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Cover picture: Layke McNeil with his mammoth haul from the Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club awards evening

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Call 111. AED's in Coromandel Town: Fire Station, Ambulance Station, Four Square, Coro Family Health, Bowling Club/RSA, Te Korowai and Phoenix House. Although AED's are important, St John say performing continuous chest compressions/calling 111 takes priority.

Editor's comment

Happy New Year, and here is to a great summer!

I write this on a day that Auckland borders have come down and double vaccinated or those with a negative test can travel out of the Auckland area. The Thames-Coromandel District now has 90% of residents having had one Covid-19 vaccination. Well done Coromandel! Good to get the immunity in the region up – as ready as possible for the influx of summer visitors. I have seen online some people question where the vax data comes from – well they take your address when you get the vaccination and the population data for each area comes from the Health Service User (HSU) population estimate which counts the number of people who received health services in a given year or were enrolled with a primary health organisation. While not totally accurate or up-to-date this gives a fair idea of the population in each area.

Anyone who is interested in population statistics can go to www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-vaccine-data and go down to the bottom to "Vaccination data" for a downloadable spreadsheet.

Letters

Debbie

Damage on Tiki Road

I live in Tiki Road opposite the ITM. In late November my neighbours and I have suffered damage to our plants and trees. Over the 16 years since we moved here we have lost several fruit trees from our property from spray drift and this happens regularly every couple of years. This time my neighbour has lost 30 heritage tomato plants which he had started off and nurtured carefully since August. My neighbour on the other side has sustained damage to a plum tree. We have lost a heritage Black Boy peach tree which we have been bringing back for three years since the last time we were hit with spray drift. This time we also lost our broad bean crop which was on the point of harvest and our raspberries and hedge also sustained damage.

It is extremely disappointing to lose the fruits (pun not intended) of our labour to the thoughtless use of harmful sprays by others. We can see the direction that the spray came from but of course can't prove anything, despite being able to see that the area around the stream at the bottom of the dip just past James's entranceway has been sprayed recently. By the looks of it, the spray that was used to kill the convolvulus, periwinkle and other invasive weeds at the stream was a herbicide, possibly Armitrol and possibly hormonal.

My neighbour has taken samples of his tomatoes and frozen them. We would like to get these tested to prove definitively what the spray was, but unfortunately it will not necessarily identify the culprit. Suffice it to say though that we will all be on the lookout for anyone spraying in our area in the future and will take action to protect our gardens and produce from harmful chemicals.

Annette Kaye, Tim Fuller, Bill MacFarlane, Tiki Road, Coromandel

Coro Dogs Walking Group

On Wednesday 10 November a group of concerned dog owners, together with a group of CAS school children, met with the Council regarding the imposed fine and ban on dogs from the Pound Street sports fields.

The ban left us with nowhere suitable to meet and exercise our dogs safely and it seemed no one wanted us near them.

We are pleased to say Council listened and we met with them again the following week and we are now delighted to say that Council has approved an off-lead dog exercise area at the Soldiers' Memorial Forest on Hauraki Road. This area borders the stream and thus far extends as far as the now disused water reticulation pond with mowing, clearing and a rubbish bin at the entry point being promised at this stage. Ongoing negotiations are pending to extend the area.

We are grateful to Council for its immediate and satisfactory response to our plea. Our dogs are happy and so are their owners.

In time this will become a very attractive area to socialise our dogs and will be an added asset to Coromandel Town.

From
Coro Dogs Walking Group (CDWG)

Maze winner

Dear Debbie,
Thank you to everyone that came out to our \$5 day season opening special last month. It was quieter than normal and we put that down to the knock-on effects of Covid-19.

We ran a "guess the number of stuffed toys in our maze" competition and the winner was Margaret Mackenzie. Congratulations! The correct number of stuffed toys was 1777. Margaret guessed 1798. Impressive!

Midge has won a Family Pass for two adults and up to four children valued at over \$100. We look forward to seeing her family again this summer.

We look forward to seeing you over the summer, remembering that we must comply with the government requirements and all guests over the age of 18 must be able to provide their vaccination pass or proof of vaccination or a medical exemption to enter.

Happy Holidays,
The Team from The Waterworks

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Our "Queen" – Joan Hornby



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

Our final Coromandel Garden Circle meeting of the year was held on 8 December at The Club, with 35 members and two new members.

Welcome and apologies were announced before starting in on our fabulous Xmas Finger Food Lunch. This was then followed by a presentation of OBE awards by our "Queen and her servants". A number of OBE's were not available so they will be presented in the future.

Our "Queen" (Joan Hornby) got right into the swing of things with crown, white gloves, pearls and handbag!

If you aren't sure what OBE is, call us! Something to do with being over 80.....

Secret Santa challenged us with a question before the elves (or should we say – naughty elves Pam and Win) gave everyone a wrapped bottle from out of the goodies box. We saw personalities that we hadn't seen before – lots and lots of laughter!

The day ended in song – a Christmas carol and wishing everyone a great and safe Christmas break. Our next meeting is not till February.

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

Keltic Fair 2022 cancelled

Hello to the wider Coromandel community and visitors.

The trustees of the Coromandel Education Advancement Trust (CEDACT) have made the decision to not hold the Coromandel Peninsula's premier summer holiday community fair event, the Keltic Fair, on **2 January 2022**.

We know this will come as an enormous disappointment to those at the Coromandel Area School (CAS), our local businesses, community groups, residents, stall holders and the many, many thousands of people that come to our wonderful town for this event.

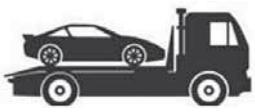
This is not a decision we have taken lightly as this would have been the 32nd consecutive fair. Although we are legally permitted to hold the fair, the trustees believe that the overriding concern for protecting the health of the members of our community and the overall health of the public must be a priority over all other factors.

Every year CEDACT provides support for activities provided by CAS for educational purposes and many other community groups. We remain committed to continuing this support throughout 2022.

We are now focused on the 2023 Keltic Fair and enjoying a much anticipated ceilidh (KAY-lee).

The Trustees, Coromandel Education Advancement Trust

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15th January - Papa Aroha
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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay

By the time you read this we will all be recovering from the rigours and excesses of Christmas celebrations. Hopefully the summer weather is playing it's part.

December saw yet another successful Twilight Competition delivered to our nonbowling club community; with thirty-two teams entered over two rounds we were certainly kept busy! However, make no mistake: mixed in with the laughter and fun was a healthy dose of competitiveness between teams. The prize tables on Final Night were full of great rewards, from vouchers to local restaurants, Swandri jackets, oysters, bottles of wine and the ever favourite chocolates. The sponsors are amazingly generous with their weekly donations of prizes and the Bowling Club is really grateful for their continued support.

Also completed are our Club Championships and we would like to congratulate the following bowlers:

Championship - Women

Singles: Sue McNeil

Pairs: Sue McNeil & Vi King

Triples: Sue McNeil, Cindy Dicks & Vi King

Fours: Sue McNeil, Linda Lindsay, Cindy Dicks & Vi King

5years & Under - Singles: Pamela Harris

5years & Under - Pairs: Linda Peters & Jo Sanderson

Championship - Men

Singles: Colin Gawith

Pairs: Colin Gawith & Danny Goodall

Triples: Reg Wright, Jim Dicks, Surinda Sangha

Fours: Colin Gawith, Jason Dickison, Danny Goodall, Ernie Groucott

5years & Under -

Singles: Surinda Sangha

5 years & Under -

Pairs: Surinda Sangha & Graham Robertson

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB



Final night of Twilight Competition



Jo Sanderson winning the U5 Pairs champ - pictured with Linda



Winners of the Womens' Fours Championship

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Hope you all have had a happy and worry-free Christmas, although, with all that's happening at this time it's a bit hard to stay upbeat!

Our RSA Christmas Dinner was a great success. Thanks to the ladies and men who manned the kitchen, etc. Thanks to our little Lyn who decorated the tree and venue to her usual wonderful standard. Superb. About a dozen of us attended the Mercury Bay RSA Christmas Do and as usual we enjoyed the day.

Several months ago I wrote about one of our Navy Ships "TeMana" which is in Canada for a "Frigate Systems Upgrade". It has gone to sea for trials after 938 days! Man, must be a pretty big job. Another thing I mentioned was the posting of a Naval ship to Bahrain, which was doing Maritime Security Operations outside the Arabian Gulf. So far the seizures have involved 5,000kg of hash and 166kg of meth. If that amount made its way to NZ it would have a street value in the vicinity of NZ\$159.5 million. The mind boggles. The Petty Officer who wrote this article, states "Bahrain has a high vaccination rate against Covid-19. We can go out to waterparks and other attractions, hit the beach and pools, and barbecues with friends." Interesting.

Well that's it for now, ciao. Be happy.

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone, we hope you all had a good Christmas!
The Himalaya shop will be open 7 days a week during January.
Our hours are 10 a.m. to between 4 and 5 p.m.
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St John Heartbeat

By Abby Morgan,
Coromandel St John



Happy New Year to all.

Coromandel station urgently needs more operational volunteers. If you are 18 years or older, have held a full NZ drivers license for at least 12 months, have a clean Police and driver record and can commit to ongoing 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: Are 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: We are planning for another Pop Up Op Shop in January but no dates set as yet. We will have all new stock. 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.

Ph: (07) 866 8279 leave a message and we will get back to you. Email: coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz

Mahamudra Centre

By Jennifer Coyne, Spiritual Program Coordinator

How can we find peace of mind when the world around us is changing? How can we find solid ground when it seems like the earth is shaking?

Peace of mind is dependent on both the outer world, and the inner world. If we can change the outer world for the better, that is wonderful – we should go for it. And if we cannot, we still have a choice: we can change the inner world. We can challenge our assumptions, our expectations, and our perspective.

Our mind has that capacity – scientists now have discovered the neuroplasticity of our brains. We can literally train it. We can train it to be more peaceful and calm, less anxious and neurotic. We can train it to forgive and to let go of irritation and resentment.

We can train it to focus equally on the positive and the negative. So often we have a negativity bias – but there are always people helping and people doing their best. Even in the most terrible situations, there is good. And although we may naturally fear sickness, there are parts of our body that are working properly – our heart pumping blood around our body, our digestive system assimilating nutrients, our brains processing information. Sometimes, we could focus on that.

And it may seem the times are instable but there is stability too – the sun still rises each morning, the trees still grow, the earth is still turning. We are still alive!

Of course that doesn't mean we should deny the negative aspects. This is a time when, naturally uncertainty and anxiety can arise. If it does, try this simple meditation: Take three deep breaths, visualizing the breath going all the way down to your belly, and breathing out slowly. Take three more deep breaths, noticing your feet on the ground and the weight of your body as you sit or stand. Take three more deep breaths, noticing any sounds you can hear. Take three final deep breaths, noticing how you feel inside. Continue with your day.

These mini mindfulness movements actually change the structure of our brains, and help us to train in peace and calm. May you be happy.

Dates for your diary

3-10 January: Beginners Silent Meditation Retreat

12 January 4pm Guru Puja with Tsog

27 January 4pm Guru Puja with Tsog

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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
17 January 2022 – 30 March 2022	-	-	-	-	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

*Direct service to Auckland - Will not stop at Rotorua or Waiheke

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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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Two years living with an electric car

By Chris Ogilvie

Range anxiety

Our Kia Niro has a claimed range of 455km, which it easily does. Driven gently it will travel over 500km on a full charge. It gives heaps of warnings about getting low on charge, and the “gauge” shows both percentage and the number of km left, which it calculates accurately. It takes into account how it is driven. So we have never had a situation where we were worried that we might run out. Don’t usually even think about it anymore.

Charging stations

I understand that there are now more EV charge stations than service stations in NZ. There certainly are lots. We have never had a problem finding one, but it should be noted that in 44,000km we have topped up at a public charge station just twelve times. We can do a typical trip to Auckland or Hamilton and back, without needing to recharge. But the trips we have done to Whangarei and Gisborne needed topping up. Accommodation places so far have been happy for us to plug into their three-pin plug overnight. Nearly all public charge stations are near a cafe!

Charging

Plugging into a standard three-pin plug draws 2.2kw, and adds about 15km every hour. Or 200km overnight. This is by far the most common means of keeping EV’s topped up.

A special home charger installed by a sparky will at least double this. The present standard public charging station will add over 200km in one hour. Newer ones are getting even faster. But we have solar panels, so try to just put the car on charge when the sun shines, and thus drive on sunshine.

Regenerative braking

EV’s have regenerative braking. This means that instead of applying the brakes to slow down, as you lift the accelerator, electricity is generated and put back into the battery. This slows the car nearly as much as second gear does in a petrol car. So normal driving involves very little use of the brake pedal. The brake pads in our car show no detectable wear! It also means that when you use extra power to go up hills, you recover a fair bit when you come back down again. Going over the Kereta hill uses about the same amount from the battery as going the same distance along the level at 100km/hr.

Minimal running costs

EV’s have no oil changes, filters, etc. Mainly just electricity, and tyres. One day the main battery will fail, but they mostly have 7 to 10 years’ warranty, and can be expected to last quite a bit after that. My pick is that the replacement by then will be half the cost, half the weight, and probably double the capacity of the present one!



PHOTO BY ANNA SEPHTON

The riroriro or gray warbler is the second smallest of our native birds behind titipounamu or rifleman. They are locally common and make a distinctive warbling sound, although because of their size and colour they are often hard to spot. Their nests are fully enclosed with a small entrance hole; unfortunately it’s not small enough to prevent shining cuckoos from laying their eggs inside.

Photo by Anna Sephton.

Presently the government has a rebate system that refunds some thousands of dollars if you buy an EV, or even a PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle), both new or used. Most of the new EV’s come with at least a 60Kwh battery, and many can be used to draw power from the battery and sell it back to the power company, or run your house on it. If you keep a 50% reserve you can still run your house for a day or two on 30Kwh. Or sell it during peak demand periods, and hopefully show a profit.

We would hate to go back to a petrol or diesel car now; the EV has proved to be just great. If you are thinking of a new car, do check them out.

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Wild Stillness Retreats

Beth Pearsall and Vanessa Edelsten

With the warmth of summer upon us, Wild Stillness Retreats are delighted to share with you our latest offering – the Summer Glow Women’s Retreat! Join us for this weekend-long retreat on **18-20 March** at the Mahamudra Centre, with an intimate group size of only 14 women for a truly authentic and connected experience.

Bask in the glow of summer’s end as we soak in a weekend of pure goodness under summer skies and the full moon in Colville, northern Coromandel. Enjoy getting away from it all and immerse yourself in the present moment, connect to your body and tap into the incredible energy of women coming together. This weekend offers daily yoga classes, meditation, yoga nidra, delicious organic vegetarian food and much more, all in the tranquil setting of the Mahamudra Centre. Our Summer Glow retreat will celebrate the glow within and enliven your soul for the colder days ahead.

The end of summer is such an important time to take stock, to prepare yourself for the winter and fill your reserves with warmth, joy and abundance. Our weekend retreat offers just that, as we embrace breath and

movement balanced with relaxing time in nature and divine kai. Let’s enjoy all that is beautiful within us and around us – that gorgeous Summer Glow.

The Summer Glow Retreat Programme includes:

- Daily sunrise yoga
- Evening yin yoga
- Guided meditations
- Full Moon circle
- Open Dance
- Relaxing yoga nidra
- Nourishing vegetarian meals and snacks
- Massages available (on request)

This retreat is open to women* 15 years and older. No previous experience of yoga or meditation necessary.

*All individuals identifying as female and/or non-binary welcomed.

About Wild Stillness Retreats

We create and hold space to deeply connect with self, each other and the natural world. Allow yourself to feel fully supported in the presence of these soul-sisters. We are here to facilitate the time, freedom and experiences to let you simply be.

Vanessa Edelsten

Vanessa puts her students at the heart of every class, tuning in to the group and creating a safe space for all to deeply connect. Vanessa teaches yoga, meditation, yoga nidra, pranayama (breath techniques)



and intuitive journaling practices on our retreats. She is a trained ecologist, passionate mother of two boys and a lifelong learner of all things yoga.

Beth Pearsall

Beth brings multiple talents to our retreats, with her passion for the natural world, music, creativity and cooking. Along with being a trained ecologist, Beth is a DJ, group facilitator and the head cook for our retreats.

Summer Glow – Women’s Retreat

Celebrate yourself this summer by securing one of the 14 limited spots for this weekend. With a small, intimate group size, you can escape for three days and two nights to connect and enliven your mind, body and soul.

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Coromandel Family Health Centre

Happy New Year from the Coromandel Family Health Centre,

Summer is upon us which means busy season.

We continue to offer virtual appointments for our registered patients. This can either be by phone or video consult. We also encourage you to use the patient portal to order scripts, book appointments, view results, and email the staff.

If you need a script, please order this one week in advance. This will give us and the pharmacy time to prepare.

Visitors to our town, please contact your own provider. First we have limited resources so please utilise your own GP. Scripts can be faxed to the local pharmacy.

We have vulnerable people sitting in our waiting room; masks must be worn at all times.

We continue to vaccinate for Covid-19 on Wednesdays between 1-3pm. This is a drive-through clinic in the Woollams Ave carpark. Please book via www.bookmyvaccine or 0800 28 29 26.

Coromandel Family Health offers a 24/7 afterhours service. To access this please call (07) 866 8500.

And finally, please be kind and enjoy the sunshine.

Nga mihi,

The team at the Coromandel Family Health Centre



Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm

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Age Concern – Steady As You Go

By Vickie Macrae

Steady As You Go is a weekly peer-led group exercise class to build strength and balance for the 65+ age group, or for those rehabilitating from an injury. Regular participants can expect to achieve greater confidence, better mobility, better balance, as well as improved mood and overall wellbeing.

After moving to our new premises at the Coromandel Gym on Pottery Lane, our numbers have increased exponentially and we are now regularly seeing 17-18 participants. We have approx 50:50 gender mix and it makes me so happy that the blokes are coming along to improve their strength and balance, and we all get results from our participation. We start our class with a set of simple hand exercises taken from the Parkinson’s website, which gives us time to settle and chat. We then move into the excellent Age Concern Steady As You Go programme and off we go for the next 50 minutes or so. We have received feedback of people now being able to get confidently up from their chairs; being able to put on their trousers more easily; being able to wiggle their toes as well as crochet and knit and they, along with us, are thrilled with their results.

Our last class for 2021 was held on Tuesday 21 December and classes will resume on **Tuesday 18 January**. All welcome.

For all enquiries contact thamesmanager@ageconcern.gen.nz, (07) 868 9790; or Vickie Macrae (07) 866 7894; 027 417 7077; or simply wear comfy clothes and come along 10am Tuesday, Coromandel Gym Pottery Lane. \$2 koha. No experience necessary.

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and 2022 will bring everyone much joy.

A few very important thank yous: First to Karen and Mike for making us the recipients of the Sunday night pizza deal at the Star and Garter for the month of August. Second to all of our community who came, donated work, bought art and raffle tickets and had a great time at our auction/art exhibition in November – and our fabulous fundraising team for making it all possible. We nearly raised \$5,000. Thanks also to the Coromandel Lions for their unexpected donation. We here at the Information Centre have been so generously supported by you, our local community. I cannot thank you enough. As a small town all of the businesses are asked many times a year from all community groups in town for donations/financial help one way or another. You should all be very proud of yourselves for giving so much, especially in these unsettling times.

Now this year has been very different for everyone including us. We have been working with restricted access to the info centre in that we are inside and people have to stand at the doorway to be assisted. You can either scan or sign in and all staff wear masks. Now things are going to change a little over summer in that, due to Covid-19, we have reassessed how our little office can cope and have (by the time you read this) revamped the inside of the office. There will be limits to the number of people in the office at any one time, etc. Our standard of work has not changed, in that we still offer the same professional, helpful, valued service to our community and visitors. We also truly appreciate that most of our visitors are cognizant of, and comply with, the rules to keep everyone safe.

Of course when the full team come back on board (dependent on how busy we are) we can also have our pop up office outside offering the exact same service as you would receive in the office.

Also back on board, the 360 Fullers Ferry is operating (check with us for sailings). Now as I write this I don’t have a date for the InterCity “Loop Bus” to recommence (Whitianga – Thames – Coromandel). However, some InterCity services are again operating.

Please note that all providers, e.g., Driving Creek Railway, The Waterworks, fishing charters, etc., need to sight your vaccine pass.

Remember, if you are having family and friends staying we can book them on tours, charters etc. We have free maps and brochures as well.

Take care and talk to you next month.

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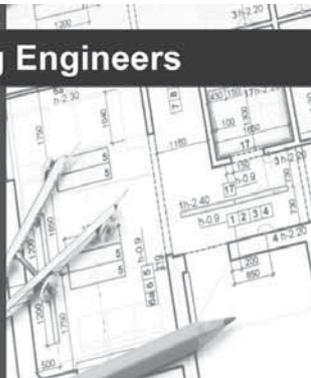
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New Listing



New Listing



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CILT – Coromandel Budget & Foodbank

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all, and welcome to 2022. We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

The start of a new year is always a good time to sit down, make yourself up a budget and set some goals for the coming year. Some things like Christmas 2023 can seem a long way off, but we all know it approaches again quickly and a little saved each week can make a huge difference when the money is needed. Here at Budget, we have several tools which will help you to keep an eye on where the household money is going.

If you need assistance getting your finances in order or help with creditors, please make an appointment to see how we can help. We offer free, confidential and non-judgemental advice. Debt can be scary, especially if you have fallen behind in repayments. We can talk with creditors and help with getting things back on track. We want the people of our community to feel confident and in control of their finances.

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.

Our office will be opening on **Tuesday 18 January**. Office hours will be Tuesday 9.30am-2pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12-3pm.

Foodbank

Welcome to 2022. Firstly we would like to say a massive thanks to the community for rallying around and supporting our Foodbank. We had a fabulous response to our Christmas hamper appeal, allowing us to put together wonderful hampers which were highly appreciated by all recipients. Thank you to all involved.

Our first food parcels for the year will be **Thursday 20 January**. If you're receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember to bring your own boxes/bags to collect your groceries.

Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Coromandel Budget Advisory prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849, which will be open on **Tuesday 18 January**.

If you think you will need food parcel assistance over a couple of weeks, please make an appointment with one of our budgeting mentors. They will then be able to book you in for any ongoing food parcels.

We look forward to the year ahead, and wish everyone a Happy New Year.



Our Shed

By Jo Sanderson, Coordinator Our Shed, Age Friendly Group, Coromandel

Qi Gong has continued to go from strength to strength, and next year we are going to have our workshops more frequently – happening on the last Sunday of each month. This is going to make it much easier to remember when it is on. Here are the dates for 2022: **30 January, 27 February, 27 March, 24 April, 29 May, 26 June, 24 July, 28 August, 25 September, 30 October, 27 November, and 18 December**.

We are going to start up our Coffee, Craft and Chat group on **Monday 31 January**, and will have it each Monday of February as a trial to see how it goes. It will be from 1-3pm at The Club, Woollams Ave. Please spread the word to others who may be keen to bring along scrabble, cards, monopoly, etc, or bring a craft along, or simply enjoy a cuppa and chat. We would appreciate a gold coin donation each week to help go towards the rental of The Club.

Please note: From now, only those that have had their double vaccines and have their Vaccine Pass will be able to come into The Club and participate in anything that we have planned. Your Vaccine Pass will be scanned in when you arrive, and your name will be kept on our database as having been scanned.

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Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

I hope everyone have had a great Christmas and New Year break with family and friends. All of us at the library would like to thank everyone who has helped support our community library by joining as a member and donating books over the last year. Also, a big thank you to all who donated items for, or bought tickets, in the Christmas raffle. It was a great success, and special thanks to Louise and Trevor Poultney from Fitzroy B&B, who donated the ham, and Pat Sharp, who made the Christmas cake. They made the raffle baskets very appealing. Check on our Facebook page for the winners of the prize draw.

If by now you are over the celebrations and guests and would just like to sit under a shady tree and read a good book, come in for a browse. By the end of the month, we will have the latest publications on the shelf by popular authors such as James Patterson, Clive Cussler, David Baldacci, Peter Watt, Jeffery Archer, Alice Hoffman, Ann Pratchett, Owen Mathews, Ken Follett, Michael Connelly, Marc Cameron, Fiona McIntosh, Patricia Cornwell, Simon Kernick, Simon Scarrow and Dean Koontz.

The book reviews that follow are for books that members have requested over the last couple of months. If you would like to put a book request to the library, please ask at

the desk for a book request form to complete. It's best to complete the form, then we will know a little more about the book and how you found out about it, and we will also know who requested it and should get first hold on the book.

The Piano Girls – Elizabeth Smither



Elizabeth Smither is a New Zealand author who has written six novels, six collections of short stories and eighteen collections of poetry. This book is a collection of short stories that are both humorous

and insightful. They include a story about three musical sisters who honour their mother with a piano recital every year in her memory. In other stories, music, food, and restaurants are themes.

This is Going to Hurt – Adam Kay



This funny and revealing book details the secret diaries of a junior doctor. It is a non-fiction book by the British comedy writer Adam Kay, published

in 2017. It is a collection of diary entries written by Kay during his medical training from 2004 to 2010. A very entertaining memoir about everything you wanted to know and then some, on life on and off the hospital ward.

Don't forget if you would like to record your initials (to show you have read the book) or write a short note on whether you liked the book or not, you are welcome to make a note on the due date slip in the back of the old books or on the bright green slip in the newer books. The other way you can see what you have read is to log into your Coromandel Community Library account on the TCDC libraries website and look at your checkout history. If you would like someone to show you how to do this, just ask at the desk; it only takes a few minutes.



A new mural in Patukirikiri Reserve in Coromandel Town is a reminder to the public that we all have a role to play in protecting New Zealand's most mighty native tree. Waikato Regional Council (WRC), working with Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) and Te Patukiriri, commissioned a mural by Tuatēawa artist Rebekah Pearson. Photo is of Hirini Rolleston (WRC) and Rebekah Pearson (artist) at the mural



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Ann's Good News, Naturally



Season of Love or Pandemic of Anxiety

In a time when we need to be sharing love, respect, sincerity, and unity, we have been enduring a pandemic of fear, leading to anxiety and uncertainty.

Divisions within families, workplace and communities are being created by fear, naïve judgment and intolerance. Love and conversations needs to rule, not fear-driven anger and condemnation.

Decisions we make are determined by either – a) what we are told, or b) our what we experience. There is a big difference.

Truth versus belief

Truth – Because we experience something, it is our reality, our truth. We know it is true.

Belief – Because we are told something, we don't know it is true, however it may become our belief.

My personal experience

Years ago, before becoming a Natural Health Practitioner, I had ongoing digestive health issues. I was advised by a gastroenterologist to have my colon removed, that we don't need it. He was the "expert", so I believed his in his judgement. Ongoing experience eventually taught me his advice was far from the truth – the colon has a vital nutritional role. Post-surgery, I replaced his prescribed drugs – morphine (for pain and anxiety), and Buscopan (for intestinal spasms and cramps) – with two wonderful medicinal herbs. A wise and experienced naturopath advised a change in lifestyle, healthy diet, nutritional supplements – practitioner only quality, herbal medicine, and other naturopathic healing tools which turned my life around – drug free and healthy.

My professional experience

Over 25 years of clinical practice, I've seen clients feeling hopeless and troubled about

their health. I'm proud to have healed them, all ages, with all conditions, including auto immune diseases, viral and post viral infections. No drugs, surgery or vaccines.

Virus facts – Viruses can only reproduce inside a living cell. They lack enzymes necessary for the metabolism and synthesis of complex molecules, so must replicate inside a cell, using the metabolic machinery of the host cell. Viruses are therefore called "Obligate Intracellular Parasites". Thus, an anti-parasitic approach successfully treats all viruses, in my years of experience.

Viral infections – Whatever type of virus you may be exposed to, you are still vulnerable to infection if you are overweight, on medication, or stressed. Prevention and/or treatment of the infection may change from person to person, due to several contributing factors, and must be personalised.

Signs and symptoms – What health concerns do you have?

Investigative tests – Know the real cause(s).

Anxiety and your peace of mind – Fear-driven anxiety causes dis-ease, your immune function struggles when your body is stressed.

Are you a critical thinker? Are you using your higher intelligence? Or are you simply just a believer?

Remember that the greatest enemy to any science is a closed mind. Be informed. Be confident.

Know the facts to make an informed choice about your health.

Prevent stress-re-

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Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle



Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 2022 brings more certainty to our daily lives and that we are able to go about our business safely and happily.

The annual Lions Mussel Fritter stall at the Keltic Fair is a big fundraising event for us, so with the cancellation of the fair this year we will be relying on our firewood supply work to bring in most of our funds to put back into Coromandel community projects.

So yet again an update on firewood! Lion's members and "friends of Lions" have been extra busy nearly every weekend cutting, splitting, and storing firewood for drying. Deliveries will start this month, so another reminder to get your order in if you want firewood for winter. It'll be that time again before we know it and we would hate for you to miss out.

Warm thanks to Max McLean, ably assisted by his granddaughter Rangimarie Wirihana, for felling a large pine tree and cutting it into rings for us - your expertise made it look easy and we appreciate your efforts.

Our gratitude to all those locals volunteering their time to help out with our working bees; thanks for your community spirit! Any new volunteers with Saturday mornings available, get in touch with our Project Manager Rick Ward and he will find a job for you.

Enjoy the rest of the silly season and stay safe Coromandel.

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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Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Callouts once again are quiet with just six over the past month including: Providing support for ambulance at Manaia, a bush fire already out, a cardiac callout, and a PFA call.

Next is Auckland being let out of lockdown so we'll see if anything changes and if we get large numbers of visitors. Already the temperature has changed, after a very damp spring where everything has grown, all is now drying up big time. Did you check your driveway? Can we get the big red truck up if we needed? Nobody wants to have to call us, but we are there to help, so check your access please.

One of the more enjoyable parts of being in the fire service is the ability to recognise service to the community and last Monday we passed out the following recognitions: Three-year certificates to Liz Whitwell, Mike Huitema and Damian Langley (since moved away), a five-year medal to Luke James and 14-year Long Service Good Conduct medals to Rob Craw and Stu Johnson along with other service bars. Congratulations to all recipients who commit their time to the community.

It's summer – be safe, no fires.



Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park was on Sunday 12 December at the Barry Brickell stage, the choir led by local primary school teacher Maria Dove.

Bad weather arrived thirty minutes into the event. Matt Sephton's sound equipment was rescued from the rainstorm and the concert moved to the Hauraki hall for a capella style singing with a reduced audience.

The local CILT Work Co-Op, led by Michelle King, with nativity skit with a crib made out of driftwood by local Michael Morretto was a reflection of the the local effort put in.

Thank you to Chris at Coromandel Four Square for the free sausages, CILT for the printing and TCDC for the venue.

Committee: Anne Zealand, Maria Dove and Mike Mann



Annual Exhibition
Coromandel Art Group
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Creative Perspectives
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Secret Gardens – garden sharing platform

Secret Gardens is a new website that enables passionate gardeners to share their knowledge and inspire a new generation of gardeners, by hosting garden visits and workshops in their own garden.

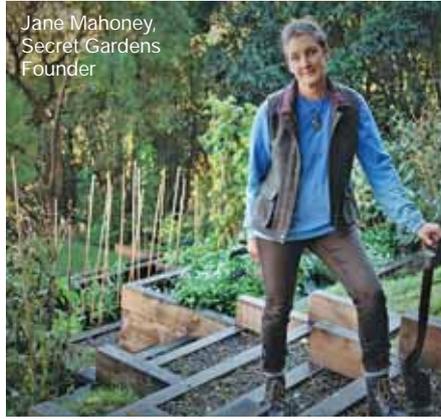
In what is believed to be a world-first, the Secret Gardens website will feature a curated collection of diverse and inspiring gardens from across New Zealand, for curious gardeners to explore – from compact, inner-city sanctuaries, to kitchen gardens, dahlia collections, native gardens, food forests, flower farms and lifestyle properties.

In the same way that sites like AirBnB make it possible to generate income from a spare bedroom, Secret Gardens enables passionate gardeners to operate a “micro tourism” venture in their own backyard. Visitors can browse the collection and book their visit or workshop through the website – and 10% of the booking fee is donated to a gardening-based charity.

Secret Gardens hosts are a diverse bunch of gardeners, each with different skills, gardening passions, and specializations. The one thing they all have in common is a huge amount of gardening knowledge they want to share.

Secret Gardens Founder

Secret Gardens is the midnight revelation of Christchurch gardener Jane Mahoney. After decades working in the film industry, always gardening along the way. Jane and her partner purchased a one-acre hillside section on Banks Peninsula. Over the past five years she’s planted a permaculture orchard, a productive kitchen garden, acquired a dahlia obsession, and learnt from existing natives on the property what has grown there for centuries. With an opportunity to rethink how



Jane Mahoney,
Secret Gardens
Founder

she wanted to spend her days (gardening), why it was important to her (growth and wellbeing of every kind), and how it could be even better (a connected community), Secret Gardens arrived.

Coromandel Town’s Secret Garden

For as long as she can remember, Jo has dabbled with self-sufficiency and an organic way of living and growing food. Then, in 2020, post lockdown, an unsightly dead patch of grass left after removing an inflatable swimming pool at the end of summer provided the impetus Jo needed to give it a go.

Fast-forward barely 12 months and the former, unremarkable back lawn now supports an astonishing array of fruit trees, berries and vegetables, as well as providing a peaceful haven for Jo, her husband Sandy and four very contented chooks.

Using permaculture principles – working with nature rather than against it – the polyculture Jo has achieved in this average-sized backyard is nothing short of remarkable. Within this modest 200 square meter patch



Jo – Greenhills Paradise –
Coromandel Town

you’ll find apricots, plums, apples, pears, avocados, bananas, citrus, grapes, unusual berries such as aronia berries (or chokeberries) and juneberries (Canadian serviceberries) – as well as the more traditional black, red, and white currants, raspberries, boysenberries, blackberries and strawberries. Filling the “forest floor” are every type of herb and annual vegetable crop you can imagine... as well as perennial vegetables such as Chinese, Jerusalem and globe artichokes.

“I garden by the no dig method – I chop and drop and feed the soil from the top as naturally happens in the forest.”

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The Beach Ball with Broods

Banished Music and The Edge are giving you something special to look forward to, as we celebrate Aotearoa’s live music scene with a tour headlined by pop sensations Broods ahead of the 2022 release of their fourth album Space Island.



PHOTO BY SAM KRISTOFSKI

Broods

Beach Ball has eight dates scattered between 26 December and 15 January, and a line-up featuring some of the most exciting acts in NZ music, they come to Coroglen Tavern, Coromandel on **Sunday 2 January.**

Brother sister duo Broods are ready to bust out some tunes for their home crowd, including brand new single “Piece Of My Mind”, a classic Broods anti-anthem marked with Caleb and Georgia Nott’s trademark wit and verve.

In support are psychedelic disco DJ duo Flamingo Pier, sure to bring crowds to an appropriate boiling point as they close out the show each night. Synth-pop R&B bedroom popstars Imugi join the bill.

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Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

The Patchwork and Quilting group has had another Buy and Sell day. So popular with our ladies. A pre-Xmas clearout of unwanted past treasures, and a chance to accumulate some more. Not so much stitching done on this day, but it was a lot of fun, I'm sure most would agree it was a great success.

Our next get together was our Xmas Lunch. This year we dined at the local Pepper Tree, where the room was filled with lots of chat and laughter. Secret Santa once again, along with the game which allows pinching

of other people gifts if you desire, which is always a lot of laughs and proves to be very popular with our group and we all leave with something fabulous or humorous to take home.

Our group resume patchwork and quilting on **7 February** after sharing Xmas with our family and friends. Our AGM is on **21 February**.

Maybe after your holiday you might wish to call in for a visit.



Xmas lunch

We meet at St John Rooms, Tiki Road on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880. Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



Xmas lunch

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We look forward to playing bridge again in February. Our first night will be on Waitangi Monday. Our new committee is Judy Bronlund as President, Tadek Gawor Vice President, and Jacqui Richards is our new secretary/treasurer. Other committee members are Ischelle Stevenson, Diane Parkinson and Trish Croft.

Jan Autumn is to be our convenor; her contact will be in our next article.

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CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust



As we look forward to 2022, it's a good time to reflect and consider the past challenges and opportunities that we faced in 2021.

We began two major projects at the end of the year. Construction commenced on the "Coromandel Hub" in Pound Street, a project we've been planning and fundraising towards for a number of years; and the development of a Transition from School to Work Programme, which is centered around a native plant nursery on the neighbouring site. These projects represent a partnership between CILT and Patukirikiri Iwi, and are based around Te Aranga Māori Design principles. The key objective of the principles is to enhance the protection, reinstatement, development and articulation of Mana Whenua cultural landscapes, enabling all of us to connect to and deepen our "sense of place". We are excited about these projects developing, and the opportunities for community growth and development they will bring. Fundraising continues for both projects. If you are interested in learning more about these projects, please go to our website.

Whanau Support Services

Our primary aim at CILT is to improve and strengthen people's lives, and within the challenges brought about by the Covid pandemic there were opportunities to step into this kaupapa and find more ways to help people. During the lockdowns our staff checked on the welfare of kaumatua and families, supported whanau with food parcels and other social needs, and worked collaboratively with Aged Concern, NZ Police, Probations, Coromandel Foodbank, Four Square, and other groups to provide targeted and meaningful support. With these relationships strengthened we are in a good position to further support people if there is a Covid-19 outbreak in Coromandel.

Bizarre Community Grants Scheme

Last year the Community Grants Scheme resulted in funding of \$25,000 going to 16 different projects. This was supported by proceeds from The Bizarre, so we wish to acknowledge all who donated clothing and goods during the year.

The 2022 Bizarre Community Grants Scheme is opening again on **1 February**, and closing on **28 February**. Grants are for not-for-profit groups and organisations delivering projects, activities and services that benefit the social, cultural, and environmental well-being of people within the Coromandel-Colville Ward. So please check it out and get your application in if you are part of a community group doing positive mahi and want a bit of support for your projects.

See advert page 25 in this issue for more info, or head to the CILT website to read the criteria and apply online.

Artists in the Making

We've had a busy couple of months at the art group in Whitianga with

our members making all sorts of beautiful artworks. Recently we were very kindly gifted a serviced sewing machine by Waihi man Dennis Stevens (who services and sells sewing machines) so that those members who had expressed an interest in learning to sew would have access to a good quality machine. Lizzie – our wonderful support worker and craft specialist – brought a pattern in and we made masks. It was really satisfying to see the final result.

Artists in the Making has received funding from the Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage CARE fund. This allows us to commence a three-year project providing creative opportunities and access to art-making activities for people who experience barriers to participation – Te Waka Toi Ataata. Barriers to participation include intellectual or physical disability, neurological conditions, mental illness, age-related vulnerability (seniors or youth), cultural or social isolation, or poverty. We have been working with local professional artists to deliver these programmes through to the end of 2021, and we are looking forward to seeing this continue through 2022-24. Over the next three years we are very excited to be delivering workshops in the Upper Peninsula including ceramics, rongoā māori, carving, mosaic and music. If anyone is interested in taking part in these art workshops, then please get in touch with us using the contact details below.

Here are some comments from people who participated in workshops run by Coromandel artist Pete Sephton during 2021:

"I loved everything about it. Pete is an awesome tutor with a peaceful āhau, whare and surroundings."

"Creating magic. Designing something unique. I loved it so much I want to do it again!"

Hospital transport over the summer break

Tiki House Resource Centre is closed until **17 January**, so if you are a Community Services Card holder and need a volunteer driver for a hospital appointment in Thames or Hamilton over the summer break, please contact your GP as they will help you access a driver. For any hospital trips not requiring a driver – i.e., if you are able to drive yourself there – please keep your appointment letters, have them stamped by the medical worker you are seeing, bring them in to us on or after **17 January**, and we will provide a reimbursement towards your petrol costs.

The Bizarre, The Goldmine and the Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station (all CILT projects) remain open. For opening hours check our website or Facebook for updates.

For more info and to keep up with updates on the project head to our website: www.cilt.org.nz, cilt@cilt.org.nz, (07) 866 8358

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

At the start of each year, we look forward to another busy summer season at the museum. Summertime opening hours are 1-4pm and continue through to Easter. This year we will continue our popular Waitangi Day Open Day. On this one day, the museum is open from 10am to 4pm and entry is free to everyone. So, this is your chance to come along and check out what's new in the museum.

Of course, one of the attractions of a Coromandel summer is the Keltic Fair. Even though this year's fair has been cancelled, there are still many good reasons to visit the Coromandel area, and we trust many people will do so this year. It almost seems like the Keltic Fair has always been a part of the Coromandel summer, but this is not the case, of course. The first Keltic Fair was held in the grounds of Firlawn House in 1990, and it was moved to the school grounds the following year. Since then, the fair has grown tremendously, attracting hundreds of stallholders and thousands of visitors each year. I believe it is now one of the biggest one-day fairs in the country.

Before the days of the fair, the big event following Christmas was the New Year's Day Picnic, initially a school outing and later a big day for the Coromandel Silver Band.



Holiday transport 1942. A picnic party arrives by horse and gig at a Coromandel beach. The gig is fitted with motor-car wheels for more comfortable travelling

From "New Zealand Herald" 9 January 1888:

"Coromandel Picnic At Driving Creek School

The annual picnic of the above school was held on New Year's Day, in a paddock kindly lent by Mr. Horne. At an early hour the young people gathered at the school, when the prizes and certificates were delivered to those who were entitled to them. There were no less than twenty-three first and seven second-class attendance certificates given to the pupils. This is an extraordinary number in a school containing only about 100 scholars, and shows that the school must have a great attraction for the pupils. The passings this year to the various standards have been high, no doubt attributable to the regular attendance of the pupils, as well as to the care and attention of the head teacher and his assistants. The certificates were nicely framed by the committee to mark their appreciation of the efforts of

the scholars. After the ordinary business was gone through, all present sat down to a sumptuous repast, to which full justice was done, and then an adjournment was made to the paddock, where races for prizes and other amusements were carried on with great spirit all the afternoon. There was a very large number of the parents and friends of the youngsters assembled on the ground, and everybody appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The gathering on New Year's Day, 1888, will long be remembered."

From "Thames Star" 11 January 1933: **"Bandsmen's Picnic New Year Outing**

There was a large crowd of happy picnickers at Oamaru Beach on Monday, January 2, to attend the Coromandel Bandsmen's annual New Year picnic. The beach was crowded with cars and residents from Coromandel as well as many campers. Special buses ran to and from Coromandel for the conveyance of picnickers. The band played selections at intervals throughout the day. Perfect weather added to the enjoyment of the day and all day long numerous bathers were to be seen, while the children made the most of their opportunity for enjoyment. Another event of interest to the children was the lolly scramble. In the afternoon sports were held."

The museum will be open daily from 1-4pm during January

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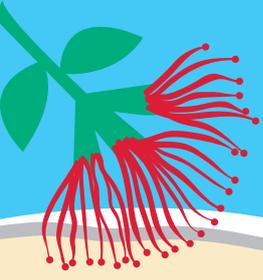
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A MESSAGE FROM WAIKATO DHB

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are all looking forward to a great summer with our whānau, after a year when we have had to work hard together as a community to meet challenges.

As Kiwis get out and about over the holidays we expect to see increased numbers at our local summer destinations. It's important that while we're enjoying the break, we also take steps to protect ourselves, our whānau, and those communities we are visiting. The best thing you can do is to get your COVID-19 vaccination and ensure you follow the guidance in line with the local traffic light settings.

Health providers across the region are preparing to support additional numbers, just as they do every summer. At the same time, visitors should be aware that they are coming to smaller communities so need to take

care and be prepared while on holiday.

It is important to have a plan in case you or your whānau need to isolate following a positive COVID-19 test or you're notified of a close contact with a case.

This means having enough food and any health supplies readily available where you are staying, or a plan for how you will return directly home to isolate. If you are unable to return home safely, you will be supported to isolate in accordance with the COVID-19 Care in the Community programme.

We wish you and your whānau a safe and happy Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Dr Kevin Snee – Chief Executive



Waikato District Health Board

CHECK SETTINGS BEFORE YOU GO
For what to do under each traffic light setting visit covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights



STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER



Get vaccinated

Vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19, so we encourage you to be fully vaccinated before you go on holiday.

Walk-ins are available at many sites throughout Waikato, with vaccinations provided at DHB sites, from GPs and pharmacies. To find a walk-in today or book go to BookMyVaccine.nz or call **0800 28 29 26**.

Keep up healthy habits to help protect you, your whānau, and your community.



Stay home if you are unwell.



Wear a mask or face covering.



Sneeze and cough into your elbow.



Regularly wash and thoroughly dry your hands or use hand sanitiser.



Keep your distance from people you do not know.



Clean or disinfect shared surfaces often.



Get a test

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms you should get a test.

If you or anyone in your home is sick, do not host gatherings or invite people over. Do not place pressure on people to attend events if they are sick. Encourage friends and whānau who are unwell to get tested for COVID-19. Continue to check the locations of interest at www.health.govt.nz/locationsofinterest and follow the instructions on what to do. Contact **COVID-19 Healthline on 0800 358 5453** for advice and to arrange to get tested or visit www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19 for details of the nearest testing service.

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HOT SUMMER TIPS



BE SUN SMART

SLIP-SLOP-SLAP-WRAP: Don't forget to cover up, slop on plenty of SPF 30+ sunscreen (even if it is shady), slap on a hat and wrap on some sunglasses.

- Drink lots of water – keep hydrated

WATER SAFETY

- Don't leave children alone near water, not even for a minute
- Use life jackets when doing water sports or on a boat
- Obey all the safety signs and warnings



BE FOOD SAFE

- Clean surfaces, utensils and hands with soap and water
- Wash all produce under running water before eating, cutting or cooking
- Keep raw seafood, meat and chicken away from fresh produce
- Don't leave food at room temperature for longer than one hour

HEALTHCARE IN THE WAIKATO DURING SUMMER



Local medical centres will be providing some health services during the holidays for non-urgent health care, however some may be closed or have limited hours.

Check www.healthpoint.co.nz for local details. We recommend visitors check in with their GP at home to see what telehealth services they may be able to provide.

Unwell? Unsure? GP clinic closed?

Call **Healthline 0800 611 116** and talk to a health professional – free 24 hour advice. They will tell you the best place to go.

Visit a pharmacy

Visit a pharmacy if you want advice on a broad range of minor medical issues or health concerns.

A pharmacist is a qualified health professional who can give advice.

Need to talk? 1737

Free call or text 1737 any time to talk with a trained counsellor. It's completely free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Healthcare options in Thames

Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki have a summer clinic for non-urgent health care at Thames Hospital that will be open Monday to Friday 8am to 4.30pm.

Thames Medical Centre will continue to provide a general practice clinic at the Thames Hospital Emergency Department on Saturdays 9am to 3pm. Charges may apply for clinic services.

Dial 111 for emergencies

For emergencies and urgent medical attention dial 111 or go to your nearest hospital Emergency Department.



BE PREPARED

Make sure you have everything you need

- **Know you're healthy before you go.**
If you are unwell, stay at home
- **If you or someone travelling with you tests positive for COVID-19.**

Have a plan for how you will return home and make sure you have everything you need for you and your whānau for 20 days. The local area you are visiting may have limited services.

You and everyone you are staying with should not leave the place where you are isolating for any reason, unless advised to do so by the health team, or in an emergency when you have called 111.

Supply checklist



General hygiene and safety

- Face masks/covering
- Hand sanitiser
- Disposable gloves
- Cleaning products
- Ziplock bags to store food
- Tissues
- Toilet rolls
- Extra supplies of prescriptions in case of a longer stay
- Non-prescription medications (e.g. pain relief, fever reducers)
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- First Aid kit
- Ice packs
- Rubbish bags
- Batteries

Food and drinks

- Canned food
- Rice, pasta, lentils
- Flour
- Butter, cheese
- Long Life milk
- Eggs
- Meat to put in freezer
- Sauces and seasonings
- Tea or coffee
- Instant noodles
- Fruit and vegetables that will last
- Non-perishable snacks
- Clean drinking water

For baby

- Baby food and snacks
- Baby formula
- Milk bottles
- Nappies
- Ointments, medicines
- Baby wipes

For pets

- Pet food

Stock up on any prescriptions before you travel!





Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Memories?

Andree Davies writes from Scotland that she has a photo of herself and another youngster paddling in the sea in Wales, where her grandmother lived after the war. In this digital age where have our memories gone? Andree's two oldest grandchildren asked her if she has any photos of them when they were little. So she made up two old fashioned photograph albums. One each, from the photos she had. Photographs are valuable to us all to remind us of our past – rekindle those precious memories. Even more so if our memory starts to fail and all of those memories are lost forever – unless we have written down the who and where of each photo. So get together those old prints, sort out any you have on your digital camera, tablet, laptop or pendrives lying around in corners and drawers. Sort them out – print what you need and put them in albums. If not one for each grandchild at least one for each of your offsprings' families. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness in years to come. Now is a good time to start – with some of them home for the holidays.

Pests – spiders – harvesters, AKA daddy longlegs. If you've got a couple of them kicking about, keep them around because, yes, they're very spindly, but they're not very scary, and they'll keep your house free of woodlice, silverfish and other creepy crawlies. If you feel the need to relocate a particular insect or a spider, there are humane catchers on the market, but nothing works better than a glass and a bit of card: Trap the insect under the glass, slide the card between the rim and the wall, and carry the package to the nearest window or door and let it loose.

Gardener's secret – We live in an ever more sanitised world with increased use of hand sanitisers, harmful household chemicals, commercial cleaning products, and more people being trapped indoors more of the time. Local governments even sanitise our water supply with chlorine. But this cleanliness may actually harm our health. Some experts blame lack of natural exposure to dust, pollen, dirt, and dander in the home with an increase in allergies. Some scientists link the modern increases in chronic health conditions, including autoimmune diseases and depression, with deficiencies in exposure to beneficial soil organisms. Studies show exposure during early childhood to soil microbes like bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and even insects and worms supports immune system health and psychological development.

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Because you're too old to make mud pies, doesn't mean you can't still reap the benefits of soil. A little dirt never hurt. Growing a garden and working in the yard benefits your health in many ways. First off, being surrounded by plant life, birds, bees and butterflies uplifts the spirit and reminds us of the wonders of nature and the Earth's ecology. Flowering plants provide a profusion of beauty. But leaves also have their own intricate natural patterns of branching, edging, and veining. Growing a garden can provide you with organic vegetables, berries and even some fruits. You can also grow herbs, spices and medicinal plants to have your pick of condiments fresh from the garden.

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

Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

As I write on this hot December day, the influx of Aucklanders has not yet started, Christmas seems far ahead and we are calm in our "Coromandel bubble"...

With no guessing how the next weeks will unfold, let me share a poem written by myself and a special friend in France about these times.

Together

When we hold hands across ideas that divide as we can do,
with the strength of many generations,
when we refuse to stop loving each other, us all,
ahhhh, then the shoulders drop, the breath flows,
it is easy to smile again.

Ahhhh, then there is the strength of our elders, our grandmothers
to keep on keeping on
with love.

We can sit

Like the water

With patience and kindness.

We can discover that, with time,

Our inner stream can shape a rock and find

New ways to flow.

Like the water, let's be soft and strong

Together.

I will be glad to greet you when our paths next meet.

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

Wednesday 19 and 26 January. 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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Coromandel Writers' Group

By Wailin Elliott

After a break of three months when the Writers were unable to meet together due to Covid lockdown, the writers' group met up for the final meeting of the year with celebratory Christmas potluck lunch. The meeting started with a Christmas story for spontaneous writing. Books currently being read by members were discussed. These included *The Choice* by Dr Edith Eger; *One of Us* by Asne Seierstad, *Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman, who lived in Coromandel for about six months, and *Juland Cottage* by Angela Thirkell. Poems were read and enjoyed – Janet Newman – Beach and Mike Minaken – Where Do You Go My Pretty?

A most enjoyable day was spent together along with good food and conversation and ending with the reading of our homework stories under the topic of "Gratitude".

Coromandel Writers will meet again in February, second Thursday of the month.

Enquiries to Sue Gilmer, 021 029 16056. Christmas

By Tracy Kendall: *impromptu writing*

When we arrived by ship from England in NZ it was December 13, 1970. A nuclear family of 4, fresh from the homeland. We entered NZ through the sounds at dawn, and my father woke us early so that we could see this strange new land we had arrived in.

Through the cool early morning mist, we saw acres of native NZ bush, which was a very new sight to us, lush and green. Arriving into the port of Wellington, we were met off the boat by a man from my father's work, wearing long white socks and shorts, which we thought to be very odd.

Settled into our hotel we had a happy few weeks exploring Wellington, while my father came to grips with his new job as an engineer with the MOW. In January we were to depart for our new life in Twizel, where Dad would go on to design the penstocks for the dams.

One day about a week before Christmas Dad came home and announced that he'd received two invitations for Christmas meals for us all from two of his workmates. One at lunchtime, and one in the evening.

When the big morning of Christmas Day arrived, our family went to a church in Wellington for a Christmas service, our first in NZ. I went to the children's activity and made a Christmas angel. Even though it was made from cardboard, my mother kept that angel for years, and it always had pride of place on top of our Christmas tree.

After church, we went to the first home for lunch and were spoiled with presents, a jigsaw puzzle of NZ for me. Lunchtime was announced and we were surprised to be served roast lamb with all of the trimmings, instead of our usual British turkey. This was followed by a gleaming pavlova decorated with kiwi fruit and strawberries. The gracious hosts were very keen for us to experience a

real Kiwi feast, and a feast it was! We were stuffed full when we left, and probably went back to the hotel to sleep it off!

Evening came and we went to the second family for Christmas; again, the kindly hosts gave us two children small gifts to open while our parents were served drinks.

"Dinner's served", our evening host announced, and we made our way to the table. The hostess proudly entered bearing roast lamb and all of the trimmings. I can remember my heart sinking to my boots and thinking, how am I going to be able to fit this in for a second time? Somehow, I managed to eat the dinner, after which the hostess beamed and said brightly with much pride, "So, we thought you'd like to try pavlova, you know it's our national dessert!"

I smiled wryly and exchanged amused glances with my mother, round two of pavlova coming up!

Everything

A haiku by John Irvine

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Kera

Firstly a huge thank mew for everyone's support over Christmas – we had a lovely lady from Kaiaua donate funds solely for the cats' Christmas, also donations of food for the felines, and a lovely donation with the note "cats' lives matter too" – very touching and a blessing.

Our Christmas raffle fundraiser was cancelled five days prior to it commencing, which again a tragic loss for us. The Christmas garage sale update will be in the next report.

For rescue we are truly glad to get through and get the 2021 year behind us and are hoping beyond everything that 2022 is going to be a heck of a lot easier and kinder to us.

For the cats each day is another day – eat, sleep, play. For Kera and Tamtam another day waiting for that really special forever home. They are such great friends, so naughty and are becoming great acrobats at awaiting door opening of unit to go airborne to escape and go run around and elude capture. They have excelled in this ridiculous game and outrun humans who get highly feral at their antics. For humans this game of chase is really not funny, yet they persist in it and hiss and spit once recaptured and returned to their rightful unit.

Lizzy has decided a new adventure was for her – and refused to come inside at given meal time. She and her mate Wiki ended up outside all night. At the ungodly hour of 4am a sleepy human opens door, nearly on loses Tutu who wanted out, got told off, she then stomped off and sulked. We got Lizzy who then actually decided nah, want to go back out. Wiki comes in and Lizzy, bless her, changes mind and comes back in. This is so not cute, not at that hour of the morning, but all in, fed, human could return for much-needed sleep. Cats certainly know what they want, for good or for bad they



choose what they want.

Internet fundraising is on hold as people have spent all of their money over Christmas and we will recommence in February to just keep the unit running.

Currently we are running as is in numbers with thankfully nothing new in, no new kittens in. Sadly the two we would love to see in a forever home are still with us.

Financially, we remain in the same position we have been for months, just barely making enough to get by. We are truly grateful to the wonderful people who have donated financial blessings as we certainly would not be operating now if it wasn't for these amazing people.

Wanted – homes for a pair of special teen kitties, prefer quiet, rural type home for the two, both spayed. Also donations of tinned, sachet foods for the felines. Any financial blessings to Thames Animal Rescue Team 060457 0095150 01 with reference being where you wish us to spend the funds. Thank mew to you all.

532 Thames Coast Road, RD5 Thames. (07) 868 2907

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



What a difference a few weeks make. The loosening of regional boundaries have made our towns noticeably busier and it's been fantastic to welcome everyone back to our beautiful and magnificent peninsula.

Summer is always a great time to share all that the Coromandel has to offer with those who visit us from around the country. I hope you've enjoyed catching up with friends and family, especially those who have been separated for much of last year. 2021 was a stressful and uncertain year for everyone. I'm hopeful 2022 will bring greater freedom, opportunity and hope for a return to a more normal way of life.

The "traffic light" and Vaccine Pass systems introduced towards the end of last year haven't been without their issues. It's been tough for many businesses, especially those who rely on visitors from outside the region. They've been doing their best to adjust to the new rules as much as we have as individuals. Please do support local businesses and encourage visitors to do the same.

In other news, I'm looking forward to working with the new leader of the National Party, Christopher Luxon. Most people will have heard of Chris from his time as CEO of Air New Zealand. He brings real-world business experience to the leadership role and he represents a fresh start for National. Under his leadership we're going to be focused on the issues important to New Zealanders and building a better, more ambitious future for our country.

I've retained my spokesperson role in Environment and have taken on the Climate Change and associate Transport portfolios as well. Of course I continue to represent and advocate for the Coromandel so please never hesitate to be in touch.

Best wishes for 2022 and all that the new year offers.



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The Mussel Kitchen wishes to thank those who have and still are supporting us during these difficult times.

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Tuesday to Sunday 10am till 4pm
Friday and Saturday nights 6pm till late
we are closed on 24th, 25th & 26th December

We are mandated to follow the rules and a Covid Vaccine Pass is required to be identified on entry to the premises. Masks are required until seated.

We wish you a joyous Christmas and much happier New Year.

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Happy New Year

from Thames-Coromandel District Council



January, 2022

Waka Kotahi cuts funding but Sugarloaf project to benefit

A cut in the Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) subsidy for improvements to Council roads and footpaths means that many of the projects in this category will be delayed, reduced in size or scope, or potentially not carried out.

Our Council has decided that the available subsidy should go towards

the improvement of the Te Kouma Road intersection with State Highway 25, to support the expansion of Te Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf.

You can keep up to date on State Highway projects on Waka Kotahi's dedicated Coromandel web page nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh25-sh25a-thames-coromandel

Coromandel Town to Thames public transport survey

Our Council wants your thoughts on a possible new public transport service from Coromandel Town to Thames.

We'd like to know:

- How often you might use it?
- What you would use it for?
- If the service were not provided how would you travel?
- What times would you like the service to run?
- How frequently?
- How should it be funded?

Go to tcdc.govt.nz/transportsurvey to complete a short survey on this potential new service. If you wish, you can also answer questions about the existing Thames Connector public bus service.

Summer Kerbside Collections

Our summer 2021/22 Kerbside collection schedule of additional collections starts 27 December 2021 and runs until 12 February 2022.

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Coromandel Rural North	Coromandel Town & Te Kouma
Tuesday 	Wednesday
Friday 	

Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) will also be operating with extended hours during this time. If you miss your rubbish day, just take your blue bags and recycling to your nearest RTS free of charge.

tcdc.govt.nz/rts

TCDC Facilities and My Vaccine Pass

The COVID-19 My Vaccine Pass will only be required to enter our Council's public facilities if the Coromandel has cases of community transmission of the virus.



The My Vaccine Pass will become a condition of entry for people over 12 years and three months old if they are visiting the following public facilities:

- Our Council's District Libraries
- Jack McLean Community Recreation Centre
- Our Council's customer service centres
- Council Chambers and all buildings where Council, Committee or Community Board meetings, workshops or hearings are held

Other Council facilities:

- Refuse Transfer Stations
- Thames Centennial Pool
- Council public toilets and playgrounds
- Council sports grounds – it is up to the event organiser to decide whether to operate under the My Vaccine Pass requirements or not.

tcdc.govt.nz/covid-19

Coromandel Town area office closed Wednesday 29 December to Friday 7 January.

Ph 07 868 0200 or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz if you need help.

Alcohol bans in public places

Our district has year-round, 24/7 town centre alcohol bans, plus additional Christmas and New Year alcohol bans on many of our beaches and seaside reserves. Find locations and dates here: tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol



Fire in Summer

A total fire ban applies in the Coromandel from late December to early February each year. Explore permits and rules here: checkitsalright.nz and stay safe over summer.



For Council holiday hours visit tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo



Coromandel - Colville Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

"Welcome to a new year in our beautiful district. 2021 was a tough year for many including our local businesses but with the greater freedoms of the traffic light system to manage COVID-19, small business should benefit. These freedoms mean we can also see our family from around New Zealand safely."
peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz



The Board's next meeting is on 15 February 2022, 9am at 355 Kapanga Road. If you wish to speak in the public forum, contact governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz Agendas are published two working days before meetings at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings where you'll also find recordings of each meeting.



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The Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT

The silly season is approaching rapidly. Will we be overrun with “cityites” this year or will a lot stay home? Will they drive carefully or be worse than ever? Time will tell.

But thankfully, we will have the safety net, as the Rescue Chopper will be on hand this year. It has taken a lot of diplomacy and bureaucratic wrangling, etc., to get it here, and thankfully a crew will be at the station at Whitianga for the holiday period, from Boxing Day for six weeks.

There were fourteen missions flown to the Coromandel Peninsula by the Auckland Rescue Chopper in November.

2.11.21 – Hauraki Gulf – crew tasked by the Rescue Co-ordination Centre to assist with the search of an activated beacon. After tracking down the beacon in Coromandel Town, crew returned to base.

5.11.21 – Firth of Thames – crew tasked by police to assist with the search of an activated beacon. Crew located the beacon on a jet-ski and determined it had inadvertently been activated before returning to base.

7.11.21 – Coromandel – crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a moderate condition.

19.11.21 – Kennedy Bay – crew tasked to Kennedy Bay to assist a male patient in his 30’s suffering a medical condition and in a serious condition. Transportation to hospital by helicopter wasn’t required and crew returned to base.

23.11.21 – Coromandel – crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

Each mission costs on average \$7,500, part of which is government funded, but there is still a shortfall of \$5,000 per mission. Donations to help with the shortfall

are always very welcome; any amount is gratefully received. One local pensioner gives \$5 per month, which amounts to \$60 per year. If every household would forgo a cup of coffee per month, we would be well and truly on the way to having sufficient funds to keep the Chopper financially viable.

We have erected a smart new sign on the approach to Coromandel Town. Keep an eye out for it. Our website is currently being upgraded, and I will keep you informed when it is fully operational. The next Chronicle will be in the new year, so please have a Merry Christmas (but not too merry!) and a safe and

happy New Year.

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, mobile 022 670 1549

Rethink Rubbish Champions

By Robin Munch

This month’s Coromandel champions are Elizabeth Park residents, Thelma Nummy and Gloria Verran. They each received one of our reusable cups for their efforts.

Thelma collects wine bottle tops and tabs from aluminium cans for the Kidney Kids’ Kantabs project. Her daughter takes them to the Katikati Lions Club. The Lions sell the tops and tabs to a scrap metal merchant and the money received is used to provide support for the families of children with kidney disease/disorders – Kidney Kids.

When Gloria heard what Thelma was doing, she agreed to set up a collection point at the Market Hub.

If you would like to support our two champions, please take your wine bottle tops and aluminium tabs into the Market Hub at 255 Kapanga Road in Coromandel Town.

Not only will it help Kidney Kids, but it will also reduce the amount of aluminium going into landfill.

Young Consumer Champions

Have you seen the young heroes on Fair Go who fight to reduce rubbish?

In 2019 a 9-year-old girl from Kororareka/Russell managed to get Fonterra to ditch the plastic straws in school milk cartons and reduce packaging from single serves to one-litre packs.

In 2020, three Rotorua students challenged bakeries over the use of plastic bread tags and we are now seeing some companies switch to recycled cardboard tags.

This year, another 9-year-old from Northland succeeded in getting plastic scoops removed from washing powder packets.

Encourage your children to think about how they can reduce rubbish and single-use items, come up with a plan to act on their ideas and tell us about it. They could become local Rethink Rubbish Champions and they could even send their ideas to Fair Go to be considered for the 2022 Consumer Heroes.



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Community Gardens update

By Rachel, coordinator

We are now gathering on Tuesday from 8.30 to 10.30am from now on through the summer months. The garden is right next to Hauraki House, just come along.

We have started clearing the beds for planting out the summer vegies and hope to have a good crop of salad vegies for the Community Xmas lunch.

Soon our community share shelf will have vegies available on Wednesday; come along and help yourself. Unfortunately, some people have been helping themselves to the vegies that are coming on in the garden when they are not ready. We just ask that if you do this, please leave some for others that we can harvest during the week to leave for the community on the shelf.

If anyone out there has some spare seedlings or seeds and would like to donate them, please drop them at the community garden donation shelves at the gardens. Just make sure they are labelled!

We have an overabundance of tomatoes so any other seedlings like cucumber, lettuce, rocket, broccoli, zucchini, etc., would be good. We are looking for donations of compost or grass clippings.

We still want volunteers to come along on Tuesdays. Of course, you can just donate whatever time you would like.

In whatever way you support the garden know that it feeds families with fresh, organic, non-sprayed vegies throughout the year and has been doing this for over 15 years. It is a wonderful, important part of our community support.

Happy New Year!

Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

A new year welcomes a new beginning. With it we are invited to release the old, exhale and take a fresh breath. Perhaps we can take a moment, right now, to pause, connect to our breath and the vital life force flowing in and out of our body. One, deep, conscious breath at a time.

Our breath is such a powerful reminder of how we can choose to co-create life. In general, when we roam around with our auto-pilot settings on, our bodies breathe us. In this state we are reactive to our environment and often fall victim to the impulse and influence of circumstances outside of our control. On the other hand, in those brief moments where we are aware of our breath, we can choose to regulate our inner state. We can create calm within, despite the chaos around us.

Similarly, when it comes to manifesting and co-creating life, our outer experience is a reflection of what is happening within. If we seek to create a successful business, we must feel successful within. If we seek to foster more loving relationships, we must start by loving ourselves.

The New Year is an inspired time for setting wholesome intentions, and when the power to co-create is used with integrity, great beauty and benefit flow to all. As we welcome this opportunity for renewed motivation, our hope is that we can create something new from the elements that are already in our lives. When our presence and self-awareness move to the forefront, we can reclaim stability when there is uncertainty, clarity when there would otherwise be confusion, and opportunity where one may perceive limitation.

If we have gained any insight over the last year, it is that we don't know what tomorrow will bring. We can, however, choose where we place our focus right now. May the start of 2022 be an inspiration for you to co-create life with integrity and set intentions for change that start within and ripple outward. Wishing you a Happy New Year and looking forward to our paths crossing soon. From the Mana team.



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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal

The following is my Principal address from our final assembly for 2021:

Welcome to this final assembly for 2021, and as in 2020, it has been memorable and also a year with challenges, especially in the second half of the year, due to coming to grips with educating our children in what is our new reality. I am continually impressed with the resilience of you children and how you have managed the new restrictions which it has brought, and at times, some disappointment.

So many things have been impacted. No parents at sharing assembly and school events; no senior camp to the Central Plateau; working out how our final assembly will take place, the Year 8 leavers day and dinner, the picnic and the opening of Anna's Orchard would all look like. All of these lovely events have gone ahead, though they had to be different to our usual tradition. For a while this may be our new normal heading into 2022.

Some other fun school events still went ahead too, such as our School Athletics, Mindfulness Monday and our Book Fair and Character Parade, as well as the Year 3 & 4 Nature Schools on Fridays over the past few terms.

Ruma Rangī did have some fun experiences instead of their cancelled school camp, with day activities that included a "Have a Go Day" at The Dunes where they learnt to play lawn bowls and golf. The children loved it so a big thank you to The Dunes staff and the volunteers from The Dunes bowls and golf club who taught the children. Ruma Maunga were most fortunate that their camp in Rotorua was the week before lockdown.

The wonderful parental support on all of these extra-curricular experiences, and those earlier in the year, was always appreciated. So thank you to you all, as well as a huge thank you to parents and grandparents who have helped in a variety of ways and volunteered at school this year.

Thank you to Kayla and the PTA, for their fundraising efforts - although Covid has also affected these during the year.

Thank you to Richard and the Board of Trustees for your continuing support of the school. We are very fortunate to have such a capable and committed team governing our school, making wise and measured decisions on your behalf.

It goes without saying that Te Rerenga School has an amazing staff.

Thank you to our support staff of Danielle, Howard, and Carolin who each day work tirelessly for the children of the school. The job you do is really special and valued by us all. We also thank Cheryl, who retired at the end of Term 1, for all of her special input into the children of Te Rerenga.

Te Rerenga School is extremely fortunate to have a team of dedicated, experienced and highly professional teachers. Thank you Shelley, Darrell, Jen, Odette, Kristin and Fiona for your high work ethic, commitment and expertise that ensures that our children get the best possible education. The Te Rerenga teachers are a great team!

The 2021 Covid experience once again confirmed for me that our Te Rerenga teachers really do want to teach and will do anything they can do to keep teaching. They were all amazing and I hope everyone takes the time to completely detach, unplug and totally relax for the summer break.

Finally I would like to acknowledge our children but especially Isobel, Baxter, Connor, Ben, Elijah, Amelie, Seth, Blake, Sienna, Ella, Holly, Netani, Phoenix, Charlie, Lila, Solomon, and Ryley who leave us as Year 8 students today.

As this whakatauki says ... Mā te huruhuru rere te manu. We hope that Te Rerenga School has adorned the bird with feathers to enable them to fly.

Thank you to all of our Te Rerenga School children. Thank you for being the wonderful, resilient learners you have been in this crazy year.

Go! Enjoy whatever the summer has in store for you. Revive your spirits, rekindle your enthusiasm, restore your energy and replenish your resources - you need it, you've earned it, and you deserve it and always remember to sprinkle kindness like confetti!

Stay safe and we will see you back on **3 February!**



COLVILLE BAY
PRE-SCHOOL



Colville Bay Pre-School: Te Umangawha taku whare ako

By Esther Powell

Ka whaangai, ka tupu, ka puaawai. To nurture, to grow, to blossom.

The children created a Christmas parade with all of our Pre-School animals, crepe paper ribbons and all! (See above photo.) We have been singing songs galore, getting ready for our Christmas party at the foreshore with our parents and whaanau next week, including a new waiata about Te Uumanga whaa that Matua Brandon has helped us to compose, and the Kiwi Jingle Bells song shared with us from Brooke: <https://payhip.com/MusicMovementandMagicwithBrookeDennehyLakin>.

As part of a long-term enquiry Kaiako have been gathering local history and stories to share with our tamariki and whaanau. Wilma has written up a "History of Colville Playgroup" which can be found on our website: www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz.

Ema Jane has been sharing stories of Moehau with the tamariki, or Moe-nga-hau, the sleeping place of Tama-te-kapua, and the Patupaiarehe or Tuurehu "who dwell in the swirling mists, luring people with the music of their flutes, magical powers and special knowledge". The children have taken these stories into their play, dancing and swirling around with silk scarves being Patupaiarehe: "We are big sister fairies and mama fairies", "hiding in our caves", "climbing the mountain", "hiding in the mist".

We are open Tuesday-Friday 8.45am-3pm. We are taking new enrollments for next year: 0-6-year-olds welcome.

We have a parent/toddler playgroup on Wednesday morning.

Minibus for 3+ year-olds, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am leave Coromandel, return by 3.30pm. Limited places.

You are welcome to visit our wonderful centre. We are a Registered Charity, and community owned.

If you would like to donate to our playground revamp project: Bank details: 38-9005-0803508-02.

Best wishes for a relaxing, healthy holiday, from Esther and the Colville Pre-School team.

2391 Colville Road, Coromandel 3584. Ph: (07) 866 8319. Senior Teacher Mob: 022 121 7846. www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz



Coromandel Youth Group

Christmas Holidays at Hauraki House

Youth Group is for 5- to 15-year-olds. Choose from a variety of activities and hang out with friends. Just fill in a membership form then ensure your children are signed in with a staff member.

For school holidays bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pizza, hot chips, etc. Bring togs and towel for water activities!

January School Holiday times

The first Youth Group session for 2022 is **Wednesday 5 January**.

We will be open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm. *No Friday Nights* for January; Fridays restart on **4 February**. For more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, Coromandel, COGS & D.V.Bryant Trust

Coromandel Area School

Jamie Rose Brown

Welcome to all of our new staff, students and whānau who will be joining Coromandel Area School in 2022. We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas with your families. See you all in the new year! Have a safe and happy holiday.

Term dates for 2022

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

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

Term Two: **Monday 2 May till Friday 8 July**

Term Three: **Monday 25 July till Friday 30**

September

Term Four: **Monday 17 October till Friday 16 December**

To keep up-to-date with all of the latest announcements and notices make sure you like us on Facebook and regularly check our webpage: www.coroarea.school.nz.

We look forward to an EPIC 2022.



Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody, Kiwi Can Coordinator



What a year, what a wrap up. Looking over the last year we have had four amazing themes teaching the children of the peninsula about Respect, Integrity, Resilience and Positive Relationships. Term 1 saw us respecting our bodies, ourselves and others. We learnt that we do not have to like someone to respect them; we respect ourselves when we respect others. Term 2 saw us showing Integrity or as Osborn in Colville School said, “We can trust one another because we know who they are”. In Term 3 we learnt Resilience and we all showed huge resilience during our second “holiday” away from school in mandatory lockdown. What we as Kiwi Can leaders learnt from our tamariki was that when you fall down, you get back up again. Resilience to them means you don’t give up, no matter how long you’re down.

And last, but not least, Term 4 – Positive Relationships. What is integral in any relationship that is positive? Realising that you are already a good friend. So if you are, we all are. We all have the building blocks that make us the kind of friend we want to be friends with.

It comes with great sadness to announce Kiwi Can will no longer be in the Coromandel area. We thank Coromandel Area School and Colville School for up to 17 wonderful years in partnership. We thank the many leaders who have come and gone, and contributed a piece of them to the programme. We thank Sanford who was a huge sponsor and a major reason our programme was able to run for as long as it did. Most importantly thank you to the community that supported our programme in many different ways. Talking about the Kiwi Can values at home, coming to our discos, running in our Santa Runs. Our communities may be small, but the aroha is huge and the Kiwi Can team felt that, so thanks again. Ngā mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team.

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation



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And a Story Goes with It

StoryTeller – new art gallery at PapaAroha
What a treat for me – it’s so good to display many of my works all together in one place. I can now share my paintings, sculptures, assemblages and even some installations in a nicely set up, relaxed gallery and adjacent sculpture garden, at my home by the sea at Papa Aroha.



There is recent work here, and some from the last 10 years too. Big statement pieces, and smaller affordable ones as well. And they all tell a story. Come and browse the gallery and gardens, and read some of the stories.

Call me or text to check when I’ll be open – make an appointment, or call in if you see my flag is out.

John Eaglen, StoryTeller Gallery, 1116 Colville Rd, Papa Aroha, ph/txt: 021 930 470, e: john@johneaglen.co.nz, Instagram: @johneaglen.artist

Barry Brickell Play with Clay Day

A fun day playing with clay, remembering Barry Brickell’s contribution to Coromandel Town, will be held at Hauraki House

Reserve on **Saturday 29 January**, 10am-3pm. Everyone is welcome to join with artists and friends of Barry Brickell’s to have fun with clay, make it and break it, learn on the potter’s wheel, make tiles, use moulds – enjoy the music, the food, just come and make a mess with clay. There will be bags of clay for sale for the serious potter and small bags for the learner. There will be potters’ work for sale.

Bring the kids, kids bring your friends, have fun, fun, fun – see you there.



33rd Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

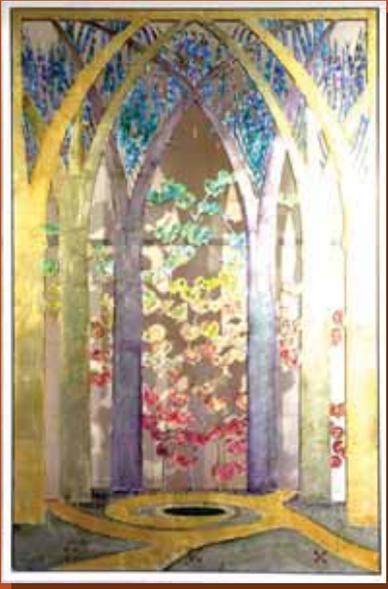
The Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition at Hauraki House, Coromandel Town continues until

9 January, open from 10am until 4pm daily.

Portraits

Richard and David commence daily portrait painting beside the Coromandel Bakehouse from 5 January. \$25 for adults, \$20 for children, \$15 for dogs. All welcome. Enjoy a coffee while you sit for half an hour.

For more information call 021 0245 7820 or email aoteadesign@gmail.com



StoryTeller
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When flag is out or by appointment
John Eaglen 021 930 470

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

A Happy New Year to all, visitors and locals alike.

We are in recess at present, but are beavering away behind the scenes to prepare for our annual exhibition. We hope you will all come and see what we’ve been up to this last year, notwithstanding Covid. Our exhibition opens on **Friday 28 January** (see advert on page 13). See you there!

Enjoy our beautiful Coromandel summer, and keep safe.



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Photos below from the Christmas party and prize giving

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By CRFC Committee

Happy New Year!

Can you believe that 2022 is here?!

The Club saw out 2021 with an excellent Christmas party and prize giving.

Below are our trophy winners of the night.

Juniors

Snapper – Ryan Debenham 6.970kg on 10kg
 Kahawai – Layke McNeil 1.920kg on 8kg
 John Dory – Layke McNeil 3.110kg on 10kg
 Kingfish – Layke McNeil 10.075kg on 24kg
 Trevally – Layke McNeil 1.325kg on 8kg
 Gurnard – Layke McNeil .605kg on 2kg
 Heaviest fish overall: Kingfish – Layke McNeil 10.075kg on 24kg

Seniors

Snapper – Kevin Brett 11.185kg on 15kg
 Kahawai – AJ Bromwich 2.053kg on 10kg
 John Dory – Rob Davies 2.795kg on 8kg
 Kingfish – Nadia Burrell 11.888kg on 24kg
 Trevally – Allen McNeil 1.675kg on 8kg
 Gurnard – Talie Russek .475kg on 6kg
 Heaviest fish overall Men's: Kevin Brett – Snapper 11.185kg
 Heaviest fish overall Ladies': Nadia Burrell – Kingfish 11.888kg

Meritorious Snapper: Rob Davies – 9.280kg on 8kg
 Meritorious Kingfish: Nadia Burrell – 11.888kg on 24kg

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize and a huge thank you to Admirals for having us, Audrey for the music, Ange and Jan from JAK's Cafe for feeding us, Santa and his helpers for making it a special evening for the kids and all the committee and noncommittee members who helped to make the evening a success.

The club Fish of the Month competition for the \$100 prize is for the August 2021-July 2022 current members only. Fish of the Month for January is snapper and February will be kingfish. Congratulations to Esther Burnie who won November's Fish of the Month with a 1.910kg John Dory.

Our first tournament for 2022 will be on Anniversary weekend, **Sunday 30 January**. Entry forms can be picked up from JAK's Cafe, Coromandel Fish, Dive & Hunt or email us at coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

The fishing has been great with kahawai workups right in close providing hours of lure casting fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all out there amongst it over the holiday season.



Layke McNeil with his mammoth haul from the evening

Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

Coromandel Golf Club turns it on again.

42 players, including some from Matarangi and Thames, turned up to a stunningly beautifully prepared golf course on 10 December for the annual Christmas Tournament. The weather was absolutely amazing, possibly too hot and humid for some, but conducive to great golf. As usual, Peg McLean exceeded all expectations with her "over the top" cart decorations (see photo) putting a smile on everyone's faces and getting everyone into the Christmas spirit. Santa's little helper El-Fi, Fiona Neal, appropriately dressed as an elf, distributed fruit cake and port to the intrepid golfers and latterly took bar orders, delivering them to the players around the course (by golf cart, I hasten to add). This new service for 2021 was greatly appreciated by all.

At the end of the day, everyone got a prize, but the main winners were as follows: Overall Stableford – Gina Carr with 42, Ladies' Gross – Eugene Weimer with 86, Men's Gross – Tracey Mulligan with 73, Div 1 Nett – Kelvin Wirihihana with 62, Div 2 Nett – Bruce Fitzpatrick with 68.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt "thank you" to all those club members and townsfolk who donated prizes for the day and to Lyn Whitcombe and her team for preparing the wonderful meal.

It never ceases to amaze me how well our team of volunteers continues to present the course in pristine condition, well deserving our top 10 ranking of 9-hole courses around New Zealand. Further recent drainage work has also significantly improved the course.

Don't forget the "Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open" tournament on **8 January** (10.30am tee off).

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks – Go figure!!



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

The first club game in 2022 will be on **Tuesday 11 January**.

However, some enthusiastic members will continue to hone their skills over the break.

If you are visiting Coromandel over the holidays and want to play a game, phone Kaye on (07) 866 8968 to make arrangements. Early evening is a good time to call, otherwise leave a message with your number and she'll get back to you.

For locals looking for a new form of exercise, we meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15am. If you'd like to join us for a game and find out more about the intricacies of croquet, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



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Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA) Conservation Report

By Reihana Robinson, Spokesperson UCLA

Summer and the rahui mean a reprieve for all oxygen-breathing inhabitants of Moehau. Sadly our neighbours in the Moehau Environment Group (MEG) continue to use cruel residual poisons in walkable terrain. MEG does great work with traps and we wonder why they choose poison for Port Charles, specifically in the beautiful Tangiaro Retreat.

But another issue has raised its ugly head and this time it does not concern pollution of our whenua but rather the realm of Tangaroa.

Sow Crates of the Sea

Environmentalists throughout the world agree cage fish farming is the least sustainable form of feeding the world given at least one tonne of wild caught fish are required to create one tonne of farmed fish. Tens of thousands of strong fish are jammed into massive steel floating cages, dumping waste feed, chemicals and faeces into the water and onto the seabed.

Pare Hauraki Kaimoana (subsidiary of Hauraki Maori Trust Board and Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust) have submitted an application for a 35-year resource consent to cage fish

farm up to 8000 tonnes of kingi in the 240ha marine farm zone 11km from Waiheke and about 13km from Coromandel.

Submissions close on **28 January**. For anyone with any interest and energy – the document is hundreds of pages including appendices – you can (thanks to UCLA demands) site the application at the TCDC offices in Coromandel Town. Or view online at www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/parehauraki.

It is, of course, a done deal given government and regional council's enthusiastic support, with TCDC no doubt also supporting as they did last time around when the whole concept dissolved in 2010.

The promise of jobs (low-paying processing) and activity generating GDP are the only carrots for TCDC as there is little chance of the business turning a profit. Clean Seas Australia, the largest kingfish farming company after Japan, suffered massive net losses of over A\$14m and A\$32m in fiscal 2020 and 2021.

We ask where are all of the well-paid Hauraki Gulf Forum members now? Where are the advocates for SeaChange? Where are those who want Tikapa Moana unencumbered with steel cage constructions with thousands of fish being fed wild caught sardines, mackerel – the fish that feed

indigenous South Americans, plus antibiotics and chemicals and items such as chicken feathers, creating the possibility of a highly polluted benthic zone beneath the cages.

There are so many reasons to oppose this dirty industry (not limited to genetic contamination with escapees breeding with wild kingi, disease, nitrogen input, potential risks of entanglement of marine mammals, loss of feeding habitat), and it will be on the heads of all current politicians if Resource Consent conditions are not stringent, leaving not a stone unturned and especially not leaving ratepayers to pay to clean up the mess.

To quote (without irony, given who is applying) from the SeaChange 2017 report, marine farms are a “potential barrier to mana whenua environmental and kaimoana restoration goals...Coastal hapū are regular witnesses to paru, rubbish resulting from farms, including lost floats and lines. But they are also concerned with pollution that is unseen, the accumulation of detritus and waste on the seabed.”

Submissions must demand strong conditions regarding stocking rates, feed, monitoring of consents (paid by the applicants, not the ratepayers) with standards designed to minimise effects on the wider marine environment.

Waiiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary

By John Veysey

It's been a busy month for the WHAMS team with baby birds of all kinds growing up in our garden.

Spring blooms in the cherry trees and we get swamped with hundreds of tuis, then bellbirds. A large number of tuis and bellbirds now nest here. We are treated to their song every day. There is a period where the kingfishers take over as they get their nests together and feed their young while pigeons and doves get settled in too.

A young male hawk glides over the house and across the paddock, looking. This is a most unusual flight path for our regular hawk visitors and I am reminded that our regulars no longer exist after the poisoning in November over the ridge. It was the same four years ago. For a month or two after poisoning, the hawks are absent from our skies and then newcomers begin to appear and take a look around. It will be another year or so before these newcomers get used to the feeding areas and we begin to recognise them as regulars. Some bird lovers fear dogs, cats or stoats. The hawk and the moreporks' greatest danger is poison. Poison does not choose between the species.

Our policy of favouring observation over interference has allowed many different species to make their own way towards achieving balance. Balance is never static and we never know which species will be added to our number from one year to the next. Their numbers are growing as are the trees they inhabit, with each year that passes.

Our reward is a very diverse and vigorous range of birdlife going on before our eyes.



MEG

By Amy Lendum

Kiwi numbers going strong

The annual kiwi listening survey was completed earlier this year and the results are great news for our Coromandel kiwi. The survey is taken across multiple sites around the peninsula including Waikawau, Tuataewa, Te Whanahou, Pollocks, Karuna Falls, Kennedy Bay, Little Bay and Port Charles.

Kiwi counts help build a picture of kiwi numbers in an area and involve listening for the total number of kiwi calls for a two-hour period over four nights. The survey results continued to show a longterm increase in total kiwi numbers and predict approximately 65 kiwi in the area when looking at the average increase over time.

Keep up the great work everyone!

MEG activity pack

This summer look out for MEG's new activity packs with plenty of activities to keep kids and families busy during the holidays. They will be available at Waikawau camp shop, Coromandel Town Information Centre, Driving Creek Railway, or by emailing MEG (see below), or calling 021 542 695.

PLBs for MEG trappers

MEG was very fortunate to receive a bequest from the estate of Howard Friend who was a longtime supporter of MEG's conservation work. Among other things, the bequest has allowed MEG to purchase enough personal locator beacons (PLB) for every MEG trapper to have one to carry while they are completing their trapping lines. We appreciate all of the efforts the MEG team puts in across terrain that is not always “easy”, and we are very grateful to have been able to issue these devices to ensure their safety in te ngahere.

Kiwi Aversion Training (KAT) for man's best friend

Dogs are man's best friend but even a well-trained dog can harm a kiwi.

KAT training is schedule for **22 January** at Waikawau Bay. Bookings can be made via the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre on (07) 867 9080.

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



McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Pete Sephton

Our society has had an eventful year of highs and a few lows. I suppose, for us, the main highlight is one we did not see coming. After years of battling to have the gate restricting tidal flow onto the wetland removed, it was removed by persons unknown one night. We still have no idea who that was but it means that for the first time in decades the wetland is able to function normally. The Community Board was presented with a number of options on how to proceed with this situation and to everyone's surprise they decided to do nothing, so for the foreseeable future the gate stays out. One of the lows was our society receiving an abatement notice and possibility of a fine from WRC for removing mostly dead kikuyu grass from a corner of the wetland. Kikuyu is not listed as a pest plant by WRC so it was a technical breach which was eventually settled amicably. We have a good relationship with WRC, who are currently advising us on consent matters and planting proposals in the wetland.

We have had a few committee changes over the year with Pete McKellar and Julie Sargisson joining us and Carol Sutherland leaving. Carol is still involved, just not on a committee basis, and her input and work over the years has been nothing short of remarkable and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of our loyal supporters. We wish you all the best for a wonderful new year.

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

Great Community Event

A big shoutout to the many people who made the recent Torehina (little Waitete) weeding and mulching such a success. Thanks in particular to Abby Morgan, Patrick Anstead, Driving Creek Conservation Park, Beran Whitcombe, Susie Sumner and her wonderful team from Colville School, Lorraine, Lottie, Jeanette, Evy and the amazing students from Coromandel Area School, and thanks to Charlie Steadman who scrub-barred the whole area. Forest & Bird, with lots of community help, planted the area at Torehina in 2020 and most of the trees and shrubs are thriving.

Next year, with a generous grant from the TCDC, we will be planting on the area just north of Torehina. A grant from Waikato Regional Council has enabled us to engage Richard Webster, from Remnant Restoration, to work on reducing the environmental weeds in the gully just north of Torehina and the same grant has funded pest animal traps to be placed through the TCDC reserve in the catchment at Waitete. Forest & Bird is working with Moehau Environment Group and TCDC on this initiative. Thanks to Annette Steele and Nic Conland for offering their help to service the traps. This is a special area of regenerating bush and we are thrilled to be helping to look after it and replanting the wider area. Thanks everyone! A wonderful effort and an important legacy for future generations.



Colville School juniors begin the huge task of weeding



Driving Creek Conservation Park

Written by Saskia Wagner

Wild forest gecko "Harry" at Driving Creek Conservation Park

This month our new volunteer Te Ata discovered a beautiful wild moko pirirākau outside the sanctuary fence. These small reptiles have been under attack by introduced animals (rats, mice, cats, stoats, etc.) and they are surviving in small numbers if predator control is successful.

As a defence mechanism New Zealand geckos can drop their tail to escape their prey and it takes years to grow it back.



Harry

Our young male forest gecko Harry still has its original tail and this shows that it hasn't been molested in any serious way. Take care and be safe, Harry!

Last Conservation Workshop "Webbo on Weeds" in 2021

After having to postpone two of our winter conservation workshops in August, we finally got to learn more about environmental weeds.

Richard Webster, one of the most passionate conservationists in the area and an expert on weeds, shared his wide knowledge on different weed species and



how to control them with the least amount of impact on waterways, native plants and trees.

Please get in touch with us if you want to learn more about how to control environmental weeds on your property: conservation@dcrail.nz or via www.facebook.com/DrivingCreekConservationPark

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C.L.A.I.M. (Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining)

Protect our Precious Places

Thousands of Aucklanders descending on their favourite places on the east coast of Coromandel will be unaware that an Australian/Canadian gold mining company is about to apply for resource consents for a massive underground gold mine at Wharekirauponga, near Whangamata.

Oceana Gold already owns the Martha Mine open pit in Waihi, as well as a nearby processing plant and toxic waste dams. But there's not much gold left in the Martha pit, and Oceana has been actively exploring other areas. They are currently pinning their hopes on a DOC-administered rainforest at Wharekirauponga, one of the few remaining habitats for Archey's frog, pepeketua, which is critically endangered and is found almost exclusively on the Peninsula and in no other country on Earth.

Oceana's plans were laid out in a report released in June 2021, in which the company proposes the Waihi North Project, envisaging a huge underground mine beneath more than 3000 hectares of forest, a 6.8km tunnel to access the ore body, and a 4km underground conveyor belt to carry the unprocessed rock to Waihi for processing of the ore, with eventual dumping of toxic rock in a tailings dam.

Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act prohibits goldmining on DOC land north of the Kopu-Hikuai line, but Oceana has been permitted by DOC to establish drill sites all over Wharekirauponga Forest Park. They plan to extract over 1 million ounces of gold (current value, about NZ\$3000 per oz) from their proposed mine and will be applying for resource consents early next year. Pressure is mounting for a goldmining ban on all DOC land, especially on the Coromandel Peninsula. The company knows there will never be a better chance to get the required statutory consents before a public outcry stops the project.

Who would want a huge mine under a very special part of the Peninsula, with potential for contamination of watercourses, local extinction of a taonga species, and transforming a rainforest into an industrial zone? Not the holidaymakers nor the locals, who don't want a heavy industry on their doorstep. The only people who want this mine are the shareholders of Oceana Gold. It's time to put a stop to this destructive proposal. A coalition of local and national environmental organisations has launched a petition asking the government to honour its promise to ban new mines on DOC land. You can sign up at this link: <https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/moratorium-on-mining-permits-for-conservation-land>.

If you haven't already signed, please do, and let's continue to keep Coromandel safe from destructive goldmining. Tell your friends, pass it on, every signature counts.

For further information visit www.watchdog.org.nz or call Augusta (coordinator) on 022 029 1150



Torehina (little Waitete) – all hands on deck for weeding and mulching

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. Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263 9.50-11.20am

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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

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

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

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. 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

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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10	High tide 1.38am (2.6m), 2.08pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.46am (0.6m), 8.18pm (0.6m)	Public holiday – observed RN+TC	First Youth Group session for 2022 (see pg 26)	Creative Perspectives art exhibition (see pg 13)	+ glass RN	Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 29)	New Year's Day 33rd Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition continues (see Pg 28)
17	High tide 1.38am (2.6m), 2.08pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.46am (0.6m), 8.18pm (0.6m)	11	12	13	14	15	2
DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle February issue	Coromandel Croquet Club – first game of 2022 (see pg 29)	Guru Puja with Tsog at Mahamudra (see pg 5)	Guru Puja with Tsog at Mahamudra (see pg 5)	High tide 4.25am (2.4m), 4.43pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.38am (0.9m), 10.57pm (0.7m)	+ glass RN	Kiwi Aversion Training Papa Aroha (see ad pg 3)	Note: The Keltic Fair is cancelled this year (see pg 3) Broods at Coroglen Tavern (see pg 14) CANCELLED
24	High tide 7.46am (2.6m), 8.02pm (2.5m) Low tide 1.24am (0.6m), 1.49pm (0.8m)	18	19	20	21	22	3
	Budget & Foodbank reopen (see pg 10)	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 20)	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 20)	High tide 9.45am (2.7m), 10.06pm (2.6m) Low tide 3.25am (0.5m), 3.52pm (0.6m)	+ glass RN	Kiwi Aversion Training at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30 and ad pg 3)	High tide 7.13am (2.9m), 7.29pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.47am (0.3m), 1.15pm (0.4m)
31	High tide 12.08am (2.7m), 12.28pm (2.8m) Low tide 6.07am (0.5m), 6.40pm (0.5m)	25	26	27	28	29	4
Auckland Anniversary Day Our Shed – Coffee, Craft and Chat (see pg 10)	Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 33)	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 20)	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 20)	High tide 2.41am (2.6m), 3pm (2.7m) Low tide 8.49am (0.7m), 9.19pm (0.5m)	+ glass RN	Barry Brickell Play with Clay Day (see pg 28 & ad pg 6)	High tide 4.51am (2.6m), 5.05pm (m) Low tide 10.57am (0.6m), 11.26pm (0.4m)
	High tide 12.54am (2.6m), 1.15pm (2.7m) Low tide 6.55am (0.6m), 7.28pm (0.5m)	26	27	28	29	30	5
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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 Kouma TC = Thames Coast & Maniaia
 This schedule is subject to change at short notice due to Covid-19 restrictions

COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION
SUMMER HOURS
 Monday-Friday 11am-4.30pm
 Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays 10.30am-5.30pm
 Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
 These times run till 20 February.

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club
Fishing Month for January is snapper

WHY CHOOSE ROB?

- Over 8 years real estate experience in the Coromandel
- Recipient of the Trinity Network Elite Silver Award 2021 & 'Captain Awesome' 2019
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- Business, management and sales background
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Wishing you all a safe and happy new year



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Replace your HRV or Smartvent filter for summer for best results of condensation removal and a dry fresh home. A cost effective filter replacement and system check.

\$209 incl GST

Optional Gelair Tea Tree air treatment sanitizer

\$39 incl GST



For the bedroom



Bedroom
Daikin FTXV25UVMA

Heating 3.2 (0.9-5.3) kW

Cooling 2.5 (0.9-3.7) kW

Fully Installed Price:



\$1900

Air conditioner service

Strip down and deep clean of your Air Conditioning unit eliminates mould and bacteria, increasing the systems performance lowering energy costs and improving longevity.

\$140 incl GST



For the living room



Living room
Daikin FTXV50UVMA

Heating 6.0 (1.0-8.0) kW

Cooling 5.0 (1.1-6.7) kW

Fully Installed Price:



\$2900

Central air conditioning

Daikin Ducted Deals

3 Bedroom system

3x supply air grills 1x filtered return air

Daikin FBQ50EVE

Heating 6.0 (3.5-7.0) Cooling 5.0 (3.2-5.6) kW

Fully installed from **\$7,611** incl gst

Full Home system

Up to 145Sq M Living Space

Daikin FDYQ100LBV1

Heating 12.5 (5.0-12.5) Cooling 10.0 (5.0-10.0) kW

Fully installed from **\$12,159** incl gst

4 Bedroom system

4x supply air grills 1x filtered return air

Daikin FBQ71EVE

Heating 8.0 (3.5-9.0) Cooling 7.1 (3.2-8.0) kW

Fully installed from **\$8,577** incl gst

Full Home System

Up to 225Sq M Living Space

Daikin FDYQ140LBV1

Heating 16.5 (6.2-16.5) Cooling 14.0 (6.2-14.0) kW

Fully installed from **\$15,414** incl gst



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