

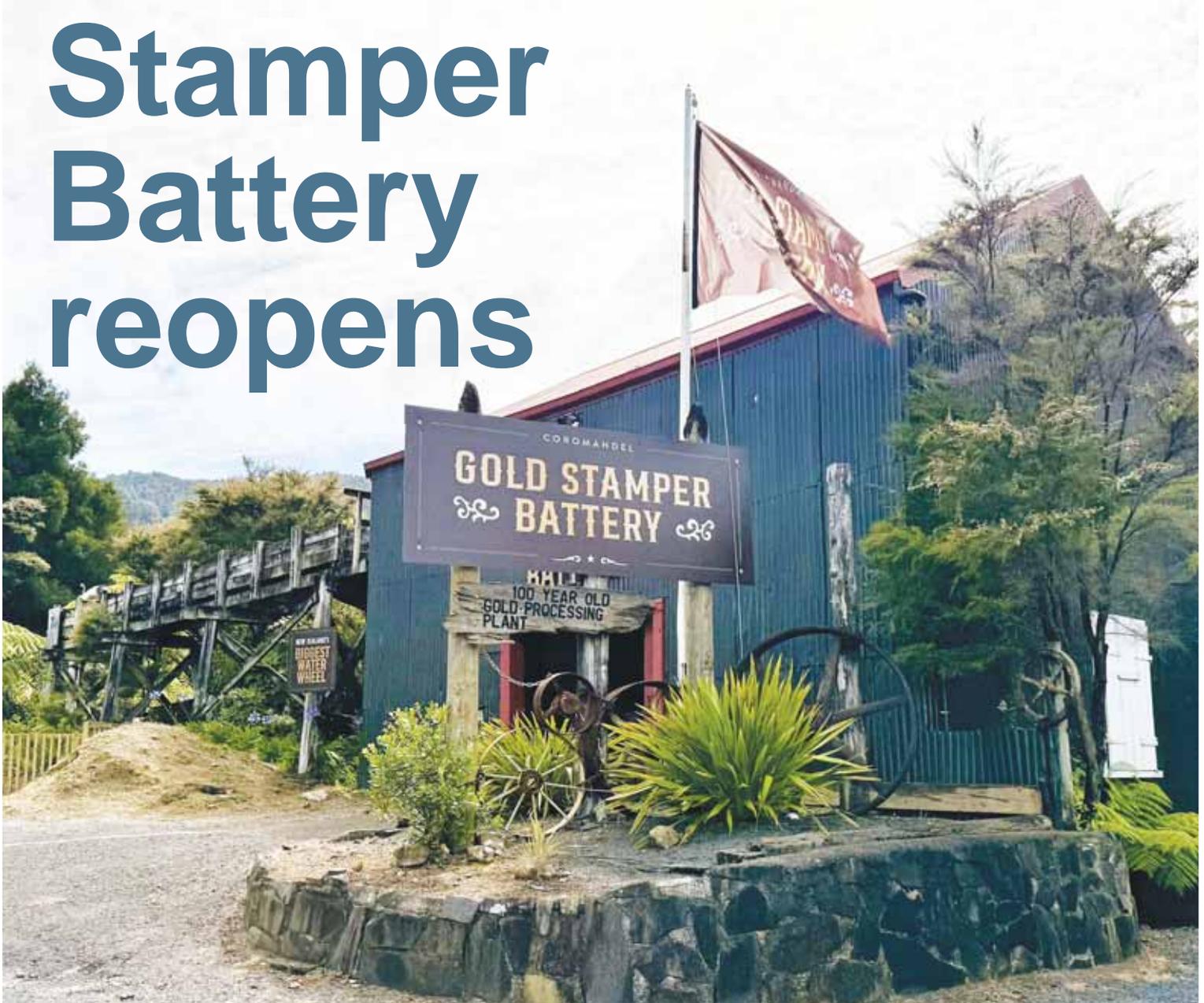
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..... Editor's comment

What a great summer it has been so far. The Keltic Fair was such a wonderful day – I've missed the last couple of years as I have been on holiday in January, but this year I was able to go. People have commented to me that the Keltic Fair was back to pre-Covid hustle and bustle and a lot of homemade and crafted stalls rather than cheap imports, so it had a really good feeling. Well done to everyone involved in organising the day.

During the last month I've moved house to Matarangi. Some of you will know I've been living in Hamilton for a bit, but I've found I'm definitely not a city person, and really miss the Coromandel community, so I'm back! See you around town.

Debbie



KELTIC FAIR 2025



..... Letters

Coromandel Museum and Te Tiriti

The people at the Coromandel Museum do a great job in preserving and displaying the history of Coromandel Town and the wider region. However, the report in last month's Coromandel Town Chronicle perpetuates some misconceptions about the Treaty of Waitangi.

The treaty did not "establish New Zealand as a nation" but as a British Crown Colony in the English text and as a British Protectorate in the Maori text. Moreover under international law the only valid text of the treaty is the Maori one, and it is this version which must stand. New Zealand had been "established as a nation" by the Whakaputanga of 1835 and that sovereign nationhood was not extinguished by the grant of British protection.

The English version of the treaty gave "all the Rights and Privileges of British Subjects" to Maori. However, in the British system the monarch and the aristocracy enjoyed rights and privileges denied to ordinary British subjects and men enjoyed rights and privileges denied to women. Thus in the British colony of New Zealand men who did not own property, women of all classes and the great majority of Maori were denied the right to vote for members of the House of Representatives or provincial legislatures. The treaty did not give "equal rights to all" and the colonial authorities obviously never intended that it should do so.

On the other hand, rangatiratanga, as guaranteed in Article 2 of the Maori text, is a system which remains a model of good and genuinely democratic governance to the world at large and Aotearoa in particular.

At the time of writing there is a bill before the New Zealand House of Representatives which seeks to enact in law the mistaken views about the Treaty mentioned above.

If there were to be a valid re-stating of "the principles of the Treaty", it would start and end by acknowledging the concept of rangatiratanga, which encapsulates all the rights, freedoms and aspirations of the people of Aotearoa.

Nga mihi,
Geoff Fischer, Manaia

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The Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery reopens with a Special Community Day

By Ann-Marie Creech, Tourism Manager
Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery



The Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery has reopened, bringing an iconic piece of New Zealand’s gold mining history back to life after eight years of silence. The event drew enthusiastic locals who braved some unsettled weather to witness the site in action and celebrate its restoration.

Owned by New Zealand Gold Mining Heritage Limited, part of the Beck Foundation, the restoration was made possible through the foundation’s dedication to preserving the country’s historical and engineering landmarks. Sir Peter Beck attended the event and expressed his appreciation for the community’s support of this significant project.

A highlight of the day was the moment the stampers roared to life, met with applause and excitement. The sight and sound of the giant water wheel turning brought back memories for many, including members of Rex Drinkwater’s family, who attended the event. Rex had played a key role in one of the stamper’s major restorations over 50 years ago, alongside others whose contributions were also vital. For his family, seeing the stamper in action again was an especially emotional moment, reflecting the enduring legacy of that earlier restoration.

The Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery is now open Thursday to Sunday, 10am-3pm. Visits begin with a brief introduction to the stamper’s operations, followed by self-guided tours supported by informative signage. While the stampers are not fully operational at this stage, plans are underway to enhance their functionality. Updates will be announced on the site’s website and Facebook page,

alongside the introduction of activities like gold panning.

The reopening has been met with overwhelming community support, reaffirming the importance of preserving this vital piece of New Zealand’s gold mining history. Visitors are encouraged to explore the site and experience a unique connection to the past.

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Coromandel Museum

By Maureen Kimber

All of the festivities during the Christmas and New Year breaks are over, including an excellent dinner at the Top Pub for members and friends, and a very busy time at the Museum, with visitors enjoying the exhibits and memorabilia at the Museum and at the recently re-opened Stamper Battery.

We are delighted that so many children have been to have a look at the exhibits during the school holidays and we are offering extra activities for them whilst parents are browsing. Paper and pencils are supplied for a game of “Odd One Out” to find objects displayed in an unrelated area, and during the last week of the school holidays a competition will be held to draw “A Ship in a Bottle”. There are other competitions for the young visitors to identify designated objects throughout the Museum – so something for all of the family.

We are particularly delighted that Martin Carr has offered to repeat his very successful live forge exhibition which was so popular at our 70th birthday celebration. This will take place on Waitangi Day **Thursday 6 February** – and also will be a free day for the public to come along and celebrate this important New Zealand day with us.

Our summer schedule has shown that the Museum does need to be open every day, so on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays we will be open 10am-4pm and Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4pm only.

Do take the time to visit both the Museum and the Stamper Battery, as their histories are closely entwined.

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CONDITIONS APPLY

Stu-the-Pig-Man

By Chris Ogilvie

There was a fatal shooting up the 309 Road in December, and that is all terribly sad.

I feel for the two persons who were shot, and their families. A very unexpected and terrible turn of events for them. They have my sympathy.

But I also feel very concerned and sad for Stu-the-Pig-Man, who has been charged accordingly.

Of course I do not condone any sort of violence, let alone shooting people, so Stu will presumably pay the price for his crime, and that has to be.

As a neighbour of his up the 309 Road for the past 70 years or so, I feel I should comment on what I know about Stu and his various animals over the years.

Stu could hardly be described as a standard commercial farmer. I very much doubt that he has even sold any livestock in recent years. He lacks the attitude and equipment, including fencing, to be seen as a typical farmer. He has no wife or kids, his livestock have always been his "family".

Stu has felt persecuted for years. How

this translates to reality I have no way of knowing, but he has been saying for years that "the pig hunters" have been shooting his animals, and he has always gotten very agitated about this. At times I have found the remains of "wild" cattle on my property where pig hunters have shot them, taken the best parts and left the rest. If Stu knew about this, he would claim that these were his cattle. Ownership was very unclear, but the important thing is that he felt, he just knew, they were his animals.

In recent years his pigs have been his family even more so. He has been enjoying sharing the company of his pig family, all his "mates", with passing motorists. He has also had constant problems with them being "pignapped".

So when he believes that some pig hunters have come along and stolen one, it is easier to understand that he reacts pretty strongly. I, too, would probably behave pretty irrationally if someone came and kidnapped, then slaughtered and butchered one of my best mates.

Thus I would suggest that this has been a crime of passion, not of commercial value. Absolutely nothing to do with what the pig

was worth in dollar terms. I have to think that this was about his feelings toward his animals, and his conviction of being persecuted (seemingly with good reason), all coming to a head. And a very sad ending for everyone.

Everyone who knows Stu will rightly tell you that he is basically a gentle soul, just an ordinary decent bloke of normal intelligence. Recently I stopped and chatted with him, standing beside the road, with his bare feet in the piggy poo and gravel, his tatty, grubby old clothing; unshaven, unkempt and missing teeth, but smiling and twinkling. After perhaps three quarters of an hour it was time for me to move on, and I asked, "Well, are you happy, Stu?"

"Hell yeah!" he grinned.

At the time I hoped that no authority would come along and try to "help" him by giving him a flat in town, or anything that would take him away from the joy that he got from just being himself and "doing his own thing," right there where he had been for most of his life.

But that has probably all gone now. So sad.



PHOTOS BY NATALIE BLASCO AND DEBBIE MORGAN

3rd place sandcastle – Happy New Ear

Sandcastle competition

The Beach Realty sandcastle competition in Matarangi on Friday 3 January had nearly 60 entrants. The wind was annoying, but the sun was shining. Winners were:
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Winning sandcastle – NASA

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sue Ngamane

It has been so lovely to hear from the many hospitality, accommodation and activity providers in the area that they have had their best days ever over this Christmas/New Year period. The holidaymakers certainly turned up and the town has been exceptionally busy.

The visitors to the Info Centre comment on what a lovely town we have the privilege to live in – quaint, delightful, quiet, beautiful environment – the superlatives go on. I think because we have the privilege to live here, we don't see our little corner of the world as those visiting do and it is quite humbling and enlightening to see our home as others see it. If you are a local and out and about, do not hesitate to talk to visitors to the town. With the economy the way it is and online accessibility, information centres are on the decline and what we often hear at our centre is, "we are so pleased to be able to talk to a real person, and a local to boot".

You may not be aware of our Beach, Bush & Beyond gift bags available from the Info Centre for children. Included in them are packs of colouring pencils, mask, conservation information on flora and fauna in the area, colouring-in pictures, puzzles – just the doings for a bored child. These are gratis; please come in and pick one up if you have children at a loose end.

The other attraction for children of all ages is Over the Fence, situated up the Whangapoua Road. Bev has



a passion for all things miniature which she loves to share with those lucky enough to hunt her out. She has set up numerous dioramas – inside and out – of varying scenes and houses and rooms of houses. We cannot recommend it highly

enough but do contact Bev to check availability. Go to our website www.coromandeltown.nz for Bev's contact details.

Our Boom, Bust and Beyond walking tours around town have proven popular with visitors, and is available to all – local and visitors alike. As our guides are locals with lives, we would appreciate 24 hours' notice to ensure they will be available.

We hope you have purchased your tickets for the Mundi Trio on **Saturday 8 February** at the Anglican Hall for a right knees-up – if not, get in touch with the Information Centre, there may still be some available.

Upcoming events in February

- Hauraki House 22nd Annual Art Exhibition – **until Thursday 6 February**
- Classic Car Fair – **Sunday 2 February**, 11am, Tiki Road
- Mundi Trio – **Saturday 8 February**, Anglican Hall
- Coromandel Growers and Artisans Market every Saturday 9am to 1pm
- Car boot sale – first Saturday each month 9am-12pm, Woollams Ave carpark
- Waitangi Day **Thursday 6 February** – get your pukana on!

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

I hope that you all have had a great holiday season and that you have been shopping early to get a park! **Monday 3 February** will be our first club night for 2025. Please do let Jan know if you are able to join us on that evening so that numbers can be sorted. We meet at the St John rooms each Monday evening. I am hoping for a good year with two tables being the norm.

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Embroiderers' Guild

By Heather Arthur



How exciting to be welcoming another year of our stitching family together starting on **Wednesday 5 February** for the monthly meeting at the St John rooms at 10am. We look forward to bringing some of the stitching we have done over the holiday period... maybe even some from our last class in 2024 "Creating Nature's Textures"; such a fun and creative workshop to give us to work on over a relaxing time.

We would love to hear from you if you are new to town and/or have an interest in the craft of embroidery. We also have members who live outside the town – from Whitianga, Matarangi, Tairua and even Maramarua.

There are lots of different techniques that we do through the year and our tutors this year come mainly from our membership, who are very skilled, patient and knowledgeable. We are fortunate to have several National Tutors in our midst. As well we have an optional monthly "work stream project" to increase our knowledge and skills.

Our first class on **Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February** is stumpwork, which is learning how to make those lovely 3D-like flowers, leaves, butterflies, berries, etc. The tutor for this class is one of our own experienced tutors and stitchers, Margaret Burgess.

Thanks again for supporting our annual exhibition held last November. The popular "people's choice" award will be announced at our February meeting and be in the March Chronicle.

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the St John rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel/Kapanga. Contact person is Helen Pearce ph (07) 866 8460, coromandelembroidery1@gmail.com

Mahamudra Centre

By Roy Fraser, Director, Mahamudra

Our morning meditations are proving popular with travelers and residents alike. If you have some interest to learn what meditation is about, all are welcome to attend. These are half-hour sessions at 8am Monday to Saturday and at 10am on Sunday. Each is led by a senior student and offer different styles to suit different people or one can even take different aspects from each to integrate into a personal meditation practice. And practice is the key word when it comes to meditation. I have met many people who say, "Oh I tried meditation but it doesn't work for me." Our mind is habituated into patterns which have developed over many lifetimes. To change those habits takes a consistent effort. The most effective way to achieve that change is a consistent practice over a long period. It is more effective to do 10 or 15 minutes a day over a longer period than spend hours a day over a short period which will just lead to frustration. I can guarantee that if one perseveres it is definitely possible to recognise the mind and come to understand how it works. Then one can begin to gain control in life. These guided meditations are free of charge and open to all. Until the end of January on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays the meditation is preceded by Qi Gong beginning at 7.30am. Each Wednesday evening at 7pm there is a movie night with a Buddhist themed movie followed by a discussion led by Venerable Nangsal. Again, all welcome and no cost.

All Pujas are at 4pm. Sometimes circumstances arise which cause a change in time. Any change will be advised on our Facebook page.

February dates are: **Wednesday 5 February** – Tara Puja; **Friday 7 February** – Guru Puja; **Wednesday 12 February** – Medicine Buddha Puja; **Saturday 22 February** – Guru Puja.

Geshe Jamyang, a Tibetan Lama, will teach **Friday 28 February to Sunday 2 March**. Check our website www.mahamudra.org.nz for details.



Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



One of the highlights of the start of every year is seeing some of our local stalwarts recognised with Royal Honours for their immense contributions to our communities and/or field of expertise.

No one seeks out these honours, but I'm thrilled that we had recipients from around the electorate. Julian Fitter from Katikati was made a MNZM for services to conservation, as did Keith Trembath from Paeroa for services to the community, agriculture and education. Paora Moyle from Thames also received a KSO for services to survivors of abuse in care. Finally, KSMs were awarded to Graeme Pearce from Thames for services to heritage preservation and the community, and Peter and Sue Priest from Whangamatā for services to Māori and conservation.

Hearty congratulations. I hope that the acknowledgement of your efforts helps to inspire the next generation of New Zealanders to contribute and make their mark on our communities.

A key part of the honours system is that recipients are nominated by their fellow community members. This allows us to show our appreciation and put a spotlight on those individuals who have given outstanding service or made groundbreaking achievements.

If you know someone who has worked tirelessly for the community and you believe they are worthy of a Royal Honour, I encourage you to have a look at the application form at: www.dpnc.govt.nz/our-programmes/new-zealand-royal-honours/make-nomination.

In political news, Parliament is due to start sitting again toward the end of January and we'll be looking to keep up the momentum from 2024.

Last year 52 government bills were passed through the House, which included the Fast-Track Approvals Bill to speed up the consenting process for major projects, the Gangs Bill which bans gang patches in public places, and the legislation at the Budget, which delivered tax relief for workers.

There's still more that needs to be done in 2025, including the passing of the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill, and I'm looking forward to getting stuck in.

JOHNSTON FENCING

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Coromandel Market

By Susanna Borgstede

The Coromandel Growers and Artisans Market kicked off for the summer season in September and has since been going from strength to strength, with visitors and stallholders coming from across the peninsula and beyond to participate and enjoy the activities. A move from Friday to Saturday morning has proven beneficial, capturing out-of-town visitors, working folks and regular locals alike. The number of vendors has seen a steady increase and new



inquiries keep coming. With high quality wares and products on offer, it has an attractive vibe and is buzzing along, being the main event in Coromandel Town on a Saturday morning. What better place to stock up on produce, bread, honey, eggs, delicious baking, seedlings for the garden, flowers for all occasions, health care products, gifts and souvenirs; it's all there. Supported by local talent with live



music, the market is a vibrant hub of activity. While we are currently strong on crafts and artisans' products and wares, we also see the market as an important supplier of homegrown and homemade goodness. In the long run we are aiming at expanding our range of healthy produce, to offer a realistic alternative to commercially produced food supplies available elsewhere. While looking to increase the produce part of the market, we encourage all growers with a surplus of organic produce from their gardens to bring these down to the market. Our community table is open and for a small commission we can sell on your behalf. Home laid eggs from happy hens are also always in high demand. The important thing is to spread the love of good food and contribute to sustaining a healthy and resilient community.



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So, come and see us on Saturday morning to mingle, stock up on supplies, buy a birthday present, have some delicious morning tea or lunch, listen to live music and get a taste of what Coromandel has on offer. You'll find us on the Hike & Bike green, opposite The Bakehouse and next to Morrissey Automotive Services, every Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Just look for the flags and gazebos!

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Monday Walking Group

By Tracy Kendall

Sometimes I wake up on a Monday, and don't feel like heading off on a walk! But once up and about, the lure of the great outdoors urges me on to meet our fellow walkers at the Woollams Ave/Coromandel Area School carpark.

So, who are the Monday Walkers? We're an eclectic bunch of walkers of various ages and abilities, who share a common interest in spending time in and around our stunningly gorgeous Coromandel Peninsula.

Our walking group, which was started around 15 years ago by Irene and Blen, travels far and wide on the Peninsula; from the northern tip to explore the available sections of the Coromandel Walkway, to the Kauri Grove Walk in Waiomu, and, more locally, also on the Success track. Sometimes, we are privileged to walk on private farmland and bush. These trips are absolutely magical, and cement our friendship with both the outdoors, and each other!

Perhaps the greatest nugget of Coromandel gold that this group has taught me, is that just because you turn a certain age, it doesn't mean that you give up or cease to retain a level of activity. In fact, research tells us that one of the greatest indicators of future health is the strength of your legs. With this in mind, our group plans walks of various grades of adventurousness and difficulty, from easy and flat, to more challenging and hilly, to include all levels of ability. Last year we twice deviated from walking, to E-biking the Fletcher Bay to Colville bike ride, with the help of Hike and Bike. And the good news is that we usually end with coffee and late lunch snack for those who wish!

So, go on, be brave and try out the Monday Walking Group! We welcome new folk on any Monday you can join us.

Details: Unless otherwise indicated via email, meet at 9am at the north end of Woollams Avenue school carpark to carpool. Walking generally takes place each Monday during school term time, weather permitting. Walking emails are sent on a group list by the Saturday prior to each Monday walk.

To be added to the group email list for weekly walk details, contact: Tracy and Peter Kendall, Mobile: 027 333 4722; emails: speech.therapy@xtra.co.nz or ptkendall@xtra.co.nz



September walk in Whitianga



Walk on James Farm in December

Library News

By Kim Mounsey

Our librarian is moving on to newer pastures and so this article is a big thank you to him for his leadership and guidance over the last three years. Paul has consolidated and simplified many library processes and strengthened the confidence and capability of our volunteers so that many are working independently with the Kotui systems. We want to wish him all the best for the future! We are in the process of advertising for and appointing a librarian to lead on into the future (see classified ad p24).

Thank you to our members for their ongoing kind response, donations and support and we want to assure you that the library will continue to provide you with a great service and good reading! From January this year our membership fee has increased to \$25 per year to help us sustain our service to the town.

Thank you also to Aotearoa Gaming Trust for their donation of \$4,000 for the purchase of new books. This is made possible through the gaming machines at the Top Pub!

Just before Christmas we also received a generous donation from the Lions Club of

\$2,100. This was such a lovely surprise and means we will now be able to sign up for an electronic payment system to help people pay electronically at the library. Thank you Lions.

Come in and see the new books on display and the constantly updated shelves of books for sale. Our volunteers will be there to ensure good reading.

Car boot sale

Our car boot sales restart for 2025 on the first Saturday of the month, so February car boot sale will be on **Saturday 1 February** at Woollams Ave carpark 9am-12pm.

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Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer,
Vice President,
Coromandel Lions



Hi everyone. Beautiful weather as I get this month's article off to the printers.

Firstly I'd like to thank all of you fantastic people of Coromandel Town and beyond who as usual queued for what must have been half an hour or more to sample our fritters at the Keltic Fair. If it wasn't for you beautiful people, we would not be able to do the things we do for the town. Thanks.

The pride of Lions working on the BBQs and serving the public were working their paws to the bone. We were, I must admit, pleased when we had to say sorry sold out. It was another massive day for all concerned. Some starting as early as 6am to get to the field, put up the shelter and the bbq trailer in place. It's not as easy as it looks and I personally want to thank my great friend Jenny and my son in-law Meli for taking time out of their holiday to help with the task.

They were not the only ones offering help. Too many to mention individually but thank you all. The club really appreciate your efforts.

On the subject of offers of help, we had a problem with one of the burners ¾ of the way through the day, so we were down to one and Four Square offered their BBQ, but as it was towards the end of the afternoon we declined the offer. However, thank you Four Square for showing just how much you do for the town.

Tim, Rob, Ryan and Jean played a big part in the cooking this year, towards the end it was, "Keep going Ryan, you are almost there".

If you missed tasting our fritters at the fair, we are going to be outside Four Square on Anniversary Weekend (**Saturday 25 January**) and also planning on being at the Taste of Matarangi later in the summer.

So stay tuned for more information later.

As a last item, please take a moment to look in your wood store; yes it's under all the Christmas decorations! And if needed, please



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ring Sue on the number at the end of this article and get your orders in to avoid disappointment.

So it just leaves me to say stay in the shade, stay on the correct side of the road and be there to enjoy the next newsletter from the "Pride of Coromandel".

Phone Sue (firewood) on 021 142 1125, or Jean (secretary) on 021 208 7576

Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Callouts for December/January

Out of control burn off Kennedy Bay, vege fire in campground Waikawau Bay, car off cliff KBay hill, rubbish truck fire, medical Manaia, garage/shed fire Kuaotunu, cardiac arrest Coromandel, amb lift assist Coromandel, tree fire Te Kouma, scrub fire Kuaotunu.

As always a wide variety of calls testing the training skills of our volunteers. Even as I write, there is a serious mop-up going on adjacent to Black Jack Road, Otama, where two helicopters supported by many volunteer firefighters from across the peninsula have spent the last two days attempting to put out a serious scrub fire.

While we are having some quite variable weather conditions, when it's hot it's really hot and generally not helped by strong winds. The results of which are severe drying conditions and a very hard and expensive fire to put out. As I wrote some time ago – if you need us please call 111 but also make sure we can get the big red truck up your drive and access where you need us. A few minutes giving the access a tidy up could be your life.

Right now, if you want to light a fire check the website www.checkitsalright.nz – and preferably don't light.

For the remainder of the holiday season, please stay safe.

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Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food for the rescue kitties; this is truly appreciated at this time. Also to those who have gifted financial blessings to the cats, which has been a true blessing to the unit and the cats.

The year begun with camp mother off for what was supposed to be one night at Waikato Hospital which ended up as a long one week dual surgery stay. That being the case, the offensive suitcase wasn't hauled out, so the cats didn't get offended until day three and then had a tantrum. The outdoor kitties are enjoying the lawns being mown and the grass and trees sorted again – something else we can't do – but have a friend who has taken that on for us, which is another huge blessing. Whilst away in hospital the cats dined in raw chicken and Jimbo's and of course the sachets – which they do enjoy. Sadly the Sunday chicken was not on the menu as that wasn't bought by him indoors.

We are just quietly and gently operating at this stage and the cats are all having a lovely time. Mascara has taken IndyCar speeds to a whole new level – we don't appreciate her making such great messes due to her racing games.

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

Any enquiries to Thames Animal Rescue ph (07) 868 2907 – afternoons best

Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp



New membership numbers have come out from the Federation. Coromandel currently has 212 financial members, and the total Grey Power Federation stands at 36,967. December is removal of “unfinancial members” month, so we lost 12 members and gained 27 over the last year.

Our December “Christmas Theme” wasn't attended very well; only 15 members. This was enough to pass a Remit that was presented by a member regarding medical insurance for our members and, also generally for all senior citizens of New Zealand. This now has been sent to the Zone Committee for debating/voting before being sent to the Federation to be taken to this year's AGM. Thank you to the members who brought Christmas themed afternoon tea and to Kelvin with his “green hair”!

The Grey Power Coromandel Constitution must be rewritten this year, and the committee with active members will be discussing how many meetings/gatherings we need to hold each year, over and above the Annual General Meeting. With an average of 18 members attending out of 212 members, it seems unreasonable for the committee to be renting rooms, organising raffles, organising speakers, etc., monthly.

It seems that members are joining Grey Power Coromandel for the benefits offered by the Grey Power Federation – Grey Power (Pulse) Electricity, Bluebridge Ferries, Go Fuel (Mobil) Fuelcard, Brentwood Hotel – Wellington, HRV, Harrison Carpets, Interislander Ferry, Solartube, Vesta Insurance – visit www.greypower.co.nz/the-benefits for additional benefits online and details of the above.

On this note, the next meeting will be a committee meeting in February to set dates for Grey Power “gatherings” and to discuss the constitution. The next newsletter will be sent in February, once dates have been confirmed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grey Power Coromandel, contact the below for information.

President – Brian 027 319 0172 (beeandgee@hotmail.co.nz), Vice-President – Barbara O'Reilly 027 209 8595 (bor375@gmail.com) or Membership Secretary – Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 0274 985 227 (greypowercoro@gmail.com)



A Lovely Christmas Gift

By Kelvin Hynes

I have a friend named Lyn,
Who knows that I like trains,
So, she bought me a model one
To ease away my pains.

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Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

By Nigel Strongman



I'm writing this not even midway through January and already rescue helicopters have undertaken 16 mercy flights to the Coromandel Peninsula.

Two Westpac Rescue Helicopters from both Hamilton and Auckland were required at a motor accident in Whangamata in week one, while there were four flights required on New Year's Day, and one the day after.

Since then machines from Auckland and Hamilton have been to Hahei twice, Thames three times, Paeroa, Pauanui, Onemana and Coromandel Town once.

This followed a high number of flights during December, with 18 being operated from Auckland and seven from Hamilton.

Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust chairman John Stephenson said the number of flights highlighted the importance of the service to the region.

He said service received no government mission funding and was reliant, like many of the other emergency services across the district, on donations from residents, businesses and visitors.

He did hope people would consider making a contribution over the summer period.

Some of the Coromandel missions in December

03.12.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist with the inter-hospital transfer of a male patient in his 30's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown from Thames Hospital to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

04.12.2024 – Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a male patient in his 50's suffering a medical complaint. Transportation to hospital by helicopter was not required and crew returned to base.

10.12.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 30's involved in a motor vehicle accident. The vehicle fell down a bank approximately 25 to 30 metres. The patient was extricated at scene by bystanders. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

14.12.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient suffering injuries from a shooting. He was flown to Auckland

City Hospital in a serious condition.

14.12.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel in co-response with other emergency partners to assist a male patient suffering injuries from a shooting. The patient was transported to Auckland City Hospital by Westpac Rescue 1. Westpac Rescue 3 returned to base.

17.12.2024 – Crew tasked to Opito Bay to assist a male patient in his 80's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

28.12.2024 – Crew tasked by Police Search and Rescue to Whangapoua. Crew were stood down by Police at scene and returned to base.

Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch

Thank you to all that contributed towards our annual lunch. It was a wonderfully successful occasion attended by 90-plus people.

The lunch isn't just about food, it's the combination of caring, giving and love, people coming together to share. Coromandel Community Lunch embodies all of that.

We had donations of food, money and help to prepare, cook and serve on the day. Thanks to Dave and Dorothy who have cooked the lambs and veg for the last three years, Coromandel RSA for monetary donations, Chris from Four Square for his amazing continued support, Father Andy for saying Grace and thanks to all of you who help year after year (we can't do it without you). Last but not least, thanks to our incredible community for making it happen.

So many people have told us how much they enjoyed the lunch. Just know that we enjoy making it happen as much as you enjoy partaking. We look forward to doing the same again on 25 December 2025. Have a wonderful year.

Lyn, Chris, Rita and all of the Elves



Moehau Environment Group

By Bronnie Kennedy

What a great MEG summer programme! We are delighted with the numbers of people who took advantage of our program in January. Education and awareness is the door to motivating concern and action for our environment. From kiwi night walks and DOC nocturnal adventures, to the amazing WRC kauri virtual reality experience and our three-day event at Hauraki House, plus so much more, we have seen hundreds of people go away with a better understanding of the need for personal action for our environment. It was great to branch out to more sites this year, too, with activities at new locations, Colville and Papa Aroha. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who put in long hours and buckets of enthusiasm, and to our partners in conservation: Driving Creek Railway, DOC, Shelley Beach Top 10 and Waikato Regional Council, without whom we could not put on this great annual event. We also appreciate our members and sponsors whose support is invaluable.

Our 2025 summer programme is over but 2025 holds many opportunities for us at Moehau Environment Group to continue all of our work, in the field, winter lectures, weeding events, school programs and public awareness raising. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events. We can always use more volunteers too!

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Zero Food Waste Programme

We are exploring the idea of launching a Zero Food Waste Programme to help reduce food waste in our community while supporting sustainability and sharing resources. This programme is designed to help households reduce food waste through practical tips, live demonstrations, and community connection.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, or if you would like more information, please register your interest by contacting Fee at operations@cilt.org.nz.

Need a ride to Thames? We've got you covered!

Every Thursday the Coromandel Community Van departs Coromandel Town for Thames at 9am, with the return trip leaving from Pak 'n Save at 2pm. Pickups and dropoffs are available for addresses within Coromandel Town. Seats fill fast, so if you would like to book your spot on one of our Thursday trips, please contact Te Pūtahi Whaiora on (07) 866 8358, or pop in and see Daina at reception.

If you require a volunteer driver to take you to a hospital appointment and hold a valid Community Services Card, we may be able to assist. Please bring your appointment

letter and Community Services Card to us, and we'll do our best to help!

Pātaka Kai and Māra Kai Update

Our māra kai (food garden) has been thriving, with a steady supply of fresh produce being provided to our community through our Foodbank and our Pātaka Kai, located at 100 Pound Street, Coromandel.

These fresh food items are leaving just as fast as they're being put in. We are working on keeping this stocked for those in need, but we need your help. If you have a surplus of fruit and veggies growing in the garden, or any nonperishables you no longer want,

please feel free to pop them in the Pātaka Kai for those in need. Remember; "take what you need, give what you can!"

Te Mana Tangata Fishing Trip

On the morning of 20 December, a group of our Te Mana Tangata participants headed out on the water to celebrate the end of the year. While the fish were being a bit uncooperative, the experience was a chance to unwind, enjoy each other's company, and soak in the stunning beauty of Coromandel's waters. We hope everyone relished the fresh sea air, the camaraderie, and the serene environment!



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Coromandel Walking Group

By Ruth Pattinson

Happy New Year all!

Our little walking group is getting smaller as there are so many great exercise options in our town. So that we don't conflict with other exercise classes we have changed our weekly walking day to a Monday, meeting outside the Coromandel Bizarre at 8.30am over these warm summer weeks. We will revert to our normal 9am start as the weather cools.

We walk for an hour, then have a much needed coffee and a usually lively chat setting the world to rights. So come join our friendly group!

Ph Ruth 027 338 3545



Patchwork & Quilters

Quilt we made together last year

By Sue Smith

We look forward to another year of sewing, catching up with each other and sharing ideas. Our quilt we made together last year is this month's photo and will be given to a lucky winner at our exhibition.

We recommence **Monday 3 February** and then our AGM on **Monday 17 February**. If you are considering joining our group, we welcome new members.

Exhibition

Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters invite you to our exhibition to be held at Hauraki House, Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town on **Saturday 15 to Saturday 22 March**. Open daily from 10am-4pm.

We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to.

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

Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells – Licensed Agent

Q Can I be involved in the design of, or have input to, the marketing of my home?

A. Absolutely you can, and should be involved every step of the way if you so wish.

Yes, you have engaged or contracted an “expert” in your area to market your home, but remember, you are paying by way of a commission for them to do this. So absolutely keep your finger on the pulse. You should be happy with the material before it goes live online or into print. The fact is, in most cases today, you have paid for the photographer, the signboard, and the internet pages being used. So make sure you are happy with what is being done before it is done.

When the photographer comes to the home, yes they know and the salesperson may have an idea of what they want portrayed or emphasised to the public. You may want some input on this, so let them know why and what; get consensus on this. Photos are the first things people see, they are used in all parts of the marketing, therefore you need this done right.

Once the photos are available, ask to pop into the office and view what is being put online.

Same with the profile board going up at your gate. Again, you are paying for this board. So why not request to view and approve the board prior to the order being made? Most companies today have systems in place to ensure these things happen, yet some salespeople do get excited and just do things without necessarily checking with the vendors.

Why would you want a photo of what the public sees from the road anyway on a signboard?

Why not show something special that is alluring that will draw the viewer to need to view?

Marketing should display the property, not show off the salesperson!

Get involved with the script. Be happy with it. Some things are not appropriate in the script, but the salesperson can explain if need be. Why did you buy the home, what are the redeeming features, is there potential due to council changes? You need more than just bullet points in most cases these days. So do you feel the ad/script is targeting the correct audience? Or just words thrown on the side of the barn, hoping something will stick in readers minds?

Yes you are paying an expert, and you may not feel you have the knowledge to get too involved. However you need to be happy with the process and the material. Getting this right up front can save you a lot of grief down the line. You choose how much input you have. I am just saying, you need to be happy or approve the marketing prior to engagement with the public. Big companies pay massive money for so-called expert marketers, yet they always sign off on the advertisements before they go public – you are selling your home, bad marketing gets bad results, good marketing may get you extra due to reaching the correct audience. The days of a quick photo, a window card and sitting back and waiting are long gone! Who is the salesperson targeting to buy your home? Is the advertisement reaching that target?

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

We have had a great season of bowls to date and a few of our members have subsequently represented our club at Thames Valley level.

Lindsay Nicholls and Pamela Harris did really well in the Thames Valley Women's Champ of Champs pairs, coming runner up in the overall competition. Well done you two.

Colin Gawith and Jason Dickison won our club Men's Championship Pairs and went on to play in the Thames Valley Men's Champ of Champs Pairs, making it through to the semi-finals.

Colin Gawith and Lindsay Nicholls won their Thames Valley Centre Mixed pairs (2 x 4 x 2 format) final and will now go on to represent the TV Centre at a National level.

Colin, Lindsay and Jason Dickison teamed up together to recently win the Thames Valley Bowls3Five Triples competition and will also go on now to represent the TV Centre at a national level. Well done to you three overall.

We held our Junior Under 5 Men's and Women's Champ Pairs and Singles (playing bowls for less than five years) mid December with Layke McNeil and John Westray winning the men's section and Judy Campbell and Val Aarndt winning the women's.



Layke and John W – Under 5 Champ Pairs



Val and Judy – Under 5 Champs



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Layke McNeil and Judy Campbell both went on to win the Junior Club Champ Singles respectively after some very stiff club competition. All of the winners of the Junior Champs will now go on to compete at Thames Valley Level in May.

Tournaments coming up at the club at time of putting this article together are the Open Optional Triples, sponsored by Twentymans Funeral Services on 15 January, the Open Optional Classic Fours sponsored by Tide Water Motel & Tourist Park Coromandel on **Thursday 13 February** and on **Thursday 20 February** we have our club competition playing for the Kolondyke Cup playing 4 x 1 hour games.

At the end of the month we have a couple of working bee dates set aside in preparation for our most popular annual Seafood Fours Tournament which is being held over the weekend of **Saturday 1 to Sunday 2 March**. This tournament is so popular we always have a waiting list of teams from around the country that hope a spot comes vacant that allows them to enter and play.

If you are interested in the game of outdoor bowls or want to see what it is all about, then be assured that at any of these tournaments you will see some great bowls being played. You are most welcome to come down to the club to watch.

Following up on our article in the January Coromandel Town Chronicle on Fundraising for a High-Quality Artificial Carpet Surface, this fundraising is ongoing and if you would like to support us by making a donation, this can be deposited directly into: Combined Clubs of Coromandel Acc BNZ 02-0304-0038075-01, or email corobowlingclub@gmail.com with any queries.

Remember too there is always something to look forward to at the Coromandel Bowling Club so come down and join us at our lovely setting for a rollup at the club on Thursdays and/or Sundays or for a social drink and chat from 3pm every Friday.



Coromandel Car Club

By Bruce Finan

January club night was well attended. It's good to see so many ladies getting involved with our Car Club and four new members, I now have some 69 members on my email list. If I have missed someone, just let me know.

Our annual Car Fair is on **Sunday 2 February**. We would love to see you at Pete's Paddock, 3030 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town from 10am; ice cream truck, coffee cart, burgers and mussel fritters.

You're going to see a huge array of classic and collectable cars from our local members and clubs as far away as Auckland and Hamilton.

This is our third event and looks like it will be bigger than ever, all run by our local Car Club volunteers, with any proceeds going back into our community

For our Holden fans we have a special commemorative pack of all of the Holdens ever made up for auction. This was put out to celebrate the life of Holden in Australia and is priceless to a collector.

Our local band will be playing and our line dancers will be dancing.

RSA

By Gary Pettett

The Purple Poppy story

Maria Dickin was born in 1870 and in 1917, during WWI, she established the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) in Whitechapel, London for all sick and injured animals to be treated for free.

In 1942, during WWII, Maria established the PDSA Dickin Medal Award to recognise the bravery of working animals serving in conflicts and theatres of war around the world. Through that act she raised awareness of the status of animals on duty who had many different roles, and since its inception there have been 75 recipients (plus one Honorary Medal) including 38 dogs, 32 messenger pigeons, four horses, pigeons and one cat. The most recent Dickin Medal was awarded to a dog named Bass in January 2023 for his life-saving actions during the Afghanistan conflict.

Mascots also played an important role through times of conflicts, serving as emblems for units, participating in parades and providing companionship for many soldiers and nurses during both World Wars.

Purple Poppy Day is a symbol of remembrance for these animals and a day to honour their services and sacrifices. The date for Poppy Day varies throughout the world and in the UK is worn alongside the traditional Red Poppy Day in November.

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Ann's Good News Naturally



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- Have you taken steroids (cortisone, prednisone, etc.) or oral contraceptives for extended periods?
- Are you 50 years or older?
- Do you often have a bloated or full feeling in your stomach, especially after eating?
- Do you have intestinal gas?
- Do you have spastic colon, irritable bowel syndrome, nervous stomach, loose stools or constipation?
- Do you avoid eating certain foods because they make you feel uncomfortable?
- Are you allergic to foods?
- Have you had: asthma, allergies, high blood pressure, heart disease, history of strokes, arthritis, pernicious anaemia, an autoimmune disease or yeast infection?
- Have you noticed dark, tar-like stools, bright red rectal bleeding or signs of intestinal bleeding?

Large intestine (colorectal) facts

Approximately halfway between your right hip and bellybutton is where your large intestine starts. This is near the back middle wall of which is where your appendix is. There's a little gateway called the ileocecal valve. That is the end of your small intestine, merging into the colon or large intestine. Your colon is made up of the ascending (upwards), transverse (across) descending (going down), and sigmoid colon, which then joins into your rectum at the rectosigmoid junction.

The muscle wall consists of an inner circular layer and an outer longitudinal layer. The outer layer is incomplete, coming together to form what is called the taenia coli which produce the haustral pattern or folds, seen in the wall of a normal colon.

The mucosa wall of your colon is lined with epithelial cells that perform a variety of functions including digestion, immunity and maintaining fluid balance.

Your rectum is about 12cm long with 3 circular muscles and rectal valves. Your anus has internal and external sphincters that keep gas and stool from escaping.

Your colon's role is to absorb water and electrolytes or essential minerals. Approximately two litres of fluid passes your ileocecal valve per day, from the small to large intestine. The absorption of fluid and electrolytes takes place mainly on the right side of the colon, in the ascending colon, and only about 150ml is passed into your faeces.

The role of your rectum and anus is complex. The rectum is usually empty and collapsed. The entry of faeces from the colon produces relaxation of the internal sphincter and your puborectalis muscle. This decreases the acute angle between the rectum and anal canal. When your rectum contains 100mls of faeces the urge to defecate is experienced. Your rectum is emptied by relaxation of the external anal sphincter, under voluntary pressure, and an increase in voluntary abdominal pressure.

What can go wrong?

- Malnutrition via maldigestion
- Poor quality microbiome
- Diverticulitis
- Constipation
- Diarrhoea
- Crohn's disease
- Megacolon
- Pneumatosis cystoides intestinalis
- Ischemic colitis
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By John Irvine

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Mana Retreat

Dear Coromandel Community,

Nau mai, haere mai, warm greetings to you all.

We hope you are settling into the new year with ease. For us it has been a busy start, with several inspiring January retreats. A highlight was hosting Peter Grunwald and his annual Eyebody Retreat. Many of the participants flew all the way from the other side of the world to be here. And so have many of the international volunteers who have joined us. The Centre feels alive!

Coming up in February

This coming month we will be hosting a Mindfulness and Lifestyle Medicine Retreat with Vidyamala Burch and Dr Tonya Cruikshank. Vidyamala is a global pioneer in applying mindfulness to health and co-founded the Breathworks Foundation. She will be co-facilitating the retreat with Dr Tonya Cruikshank, who places the principles of lifestyle medicine at the heart of her work as a holistic practitioner helping clients and patients learn how to feel better and reclaim their lives.

We also look forward to welcoming back Judy Satori, an internationally recognised spiritual teacher, multi-dimensional channeler, sound healer and Ascension way expert. She returns to Mana to facilitate her 7-day The Sunshine Before the Dawn Retreat.

“True and lasting change happens from a place of being the change we want to see mirrored out there in the world. Change always begins at an energy level.” – Judy Satori

Community Dance

Come join us on the dance floor and discover your own unique dance! Open Floor Dance is a dance and movement practice that energises the body and opens the heart.

“Dance is the hidden language of the soul.” – Martha Graham

When: **Tuesday 11 February**, 9.45-11.45am, \$15-20 sliding scale. All are welcome.

May you all have an abundant year ahead and we hope to see you soon,

Ngā mihi The Mana Team

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UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

Bookings: www.manaretreat.com

FEB 3 - 9	Mindfulness and Lifestyle Medicine with Vidyamala Burch and Dr Tonya Cruikshank
FEB 14 - 19	Spiraling In, Spiraling Out with Geordie Jahner Module 3
FEB 21 - 23	Yummy Yoga Retreat
FEB 23 - MAR 1	Sunshine Before The Dawn Retreat with Judy Satori
MAR 4 - 9	5 Day Silent Meditation Retreat with Ashram Yoga
MAR 14 - 16	March Relax and Wellness Weekend with The Mana Team
MAR 21 - 24	The Heart of Receiving 3-Day Women's Retreat with Jade Ferriere

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



As we settle back into the normal routine of preschool, I hope everyone had some time off to chill out and relax over the busy summer season.

Our tamariki are enjoying being back at preschool catching up with their preschool friends and teachers, and rediscovering all the interesting things to do at preschool

The fine weather means we can explore water play more, along with other staples of painting, music, dance, playdough, block play, family play and many more areas to discover.

The Coromandel Community Preschool is a not-for-profit community-based centre providing education and care for up to 35 children. We have been operating within the community for 18 years. Our kaiako are all qualified and registered teachers with many years' experience. Our supervision adult to child ratios of 1:3 for up to 2's and 1:8 over 2's is better than Ministry of Education requirements.

The centre has a philosophy of learning through play and works within the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whāriki. These guidelines have five strands and 20 different learning outcomes for our tamariki. Last month we looked at the first two strands of Well-Being and Belonging; looking at their corresponding learning outcomes. This month we look at the remaining three strands of Contribution, Communication and Exploration. Te Whāriki states that: Children experience an environment where, over time and with guidance and encouragement, children become increasingly capable of:

3: Contribution Mana tangata

- Treating others fairly and including them in play | te ngākau makuru
- Recognising and appreciating their own ability to learn | te rangati-ratanga
- Using a range of strategies and skills to play and learn with others | te ngākau aroha

4: Communication Mana reo

- Using gesture and movement to express themselves | he kōrero ā-tinana
- Understanding oral language and using it for a range of purposes | he kōrero ā-waha
- Enjoying hearing stories and retelling and creating them | he kōrero paki
- Recognising print symbols and concepts and using them with enjoyment, meaning and purpose | he kōrero tuhituhi
- Recognising mathematical symbols and concepts and using them with enjoyment, meaning and purpose | he kōrero pāngarau
- Expressing their feelings and ideas using a range of materials and modes | he kōrero auaha

5: Exploration Mana aotūroa

- Playing, imagining, inventing and experimenting | te whakaaro me te tūhura hura i te pūtaiao » Moving confidently and challenging themselves physically | te wero ā-tinana
- Using a range of strategies for reasoning and problem solving | te hīraurau hopanga
- Making sense of their worlds by generating and refining working theories | te rangahau me te mātauranga.

Over the summer break some of our children celebrated birthdays. We wish happy birthday to Myra, Rakairoa, Tommy, Rongo, Corbyn, and Cian. We say farewell to Rongo and Corbyn who are going off to school. We have some very limited spaces available on our "Over 2's" side. Please either call in or contact the office on (07) 866 7570, to speak to us about securing a place for your child.

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

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

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

Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams

A new year and another fresh page on which to create the way we want CAS to serve our young people, whānau and community. Students start back at school on **Monday 3 February**. It's always uplifting to see them reconnecting with their friends, excited to get to know their teachers and in high spirits for the year to come.

As we look forward, what's on top for 2025?

Our students need to be engaged with their schooling, they need to want to be at school and want to stay until the time is right for them to move on to further education or employment. They need to belong and feel successful. So what do we need to do (or continue) to ensure we are getting it right?

Relationships, knowing our students well and valuing who they are for the strengths and interests they have.

Our curriculum needs programmes to be well planned to meet the needs and interests of our students. We need classroom planning as well as individual plans and support for a number of students.

Ensuring that our young people are equipped to transition into life as adults when they leave us. Levels of literacy and numeracy are always important. Alongside academic learning, finding opportunities for our young people to be practical, active and

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



learn through realistic contexts in a range of learning areas is what will keep many of our students engaged with school.

All students need to feel that when they come to school, they are valued, they can be who they are and that they have a safe place to learn, hang out with friends, and get involved in a range of activities and opportunities that will grow and challenge them.

Our whānau need to be involved, welcomed, in communication with staff so that we are all on the same page in terms of supporting our students to do their very best and leave CAS as well-rounded confident young adults.

In essence, the above points are what are included in our strategic planning for 2025. The actions and tools we need are unpacked. Year by year we take steps towards CAS being the best little Area School in the country (why not!?). This takes time, but if we stay the course we will continue to grow and achieve our goals.

This year, one of the things we are

working toward is using technology better. This will help with improving communication centred on learning:

We are moving our students and teachers increasingly into using Google Apps more effectively. Our senior students

will be able to access their learning through Google Classroom consistently. Teachers will plan directly into this space so that secondary students can access their learning at any time, in any place. With the busyness of secondary school life, this will frame students up to have increased independence and control over their learning.

We are exploring and investigating the use of AI to support learning. The risks are clear, as are the opportunities. Understanding the reality that our young people live in this digital world and are using AI now (not necessarily for the right reasons), it becomes increasingly important that we help our young people learn to navigate technology effectively. By looking at how AI can help our students with their learning, understanding the limitations of AI and how to be a discerning user is important. We'll work on it!

For now, bring on 2025. To our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau, welcome back!

Coromandel Youth Group @ Hauraki House

After school: 5yrs+ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm.

For 10yrs+: Adventure Time, explore outdoor activities our community has to offer, meet Monday after school at Hauraki House, ready to leave by 3.15pm, returning 5pm. Miniatures Game Club, Wednesdays 3-5pm.

Closed public holidays.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a supervised, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play! Parents just fill out a membership form. For more information, during open hours, call in, phone 027 217 9206 or contact us at coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz.

Alongside kind donations, we are grateful for grants received from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, NZ Community Trust, Star & Garter. Thank you!

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mahi toi ARTS

Celebrated carvings join Connect Four

By Darren Risby

Stunning toi, Maori art, is being exhibited in Coromandel alongside work by a potter and painters from the top of the peninsula for the return of Connect Four.

Uri Tangata – Succeeding Generations is one part of the show. It will include whakairo by Dr Pakaariki “Paki” Harrison QSO, who is regarded as one of country’s greatest carvers. There will be a ceremonial korowai made by his wife, Tohunga Raranga Hinemoa Harrison, as well as toi from Harataunga (Kennedy Bay).

The whanau’s display will include pou whakairo, ancestors’ full-size traditional house style carvings, korowai (woven cloaks), waka huia (treasure box), tukutuku (ornamental wall panel), hoe (paddle), raranga (weaving) and, of course, whakairo (carving) including contemporary works, such as a papa eke ngaru (surfboard) – Te Uira, the lightning.

This year’s Connect Four sees the return of a local trio – painter Elisabeth Carter, potter Murray Rainey and artist Julie Dann.

The exhibition runs at Hauraki House Gallery from **Wednesday 12 to Sunday 23 February** and is open from 10am-4pm daily. Admission is free.

Murray says: “When at the pottery wheel, I feel part of me becomes imbedded into what I’m making. Whether it’s a single piece or a repeat form, it still carries on.”



Carving – Paki Harrison



Pottery – Murray Rainey

“A lot of my work is functional, so typically has a use. The satisfaction when it’s finished is enormous.”

Murray, whose connection with the area goes back to when he was seven, is retired. He used to be a technician at Huntly Power Station.

“For the show this year, I’m working with brighter colours and will have everything from mugs to Greek-inspired vases and jugs.”

Julie, meanwhile, loves having the freedom to paint – mainly in acrylics – after years in a busy career.

“Some days are frustrating when I can’t create what I envisage, but I love the whole process, even the failures as you keep on learning.”

“I like to use a fresh palette, such as turquoise, green and Pacific blue. They are colours which make me feel happy. I hope others feel the same way.”

Julie, who used to be production editor of the Sunday Star-Times, now owns Studio 531, boutique accommodation at Preece Point. She also designs t-shirts, which will also be on sale at the show.

Elisabeth says: “Creating has always been essential to me. Painting is my primary outlet, although I enjoy working in other mediums.”

“My work is highly emotive, often with many layers and texture. A fresh and vibrant palette awaits viewers in the 2025 Connect Four exhibition.”

As owner and operator of Coromandel Flowers, Elisabeth’s abundant source of inspiration has transferred to canvas creating a marvel of floral paintings not to be missed.

In addition to Paki and Hinemoa’s work, pieces by their daughter Kelly Harrison and her brother Fred will make it truly a family affair.

Kelly explains: “Uri Tangata is all about celebrating our whanau’s weaving and carving, incorporating past, present and future generations. It’s about sharing our Maori and cultural heritage.”

About Paki Harrison

Pakaariki “Paki” Harrison was the eldest of 21 children, and grew up on the North Island’s East Coast. He was introduced to carving at Te Aute College, Hawke’s Bay.

In the 1960s, he was a schoolteacher in Auckland and taught carving at night. During this time, the QEII Arts Council sent him to France to present lectures and demonstrate carving.

After returning, Paki supervised the construction of 10 carved whareniui.

Paki and his wife Hinemoa, a weaver, received the 1997 Te Waka Toi Award for their lifetime achievements. This was followed by Paki receiving Queen’s Service Order in 2000.

Paki was named a living icon by the Arts Foundation of NZ in 2005. He passed away three years later.



Painting – Julie Dann



Artwork – Elisabeth Carter

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



Colville Road repairs start

In February, our contractor Kelsey Construction will be starting work on a steel pile retaining wall near Colville Bay, as we progress repairs to restore Colville Road to two full lanes.



50-minute intervals, with 10-minute openings on the hour, every hour. We'll let you know about this in advance.

Stay up to date at tcdc.govt.nz/roads

Work is set to begin Tuesday 11 February and should be finished by mid-April 2025.

We'll have traffic management in place to help progress things smoothly and minimise any disruptions.

The plan is for one lane to stay open under traffic signals for most of the work, with potential delays of up to 15 minutes. At some stages, the road may close for



Coromandel - Colville Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Board

Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"It's been good to see visitors returning to our neck of the woods to enjoy the summer holidays. Thanks to everyone who worked hard over that period to ensure visitors had an awesome experience. The happy memories will bring people back and help our communities to thrive. Special thanks to the Keltic Fair organisers, and the Business Association's Coro Street, our retailers, hospitality and accommodation providers, and the activities that all make Coromandel-Colville a wonderful holiday destination. Getting around was made easier by the work that's been done on our local roads. Repairs are almost finished but a reminder that there will be road works at Colville Bay for the next couple of months, so check the Council website for details and drive safely."



gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board's first meeting for 2025 is

Tuesday 11 February at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Meeting agendas and the 2025 Council meeting schedule are at tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes

Safety on our roads

If you're driving over Waitangi weekend:

- Drive to the conditions
- Take regular breaks to stay alert
- Keep a safe following distance from vehicles in front
- Be patient and take care passing cyclists
- Allow plenty of time so you don't need to rush
- Check your car is in good "health" before you head off

Check the current traffic conditions on state highways at journeys.nzta.govt.nz/holiday-journeys

WHAT'S ON

Coromandel Car Club Fair Day: Gear up for a fun day with more than 120 classic cars including 20 BMW classics from the Auckland BMW Car Club. Food and live music. Gold coin entry. **Pete's Paddock, 3030 Tiki Road, Sunday 2 February.**

Connect Four: A celebration of Māori carving and weaving heritage featuring pieces from Dr Paakaariki Harrison and a display from Harataunga (Kennedy Bay) whānau, plus works from local Coromandel Town trio: painter Elisabeth Carter, potter Murray Rainey and artist Julie Dann. **Hauraki House, 12-23 February, 10am - 4pm, free entry.**



KEEP YOUR BOATS CLEAN

A clean boat helps to protect our Coromandel coast from invasive marine pest hitchhikers like exotic caulerpa and Mediterranean fanworm. Check and clean your gear and anchor, and get to know the marine pest rules and restrictions before casting off this summer. marinepests.nz/rules



ANNIVERSARY AND WAITANGI WEEKENDS



Kerbside collections Additional

collections take place over the peak period for most of the district. There will be no delays to kerbside schedules anywhere in the district due to the two upcoming public holidays. Our contractor's staff are working on those days. Coromandel Town and Te Kōuma, and Coromandel Rural North will still have their collections on Wednesday 29 January and 5 February. The standard off-peak collection schedule will then resume. Check your local calendar at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

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mahi toi ARTS continued

Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Bit of a break at the moment before the mad rush of our Annual Exhibition to be held at Hauraki House, just there in the grounds by the bridge.

Our dates are **Saturday 25 January** opening, to **Thursday 6 February**.

We are open daily 10am to 4pm, free entry. We take cash and bank transfers for purchases at the exhibition.

Love to see you and hear your thoughts on our work. We will be running a small raffle as a club fundraiser and most of the work is for sale. We also have cards and prints of the work.

It's an exciting time for us.

We are never sure how the exhibition will look, but it always ends up amazing and it seems to just come together in the end.. Look forward to seeing you all, and if you're thinking of joining, now's the time to check us out and have a chat. There'll always be one of us there manning the exhibition.



Garden flowers watercolour by L. Nicholls

An Outstanding Musical Treat

The Mundi Trio will perform at the Anglican Church Hall in February.

Flutes, percussion, guitar and vocal melodies with Brazilian and African influences

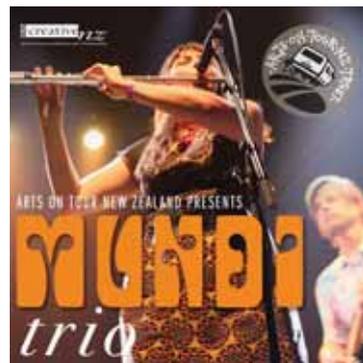
We're making space for those of you who want to dance and seating for those who don't (or those who need a break from dancing).

There will be a cash bar and snacks available (gold coin koha for snacks please). No BYO permitted.

See the January Chronicle (pg 22) for further details or go to <https://mundi.co.nz>.

Saturday 8 February, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) at Anglican Church Hall, Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town.

\$25 tickets available from Coromandel Town Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598, email: info@coromandeltown.nz. Door sales \$30.



Rennie Pearson Brings Celtic Magic to Whitianga

Renowned Celtic musician Rennie Pearson is set to enchant Whitianga audiences with a captivating evening of traditional tunes, songs, and storytelling. The performance will take place on **Wednesday 29 January**, at 7.30pm at the Monkey House Lounge and Cabaret Bar.

Rennie's music is deeply rooted in Celtic traditions, blending centuries-old melodies with fresh energy and artistry. Featuring soaring flute melodies, foot-stomping jigs, heart-wrenching slow airs, and captivating songs, Rennie's performances are dynamic and unforgettable. His mastery of the wooden flute, guitar, Irish tin whistles, bodhrán, fiddle, and voice transports audiences to another time and place.

"This performance is about connecting audiences with the spirit of Celtic music," says Rennie. "Whitianga is a special stop on this tour, and I'm excited to bring these traditions to the Coromandel community."

Event details

Date: **Wednesday 29 January**

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Monkey House Lounge and Cabaret Bar, Whitianga

Tickets: \$20 (available online at www.renniepearsonmusic.com)

This performance is part of Rennie's North Island tour.



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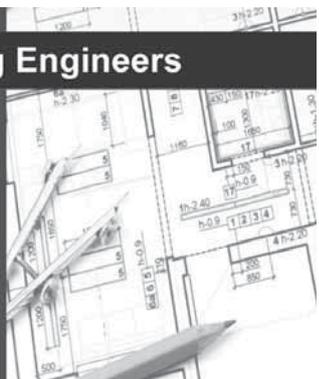

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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

Croquet is a great game for those who want to play a sociable game, enjoying good company, fresh air and exercise. However, as with most games, it is possible to play it at many levels.

At present, the Coromandel Croquet Club is not affiliated with Croquet New Zealand, however other clubs in the region are affiliated, and our Club Captain, Lyn, has chosen to also join the club in Thames. As a member of Thames Club, Lyn is eligible to enter competition games and has done extremely well in these contests. She has now been chosen as a member of the Thames Valley Representative team, and will play in a tournament at Whangarei over Anniversary Weekend. Naturally, we wish Lyn, and the rest of the team, much success at this tournament.



If you would like to try croquet, we meet at 9.15am on Tuesdays for "association croquet" and 9.15am on Fridays for "golf croquet". We provide all of the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day. If you would like to join us, contact Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

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

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

Ladies' Fishing Tournament Classy Chicks – Saturday 22 February

Classy Chicks 2025 is now open for entries. This year we have an Early Bird Prize if registered by **Monday 10 February**.

Major Prize – average weight snapper – Travel Prize to the value of \$1,500.

Also spot prizes, skipper draws, mystery weight x 2, prize for best dressed team – theme something starting with "P" – need to be dressed at prize giving. Plus lots of other prizes.

MC is Michelle Johns.

Fish of the Month

Congratulations to these winning anglers for December, Ryan Debenham with the biggest yellowtail, and Wyatt Davies with the largest trevally.

Fish of the Month for February is kingfish for all members and snapper for the juniors (please note this has changed from sprat as previously advertised). Tight lines as always.

Contact coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com

CLASSY CHICKS – Saturday 22 Feb

Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie, Secretary



We were delighted to host the annual Ōtautū Private Tournament, an event boasting an impressive legacy spanning more than 30 years on 29 December. We pay tribute to the tournament's founders, Kiwi Legan (Life Member) and Jack Milhan, who pioneered this iconic competition, and express our sincere appreciation to Tony Trotter, the current organizer, for his unwavering commitment to upholding this extraordinary tradition. Our engraved wall bricks in the clubhouse, bearing the names of so many Ōtautū financial supporters, serve as a testament to the collective efforts of individuals across generations who have come together to provide vital financial backing, ensuring our club's success. We salute their unwavering loyalty. Once again, we extend our gratitude to our exceptional members, whose tireless efforts and passion made this tournament truly memorable. Our green team of volunteers, Kevin our dedicated green keeper, our wonderful ladies for the beautiful meal, our team in the bar, with Paul our bar manager at the helm and the lovely ladies that made sure players were hydrated on the course.

Congratulations Max McLean, a hole-in-one on hole 6 (Success, Richardsons Real Estate) Tuesday 31 December. What an outstanding achievement and a great way to close out 2024.

We extend our appreciation to our members for their invaluable assistance and patience with our visitors over the busy holiday-season. We have received numerous compliments on the exceptional condition of the

course and the warm hospitality shown by members.

Tuesday's Ladies' Club Day – 9.30am tee off – 9 or 18 holes ladies and men, everyone welcome.

Wednesday Men's Midweek Club Day – 12.30pm tee off, meat pack last Wednesday of the month.

Saturday Mixed Members' Club Day – 12.30pm tee off. Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days. Club carts available for hire, bookings essential.

Happy golfing.

For more information and if you would like to give golf a go phone Marilyn 027 253 7882 or email coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com



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SITUATIONS VACANT

COROMANDEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY – LIBRARIAN – Permanent part-time paid position. We are looking for an enthusiastic person to work with the volunteers and the committee to manage the library service to Coromandel. The paid position is from 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday on an annual contractual basis. Training provided. Starting on 20 February 2025 (or as near to as possible). If this sounds like you please contact our chairperson, Kim Mounsey at coromandel-mounsey@gmail.com for an information pack. Applications must be in by 7 February. Applicants notified 14 February.

OTHER

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

VOLUNTEERING

NEW SECTION OF CLASSIFIEDS – looking for a volunteer for your group? – List it here on the classified page for free (subject to space available)! This is not for paid jobs. Email corochronicle@gmail.com with the wording describing the volunteer position.

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35458.30am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602....9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,
 Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 47229am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Rummikub at The Club..... 1-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341... 3.30-4.15pm
 Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact
 Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave,
 Lyn 027 466 2661 (summer hours)..... 9.15-11.45am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,
 Anita 027 259 1085.....3.15-4.45pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768..... 5pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio,
 contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$15 per class.
 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm
 Kung Fu, Coromandel Hospital..... 5-7pm

Every Thursday

Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class,
 contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5-6.15pm
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house),
 Liz 027 436 2800 6-7pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club – Club Day. Runs until 1 May.....9am

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Community Gardens volunteer day 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661
 (summer hours).....9.15-11.45am
 Chess Club, Weta Cafe, Mike 027 304 92529.30am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club – Coaching/Rollup. Runs until 2 May..... 3pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 9am-1pm
 RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.
 President Gary Pettett 021 061 0852 3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 2pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club – Club Afternoon. Runs until 27 April..... 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms
 John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 1pm
2nd Wed – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm
3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm
Last Wed – Coromandel-Colville Business Association networking meeting,
 Combined Clubs, Woollams Avenue, everyone welcome (Feb-Nov)..... 5pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm
3rd Fri – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 ..10.30am
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....10am

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting" or txt/ph 021 235 6648. Please include contact name and phone number.

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Calendar of events Coromandel Town February 2025

KEY

● New moon ○ Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.
For Thames times -1.5mH High and -1.8mH Low.

Rubbish and recycle collection for Coromandel Town, Te Kōhanga, Manaia, Coromandel Rural North, and Thames Coast

Put red lid rubbish bin and food scrap bin out

Put recycling bin (plastic, 1, 2 & 5 tins, paper, card), glass recycling bin and food scrap bin out

MON

TUE

COROMANDEL RUBBISH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION

Daily 8.30am-5.30pm (summer hours)

Make sure your event gets listed

To get your event listed, email the details to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.

Regular meetings aren't included here - please see weekly and monthly meetings on page 25.

1

Car boot sale, Woollams Ave carpark 9am-12pm (see pg 8)

Coromandel Art Group Annual Art Exhibition continues (see pg 22)

High tide 10:07am (3.0m), 10:27pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3:44am (0.1m), 4:14pm (0.1m)

2

Classic Car Fair (see pg 16)

High tide 10:53am (3.1m), 11:14pm (2.9m)
Low tide 4:29am (0m), 5:02pm (0m)

3

Term 1 starts at Coromandel Area School Mindfulness and Lifestyle Medicine starts at Mana (see ad pg 18)

High tide 11:41am (3.0m)
Low tide 5:18am (0.1m), 5:50pm (0m)

4

Community Dance at Mana (see pg 18)

Coromandel-Coville Community Board meeting (see ad pg 21)

High tide 12:02am (2.9m), 12:30pm (3.0m)
Low tide 6:06am (0.2m), 6:39pm (0.1m)

5

Tara Puja at Mahamudra (see pg 6)

High tide 12:52am (2.8m), 1:21pm (2.9m)
Low tide 6:59am (0.3m), 7:31pm (0.2m)

6

Waitangi Day

Coromandel Art Group Annual Art Exhibition ends (see pg 22)

High tide 1:47am (2.7m), 2:15pm (2.8m)
Low tide 7:57am (0.4m), 8:26pm (0.3m)

7

Guru Puja at Mahamudra (see pg 6)

High tide 2:47am (2.6m), 3:13pm (2.6m)
Low tide 8am (0.5m), 9:26pm (0.4m)

8

Mundi Trio at Anglican Church Hall (see pg 22)

High tide 3:52am (2.6m), 4:16pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10:06am (0.6m), 10:30pm (0.4m)

9

High tide 4:59am (2.6m), 5:20pm (2.5m)
Low tide 11:10am (0.6m), 11:35pm (0.4m)

10

High tide 6:07am (2.6m), 6:29pm (2.5m)
Low tide 12:11pm (0.6m)

11

Community Dance at Mana (see pg 18)

Coromandel-Coville Community Board meeting (see ad pg 21)

High tide 6:57am (2.7m), 7:21pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12:34am (0.4m), 1:07pm (0.5m)

12

Connect Four exhibition at Hauraki House opens (see pg 20)

Medicine Buddha Puja at Mahamudra (see pg 6)

High tide 7:48am (2.8m), 8:13pm (2.6m)
Low tide 1:27am (0.3m), 1:58pm (0.4m)

13

Open Optional Classic Fours Tournament at Coromandel Bowling Club (see pg 16)

High tide 8:35am (2.8m), 9pm (2.7m)
Low tide 2:15am (0.3m), 2:45pm (0.4m)

14

Spiraling In, Spiraling Out starts at Mana (see ad pg 18)

High tide 9:18am (2.8m), 9:43pm (2.7m)
Low tide 2:59am (0.3m), 3:29pm (0.4m)

15

High tide 9:59am (2.8m), 10:29pm (2.7m)
Low tide 3:39am (0.3m), 4:09pm (0.4m)

16

High tide 10:57am (2.8m), 11:01pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4:17am (0.3m), 4:47pm (0.4m)

17

Patchwork & Quilters AGM (see pg 14)

High tide 11:15am (2.7m), 11:37pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4:55am (0.4m), 5:24pm (0.4m)

18

DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle March issue

High tide 11:51am (2.6m)
Low tide 5:33am (0.5m), 6:01pm (0.4m)

19

High tide 12:14am (2.5m), 12:29pm (2.6m)
Low tide 6:13am (0.6m), 6:39pm (0.5m)

20

Kolondyke Cup 4 x 1-hour games at Coromandel Bowling Club (see pg 16)

High tide 12:54am (2.5m), 1:09pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6:57am (0.7m), 7:20pm (0.6m)

21

Yummy Yoga Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 18)

High tide 1:39am (2.4m), 1:52pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7:45am (0.8m), 8:06pm (0.7m)

22

Classy Chicks - Ladies' Fishing Tournament (see pg 23)

Guru Puja at Mahamudra (see pg 6)

High tide 2:31am (2.31m), 2:41pm (2.3m)
Low tide 8:46am (0.8m), 9pm (0.7m)

23

Connect Four exhibition at Hauraki House ends (see pg 20)

Sunshine Before The Dawn Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 18)

High tide 3:31am (2.3m), 3:36pm (2.3m)
Low tide 9:40am (0.8m), 10:02pm (0.7m)

24

Purple Poppy Day (see pg 16)

High tide 4:34am (2.3m), 4:39pm (2.3m)
Low tide 10:40am (0.8m), 11:05pm (0.7m)

25

High tide 5:34am (2.4m), 5:43pm (2.4m)
Low tide 11:37am (0.7m)

26

High tide 6:28am (2.6m), 6:49pm (2.5m)
Low tide 12:04am (0.5m), 12:32pm (0.6m)

27

High tide 7:19am (2.8m), 7:38pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12:57am (0.4m), 1:24pm (0.4m)

28

Geshe Janyang teaching at Mahamudra (see pg 6)

High tide 8:07am (2.9m), 8:29pm (2.9m)
Low tide 1:47am (0.2m), 2:14pm (0.2m)



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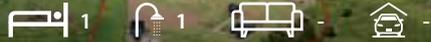


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