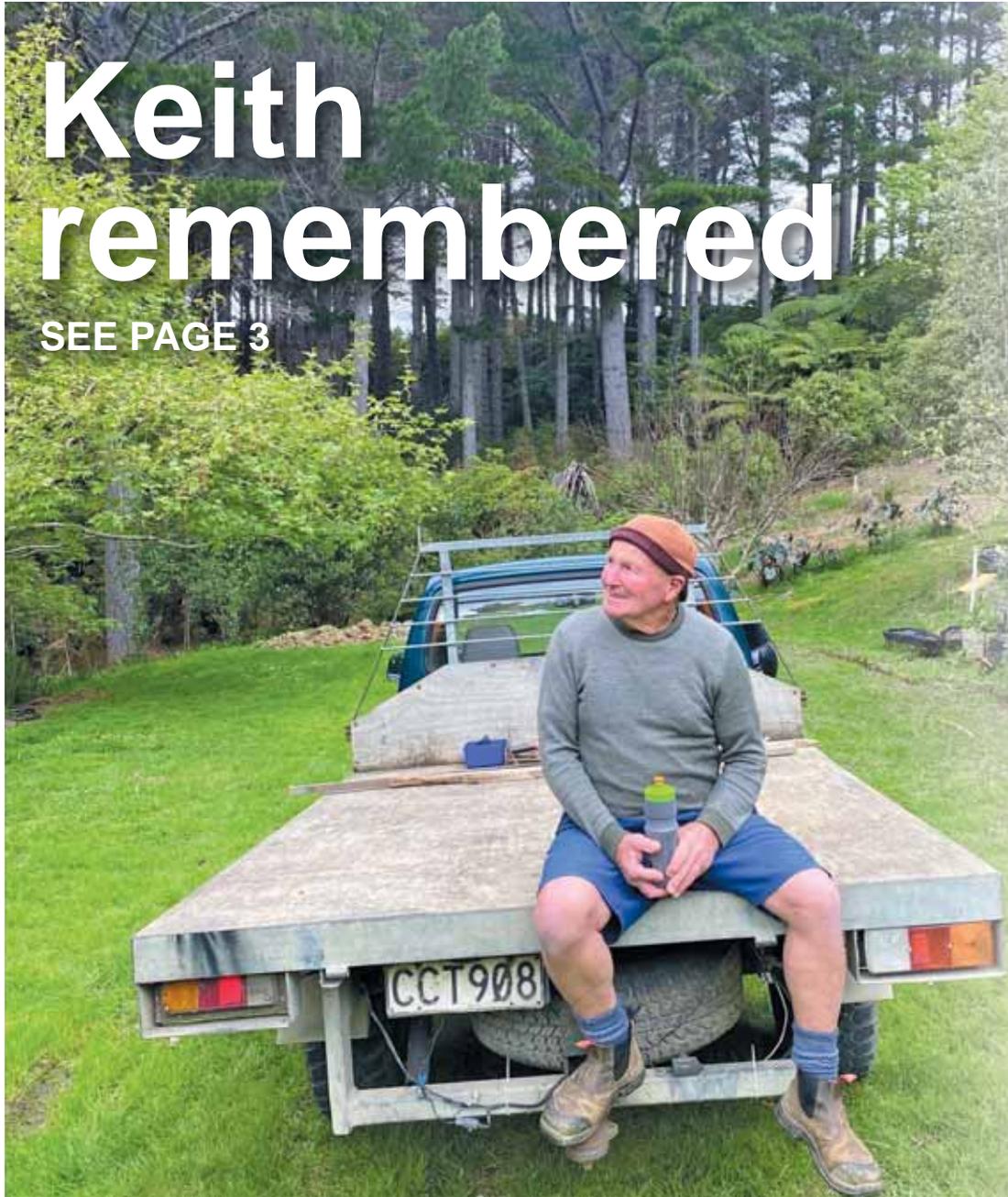


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Editor's comment

As this goes to print, it looks like this is the start of Omicron in the community. Here is a guide for restrictions under the red setting. For full details go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/life-at-red/>

General settings

- Record keeping/scanning required
 - Face coverings mandatory in some places (e.g. on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, education (Year 4 and up, including tertiary), public facilities) and encouraged elsewhere
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 - Gatherings at your home – up to 100 people
 - Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) – public health requirements in place
 - Tertiary education – open onsite with capacity limits based on 1m distancing

Take care, and we'll wait to see how the coming weeks unfold.

Kia kaha,

Debbie

Letters

Email letters and opinion pieces to the Coromandel Town Chronicle corochronicle@gmail.com. Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

Coromandel Contract Bridge
By Judy Bronlund
Yay, bridge starts on **Monday 7 February**, a fun night with a club competition the following Monday. We have 13 competitions planned for the year, starting with the Kapanga Pairs.
Jan is now the person to contact if you need a partner or cannot play on a Monday night. We would welcome new members and lessons can be given. We meet each Monday evening at the St John rooms.
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Farewell Keith Stephenson

By Andy Reid

Coromandel has suffered an immeasurable loss in the death of Keith Stephenson, aged 75, who had a heart attack while riding his bike along the Ladies Mile early on Sunday 19 December.

“An amazing man with a heart of gold; A kauri of a man and made such a huge contribution to the Coromandel through his passion for the outdoors, the environment, active recreation and supporting young people; A rare man, intelligent, caring and a damn good friend, an authentic, genuine human being; The terrible loss of a great man who brought so much goodness for the Coromandel, youth and life in general” – some of the many comments by people whose lives Keith had touched.

Keith was born in Arapuni in 1946. As a young man Keith spent two years volunteering in Papua New Guinea, the only time he went overseas. He nearly entered the Catholic missionary, but was far too indispensable to his father and was encouraged back to help in the family’s butchery business in Thames. He met Rita whilst delivering meat to her family’s butchery in Coromandel and they married in 1975. They have four children Elliot, Carne, Kara and Riana, and many beloved grandchildren.

Over four decades in the township, Keith (known also as Hemi) had many jobs and roles: he worked as a butcher and doing home kills, ran a bike shop and was the greenkeeper at the golf club. But Keith’s overwhelming contribution to Coromandel and its people was through voluntary activity; a life devoted to helping others in a myriad of unassuming and selfless ways as well as serving on the town’s community board for nine years. There is no family in Coromandel Town untouched by his life and generosity. He embodied the best of the Kiwi spirit, devoting a huge range of practical skills for the benefit

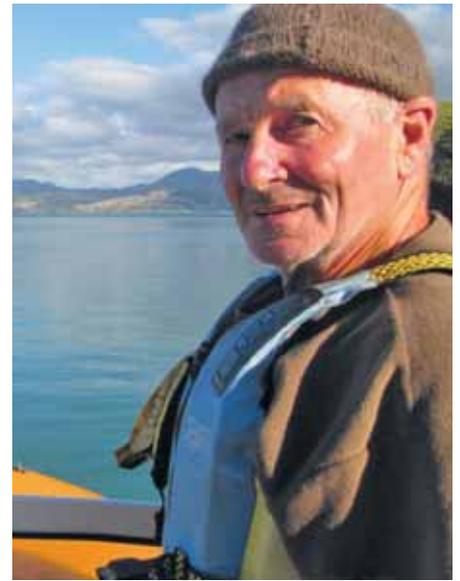
of the community and to inspire all those who came to Coromandel to immerse themselves in its beauty and environment.

Keith shared his love and passion for the bush, hills, streams and coastlines of the peninsula with thousands who took part in adventure races, runs and bike rides he organised with myself, Andy Reid, and his wife Rita over more than two decades. Many tramp the peninsula’s tracks without knowing they were opened up, literally, by Keith, his machete, chainsaw and the teams he assembled. The Success Track behind town is a great example. One afternoon he got lost in the process of trying to find the old track and spent the night sleeping in the bush with his little dog Meg.

Keith and I hiked the length and breadth of the peninsula, finding marvellous and scary challenges for Adventure Races, involving cliff-faces, mineshafts, tunnels, eels and fast water, in the process developing deep ties and relationships with farmers, Maori communities and landowners throughout. Dozens of youngsters from peninsula towns took part in outdoor education courses across Aotearoa thanks to the Spirit of Coromandel Trust. Keith would regularly take the Trust’s marquee to local marae and erect it single-handedly for tangi.

Keith became a community board member and for nine years worked diligently, helping to overcome the bureaucracy he disliked, to make things happen. The environment was a big passion of Keith’s. Next time you walk along the Kauri Block you will cross the mountain bike park. This was another passion of Keith’s and with his incredible imagination and vision he could see that an old disused landfill site could be transformed into a world class community asset to benefit generations to come. The new bike park and pump track at Coromandel are a lasting legacy to his work and life, as are the 14,000 kauri trees he planted around the town and along the route of the annual Kauri Run, organised by Keith, Rita and myself through the Spirit of Coromandel Trust, which we set up as a vehicle for community fundraising and to organise events, including the K2 bike race.

Among the beneficiaries of Keith’s wisdom and kindness were generations of



souls who had fallen foul of the law who he tirelessly supervised, putting them to good work on various community projects. Each year he would take one of them under his wing and they would spend a week with Keith helping him out with the K2, treating them as one of his family.

Over the last 22 years there were 76 events involving 32,000 competitors and 1000’s of volunteers, friends and family. For those that took part, most would have felt the family spirit that the trio brought to the events. Keith made a special effort to greet competitors at the finish line and give them one of his famous hugs – that’s a huge number of hugs over the years and if you have had one, you will be sure to remember it.

Keith was many things to many people and touched thousands during his life as a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, father-in law, mentor, supervisor, creator of epic challenges and adventures, friend, best friend and partner in crime.

He still had many rivers to cross, projects to complete and dreams to fulfil. One of these was to complete, for his youngest brother Tex, the South Island section of the TA on his bike.

“Keith was the type of guy you always figured would be there, I couldn’t imagine Coro without him and now we need to do that.” He wasn’t ready to leave us, but now that he has, we will all need to step up and help to complete his work. He dreamed of an outdoor pursuit centre at Tucks Bay, a network of mountain bike tracks around the northern part of the peninsula and the completion of the 32km avenue of kauri stretching from Waikawau Beach to Coromandel Town.

Keith is irreplaceable and will be terribly missed by us all.

A memorial event for Keith is planned at the Bike Park, details to follow. If you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of the Bike Park or would like to volunteer in helping to maintain the park or walking tracks, please email Ally Davey at ridecoromandel@gmail.com – or deposit in SCT – 02-0304-0337323-027



Keith hugging competitor at end of the Kauri Run



Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

February Rethink Rubbish Champion

We're so proud of our local champions!

About five years ago, Heather Long made a conscious decision to avoid single-use packaging, especially plastic packaging.

Rather than creating more rubbish, Heather is even prepared to miss out on some of her favourite foods. If the only option is a product wrapped in plastic, Heather goes without, or hunts for an alternative.

Although the Longs are just one household, Heather has noticed a marked decrease in the amount of rubbish they produce. She's proud that a small change has made a big difference (and of course, they're spending less on blue bags).

As well as reducing household rubbish, Heather recognises that clothing manufacturing is a drain on precious natural resources and she doesn't want to contribute to the problem. She's appalled by the throwaway nature of mass-produced clothing, so she



buys her clothes from op shops.

Well done Heather!

Do you know of a local person or project that would be eligible for Rethink Rubbish Champion of the month? Send your nomination to rethinkrubbishct@gmail.com and go into the draw for one of our reusable cups



Heather Long

Grey Power, Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Next Grey Power meeting is **Thursday 3 February**, St John Rooms, Tiki Road (by Fire Station), Coromandel Town. We meet from 1pm, to start meeting at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea follows. Covid rules as they stand then will apply. We are hoping our speaker will be from the Rescue Helicopter organisation, but look for confirmation in your members' newsletter in your email or mailbox as usual. Anyone welcome – you do not need to be a member or aged over 50 years to join us.



Whales and dolphins

Out here on the east coast Coromandel we have been blessed with the visits of dolphins to the thrill of our visitors from far away. Though as I watch people cautiously out among them I am reminded that there are rules about being with dolphins, whales and orca. Department of Conservation publicise simple rules for boaties (and passengers) when interacting with whales and dolphins. 1. You must travel at "idle" or "no wake" speed within 300 metres of whales/dolphins. 2. You must stay 50 metres away from whales and orca. 3. Maximum of three vessels within 300 metres of whales/dolphins (note up to seven kayaks grouped together is counted as one vessel). 4. You must stay at least 200 metres away from whales with calves. 5. You must approach whales or dolphins from behind and move alongside in parallel, slightly rear direction. Do not obstruct their path. And 6. Do not swim with pods of dolphins containing juveniles or calves.

Mobility parking

Recently, Grey Power Federation sent a memo to all associations asking us to encourage members, our families and friends to sign the petition of Claire Dale. She asks that the House of Representatives (Parliament) change the law to substantially increase fines nationally for misusing any mobility parking spaces, including on privately owned land that is used publicly, and urge the Government to run an education campaign to desist able-bodied people from misusing mobility parking spaces for public use.

Claire's reason for the petition is: Mobility parking spaces make life substantially easier for disabled people – and misuse of mobility parking is rampant. She believes we need national enforcement, larger fines and legislation that covers both public parking (currently only a bylaw) and private land; such as supermarkets, blocks of flats, schools, sports grounds, medical centres, clinics, shopping malls, councils, etc. Claire believes that fines must be enforced equally across New Zealand. 24% of Kiwis have a disability and she asks us all to help uphold the rights of 150,000 mobility parking permit holders to have free access to the mobility parks put aside for them – wherever that may be.

The time frame to sign the petition has been extended to February so please encourage family and friends to sign the petition by visiting online: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_115643/petition-of-claire-dale-make-mobility-parking-enforceable. Requested by Jan Pentecost, President. Grey Power NZ Federation Inc. But you do not need to be a Grey Power member to sign. Any adult reader of the Coromandel Town Chronicle,

family and friends are able to sign as well. I feel sure that every one of us have seen people without disability permits park their cars in those special parking spaces reserved for disabled people – either as disabled drivers or disabled permit holders being driven to appointments or in facilities where the parks are provided for them.

Grey Power Coromandel is a volunteer organisation. We have four members' meetings a year and four or more magazines. To join or renew membership contact Carol Carson - ph (07) 866 7172, or president John Rabarts on john.rabarts@gmail.com



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Once again, the Coromandel Museum will hold an Open Day on Waitangi Day, **Sunday 6 February**. On this day all admission is free.

I thought it would be interesting to look at the history of the Treaty and the connection to Coromandel.

Te Ara – the Encyclopedia of New Zealand tells me that Te Tiriti o Waitangi was a written agreement made in 1840 between the British Crown (the monarch) and more than 500 Māori chiefs. After that, New Zealand became a colony of Britain and Māori became British subjects. However, Māori and Europeans had different understandings and expectations of the treaty.

The treaty was drafted in English and then translated into Māori by missionary Henry Williams and his son Edward. It was presented to around 500 Māori at Waitangi on 5 February 1840 and there was much debate. The next day, 6 February, more than 40 chiefs signed the treaty. Copies of the treaty were taken around the country, and many more chiefs signed.

There was a signing ceremony for the Treaty held at Coromandel on 4 May 1840. Signatories to the Treaty on that day were: Te Horetia te Taniwha, of Ngāti Whanaunga; Kītahi Te Taniwha of Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāti Pāoa; Puakanga of Ngāti Whanaunga;

Hauauru of Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Whanaunga.

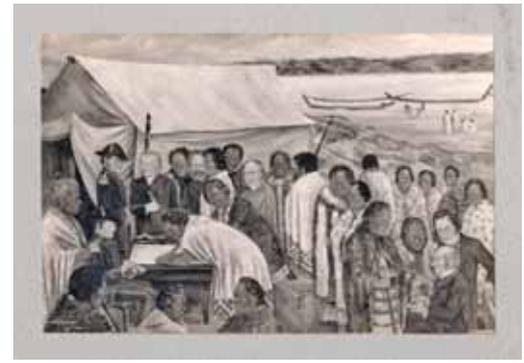
The “Auckland Star” of 22 February 1890 reported Treaty commemorations:

“Russell, on the Bay of Islands, was in holiday attire on Feb. 12, on the occasion of its Jubilee celebration of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. The form which the celebration took was that of a regatta. The Treaty was signed on the 5th February, 1840, and the Regatta should therefore have been held on the previous Wednesday, but was postponed to allow one of the men-o’-war to be present... The little river Waitangi, on which the meeting took place for the signing of the treaty, is on the other side of the Bay from Russell, and close by the town is the site of the famous flagstaff cut down by Hone Heke.”

The “New Zealand Herald” of 1 February 1930 commemorated the signing of the treaty with thoughts of life in 1840:

“Ninety Years On. Progress And Prospect. By Matanga.

Ninety – not out: that is New Zealand’s score in years as a British colony... Our most fateful year, 1840, is not so very far away. There is at least one Māori still living, who can recall the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi as the event most discussed, when he was a child. Likely enough there are others with the same vivid memory... For Aucklanders there is the reminder that ninety years ago there was not a white man living on the shores of the Waitemata. John



An artist’s impression of the signing of the Treaty

Logan Campbell spent the New Year of 1840 in New South Wales. William Webster and a few other white traders were quartered in stray spots of the Hauraki Gulf. Waiheke and Coromandel (the latter still going by its Māori name of Waiau), were occasionally visited by ships seeking spars and such trade as could be picked up: it was the practice for the kauri spars to be taken by, the Ngatipaoa men to the east end of Waiheke among the few places so used, for loading. Cook, though he visited the gulf and sent a boat-party up the Thames, which he named from the likeness of its estuary to the one he knew so well on the other side of the world, did not see the Waitemata.”

The museum will be open from 10am-4pm on **Sunday 6 February**, then daily from 1-4pm during the rest of February

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Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Happy New Year to all walkers – it’s a great time of year to be walking in the bush, not so great in the blazing sun! We are looking forward to doing some interesting bush walks this year, so do come and join us.

We will be starting our organised walks on **14 February**. We meet each Monday at the north end of Woollams Ave car park at 9am. You can phone the number below to be put on the emailing list, which details where we are walking.

Those boots were made for walking, so let’s do it!

Contact Irene 021 157 8408



By Mike Donoghue

There was an extremely rare visitor to Coromandel Harbour on 9 January – a large female Arnoux’s beaked whale, 9 metres or so in length and weighing several tonnes. Sadly, the whale was stranded in the shallows near the mangroves and she died overnight.

There are almost 30 different species of beaked whales, which are all elusive oceanic whales, spending most of their time in pitch-dark deep water. Little is known about Arnoux’s whales, which range between temperate seas and the Antarctic ice shelf. Their North Pacific cousin, Baird’s beaked whale, is a mainstay of the coastal whaling industry in Japan. Although they are extremely rare, strandings of Arnoux’s whales are more frequently reported from New Zealand than anywhere else.

Long-lived species of whales are important sentinels of the state of our oceans. The bodies of beaked whales, which dive repeatedly to 1000 metres or more, retain an unmatched memory of the deep ocean in their body tissues. By the time the stranded whale ventured into the shallow water of Coromandel Harbour, it was probably already hopelessly confused or sick, but plastic pollution, and the noise associated with so much boat activity, could also have been factors.

Mana Update

By Jade Ferriere

An internal revolution?

We were excited to learn that the Thames-Coromandel Food Waste Resource team is calling on TCDC to stop sending food waste to the landfill. This conscious initiative is propelling action, petitions are being signed and people are stopping to question how they can create or evolve their home-scale food waste solutions.

At Mana we have jumped on board and are working alongside fellow Coromandel resident and expert horticulturist Chris May, as we develop a more robust composting system for our local community.

Tracing this motivation back we recognise that more than the sum of our parts, this conscious shift has stemmed from a place deep within. Beth Green, counsellor and teacher, speaks of the importance of “changing ourselves and our world” so beautifully.

“Outer revolution focuses on confronting someone or something outside ourselves. Inner revolution focuses on confronting ourselves, healing ourselves and then helping co-create a world that is more humane, sustainable and mutually supportive. Our world needs nothing less than an inner revolution. We need to question everything: our personal assumptions, social and political institutions, ways of relating to one another and the earth, spiritual beliefs, healing modalities, the way we think and more. And we have to be willing to change it all.”

We are presently living in systems and structures that fall short of the level of consciousness we want to see in the world. By default, we are compelled to comply and conform outwardly with processes that challenge us inwardly. In this time of shifting paradigms we are being invited to explore new and evolved holistic approaches. Beyond thinking or talking about it, this is a time for response and self-responsibility.

Every small action creates a chain reaction. What small action can you take today that will unify your spiritual values with your material wants and needs? Let’s support one another to change ourselves so that, together, we can change our world! With love, from us all at Mana.

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Coro Car Club

By Bruce Finan

We started January with a big bang. 16 of us from Coro Car Club had a BYO day at Kuaotunu with great facilities like a huge BBQ, good toilets, tennis court, kids' playground and joining us was about 60 cars from Whitianga. Cars included Hot-Rods, American, Australian, English, European. It was a very warm day but also a super busy time of the year. The beach was crowded with holiday makers and we had a bit of confusion as to where to park so many cars but we got there in the end. I'm sure everyone was impressed. Thanks to those who made a great day of it. Cheers.

Next meeting is **Wednesday 16 February** from 4pm.
Many thanks.



Ann's Good News, Naturally

Your Children's Best Immunity

I have many years of clinical experience working with babies and children, as a karitane nurse, then a natural health practitioner-naturopath, medical herbalist, mineral therapist, nutritional bio-consultant, councillor homoeopath, and a bodywork therapist.

I am proud to have successfully treated and healed these young people for viral infections, as well as a whole raft of other diseases.

As part of my degree, I studied infectious microbiology and immunology. It is a major concern that the government, and the health system (or the media), are not reminding parents daily how to best keep children's immune system the healthiest it can be. Their only advice is get a jab.

Why are chemical ridden foods still available? Fizzy drinks, sugar, cornflakes, Nutri-grain and McDonald's burgers are dead foods, and seriously deplete immune function. Cigarettes, alcohol and aspartame sugar replacement are treacherous to immune, kidney and liver health.

My truth, via my clients' success, is that Natural Medicine does effectively boost the immune system, to then suppress any virus.

Strong immunity starts from pre-birth. We are born with an innate immune system that has a powerful ability to naturally strengthen.

Man-made chemicals enter the body via the digestive tract, respiratory tract or via skin, weakening the immune system.

This chemical assault hits the digestive tract (gut immunity), creating an exhausted and ineffective immunity, nervous system, liver, kidneys, bowel, cardiovascular and lymphatic systems.

With a high toxic load, over time, immune function is dumbed down, imbalanced and overwhelmed, causing hypersensitivities and allergies to food and non-food items, then



diseases, diabetes, cancer and heart and neurological diseases.

Where are the parallel conversations, or the ability to even have a conversation, about what is common sense and works?

Via the best nutrition possible, your child's immune system must develop by:

- Healthy sperm, healthy egg. Cells last approximately 120 days – preconception nutrition boosts baby's immunity. A high toxic load and an inefficient liver can create poor sperm morphology, a weak conception, unstable pregnancy and weak immunity.
 - Vaginal birth – Baby's immature immune cells get strengthened via the wonderful vaginal probiotic during birth.
 - Ongoing breast feeding. Colostrum then Immunoglobulin A from ongoing breast feeding truly boosts and strengthens gut immunity. Mother's milk is best.
 - Introducing solids. Ideally start at four to six months. Start with vegetables to ensure baby builds a taste preference for the less-sweet foods. Avoid grains, eventually building to occasional homemade, pureed whole grains.
 - Meals and school lunches – Nature intended fruit to be our "treats". Proportionally, we need more vegetables each day than fruit. If your child has been brought up with mainly vegetables and natural, savoury, more bitter tasting foods, there will be a natural strong resilience to infection.
 - Minerals for immunity – www.activeelements.com, username 259077 Password 579819.
- Which minerals your kids are deficient in?
- Natural immune boosters – herbal and nutritional personalised prescriptions. I use "practitioner only" medicinal grade. No talcum powders, fillers, chemicals or drugs.
 - How healthy are your kids really? Issues with allergies, digestion, sleep, behaviour, infections, bad breathe or smelly stools? Then don't bypass or sterilise their adaptive immunity or, suppress their innate immunity with Frankenstein foods or drugs.

When it comes to your kid's health, do your own research. Know all that goes into their body is not destructive to cells. Have peace of mind.

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A wonderful urban sanctuary! Beautifully private 1,629m2 property featuring a large orchard and native/specimen trees. The home offers spacious living, 3 brms, 2 bathrooms and internal access garage. Plunge pool and superb decking. **\$PBN**

New
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New
Listing

Wyuna Bay hideaway! Positioned on the sought after north/west ridgeline. 913m2 bush clad section with a rear lawn for the children. Open-plan living opening to huge deck, 4 brms, 2 bathrooms and family room. Good car and boat parking. **\$PBN**

Holidays at Te Kouma! The private 1,315m2 section offers a northerly aspect with views of the harbour. The cute holiday home features an open-plan living area, a great covered outdoor space, 2 brms and bathroom. Just perfect. **\$PBN**

New
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Time to design your new home. A great opportunity to secure one of the very last sections within the first stage of Greenhills. The 690m2 near flat site offers an ideal north/westerly aspect. Talk to your builder/housing company. **\$PBN**



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More listings urgently required by our great team. Please call 866 8900



The Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman

There is an old proverb: “Out of every bad thing, comes at least two good things.”

Out of this Covid epidemic, the order has been handed down, “All Rescue Crews are to be kept separated in case one crew catches and pass on the dreaded lurgy.” But how do you keep them separated in the confines of the Ardmore Base? Answer: Send one crew to Whitianga until further notice. Further notice is, at this stage, the end of March. So, the six weeks has doubled to three months! Great! Maybe, they will still be here for Easter in the middle of April.

December was another quiet month, with 13 missions to the Peninsula. Thankfully, there were only three to our side of the hill.

19.12.21 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a patient in their 70’s suffering a medical complaint. Unfortunately, the patient died, and crew returned to base.

24.12.21 Kennedy Bay – Crew tasked by police to Kennedy Bay to assist with the search and rescue of an overdue boat. Crew were stood down and returned to base.

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

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

Have a safe month.

Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT, Mob: 022 670 1549



Coromandel Bike Park

By Ally Davey

New event coming to the bike park

As you will know, the asphalt pump track is one of the best utilised areas of the park and we are very fortunate to be able to host The Coromandel Pump Track Open on **Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 March** and give it a new haircut with the green TigerTurf. This will protect the track and also is much nicer for riders.

Pump tracks are a worldwide success. Combining rolling jumps with banked turns, they are accessible to all. Riders use the track features to gain momentum and attack the track as fast as possible. Pump track racing sees bike riders pitted against each other on a pump track either head to head or in a time trial format, using only the features of the track and the turns to gain speed and momentum. In a time trial format, the riders are racing the clock over the exact same track. With times within a fraction of a second of each other, it is an exhilarating experience for athletes and spectators.

The series pits BMX against MTB for the first time on an equal platform; the spirit of competition and inclusivity has flourished around the world. **26-27 March** will be the date for this year’s event as long as the region is not in the Covid Protection Framework of Red. The event will be a vaccine pass-required event for spectators and participants.

We will also be hosting a skills workshop to encourage local riders to learn specific pump track skills the day before the event, coached by Olympic and world class riders. So far the fastest lap has been 19.89 seconds. The youngest rider has been 18 months and the oldest rider 78 years young. Online entry will be coming soon – stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information.

There will be a skateboard class as well at the event. Gavin is also coordinating maintenance at the park to help keep the tracks in good condition. If you are interested to help or have a passion for bashing weeds and building trails, please contact him directly on 027 405 1673.

Thanks to our local businesses and for the boosted sport campaign, we have enough donations to help us raise the funds to purchase the defibrillator and the water fountain. These are awaiting delivery and will be installed as soon as they arrive.





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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

Summertime in Coromandel – this is the time to extend your summer crops and prepare for autumn.



You can direct sow your salads, coriander, and rocket under a shade cloth along the eastern side of your garden, which will provide protection from birds and strong summer heat. Also, direct sow carrots and parsnips for the autumn.

Growing lupin green-crops helps prepare the soil for brassicas once lupins are finished.

Self-seeding plants like calendula, cornflower, marigold, bishops flower, phacelia, honesty, and borage pop up of their own accord when conditions are perfect, if

you have them in your garden!

For tray sowing – celery, silverbeet, perpetual spinach or kale for autumn and winter harvests. Chard and perpetual beet self-seed readily in the garden, so let them develop and you will never need to sow them again. Or beetroot can be direct sown – a small crop, they can be squeezed in anywhere.

Brassicas for autumn – a few each of cauli, cabbage, broccoli every month or so brings mixed, regular harvests from autumn through spring. Brassicas and leafy greens flourish in mild, moist conditions – all of the things that the middle of summer is not. Shade is the answer. Plant them on the east side of taller crops, underneath or amongst an older crop that's finished or make a simple shade house by tying shade cloth onto stakes. Remove the cloth when they are established and big enough to handle it. Boost newly planted brassicas and leeks with weekly biological sprays

Green beans – dwarf or climbing, for warmer regions or the greenhouse. Climbers planted in early January will crop to mid-March, and if they don't dry out, you could have beans until May, or until it gets cold – whichever comes first.

The planting of basil, marigolds, and tomatoes – the classic trio. January planted tomatoes can outshine spring

planted ones and can carry on until late autumn/early winter. If you are planting outside, choose hardy cocktails or fast cropping bush or determinate varieties.

Plant zucchini, for a useful autumn harvest and corn if you have enough water.

Must do's: Keep your garden fertility up and keep adding to your compost pile; check in regularly with soil for moisture levels. Keep mulch topped up, as it wears thin, especially around beans and passion-fruits, which enjoy a cool root run. Break off old, ratty foliage and lay it down, forage for leaves, seaweed – whatever is in your 'hood and lightly sprinkle grass clippings. Make compost – every month without fail!

And for the fruit – take off laterals and trim your fruit espaliers, trim off strawberry runners to keep your strawberry plants energised, and feed citrus and thin fruits on young trees.

Finally, sit back and enjoy your hard work with a cold drink and relax! By the way Happy New Year! Coromandel Garden Circle next meeting: **Wednesday 9 February** – picnic on the beach.



If you are interested in joining us at the beach, becoming a member or being a speaker for us, please contact Jeni. Convenor – Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341, Secretary – Trish Whimp 027 498 5227



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St John Heartbeat

By Abby Morgan,
Coromandel St
John

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Volunteers

Coromandel station urgently needs more Operational Volunteers!

We have our new First Response vehicle ready to go. This vehicle was generously donated to St John by Mr John Brown and is based at our station full time for our volunteer team to use. If you are 18 years or older, have held a full NZ driver license for at least 12 months, have a clean police and driver record and can commit to on-going clinical and station training, we would love to hear from you. Working with a dedicated team, learning new skills and giving something back to the community can be incredibly rewarding. We understand that volunteers have other commitments and therefore can accommodate flexible volunteering options. If you are interested, contact the station on (07) 866 8279 or email abby.morgan@stjohn.org.nz.

First Aid Kits

Available at the station, we have a range of sizes in stock so if you are in need of a new one, call in to check these out.



Pop Up Op Shop

By the time you read this we will have finished our most recent Pop Up Op Shop. We are grateful for the continued support we get from the Mercury Bay Area Committee and their Op Shop manager Heather Lowes. Funds raised through our Op Shop stay in our community, help us to support our volunteers and keep our station in good order. Keep an eye out for notification on the "What's Happening Coromandel" Facebook page and when the flag is out we are open!

Hall bookings: To book, our hall for meetings or events please call the station on (07) 866 8279; leave a message if no one is available to answer and we will call you back. Or email us at coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz and we will add your booking to the calendar.

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The new First Response vehicle which is based at Coromandel Town station

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Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle



The Lions Club would like to pay tribute to Keith Stephenson and acknowledge all of the work he did for the club and our community. Keith was a stalwart when it came to using the chainsaw and spent numerous Saturday mornings helping at working bees. He will be warmly remembered and our condolences to his family.

In the absence of a Keltic Fair and mussel fritter fundraiser, most of our fundraising will come from firewood sales this year. If you are available to help on a Saturday working bee, contact Rick Ward. If you would like to order firewood, contact Sue Hughes. We are grateful for your support and look forward to backing more community projects in 2022.

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



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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

February 2022

Happy New Year from the TCDC team

We've had a relatively good run during the peak summer period with people just grateful to be enjoying holidaying here.

Overall, we've had less water restrictions around the district than previous years – but we'd still like to encourage everyone to save on water use as it's still very dry.

TOP 5 SMART WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Wait to do full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Don't run water when brushing your teeth.
- Apply the 'step test' for lawns. If grass springs back, it doesn't need watering.

EVERY DROP COUNTS

- For cool drinking water – leave some in the fridge rather than running the tap.
- Use the half-flush button on your toilet.

Our Kerbside service was generally really well-run with fewer complaints about missed collections.

Summer Kerbside Collections

Our summer schedule of additional Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections continues until 12 February.

[tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)

COROMANDEL TOWN AND TE KOUMA:



COROMANDEL RURAL NORTH:



Please put out your rubbish and/or recycling by 9am. If you're leaving town before your collection day, please don't put out your rubbish and recycling, instead take it to the nearest Refuse Transfer Station, which are all open longer hours over summer. Blue Council rubbish bags and recycling can be left for free.

The Coromandel Town Refuse Transfer Station: 525 Hauraki Rd

Monday – Friday: 9.30am – 4.00pm

Saturday, Sunday

and public holidays: 9.30am–5.00pm

Hours and locations are at

[tcdc.govt.nz/rts](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts)



Getting out on the water is part of the Coromandel dream. But boat ramps and wharves are expensive. How should they be funded?

Learn more: [tcdc.govt.nz/boating](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/boating)

Cemeteries Bylaw Revocation

HAVE YOUR SAY

Feedback sought until 18 February 2022.



[tcdc.govt.nz/cemeteriesconsultation](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/cemeteriesconsultation)



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

“The Board and I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. It's been a bittersweet time for us with the passing of one of our former Board members, legend and all-round good guy Keith Stephenson. We pass on our love to his wife Rita and family. The Board will continue to support the endeavours and projects Keith has championed in our area over the years.”



peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The next Community Board meeting

– 9am 15 February. Kapanga Rd Coromandel Town Office.

[tcdc.govt.nz/yourcouncil](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/yourcouncil) for the agenda

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Friendly reminders

Dog rules: Stay up to date at [tcdc.govt.nz/dogs](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogs)

Alcohol bans in public places: Our district has year-round, 24/7 town centre alcohol bans, plus additional long weekend bans on many of our beaches and seaside reserves. Find locations and dates here:

[tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)

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The Science of Telomeres

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith

Many of us live our lives in self-judgement and self-criticism and this evolves into a stressful state in which many of us live our lives. Are you able to observe yourself in these states?

Let's consider some scientific research. In 2009, research in the field of anti-ageing featured the discovery of telomeres by Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, for which she won the Nobel Prize

"Telomeres" are at the tips of our DNA and are often compared to the plastic ends at the end of a shoelace. Good telomeres that indicate a propensity to live a healthy life are long and the protective ends are in a good condition.

Telomeres that signal a lesser life span are short with frayed tips like worn out old shoelaces. Instead of keeping your body healthy and youthful, these shorter telomeres hamper cell division. From a healthy lifespan you get launched into a diseased state.

A radically new and empowering message from the microbiologist Blackburn is that you can control your telomeres by changing your inner state. In Dr Blackburn's own words, "Telomeres are listening to your thoughts; they listen to your behaviour and they listen to your state of mind."

Isn't it astounding that our body is genetically programmed to be healthy and youthful depending on our inner state? When there is no harmony within ourselves, our inner conflicts and struggles turn into our own enemy and activate the programming in the genes for ageing and disease. It is today as evident as daylight that living in any form of stressful state is self-destructive. We age faster, become diseased and lead ourselves into a miserable existence.

There is a practise that helps you recognise the state you are in and shift it to one of calm. It is three minutes long and quickly moves you out of a state of stress.

Known as The Serene Mind Practise, it is available for download on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/The-Living-Well-106755014961933 or www.facebook.com/OandOAcademyEkamTheCoromandel

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Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter

a sonnet by John Irvine

The Spring paints our sky with blue softnesses.
 Though today rains are deluging Welly,
 and many other lucked out provinces.
 I'll confirm that tonight on the telly.

I stay in the dark, avoiding the sun,
 no chance of the Summer rays frying me,
 turning me into a scab on the run.
 Bugger off Summer! Hey, pass the Chablis.

Sweet Autumn you are so very pretty,
 lovely colours as you kill our tree leaves,
 leaving our landscape all brown and gritty,
 while hardly a single idiot grieves.

Wait! Here She comes now! Glorious Winter!
 She gifts me nine months as a non-squinter!

Growers & Artisans Seasonal Markets

By Benni, Bine & Nalan



Dear friends and market lovers, dear Coromandel Community, The Growers & Artisans Seasonal Market is resting during these hot summer months!

We are taking a breath and looking at new ideas for our upcoming markets.

Here are some of the seedlings we are nurturing:

- Green Dollar/Exchange/Bartering Table – Bring your fresh produce or preserves and exchange for other homemade and homegrown goodies.
- Community Care Box – This box will be made up of items donated by market stallholders and then gifted to a Coromandel family.
- Enterprising Young Person – We want to encourage and assist young persons in the community who have a talent or skill they could bring to the market – art, craft, baking, screenprinting, face painting, music...
- We will continue to focus on the plastic-free, recycling and composting aspects of the market, as these are part of our core values.
- We are hopeful to get funding this year in order to offer financial support to the market musicians, and also to the Children's Corner facilitator.

So, we are humming with ideas, and very much look forward to seeing you later this year at our Easter Market.

Growers & Artisans Seasonal Market, **Easter Saturday 16 April** 8am-2pm at Hike & Bike Square, Coromandel Town.

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Library News

By Robynne Jones

Librarian

Our Christmas raffles were a big success thanks to all those who supported the raffles and donated the items for them. Congratulations to the winners, Tim Johnston and Sharon Currie.

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Some of our members who don't use computers have mentioned that they no longer can just look in the back of the book to see if they have read it. To show you have read the book, you can, if you like, record your initials (and/or write a short note on whether you liked the book or not) on the due date slip in the back of the older books or on the bright green slip in the newer books. I hope this helps.

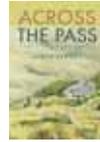
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As I mentioned last month, we now have some new books on the shelves. That includes the new book by Diana Gabaldon, *Go Tell the Bees that I'm Gone*. We already have a couple of holds on this book. However, you can come into the library and ask us to put it on hold for you, or do the hold for yourself online.

Other new books include authors like James Patterson, Patricia Cornwell, David Baldacci, Ken Follett, Jeffery Archer, Owen Mathews, Christos Tsiolkas, Alice Hoffman, Peter Watt, Tea Cooper, Ann Patchett, Marc Cameron and Dean Koontz. We also have some new board books for younger readers, including a delightful pop-up book on bees and the eco-system.

Two of the new books, by new authors, that we have acquired this month are about journeys, but very different kinds of journeys...

***Across the Pass: A Collection of Tramping Writing* - Shaun Barnett**



Barnett

Shaun Barnett is an outdoors author, editor, and photographer. He has co-authored several books including *Tramping: A New Zealand History*, *Shelter from the Storm: The Story of New Zealand's Backcountry Huts*, and *A Bunk for the Night*. This book is a collection of tramping stories by New Zealanders that takes us on journeys into self-discovery and new friendships, as well as the native plants and animals existing in some of New Zealand's wild ecosystems.

***Mrs March* - Virginia Feito**



This debut novel is described as unsettling, darkly funny full of suspense and paranoia. It is also primed to become a major motion picture, starring Elizabeth Moss (she played the detective in Jane Campion's *Top of the Lake*).

Mrs March is a creature of routine and decorum and lives a very controlled existence on the Upper East Side. Every morning begins the same way, with a visit to her favourite patisserie to buy a loaf of olive bread. However, her latest trip proves to be her last when she suffers an indignity from which she may never recover. It is an assumption by the shopkeeper that a character in her husband's latest novel, a prostitute, is based on *Mrs March*. This starts her on a journey which starts within the pages of her husband's new book and may uncover a murder and *Mrs March's* long-buried secrets.

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3 January 2022 - 9 January 2022	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	6:40pm	8:45am	8:45am
10 January 2022 - 16 January 2022	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	6:40pm	8:45am	8:45am
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3 January 2022 - 9 January 2022	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	8:45pm*	4:30pm	4:30pm
10 January 2022 - 16 January 2022	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	8:45pm*	4:30pm	4:30pm
17 January 2022 - 30 March 2022	-	-	-	-	8:45pm*	4:30pm	4:30pm

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- If friends or whanau are collecting you, we recommend that they pick you up directly at Hannaford's Wharf as capacity is limited on the shuttle bus into Coromandel Town. The shuttle bus meets the ferry and will transfer you to and from Coromandel Town (Samuel James Reserve carpark) and Hannaford's Wharf. There is no additional fare for this service.
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Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews for the donations of food and bedding donated to the unit. It's been a true blessing for us and gratefully appreciated. Also to a wonderful lady who donated funds solely for the cats' Christmas dinner – they dined on tinned salmon, Greek yoghurt, ham and chicken. They truly loved and enjoyed their very special treat and toys to help while away the hours.

Fundraising – the garage sale was well supported, a very different atmosphere, very gently quiet yet a steady flow of both local and visitors to the hall. We raised enough funds to get the unit across December and will help us through another month as well. This would never have been possible had it not been for the incredible help of a dear friend's husband and their nephew. These two blokes honestly blew us away, tables up in less than ten minutes, trailer unloaded in fifteen, tables up and goods on tables and all set up in less than an hour. The two blokes were like a tornado hit the place and we were truly grateful for their strength and help, not just set up but the drop down and pack up. We gifted forward items that had been unsold and had been with us for near on two years to my dear friend's op shop in Paeroa. She has exactly the same philosophies and policies for her community shop. This fresh stock will raise funds for the community she is in and cleared us of the tired old stock, giving us room to gain new items for this year's fundraisers.

Tamtam – our beloved cerebellar girl was unwell over Christmas, just not her usual bright, full-on self and we knew something was incredibly wrong, and on Boxing Day in the small hours as I patted her, her soft purr and mew, she curled up and left us for



rainbow bridge. This girl had the ultimate life here. Whilst just a short time in our care, she left so much in our hearts. She taught us far too much, and through her disability helped us through some seriously hard times. We will so fondly remember this wee angel lent to us for nine months.

Kera was out of sorts for several weeks but her purrsonality has changed completely from Miss Independant to Miss Smooch and want to play games, fetch and carry, nicking balls of yarn to be tossed, and thrown, wearing out humans faster than wearing her out. She has taken on a truly different cattitude now, and settling in to being top youngest cat.

Because of the heat we have had to add glucose to water and fans on full to get temperatures down, often times adding ice blocks to water dishes for cool water and play time for the cats, and Greek yoghurt added to meals they have enjoyed so much.

We are currently in process of having two older boy cats coming into longer term care here due to the owner passing away. We have been most suprised at how far word gets about what we do for the felines and these two boys will soon be in care and residing in unit 3 – Bingan unit. There will be further updates once we know more on the

two. We have someone able to collect them and bring them into Thames for us, so they can recieve the care they need and deserve. They are both in the five-plus years age group. We are looking forward to meeting them.

Financially we are no further forward than we have been for eons, longer than we care to remember, but we just quietly carry on and do what we always have done, care for our rescue felines.

Please donate items for our next garage sale: books, toys, clothes, shoes, linen, knick-knacks, bric-a-brac, etc., clean and saleable; purrlease ring us.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now, plus donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk, all appreciated.

Financial blessings to the unit will ensure we can continue the mission of compassion to the dumped, unwanted, abandoned felines in our region. We never know what the season will bring us, it's an unknown thing of what reasons cats come to us in an emergency situation, we never know until the phone rings, with someone desperately wanting us. Saying no is never really an option and is more often than not very heartbreaking what we see through the season.

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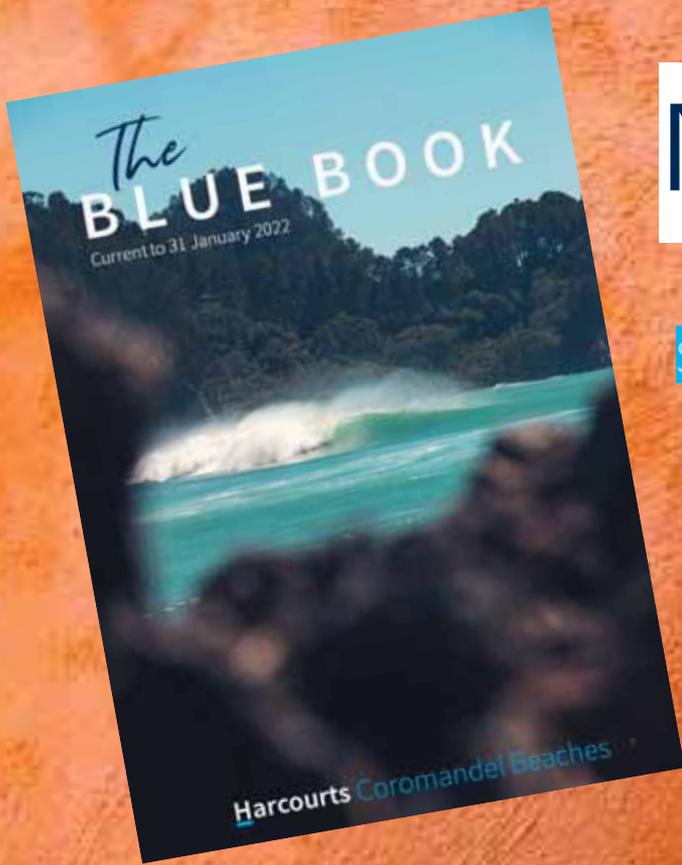
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In 2016, the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme was created to support and coordinate nationwide efforts by central and local government, industry and the

community sector to tackle the growing threat of wilding pine infestations. The programme is a collaboration led by (and funded through) Biosecurity New Zealand, a business unit of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

In the last five years, the government has allocated \$137 million on wilding pine control and successfully treated more than 2.2 million hectares across New Zealand. In the Waikato region, Waikato Regional Council has been coordinating 12 different community-led wilding pine projects since 2020. Thanks to a successful funding application of \$375,000 made by the Kuaotunu Peninsula Trust, the Kuaotunu Peninsula is part of this effort. Tens of thousands of wilding pines have been controlled since June 2021 on the Kuaotunu Peninsula alone.

Waikato Regional Council is committed to protecting the native flora and fauna that are affected by wilding infestations and can be disturbed or harmed during wilding pine control operations. In collaboration with

the Project Kiwi Trust, the Department of Conservation (DOC) and local community groups, regular kiwi- and bat-monitoring is being carried out to identify, locate and protect their habitats. While no bat activity has been recorded to date, calls of the Coromandel brown kiwi and the booms of Australasian bitterns have been heard in the Matarangi Bluff Scenic Reserve. The presence of these threatened bird species in our natural reserves is very encouraging and underlines the importance of wilding pine control to protect and enhance suitable habitats.

Let's keep it up and get rid of wilding pines!

For more information, please visit www.wildingpines.nz,

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Memories

By Val Gray

I went to see my man the other day,
I always visit, always stay.
He sleeps a lot and doesn't know me now.
I wonder why or how this could be
That after 60 years this man that married me
So young and handsome, full of fun for life
and he chose me to be his lawful wedded wife.
The years have passed, and so much in between
and all the things we've done and sights we've seen.
But now the mind has gone, and brain in disrepair
The memories that flit across the mist are all that's there
and as I sit and hold his hand, and tell him of my day
He'll squeeze my hand and let me know he's hearing what I say.
The kids all come and visit, but he doesn't know them either
They know he's ill so try not to let it bother.

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He's still their Dad they love him just the same
Though he can't remember who is who, or what's their name.
We talk about the man that once was there
The memories that we still have to share.
We know the family will always cling together
In sad or happy times, it's love that binds and rides the stormy weather
and suddenly a voice that broke the quiet says
"Mary's happy now she's got a boyfriend too,"
another memory that's surfaced from the blue.
It makes us smile, 'cause Mary's 94
and would not want a boyfriend knocking on the door!
It makes us laugh and lifts the mood.
The carer comes with tea and food
and so another day goes by.
So thank you God for one more day
To hold his hand and just to say
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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



It certainly was great to see visitors in town over the summer holidays. People everywhere, including lots of families. Not to mention having to queue to get into eateries that were happily, we hope, run off their feet. People browsing and spending, helping keep our local economy afloat. Perfect weather for water and non-water activities. It's also a wonderful time of the year to see so many of our talented local artists' works in exhibitions. So if you haven't gotten out in our local area yet, be sure to take some time to do so.

Our visitor numbers also picked up. And our volunteers are back on deck. So pleased as it has been quite a while since they were last in and we've missed each other.

Our office has been refurbished, reconfigured and not only looking great but works better for the team and visitors, thanks to our fabulous Art Auction Fundraiser. Do pop in and see us.

When visiting we ask to see your vaccine pass. If you don't have one, just stand at the door and we can assist you from there. Also great to see so many people continuing to scan in. Masks are to be worn upon entry, unless of course you have an exemption, which we will ask to sight.

I want to say thank you for helping keep my team and our wider community safe.

Now a couple of things coming up:

Friday 28 January to Sunday 13 February – Coromandel Art Group Annual Exhibition, Hauraki Gallery, 10am-4pm.

All business owners, big or small, tourist or non-tourist – Our next networking event will be hosted by Jeff and Julie at The Waterworks on **Monday 21 February** at 5.30pm. Light refreshments and nibbles will be provided, also BYO. Please, RSVP by text to 027 521 5560 or email me at manager@coromandeltown.nz.

Till next month.

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Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone,

The Himalaya shop will be open daily in February month until after the Waitangi day holiday weekend, after that we might be closed occasionally during weekdays. So after the 8th it would be best to phone or text to check if we are open that day if you are coming up to Colville.

Opening times to be 10 a.m. to somewhere between 3 and 4 p.m. You can contact us on 07 8667 224 at the shop; 07 8666 865 A/H Anette's mobile 021 139 7838; Rob 021 155 8559 Email robnnet@yahoo.com www.facebook.com/roah.co.nz

Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

I am told it takes three weeks to make a new habit. Actually I think the habit of daily meditation takes a lot longer than three weeks to set, partly because it is against the flow of our busy lives and our social habits.

It is skilful to start and continue a daily practice of becoming present, for both physical and emotional well-being as well as spiritual growth. This could be a meditation session, reflection while walking, yoga or a similar movement practice, gardening appreciatively, any "past time" that takes us out of the usual time pressures and into being present and aware in a spacious way. With ongoing practice we soften more easily, graciously, into how things actually are.

It serves us well to increase our capacity to be at ease and open, both when we are alone and with others. Sitting in meditation regularly with others in even a small group strengthens our intention to be present and aware at other times as well. Also sitting with others helps us overcome self-consciousness and habitual adapting to what we think another might be thinking of us. What busy minds we have, worrying and reassuring and checking on our perceptions of others and theirs of us. It helps to be able to smile gently at the antics of the mind!

I will continue to offer myself and my home for awareness conversation and meditation practice.

Join us for soup at 6pm and sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm,

Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23 February.

I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm. Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you. My home is open to any and all, so please stay away if you are unwell or have been in contact with others who are unwell. If you are concerned, call me. Do call if you would like to chat about meditation or finding calm in an anxious time.

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Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Secretary

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather that started this year. We bowlers have braved the temperatures and started the season with some competitive days on the greens.

Our first tournament of the year was the popular Twentymans Open Triples, this year won by Lindsay Nicholls, Rex and Linda Peters, with runners up Sue McNeil, Jim Dicks and Vi King. Well done bowlers, on a very hot day.

The Twilight Competition for 2022 is due to kick off on **Tuesday 1 February**. It's a great community event and we really appreciate our sponsors for their contributions to the prizes each night.

Our Taylor Shield Men defend their Centre Title on **5 February** at the Coromandel Club. It was a huge achievement to win this shield against much bigger Clubs in the Thames Valley Centre and we would love to hold onto it!

The Committee is proposing to hold a four-week competition for all comers on a Friday afternoon from 3pm onwards. \$3 entry fee, drawn teams, a 2/4/2 format so that players get to experience all positions in the game (subject to numbers attending). Come down and see if bowls is the game for you.

A reminder that vaccine passes must be sighted and/or scanned at all events at our Club. This applies to both spectators and players at Tournaments, Twilight Competition and social events.



Twentymans Open Triples



Winners of the Twentymans Open Triples



Runners up of the Twentymans Open Triples

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Oh dear, another virus appears on the scene. Will it never end?! Hope our luck holds and we stay safe in our part of the world. Pretty explosive at the moment though, with volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and a cyclone to boot.

A friend has let me know about the passing away of Danny Desai. Danny was a member of the Coro RSA for some years. Condolences to his family. Also, Keith Stephenson was a longtime member. Belated condolences to Rita and family.

In the November 2021 Chronicle I reported that the refurbished sign at the World War One Memorial Forest had been put back in situ. Took an idea to the last RSA Committee Meeting – that maybe a permanent type planter box could be installed and planted with red poppies.

Had previously spoken to Margaret Harrison from TCDC and she advised me on the steps to take. One member stated “It would be stolen”, another “Who would look after it?” I am sure if the idea came to fruition there would be offers from RSA ladies who are also Garden Circle members, or RSA ladies who are golfers, and maybe the walking girls if going that way! While I am able, I would do it. I read in RSA magazines that lots of this type of beautification is undertaken in other towns, why not here?

At this same meeting I asked why our Returned Servicemen's and Widows' Christmas Vouchers had not been distributed. One member made what I took as a derogatory statement. There are five or six widows which come to mind and, if like myself, it gives one a lift, almost like getting a gift from our men. Seems on the face of it this is not a top priority issue!

Coro Town seems to be buzzing but I suppose when school holidays end it will quieten down. At the moment though I hope all of our local shops and businesses are making up for the bad months they have endured.

Keep smiling, stay safe.

Women's Section of the RSA

I hope all of our members have had a lovely Christmas and New Year, and were able to catch up with family and friends.

We will be holding our first meeting for the year in February. I have not as yet set a date or venue but members will be notified when this is done.

We are a small group of ladies and would really enjoy having new members. If you are interested, let me, or a member of our committee, know.

We are looking forward to April which is our busiest month with sale of poppies and Anzac Day.

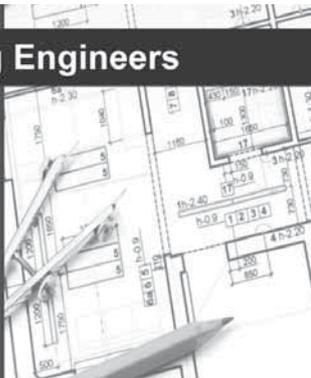
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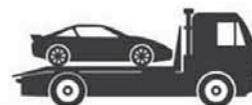
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Photos of some projects that were made last year

Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

I'm sure everyone is feeling well rested after our Xmas break, having spent time with family and friends. We've had lovely, long summer days but I'm sure some of us will be looking up at those clouds and wishing for rain.

Our patchwork ladies are ready to get their teeth into some new creative ventures in this new year of 2022.

Next month's issue will be full of news on what is happening and new projects for 2022.

Nevertheless, when you read this issue we will be stitching, so call in and have a peek. I'm sharing some photos of some projects that were made last year. As you can see, it's not only quilts that we make, all sorts of things get stitched in our group, just to keep life interesting.

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CILT – Coromandel Budget & Foodbank

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all, hopefully everybody’s year has started off well. It is mid-January as I write this, and we are about to start our first week back in the office for 2022. We are excited to be back and looking forward to the year ahead, and the people we will meet along the way.

A new year is always a good time to a) make a budget, and b) review your current budget. Whether it is a new budget or one you currently use, budgets are a living document and continually change as our life changes with new bills, bills paid, a savings goal or those unexpected bills. So, it’s important to keep track of where our money is going, is it benefiting our situation, and what can we do to be better/smarter with our money.

If you want help with working on a budget, getting debt under control or have any other financial issues, please pop into our office at Tiki House – we are here to help. It is free and totally confidential. We work alongside you, we help with phone calls to debtors and help to negotiate a reasonable payment plan option. Not every lender is nice and reasonable to changing situations. We want to help, so you are not incurring late fees or penalties causing more debt unnecessarily. If you feel someone you owe money to isn’t treating you fairly, please come and see us; we will advocate alongside you.

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

Office hours: Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12-3pm.

Foodbank

We are currently running low on reusable shopping bags, so if you have a stash of them at home and are wondering what to do with them, we would love to take them off your hands. They can be dropped into Tiki House Monday-Thursday and let reception know they are for the Foodbank.

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

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

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

“A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went.”



Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Every Coromandel summer is special, but this year took on extra significance as friends and families reunited after being too long separated by regional boundaries, lockdowns and Covid restrictions. It was terrific to see Coromandel Town and other communities around the Peninsula packed with locals and visitors enjoying a much needed break. And after the year that was 2021, I wouldn’t be surprised if some of those travellers decided they want to relocate permanently here.

The summer peak means of course that we have tens of thousands of people moving around on our uniquely Coromandel roads. The result too often is a spike in accident related fatalities. We’ve had far too many people lose their lives this summer.

With several busy months of summer still ahead, it’s a reminder that we all need to take extra precautions on the roads and out on the water.

While 2021 turned out to be a lot like 2020, I’m hopeful that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that 2022 will see a return to something resembling normality. The transmissibility of Omicron means that sooner or later we’ll have it in our communities. Once again the call is to get a booster vaccination as soon as you are eligible.

Personally, I’m looking forward to this year and to what I hope will be a much greater level of freedom. My office is open and even though Parliament doesn’t start back until early February, I’m working around the electorate, so please never hesitate to be in touch. One policy area I’ll be watching closely is the Government’s plans to push on with their proposals on Three Waters. I’ve seen how passionate people around the Coromandel are about retaining control over their water assets. The National Party and I will continue to fight the current plans to create four huge water entities over which local ratepayers will have almost no influence. They need to go back to the drawing board and come up with a solution that will ensure the delivery of quality water for future generations.

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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

Jamie Brown

Welcome

Welcome back everyone! As we start the year, we would like to give a big warm welcome to our new staff, students, and families. The teachers have been working hard to organise exciting learning programmes for this year. We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for 2022!

All 2022 stationery lists and information can be found on our website www.coroarea.school.nz.

Term One

Friday 4 February – First day back; Full school pōwhiri and whanau fun day (bbq and activities)

Monday 7 February – Waitangi Day Observed

Tuesday 8 February – Full school, normal timetable

Thursday 14 April – Last day of Term One (Easter is in the holidays)

Communication

We endeavour to communicate as effectively and efficiently as possible in regard to all school matters. Please ensure you read all newsletters, notes home and check the website regularly to keep up to date with any information you may need to know. Please also check our official Facebook page. The name of the page is Coromandel Area School, so please “like” and “follow” us on the page to get instant and up to date information, photographs, and updates on school achievements.

Bring on term 1!



Colville Bay Pre-School: Te Umangawha taku whare ako

COLVILLE BAY
PRE-SCHOOL



By Bronnie Kennedy

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus will be going round and round all the way to Colville Bay Pre-School starting **1 February**. A minibus will operate between Coromandel Town and Colville Bay Pre-School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Mondays being a possibility in the near future. Trained Pre-School staff will drive the bus. This will be an exciting opportunity for Coromandel Town children to experience a unique Pre-school setting, nestled between forest and sea.

Colville Bay Pre-School celebrates its unique location with weekly “Bush Kura” where our four-year-old and overs explore, and immerse themselves in the wonder of their natural surroundings. This nature-based learning opportunity has incredible benefits. The children can explore the outdoors in their own way, with us as their guide. Nature is our teacher, food provider and home. We want to connect our children to this. It is heartwarming to watch as the children pause at the entrance to the forest and greet Tane Mahuta as they enter, and again as they leave, giving thanks for their time there.

We provide care and education for 0 to 6-year-olds, but come and see for yourself what a lovely setting we have. We will hold an open day for parents and children on **Monday 31 January** 10am-2pm. So drop in anytime between those hours and chat to staff, or when we re-open Term 1 on **Tuesday 1 February**.

Open hours: 8.45am-3pm Tuesday to Friday

Please don't hesitate to call our Headteacher Esther Powell on 022 121 7846 or email: seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz. Website: www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz. Colville Bay Pre-school, 2391 Colville Road, 022 294 3272

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Welcome to the New Year, let us all hope that 2022 is better than the past two years. I hope you all had some quality time with your whaanau over the Christmas break, with lots of aroha and wairua. It is time to say thanks to all the amazing maatua, parents, tiipuna, grandparents, kaiako, tamariki and community people who have all contributed to fun-filled 2021 at preschool. We have had some challenges the past year with Covid-19 still causing many disruptions, but once again let's look at what is important in life and it comes back to this!

He aha te mea nui o te ao. He taangata, he taangata, he taangata.

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

It is people, our whaanau, our community are what matters most, not material things, so make a pledge to work towards achieving that balance in life, spending time with your tamariki, and extended whaanau and care for our family and friends, manaaki i to maataua whaanau me o matou hoa.

At preschool in 2021 we missed out on many of our usual celebrations but we did manage to come together for Matariki, and Christmas, although not our normal sort of celebration with Santa. For all of you who have helped the centre, by fixing equipment, making or donating new equipment, attending working bees, we are eternally grateful and appreciate all of your hard mahi to make our centre so special.

It is with great sadness that we said farewell to Belinda, our head teacher, who, along with Rhonda, was instrumental in getting this centre open, and for being the strength behind the team for the past 15 years. We all wish Belinda well in her new venture. We also wish Rhonda a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her fit and healthy, back with her family and perhaps back at the centre.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along, if you have a child this age and are looking for a quality early childhood centre, and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/>.

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

For activities and play for children 5+yrs.

We're now back into our school term time programme.

Parents/caregivers, please let us know if we should be expecting your child so we all know they are where you want them to be.

Opening Hours: Sunday 1pm-4pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3pm-5pm.

Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm (School Years 6-10).

All visitors – if you need to enter Youth Group, please remember to wear a mask, scan QR code scan and sanitise.

Any concerns or for more information call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations we receive, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D.V. Bryant Trust, The Bizarre Community Grants, TCDC Community Grants, Star & Garter Hotel

mahi toi ARTS

2022 Music and Drama Calendar at Hauraki House Theatre

We have a great line-up of events planned for 2022.

The schedule below allows you to put the dates in your diaries before they fill up for the year. We'll post more detailed information in the Chronicle prior to each event and email those of you who are on the mailing list.

Thursday 3 March – Alpaca Social Club with guest Cousin Alice – see details in the article on page 25

Thursday 17 March – Diablos Caravan – acoustic guitar trio

Tuesday 3 May – Albi and the Wolves – alternative indie

Sunday 5 June – Pat Goldsack's Swingers Club and Brothel – anecdotes and improvisation

Monday 25 July – Michael Hurst in the Golden Ass – a story of redemption and love

Friday 23 September – Across the Great Divide – world music/folk roots fusion

Tuesday 25 October – The Bicycle and the Butcher's Daughter (Helen Moulder) – a new solo play

Friday 25 November – Grant Haua Awa Blues – blues intertwined with Grant's Maori culture

If you'd like to be added to the email list, please contact Robin on robinmunch24@gmail.com

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel members are having a break over Christmas and New Year but we will be back on **Wednesday 9 February**. Every Wednesday from 9am to 12 noon we can be found in the Coromandel Aero Club Rooms on Tiki Road. All visitors and complete novices, beginners and more experienced pastellers are made very welcome. We are always looking for new members so come and try your hand.

We have a workshop with Julie and Michael Freeman planned **Saturday 12 to Sunday 13 February**. This will be held in the Tapu Hall, Thames Coast Road, Tapu from 9am to 4pm. The Tapu Hall is nice and spacious so there will be plenty of room for us all to spread out. The subject is birds and feathers so we are all keen to see how the Freemans tackle this tricky subject.

Rosemarie won another prize in the PANZ magazine bimonthly competition. This time it was a second prize for her painting "Happy Hour". The judge was Tony Allain, who resides in the UK. He had some lovely things to say about the work.

All of our members are doing great work and I look forward to seeing what they have done for our Annual Exhibition in Hauraki House at Labour Weekend.

If you are interested, please contact:
Allan Beaver ph (07) 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma ph (07) 866 8829, Rosemarie Murphy ph 027 833 1237



"Happy Hour"
by pastel artist Rosemarie



Annual Exhibition

Coromandel Art Group

28 January - 13 February 2022

Hauraki House Gallery

10am - 4pm

Free Entry



Actors wanted

Wanted, actors for production of the tragi-comedy "The Glass Menagerie", by Tennessee Williams: Amanda – 60-year-old, rather plump by wispy; Laura – 30-year-old, fragile, delicate; Jim – 30-year-old, neurotic, film buff, handsome.

The production, scheduled for 15-18 April will be directed by Pom Holt and her team, with a set design by local artist Richard Chrisp. Props by David, Juliet and Candy, costumes by Shea. It will be a reading, rehearsal, performance, so will be no tedious learning of lines. All aspiring actors and actresses invited to audition.

Wanted to hire: 1 chaise longue, 3 bulky armchairs, 1 standard lamp, 1 cabinet, 1 bird cage (with parrot as long as it doesn't squark!), 1 tame dog.

Contact Richard on 027 373 4848 or David on 021 0245 7820

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

By the time you read this, our exhibition will be in full swing at Hauraki House Gallery. Come on down and see our work. We are open 10am to 4pm until **Sunday 13 February**. Our joint painting of the Driving Creek Railway is for sale, and on display at the exhibition.

Apart from that, the only thing to report is our wonderful Christmas party in December. Special thanks to our President, Lindsay, for the decorations, table settings and music which put us all in the Christmas mood, and to everyone for bringing yummy food, as usual.

See you all at the Hauraki House Gallery!

Alpaca Social Club with guest Cousin Alice

By Robin Münch

The Alpaca Social Club plays fresh sounds from exotic lands. The music combines the flavours of Arabic, Celtic, funk, soul and gypsy jazz cultures.

The two musicians at its core are pianist and accordionist Craig Denham, and bassouki player and guitarist Jon Sanders. Fans describe their live show as “a pyrotechnic display of dazzling virtuosity” and “a quantum leaping musical curiosity”.

Guest artist, Cousin Alice,



creates a completely unique sound – gritty, sweet, and heartfelt, delivered with a shot or two of humour.

Cousin Alice, of Barbadian/Welsh/English heritage, was raised in Aotearoa/New Zealand. She has been based in London for the past 16 years.

“Cousin Alice is unique. At a time when the jazz scene is awash with girl singers singing loveorn lyrics at funereal tempos and living their Billie Holiday-esque fantasies, along comes Alice with her banjolele and suddenly the clouds part, the sun shines and everything is just dandy.” – Boisdale Blue Rhythm Band leader

Date: **Thursday 3 March** at 7.30pm.

Doors open/refreshments available from 7pm.

Venue: Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.

Tickets: \$25 from Coromandel Information Centre ph. (07) 866 8598. Door sales if not sold out prior (but that never happens these days).



Exhibition “Untethered” opens this month

By Sally Tennent-Brown

Sara Otto and I met a few months ago through the pArtnr-Up art programme... two artists from across the Peninsula – and from across the world.

Fun, then, to discover the similarities and synergies in our work; the strong sense of place and relocation, the abstract expressionist flavour – and the differences; one following an enquiry into specific memories and physical experience, the other resting into intuitive gestures and decisions that build and share meaning.

And together? Together we experience the sense of our work as... Untethered!

We look forward to you joining us at Hauraki House Gallery, **Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 February**, to view, to discuss, to share.

Untethered

An exhibition of paintings by Sara Otto & Sally Tennent-Brown



Hauraki House Gallery
Feb 19-27
10am-4pm daily

Impressions IV

An exhibition of paintings by Richard Chrisp, 11am **Saturday 5 February** until **Saturday 12 February** chez Hula Café, 5 Albert Street, Whitianga. Dogs welcome. Food available. Please bring a bottle of wine.

For more information ph 027 373 4848

Portraits

Portraits while you pose... by Richard Chrisp and David Broatch. \$25 adults, \$20 children, \$20 dogs.

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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James



One of the guiding values we follow at Driving Creek is: Strive to be effective and vigilant kaitiaki (guardians) of the Conservation Park's heritage, physical environment, open space values, and responsible managers of all resources. Protect and preserve the wealth and variety of species, habitats, ecosystems, and genetic diversity within the Conservation Park.

Conservation staff continue to work hard to look after the 23-hectare Driving Creek Conservation Park and ensure the property has low numbers of pest animals. Trap catch numbers for 2021 were 83 possums, 314 rats, and 4 stoats. Including some pests caught on a new line installed on Department of Conservation land, after signing a memorandum of understanding with DOC, we now look after an area which borders Driving Creek land at the top of the property. We have a goal to keep expanding the trap network to include more neighboring properties and provide an even larger safe space for native wildlife, including more than 25 bird species which call Driving Creek home. Monitoring results from the property show great progress in knocking down pest numbers over the last few years so we know this approach, servicing over 180 traps, is working really well. We have a mix of traps including DOC 200s for stoats and self-resetting GoodNature traps that ensure they are always ready to catch a rat or possum.

If you would like advice on trapping pests at your place please email conservation@dcraill.co.nz or find us on Facebook



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Comment from WRC on fish farming resource consent

By Denis Tegg, Thames Coromandel elected representative on Waikato Regional Council (WRC)

Consent applications are not “rubber-stamped”. In this case, there is an extensive process underway to ensure the environmental effects and views of the community are considered.

This process will most likely include a hearing, and the council will appoint independent commissioners to consider all the views and expert evidence relating to this application.

The application is predominantly for farming kingfish. However, other species such as mussels (including spat), sea cucumber, sponges and seaweed (Undaria) have also been applied for.

This does have the potential to impact the environment – a point acknowledged by the applicant, who has included 13 expert reports.

Waikato Regional Council has engaged experts across a range of fields to carry out a peer review of these reports and advise the council throughout the process.

At the request of the applicant, Waikato Regional Council publicly notified the application on 12 November 2021. An extended submission period closes on 28 January 2022.

This application will likely go to a hearing, with an independent panel making a decision to either grant or decline the consent.

A date for the hearing is yet to be set.

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UCLA Conservation News

By Reihana Robinson, Spokesperson

Sow Crates Of The Sea Part 2

Summer greetings to all readers.

We re-engage with the caged fish farming plan for the Hauraki Gulf.

In the coming weeks Waikato Regional Council (WRC) will be rubber-stamping the Resource Consent application by Pare Hauraki to farm thousands of tonnes of jam-packed kingfish in massive steel floating cages off the coast of Coromandel Town.

Caged finfish farming is widely recognised to be one of the most environmentally destructive, filthy, wasteful and unsustainable food production industries in the world.

Even WRC's environmental staff have reported on the many serious risks.

Damage to seabed floors from chemicals, pesticides, antibiotics, faeces and waste food is guaranteed.

But environmental damage is only the start.

Cage fish farming for the luxury market means hunger, malnutrition, stunted growth for millions of the world's poor in coastal countries.

A major ingredient in the food for caged fish (such as salmon and kingfish) is fish meal made using millions of tonnes from small pelagic species such as anchovies and pilchards hoovered up off the coasts of Africa, South America and Southeast Asia.

These small species are what poorer communities depend on and they are rapidly being depleted.

The ethics of cage fish farming are horrific – conservation is more than species counts. It is about ethics and social responsibility.

The negative impact of cage fish farming, like the Pare Hauraki kingfish farming plan, harm indigenous people around the world.

For more information listen to the January 2022 BBC documentary “Tale Of A Tiny Fish”.

Farmed kingfish are contributing to malnourishment and childhood hunger in places like Senegal and Mauritania.

UCLA says no to caged kingfish farming in the firth of Thames.

MEG

By Amy Lendrum

January trapping highlights
January has been a very busy month for many of our trappers so far. Rebekah cleared a total of eight stoats across her traplines in one day, and Nicky cleared five stoats on her trapping run.

Stoats are public enemy number one when it comes to our native birds as they are relentless hunters, hunting day and night, and they have the ability to climb trees and attack baby birds and their nests. DOC200 traps are powerful and effective for stoat control, which MEG can supply if you are considering trapping on your property. Email us at info@meg.org.nz if you would like more info.

Peri from the MEG field team came across this possum (below) who was too curious for its own good in the Rat Attack area on her first day back at work.



Stoat

Nature packs for kids

Remember to grab a MEG activity pack to entertain the kids in the holidays. The packs are jammed with nature-themed activities including colouring in, tic tac toe, native bird match, nature journals and much more. The packs are available for a donation of \$15 at the Coromandel Town Information Centre, Colville General Store, Waikawau Bay camp shop or by emailing us at info@meg.org.nz. Keep them busy and happy! Have a great month everyone!

Contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz



Possum in the rat trap

McGregor Bay Wetlands
By Pamela Grealey

World Wetlands Day
This year World Wetlands Day falls on **Wednesday 2 February**. The day also marks the anniversary of the Convention on Wetlands which was adopted as an international treaty in 1971.

This year the focus for World Wetlands is a call to take action to invest financial, human and political capital to save the world's wetlands from disappearing and to restore those we have degraded.

Wetlands act like the kidneys of the earth, cleaning the water that flows into them. They trap sediment and soils, filter out nutrients and remove contaminants; can reduce flooding and protect coastal land from storm surge; are important for maintaining water tables; they also return nitrogen to the atmosphere.

Over 90% of wetlands in Aotearoa have been destroyed, with more continuing to be lost, and worldwide we are losing natural wetlands three times faster than forests. If we don't act now we will further destabilise the ecosystem and we need to act for more than one day a year. So think about how you can help our wetlands by taking these three actions: Value our Wetlands, Stop Draining our Wetlands, Rewet, Reforest and Restore our Wetlands.

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Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcom Stone

A month to remember!

As dawn broke on 8 January, the day of the Coromandel Hotel Classic, I awoke to the sound of heavy rain on the roof and water running through the down-pipes. My heart sank. I was so looking forward to playing after giving my body time to rest over the previous few months. Looking out of the window, all I could see was grey. I couldn't even make out the boats in the harbour. This wasn't on the forecast, I thought, as I quickly searched for "Rain Radar" on my phone. There was some sense of relief as I realised it could be short lived but I wasn't certain. One good point – I cleaned out my main water tank the day before so the rain gave it a good start. Great timing!

Leaving to drive to the course it was still grey but I could see it breaking up. Thankfully, by tee-off time, the sky cleared and presented us with a glorious day with little wind, albeit very hot. The rain was a welcome gift for the course, although it did reduce the run for the players until it dried out in the afternoon.

Players took to the course and enjoyed some amazing golf, some more than others. There were some notable results:

Div 1

Nett – Kelvin Wirihana (Coromandel)

S/F – Mitch Mace (Hamilton) 39

Div 2

Nett – Ed Buckett (Coromandel)

S/F – Tony Edgar (Coromandel) 40

Ladies

Nett – Jenny Coatsworth (Coromandel)

S/F – Eugene Weimer (Coromandel) 38

Special mention – Bruce Wallace with an amazing 68 gross.

Wednesday 12 January was a day to remember for two of our members, Ross Mudgway and Richie Neal, who both carded their best ever scores, gross 74 and gross 79 respectively. Well done – looks as if you celebrated in style afterwards (see photo).

Dates to put in the diary – Opening day **Saturday 5 February** (Bob Riley Trophy), Strokeplay Champs **Saturday 12 February**.

What is the difference between a golfer and a fisherman?

When a golfer lies, he doesn't have to bring anything home to prove it.



Ross Mudgway and Richie Neal celebrating after their best ever scores

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

It is with much regret that the CRFC Committee wish to advise that the Classy Chicks competition will not be held on 19 February this year.

Due to the Covid-19 pressures placed on local businesses and their cashflows, and the ongoing uncertainty of holding events, we have been unable to obtain sufficient sponsorship.

We understand that loads of participants will be very disappointed and we would like to thank all of you for your patience and support.

Postponement may be an option and will be revisited by the Committee later in the year.

The club "Fish of the Month competition" for the \$100 prize for the August 2021-July 2022 current members only was not won in December – the Fish of the Month was piper and not one was weighed in. February's fish is kingfish and March will be kahawai.

Some massive snapper have been caught during January and schools of decent kingfish have been feeding heavily in the farms along with some big John Dory, so get amongst people and we will see you out there!

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am

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

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.

Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm

Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768 4.10pm

Bridge, St John rooms 7pm

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

Every Tuesday

Community Gardens volunteer day (summer times) 8.30-10.30am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2

Vickie 027 417 7077 10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm

Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10-15.

Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm

Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.

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Taichi classes, Anglican Church Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768 4pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am

Coro Bowls club day 9.30am

Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799 9am-12pm

Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) 10am

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am

Free Drop-in Dharma Talk or Video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Crystal Sound Energy Healing & Meditation at Havalona Pyramid opp 195 Driving Creek Road. \$15. Bookings essential 027.258.4726 7-8pm

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy

van available. President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576 3.30-7pm

Crystal Sound Energy Healing & Meditation at Havalona Pyramid opp 195 Driving Creek Road. \$15. Bookings essential 027.258.4726 7-8pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,

Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,

Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,

Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.

President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.

President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 7pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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

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Coromandel Recreational
Fishing Club members
Fish of the Month for
February is Kingfish

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
	1 ● RN+TC Coromandel Art Group Annual Exhibition continues (see Pg 24) Twilight bowls starts (see Pg 20) Colville Bay Pre-School reopens for 2022 (see Pg 23) High tide 7:52am, 8:13pm Low tide 1:28am, 1:57pm	2 ●+CT World Wetlands Day (see pg 27) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see Pg 19) High tide 8:45am, 9:08pm Low tide 2:22am, 2:51pm	3 Grey Power meeting (see Pg 4) High tide 9:36am, 9:59pm Low tide 3:13am, 3:43pm	4 ●+glass RN Coromandel Area School – first day/ Term 1 (see Pg 23) High tide 10:25am, 10:47pm Low tide 4:01am, 4:33pm	5 Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) Coromandel Golf Club opening day (see pg 28) High tide 11:12am, 11:33pm Low tide 4:49am, 5:21pm	6 Waitangi Day Coromandel Museum Open Day, free entry, 10am-4pm (see pg 5) High tide 11:59am Low tide 5:35am, 6:07pm	
7 Public Holiday observed Coromandel Contract Bridge restarts for 2022 (see Pg 2) High tide 12:18am, 12:45pm Low tide 6:22am, 6:52pm	8 ●+RN+TC Coromandel Garden Circle restarts for 2022 (see Pg 11) Pastel Artists restarts for 2022 (see Pg 24) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see Pg 19) High tide 1:04am, 1:31pm Low tide 7:10am, 7:38pm	9 ●+CT Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) Summer Keirside schedule ends (see Pg 13) High tide 2:43am, 3:07pm Low tide 8:57am, 9:18pm	10 Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) Summer Keirside schedule ends (see Pg 13) High tide 3:41am, 4:00pm Low tide 9:55am, 10:14pm	11 ●+glass RN Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) Summer Keirside schedule ends (see Pg 13) High tide 3:41am, 4:00pm Low tide 9:55am, 10:14pm	12 Pastel Artists workshop with Julie and Michael Freeman (see Pg 24) Strokeplay Champs at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 28) High tide 4:41am, 4:56pm Low tide 10:52am, 11:12pm	13 Coromandel Art Group Annual Exhibition ends (see pg 24) Pastel Artists workshop with Julie and Michael Freeman (see Pg 24) High tide 5:38am, 5:52pm Low tide 11:45am	
14 DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle March issue Monday Walks restart for 2022 (see Pg 7) High tide 6:29am, 6:46pm Low tide 12:06am, 12:34pm	15 ●RN+TC Community Board meeting (see Pg 13) High tide 7:15am, 7:34pm Low tide 12:55am, 1:20pm	16 ●CT Coro Car Club meeting (see Pg 8) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 19) High tide 7:57am, 8:19pm Low tide 1:39am, 2:03pm	17 ○ Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) High tide 8:37am, 9:01pm Low tide 2:20am, 2:24pm	18 Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) High tide 9:17am, 9:41pm Low tide 2:59am, 3:26pm	19 "Untethered" exhibition starts (see pg 25) High tide 9:57am, 10:21pm Low tide 3:39am, 4:07pm	20 "Untethered" exhibition ends (see Pg 25) High tide 10:39am, 11:03pm Low tide 4:20am, 4:49pm	
21 Coromandel Town Information Centre networking event (see pg 19) High tide 11:21am, 11:46pm Low tide 5:02am, 5:31pm	22 ●RN+TC Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see Pg 19) High tide 12:06pm Low tide 5:47am, 6:16pm	23 ●+CT Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) High tide 12:33am, 12:53pm Low tide 6:36am, 7:04pm	24 ○ Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) High tide 1:24am, 1:44pm Low tide 7:30am, 7:57pm	25 Coromandel Homegrown Market (see Pg 12) High tide 2:27am, 2:47pm Low tide 8:24am, 8:51pm	26 "Untethered" exhibition starts (see pg 25) High tide 3:26am, 3:43pm Low tide 9:35am, 10:03pm	27 "Untethered" exhibition ends (see Pg 25) High tide 4:34am, 4:51pm Low tide 10:41am, 11:11pm	
28 Bizarre Community Grants submissions close (see Pg 5) High tide 5:39am, 5:58pm Low tide 11:45am							

COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.00pm

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays 9.30am-5.00pm

These times run till 20 February.

(Sorry times in January issue were incorrect as hours changed after Chronicle went to print)

KEY
● New moon
○ Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.

For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low.

Blue bin bags out

Put recycling out (plastic 1& 2, tins, paper, cardboard)

RN = Rural North CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōuna TC = Thames Coast & Mania

This schedule is subject to change at short notice due to Covid-19 restrictions

Make sure your event gets listed

To get your event listed, email the details to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.

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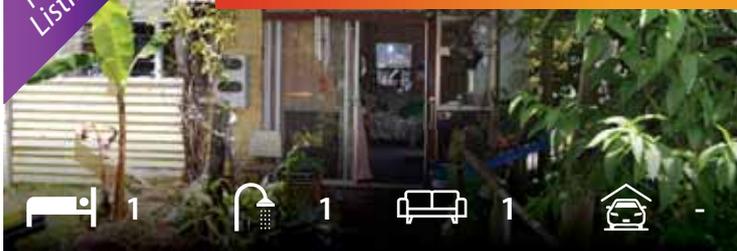
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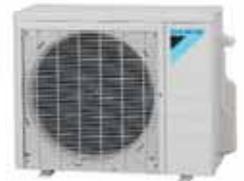
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