** 5.30pm, showing **Sunday 3 December until Thursday 14 December** 10am-4pm daily at Hauraki House. All welcome.

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Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

First the bad news. There will be no panto in December as originally planned. Too many members of the Players are on holiday or, at critical times, were engaged in other activities.

Now the good news. It was felt that to give the panto the interest and energy that it needed, we would perform it in New Zealand's winter time, June or July 2024. With classic villains and heroes, clowns and lots of children involved, plus fabulous costumes, it will be worth waiting for.

More good news was the wonderful support that Brooke's musical play "The Wedding Dress" received, with several full houses. Indeed through the year we have had good support – from Roger Hall's play "Winding Up", to all of the Arts on Tour performances. Thank you theatre-goers.

Now it just remains to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and, of course, right through 2024!

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December 2023

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On behalf of all our Councillors, Community Board Members and staff at Thames-Coromandel District Council, we'd like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It's been a difficult year for many of us, with its fair share of challenges and upsets, but we're positive that the coming year will see us building back better from the emergency weather events of early 2023. Thank you to everyone who has pulled together to keep us going in a positive direction.

There's good news about SH25A

reopening ahead of schedule and our own Tapu-Coroglen Road reopening this month too, along with lots of other local roading repairs being completed or underway. There's renewed energy around the district and we've got a bright summer ahead of us. I hope everyone can manage some time off to recharge and enjoy what the Coromandel has to offer – spending time with whānau and friends.



Mayor Len

len.salt@tcdc.govt.nz

SH25A TO REOPEN BY CHRISTMAS

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency announced in November that SH25A will reopen by 20 December under traffic management at reduced speed over the holidays. Finishing works on the new bridge including drainage and planting will be completed after the holidays, requiring traffic management from time to time, although the road will not be closed.

Meanwhile at Tapu-Coroglen Rd, Kelsey Construction Ltd are progressing well. Delays caused by ex-Cyclone Lola and recent vandalism at the site have been made up by the contractors, and the road should reopen by 15 December, weather depending.

tcdc.govt.nz/roads

Māori wards in 2025

Our Council has voted unanimously to establish a Māori ward (or wards) in time for the 2025 local elections.

Under the Local Electoral Act, this decision triggers a representation review to consider the details of the ward/s and how many councillors in total we should have. tcdc.govt.nz/maoriwardsvote

SUMMER KERBSIDE COLLECTION

Our collection schedules on the east coast and northern Coromandel change over summer, but stay the same in the Thames Coast and Manaia, Thames and Thames Valley areas.

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Our seven Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations are open seven days a week 8.30am–5.30pm. Closed only on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board
Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"The summer holidays are on the way, and the announcement of the reopening of SH25A well ahead of schedule is a much welcome boost for our communities. If you're joining us for your holidays to celebrate with friends and whānau, we look forward to giving you a warm Coromandel Town welcome. There are so many amazing experiences to enjoy in and around our historic town, so come over and say 'hello'. Your support makes a big difference to our local businesses. If you're out celebrating on New Year's Eve, remember to be kind and considerate. Meri Kirihimete – Ngā mihi o te tau hou – and here's to a great 2024."



gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 5 December 2023, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road.
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Thames Music Group

Church organ, like you have never heard it before, from Denmark to Thames.

Mads Granum (Copenhagen) has a background as organ player, jazz pianist and as a composer of modern hymns. He has performed concerts in different parts of the world from Europe to Russia, but this is the first time he performs in New Zealand where he is living for a year. He will play Christmas music, jazz, Latin, bebop and ragtime. **Sunday 17 December**, 2pm at St George's Church, Thames. \$20 at the door.



Mads Granum



Joint painting 2023 – unfinished as yet

Coromandel Art Group

By Wendy Moore

It's a busy time for us in the art group at the moment.

Lots of paintings to refine, finish and mount, with many thanks going to Val and her expertise in this area.

The joint painting is nearly finished as well and will be on display, and for sale, during the exhibition from **Friday 19 January to Sunday 11 February** at Hauraki House.

Another vista of the beautiful area we live in.

As always we welcome newcomers to the group so if you are keen to have a go or are returning to a joy you now have time for, come and see what we do.

Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

The Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition is at Hauraki House, Coromandel Town, **Sunday 17 December until Sunday 14 January 2024.**

Come to the opening – mix and mingle from 5pm on **Sunday 17 December.**

Artists exhibiting include: Bronwynne Cornish, Michael Smither, Gian McGregor, Fatu Feu'u, Wailin Elliott, Tom Elliott, Lindsay Garmson, Cindy Alger, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Rod MacLeod, Barbara Von Seida, Mike O'Donnell, Allan Beaver, Peter Sephton, Kim and Kevin Brett, Kay Ogilvie, Tracy Johnson, Ian Webster, Jan Kocian, Iain Crichton, Petra Meyboden, Mary Lee, Andrew van der Putten, Jeannie van der Putten, Raewyn Penrose, Stuart Spackman, Tim Fuller, Annette Kaye, Joanne North, Vaughan Udall, Yvonne Szabo, Pamella Annsouth, Ashley Thor.

Colour Impressionist Exhibition

7th December to 3rd January

Artist: Patricia Brickell



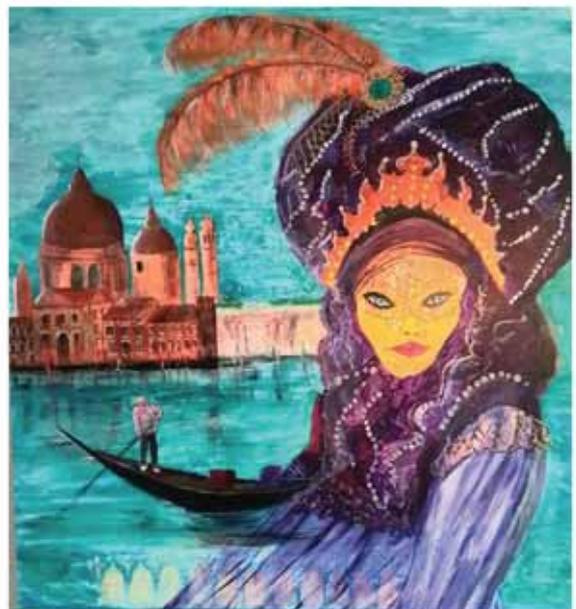
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MEG

Kia ora! Wow, what a busy month it has been! If you ever find yourself at a loose end with spare time on your hands, why don't you join the busy conservation industry?

From trapping predators to outcome monitoring, participating with schools, attending wānanga and supporting fellow conservationists, the conservation industry is vibrant and "vibing" with a lot going on. Join our team and volunteer!

Coastal pohutukawa in northern Coromandel stripped bare by possums!

The MEG field team have started work in difficult terrain along the eastern coastline to place 16 self-resetting NZ Auto Traps to start protecting beautiful pohutukawa trees from destructive possums. These traps have been funded by Waikato Regional Council and we hope to get another 50 traps in position over the coming months thanks to WRC support.



Driving Creek Conservation Park

Come and see our gorgeous new additions: our precious pāteke/brown teal have hatched two ducklings. Pāteke are New Zealand's rarest waterfowl (on the mainland); we only have around 2,500 of these little ducks left in Aotearoa. You can come and see them chilling out in our pest-free fenced sanctuary here at Driving Creek. It is always free to enter our fenced sanctuary and enjoy being amongst the native wildlife; you may also see zipline customers flying over you as they return from their tours!

We also have a series of enclosures within the sanctuary which house our native geckos; green, yellow and forest geckos. Geckos are endangered on our mainland and you very rarely see them in the wild. Our geckos were all bred in captivity and we have a permit to house them for educational purposes. Bring your summer guests, your family or friends and come and admire some native wildlife. Inside the sanctuary you can also see our wonderful pottery installations including the amazing 9m tall terracotta kauri tree made by Barry Brickell himself.

Self-guided tours are free, including a great little nature trail outside the sanctuary that takes you into an abandoned gold mine where you can get up close with cave wētā and tiny glowworms. We are close to town, 380 Driving Creek Road, and welcome visitors who want to explore our outside spaces this holiday season.



Pateke in the sanctuary



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Memorable Wānanga experiences

We had the privilege of attending a very special wānanga held at Te Paea Marae in Harataunga led by Ko Moehau ki Tai, Pare Hauraki where we heard Te Ahukaramū Charles Royal speak. We want to thank Ko Moehau ki Tai for hosting this very special and unforgettable learning opportunity. In addition, we participated in the Landscape Scale Restoration Wānanga at Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain, where we learned about a variety of projects. A couple to note are the Taiea te Taiao project, which is working hard to create a 45km long ecological corridor and the Bush to Burbs project, which is a successful backyard trapping movement trying to reverse biodiversity decline.

Have you seen this pest plant?

Dusky Coral Pea (*Kennedia rubicunda*). A vigorous perennial vine from Australia has been found at Little Sandy in Port Charles. Its red pea-like flowers are seen from September to December.



Dusky Coral Pea

Once fertilised, develop into pods with rusty-coloured fine hairs on them. This plant is a pest as it smothers native vegetation and quickly replaces our native species; because of this, it was formally recognised in NZ as a pest plant in 2012. What to do if you happen to see this plant: hand pull it out and take it to the tip or burn. Stumps need to be painted with metsulfuron weed gel and checked every six months to reapply.

Summer Holiday Programme January 2024

The MEG Summer Holiday Programme kicks off again this coming January with a variety of awesome activities and workshops based in Kapanga/Coromandel Town, Tangiaro/Port Charles and Waikawau campground. Be sure to pick up the booklet at the Coromandel Town Information Centre or the Colville Store. A few of the activities we are running are Kiwi Night Adventure tours, snorkelling and fin swimming with the Coromandel Dolphins, and a painting workshop with talented painter Emma Evangeline Gustafson. Doug and Jane Ashby visit again with their amazing geckos!

Backyard Trapping Project kicks off in Kapanga/Coromandel Town!

We have received funding from Predator Free NZ to build stoat and rat traps and tracking tunnels to help reduce the stoats and rats that have been regularly seen at the bottom of town in Kapanga. If you live along Hauraki Road or along the river in the Greenhills subdivision and are keen to receive a free trap, please get in touch with us! We are running a Backyard Trapping Workshop as part of the Summer Holiday Programme too, so come along if you would like to learn how to set up traps on your property!

Have a great month everyone, and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas! Noho ora mai! Follow us on Facebook @moehauenvironmentgroup, contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz

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Dolphins in the Hauraki Gulf



Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel

By Kate Donoghue

Hauraki Gulf in desperate need of protection

Earlier this month our local Forest & Bird committee submitted to the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill.

Living as we do in this coastal paradise with Tikapa Moana our constant and sustaining neighbour, we felt that we were well placed to make a submission. We supported an expansion of marine protection areas in order that marine life and habitat be restored. Extension of marine reserves and the establishment of Highly Protected Areas (HPAs) contribute to the well-being of the marine environment wellbeing their borders. We believe that action is long overdue to protect and enhance our marine environment.

We suggested an expansion of marine

protection generally but specifically asked that this protection be extended to include the Noises Islands, Tiritiri Matangi, Little Barrier /Te Hauturu-o-Toi and the Mercury Islands.

We described the need for korora/little blue penguin habitats to be identified and that their feeding, breeding and nesting habitats be protected. We advocated for seagrass habitat protection, for its importance as a nursery area for young fish and its ability to sequester carbon. Our submission noted that it needs special attention due to its ability to mitigate the effects of a changing climate.

We pointed out too that the degradation of the Gulf affects seabirds and a decrease in seabird populations impacts the health of our coastal forests, where their shore-distributed nutrients feed coastal vegetation and a decline in bird numbers negatively influences forest health and the land/sea interface.

As seen over the last cyclones, land use in coastal areas impacts on what happens in our harbours. Addressing the impact of land use in coastal areas to minimise the deposition of sediments into vulnerable waterways was

outlined in our submission.

Importantly, rahui-based protection based on annual, seasonal, and maramataka cycles and marine matauranga (traditional knowledge) should be considered in supporting Hauraki Gulf Protection areas.

Overall we asked for a greater degree of scientific monitoring to ensure that comprehensive, science-based insights into the ecological state of the gulf are better understood; that critical habitats are managed to ensure species survival; and that greater knowledge-sharing about the threats and opportunities in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park occurs in order to foster a shared responsibility for its protection.

We fully support the care and restoration of Tikapa Moana to become once again a healthy and thriving environment we can all enjoy.

UCLA Conservation Report

By Reihana Robinson

Travelling north this summer

UCLA welcomes travellers heading north over summer, however we want to alert drivers to the dangerous conditions at some points of both the Port Charles Road and Port Jackson Road. Extra care is advised. Please also take your rubbish to the transfer station in Coromandel Town, Whitianga or Thames.

Waikato coastal plan

As we have learned from experience, the time to have an impact on policy is before the draft goes out for public perusal. Usually WRC invites all iwi and industry groups to contribute to the draft and this is where the rubber hits the road. UCLA has called for an end to trawling, along with LegaSea and many other conservation groups. UCLA especially wants an end to trawling in the Colville Channel. It has been pointed out by one member that the draft appears to offer current shellfish farmers the ability to transfer from oysters and mussels to fin fish farming! This makes no sense as the remarkable MPI research carried out at Ruakaka shows reticulating water transfer land-based operations are not only feasible, they are both commercially viable and more environmentally sustainable.

Thane Riney, Graeme Caughley, William Graf

The great environmentalist, vintner and author Bill Benfield wrote an article reposted in the Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations of New Zealand Inc, 2021 from a 2014 interview published in *Investigate* magazine entitled "What's up DoC? What if New Zealand's entire Conservation Policy has been based on a massive

mistake?" The scientists mentioned in the headline proved an estimated six to twelve million moa browsed our forests (some of our ancestors wiped out all eleven species) along with other herbivores such as kereru, takahe, kakapo and extinct geese and flightless ducks. In 2011 two research papers confirmed previous gizzard studies showing moa diet included podocarp, beech, fuchsia, broadleaf, wineberry, coprosma and vines.

"Probably one of the world's greatest ecologists of the later parts of the 20th century was New Zealander Dr Graeme Caughley who stated forests without browsing were in an 'unnatural state'." Professor William Graf described the country's departmental officialdom "as afflicted with an 'anti-exotic wild animal phobia'". Thane Riney was able to disprove the Department of Internal Affairs claim that erosion was caused by animal browse.

These highly regarded scientists had their work pilloried by none other than school teacher and gardener of NZ plants, Leonard Cockayne, whose seed exchange correspondence with Munich University landed him an honorary doctorate. This is the man whose "vision is entrenched" in both Forest & Bird and Predator Free. His anti-exotic wildlife policies and his claim that forests were never browsed continue to play out with the indiscriminate aerial use of 1080.

There is a strong likelihood Cockayne's belief system has led to this country's extraordinary use of industrial chemical herbicides and pesticides that are not healing Papāūānuku, Mother Earth.

His 1926 open-air native plant museum, begun in a government reserve (Otari), originally created in 1906 is of course a magnificent legacy. However, it is time for all conservation groups to face a

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Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

Family Fun Day Fishing Tournament held on 28 October went ahead, although not many participants entered. With the weather forecast not looking too rosy this probably turned a lot of fishos off, but it turned into not too bad a day.

Results from this tournament are:

Men's

- 1st Snapper – Glen Debenham – weighing 3.660kg
- 2nd Snapper – Aaron Mason – weighing 3.595kg
- 3rd Snapper – Logan Davies – weighing 2.975kg
- Trevally – Glen Debenham – weighing 1.035kg
- Kahawai – Allen McNeill – weighing 1.745kg
- No John Dory weighed in

Ladies'

- 1st Snapper – Lorraine Chick – weighing 6.555kg
- 2nd Snapper – Nikki Stephenson – weighing 3.400kg
- 3rd Snapper – Charmaine Martel – weighing 2.880kg
- Trevally – Lorraine Chick – weighing 1.140kg
- Kahawai – Nikki Stephenson – weighing – 0.840kg
- No John Dory weighed in

Juniors

- 1st Snapper – Ryan Debenham – weighing 4.925kg
- 2nd Snapper – Juan-Kato Vico – weighing 1.235kg

- 3rd Snapper – Daena Debenham – weighing 0.765kg
- Trevally – Ryan Debenham – weighing 0.840kg
- Kahawai Ryan Debenham – weighing 1.120kg
- No John Dory weighed in

The club "Fish of the Month Competition" prize of \$100 went to Nikki Stephenson with a kahawai weighing 1.770kg. There were a few kahawai weighed in with only a few grams between them so well done Nikki.

Fish of the Month for November is John Dory and December is trevally. There is also a Fish of the Month prize for Juniors: November is piper and December is yellowtail.

Remember to weigh in your catch to be in for the FOM prize. Our weigh masters are Salty Towers or Fish, Dive and Hunt.

We will be having a "Members Only Fishing Competition" on **Saturday 9 December** followed by our Christmas Party at Admirals Arms. More information to follow.

The date for our "Classy Chicks" tournament is **Saturday 2 March 2024** with a postponement date being **16 March 2024**. The letter "H" is the costume dress-up theme, so come on ladies, get your crew together and get your costumes sorted. Entry forms available soon.

To keep up with what we are up to join our Coro Recreational Fishing Club group page on Facebook or email us at coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members of the Coromandel Croquet Club, and readers of the Chronicle.

According to Rose Macaulay, croquet is "a very good game for people who are annoyed with one another, giving many opportunities for venting rancour." It is also a very good game for people who get on very well with each other, of course.

If you are interested in learning about croquet, then call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15am and provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club.

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



Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

We have survived yet another year with a small membership thanks to our generous sponsors: Driving Creek Railway, Richardsons Real Estate, Four Square Supermarket, Perfect Air, Llandem Consulting Engineers. To all of you, our grateful thanks.

Club days are now Sunday at 2pm and Thursday at 4.30pm. Subs are now due. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters. Casual players welcome any time.

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

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 71379am

Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408.....9am

Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am

Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3pm

Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm

Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm

Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661.....9.15am

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am

Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm

Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm

Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5.30-6.45pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am

Meditation at Mahamudra..... 8.15-8.45am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am

Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm

Taichi classes, Waikato Events Centre, Christina 021 113 4768..... 4pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am

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

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm

Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house), Liz 027 436 2800 6-7pm

Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 8.30am-12.30pm

Community Gardens volunteer day 9-12am

Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661.....9.15am

Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 9252.....9.30am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm

Coromandel 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" 2pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm

2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

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

1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.

Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm

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

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

3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.

Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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

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4

Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club

High tide 12:30am (2.4m), 12:52pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6:28am (0.5m), 7:08pm (0.7m)

5

Coromandel-Colville Community Board Meeting (see ad pg 27)

High tide 1:18am (2.4m), 1:39pm (2.5m)
Low tide 7:14am (0.7m), 7:57pm (0.8m)

6

Quiz night at The Club

High tide 2:04am (2.3m), 2:28pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8:06am (0.8m), 8:47pm (0.8m)

7

20th Anniversary of The Source Spm (see pg 26)
Colour Impressionist Exhibitions starts at Driving Creek Railway (see ad pg 28)

High tide 2:56am (2.3m), 3:18pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9:03am (0.9m), 9:38pm (0.8m)

8

Relax and Wellness Weekend starts at Manāia (see pg 25)

High tide 3:59am (2.3m), 4:08pm (2.4m)
Low tide 10:01am (0.9m), 11:29pm (0.8m)

1

The Waterworks \$ 10 entry day (see ad pg 21)
Treasure or Trash Pre Christmas Market in Colville (see pg 3)

Pottery and paintings exhibition preview at Hauwaki House (see pg 26)

High tide 10:40am (2.8m), 11:03pm (2.6m)
Low tide 4:18am (0.3m), 4:48pm (0.5m)

2

The Waterworks \$ 10 entry day (see ad pg 21)
Pre Christmas Market in Colville (see pg 3)

Pottery and paintings exhibition preview at Hauwaki House (see pg 26)

High tide 11:23am (2.7m), 11:47pm (2.5m)
Low tide 4:59am (0.4m), 5:34pm (0.6m)

3

The Waterworks \$ 10 entry day (see ad pg 21)

Sunday Bowls 1-4pm at the Bowling Club

High tide 12:06pm (2.6m)
Low tide 5:42am (0.5m), 6:20pm (0.7m)

11

Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club

High tide 6:33am (2.5m), 6:56pm (2.5m)
Low tide 12:08am (0.5m), 12:32pm (0.7m)

12

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High tide 7:20am (2.6m), 7:25pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12:55am (0.5m), 1:18pm (0.6m)

13



High tide 8:06am (2.7m), 8:15pm (2.7m)
Low tide 1:42am (0.4m), 2:04pm (0.5m)

14

Pottery and paintings exhibition finishes at Hauwaki House (see pg 26)

High tide 8:51am (2.8m), 9:05pm (2.7m)
Low tide 2:28am (0.3m), 2:52pm (0.4m)

15

Summer Working Bee at Manāia (see pg 23)
Colville Bay Pre-school close for summer holidays (see pg 24)

High tide 9:38am (2.9m), 9:55pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3:14am (0.2m), 3:41pm (0.4m)

16

Summer Working Bee at Manāia (see pg 23)
Summer Studio Sale opens (see ad pg 26)

High tide 10:26am (3.0m), 10:45pm (2.8m)
Low tide 4:01am (0.2m), 4:32pm (0.4m)

17 Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition opens (see pg 28)

Sunday Bowls 1-4pm at the Bowling Club

High tide 11:18am (3.0m), 11:36pm (2.8m)
Low tide 4:49am (0.2m), 5:24pm (0.4m)

18

Rummikub 1-4pm at The Club
Coromandel Contract Bridge Club AGM (see pg 22)
Manāia summer break (see pg 23)

High tide 12:07pm (2.9m)
Low tide 5:39am (0.5m), 6:18pm (0.4m)

19

Grey Power coffee morning (see pg 23)

High tide 12:28am (2.7m), 1:01pm (2.9m)
Low tide 6:32am (0.4m), 7:13pm (7.13m)

20



High tide 1:23am (2.7m), 1:57pm (2.8m)
Low tide 7:29am (0.5m), 8:09pm (0.4m)

21

CIIT Resource Centre closes for summer break (see pg 12)

High tide 2:21am (2.6m), 2:54pm (2.8m)
Low tide 8:31am (0.6m), 9:07pm (0.4m)

22

Coromandel Community Preschool close for summer break (see pg 25)

High tide 3:22am (2.6m), 3:52pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9:35am (0.6m), 10:05pm (0.4m)

23

Christmas in the Park 4pm (see pg 6 & ad pg 5)

High tide 4:26am (2.6m), 4:49pm (2.7m)
Low tide 10:38am (0.6m), 11:04pm (0.4m)

24

Elim Church Christmas eve service 10am (see pg 6)

High tide 5:27am (2.6m), 5:46pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11:37am (0.6m)

25

Christmas Day
Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch (see pg 4)

High tide 6:25am (2.7m), 6:42pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12am (0.4m), 12:31pm (0.6m)

26

Boxing Day

High tide 7:18am (2.7m), 7:35pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12:54am (0.4m), 1:23pm (0.6m)

27

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High tide 8:07am (2.8m), 8:26pm (2.6m)
Low tide 1:44am (0.4m), 2:11pm (0.6m)

28

High tide 8:52am (2.8m), 9:13pm (2.6m)
Low tide 2:33am (0.4m), 2:58pm (0.6m)

29

High tide 9:38am (2.9m), 9:58pm (2.6m)
Low tide 3:14am (0.4m), 3:43pm (0.6m)

30

High tide 10:17am (2.8m), 10:40pm (2.6m)
Low tide 3:55am (0.4m), 4:26pm (0.6m)

31

Dimension of Cool at Star and Garter for New Years Eve (see ad pg 7)

High tide 10:57am (2.7m), 11:20pm (2.5m)
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