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..... Editor's comment

Coromandel Town Santa Parade is on **Sunday 8 December**; contact the Information
Centre for more details. And for the adults there is "Cabaret & Cocktails" at the theatre
on **Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December**.

Thank you to all of the community for the support I have received for the Chronicle in
2024 for what has been another tough year for many businesses.

The January issue will be printed prior to the printer's closing for Christmas and New
Year. So send your New Year adverts and articles by **Thursday 12 December**.

Have a good Christmas, Meri Kirihimete,

Debbie

..... Letters

Marine Reserves – High Protection Areas

The new High Protection Areas (HPA's) that are about to be signed into law are a disaster for
Coromandel residents, holiday homeowners and visiting fishermen. Recreational fishing will be
banned in large areas around the Alderman Islands and the bottom third of Slipper (including
Rabbit, Penguin and Rat) and also the two new HPA's near Coromandel.

Not only will the HPA's lock up many of our favourite fishing spots, but purse seining and
bottom trawling will still be allowed within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

I feel we have been seriously let down by Scott Simpson, our local constituent MP.

Scott Simpson chaired the committee that passed this legislation through the select committee
process ready for signing into law. He is very aware of all of the issues, yet these decisions were made under
his stewardship.

The original Sea Change document identified many reasons for the depletion of the fish stocks and
the degradation of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. Amongst these was the destructive commercial fishing practices
like bottom trawling and purse seining. Despite a mountain of scientific evidence of the destructive nature
of these practices, they are still allowed in the new legislation. High Protection Areas will do nothing for
the overall health of the Gulf and surely, that is what we are all trying to achieve. There has been no research
done into the benefits, position, size or the effects on the local community.

Ask yourself why there are no bait fish inshore,
workups out wide, or seabirds. Not to mention kina
barrens and mushy flesh, poor condition snapper.

Scott Simpson should front to his constituents and
explain how these decisions were reached. Scott, the
doors of our fishing clubs are open...

Scott Lee, Tairua

Reply to above from Scott Simpson

The Hauraki Gulf is the most intensely recreated marine space in New Zealand's entire
Exclusive Economic Zone.

In the eight years since the Sea Change Plan was eventually finalised the state of the Gulf has
become much worse.

I make no apology for supporting the legislation currently before Parliament that will see the
creation of 12 new high protection areas, five new seafloor protection areas and two extensions
to existing marine reserves.

New Zealand's first ever marine reserve was established in the Hauraki Gulf in 1975 at Leigh.
But it was very small. Almost 50 years on only 0.3 percent of the gulf has been protected.

Yes, some of Scott Lee's favourite fishing spots fall within one of the proposed new
protection areas and he is feeling the same way some local fishers in Leigh felt back in 1975.
That's no reason not to proceed with further, and some would say still inadequate, protection of
the rapidly deteriorating gulf eco systems. I doubt any of those 1975 Leigh fishers who opposed
the first reserve would now think it was still a bad idea. Certainly their children and grandchild-
ren do not.

The new legislation will increase the area of the gulf that is protected from 0.3 to just
6% leaving 94% for Scott and others to fish.

He complains that as the select committee Chair considering the Bill, I have let him down
as his constituent MP. I think it would be a far greater failing for me as Coromandel MP not to
support this move to help halt the Gulf's declining health.

Regards,

Scott Simpson, MP Coromandel



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Coromandel-Colville Business Association

By: Coromandel-Colville Business Association
 Marketing & Media Subcommittee



Help shape our new Coromandel-Colville identity

Do you love Coromandel-Colville as much as we do? We're on a mission to showcase the magic of our region to the world a bit better, but we need your help!

The Coromandel-Colville Business Association recently formed a Marketing & Media Subcommittee, focused on promoting our beautiful ward. From our stunning landscapes and rich history to the warm, creative, and resilient people who call this place home, we want to tell our story in a way that captures hearts and inspires visitors.

Why are we asking for your input? To move forward, we need a strong brand identity that reflects the essence of the wider Coromandel-Colville ward (not just Coromandel Town). This isn't just about creating a tagline; it's about ensuring that everything we say, show, and share about our ward aligns with who we are as a community. Before we take the next step, we want to review what's already out there. What phrases, slogans, or ideas have been used in the past? What resonates with you? And most importantly, what's missing?

What does Coromandel-Colville mean to you? Is it the breathtaking coastline, the peacefulness of the bush, or the small-town charm? Maybe it's the local markets, the art scene, or the sense of belonging. Whatever it is, we'd love to hear your ideas!

Send us your suggestions! Email your catchphrase or slogan ideas to committee member Aaron (aaron@shellybeachcoromandel.co.nz), or submit to our CCBA Facebook page by **Wednesday 15 January**. Be sure to include your name and contact details so we can follow up if your idea makes the shortlist. This is open to anyone to submit. We hope to share in the New Year what the committee goes with.

This is your chance to help shape how Coromandel-Colville is seen by the rest of New Zealand – and the world. Whether you've lived here your whole life, just moved here, or are a regular visitor, your input matters.

Together, let's create something that makes everyone say, "Yes, that's Coromandel-Colville!"

For questions or to learn more about or join the subcommittee, please email us at aaron@shellybeachcoromandel.co.nz.

We can't wait to hear from you!

..... Letters continued

Thames bus

As you may know Coromandel Taxis was one of the providers when we had a short-term Connector bus service to Thames earlier this year. Unfortunately, the funding for this ran out and we have not heard a peep from our Council about making this a permanent service. However, Sharon is continuing to run the service when bookings make it viable.

A few weeks ago I caught the bus when I needed to renew my licence and was able to do this, some shopping and have a coffee before the return trip. Last week I needed shopping done and Sharon picked up my "Click&Collect" from Thames for a very reasonable charge. She told me she also had several passengers that day, from Coromandel Town and further down the coast, and one other shopping delivery. Coromandel Taxis aren't making a fortune from this, but Sharon sees it as a community need and is happy to continue as long as there is a demand. It is definitely a case of use it or lose it. The fares are reasonable but you do need to book; call or text on 027 376 4466, and tell your friends too!

Happy journeys, Lora Mountjoy

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

In November we had a garden ramble and meeting at member Tracy's in Waitete Bay. Her lovely neighbour Kathy was also kind enough to let us visit her garden. As both ladies have survived breast cancer, and as the previous month was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we did a belated in-house fundraiser for breast cancer, and many of us wore a bit of pink.

We walked down the road and along the coast for three minutes to Kathy and Bill's property. Both Kathy's and Tracy's properties are on somewhat steep sections, creating challenges for development, but for which they've both found excellent ways to make them walkable.

Bill bought the property in 1994 with his former partner Char, when it was all scrubby bush. The house was built in 1970, without the decking. They slowly built the retaining walls and worked tirelessly, as they only spent two months every year in NZ from their main home in Switzerland. Unfortunately, Char died in 2001. Kathy feels blessed to have inherited such a garden from her. Kathy and Bill made more retaining walls and planted natives, Italian alders, palms, etc. The garden is now quite mature, at 30 years in the making.

They have also planted fruit trees and initially had a very small veggie garden, but when Kathy was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014, they decided to have a big vegetable garden in order to grow organic produce. Their veggie beds are tucked away in lovely, sheltered spots and Waitete is now their permanent home.



We then walked back to Tracy and Peter's for a tour of their very attractive garden, which has extensive veggie beds, fruit trees, some low maintenance plants and lots of rocks covering soil surfaces.

Tracy welcomed our group and thanked us for our club's \$150 donation to Breast Cancer. She then talked about the timeline for their property.

They purchased the property as a bach in 1994, visiting from Auckland whenever they could, while also raising three children. They built the bottom garage and sleepout in 2000, and renovated the house in 2007. They moved here semi-permanently in 2020, just prior to Covid, and finally made their permanent move in 2022. They have 28 solar panels that generate heaps of power, and it came in handy during our meeting when the power was out for many hours. Rainwater is collected from three roofs into three underground tanks. Wastewater is treated underground as well and the then-clean water is used in the gardens. They also have little penguins/ kororā living under the house at night.

Pete talked about the creation of his wicking beds that consist of food-safe plastic, pipes and geotech material that were used to create the enclosed vegetable gardens. It took two years to really get them up and running, but now they produce in abundance.

One thing Tracy said about living on a hilly section is that it helps to keep her fit. Use it or lose it!

Next meeting: **Wednesday 11 December**, 12pm. at The Club (note early start time)

Activity: Xmas meeting with shared lunch; Secret Santa ~\$10 wrapped gift; non-perishable donation from each willing member for Foodbank; Jeni and her line dancers will entertain us.

Speaker: Liz Cameron on her life in food and theatre

Arrangement: Xmas Wreath

Special: Xmas Produce

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

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

December already; the year has flown by. In December we hold our AGM. This year it will be on **Wednesday 18 December** at 6.30pm followed by an evening of bridge and Christmas nibbles. This is our last night of the year and we will meet again to play bridge in February 2025. It has been good to have the new members join us, as this has boosted our numbers. We would be very happy to have more members.

Please get in touch if you are considering playing bridge. If enough interest is shown there will be lessons given. We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms. Season's greetings.

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Christmas Closure

With summer approaching and the New Year just around the corner, we believe our CILT team deserve a well-earned break this Christmas. With this in mind, we have decided to close Te Pūtahi Whaiora from 3pm on **Friday 20 December**, with a reopening date of **Monday 13 January**. Te Mana Tangata will be closed for an additional week, with a reopening date of **Monday 20 January**.

The Goldmine ReUse Centre, Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station and The Bizarre will be open for all of your holiday shopping needs during this period. Foodbank will be available on Thursdays during the closure period – please contact Treena on 027 316 4662 if you are in need of assistance.

The Goldmine

By Sam Ward

Looking for a cheap deal on things you need? Then come on up to The Goldmine ReUse Centre! You'll find the best used and second-hand items at a great price. You can find The Goldmine down Hauraki Road at the Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station. Looking for Christmas presents, spare parts or even DVD's? Then The Goldmine is the place for you!

Thank you from our Financial Mentoring Service

As 2024 comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible community for their donations of money, excess fruit and vegetables, and time by volunteering in the Māra Kai throughout the year. Your generosity has helped us support those in need in more ways than one. This year had its challenges, from adjusting

to our new office to facing a few unexpected setbacks, but with your support, we've celebrated wins too. As we look to 2025, we're hopeful for a fresh start and a renewed focus, ready to continue this journey alongside our community.

The Great Kiwi Gumboot Race Day!

Woohoo – our Great Kiwi Gumboot Race Day was a massive success and we'd like to say a big thank you to all of the incredible people and businesses that helped us to support the I Am Hope foundation on Gumboot Friday.

With the help of our incredible community, we managed to raise over \$1,000 in support of Gumboot Friday, an initiative created by I Am Hope to provide free, timely counselling for our tamariki. This amazing day wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic local businesses below who donated items, vouchers, and the delicious sausage sizzle.

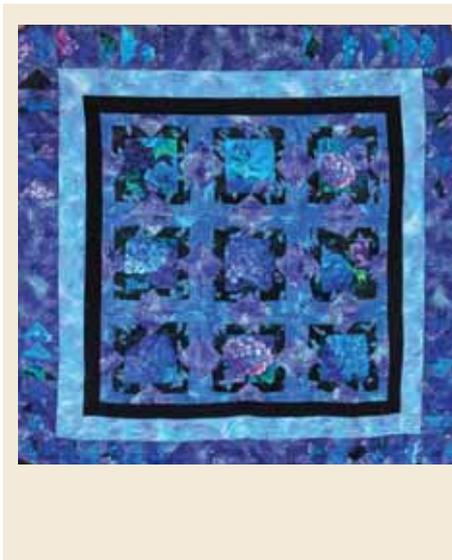
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Te Puāwai – Native Plant Nursery

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Opening Hours: Visit us at 150 Pound Street (behind the CILT building) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-4pm.



Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

Judy has completed this beautiful quilt. This one a keeper for herself.

Not long until the end of the year. We wind up with a Christmas Lunch in December and recommence **Monday 3 February 2025** with our AGM **Monday 17 February 2025**. If you are considering joining our group, we welcome new members. Our exhibition at Hauraki House is planned for **Saturday 15 to Saturday 22 March 2025**.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Tina Hvidberg Pedersen 021 594 706

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Susan Ngamane

Like everyone in town, we have noticed an upturn in visitor numbers through November – hopefully a portent of things to come. The international tourists are enjoying the activities, scenery and locals that our region has to offer. Consistently the comments we get are how friendly, kind and helpful Kiwis are – a great reputation to be out there in the world, we believe.

The Santa Parade is fast approaching so we hope you have completed your float entry forms and returned them to either James & Turner or emailed them through to corochristmas@gmail.com – **Sunday 8 December** isn't far away. If you are looking to secure a position at the market to be held after the Parade, please contact Shevana at 021 818 6834.

Having recently returned from a break in Cairns, Australia, it gives me great satisfaction to realise the services, hospitality and ambience we offer in our small town is equal, if not superior, to those offered at more globally recognised tourist attractions, such as the Great Barrier Reef and Rainforest Skyrail. There seems to be a tipping point when an activity gets to be frequented by thousands of tourists, that the service and kindness morphs into generic politeness – a desire to move people through the processes to experience the different activities efficiently, clinically and fast, which tends to lose that human approach. Long may we remain approachable!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Star and Garter for making the Information Centre a recipient of their donations from the Give a Little Sundays with their \$12 pizza deal (\$15 takeaway). For those who may not be aware, Mike and Karen donate to a local community group from the number of pizzas sold on Sundays, so not only are you getting a good pizza at a great price, you are also helping a community group.

Highlights for December:

- Community Market opposite Four Square – Saturday morning
- Car boot sale – **Saturday 7 December** at Woollams carpark 9am-12pm
- \$12 Pizzas – Star & Garter – every Sunday
- Santa Parade – **Sunday 8 December** 3pm
- Locally produced live show – details released in December
- Santa's imminent arrival

Meri Kirihimete, kia iti noa o awangawanga (Merry Christmas, and may all of your worries be small) from the team at the Coromandel Town Information Centre.

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Library News

By Paul Lawrence, Librarian

A message for all of our members – thank you for continuing to support the Coromandel Community Library.

This service is made possible by:

1. An annual grant of \$11,000 from TCDC. Renewable every three years when the TCDC Long Term Plan is reviewed. Our book buying and covering expenditure is approximately \$12,000-\$14,000/year.
2. A committee of five volunteers and a team of 13 volunteers who contribute over 1,000 hours each year to provide the service and maintain the Charitable Trust status.
3. A part-time, paid librarian providing management oversight of the day-to-day activities and Kotui computer system.

Due to financial challenges, in 2023 the committee submitted an application to TCDC to become a fully funded District Library. The TCDC was not able to grant this status as there are not enough rate payers in Coromandel to make it viable.

To continue to provide the current service to Coromandel, the Community Library needs to find funds totalling \$14,500 above the council funds.

Currently the library accesses funds from:

1. Membership fees (currently \$20 per year, less than 40 cents per week for members!).

2. Children are free on an adult membership card
2. Car boot sales held each month (income approx. \$45/month).
3. Selling good quality secondhand books.
4. Funding sources such as CILT, and applications to outside funders, e.g., gaming trusts (no outside funders will cover direct staff costs).

To help us meet increasing financial demands we need to raise our membership fees to \$25 per year from February 2025. This proposal will be formalised at our Committee Meeting on **Monday 16 December**, 11am at the library. All members welcome.

We will also be seeking sponsorship from local sources for our Charitable Trust.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the library please let our librarian know. The regular income from sponsors will help us to budget more precisely.

Members will be sent a reminder when their membership is due. Members will be able to pay by direct debit to the library account, with Eftpos (in the pipeline), or cash at the library.

Should you have any questions, or suggestions to share, please feel welcome to attend our bi-monthly meetings or contact the Librarian or Chairperson.

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Pizza delivery in Ukraine

By Carol Sutherland

“You came all the way from New Zealand to Ukraine?”

That was the question I heard when I volunteered in Ukraine. It was accompanied with wide eyes and a smile. What fuelled that smile was the realisation that Ukraine was not forgotten, even in the far-flung parts of the world.

New Zealand is viewed as this geographically safe place, some sort of distant paradise with no large looming neighbour bent on destruction of one’s independence, country and even identity. The war in Ukraine might have slipped off the news here in New Zealand, but the missiles still come and the blue and yellow flags in the cemeteries slowly increase, and yet the people still stand.

So, what was a Kiwi from Coromandel Town doing in eastern Ukraine?

In a small way trying to help where I could by joining up with other international volunteers. I joined the Scottish charity “Hopefull” for two months, and with others from around the world, we set off every day in the trucks to cook pizzas, face paint children and play music. A hot pizza or two, a drink and a village get together. Tom, the leader, sailing forth in his kilt, had been there from day one along with Kevin from Zimbabwe, but for the rest of us we were rotating when we could spare time in our own lives.

Having international volunteers turn up in their remote village was a sign that people around the world still cared. We said it with pizza.

The war is taking its toll, and psychological scarring is inevitable, but there is also defiance and humour, even if it’s sometimes black. In the villages I visited, some had



Ukrainian kids helping to unload pizzas

been occupied by Russian forces in the past, and there seemed to be no wish to be part of the Russian Empire again. The stories the villagers told of the occupation were horrifying and far outside my experience of little Coromandel Town.

Our areas were in the east and ranged from the oblasts (regions) around Kharkiv in the north down to Odesa in the south.

In the east there are fields of sunflowers and wheat bursting forth from the incredibly fertile black soils, with walnuts, cherry, apricots and mulberry sprouting up in pockets not tilled. However, not all could be picked as mine notices lined many a road verge. Some fields were left fallow for a reason. The Halo trucks carrying out demining have decades of work to do.

The roads were rough in places, but we rocked up to villages dotted throughout, and once the word was out, they came. The kids keen to help with unloading, preparation and serving, as well as the eating part. As one village head said, “You give us a day where we can forget



Hopefull pizza crew with Ukrainian singers in traditional dress

about the war.”

From the people there were thanks, jars of honey, fruit, homemade cherry liquor, handcrafts, hugs, blessings and even traditional singing.

Some of the babúsiás (grandmothers) could be quite formidable when it came to queue etiquette. It is in the villages that Ukrainian language, culture and traditions have been kept throughout the centuries, and it is in the villages that the babúsiás reign supreme, so maybe that is where the Ukrainian formidability comes from. With grandmas like these...

When I finally departed on the truck ferry across the Danube, I was sad to leave but it was time to head back to my village of Coromandel Town. I was leaving a country that is a mixture of hope and anguish, and still in need of help.

“Slava Ukraine” were my parting words.

Coromandel Cancer Support Group

By John Walker

Our group continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month. Some members attended a meeting with the Whitianga Cancer Support Trust to investigate forming a trust in Coromandel Town. We have talked about getting guest speakers at our monthly meetings for more information on support that is available for our members. Whitianga has a yoga instructor who helps people in their recovery.

The December meeting will be the last this year. The Bay Waikato cancer society C.E.O. will be attending. We also have someone from Coromandel Family Health Centre attending. At our last meeting two of the members explained two different support avenues available to cancer sufferers to make life a little more comfortable during a stressful time in their lives. New members and support people are welcome to join us for a cup of tea and listen to discussion which is often varied to build confidence. We have heard many experiences that are new to the group.

Till next year, stay safe and enjoy the Xmas break.

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

We have enjoyed some great mornings and afternoons of bowls since the start of this season on 5 September but haven't managed to slot in a replacement date for our Ecclestone Cup as yet.

Over the weekend of 12/13 October, the Thames Valley Mixed Open 2x4x2 Pairs Tournament was held at the Tairua and Whangamata Bowling Clubs. In the final, after some consistently amazing games of bowls, are two of our club members, Colin Gawith and Lindsay Nicholls. Well done you two and the club wishes you well for when the final is played.

Our Open Optional Triples Tournament (sponsored by Coromandel Four Square) on 16 October saw a full field play, with Chris from Coromandel Four Square presenting prizes to the top three teams. Our winners on the day were a composite team of Danny Goodall, Mike Proctor and Sue McNeil.

Twilight Bowls got underway with 16 teams at the 5pm session and another 16 teams at the 6pm session. This is certainly a great community social event that is supported so well by local business.

We really do appreciate your sponsorship Star & Garter, Pepper Tree, ZM Electrical, Coro Accounting, Perfect Air, Trinity Real Estate, Moana NZ, Driving Creek Railway, James & Turner, Coro Fish-Dive-Hunt, Coromandel Four Square, Naughty Beans, Richardsons Real Estate and Coromandel Pharmacy.

The final for Round One (five weeks) of Twilight Bowls was actually played on 19 November, so in the January issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle I will let you know who won.

On 7 November we held an Open Alternate 4's Tournament sponsored by Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris. Darryl from Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris came along to present prizes to the three top teams, with Mercury Bay coming 1st & 2nd and a Thames team coming 3rd. It was a great day of play, with 12 teams entered overall. Much praise was given given to our Green keeper David Weatherley on the great condition of our green.



Men's Triples Winners

On Sunday 10 November we held our Men's and Women's Club Champ Triples. Seven men's teams entered, with Colin Gawith, Jason Dickison and Ernie Groucott winning the men's competition overall and Shirley Stol, Dianne Burton and Vi King winning the women's competition. It was certainly a great day of play (see photos, left).

Our Coromandel Cup and Men's & Women's Club Champ Pairs were played in the latter half of November so I will update you on those in the January issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well.

For December we have our Open Triples Ham Tournament on **Wednesday 4 December**, our Christmas Party on **Friday 6 December** and our Junior Under 5 Men's and Women's Champ Pairs and Singles over the weekend of **Saturday 14 to Sunday 15 December**.

There is always something to look forward to at the Coromandel Bowling Club and you are welcome to join us on a Thursday Club Day 9am start, a Sunday afternoon rollup 1pm start or coaching and a social get together on Fridays 3pm.



Women's triples winners

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Hi everyone. We had another great lunch at the Dunes in Matarangi – it was nice to see 17 of us and a couple of new cars as well. Peter's new wagon looks fast and spunky, plus two foxy Holden Commodores from the '80s. Our next meet is the Coromandel Town Christmas Parade on **Sunday 8 December**, then our usual Happy Hour on **Wednesday 11 December** followed by a lunch BBQ at Wayne and Glenise's place.

The "Beach Meet" in Whitianga is on **Saturday 4 January** and it would be good to have a few cars there, as they do support our "Car Fair" on **Sunday 2 February**. We have a lot of things coming up, so keep those wheels turning. Cheers, Bruce.



Armistice Day celebration at the club – members enjoying the company after the official part of the ceremony

RSA

By Gary Pettett

Armistice Day – later known as Remembrance Day in the Commonwealth and Veterans Day in the United States. This is not regarded as a big day in New Zealand, as our yearly celebration is Anzac Day, with poppies available as a donation to raise money for veterans and their families. You will see Remembrance Day feature the poppies in the UK in November.

On Monday 11 November at 11am we honoured the war dead following the Armistice at the end of World War 1 between the Allies and Germany at Compiègne in France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front, which took effect at 11am (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month) in 1918. 30 RSA members celebrated this together on a wet and windy day at The Club and our thanks go to Kevin Stone for his speech and John Gaffikin-Cowan for the religious content. Lyn Williams and Barb Excell provided the excellent food to nourish the members who came together on this day.

Another celebration is upon us very shortly and that of course is Christmas. We are having a Christmas Nibbles afternoon on **Saturday 14 December** from 3.30pm onward, so put this date in your busy diary. Please bring along a plate of nibbles to share with members and friends – we look forward to seeing you there and to "raise a glass together". Here's to 2025, whatever it may bring!

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A Santa by any other name...

By John Irvine

Santa Claus, he calls on lots of different girls and boys as he flies around the world on Christmas Eve, yet have you ever stopped to think about what other kiddies call him, what words they might speak when they receive

their piles of Chrissie pressies wrapped in pretty elven paper, tied with tinsel string all sparkley bright?
For English ain't the lingo that most other kiddies speak, so here's a crash course in Santa-speak. Alright?

Our Santa Claus, as you all know, comes from tiny Holland where they all call the fat man Sintu Klaas. The Yanks they thieved the name, you see, and remodelled it to English... but for the rest of us it's always Father Christmas.

At some time in the night Finnish toddlers call "Joulupukki!" In India the littlies whisper "Baba". At the same time down in Chile it's "Viejo Pascuero", and Hawaiian kids call for "Kanakoloka".

If you think that's weird, old buddy, then hie ye to Morrocco, there, "Black Peter" is the Bagman's jolly jingle. Peru has "Papa Noel", and the Japs "Hoteiosho", and the Yanks who love their shopping have "Kris Kringle".

But get a load of this, hear what the Spaniards call the Man – in the heat and flies he's called "El Nino Jesus!" There's Poland's "Swiety Mikolaj" and France's "Pere Noel", hear Sweden's "Jultomten" on freezy breezes.

The list goes on and on from Mandalay to old Hong Kong, with appellations such as old Saint Nicholas. "Shengden Laoren" up in China, "Julenissen" in Norway, and Lithuanians have their "Kaledu Senelis".

But up in freezing Russia I think they got it right, they're not fooled by the Fat Man's cutesy pose. They know he drinks too much and has relations with his reindeer... the Ruskies say the fat man's "Ded Moroz"!

O, it's such a jolly season in spite of boring carols, a time to over-eat and drink a lot. To maximise your plastic and buy stuff that no one wants... and in your fireplace leave a boiling, stock-filled pot.

Grey Power Coromandel Inc



By Patricia Whimp

All Grey Power members contribute to the Grey Power Federation's valuable advocacy work through a small annual capitation fee. However, this alone is not sufficient to sustain the wide range of initiatives undertaken on behalf of seniors across New Zealand. To bridge this gap, the Grey Power Federation rely on the generous support of partner organisations and businesses that share our vision.

Without these valued partners, much of the work the Federation does would not be possible, and are grateful for their ongoing generosity. In turn, Grey Power Coromandel encourage our members to support these businesses as a way of recognising their vital contributions on behalf of all Grey Power members.

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Additionally, our members benefit from a variety of discounts and services provided by these national and local partners, accessible through your local Grey Power Associations. They are: Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferries, Brentwood Hotel, Wellington, Cherished Memories, Harrisons – carpets, curtains etc, HRV home ventilation, Inter-Islander Cook Strait Ferries and Vesta Funeral Cover/Health Insurance.

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Coromandel Flying Club (CFC)

New President, Upcoming AGM, Christmas Luncheon & More

We are pleased to announce that the Coromandel Flying Club has a new president, Mark Forder, elected at our prior Annual General Meeting (AGM). Mark's enthusiasm and commitment are sure to lead the club to new heights, and we're excited for the future.

The next AGM is scheduled for **Saturday 7 December**, at 11am. All members and shareholders are warmly invited to attend. Following the meeting, we'll host Christmas nibbles at 12pm. This social gathering is open to everyone who would like to bring a plate and provides a casual opportunity to meet club members, learn about the club, and celebrate the season together.

Additionally, we're thrilled to announce the launch of our new website! Visit www.coromandelflying.co.nz to stay informed about club events, updates, and more.

After a quiet winter, we've noticed a significant increase in airfield activity with the return of warmer weather, and we're looking forward to a bustling summer of flying. The clubrooms have also been a hub for other local groups who rent the space, and we welcome more community interest – contact us if you'd like to learn more.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Lions Club for their continued support, which helps keep our community spirit strong.

Looking ahead, our annual hay harvest will take place soon, with hay bales available for \$15 each in late December. If you'd like to reserve bales, please reach out to Pieter at 027 620 8915 or email info@coromandelflying.co.nz.

We hope to see you at the AGM and Christmas luncheon. Here's to a fantastic summer season at the Coromandel Flying Club!

Coromandel Museum

By Maureen Kimber, Secretary

Almost the final Museum report for 2024 and what an exciting past few months we have had.

After the committee decided that we would reach out to the local community, and having had such a great response to our 70th birthday party, we had no trouble in drawing up a future "two-year plan". Incidentally, we noted at our last committee meeting that we had virtually completed our initial two-year plan – the new LED lighting in the main building, replacing the old strip lighting, and a completely new power box and power points installed by ZM Electrical and funded by NZ Lotteries were the finishing touches ready for our new summer season ahead. The creation of a retail section is proving to be very popular (mascot Scottie the Miner made for us with love by Marie Mead is not for sale) and our new look entrance is up-to-date and user-friendly.

We were lucky to be interviewed on Coromandel CFM radio station in regard to our 70th birthday party, and again interest is being shown by their approaching us to do a broadcast on their morning show about our future plans. These include collaboration with Driving Creek Railway (and hopefully in the future with the Stamper Battery) to attract visitors to include all three venues as a package. We now have a display at the Museum featuring Barry Brickell's dream that has now become one of the main attractions for tourists to the Peninsula – do pop in and have a look, as this and our 1950's displays will change after Christmas as part of the "revolving display" theme idea.

We have recently had a visit by 25 pupils and teachers from Hamilton North Specialist School. One of the children is a member of the Denize family and was fascinated by all the memorabilia displayed on this old established family. The children were delightful and well behaved – Jennie thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with these young people.

The Museum is open from 10am to 4pm Thursday to Sunday until Christmas and afternoons only, 1pm to 4pm daily from after Boxing Day until Easter.

As we are a very small committee we do have trouble finding volunteers for the roster – if you have four hours to spare once a week (or fortnight) and would enjoy talking to a very diverse range of visitors, we would love to hear from you. You do not need a great knowledge of the contents of the Museum as our literature is very self-explanatory – just a welcoming smile and enthusiasm for our very interesting local history – not only the mining era but a huge range of memorabilia.

If, dear reader, you have read this far, we remind Museum members and their partners of our Christmas dinner at the Top Pub on **Sunday 8 December** from 6pm.

Please contact Jennie as soon as possible as booking is essential.

Possibly a little early, but have a very Happy Christmas and holiday season – we look forward to hosting many happy visitors during the 2025 summer season. Kindest regards from our committee to you all.



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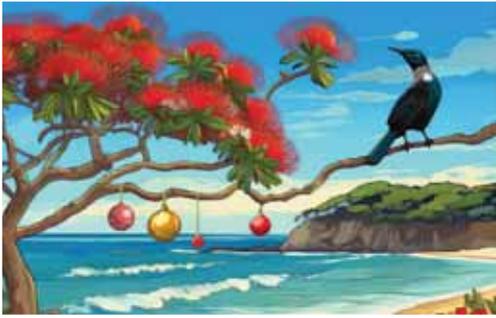
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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

December 2024

Meri Kirihimete

~ NGĀ MIHI O TE TAU HOU ~

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the elected members and staff at Thames-Coromandel District Council.

2024 was a challenging year for the entire Thames-Coromandel community as we worked to achieve a new normal after the challenges of the last few years. We'd like to acknowledge the hard work that so many in the Coromandel put in this year to our ongoing storm recovery and making our district thrive. We know it hasn't been easy.

Take care over the holidays, and here's to continued progress and partnership in the year ahead.

From all of us at TCDC



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place over the summer peak period for most of the district. Coromandel Town, Te Kouma and Coromandel Rural North will have general rubbish, glass, mixed recycling and food scraps collected on Thursday 26 December, Thursday 2 January, then every Wednesday from 8 January to 5 February.

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Our Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas and New Year's days, and open daily from 8.30am-5.30pm until 5 April.

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Service centres:

Our offices will be closed from 12.00pm on Tuesday 24 December 2024, resuming normal hours on Friday 3 January 2025. You can contact us 24/7 at 07 868 0200, customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Te Kouma Rd retaining wall deferred

A coastal retaining wall to support Te Kouma Road at Windy Point no longer qualifies for a subsidy from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi due to a government cut in funding.

The National Land Transport Fund Settlement has reduced funding assistance rates for low-cost, low-risk projects by 80%. The 'low-risk' \$418,000 Te Kouma project is designed and budgeted for the current 2024/25 financial year, but the contract hasn't been awarded yet.

Council has deferred the project to the 2025/26 financial year to look at options, and is urging the government to reconsider funding.

ANNUAL REPORT FINAL

Our 2023/24 Annual Report has been independently audited and signed off, wrapping up the last financial year. tcdc.govt.nz/annualreport2023

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UPDATE

A word from our Board

Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"While 2024 has been difficult at many levels, we've seen some

encouraging positives in our Ward, including Tupu Kai (grow the food) community gardens taking root in some of our most vulnerable, rural communities. Our local businesses made a good showing at the recent Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards too. Congratulations to Supreme Winner The Waterworks, and category winner Coromandel Shelly Beach Top 10 Holiday Park. Enjoy your holidays everyone, celebrate safely and come and see us on your travels.

Meri Kirihimete - Ngā mihi o te tau hou."

gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz



News in brief

Last month, the Board:

- Met with Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird to discuss the need for consistent funding for weed and pest control.
- Heard an update on the status of Hauraki settlements and iwi engagement from Council's Tikanga Navigation team.

The Board's final meeting for 2024 is Tuesday 3 December 2024, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Agendas are at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

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The Colville Project

Our Board and Team at The Colville Project (TCP) wish you the most tremendous festive time – resting, connecting with whānau, spending time in nature and enjoying nourishing kai and great cheer.

This year has marked many highlights in our community-led project as we have focused on the building of the Wellbeing and Education Centre here in Colville – the service centre of the northern Coromandel Peninsula. These include:

- Completing our full mapping-out the TCP property.
- Finalising our Site Development Plan which balances community needs, environmental protection, and smart infrastructure; and, is informed by Mana Whenua, neighbours, community and professionals.
- Investing in comprehensive groundwork including engaging consultants and commissioning technical reports.
- Making significant improvements to the TCP site, such as improving site access and on-siting tanks for fire-fighting purposes.
- Initiating development of our formal housing strategy.
- Growing our team by appointing a new funding and marketing person.
- Engaging professionals as members of our Concept Design Plan Advisory Board (architect, quantity surveyor, project management, environmental scientist) to provide guidance and advice as we conducted a formal review of our concept design for the Wellbeing and Education Centre.
- Continuing to be a collaborative party in a neighbourhood animal-pest-management programme managed by Colville Junction.
- Successfully applying to Waikato Regional Council for funds to support our weed management programme over the 2025-2026 period, ensuring we can help safeguard our region for future generations.
- Advocating for our region and its communities, through participation in various regional initiatives.

We are now focused on completing preparation for our Resource



Consent application in the first quarter/half of 2025.

TCP is a collaborative project. Our thanks go out to: Our brilliant team, Rick Lambourne, Suzi Rodgers, Katie Lowes and Amajjika Kumara for your dedication and mahi. Jamie Watson-Ryan for your continued input and feedback. Tom van Dort and our Concept Design Advisory Group members James Wallace, Alex Reiche, Amelia Wilson and Adriaane Fourie, for advice and guidance in reviewing our concept plan. Kelsey Construction for work done on our accessway. Chris and Kay Ogilvie for arranging the gift of two water tanks. Nicole McCauley and Predator Free Hauraki for track work. Jan Autumn for contributions to our Housing Strategy Subcommittee. Our weed management volunteers. Sarah Gibb (Community Waikato). Colville Junction and Colville Community Health Trust for your ongoing support. TCDC for sponsoring our membership with Funding HQ over this period, and Mayor Len Salt for his support. Trust Waikato, Lotteries, COGS Hauraki, DV Bryant and our regular community donors for funding support. Waikato Regional Council for EIF funding and donation of a footstation to support kauri hygiene protocols. Richard Webster (Remnant Restoration Ltd) and other professionals who have contributed to our planning. And our governance team who, in the last financial year, collectively gave 3,500 volunteer hours to progress The Colville Project.

We are currently looking for a small shed(s) to house health and safety and other materials. If you or someone you know are renovating, please contact us/pass on our contact information. We'd love to repurpose your shed for our needs.

Remote Volunteer Team Positions for 2025

Have you always wanted to help with a project like this one? But perhaps you don't live full time in this area? We have great news! We have multiple remote volunteer positions and we would love to hear from you if you have media, design and management skills and can share some of your expertise with us. Follow our Facebook page for more information: @thecolvilleproject or email Katie: admin@thecolvilleproject.nz.

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

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Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer, Vice President



Hi everyone, I hope this issue finds you well and looking forward to Christmas.

Short and sweet (just like me) this time, just to let you all know we will be at the Keltic Fair on **Thursday 2 January**, with our famous fritters. Please do come and support us. We do all the fund raising to be able to help the community in many ways, and we hope to have a “would you like to know more” table so that if you do want to know more about joining the club, we will do our best to help.

Some bright and colourful banners/flags will be on display, made by our president Sue – so you will find us no problem. Well done Sue,

The Santa Parade is coming soon and we, as a pride of Lions, will hopefully bring a smile to you.

Get those orders in for next year's wood, as it's never too early; contact details below.

I'll leave you with the biggest of thank yous to all that have made this past year a successful fundraising one. Please enjoy your holiday time with your family and friends. Stay safe and chat with you all next year. Merry Christmas.

Sue Hughes for wood 021 142 1124. Jean Smith, secretary 021 208 7576

Hotspot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

Recent Callouts

Scrub fire x2, ambulance assist, smoke callout, compost fire, vege fire x2, assist broken down wheelchair. Reasonably quiet but notable that we are getting vegetation fires already. It's drying out quickly. Call it global warming or whatever, but the scrub is already dry and it's burning. If you want to light – check the National Fire Site www.checkitsalright.nz for your local approvals.

Fishing competition

The second weekend in November was our annual National Fire Fighters Fishing Competition where fire fighters past and present and their families come to Coromandel to fish for what has become a substantial prize package. This year 203 fishers descended on Town to fish for a total prize pool package valued at some \$21K. Categories include those for kids and a range of fish species with the major prizes being, not for the biggest, but rather for the average weight snapper and a mystery weight snapper. All combined with numerous spot prizes over the weekend. The brigade would like to thank those named below for their extreme generosity in the willing donation of prizes and support in many ways to ensure this was once again a success.

Sponsors of the 2024 13th Fishing Competition: Anchor Lodge Motel; Carters Building Supplies; Casey Marshall; Coromandel Bizarre; Coromandel 4 Square; Coromandel Chopping Block; Coromandel Cowboy; Coromandel Electrical; Coromandel Fisherman's Hub; Coromandel Fishing Club; Coromandel Garage GAS; Coromandel ITM; Coromandel Oyster Co.; Coromandel Zipline Tours; Dive Hunt, Fish; Driving Creek Railway; Gib Bull; Harbour View Motel; Hunting & Fishing; James and Turner; James Drainage LTD; John Karawa; Kim and Kevin Brett; Long Bay Motor Camp; Mark Attwood; Mick and Kay Walker; Moana New Zealand; Oamaru Bay Tourist Park; Ohana Farms; Paddy Bull Ltd; Pepper Tree; Perfect Air; Pipeline; Hose Shop Coromandel; PosPro Hamilton EFTPOS; Richardsons; Salty Towers; Simon Debenham; Sports Council; Star & Garter; Tasman Holiday Park; Tidewater Motel; Tim Turner; Top Town Takeaways; Weta Cafe.

In particular we would like to thank Scott Fraser and his team at Hunting and Fishing Te Rapa for his ongoing support as the major sponsor. Thirteen years now and this year stronger than ever.

Please note

Going into summer please make sure you have your address clearly visible at the start of your driveway.

If you want the big red truck to be able to visit, make sure your driveway is clear and accessible.

Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

We had a great weekend with Geshe Wangchen performing three different Pujas during his time here. After finishing, rainbows over the Stupa indicated success of the practice.

This was a great way of declaring the Centre open again and we look forward to welcoming visitors and guests to our accommodation and forth-coming retreats. While we are in the process of organising retreats within our lineage beginning in late January, we will continue with regular practice sessions.

Puja dates for December

Puja time is 4pm unless otherwise advised on our Facebook page.

Tara Puja – **Monday 9 December.**

Guru Puja – **Tuesday 10 December.**

Medicine Buddha Puja – **Sunday 15 December.**

Guru Puja – **Wednesday 25 December.**

The Centre is also booked by other groups from time to time and is available to any group to rent as long as it is not disparaging of Buddhism. From **Saturday 28 December to Sunday 5 January** the Centre will be closed to visitors as another group will be renting the entire facility.

At the core of Buddhism is the wish for all beings to be happy. The problem is we constantly look for that happiness in dependance upon external phenomena. But all phenomena are impermanent, meaning any happiness we gain from that cannot last. Instead, as the source of that short-term happiness disappears, we become upset and dissatisfied and so it in fact becomes a source of suffering. Buddhism shows where the source of true happiness lies and how to access that source. Something to think about.



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Christmas at Christ Church

From the desk of Father Andy



Christmas is getting nearer and for many, especially the kids, the anticipation will be growing as we hope for a festive time full of joy and happiness and a party perhaps with friends and family. It can be a stressful time for some and an expensive time for others, it can also be a time of nostalgia too as memories of past years come flooding back. As a kid growing up in the UK Christmas Day was always lovely time but gifts were modest, there were no gaming devices, PCs or mobile phones in Santa’s sack but there would always be one special gift, a collection of shiny new coins, oranges and chocolate.

We’re looking forward to Christmas at Christ Church Anglican Church and we have a few things going off in the run-up that you might like to share in.

On **Sunday 22 December** we are holding a family “Christingle event” at 10am. A “Christingle” is an orange decorated with a red band, a candle and sticks bearing sweet treats.

The decorations all have significance to encourage us to think about the real meaning of Christmas. It’s a special occasion for children and we’re inviting parents to bring the kids along to make a Christingle and learn about that meaning. Feel free to come along and share the fun. Children must bring a parent or a responsible adult ... and an orange! We will be having a festive morning tea afterwards in the church hall at 11am to round off our celebration. This isn’t only for families ... everyone is invited.

On **Tuesday 24 December** (Christmas Eve) at 6pm we will be having a short gathering in the church to listen to (and sing) a few carols, hear the Christmas story and share Holy Communion. I wonder if there are any singers/ musicians in town who would like to come together to sing a couple of carols in four-part harmony (SATB)? If there are I would be thrilled to hear from you and you can contact me on 022 175 5684 or by email if you might be interested at fatherandy.coromandel@gmail.com.

On Christmas Day we will gather again at 10am for the morning service with carols. Jesus is the true focus of Christmas, the time when he was born to his mother Mary, bringing the news of God’s love for everybody and everything. This is a wonderful reality, a message that our deeply troubled world desperately needs to hear. If you haven’t considered this before or if you think the Christmas story a bit fanciful, you may want to consider the story afresh and join us on Christmas Day to think about it all, so we invite you to come and share one hour with us as we do just that.

Beyond the Christmas festival Christ Church is always open at 10am every Sunday for the main weekly service followed by morning tea at 11am and you would be most welcome at either or both. The church is also open on Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am for a simple service at 10am, for a quiet reflection time, to look around this historic building or to meet with Father Andy.

I pray that you may all have a wonderful festive time!



Christingle

Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells - Licensed Agent

Q: My CV is the selling value of my home, Is this correct?

A: The reality is “market value” and “rateable value” are two very different things, for two very different purposes.

CV – Council Valuation/Rateable Value is expressly for obtaining taxes from home or property owners. The number is gained purely from an algorithm. In general terms, this takes into account what has happened in the selling market since the previous rateable value was done. Also considered are the costs to run council, services council provided, and any future projects the council may want on the horizon. The value then stays as is until a new one in three or four years regardless of a busy or slow real estate market. And regardless of improvements, unless a reassessment is requested,

No valuer has been to the property to ascertain what is actually there, so the property could vary greatly from another valued at the same rate, yet yours may have much better and more usable land and buildings, may have been better maintained than your neighbours, yet you have the same Council Value/Rateable Value and pay the same yearly tax.

A market appraisal or CMA (current market appraisal) done by a salesperson is done to give you a value or market price to sell the home in the “current” market. Remembering the market seems to be constantly changing with political, global, natural disasters and many other matters causing change.

This is achieved by looking at comparable sales nearby and looking at new and currently listed selling prices nearby. Remember, a list price is not a sell price.

Then the salesperson will endeavour to compare those sales as greater or lesser than your property and by how much.

The salesperson also is likely having conversations with buyers and sellers, so has got a “feel” or knowledge from experience as to what buyers are thinking pricewise as things get sold.

Also taken into account is how banks are lending – is money easy to get or difficult? Are interest rates moving up or down? These things all influence selling prices.

So the reality is while you may generalise that sale prices may be x% above or x% below CV Council Value/Rateable Value, that is a very small portion of the equation, a general “yardstick” if you will, when working out the sell value of your home.

A home or property is worth essentially what someone will pay for it, and what the vendor agrees to sell it for. The rest is opinion.

So no, a CV Council Valuation/Rateable Valuation is not a market valuation.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE HARCOURTS COROMANDEL TEAM!

Ann's Good News, Naturally

Christmas cheesecake and your gallbladder

The festive season is a time when we are exposed to the temptations of unhealthy delectables and “treats”. Without an efficient digestive tract, mouth to bottom, producing all the necessary chemicals and enzymes to break down and absorb these rich and fatty foods, bloating indigestion, and malabsorption occurs.



Your gallbladder is an essential part of your digestive tract. It stores bile to be used when required, for breaking down the fats you have eaten into smaller molecules, for optimum fat absorption.

Bile is made in your liver, then delivered to the gallbladder, where it is 20x more concentrated than when in your liver. This concentrated bile from your gallbladder is necessary for breaking down and digesting the fat into smaller molecules, for better absorption and use in your body. Your pancreas produces enzymes to further breakdown the fats into more manageable molecules. These enzymes can not be produced in our digestive tract without a healthy diet made up of plant-based foods. They are the catalysts for enzyme production.

Without sufficient fat absorption, our fat-loving vitamins become depleted, causing preventable major issues.

- Vitamin A optimises eye health, prevents night blindness and is essential for healthy skin.
- Vitamin E for your heart health.
- Vitamin D for your bone strength.
- Vitamin K2 to prevent calcium from building up in your arteries.

Good fats prevent pain and inflammation, support skin, joint, heart and nerve health.

Every cell wall is made of a double layer of essential fats.

Gallbladder removal, or cholecystectomy, due to painful, but preventable, gallstones, is more common than ever before. Poor dietary choices cause an overburdened and inefficient liver, leading to gallstones. Too frequently, the gallbladder is removed, without the patient knowing of the potential worsening post-surgery health issues.

After surgery, people say they just “don’t feel the same”.

- Uncontrolled weight gain suddenly occurred.
- Quality bile is required for great stools, so constipation, floaters and/or diarrhoea is experienced.
- Pancreatic cancer: The uncontrolled flow of bile, without the gallbladder, burdens the pancreas.
- Hormone imbalances – Bile is required for the conversion of thyroid hormone T4, to the hormone T3. Thyroid function can be

affected, leading to Hashimoto’s thyroiditis disease

Also, toxic fats cause all hormonal imbalances – e.g., feminisation of males, masculinization of females.

It is extremely concerning that even in some medical journals, it is suggested that the gallbladder is not required for a healthy digestive function!

More Gut Health Good News

Caveman days: After enduring agonising gallstone pain, this 40-year-old woman was told by her specialist that she didn’t need her gallbladder, as it was only required in the caveman days when lots of fatty meat was eaten after a kill. Post surgery, she suffered bloating, weight gain, diarrhoea leading to depression and despondency due a sense of no hope for feeling well again. She was given no nutritional advice. After my thorough clinical appointment, and more investigative tests, she improved markedly with her new treatment plan.

Coated tongue and right shoulder pain and discomfort: This 72-year-old man was embarrassed by his white coated tongue, suffering twinges into his right shoulder, coinciding with diarrhoea and constipation (right shoulder pain typically reflects gallbladder and gallstone issues). After three months on his programme, all his signs and symptoms had gone.

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Think – to eat preventatively – love your gallbladder and liver.

Rainbow vegetables rule! May vegetables be the hero of your festive season meals, so your gut lovingly copes with that cheesecake on Christmas day.

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The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite

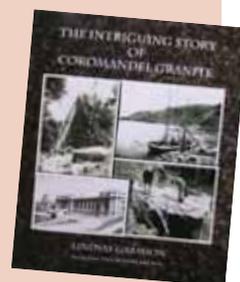
The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite by Lindsay Garmson with an introduction and foreword by Barry Brickell is once again for sale.

This book is the true, untold story of the Coromandel granite industry from the northwestern Coromandel Peninsula where the industry started at Paritu Bay in 1900.

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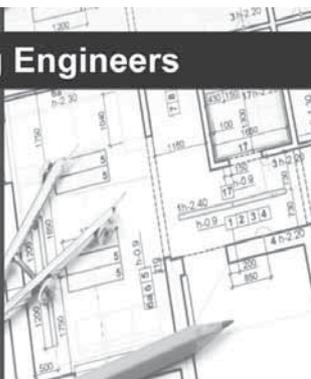
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Dances of Universal Peace

By Sue Gilmer

Over the summertime we have two major week-long gatherings of Dances of Universal Peace taking place in the North Island. The first is Dance Camp being held at a new venue in the countryside overlooking Mt Taranaki in New Plymouth. This week-long, relaxed family camp takes place mid-January. Alongside dancing, there are workshops, storytelling sessions, spontaneous drumming and music making, swims in the river and much more. The children have their own dedicated programme, as do the teens. I put off going to this camp for many years because the name implies you needed to go along as a family unit. This is completely not the case as singles, couples and families all get to relax together and share a great experience. Information about the camp can be found on the web under dancecampnz.

The second annual gathering is held here in Coromandel at the end of January. Each year international leaders are invited to Mana Retreat Centre to lead us in five days of dance deepening. This year we are very fortunate to have Abraham and Halima travelling from USA. A very rich experience with times of dance, sharing and silence.

Here in Coromandel Town, our final dance session for the year, just for this month, has been brought forward a week. We will be dancing in the Pyramid on **Friday 13 December**, starting at 10.30am. If you have thought "I'll go along some day", I encourage you to let this be the time. We hope you can join us.

Over the coming month, I hope we all have time to relax and enjoy what we have here in Coromandel.

And in the Buddhist tradition ... May all beings be well. Nga mihi. Season's greetings to you all.

Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch

By Chris (Four Square owner), Lyn and Rita

You are invited to attend and partake in our annual Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 25 December**. The lunch is open to one and all.

We are reaching out to our community, asking for monetary donations which will enable us to host the lunch. Do you have a spare dollar or more? Anything from a single dollar upwards would be most appreciated, particularly in these trying times.

Monetary donations can be left at Four Square (addressed "For Coromandel Community Lunch"). If you are keen to help with preparing/cooking or donating food, or just help on the day, we look forward to hearing from you.

To contact us or book, email Lyn: Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com, or phone Rita 027 210 3734. We look forward to hearing from you.

Those attending are welcome to make a donation if they would like to do so.

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

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



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Mana Retreat

Kia ora Coromandel Community,

The warmer days and an abundance of growth in nature are welcome signs that summer is near.

What a wonderful year it has been. This year we have held over 30 community events including Open Floor Dance, concerts, sound healing, meditation, chanting, and community garden days.

We look forward to offering more exciting events for you in the new year.

Coming up is our Summer Solstice working bee **Friday 13 to Sunday 15 December**. This is open to any of you wanting to join us for some wholesome work, fun and connection. Feel free to join us on Saturday, either for the morning or the whole day.

As you prepare for the holiday season ahead, we invite you to take care of yourself, to pause and breathe, and to enjoy every moment with loved ones.

Upcoming Community Events

- Summer Working Bee – **Friday 13 to Sunday 15 December**
- Open Floor Dance – **Tuesday 3 & 10 December**: 9.45-11.45am, \$15-\$20 sliding scale
- Monthly Meditation – **Tuesday 3 December** 5-6pm by koha.

Summer Job Opportunity

Please see our classified advert under Situations Vacant on page 28.

A friendly reminder that the Centre will be closed for three weeks from **Monday 16 December to Saturday 4 January** for the summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Meri Kirihimete/Merry Christmas!
Ngā mihi – The Mana Team

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Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food for the rescue kitties; this is truly appreciated at this time. Also to those who have gifted financial blessings to the unit.

We wish to thank our beautiful community for the support over the 2024 year; every donation has been a huge blessing.

We wish you all a very merry, very blessed Christmas season and joyous New Year. Whatever you do over the holidays, stay safe, just relax and enjoy yourselves and ensure the animals are cared for with lots of shade and fresh water for them.

The year has been truly challenging on all levels. The cats are behaving bar Mascara, an ex-feral hoon who got a mighty catch. I was truly expecting with her racket, that she had the biggest, greatest snatch-and-grab any cat could have. From a distance it appeared to be live catch, so I braced myself for an incoming saga. It had me in gales of laughter – as turns out she had a ball of yarn she had hijacked out of a knitting bag – she was incredibly proud and I was totally relieved!

We have seen new prices on cans of cat food. Two decades ago it was 50 cents a can; now it is over \$5 a can. This month has been expensive with several large bills and having to purchase tins and sachets for the cats. What funds we have has taken a massive hit and we just have to tighten even further and hope we don't get hit by any more massive bills. We are at a pretty low point, which isn't something we can recover from in any hurry. We also have had a bin in and got a huge help from a brother who came for a day to fill it. A kind neighbour helped as well. This is a one off, but we really need to do it all again to get clear of it all, but we will figure that out next year.

Wanted: cat food – tinned, salmon, sachets, sardines, pet milk; cat toys; any financial blessings to Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing. Meow furr now.

Any enquiries to Thames Animal Rescue, ph 07 868-2907 afternoons best

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

While the year is coming to a close, Parliament is still busy passing important legislation which will impact our region. Locals will be interested in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill which sees the creation of 12 new high protection areas, five new seafloor protection areas and two extensions to existing marine reserves.

It's well understood by locals that the health of the Gulf has declined consistently for decades. These new protection areas will help revitalise this natural treasure and equip it with the protections needed now and into the future.

The new legislation will increase the area protected from 0.3 to 6%. In my view, it strikes the right balance between protecting the Gulf and leaving plenty of space for boaties and recreational fishermen to enjoy a day out fishing.

Over the last month, I've also had the pleasure to attend senior academic prize givings at our local secondary schools, including Thames High School and Waihi College. They were terrific evenings which recognised the hard work put in by so many young New Zealanders.

Huge congratulations to every student who received an award and best of luck for your exams. I have no doubt that you are prepared for any challenge that comes your way.

If anyone in the community is ever feeling despondent about the future of young people or the future of the country, go to a school prize giving. You'll come away enormously uplifted because there are bright, young, intelligent, articulate, capable, confident kids about to make their way in the world.

Finally, I want to wish the readers of the Coromandel Town Chronicle a safe and happy Christmas. Our region is always the place to be over the summer period and I'm sure there will be plenty of locals spending the holiday welcoming friends and family to our special part of the world.



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JAN 10 - 12	Relax and Wellness Weekend with the Mana team
JAN 13 - 15	Sun and Moon Retreat with Rachel Hunter
JAN 15 - 19	Your Inner Retreat with Rachel Hunter and Renee Stewart

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Community Dance	DEC 3 & 10, JAN 28, FEB 11, MAR 11, 18, 25
Community Meditation	DEC 3

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Heather Arthur

We hope you enjoyed our annual exhibition held in November. What a feast for the eye of the beautiful work done by our lovely stitchers throughout the year.

The President's challenge was called "In the circle" and the judges choice was Marilyn Jessen's "Matariki". It was a round pendant depicting the view from Mercury Bay to the east and showing the stars of Matariki with Shakespeare cliffs in the background. In 2nd place was Kim Allen. She did a series of circles in a variety of stitches, inside more frayed circles of old denim jeans. Judy Russell was highly commended with her emerald beetle on an indigo dyed Shibori background in a round frame.

The grocery raffle was won by a lady from Christchurch on holiday and the embroidery raffle by a local lady who may now come to join us at Guild.

If you found something inspiring exhibited and would like to have a go, please talk to one of us and come along next year to join our family of stitchers.



Our final workshop for the year was "Creating Nature's Textures", making a fun, three-dimensional tree scape.

This is the last entry for this year so we wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to telling you of our exploits again next year.

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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams



What a year it has been! We are now coming to our final couple of weeks at school with the making of Christmas decorations, cards, class end-of-year trips and celebrations. When this is published we will have had a graduation dinner for our year 8s. This is something a lot of full primary schools do for students prior to starting college. We are in an interesting position as an area school. It would be easy to overlook the importance of the milestone of completing primary education and the transition that comes with moving into the secondary space. Giving our young people the chance to dress up, have an evening celebrating with their whānau and teachers and a chance to express their excitement and trepidation around moving into the next phase of their lives is important. A big thank you to the Pepper Tree, Mike, Karen and their team for supporting our kura and helping to create some wonderful memories for our young people and their families.

There have been many highlights in 2024. We have gathered a lot of student voice this year and what comes through resoundingly is that our tamariki like to get out and about. No surprises there! We are incredibly fortunate with what we have on our doorstep. Our size is an advantage in that with our school vehicles, it is relatively easy to bring learning to life within local contexts for our students. From physics at Driving Creek Railway to surfing at Matarangi, we are incredibly fortunate! The performing arts are growing with an amazing Matariki production this year, and our Kapa Haka students made us proud by placing second at the Hauraki Festival last month. We've also had sporting success locally and with teams placing at the Counties Manukau Games in November. A team of students from both CAS and TWOM is off to the NZ Touch Nationals in Rotorua on **Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 December**. We may be small, but we can punch above our weight. Getting our kids out to experiences that show them that they can be successful is growing self-belief everyday. Ko au, Waiiau, Tātou.

Looking forward to 2025, we have a very stable staff. In the primary part of the school,



2024 zipline visit

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2024 Matariki

students will simply “move along” to the next teacher. This feels really settled and primary teachers will be focusing on the implementation of government expectations around the revised NZ curriculum. We will be closely monitoring the progress of students and making tweaks along the way to ensure our students are getting the very best deal we can offer them.

In the secondary space, teachers have been working really hard this year to review our current curriculum and think about what will best meet the needs of our students moving forward. The things that work will be staying the same, and there will be some changes intended to better meet the needs of our students using the resources that we have. Many of the changes will be about individualising learning as much as possible and teaching the students skills for independent learning. We are a small secondary school with a talented team; we should be able to make pathways bespoke and responsive to the needs of our students. This is what we continue to work on to ensure all of our students at CAS are accessing the excellent education they deserve. Our rangatahi need to know who they are, and be proud to be students of CAS. We need to ensure they are on a path to reach for their aspirations. We are making some really exciting steps in the right direction and we will continue to move our tamariki, whānau and kura forward. He waka eke noa!

Meri Kirihimete me Ngā Mihi o te Tau Hou e te whānau.

Colville Bay Pre-school Te whare ako o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka

By Esther Power



Ka whāngai, ka tupu, ka puāwai – To nurture, to grow, to blossom.

Our new natural playground borders and soft-fall is in! Ngaa mihi nui, huge thank you to the families and wider community who turned up to help dig, shovel, tow stuck trucks, donate logs and build this new space. With our movable play equipment arriving soon we are excited at the opportunities that this will provide for open-ended play, risk-taking, problem-solving and creativity in this re-imagined space. Thanks to TCDC for the generous post-Cyclone Gabrielle Mayoral Relief Fund to help us fix up our playground.

We have spaces for new enrolments for tamariki ages 0-6 years. Open Tuesday to Friday 8:45am to 3pm. 20 hours free ECE for 3+-year-olds, WINZ subsidies, and FamilyBoost available for those eligible. Come for a visit and see why children and parents love this unique centre of learning, connection and play.

This month we celebrate “Whiringa a Rangi” the beauty of the skies, warm weather and rain and our gardens are flourishing. We farewell Wilma who has been at Colville Bay Preschool as a playgroup leader and kaiako for over 40 years! And “maa te waa” to Esther our head teacher who is taking a year’s sabbatical leave 2025. We’re looking forward to our whaanau beach day end-of-year celebration.

We are hiring at Colville Bay Preschool! See classified ad on page 28.

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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Kirsten Canelli



Kia ora Coromandel Community.

We are loving spring and the sunshine, with summer coming around the corner real fast!

The tamariki at preschool are learning to be sun safe by wearing a hat and putting on sunblock. There is lots of water play happening and gardening with planting flowers, potato seeds and pumpkin seeds and harvesting delicious cauliflowers, broccolis and juicy strawberries, as well as going on walks, doing the regular school visits, dancing at mainly music and being creative and playing at preschool.

We wish to thank Chantelle Ngapo who very generously shared her Coromandel Rugby Club raffle prize with us. This consisted of a group of Coromandel Rugby Club members coming along to the preschool for a well overdue working bee. With many hands making light work, we had the gutters cleaned out, drains dug, water blasting of the fences, digging over the sandpit and bark area and many other things were ticked off the list. You guys and gals of the Coromandel Rugby Club really rock and we cannot thank you enough.

As Christmas is just around the corner, the children are beginning to learn all of the Christmas carols again and some new ones ready for the Christmas festivities. Our Centre Children’s Christmas Party will once again be held at Tucks Bay with a family picnic as the theme. There will be lots of fun in the sun splashing around in the shallows and searching for crabs under the rocks while eagerly awaiting the arrival of Hana Koko.

We also wish to thank everyone who kindly supported our fundraiser by purchasing samosas – they were delicious; we raised \$550 to go towards the purchase of ukulele for the children. We will be running this fundraiser again in February, so if you missed out, look out in the New Year for details.

This November, we celebrated birthdays for our superstars Kane, Harrison and Rowen; We warmly welcomed Meikah and her whaanau and we look forward to sharing fun times of play and learning together.

We still have some very limited spaces available on our “over 2’s” side. Please either call in or contact the office on (07) 866 7570, to speak to us about securing a place for your child.

Looking forward you can also call if you are looking for a quality Early Childhood Education Centre, for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers. If you feel that this could be the right place for you and your child, we can place you on the waiting list.

Check out our latest Education review on the website: <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/30295/coromandel-community-preschool>.

Arohanui from all the Coromandel Preschool team.

The centre operates Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-3.30pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

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

School holiday times – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 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.

After-school term simes: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm.

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

Closed: Public Holidays and **Wednesday 25 December until Monday 6 January 2025.**

This programme is made possible with kind donations and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust, AGT & NZCT. Local supporters: Star & Garter Hotel, Whitianga Woolworths, 4Square. Thank you!

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Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

I have heard that there are quite a few misconceptions as to what pastel art really is.

Pastels are not “chalk” nor are they “crayons”.

A pastel stick is made of pure pigment with a little binder and water to hold it together. This gives them their brilliant colours. They are then allowed to dry. There are many brands of pastels. Many are made in France and the UK. Some pastels are hard (more binder) but range from soft to very soft. Most are in the form of sticks but some are in a pan – called PanPastels. There are also oil pastels which are mixed with oil, not wax, and are not usually used with soft pastels. Pastels can be used in all styles of painting from impressionism and realism to abstract and everything in between.

Pastel is the source of so many unique, moving and just beautiful works of art, by some of the most famous artists of all time. Some of these were Mary Cassatt, Jean Francios Millet, Edgar Degas, Odilon Redon, Childe Hassan, William Meritt Chase, Whistler, Pablo Picasso and many more. You can look them up to see the beautiful works they produced.

Most pastel paintings are framed behind glass to protect them from smudging. With proper handling, pastel art will still be, and are, as lovely and as brilliant as when they were painted, even hundreds of years later. There are pastel paintings hanging in the Louvre in Paris and other museums around the world.

Pastel is very versatile and can be used with other media such as charcoal, watercolour and even gold leaf. Another technique is to lay down pastel and spray or paint it with water or rubbing alcohol as an underpainting before refining the painting after it has dried with more layers of pastel on top. There are several special types of pastel papers which have a sandpapery finish. This helps the pastel adhere to the paper and will take many layers.

Is a pastel work a drawing or a painting? The accepted point of view seems to be that if the paper is covered with pastel then it is a painting but if not then it is a drawing. I consider my artwork to be paintings. The same skill and technical expertise goes into painting with a stick as does painting with a brush or a knife.

You may have had time to pop into Hauraki House over Labour Weekend to see the exhibition put on by Pastel Artists Coromandel. If not, then you may like to call in to Rose Deane’s Gallery on 860 Tiki Road as many of the same works are on display there.

Pastel Artists Coromandel also held a graphite and charcoal workshop tutored by Maxine Thompson (a Master Pastellist from Tauranga) in November. The workshop was well attended and we learnt about shading, shapes and perspective. All necessary skills in drawing.

Thank you to Creative Communities for their generous monetary donation for the weekend.

If you would like to know more about pastel or to try it out for yourself, you are very welcome to come along to our Wednesday meetings, 9am to 12noon at Rose’s Studio, 860 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town.

Contact Allan Beaver ph (07) 866 8053 or Saskia Riemersma ph 027 296 1670



Allan and Maxine

Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

With Xmas fast approaching, we are having meetings to finalise our exhibition details ready for our January exhibition at Hauraki House.

The warmer weather at the clubrooms gives us the opportunity to open the sliders and paint outside for the morning; it’s wonderful.

If we are lucky, we get to see a plane land to add to our view, as well as the “exotic” birds that look like dodos (sorry Jacque!). We have such a lovely place to paint for our group .

It’s fun each week to see what the latest purchase has been with the internet opening up all sorts of painting equipment now. It’s also great to see it used and explored and the ideas rolling off with what can it can be used for.

Colour your world people!



Ross and Jacque engrossed in their work

36th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition 2024-2025

Sunday 15 December until Sunday 12 January, Hauraki House, Coromandel Town.

Come to our opening. Mix and Mingle from 5pm on **Sunday 15 December**.

Artists exhibiting include: Michael Smither; Gian McGregor; Lindsay Garmson; Kim Brett; Kevin Brett, Cindy Alger; Rod MacLeod; Pete Sephton; Petra Meyboden; Chris Charters; Bronwynne Cornish; Allan Beaver; Kay Ogilvie; Andrew van der Putten; Jeannie van der Putten; Tracy Johnson; Mary Lee; Matilda Halley; Riccardo Scott; Ian Webster; Raewyn Penrose; Fiona Tunnicliffe; Jan Kocian; Stuart Spackman; Heather Grouden; Mike O’Donnell; Ashley Thor; Genevive Morley; Annette Kaye; Tim Fuller; Iain Crichton; Joanne North; Fatu Feu’u; Barbara Von Seida; Vaughan Udall; Yvonne Szabo; Jenny Shearer; Pamella Annsouth; Anneka Borren; Maia Astwood; Tenehi Cobbe; Jacque Ellis.

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MEG

By Bronnie Kennedy

December? How did that happen?

Working with MEG for this short time has been an eye-opener. I had been aware to a certain extent of MEG as a volunteer trapper, but I see now the scope and impact of this group and how hard committee members, field team and volunteers work and donate so many hours of their time. Members, sponsors and partners also play a vital part. Thank you to all of you. Because of your generosity, time and mahi, kiwi, and many other endangered species, can thrive in northern Coromandel.

Wild ginger (not edible) is one of those invasive plants we are working at controlling. If you would like to help us you could attend a “ginger bash” on **Saturday 14 December**, meeting at Oamaru Bay. See our Facebook page for details.

So many exciting things coming up with MEG! As Christmas and school holidays descend upon us, we are all looking for gift ideas or activities for the holidays or both. We would love you to join us for our 2025 Summer Holiday Programme, a variety of events, opportunities and activities for all ages and in locations across our area. One to watch out for will be our MEG Conservation Event at Hauraki House on **Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 January**, 10am to 3pm. We will have natural history items, a story corner, Kauri Pou Kaitiaki Virtual Reality, amazing art and photography by local artists, and conservation films. Walk in a virtual kauri forest, hear a story or attend a backyard trapping demonstration. Learn how to set the different types of traps that are currently being used in the field to catch rats, stoats, ferrets, possums, and feral cats. Traps will be available for purchase. And we will also have a DOC ranger available to give us more information and advice.

Watch our Facebook page, website and local social media in the next few weeks for the release of the programme details and how to book a place. What a lovely Christmas gift idea! Why not sign someone up for a painting workshop, a kiwi nightwalk, clay critter making, to name a few. The programme is available from the Coromandel Town Information Centre and other places around town. Some sessions must be booked in advance and some have limited numbers, so don't miss out.

Other original Christmas gifts

Buy the gift of membership to MEG for yourself or someone else by emailing info@meg.org.nz or website www.meg.org.nz. We have a variety of membership options from \$20 a year.

Donate a trap for us to place on one of our lines www.giveatrap.org.nz. Don't forget to choose Moehau Environment Group to receive the trap.



Our field team – always eager and happy



Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel

Bums up planting at Torehina Bay

By Kate James and Kate Donoghue

Synopsis of Chair's Report October 2024

We have been busy over the last year. We have a great committee and meet regularly, on the first Thursday of every month. We enjoy our work and continue to focus on local environmental restoration as well as conservation advocacy and national environmental issues.

Our projects over the last year have included:

- Long Bay and Long Bay Esplanade Reserve – continuing to support pest control operations (trapping) and ongoing environmental weed control.
- Torehina Bay restoration – we have continued to plant hundreds of natives, remove weeds and release trees and flaxes planted over the last few years.
- McGregor Bay Salt Marsh – pest control – we have purchased a network of new traps and have a wonderful local volunteer who services these traps.
- Waitete Bay Kauri Block – Forest & Bird and MEG set up a trap network in this TCDC reserve. Forest & Bird volunteers are servicing the traps.
- Safe seabird roosts – working with the Mercury Bay Branch of Forest & Bird to establish safe coastal bird roosts around the peninsula where birds have been displaced by coastal road works or other changes.
- Submissions to support our environment – Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan, Tikapa Moana/Hauraki Gulf Protection Bill, TCDC and WRC Long Term Plans, Fast-Track Amendments Bill (etc.).

Our branch also continues to support other local conservation groups as we can and we have worked closely with TCDC locally (and in the Whitianga office) and with two TCDC subcommittees looking at local climate change, sustainability and resilience.

Our focus next year will be ensuring we are relevant in current times when there are so many environmental challenges. We thank all those who have supported our work and we wish you all a happy holiday season!

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Finally, we at MEG would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season. We thank you for your support in 2024 and your future support. Let's all celebrate our rich biodiversity and respect our coastlines and habitats. Remember we share them with some rare and beautiful creatures.

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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

Good news on the ferret front!

You may remember from last month's issue that we were raising awareness about the danger ferrets in our local forests pose towards our native wildlife. Recent ferret sightings near Coromandel Town and Colville have us worried, especially for taonga species



such as kiwi. Ferrets have a significant negative impact on the kiwi population in New Zealand and especially now whilst our kiwi are nesting.

After capturing a trail camera image of a ferret bounding through the forest behind Coromandel Town a co-ordinated response was kicked off. Driving Creek



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Removing ferrets helps protect native species such as these endangered pāteke we have around Coromandel

Conservation Park is lucky to have a brilliant conservation project on our southern side, with expert conservationists working to trap pest animals. The response included setting four DOC 250 traps, two DOC 200 traps and a sensor trap around the area where the ferret was

spotted. Trap set-up, advice, and servicing were a team effort. The Buffalo Biodiversity-Whakanekeneke Catchment Project enlisted help from The Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust, The National Ferret Incursion Response Team, and fantastic local volunteers.

The traps were freshly baited every 4-7 days and... in a trap baited with weasel, a ferret was caught about a month after the initial sighting. It is brilliant to have one less of these pests prowling the forest and the traps continue to be set for any ferrets which may still be in the area.

Because ferrets can cause so much harm there is a set Save the Kiwi protocol to follow if one is caught here. This includes completing a form about the capture, analysing the stomach contents to see what it has been eating, and sending the ears away for genetic testing (this can give information about where the ferret has come from). Once this data is collected it can be used to further help target ferrets in our area.

As with lots of conservation work, this was (and is) an epic collaboration to get the desired result for our native biodiversity protection. Awesome work everyone!

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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



Now that summer is here and the weather is more settled, we can be sure of many happy days of friendly competition at the Croquet Club.

There are few things better than a morning of friendly competition, light exercise and good company in beautiful surroundings. If you have been thinking of trying croquet, now is the perfect opportunity.

We meet on Tuesdays for "association croquet" and Fridays for "golf croquet", both days at 9.45am. We provide all of the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day. If you would like to join us, contact Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

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



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Shevana.Lee Davis, CRFC president

Hi everyone.

Monthly Fishing Report

The fish are everywhere now, the fishing has picked up and we've seen some big fish and many different species being weighed in!

Our end of year Christmas party would have been held by the time you read this so congratulations to those who took away trophies this year (I'll name you all in the next Chronicle).

Fish of the Month

Congratulations to Tangaroa Shaw and Nathan Shaw – a father/son duo and new members to our club who took out fish of the month for October. How cool!

Nathan's kahawai weighed 1.790kg and Tangaroa's yellow tail weighed 0.220 kg.

December's Fish of the Month is yellow tail for Juniors and trevally for all members.

Next competition

The next competition is Anniversary Weekend 2025 – keep an eye out for the poster on Facebook and around town soon!

Other news

For over 20 years our club has been very lucky to have used Admirals Arms as our club venue. We are very grateful and appreciative for the support they've given us. Also, to the Admirals Arms patrons and visitors who have bought our raffle tickets we've sold at the venue for many of years. The club would not have been able to operate without your support.

The decision has been made by the committee (as per the club by-laws) for the prosperity, stability, and the future of the club to gracefully accept the proposal from the Top Pub (Coromandel Hotel) to run our future events there.

Tight lines as always.

Coromandel Tennis Club

Another summer is underway and we have survived another year thanks to our supporters.

Our grateful thanks go to: Driving Creek Railway; Richardsons Real Estate; Hush Accommodation; Four Square Supermarket; Perfect Air; Coromandel Electrical CES; Llandem Consulting Engineers; Liquor King; Gaia Decorators.

Club days:

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Coromandel Rugby

The great success of senior men's and women's rugby for 2024: seeing Coromandel Rugby and Sports Club having a women's team back after 20 years and continued success in growth of the junior rugby space.



Coromandel Rugby & Sport – your sport hub of the community. Watch this space in 2025.

Ride Coromandel Bike Park

Discover the Joy of Riding at Ride Coromandel Bike Park!



Looking for an exciting outdoor activity to enjoy with your kids this summer? Ride Coromandel Bike Park is the ultimate destination for family fun and adventure! Located on Hauraki Road in Coromandel Town, the park features trails for all ages and skill levels, including an all-weather Velosolutions pump track, fun kids' skills areas, family-friendly loops, and thrilling downhill tracks.

This summer, we're making it even easier to join the fun with open days every Thursday from **19 December to 30 January** (excluding **2 January**), weather permitting, 2-4pm. Bikes and helmets will be available for a small koha – so don't worry if you don't have your own gear!

It's the perfect opportunity to get the kids outdoors, build their confidence, and enjoy quality time as a family. The pump track and skills areas are ideal for young riders to practice, while parents can relax or join in the fun.



Follow our social pages for updates, and visit our website for more details. Gather the whānau, pack some snacks, and make a day of it at Ride Coromandel Bike Park – where adventure begins!

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Local riders enjoying the bike park

Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie, Secretary



The Melbourne Cup took a temporary backseat on Tuesday 5 November as the captivating Coro Classic Golf Tournament stole the spotlight. Ross Mudgway and Marilyn MacKenzie secured top accolades with an impressive 76 points in the Combined Stableford. Appreciation was extended to the tournament organizers for their outstanding efforts in facilitating a memorable day. The course and participants were transformed by a vibrant display of color. Sincere gratitude is expressed to all contributors of shared plates, donations for the raffle table and the culinary team, Kevin and our volunteer team for their tireless work in presenting a pristine course.

The Coromandel Golf Club extends its sincere appreciation to Whangamata Golf Club for their generous donation of a Greens Mower Roller, and also acknowledges the kindness of Ross Mudgway in facilitating its transportation to our course.

An excellent day on the greens (croquet) for the golf ladies prior to their AGM on Tuesday 12 November.

Winner of the Tom Daniels Shootout 2024 – David Hope. Runner Up – Guy Richards. Thanks to all of the competitors.

Volunteers Day is an opportunity for our golf club to recognise the exemplary service of our volunteer members. We demonstrate appreciation through a celebratory event, hospitality, beverages, and golf. This year's festivities began with a workout, thanks to the dedication of our working bee heroes.

The event has a shiny new trophy thanks to the generosity of Richard and Fiona Neal.

A nine-hole competition saw Lynne Fenwick take top honours with 21 points, closely followed by runners up Peter Richardson and Fi Neal.

Monday – After School Junior Golf Programme 3.30-4.30pm. All under 19 years are welcome to attend. Course closed during Junior Golf programme.

Tuesday – Ladies' Club Day 9.30am Tee Off.

Wednesday – Men's Midweek Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off.

Last Wednesday of the month – Meatpack.

Saturday – Members' Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off

Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days.

Happy golfing.

For more information phone Marilyn 027 253 7882 or email coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com



Neal Family Trophy presented to Lynne Fenwick by Richard Neal, Men's Club Captain.

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OTHER

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602.....9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,
 Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 47229am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Rummikub at The Club.....1-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341... 3.30-4.15pm
 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 Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave,
 Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 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
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768 5pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio,
 contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm
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 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm
 Kung Fu, Coromandel Hospital 5-7pm

Every Thursday

Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 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
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5-6.15pm
 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 Gym8am
 Community Gardens volunteer day 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Chess Club, Weta Cafe, Mike 027 304 92529.30am
 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

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 9am-1pm
 RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.
 President Gary Pettett 021 061 0852 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,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 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.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm
Last Wed – Coromandel-Colville Business Association networking meeting,
 Combined Clubs, Woollams Avenue, everyone welcome (Feb-Nov)..... 5pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm
3rd Fri – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 .. 10.30am
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road..... 10am

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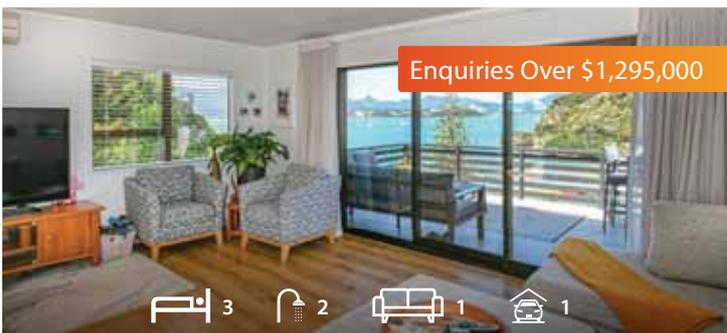
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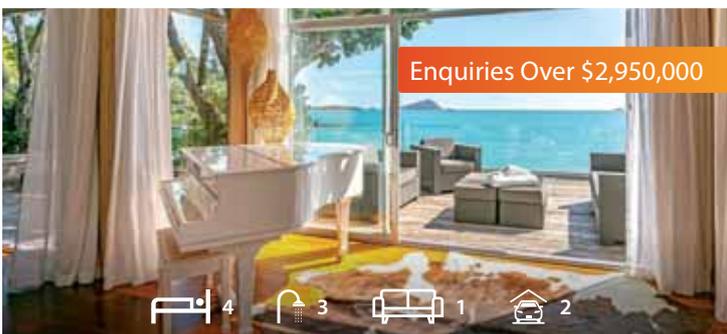
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