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## Students on Spirit Trophy Voyage

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Cross Country Trails open PG 18



Matariki at Playgroup PG 24



Trophy winner PG 31



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Coromandel Town Chronicle**

Cover picture:  
CAS students on Spirit Trophy Voyage

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# Editor's comment

Halfway through the year already! It's Māori New Year.

Winter feels set in with so many rainy days. A perfect time to snuggle up with a book. I love a good book, especially a mystery with plot twists, where I try to guess what's going to happen. I've just finished reading *The Girl in the Mirror*, by Rose Carlyle, a first-time NZ author, and a book that I have been looking out for at the library since I saw the author on TV when it was released and Robynne Jones of Coromandel Library did a review in the September 2020 issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. What a great book – I was enthralled to the end – waiting to see what was going to happen.

Did everyone stay up and go outside in the cold to see the total lunar eclipse/super blood moon at the end of May? I enjoyed laying back in a garden chair looking up at it. Makes you feel small. I didn't have the correct camera to get a good image but here is a photo of what it looked like courtesy of an online stock photography site. It was photographed by Robert L. Sanson in Palmerston North.

It was good to see the difference between this and a total eclipse of the sun – which I saw in France in the 90's.

Kia pai tou tatou Matariki!

*Debbie*



The total lunar eclipse/super blood moon at the end of May

# Letters and opinion

How responsible are our neighbours the Department of Conservation?

DOC plan to spread 1080 pellets all over Mt Moehau again when the last effort was a huge waste of taxpayers' money.

All water supplies for the households and farm livestock on the western side come from streams derived off the mountain. There are no rainwater tanks because of dust contamination from the corrugated road. No dams for stock because of the rocky ground.

The target for the poison is rats and possums, which cannot be found on the mountain when it is cold and wet. Rats come down for shelter and the food found around buildings.

Our resident trapper has found that the possums are already down low in the farmland and on the roadside and that it is a waste of time setting traps even as low as 300 metres. He is taking 14 to 15 per line; that is all that can be comfortably carried per load.

DOC monitoring consists of driving by in vehicles or flying over in a helicopter. I have not seen staff on foot monitoring for years so how can they know pest numbers?

At risk are tomtits and a North Island robin seen on 12 April. The old fable is, "If they die, they will be replaced by birds from outside the area." These species are extremely rare away from Moehau.

Regards,  
Ross Gardner, RD4 Coromandel

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# Coromandel Area School on Spirit Trophy Voyage

By Jamie Rose Brown

This article is dedicated to our amazing community because without your support with our initiatives, we would not be able to provide students with such amazing opportunities.

The Spirit Trophy Voyage involves schools from around the country who send teams of Year 10 students (10 from each school plus a teacher) to compete against three other schools for the bragging rights of winning the Spirit trophy. Coromandel Area School (CAS) were lucky enough to be drawn out of the ballot and invited to participate this year! As team students enjoyed a learning experience like no other that guaranteed challenge, adventure, creativity and reward. Activities in the programme included ship-handling, teamwork, problem-solving, debating, land activities, and water sports (in and on the water). Mount Hutt won the trophy, Wairarapa came second, CAS came third and St Andrews College came fourth.

This is what the group of students had to say:

"I liked going to the Spirit of Adventure because it was fun to meet new people."

"We went to Tiritiri Matangi Island at the start of our trip. We had to raft in, then walk up the tracks so we could get to the lighthouse. On the way up we saw lots of native birds like tui, kereru and saddleback. There was a small group of takahē around the area we did a scavenger hunt in."

"We went rafting most days and on the final day we had a race and came second."

"Each school took turns helping to make and serve the meals."

"We did a whole lot of activities that gave us points that would be counted for when the end of the trip came. At the end they told us how many points and we got told who had won the trophy."

We would like to say a massive thank you to the community for your contributions and support in helping our tamariki get to the five-day Spirit Trophy Voyage; whether you bought a sausage sizzle, native tree, mussel fritter, raffle, donated mussels and items to sell, gave a koha or even leant a helping hand. We would also like to thank Coromandel Four Square for the use of your space and sponsorship, Colville

Harbour Care Nursery, Moana Fisheries, North Island Mussels Ltd, Coromandel Lions Club, Coromandel RSA, Richardson's Real Estate, Driving Creek Railway Zipline, Gold Ridge Marine Farms, Tracy Johnson – Artist, Colville Fire Station and Coromandel St John. With your help we were able to provide these students with an epic, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So once again, thank you Coromandel!



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### Coro Seafood Fest 2021



Great to see 1,500 people through the Fest on Saturday 1 May. Amazing day with fabulous weather and great entertainment. The cooking demonstrations were a big hit; many thanks to Liz Cameron, Kim Brett and Mike Huitema. Fish filleting was also a huge attraction thanks to Jarrod.

The local fire brigade was there and demonstrated how quickly a kitchen fire can take hold and the best way to extinguish it. They were dressed in full gear with oxygen tanks and fundraising for their Stair Climb Challenge; thanks to all who donated.

Once again the fun car rides came, this time with their cute little combi vans weaving their way around the festival.

As it was post-Covid, many stall holders that had been to previous Seafood Fests decided not to come as they were unsure about the number of people attending. Those that did had a great day and will be back again next year. So mark it in your diary for **Saturday 7 May 2022**.

Would also like to thank Nigel Strongman, Ian Whimp, Future 1st 15 squad, Des and Brad London, and Coromandel Aero Club.

As in previous years we donated half of the gate takings to Coromandel Area School.

If you would like to be involved next year and join the team of three then send us an email: [coroseafoodfest@gmail.com](mailto:coroseafoodfest@gmail.com)

### Rethink Rubbish

Put your "rubbish" towards a good cause

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town have been investigating ways you can recycle those hard-to-recycle things in Coromandel Town, and we have great news.



Thanks to Debra Attwood we can share some information about an awesome way to recycle locally. TerraCycle® is a social enterprise – Eliminating the Idea of Waste®. They collect typically non-recyclable items through national, first-of-their-kind recycling platforms. Leading companies work with them to take hard-to-recycle materials and turn them into new products.

Coromandel Community Preschool, 155 Pottery Lane, Coromandel, is a collection hub for TerraCycle®. This means you can easily help them with their recycling efforts and Preschool earns points or profits for sending products away to be recycled.

For example, at Preschool you can drop off any brand of used razors – their blades and packaging, any brand of skincare product packaging (empty of course), any brand of plastic toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, toothpaste caps, floss containers and their plastic outer packaging materials. But wait, there's more! You can also drop off any brand of used pens, markers, empty Twink containers and other plastic writing instruments to be recycled. So, before you throw these things out, think about dropping them at Preschool to help them and the planet.

There are even more things you can recycle through TerraCycle® so for more information check out the TerraCycle® website or message us through the Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town Facebook page.

### Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



We're halfway through the year. Seems to go faster each year.

Lots still happening throughout July, such as the MEG Winter Lectures (**4 July plus 1 August, 8 August, 5 September**) at Pepper Tree and the Star and Garter Quiz nights. Check out our notice board and Facebook page for details.

Hosting events: Have tickets to sell? Then talk to us about selling them on your behalf. We can publicise your event for a small fee, which all helps towards keeping the centre open. Everyone is so used to purchasing tickets from us. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who utilize this service.

To our local community: We are here to help promote your events, tournaments, etc. We are making slight changes to the format you provide to us for our noticeboard (A4 size or smaller; no A3). Talk to me to find out more.

Advertising your business: Have you talked to us about options available to you? Do you know about our revamped website? You

can have your rack cards or business cards on display at the Centre. Costs vary depending on your advertising preferences. Give us a call or pop in and see us. No business too big or small. Advertising with us helps keep our doors open, which in turn helps support our local community and you.

Our Boom, Bust & Beyond tours are available. They must be pre-booked the day before the actual tour. We have a team of local guides who love to share stories on the history of our town. We can arrange a time in the morning or afternoon to suit your needs. Tours are \$20 per adult with a two-person minimum.

Have you thought about volunteering? We are looking at hosting another shared open day with the museum at the end of September. Other community groups looking for volunteers could also come along and promote your group. This way everyone gets to see and hear what each one offers and then they can decide where they best fit. All you need to do is give me a call.

That's it for this month. Take care of each other; talk to you next month.

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The AGM of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc was held in the Elizabeth Park Village Hall on Sunday 13 June.

We thank all of the members who came along on a fairly inclement day, and special thanks go to those who provided contributions for afternoon tea.

As reported in the President's and Financial Reports, the museum has had a very good year in spite of the Covid-19 Lockdown. We thank the outgoing committee, and the team of volunteers who have kept the museum going every day throughout the summer. Without our volunteers we could not continue. We also thank Colin Turner and Kerry Whittle who have kindly come in to help with various chores throughout the year.

The new museum committee is:

President – Judy Bronlund

Vice-President – Jennie James

Secretary – Raewyn McKinney

Treasurer – Susan Swan

Committee: Debbie Harvey, Joanna Platt, Jim Smith

Val Macdonald has now stepped down from the committee. We thank her for her years of work, particularly with family research.

Members and intending members are reminded that subs are now due for the new financial year. Subs remain at \$15 per person, per year, and can be paid direct to the museum bank account, posted to the museum or dropped into the museum on a Thursday morning.

July tends to mean horrible wet, windy, wintery conditions, which is not good news for those wishing to drive around the Coromandel Peninsula. Even today, a prolonged period of rain can mean blocked roads, although these days they are usually cleared pretty quickly.

Here is an article which shows the effect of bad weather on the roads in days gone by.

Past blockage of a Coromandel road



From 'Thames Star' of 25 July 1931:

**"Roads Blocked.**

**Slips on Coast.**

**Whangapoua Isolated.**

**Port Charles Inaccessible.**

**Men Busy Clearing.**

The heavy rain has caused a great deal of damage to the roads in the northern part of the Coromandel peninsula, and the road between Thames and Coromandel is now blocked. On Monday last there were many slips of varying sizes visible, but a large slip has come down at the top of the Kereta Hill and the road is impassable. Mr G. T. Stewart, Coromandel County engineer, had a gang of 25 men on yesterday in an endeavour to open up communication, but fresh slips have come down during the night. This morning a further gang of 15 men left for the scene of the slip, and on Monday it is intended to muster about 30 men in an endeavour to cut a way through to enable traffic to get past the toe of the slip.

**Whangapoua Isolated.**

Word has been received that Whangapoua is absolutely isolated, the new road being impassable to any sort of traffic, whilst slips on the old track have also blocked that. A gang of men is trying to establish communication and cut a path through, but as the country is very liable to slips this is likely to take some time.

**Colville and Port Charles.**

Port Charles is quite cut off, the road being badly blocked, and it will be some days before any traffic can get through. There is a gang working there to open up the road, but it will take a good deal of work. The settlers themselves are rendering what assistance they can, but the work is severe. The Colville road, though there are many minor slips in evidence, can be used, though if this weather continues it is also likely to be interrupted."

The museum will now be open on Thursday mornings only, until the beginning of October

## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Hearty congratulations to Harry Mikaere for being made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.



As one of the Coromandel's first mussel farmers, Harry has been a leading figure in the aquaculture industry and has given back to his community for over 30 years.

Congratulations also must go to Louisa Humphry, Peter Maddison, Anita Prime and Noddy Watts who were included in the latest Queen's Birthday Awards. Although people don't contribute to their communities for individual accolades, these awards are a mark of appreciation to the recipients and their families for a lifetime of service. Our volunteers are essential to the fabric of the Coromandel. It's the community spirit that they encourage which makes it the best place to live.

In other news, I and about 150 others were at the "Protecting the Sea on Our Doorstep" meeting at Whitianga to discuss the state of our marine environment. There was much frustration at the meeting, because by every measure the Hauraki Gulf is declining. Fish stocks are lower and water quality is worse. This isn't a new issue. We've known about the grim state of the Hauraki Gulf for a while now. Back in 2017 the "Sea Change" plan sought to address the situation, but the government has done nothing with the report and issued no response to it. So if nothing else the meeting highlighted that lack of action. People at the meeting fronted up to the fact that the situation is bad for the Hauraki Gulf. Now we need the government to act with urgency and take the necessary steps to protect our marine environment.



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Authorised by Scott Simpson, 614 Pollen St, Thames.

## Hot Spot

By Rob Chappell

### Why you need working smoke alarms

When you're asleep, you lose your sense of smell. Don't assume your smoke alarms are working. Press the button to check.

### Smoke alarm maintenance guide

How to maintain and check some alarms regularly.

<b>Once a month</b>  Press the test button to sound the alarm. (Use a broom handle if you can't reach the button).	<b>Every six months</b>  Vacuum or dust your smoke alarms to help avoid false alarms.
<b>Every year</b>  Check the expiry date, usually located on the bottom or side of the alarm. If there's no expiry date, it's best to replace the alarm.	<b>Every year</b>  If you have a 9V battery alarm, replace the battery every year. Your alarms will start to beep regularly if the battery is low.
<b>Every 10 years</b>  Replace all smoke alarms with new long-life photoelectric smoke alarms.	<b>For hard-wired smoke alarms</b>  Follow the testing and maintenance schedule provided by the installer.

When you hear your town siren go that generally signifies someone who needs assistance. Just this last month we have been called to two medicals, two house fires including one fully involved and another kitchen fire, three motor vehicle incidents one of which was reported as a car fire and person trapped and a second also with a person still inside. All are significant calls where someone is in need of professional assistance. This is our job, the reason we train every week and all as volunteers. There is no pay for this role but rather it is carried out for the love of our community.

## A Lazy Day Fishing

By John Irvine

I don't notice at first  
 the odd rippling around the boat  
 like a deranged whirlpool  
 without a vortex

I'm lazing in the sun  
 rod in one hand, beer in the other  
 paying attention only  
 to my smug aloneness

a mighty jerk  
 rips the rod from my hand  
 almost takes me overboard  
 as I clutch at it in reflex

wide awake now  
 I see an infinity  
 of grinning scaly heads  
 with undulating purple crests

whose clawed and webbed hands  
 are reaching reaching  
 mouths displaying rows  
 of crocodilian dentition

through which issues  
 a terrible oscillating ululation  
 and draws the hundreds  
 thousands of mer-creatures

ever closer around my boat  
 claws scrabbling on fibreglass  
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it is then I realize that Armageddon  
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## Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

Hi everyone,

The months are flying by. With so many days spent stitching, summer will be here before we know it.

Two carloads of ladies spent a fun weekend away at Rotorua visiting "the Great NZ Quilt show".

There were such a lot of fabulous quilts on display for our viewing pleasure, along with speakers sharing tips and knowledge on their quilts, demonstrations being given on various sewing machines, and merchants selling their products. There was certainly a lot for everyone to enjoy.

We've just recently had a buy and sell day. What a lively morning that was, with ladies selling unwanted fabric, notions and anything else they wished to find a new home for. For some we went home with more than what we arrived with, but it's always good to add to your stash.

Afterwards we settled down and sewed for the rest of our day.

Our President's challenge is due to be handed in, so results will follow on that.

Robyn's on board again this year organising our Mid Winter Xmas luncheon – another fun day to look forward to, with lots of yummy food and laughter to be shared in our warm and friendly group.

You'll find us at the St John rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. Meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. 9.30am til 3.30pm. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



Robyn and Ursula checking out the inside of a six-pocket bag



Some of the six-pocket bags which were completed recently



## CILT

By Matt Sephton

Kia ora koutou whanau.

This month we are spotlighting one of our projects – the Goldmine.

The Goldmine has been operating since 2017, with a vision to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. We have achieved this with an estimated four tonnes being diverted each year.

You may have noticed some exciting changes up there recently; we've moved a wall to make room for more retail shop space; and the containers have been moved around to create more outside storage space. A covered area between the containers will be constructed to store building materials, doors and windows and other useful things that may otherwise be thrown away – how often do you just need a small piece of gib or ply, or a short length of 4x2 to finish a home DIY project? Now you'll be able to find more of these handy materials at the Goldmine! If you are a builder who is often discarding offcuts, please consider bringing the more useful and good quality pieces up to the Goldmine rather than sending them to landfill.

The wonderful staff at the Goldmine – Brooke and Tala – wish to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who are regularly doing great mahi to help out at the Goldmine: Ian, Logan and Leslie, and the Work Co-op who have been helping out getting stuff done. Also thank you to Brent Parker and Dave from Sanfords who was an amazing help when it came to moving the containers!

We also want to acknowledge the Thames Seagull Centre. They have been a huge inspiration over the last few years and a great example to aspire to. Recently Vanya and Zach from the Seagull Centre came up to the Goldmine to meet with the staff and volunteers, and provide some useful ideas and tips for moving forward and improving the operation.

Over the next couple of months as these changes are taking place, please be patient and bear with us as we work to improve the Goldmine, and work towards further reducing waste going to landfill by providing a place where you can find all sorts of useful, fun and interesting things.

On a more serious note, please do not scavenge in the metal pile! It is a Health and Safety hazard when people try to pull things out of the sharp and rusty jumble. If you see something in the metal pile that you are interested in, then just ask one of the staff members and they can help to extract it.

The Goldmine opening hours over winter are:

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-3pm

Saturday and Sunday 9.30am-4pm

Please get in touch with us via email if you have any questions. If you have something that you think we may be interested in you can send a photo and one of the staff will be able to tell you if we can take it.

The Goldmine is just one of our more than 15 projects aimed at improving the lives of people across the northern Coromandel. You can learn about them here: [www.cilt.org.nz/programmes](http://www.cilt.org.nz/programmes).

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## Natural Medicine Centre

By Ann Kerr-Bell

**Minerals for best digestion, for your best health**  
Minerals, in the correct amounts and ratios, are essential for life.

In fact, for optimum cell structure and function, minerals are your core base nutrient. You should be getting them from the plant-based foods that you eat. Any living cell can only obtain its best nutrition through plant life.

Digestion and absorption, from mouth to bottom, depends on optimum nutritional biochemistry, mostly from minerals.

Minerals have various roles.

- 1) Structural role – Constituents of bones, teeth, connective tissue and cell membrane and stabilisers of colloidal emulsions.
- 2) Biochemical role – Regulators of osmotic and acid-base balance and stabilisers of cell membrane electrical gradients (e.g., Acid (pH <7) phosphorus, sulphur, chlorine. Base (Ph >7) magnesium, calcium, potassium, sodium).
- 3) Metabolic and Catalytic role – Enzyme activators and stabilisers, affecting most metabolic pathways and cellular functions (e.g., Calcium, phosphate, sulphate, sodium chlorine, magnesium, iron, zinc, manganese, selenium, copper, vanadium, molybdenum, cobalt and fluoride). Enzymes are essential for life.
- 4) Miscellaneous roles – Determinators of simple cation and anion bonding; determinators of more complex molecules, such as hormones, complexes and chelates.

**How are deficiencies established?**

- Genetics
- Kidney malfunction
- Reduced absorption efficiency due to insufficient stomach hydrochloric acid, poor liver and pancreas functions.
- Caused or aggravated by alcohol, bad fats and processed foods.
- Mineral deficiencies themselves, that create their own compounding effect by further reducing your body's ability to absorb and use minerals from foods ingested.
- Physical and mental stress
- Dietary deficiencies due to modern agricultural practices, food storage or processing. In time, we all become deficient.
- What emerges first are vague symptoms and signs that are ignored or not recognised for what they really are.

**What Minerals are You Lacking?**

**What's Your Digestive Tract's Symptomatic Picture?**

Sodium phosphate, sodium sulphate, sodium chloride – One sodium acts as a cholagogue, promoting the discharge of bile from the gallbladder. Another breaks down lactic acid in muscle tissue and prevents gout. Do you have sour burning gastric reflux, or fat intolerance? Do your children have frequent stomach aches? One of the sodiums may help. Sour smelling stools, gallstones, itching burning anus? Obstinate constipation and stabbing pains through liver?

Potassium phosphate, potassium sulphate, potassium chloride – Do you wake with a dry tongue? Swelling, congestion or pain in the stomach? Nervous tension affecting your stomach? Is your stomach lacking essential hydrochloric acid? Reflux, heartburn? Calcium phosphate, cell builder, calcium sulphate, calcium fluoride – White coated tongue? Indigestion, dyspepsia and flatulence an issue? Pale stools for want of bile? Ulcerative and mucous colitis? Poor appetite



in children? Tender tummy, sore or tender around their belly button? Motions difficult to expel and a prolapsed anus?

Magnesium phosphate – Flatulent colic and pains anywhere in the stomach or constipation from stress. Magnesium works medicinally when paired with another mineral.

Iron phosphate, silica and more – Inflammations, infections resulting in heat and pain, anaemia, fatigue, degenerative changes.

**More good news**

72-year-old woman – “Sputtering” bowel motions, history of Irritable Bowel Syndrome, mild bowel incontinence, general fatigue. A depression had swept over her as she had lost hope for regaining her quality of life. On prescription medication for anxiety, high blood pressure (only mildly elevated).

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Know your cellular mineral deficiencies and imbalances at [www.activeelements.com](http://www.activeelements.com), username 259077, password 579819.

Optimise your digestive function, starting with minerals, to improve your overall health.

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We are halfway through our calendar year. The Cashmore Pairs will be finished and we start the Whangapoua Pairs in July. Val is giving lessons so we hope to welcome new players to our club soon. Winter has set in, it is raining as I write. More new members would be welcome and lessons will be given if needed. Visitors to Coromandel are welcome to join us on a Monday evening at the St John rooms; just let Lyn know that you are coming.

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## Grey Power

By John Rabarts – President



### Budget 2021 – a C+ for many older people?

The Grey Power Federation has welcomed the inclusion of an aged care commissioner in the government’s budget release last week and it supports a better service for people who receive Home and Community Support Services (HCSS). Federation president Jan Pentecost said that, although she has yet to see any details, fair work conditions for support workers can only benefit their older clients. She said she was hopeful that an aged care commissioner would be able to put right numerous issues related to home care for seniors, particularly as it has long been government policy for older people to live at home, with the necessary help, for as long as possible.

Grey Power has lobbied for many years for a Seniors’ Commissioner who would not only concentrate on services provided in the home and care facilities but would be modelled on the NZ Children’s Commission, the Aged Care Commission in Wales and partially the Australian model. They are all examples of a one-stop shop which we believe is desperately required to comply with the UN’s Principles for Older People. “With our seniors’ population expected to make up 25 per cent of the population by 2051, we need an effective voice across all seniors’ issues, but it does not appear that the budget announcement encompasses this view,” Pentecost said.

Pentecost said, “It was disappointing that the free annual doctors’ visit for SuperGold card holders had been ditched. “This was promised by the last coalition government but was never implemented.” She said Grey Power had been informed that this policy was not cost-effective and would not achieve its aim, which the federation had understood to be an annual health warrant of fitness for our older population which would have “coincided with our health policy to prevent illness rather than the ambulance at the bottom of the hill approach.

“In the final analysis there is no mention in the budget of help for vulnerable older people.”

Pentecost said there were many older people with inadequate income, poor housing, and they were suffering from loneliness and

loss of independence, “We have an ageing population, many of whom are living solely on their pension. They don’t own their own homes so aren’t able to move into a retirement village and can’t pay sky-high market rent for their accommodation. Grey Power only asks for a fair share and we agree with the Human Rights Commissioner’s comment to us recently that “Each and every one of us deserves the right to thrive. This must include seniors.” – Jan Pentecost, President Grey Power NZ Federation Inc.

“Man Can’t Fly – That’s for Angels.” In the latter part of the nineteenth century when the Methodists were holding a denominational convention, one leader stood up and shared his vision for both the church and society at large. He told his fellow ministers how he believed that someday men would fly from place to place instead of travelling on horseback. It was a concept too outlandish for many in the audience to handle. One man, Bishop Wright, stood up and furiously protested: “Heresy! Flight is reserved for the angels!” He went on to say that if God had intended man to fly, he would have bestowed him with wings. Clearly the bishop was unable to envision what the speaker was predicting. When he finished his protest, he collected his two sons and left the auditorium. His sons were the famous Orville and Wilbur Wright! And several years later on 17 December 1903, they did what their father had declared impossible; they achieved the first human flight. – Bob and Debby Gass, “Word for today.”

Well sort of. We all know that Richard Pierce was the first to fly a plane but the Americans claim first in that the Wright brothers flew a “controlled flight” along a beach and landed, whereas Pierce didn’t land properly. The hedge was in his way and he clipped it on his way to landing in the next field and sort of crash landed.

Waikato DHB Community Health Forum meetings, often attended by Grey Power members and others with community health interests is to be held at St John Rooms, Tiki Road Coromandel on **Monday 12 July**, 11.30am-1.30pm. Come and listen to presentations by senior Waikato DHB staff and consultants, and bring along any serious issues you would like to have heard.

“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.” – Maya Angelou

Grey Power Coromandel membership enquiries and renewals – Carol Carson ph. (07) 866 7172

### Nighttime musings

By Megan Mackie

In the dark pre-dawn  
A loud motor disturbs the peace  
Churning or hooning across the bay.  
Awakens me before the birds.  
I wonder why  
People can get to the moon but  
quiet engines have not yet been invented.

### Mobile BNZ

Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) has announced that its mobile branch, Mobile BNZ, will be on the road in Bay of Plenty, Coromandel, and parts of Waikato over the coming months.

Mobile BNZ is a cashless banking bus that travels around the country, allowing people to meet face to face with bankers, and will be visiting Coromandel, Greerton, Katikati, Opoitiki, Te Aroha, Waihi, and Whangamata on a repeating three-week schedule.

BNZ Head of Bay of Plenty, Lachie McKenzie, says, “We are thrilled to be bringing Mobile BNZ to Bay of Plenty, Coromandel, and Waikato.

“Our Mobile BNZ team will be able to help customers with their everyday finances, provide financial advice and health checks, open new accounts and set PINs on cards.

“They will also be able to refer them to have conversations about lending and other products and services BNZ provides,” says McKenzie.

Mobile BNZ staff will also support customers to use internet and phone banking.

“Our team are experts at setting up internet and phone banking for our customers and helping them understand and learn how to do their banking online.”

For safety reasons, Mobile BNZ cannot carry cash but will be located near BNZ Smart ATMs and staff can assist customers with using them for over-the-counter style transactions such as deposits, withdrawals, making transfers and more.

Check the BNZ Coromandel community page here for schedule: <https://community.bnz.co.nz/t/mobile-bnz-bay-of-plenty-coromandel-schedule/32234>.



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## Writers group

By Sue Gilmer

Our homework topic was When I first learnt to think for myself. Here is Susan Brether-ton's story.

Christchurch in the early 1950's was a quiet town. Nothing much happened, there were few cars and traffic was quiet, surprisingly even in Cashel Street, one of the main streets in town. Their house was small with an even smaller garden: one side of the house joined to a larger neighbour by a solid brick wall, the other with a narrow path and a strip of grass. The front door opened directly onto the pavement and the back garden was tiny. Very little scope for play. The two children, Susan, a girl of four, and her brother Howard, a year younger, often played on the pavement or rode their tricycles around the block. Their older brother was at school, and the new baby was taking much of their mother's time.

They wanted adventure, but they were afraid to travel further afield as a large pack of dogs often roamed the streets. They were what scared the children most.

The Botanical Gardens, only a couple of blocks away, offered the greatest attraction, trees to climb, statues to sit on and run around, huge thick conifers whose branches touched the ground to hide under, ducks and geese to chase. Their mother sometimes took them there to play, but they were told not to go there alone. They weren't to go out of the

back gate either, which led to the river. Too dangerous, their mother had said. That was the rule.

One sunny morning the temptation of the gardens was too much. The two children stepped out of the gate deciding to explore further, crossing the first road towards the park. The older child Susan, took her skipping rope for protection and gave her younger brother a wooden bat to bash any dogs that might appear. They walked the next block and then, for the first time, crossed the foot bridge by the boat sheds, keen to explore. Then they froze. Across the street they saw dogs coming towards them, not a ferocious pack, but scary never the less. Susan held one handle of her skipping rope and twirled the rest of the rope above her head like the blades of a helicopter, while her brother waved his bat in front of them. "Make a loud noise" she cried, and the two of them yelled and yelled. The dogs chose to turn away. The children were elated, no longer quite as scared. Their yelling and wailing, the whirring skipping rope and the bat had done the trick.

Now more confident, they walked on, across the pedestrian bridge by the hospital and across a busier road. Trees and more park land beckoned. They were about to venture further when they saw a fenced playground, one they hadn't come across before. It was next to a church, not the one they knew. They were fascinated by the place – the swings, the

climbing frames, the large tyres and lots of children, all playing, yelling and chasing each other. They stood and stared, keen to join the fun. They were mesmerised. How come they hadn't seen it before, it wasn't the school where their brother went and the children were more their age. "Let's go in," Susan bravely suggested, "it looks fun."

The place was a kindergarten, something the children knew nothing about, but the woman teacher who approached them was friendly and allowed them to stay awhile before sending them home with a note for their mother. That's how they got to be enrolled in kindy.

### Update by Sue Gilmer

Meeting at Sue Gilmer's home, our set topic for 20 minutes of spontaneous writing was "Reminiscings of Autumn". This triggered many memories of childhoods playing in autumn leaves. In our book section, *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Poole was highly recommended. *The Darkest Shore* by Karen Brooks and *Shadow Man* by Eva Wang Ng were also suggested as good reading. Our homework topic was "The first time I had to think for myself". Some of the takes on this theme were having to think for yourself after a partner had left, someone on a meditation retreat, and a child having to readjust after the loss of a mother.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Elizabeth 027 470 7782

## Wild things

By Pamela Grealey

Graeme Hadfield submitted this photograph of banded rail with their chicks making themselves at home in Tryphena, Great Barrier Island. The normally reclusive and evasive banded rail seem to be thriving in close human company on the island. Maybe the relative lack of predators has made them generally more sociable.

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## Budding writers

### Adieu to Autumn, Welcome to Winter

*written by Sue Gilmer*

We have a persimmon tree in the back garden. The vivid orange fruits now stand out stark against the muted green background of the native trees. Myna birds are feasting and the neighbourhood cat sits hopefully on the thick blanket of leaves that over the last four weeks have been a mass of glorious colour.

Can any child resist the urge to play when the deep piles of reds and ambers call? We always tried to be the first ones to get to the ancient oaks. This was serious business. Frantically grabbing the biggest armful possible, hurling them at our enemies, there was no time for screams and shouts. Even before the first pile had landed, we would scoop up more ammunition. There was never a winner, just four exhausted children with leaves in their hair.

Sitting here, nestled under my duvet, coffee in hand, watching the leaves fall, I realize it's the first time in Coromandel that I've seen such vibrant autumn tonings. This year the village seems alive with colour. Our kumara are now covered in newspaper and stored in the shed and the harvested pumpkins stand line abreast on shelves, to be checked and turned when we remember. A month ago, the freezer was so full that we had to look out for our toes as large rouge tomatoes were likely to fall out. Now there is room to replace them with the slow cooked casseroles of winter.

I'm looking forward to the annual bonfire of autumn prunings. I can already hear the crackle and spit of the fire as it takes hold and can see the reds and yellows of the flames as they hungrily eat into the wood. The sparks that fly high as you poke the logs to yet another place, just because you can. Even the smoke that follows you and the feel of the rosy cheeks, as you stand too close for too long, trying to get the tip of your poker to catch alight. And as night stars appear, the fire now mellow, sitting on the misshapened logs with family and friends, entranced by the glow of the orange embers.

Soon the earth will be wrapped in a cloak of misty mornings. Gum boots will come out of the shed and the umbrella will stand in the hall way. It will be a time of soups and baked potatoes, of mulled wines and shared meals with friends. Curtains will be drawn, fires will be lit, and I will snuggle up and slow down and be content to have a book on my lap.

Adieu to autumn, welcome to winter.

This story is written as part of the Seasons Project. If you are interested in joining us or hearing, more, please contact Sue (07) 866 8833 or 021 0291 6056

## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Cinders

Firstly thank mews to those who have donated cat food, tinned, sachets, pet milk and kitten food.

This is truly appreciated more so than people realise right now. We have been blessed with lovely financial blessings from our Facebook page, which gave us a little more in the kitty's kitty to tide us over.

Our newbies the mum and kittens – the mum is still aloof and refusing to socialise, her chunky tabby son is dual natured and we have concerns about his cattitude. Whilst we can pick up and handle him, his unpredictable swat and swipe at you is of major concern, which is not something we have ever had to deal with to the degree he dishes his cattitude out to us. His sister is completely opposite, turns herself inside out and purrs hard out, and it's really a difficult situation for us as his behaviour is totally unwelcomed and not rehomed but we will continue as we are in the hope he turns into a purrbaby. What made this harder for mother and kittens was the kittens were born in a garden and left too long in the wild which means socialisation is harder and far longer. This is the hard part of rescue and rehabilitation for them.

Lizzy – has total adoration and love for Wiki, her pal and mate. She will groom him and he groom her, then she becomes brat cat and launches into neck or any other part and stars a riot war, then hopes he gets blamed but having watched Lizzy we know she incites these wars and gets told off for them. Her latest new hobby is getting up on the roof with Wiki and the two thunder around the roof like a heard of elephants gone rampant all afternoon. With the evenings now cooler they have found room in the humans' bed and everyone is cosy for the night and any stupid human who has to get up through the night is frowned upon and growled at upon reentry to the cosy spots. The total joys of being owned by cats.

Cinders – has been socialising throughout the house and her high level of trust in us is pretty overwhelming as she has never let us pick her up and carry her, so to do so is a massive step forward. She has enjoyed being out and about free rein, something she rejected earlier on over the past year, so to have her out and doing kitty capers is lovely and we are most proud of our girl.

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

Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai/etc.).

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Any and all enquiries to Animal Rescue Thames ph (07) 868 2907 (afternoons best time), 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575





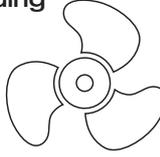
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## Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our June Guild meeting was timed perfectly to congratulate the eight members of our Extensions Group who took out a first prize again at the ANZEG Extensions Biennial Exhibition in New Plymouth. Their collaborative piece "In Touch" encouraged viewers to interact and handle various pieces. This is definitely out of the normal for an exhibition but very appropriate for a group that strive to push and stretch the boundaries of conventional stitching. Hopefully we will all be able to get "hands on" with this piece when it returns for our own exhibition in November.

The June Show and Tell Table reflected the Grandma status of many of our members. Margaret Kilmister's very handy baby boy bag was colourfully decorated with a fun,



applied clothesline. Ann Walmsley's calico storybook is a real labour of love for a hoped for future grandchild. The pages of "Monet et le Papier Jaune" have been beautifully stitched creating what will be sure to be a treasured family heirloom. One (still being worked on) piece from the May Punto Antico workshop made the table. Fourteen ladies enjoyed this workshop and while this stitching is traditionally white on white, nearly all chose a different colour scheme. Hopefully the winter weather will have encouraged a lot of stitching and our

July table will see a kaleidoscope of completed bags and mats.

The workshop planned for late June is Cyanotype Fabric Printing – remember the blueprints of old?

Lettecia will be encouraging those doing this workshop to experiment with making printed images on the coated fabric with all manner of things such as seed-heads, lace, threads, leaves. Experimentation is being the focus, with no creative boundaries. The results will hopefully lead to a further workshop looking at how these images can be further manipulated through layering, stitching, painting, etc.

Next on the calendar, in July, 30 of our members head into Retreat for three nights. This is a biennial event alternating with the ANZEG Conferences. Rather fittingly, our Retreat this year is to the Friary in Hillsborough. However there will be no monastic self-denying for our group. We are all looking forward to a very fun-filled few days with a bit of stitching in between!

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 7 July**.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild and related activities contact Lettecia Williams (07) 866 6626

## Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

This month I am encouraging us to strengthen our inner resilience. Life always has ups and downs, and if you are like me there will be grey days in winter that are a struggle. Isolation and confusion can overwhelm our usual ways of coping. We start with helping ourselves increase our response-ability.

"Give yourself a Helping Hand" – Hold up a hand. Each digit reminds us of part of the strategy for staying resilient.

The thumb reminds about sleep: train ourselves to sleep and prioritise sleep. Most difficulties and dilemmas are easier after a night of rest. Have a cool, quiet, calm environment as much as possible. Using a kind, clear focus of attention on breathing in and out while relaxing the body will help to calm the mind. This helps us get to sleep, especially in the small hours when troubles, anxieties and angers can stir. Our practice is to over and over again gently but firmly bring the mind back to focus on the breath in the body.

Index finger points the way through healthy eating: paying wise attention to what we take in – healthy food in suitable portions, also medications and natural remedies that we can benefit from in the right doses, and helping ourselves by addressing drug and alcohol use.

Middle finger is about exercise: the tall finger reminds us to stand tall, shoulders back and relaxed, find our spine and raise our gaze. Standing this way for several breaths is a great mini break in the day. Exercise every day. Time outdoors raises the mood.

Fourth finger is our "ring finger": this finger reminds us of our commitments, regular tasks for employment, voluntary work, and for pleasure. Regular activities give structure to the day and give us a sense of purpose.

Fifth finger is our "pinky": this reminds us that fun and time with



friends keep us "in the pink" of life with a smile. A good laugh helps with most difficulties!

Finally, the palm of the hand: here is the reminder to hold ourselves and others with kindness and patience, and sometimes the strength to say, "Enough!" With the palm we remember to cradle our own sweet soul, and to nourish our deeper journey home.

We support our resilience as we meet for soup and sitting, establishing friendship, connection, shared silence and laughter.

Plan: Soup at 6pm. Sitting at 7pm. Finish by 8.30pm.

July dates: **7th, 14th and 28th**. On **21 July** I am encouraging people to go to the community meditation evening at the beautiful Dharma Gaia Centre for Mindful Living in Manaia.

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. I'll make a pot of vege soup, and a loaf of wheat sourdough bread. Others can maybe bring special food if required.

Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you.

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## Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

As most members will have seen by now, the library has converted over to a computer system by joining the Thames Coromandel District Libraries online catalogue. Our volunteers are working hard to master the new computer system, which is difficult to do when you only work in the library once a fortnight, so I hope that members will continue to be patient with us until we get the hang of it.

You may have also noticed that we don't need to use the cards in the back of the books anymore. We will keep the cards in the book so you can still see if you had read the book before we changed over to the new system. However, from now on you can see what you have read before by logging into your account using: [www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Library/](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Library/) and looking at your checkout history online. You can do this from home, but we also have another computer in the library that will be set up for members to use. Alternatively, if you don't use a computer, you can just ask us at the counter, and we can show you a list of the books you have read.

We are also keeping the due date slip in the book. However, as we don't need to stamp the due date slip anymore, members can use it to record their initials or a comment on the book. This is just another way you can keep a record of the books you have read, if you wish.

Please ask us if you have any questions about using the new system or anything else, like book recommendations or putting a book on hold. Just as before our volunteers are still keen to assist our members if they can, and you don't need to be computer literate to use the library. That's our job.

Some of the new books selected this month include the eagerly awaited book, *The Missing Sister*, by Lucinda Riley. We already have quite a long waiting list for this book. However, Pat Sharp is also donating her copy when she has read it, and having a second copy will cut the waiting list in half. If you have already read it, you may like to add a comment on our Facebook page (no spoilers).

Other new additions

this month include some from our old favourite authors like: Alexander McCall-Smith – *The Man with the Silver Saab*, Edward Rutherford's – *China*, Tracey Slaughter – *Devil's Trumpet*, Paul Cleave – *The Quiet*



*People*, and number six in Alison Weir's – Tudor Queens: *Katherine Parr*. Some nonfiction additions include the new book by Daniel Hawkins – *Two Shakes of a Lamb's Tail: The Diary of a Country Vet*, *Bella: My Life in Food* by Annabel Langbein, Nadia Lim's – *Fresh Start – Feel Good*, and *The Abundant Garden: A practical guide to growing a regenerative home garden*, written by a local Thames couple, Niva and Yotam Kay.

We have also been donated quite a few books these last few months, fiction and nonfiction. They are new to our library but not newly published. We have included them on our shelf as some are fiction by authors that are popular with our members and some, we think, will make interesting additions for members who are keener on nonfiction. Due to lack of display space at the front of the library they are situated on a shelf at the back wall. Just ask us if you can't find them.

Lastly, just a reminder that the library has a Facebook page. You may like to take a look and maybe give us a like or add an encouraging word for the volunteers who are doing their best to master the new system. Thanks for your patience.

## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Trisha Whimp

Our first winter meet was held with 30 members attending. Today was our soup day with the choice of four delicious soups made by various committee ladies. The soups were well received by all, and the Broccoli and Blue Cheese recipe was requested by several ladies.

Our speaker was not well so we altered our new programme to a Forum discussion. We had "show and tell" of a kanuka stick with knots and a prickly fruit called an African Horned Marrow Cucumber. There were discussions on transplanting plants, two legged parsnips/carrots and lack of apples this year. This was followed by a great conversation on landscaping of a new property – lots of excellent suggestions.

Our 2021-2022 programme has been given great thought from the committee and we look forward to various interesting speakers and garden visits. There are two away trips planned as well.

The theme for the Arrangement competition using "Alphabet C", an arrangement to be plant, flower, fruit or vegetable, was strong, as was the same with the Special – Indoor Pot Plants. Considering the weather, the other flowers competition was well presented.

It was a day of chatter and lots of discussions about members' gardens.

Next meeting – **14 July** at the Coromandel Combined Club 1pm.

Conveyor – Jeni Mudgway – 021 0227 5341

Secretary – Trisha Whimp – 0274 985 227

## Singing Group

By Sue Gilmer

Calling all singers!

A community sing is starting up this month. The idea is that it will run for six weeks but this will be extended to eight weeks if the group wants to. We will be singing acappella four-part harmonies with songs such as the Zulu songs of South Africa, songs taught by Tony Backhouse, Taizé songs from the community in France, and many others which I've picked up along the way. The idea is to learn three songs each night and have fun together making music. We are starting on **8 July**. If you can carry a tune, it would be great to see you there. If you are interested and want to know more, please phone Sue (07) 866 8833, 021 0291 6056.

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## Coromandel Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Good news, good news...

Coromandel will have a dedicated "Car Club". As I write this now, we will have had our first meeting in the local RSA. The response is great with in excess of 30 people wanting this to start and twice that many cars.

I always felt there were enough "car mad" people around Coro to set up a club so I wasn't too surprised to get enough to form a "car club".

I should have contacted all of the people who responded by now. If you are reading this and want to join, please ring me on 027 249 0878.

Many thanks; "let's get started".



## RSA News

By Pat Williams

July already and as the old saying goes "you are never too late to learn". Boy did I learn something a few days back. On Facebook I said the name of our country is New Zealand, not Aotearoa. Was called an "uneducated bigot". Just as well you are of the dying age and won't be around for much longer, etc. If you post a remark can people check on your age?

Another thing I learned was that The Ode was taken from a poem by Laurence Binyon, "For The Fallen", 4th paragraph. "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

This from *The Navy Today Magazine*: "New Museum Wing Wows. A substantial newly-opened section of the Navy Museum is enabling our sailors to say: This is what I do." Our late President Ian Franklyn, ex Navy, had promised to take me to see the Navy Museum at Devonport's Torpedo Bay Auckland. Sadly this wasn't to be. Once again, I suggest to school leavers, boys or girls, consider one of the forces as a career.

Another aspect of the job for our Defence Force at this point in time is Covid-19. With 32 Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQFs) to administer and 12 ports to monitor, the New Zealand Defence regularly rotates 900-1,200 personnel throughout New Zealand as part of the all of the government response to Covid-19.

On a brighter note, last night 12 June we held our RSA Mid Year Christmas Dinner. A great night, well attended. Yummy meal and great music afterwards.

Thanks must go to all who helped prepare the food, helped with serving up, doing dishes, etc., and to Lyn for decorating the tables. An all-round great effort.

Many thanks must go to The White Goat Band. All the Club had to supply was some petrol money (they travelled from Tauranga) and a few drinks. Money made from the evening will help towards the upgrade of our Club rooms.

Till next month. Keep warm, stay safe.

## Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

### The Club

We are delighted that Andrew London with his wife Kirsten will be performing at the Club on **Saturday 24 July**.

At present Andrew is touring New Zealand promoting his album launch tour called Back to Work, so we are doubly excited that he has a free date in July and we are the only venue on the Peninsula where he will be performing. If you have never been to one of his concerts, check him out on YouTube and his Facebook page – if you have been to his gigs, you know what to expect! His satirical humour and skillful musical ability appeal to young and old, and Andrew's NZ sense of humour resonates with everyone.

Book early through the Coromandel Town Information Centre as tickets are limited.

### Coromandel Bowls

By Cherrie Rokela

There are no bowls being played on our green over winter, while the maintenance is taking place, but we have managed to play the first round of our annual Winter Cup tournament in Mercury Bay against our bowling buddies over there.

The final game is on **15 July** – the points are very close, we are only just ahead, so it is game on in July.

Sadly, in May we lost one of our longtime bowlers, Raewyn Berghan. Her expertise was appreciated with our newer bowlers. Our condolences to her family.

Our AGM was on 19 June.

Keep warm and dry, and look forward to springtime, and a new bowling season.

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## Ride Coromandel

The Ride Coromandel Bike Park cross-country trails opened on Saturday 5 June with a group ride of about 20 excited locals. The park was buzzing with riders on the descent trails and pump track and feedback on the cross-country trails after the first ride was unanimous. This place is awesome!



At the bike park you can:

- Ride the Velosolutions Pump Track built to international standards for the Red Bull racing circuit. This is an asphalt track with tight turns, berms and jumps enjoyed by kids and the young at heart.
- Take on the downhill descent tracks. Built over a capped landfill site, there are three grades of difficulty to try with jumps and

berms down each 300m track.

- Improve your riding in our skills area with rocks and obstacles designed to challenge.
- Ride the exciting cross-country trails through the regenerating Kauri Block and historic mining area. Two intermediate grade, single trail, one-way loop tracks have been developed. Ara Tuatahi (the first trail) is 4.4km long and rises to the top of the park with superb views out to the western islands and over Coromandel township, then continues downhill towards Coromandel Harbour. Rickers Return (named after the kauri rickers you will be riding below) is a flow loop 1.8 km long.
- Get involved with like-minded mountain bike enthusiasts by joining a group ride or volunteering for trail maintenance – please contact Gavin Jeffcoat at Hike & Bike Coromandel, info@hikeandbike.co.nz or see article below.



Members of the trails forum learning about the Kauri Dieback wash station

### Reminders

Please don't ride the trails in the rain as it will destroy the tracks. You must be aware of kauri dieback disease and pass through the wash station before entering the tracks. For safety, the trails are one-way and designed only for bikes. Always wear a helmet and closed shoes. E-bikes are allowed, but no motorbikes. Stay on track – there are mine shafts, kauri trees to protect, and items of cultural significance that should not be disturbed. The longer trail crosses a walking track, so please look out for walkers when you cross and do not go down the walking track on your bike. Enjoy the trails, but take it easy on your first time!

### Peninsula Plans

In June, Coromandel hosted a Track and Trails Forum organised by TCDC for all of the mountain bike clubs across the Peninsula to discuss the wider trail network opportunities. We hope to continue to build the profile of Coromandel Peninsula as a mountain biking destination. Watch this space for developments!

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Jan Kocian (left), with Ryan Kocian (right) riding Ara Tuatahi



Bazza Ross riding Ara Tuatahi

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## Ride Coromandel: Riding On

By Gavin Jeffcoat

You will have read in the above article about the fantastic work that has been done to deliver a world class riding facility in Coromandel Town. This is just the beginning. If you have any interest in cycling I invite you join us and be part of the journey.

Together we will get the most out of this awesome asset and grow the enjoyment of cycling in the Bike Park and beyond. The vision for the Bike Park is to maintain it to the "as new" standard, maximise the use of it by locals young and old, promote use by visitors, and host competitions. Together we can do all of this, have some fun, and make a positive difference to people of all ages.

To kick things off a gathering has been set for the Pepper Tree Restaurant front room at 5pm on **Wednesday 14 July**. If you have any interest in cycling, or just want to play a part in the Bike Park or developing trails further into the northern Coromandel, please come, share your ideas and let's ride on together.

If you can't make it or just want to chat about what we are up to, please call in at Hike & Bike, or give Gavin a call on 027 405 1673.

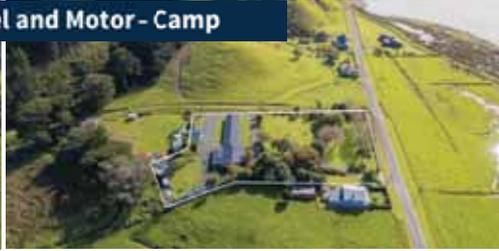


### Melancholy

By John Irvine

torrential winter rain  
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speak to him without voice  
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Lion Rock

## Coromandel Lions Club Update

By Kerry Whittle

Every month at the Lions Club meeting the Lion Rock gets passed along by whoever received it last month to someone they want to commend. It's our way of saying "you rock", and recognising each other's contributions to the Club.

The rock was painted by Sue Hughes, and this month I have the very difficult choice of selecting a volunteer from a large group all working for the betterment of our community.

I'm passing the rock on to Mary Farmer. Mary has been a member for about two years, in which time she has attended Lions training courses, is an enthusiastic Saturday firewood worker and often also helps Rick and Bill with firewood deliveries mid-week. Mary is also our incoming President. Thanks and congratulations Mary.

Our next meeting will involve changing of officers, with our District Governor Brian McMillan attending. At time of writing these have not been finalised but do watch out for updated contacts in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Have a cosy month everyone.

Sue Hughes (President, and Firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124, Mary Farmer (Vice President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446, Rick Ward (Project Manager) (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664, Gordon Barnaby (Secretary) (07) 866 2433 or 027 245 7496



## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

### Budget Advice

Hi all, hopefully everyone is keeping warm as we make our way through the cooler months. The shortest day has been and gone so here's to longer days coming our way.

What tips and tricks do you have to save money? Your favourite winter warmer recipes using produce that is in season. Join our Facebook page "Coromandel Budget Advisory Services" and share your tips and tricks with others. We have shared a recipe below.

If you need some financial tips and tricks, make an appointment with one of our mentors to see how we can help. We are 100% free so you have nothing to lose.

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Wednesday 9.30am – 3pm

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### Foodbank

If you have produce from your garden you would like to donate to the Foodbank, this can be dropped to the Budget Advisory office at Tiki House on a Wednesday between 9:30am and 3pm.

If you need assistance with food, please contact us to book a time for Thursday afternoon. 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.

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 further food parcels as required.

If you're receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember to bring your own boxes/bags to collect your groceries.

I have found a great winter warmer recipe online making cottage pie with cauliflower mash instead of potato. Find it at [www.foodtolove.co.nz/recipes/cottage-pie-with-cauliflower-mash-2604](http://www.foodtolove.co.nz/recipes/cottage-pie-with-cauliflower-mash-2604).

## Rescue Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee; Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

The Rescue Chopper performed 17 missions during May for the Peninsula. Thankfully, only two were for the Coromandel area. All in all, a fairly quiet month.

Earlier this year the petition initiated in 2020 by Stephan Bosman of the Informer newspaper, calling for the Rescue Chopper to again be based at Whitianga, was presented to the parliamentary select committee. Stephan and three others went to Wellington to speak on the petition, which was well received. Watch this space!

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## Youths – Our Future Leaders!

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith



One of the most difficult problems our youth face today is the problem of pressure – psychological pressure. Our youths are enduring this greatest of pressures more than any generation in history. Why, and where is this pressure coming from?

Every one of our youth are feeling pressures: peer pressure, parental pressure, educational pressure, pressure to look handsome or beautiful, be fashionable, be trendy, make money, succeed, win!

Practically every second of your life you are feeling some form of pressure. Do you think to yourself, “Will this pressure ever go away?” There is no way you can be free of this psychological pressure. It is impossible to avoid and it will appear throughout your life.

You need to deal with, and navigate through, these pressures by learning how to make decisions that eliminate or minimise these pressures.

If you can learn to handle this one thing in your life, you will be in a position to conquer everything in life. Your life will be beautiful, your relationships, your work, your friendships will be beautiful. Everything in life will be beautiful.

If as an adult you are not able to handle these pressures, your life will be miserable.

There are many adults who cannot handle this pressure very well. You may see this in your home life with your parents and relatives. And when they are unable to handle their pressures, who are they affecting? Those around them and often times it may be you!

That is why it is so important that as you grow up you learn the tools you’ll need so you don’t make the same mistakes.

I hope you can understand the importance of transforming your lives. It affects not only your life but your family, friends, colleagues and everyone around you.

With that in mind, many of you are heading toward a massive problem without the skills to deal with the pressures of the world, and they will be there waiting for you.

There is a solution available to each and every one of you!

First you must learn not to internalise that pressure and succumb to stress. You must diffuse the pressure, even in the toughest of situations, and learn to live a stress-free life.

When you master this art, you will become a magnificent human being. You will impact your world by creating a difference.

Each of you can live a life where you don’t have constant pressure and when pressure comes your way, you can handle it effortlessly.

You will become a “Changemaker”. A changemaker is a young person who evolves into a leader, affecting their family, friends, neighbourhood, schools and colleges – society itself.

If you would like more information about World Youth Changemakers and are under 35 years of age, go to the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/ekamyouthchangemakers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ekamyouthchangemakers).

There will be a “Global Call with changemakers” on **5 July**, 1am-2.15am NZ time. This call is a free offering with Krishnaji. If you have registered you can view online up to 24 hours after the call. [www.facebook.com/groups/ekamyouthchangemakers/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ekamyouthchangemakers/)

Additionally, I invite you to a Zoom call where you will learn and experience a technique that can quieten the mind, relieve stress and help manifest your heartfelt desires. This opportunity is an offering at no charge. All youths are welcome to join.

Date: **Saturday 10 July**, 9.30-10.30am, Zoom ID: 293318319 Password: 025104

All info is on the Facebook page The “Living” Well [www.facebook.com/The-Living-Well-106755014961933](http://www.facebook.com/The-Living-Well-106755014961933). Message me through this Facebook page if any questions.



## Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière, Communications Manager

The shorter days of winter can be challenging, especially when your workday begins and ends in darkness. It can be hard to find time for exercise and self-care when the routine falls into a pattern of eat, sleep and work. It is no wonder why the term “winter blues” has been coined as many people experience a depletion of energy and mood in winter.

It was inspiring to have a short one-day workshop with Hedwig Bakker at Mana where she offered a winter warming qi gong experience. Her gentle reminder hit home; it really only takes a few minutes of intentional breath and body connection to revitalise your energy.

Qi gong (chi kung) is a movement practice that works directly with your life force energy. As a teacher of Holden Qi Gong, Hedwig shared that there are thousands of qi gong exercises, many of which only take a few minutes. You can choose one or weave together a few to create an embodied movement practice that restores and renews your entire being.

This simple practice, called “Pulling Up the Earth”, is one that she recommends as a simple way of nourishing and uplifting your energy.

Stand with your feet hip-width apart, the toes pointing forward. Let your knees be soft, your spine upright, your shoulders relaxed and the crown of your head extended upward. Your arms are relaxed by your sides with the palms of the hands upward in front of the hips. On your in-breath: float both hands upward along the front of your body, the palms of the hands start turning towards the chest as you raise them up, then turn them out towards the sky above your head. On your out-breath: the arms circle out, around and down via the sides with the palms facing down until both hands are back in front of the belly. Let your breath be long, slow and deep and repeat this circular movement. On each in-breath, imagine that you are pulling up the rich, nourishing, stabilizing and grounding energy of the earth into your entire being. On each out-breath, feel that you let go of any unwanted physical, mental or emotional energy, giving it to the earth. Repeat this for as long as you like and as you finish, take a moment to notice how you feel at the end.

If you want to explore more of this gentle and revitalising practice, check out the Silent Meditation and Qi Gong Retreat that Hedwig is hosting at Mana called: “Natural Ease”, **2-5 December**. You can find the details at [manaretreat.com](http://manaretreat.com).

May you find gentle ways to warm and nourish your being this winter.

Blessings from the Mana Team.

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<b>23-25 JUL</b>	Winter Relax and Wellness Weekend	
<b>30-1 AUG</b>	Sing Your Heart Out with Tony Backhouse	
<b>6-8 AUG</b>	Settling In With Jess Devi and Clare Etherton	
<b>13-18 AUG</b>	Health and Wellness Retreat with Sarah Lindsay	
<b>20-22 AUG</b>	A Weekend of Flow – Balancing Your Yin and Yang w/ Jo Monaghan	
<b>27-29 AUG</b>	The Wild Heart w/ Sarsha Hope and Franko Heke	

## CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Shevana Davies of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Shevana has been nominated by Pinky, who wrote “the hard work and dedication Shevana has put into the fundraising for Eddie-Jade is truly amazing. Shevana is my local community hero!”

Thanks for your community spirit Shevana, you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

### Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit?

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Send your nominations to: Coromandel.

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(subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members



## World Vision

Waikato youths are set to shape history for children in sub-Saharan Africa through World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

New Zealand’s largest youth fundraising event, the World Vision 40 Hour Famine, is back and bigger than ever, with plenty of Waikato students

set to take on a challenge or go without something they rely on for 40 hours – and it’s all in the name of stopping the hunger pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa.

For 40 hours from **Friday 25 to Sunday 27 June**, about 90,000 young New Zealanders are expected to take part and raise much-needed funds for children and families in sub-Saharan Africa who are facing what could be the biggest hunger crisis of our lifetime.

This year, three of Aotearoa’s most loved young Kiwis – rugby star Caleb Clarke, model and body positivity advocate Jess Quinn and singer and songwriter Paige Tapara – are championing the World Vision 40 Hour Famine as ambassadors, each of them determined to use their platforms to help make as big an impact for children in sub-Saharan Africa as possible.

“I encourage each and every young Kiwi to take part in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. In the scheme of things, 40 hours isn’t a very long time, yet the impact we can make for children in sub-Saharan Africa is massive,” says Caleb.

“At times, it can be easy to forget that there are many people around the world living a very different life to us; the World Vision 40 Hour Famine not only brings this to the forefront, but it gives us the tools we need to simply use what we have to make real and lasting change for children who desperately need it,” adds Jess.

Paige adds that while it doesn’t take a huge amount of effort for Kiwis to put 40 hours aside to help children, families and communities in sub-Saharan Africa, “the effort from all of us, collectively, will make a huge difference”.

“As Covid-19 worsens the damage the extreme poverty, climate change, a recent locust plague and decades of conflict have already done, for children in sub-Saharan Africa, our efforts are needed now, more than ever,” says Paige.

Money raised in this year’s World Vision 40 Hour Famine will help protect children threatened by the hunger pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa. The fundraising efforts of young Kiwis will put food on the table for those who go entire days without eating, provide seeds which will generate food to feed families for months and years to come and give families chickens to provide daily eggs and organic fertiliser for fast-growing crops.

Those who join Paige, Caleb and Jess in taking part simply need to live without something they rely on for 40 hours, like transport, furniture, technology or food, and raise as much money as possible while they’re at it.

Plus, those who sign up online will have the chance to win one of three special, history-shaping prizes – a rugby coaching session with Caleb, a sit-down session with Paige or a morning tea with Jess.

For full details visit [www.40hour.org.nz](http://www.40hour.org.nz)



## Christ Church News

By Barbara O’Reilly

At last! A permanent proper fence for Christ Church Cemetery thanks to Bruce Flintoff and Jack Little, and their helpers.

Our beautiful fence is to be blessed on **Sunday 25 July** by the Venerable Michael Berry, Archdeacon and presently Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church. We hope that those whose loved ones rest in the Christ Church Cemetery will celebrate with us.

The programme is: A Service for Sea Sunday with Holy Communion at 10am, followed by blessing of the fence at 11am and then morning tea in the hall.

Sea Sunday celebrates the role seafarers play in our daily lives. We thank them for the hardships they face and the sacrifices they endure, especially at this time of Covid lockdowns.

We pray for people whose work takes them to sea;

For those in the different branches of the navy;

For those who transport goods by ship;

For those who catch fish for their living.

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And keep them safe when the weather is bad and seas are rough.

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# OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

July 2021

## Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf project gets a \$2 million boost

**Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf project has received a \$2 million boost from the Waikato**

**Regional Council regional development fund, which will help with delivering significant economic benefits to the region, including employment opportunities.**

The Wharf already handles 90 per cent of the North Island's mussel production and the expansion of the wharf will ensure the movement and processing of product through Thames-Coromandel and other districts.

"This is a fantastic boost to the project, which also benefitted from \$19.95 million from the government's Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

"The potential to change lives, to boost the local and regional economy through



*Preliminary concept design.*

this work, is the reason why this council has committed funds to it," says Waikato Regional Council Chair Russ Rimmington. The project to upgrade the wharf will unlock approximately \$822 million of economic benefit over 35 years and is projected to support 880 jobs.

For more information on this project visit [tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi](http://tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi)



### **Collaboration is the key outcome for the tracks and trails forum**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ride Coromandel for co-hosting the Tracks and Trails forum last month which turned out to be a huge success with over 60 people in attendance.

For more information or to download our Tracks and Trails guide visit [tcdc.govt.nz/tracksandtrails](http://tcdc.govt.nz/tracksandtrails)



Coromandel  
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**UPDATE**

### **A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard**



"I would like to say a huge congratulations to Mr Harry Haerengarangi Mikaere from Coromandel for his services to the aquaculture industry and Māori who was recently announced on the Queens Honours List. He has made outstanding contributions to our community."

[peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz)

**Colville Road repairs** – Work is scheduled to start from Monday 12 July and is expected to take about seven weeks (weather dependent).

The size of machinery needed to repair the road for such a high dropout means we can't keep the road open to one lane. To complete the repairs in a safe and timely manner, the road will be closed throughout the day to allow our contractors to complete the repairs. The road will be open to let traffic through during set times.

For more information and to see the set times visit [tcdc.govt.nz/roads](http://tcdc.govt.nz/roads)

**The next Board meeting** will be at 9am Tuesday 6 July at the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road. [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](http://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings)



### **RED-gistered yet?**

Dog registrations are due by 31 July  
[tcdc.govt.nz/dogs](http://tcdc.govt.nz/dogs)

### **Long Term Plan decisions**



Our draft Long Term Plan is set to be finalised and adopted once it's been independently audited. The LTP contains the budgets, projects and services for the next 10 years.

In early June, our Council met to discuss the feedback we received on our LTP proposals during the March-April public consultation and make decisions. These were then analysed for their impact on rates and then audited.

Catch up on all the LTP news at [tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021](http://tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021)

### **RATES REBATE HELP AVAILABLE**



You may be able to get a rebate on your 2021/2022 Council rates

– and we have some drop-in clinics coming up to help you with this.

Application forms and more information can be found on our website [tcdc.govt.nz/ratesrebate](http://tcdc.govt.nz/ratesrebate), or pop into one of our service centres.

### **Community Board Grants**



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# Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

## Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal



Congratulations to Lila White!

Lila's short story titled *The Last Huia* was chosen by the judges from the Young New Zealand Writers organisation to be published in their 2021 collection of young persons' writing. The competition was entered by 40 schools and 500 students from all over New Zealand. The 40 most promising stories were chosen to be published. Each year, this organisation holds a national writing competition for New Zealand Year 7 & 8 school students.

This year's theme was Beyond, Beneath, Below and the judges were looking for short stories that were imaginative and explored the unexpected. Students were to write in a genre of science fiction, horror or fantasy and were told that preference would be given to stories with a New Zealand flavour.

### The Last Huia by Lila White

Sharp rocks stab at my feet, piercing through layers of dead skin as I walk. Dead rimu trees hang across the broken stone path that hundreds walk in shame. Wild overgrown putiputi cover the remains of human skulls.

I peer past the hundreds of people walking in front of me, and then look to my side. My younger sister's cold hand holds onto me so tight that my hand can hardly move. I look into her brown eyes, water swirling inside them. I tell her about what the world used to be like, how the large blooming pōhutukawa used to tower over us as our whānau shared a hāngī underneath. A hāngī filled with more food than we could ever eat. We wouldn't scramble over each other to get the kai. Instead, we would share and laugh as if we didn't think anything bad would ever happen to us.

Slowly I drift back to the real world, where food is a privilege and death is a step away for most of us. I pause as a middle-aged lady with long, wavy, beetle-black hair falls over and stops moving. I shove my hand over my sister's face. She squirms, forcing my hands off her eyes.

"I'm not a taitamaiti anymore," she screeches, her voice echoing down the long path.

I stare down at her and smile. She definitely goes by the name Anahera, majestic and powerful.

"Fine," I say quietly.

We stop looking at each other and look down at the path. A pūkeko sprints across our path, its blue feathers reflecting the sun into our eyes. A big hand reaches out and grabs it by its legs, lifting it upside down. The man holds it close, then slowly drifts to a guard – a guard that is leading us to the death camp. He shoves the very lively pūkeko at the guard's chest and asks to be set free.

The guard laughs, then sets a straight face. "There's not enough food for all of us, so we have to sacrifice a few."

The guard grabs the pūkeko and lowers it to the ground. The bird races away into the thick bush. Then the guard shoves the starving man to the ground. I point my head down toward the ground and carry on walking. I try to cover my feelings with a slight smile, but instead, it looks crooked and uneven. A tear rolls down my face and splashes

on the ground. No one notices. No one cares.

I begin to hum a poem that Mum used to say to me. She called it *The Last Huia*. It was about a bird that became extinct, but she said she could still hear its whistle high on the mountain tops, calling out over the villages, bringing peace and harmony to any who heard. I know the mist will clear soon. I know the huia still sings in Te Urewera.

I start to relax; my red eyes return to their normal dark blue, and my breath calms: inhale and exhale. I squeeze Anahera's hand, then look to the side. The forest is looking out at me. I can feel it calling my name like it is luring me in. A small dark blue bird with a long beak and an orange wattle flutters nearby, looking at me, waiting for me to follow.

With Anahera's hand in mine, I quietly leave the path and pull her into the trees with me. I chase after the bird, dragging my sister behind me.

"Where are we going?" Anahera whispers, making sure the guards don't hear, even though the bush now surrounds both of us.

I follow the bird for a long time. Finally, it lands on a branch and looks at the ground, at a square-shaped object on the forest floor. I brush off the layer of leaves and dirt and pull at a rotting, frayed rope. The trap door opens. I peer down into what looks like a void. We have nowhere else to go.

"Let's go home, Anahera."

There is food in the bush. We can survive.



## Coro Playgroup

By Angee McWatt

In June we celebrated Matariki and the Winter Solstice with a Lantern Festival. We planned for an early evening walk in beautiful gardens with our lanterns guiding the way, singing songs and sharing star biscuits with friends and whānau. We made our lanterns from glass jars pasted with coloured tissue paper and leaves. They look amazing with a little candle burning bright inside.

Over the past few weeks we have been listening to a story about a hedgehog eating lots and building a nest to have his long winter sleep in.

We also have enjoyed painting and wet felting with our tamariki.

We have been running this Playgroup for nearly two years and appreciate all of the community support we have received so far.

Please come along and join us on Mondays for fun and honey buns.

Contact Angee for more details on 021 255 0399

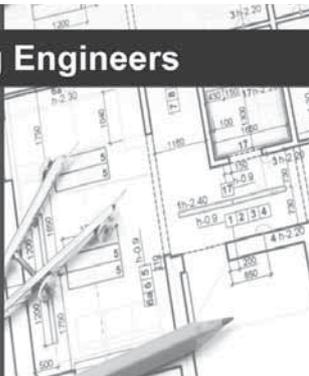


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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown

### New water fountains

We were successful applicants in the 2021 Community Grants Scheme – supported by proceeds from The Bizarre. Once again, we are very grateful to receive such amazing support from our local community. This money has now meant that we are able to have two new water fountains. This means that students have more accessibility to drinking water. We have more fountains around the school to now keep up with our roll growth and also this will mean that the new fountains will provide visiting sports teams a healthy drink option too. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Community Grants Scheme for making this happen.

As we near the end of Term Two we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our students and whanau for an enjoyable term. We hope you have a restful break, set to go for Term Three; keep well and stay warm.

See also the article on CAS Spirit Trophy Voyage on page 3.



## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou. Well winter is definitely showing itself with all of this wet weather. Have to remember the raincoats, lots of changes of clothes and gumboots now.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent fundraiser held to support Eddie-Jade and his whaanau. We raised approximately \$6,300 from raffles, donations and the bake sale. We truly live in a very generous and loving community.

Eddie-Jade is just four years old and he has been diagnosed with ALL-acute lymphoblastic leukaemia which is a type of blood cancer. Eddie-Jade is currently in Starship hospital undergoing treatment, which at this stage is expected to last for at least the next two years. You can still help out the whaanau by making any donations through the Give-a-little page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/eddie-jade-needs-our-help>.

An update on the playground redesign – we are in the process of sourcing a company or two who will come along and provide us with a working concept plan which will be drawn up from the original concept plan that Natalie kindly drew up for us and with further input from whaanau and teachers. Then the really hard job of fundraising for the playground begins.

Over the past month we have celebrated birthdays for Jordan, Anthony, Lukaia, Shane, and Meadow; we wish them all a very happy birthday. We are welcoming Jared to our centre; we look forward to learning more about you, your whaanau and your interests.

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

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

## Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

School Term Times: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3pm-5pm, Friday night 6.30-8.30pm (school yrs 6-10), Sunday 1-4pm – please make a gold coin donation.

School Holiday Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-4pm, \$2 per child, Friday Night 6.30-8.30pm (school yrs 6-10), Sunday 1-4pm.

Parents and caregivers please check in with staff from time to time so that we can keep up to date with contact details and preferences for your child.

Youth Group is for children five years and over. There are a variety of activities to choose from. Just fill in a membership form and in the holidays bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips. Afternoon tea is kindly supplied by CILT's Bizarre Community Grants Team.

For more information call in or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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

## Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody, Kiwi Can Coordinator

This term our theme has been Integrity/ Pono - doing the right thing (even when no one's watching!) and our catchphrase is "Kiwi Can says... I tell the truth, how about you? I am honest, I am true!" Our theme Integrity was split into three modules: Honesty, Responsibility, and Reliability. One of our activities for responsibility was a race to see whose team could clean their bedroom the fastest so they could go play. This isn't just shoving everything in the wardrobe, or stashing it under the bed... it's about being responsible and doing the right thing, the first time! The students loved the challenge, but how well do they do it at home? That's the real challenge! We hope you all have a fun and safe school holiday, and we're looking forward to the new theme for next term. I'll give you a hint: it starts with the letter R! Nga 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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# Arts

## Coromandel Art Group

By Ross Dixon

Summer came to an abrupt end with temperatures dropping almost overnight. Autumn colours started to appear, but once they reached their colourful peak, a couple of periods of wind and rain stripped the trees and carpeted with ground with red and yellow leaves. Some of us managed to photograph them early and will paint from them over winter.

Each year one of our members, Kay Ogilvie, opens her pottery studio to club members to experience a different form of art, rather than just painting. What a great studio, full of Kay's stunning work. This year only a handful of members attended but some interesting creations were made. Bowls, a mushroom, a tea light holder and a platter which will be glazed with broken

glass. We can't wait to see how they look after being fired in the kiln. Working with clay is fun but it is not easy, however it takes you out of your comfort zone and suddenly you are absorbed in what you are attempting to create. A great day and a big thank you to Kay and Chris for opening their home and studio to us.

Soon the shortest day will be here and we can then look forward to longer days and the approaching spring and summer. But during the winter, as mentioned in the last Chronicle, we have three talented artists holding workshops. Non-members are able to attend on a space available basis. Contact details below.

We welcome new members; call in on a Thursday at St Andrew's Hall and check out what we do. Contacts are Lindsay (07) 866 7799 or Ross (07) 866 8310



Linda Webb looking pleased with herself



Kay and Shirley Stol

## Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

"When are you going to put on a play?" I have been asked this very often in the last few months. Well the good news is, we are in rehearsal for an intriguing Agatha Christie type tale of blackmail and death, called "Murder Deferred" by English playwright Stuart Ready.

It is a full three-act play written for a cast of seven women and we have been fortunate to find seven local women prepared to put in the effort to perform it.

Because of the demands placed by the parts on some members of the cast it is difficult to give a definite performance date but if all goes well the last two weekends of August will see our first play for some time. An update on dates and some play details next month.

Advance notice... and a teaser. We will be asking people who attend the play not to tell friends of the vital piece of evidence that is revealed in the very last scene. Enough said!

## Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson

This month's artists reflect the diversity of media, style and subject matter which makes the Arts Tour such a great experience.



### Murray Rainey

"Art is about expressive intent, so when throwing something on the pottery wheel I feel that part of me is embedded into each piece. As I mature as a potter, different styles are appearing, and when my studio is finished I'll have lots more room to experiment in. A gas kiln will open up an even larger field to explore with reduction firing. I'm looking forward to the Arts Tour."

### Natasha Hunter

"Born in Brazil, I sailed to New Zealand as a child with my family. As a teenager I sailed against nuclear testing the year the Rainbow Warrior was bombed. I then completed a degree at Elim School of Fine Arts and did a Peace Walk across India. This resulted in my becoming a Rastafarian and finding God. Now, mother of seven and grandmother of many, my story is expressed in my art."



### Lindsay Garmson

"I express myself with the changing colour of the environment around me – whether it is reflected in my paintings or with the glazes for my pottery. In this work I am making a statement about taking from the environment and not giving back. My art can be found at the Hereford 'n' a Pickle in Colville and at the Workshop Gallery, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town."

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You can see more of these artists' work and their contact details on [www.coromandelartstour.co.nz](http://www.coromandelartstour.co.nz) or follow us on [www.facebook.com/CreativeCoro/](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeCoro/)

### Thames Music Group

**Sunday 4 July** at 2.00pm – Denise Norton “Renaissance meets Jazz”.

This afternoon concert will be a whirlwind of chanson, musical and classics – featuring I Dreamed a Dream – Les Miserable, La Vie en Rose – Piaf, Leonard Cohen’s Hallelujah coupled with anecdotes from her fascinating career. Denise is renowned for her versatility, thrilling audiences with her performances in opera and musical.

At St. George’s Anglican Church, 602 MacKay Street, Thames.

Tickets at the door on the day, cash sales only. Adults \$20/TMG Members \$15/Students \$5/Under 12’s free.

**Friday 23 July** at 12.15pm – Kumeu Vintage Brass Band. Free lunchtime concert. Donations are appreciated.

An annual fixture on the Thames Music Group calendar, the band will return to delight our audience with their big band style of music interlaced with gentle sensitive playing. KVB has established a reputation and a following as a variety concert performer par excellence.

At St. George’s Anglican Church, 602 MacKay Street, Thames.

[www.thamesmusicgroup.com](http://www.thamesmusicgroup.com)

### Creative Coromandel prepares for 2021 pARTner Up artist mentoring programme

Last year He Mana Toi Moehau Trust/Creative Coromandel created and successfully ran the first artist mentoring programme for the Thames-Coromandel District and Hauraki rohe, called pARTner Up.

pARTner Up connects creatives in mentor-mentee relationships that propel artists to build confidence, thrive and flourish with their art at the centre of their success.

Creative Coromandel is the central arts network for the Coromandel Peninsula and the Hauraki rohe, and pARTner Up is one of their key initiatives designed to support the local arts sector.

“It’s of utmost importance to us that our creatives are supported and encouraged to engage in their artistic practice, and feel confident in their abilities to set and achieve long-term career goals,” says Jan Wright, Chair of He Mana Toi Moehau Trust/ Creative Coromandel.

Creative Coromandel is currently preparing for pARTner Up 2021-2022, which will go ahead once funding has been secured.



Locals enjoying the pARTner Up end of programme exhibition ‘Flourish’ at Hauraki House on 20 March

So far they have put together a great team of established local artists to be mentors. Each mentor will share their experiences and wisdom for success in the art world and encourage their mentee to step outside of their existing comfort zones.

Thanks to Lottery Community, the selected mentors engaged in a special training wānanga at the end of June in preparation for the programme.

Creative Coromandel are now calling for early expressions of interest from local artists who are interested in participating in pARTner Up as a mentee. Artists may be working in any medium or genre of visual or performing arts, and must be a resident of the Coromandel Peninsula or Hauraki rohe.

For the full criteria and to download an application form, visit [www.creativecoromandel.co.nz](http://www.creativecoromandel.co.nz).

Stay tuned for updates by following Creative Coromandel on Facebook and Instagram

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# Environment

## Drone images show possums' impact on Coromandel forest

Newly released drone photography shows the impact of possums on a section of ancient forest in northern Coromandel, and also the value of predator control and restoring forest habitat.

The images were obtained as part of work undertaken by staff from the Department of Conservation's (DOC) Coromandel district, when they carried out seed collection tasks in summer as part of efforts to stop the spread of the tree disease myrtle rust and safeguard genetic seed stock for the species.

Myrtle rust has the potential to weaken and eventually kill some native New Zealand tree species such as pōhutukawa, manuka and rātā.

The drone images show sections of forest canopy in the Papakai block of the Coromandel Forest Park, which straddles the spine of the Coromandel ranges.

Nick Kelly, DOC's Coromandel Operations Manager, says the drone images show the stark contrast between an area where there has been more than 25 years of predator control effort, and an adjacent section of land where predator control has only been undertaken twice in the last decade.



Papakai block – showing the part of the block with good vegetation (left), vs the block with stripped trees (right). Photo credit: Department of Conservation

“The tops of the rātā trees in the two images are where the difference is really evident,” he says.

“In the area where we've had long-term predator control, you can see the distinctive red-brown colour of the rātā trees flowering – they're good healthy trees, with plenty of leaf coverage and no signs of the damage possums cause.

“But in the other image, several dead rātā are clearly visible – over time, they've been stripped of leaves by possums and that's led to the trees dying.

“Those dead specimens really stick out, and they're a trigger for what we term a 'top-down collapse' of the forest eco-system.”

As larger trees die off due to the impact of possums, it compromises wider biodiversity and forest health, with birdlife, insects and other native wildlife affected.

Nick Kelly says the damage done by

possums isn't always visible to visitors enjoying the forest.

“You can wander through the forest and not necessarily see the impact of these introduced pests. What the drone imagery shows us is what people do not see when they're out for a walk or a tramp.”

DOC's predator control efforts are essential to protect New Zealand's native species, as introduced pests like possums, stoats and rats eat native plants, insects, birds and eggs.

The predator control operations target both rats and possums (and will also decrease stoat numbers) to help protect the rare fauna and forest trees. Reduced possum browsing also results in more food for birds.

DOC is currently consulting with iwi, landowners and stakeholders for a Tiakina Ngā Manu predator control operation recommended for later this year.

## Toxic Water

By John Veysey

### To all who live alongside 1080

This winter DOC is intending to drop 1080 in the hills behind Manaia over an area they call Papakai and over the Moehau mountain.

Last month we learned of the 50% jump in possum numbers since the previous 1080 drop over the hills behind Manaia. We all expected a plague of rats but a plague of possums has now occurred after the fourth 1080 drop in a row over the same place. This was a clear indication that this method of possum control is not working and should be replaced. However it is a lot worse than “not working”.

In the 11 June issue of the Hauraki Herald, plus in the DOC article above, we learned that this possum explosion has been disastrous for the native bush.

The Papakai hills between the 309 and Tapu/Coroglen roads have received two lots of aerial 1080 baits in the last ten years and the DOC manager in Whitianga, Nick Kelly, tells us that the four

year gap between control operations is too long. Not only have the possum numbers exploded but they have stripped the rata trees. Mr Kelly could not have made a more convincing argument against four-yearly control operations. The benefit of a trapping operation is that trappers go through an area every year. The possum numbers never explode and the trees stay protected. For the price of one aerial 1080 operation you could afford four annual trapping operations through the same area. No stripped trees, no “top -down collapse”, no unnecessary poison. From Nick's article it looks like the previous 1080 drops have been a disaster. Nick's next project is do another 1080 drop over the same area. But Nick is not managing this drop and has given control to a private firm called EcoFX.

Landowners who live next to the poison drop zones and who take their water from streams which flow out of those zones are at risk from toxic water when the baits are dropped and afterwards.

Rigid safety precautions have been put in place to ensure that everyone drinking from streams which will flow with 1080 poison are free from risk. This entails locating every single water uptake in every stream that starts in the poisoned zone. It means talking to all those who drink from each uptake and making sure that neither they nor their animals drink from those streams when they are flowing with 1080. It appears that EcoFX have been working from a chart of names of previous landowners and your name may not be on that chart. It is the District Health Board's earnest wish to locate and protect every single taker of water from these streams. You may have received a notice of the coming drop, you may have been visited or you may not. In any case it is vital that you and your location are registered before the drop happens so that all steps can be taken to ensure your safety.

To all who live next to one of the two proposed poison zones, for your own safety, please register your details with us so that we can update the current Moehau and “Papakai contact databases”. Send to: corolandcare@colville.org.nz.

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**Moehau Environment Group**

By Steph Parkyn



**Ferret Menace**

Over recent months, we have detected ferrets in our trapping network north of Coromandel Town for the first time in MEG's history (previously we have detected them occasionally around Coromandel but no further north). This is alarming because ferrets are able to kill adult kiwi and we are working with DOC, Kiwis for kiwi, and others to develop a plan to tackle this threat.

Ferrets were introduced to Aotearoa in the 1880s along with the other mustelids (stoats and weasels) to try and control introduced rabbit numbers. Ferrets are the largest mustelid here. Mustelids soon turned to eating our native birds and were responsible for the extinction of kākāpō from the mainland and decline of kiwi, weka and whio.

If you see a ferret, let us know. Ferrets are about the size of a small cat, 32-46 cm long in body with a fluffy tail of 11-18 cm. They are variable in colour, some white or cream or may have longer dark hairs and a dark tail. Mainly active at night, they can have a home range as large as 70ha depending on food availability. They breed in September, have litters in October/November and may live 4-5 years in the wild.

Our native species are not adapted to this predator and as with many introduced species that have no natural predators, we humans have to take responsibility to control their numbers. We're taking the threat seriously and will let you know how you can help along the way. DOC are collecting any ferrets we catch for genetic analysis, so if you catch one in your own trap and need a hand with correct procedures, please get in touch. Anyone who has caught a ferret or taken a photo please let DOC know. They will positively identify that it is indeed a ferret and keep a record of where they are turning up.

If you see a ferret, email community.coromandel@doc.govt.nz or info@meg.org.nz.

**Stoat Trapping Network**

Our stoat trapping network surrounds Coromandel Town and stretches north through

coastal and bush areas to Port Charles, covering an area of 15,000 ha. Each line has stoat traps spaced at 200m intervals and the lines are serviced monthly by volunteers or paid trappers. Huge thanks to the dedicated people who clear rats and mustelids from the 1,370 traps each month!

**Mega Rat Attack**

We are almost finished extending our intensive rat trapping sanctuary near Tangiaro in Port Charles. In the last year we have installed 850 new traps over 200 ha area spaced at 25m intervals and are almost ready to begin setting traps. To eradicate rats from an area without a predator-proof fence takes a massive, sustained trapping effort. Our field team climbs this difficult area each month and we are grateful for their stamina! Recent monitoring in our existing sanctuary has shown we have kept rats at 3.3% SMI compared to control monitoring outside of the trapped area at 37% SMI. This is an excellent result and we were thrilled to find Hochstetter frogs in our sanctuary. More on the Mega Rat Attack and our celebrations next month!

Total catch data over our entire operations to date:

Species	Total 2021	Total to Date
Hedgehog	47	443
Rat	1079	20,657
Stoat	113	2,753
Weasel	23	1001
Ferret	3	8*

\*Five ferrets have previously been caught around Coromandel Town

Have a great month everyone!

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**McGregor Bay Wetland**

By Pamela Grealey

**World Oceans Day**

Did you mark World Oceans Day on 8 June with a trip to the sea? World Oceans Day aims to support and grow the global movement to protect at least 30% of our blue planet by 2030. Here on our beautiful peninsula it was good to see events such as the "Protecting the sea on our doorstep" in Whitianga taking place.

Our marine environment is suffering due to things such as overfishing, pollution and land reclamation. As a species we have a big impact on our environment and it is up to us to ensure that the impact is a positive one that features sustainability and regeneration at its centre. Restoring our coastal wetlands is a good step to help the movement so it was pleasing to see the broad community support for our Wetland at the recent Community Board meeting.

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# Environment continued



## Forest & Bird

By Kate James

### Protecting the sea on our doorstep

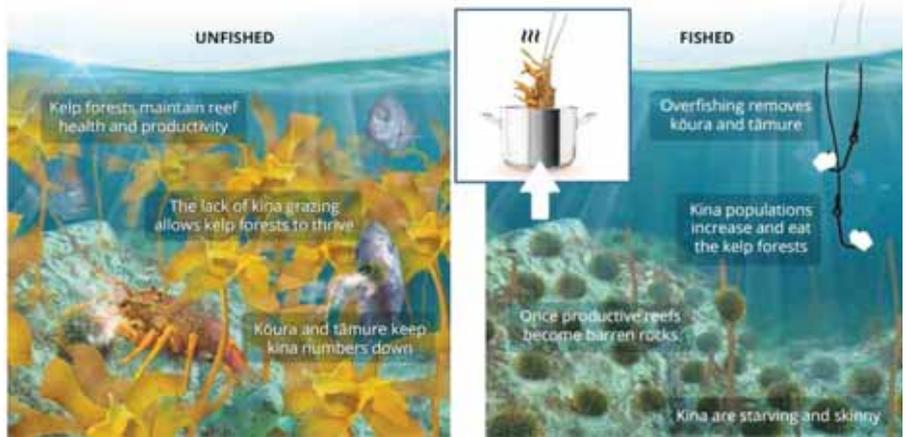
Biodiversity in our coastal seas is declining, and the situation is dire, but it is not too late to act. This was the key message from a community meeting held in Whitianga on 4 June, which was very well attended, with late arrivals finding standing room only.

Organised by Thomas Everth and a team motivated to help protect our ocean environment, the event was opened by Matua Joe Davis with his suggestions for improving the protection of treasured kaimoana, including the rāhui on the scallop beds off Opito, which has received great community support. He advocated for this to be held in place long enough for the scallop beds to replenish. Alex Rodgers, the Executive Officer of the Hauraki Gulf Forum, then outlined the serious issues causing the current collapse of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park: “We are taking too much out of it and we are putting too much bad stuff into it,” he said. He noted that Coromandel has by far the longest coastline within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, and that we all have a role to play in ensuring our waters are not left to continue along the current path of environmental decline and eventual collapse.

Pressure on the gulf comes from a variety of human activities, but especially overfishing, sediment runoff and plastic pollution. Twenty-five percent of fish studied in the Gulf have plastic in their bodies – including microplastics in their tissue, which we then consume. The once-abundant fish stocks of the Gulf have now been reduced significantly by the cascading effects of the removal of large tāmure/snapper and kōura/crayfish, which are the main predators of kina. This has allowed kina to take over and to eat their way through the kelp beds, consequently destroying the habitat for a host of other species. These “kina barrens” are a sign of serious ecosystem collapse.

The ways we can help the Gulf were clearly outlined:

- Active marine protection and restoration is needed in some sites where ecosystems are very degraded. We need to leave more of the Gulf alone. 30% marine protection would allow degraded ecosystems to restore themselves and the species protected then would help to replenish unprotected sites as well.



Graphic from the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana/Te Moananui-ā-Toi State of the Environment Report 2020

- Riparian planting can help reduce sedimentation in the Gulf.
- Fishing needs to be managed responsibly and sustainably, and this includes reducing or eliminating bottom trawling, dredging and other activities that damage the seabed.
- We need to stop marine dumping in or close to our precious Marine Park.

A sentiment echoed by many speakers at the meeting, but particularly Sir Michael Fay, was that: “nature is really good at restoring itself if it is left alone”. Auckland University scientist Dr Tim Haggitt explained how monitoring snapper and crayfish stocks inside and outside the Gulf’s few marine reserves shows striking differences. Surveys now show very few large crayfish or snapper outside marine reserves. He mentioned how one large mature snapper (60-70cm) contributes as much reproductive abundance to the ecosystem as 36 smaller (30cm) snapper - we need our big fish. Biophysical models and DNA testing show how big snapper within marine reserves contribute hugely to fish stocks outside reserves, up to 400km away. Daryl Sykes from NZ Rock Lobster Industry Council also showed data demonstrating the decline in crayfish numbers around the Coromandel. We need our big crayfish for the same reasons we need our big snapper.

Denis Tegg, the Coromandel Ward Councilor for Waikato Regional Council, urged everyone to support continuing efforts to restore our harbour and catchment vegetation to reduce sediment runoff, lobby local government to improve marine protection and reduce bottom trawling, restore shellfish beds, and put a stop to marine dumping. There is no silver bullet, but we can all help address this issue with a holistic “mountains to sea” approach to reviving our marine environment and reinstating the abundance we once had in our local marine waters.

To watch the series of talks from the Whitianga meeting and for more information search Facebook for: Coromandel Ocean Protection, and read the State of our Gulf 2020 Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana/Te Moananui-ā-Toi State of the Environment Report 2020 online

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# Sport

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

### President wins his own cup!

It was a great day all around for our esteemed president, Ross Mudgway on 5 June. Not only did he win his own cup, the "President's Trophy", a Nett tournament, with an extremely creditable Nett 65 but also won the final of the Beaver Cup (a handicap match play series) ironically against Wayne Beaver (no connection).

Well done for both wins Ross and thank you for the shout on the day and for providing some great prizes.

The National Firefighters Golf Tournament was played at The Dunes course at Matarangi over five days, starting on 3 May. The first 120 players to register from throughout the country were in for an awesome week.

Coromandel Golf Club was represented by Peter Richardson, Max McLean, Ron Evans and John Bull.

They all played well and certainly had some fun.



Amazing results for the club: Max McLean won the cup for best overall net, and the "Gold Star Bucket" played for by a special group of firefighters, each of which had served for 25 years. He also received \$500 in gift vouchers from Placemakers. As an added bonus he was one of three players selected to play in Melbourne, Australia, in the New Zealand Fire Service Team in November.



Max McLean receives the cup for best overall net

Good luck to all three when representing NZ.

Not bad at all for our little club here in Coromandel.

Upcoming events: **10 July** – Captain's Trophy, **24/31 July** – Neilson Cup Rd1 & 2, **28 July** – Meatpack/Laurie Olliff trophy.

This is so true:

A little girl was at her first golf lesson when she asked an interesting question...

Q: "Is the word spelled P-U-T or P-U-T-T?" she asked her instructor.

A: "P-U-T-T is correct," the instructor replied.

"P-U-T means to place a thing where you want it. "P-U-T-T means merely a futile attempt to do the same thing."

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Despite the wet weather, our intrepid croquet players carry on, practising our skills, bemoaning our mistakes and enjoying a laugh with both partners and opponents. We are a small, friendly club and welcome visitors from other parts of the country as well as locals who might like to see what croquet is all about.



If you're keen to try this game, we meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. For more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club

## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Sharon Toms & CRFC Committee

The Club "Fish of the Month Competition" for the \$100 prize is for our August 2020 – July 2021 current members only. Fish of the Month for July is yellowtail. Congratulations to Blake McNeil who won FOM for May with snapper weighing 6.715kgs.

Our Snapper Only Measurement Tournament will be held on **Saturday 17 July**. Entry forms can be picked up from Wyuna Studios, Coro Fish & Dive, or email us coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

We welcome new members. If you would like to become a member for August 2021 – July 2022 please email us for a subs form!

Here's to tight lines as always.

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Recent fundraiser for Eddie-Jade who is currently in Starship Hospital undergoing treatment for leukaemia (see pg 25)



Another picture of the CAS team at on the Spirit Trophy Voyage (see pg 3)



Coro Playgroup (see pg 24)

# Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

**Every Day**

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**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  
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 ..... 4pm  
 Tai chi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478 ..... 4.10pm  
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm  
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, contact Sally 027 302 4245 ..... 7.30pm

**Every Tuesday**

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Open Floor Community Dance, Citizens' Hall  
 (\*come 15mins early if you're new or would like a longer warmup)9.30\*-11.30am  
 Seniors exercise class, St Andrews Church Hall (07) 866 7894 ..... 10am  
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 10am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
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**Every Thursday**

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Coro Bowls club day..... 9.30am  
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time..... 9-11am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) ..... 10am  
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 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

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**Every Sunday**

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 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 1pm

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**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,  
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**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.  
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**1st Fri** – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 ..... 7pm  
**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 ..... 1pm  
**2nd Tues** – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 ..... 7pm  
**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.  
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**1st & 3rd Sun** – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road ..... 10am

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 New moon

 Full moon

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Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -1.5m High and -1.8m Low. Unfortunately I was unable to acquire tide heights prior to print.



Blue bin bags out



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			1 Community Board grants open (see ad pg 23) Quiz night at The Club High tide 12.11pm (2.6m) Low tide 6.01am (0.5m), 6.16pm (0.6m)	2 High tide 12.42am (2.7m), 1.02pm (2.5m) Low tide 6.52am (0.6m), 7.11pm (0.7m)	3 High tide 1.32am (2.6m), 1.56pm (2.5m) Low tide 7.43am (0.7m), 8.08pm (0.8m)	4 MEG Writer Lecture (see pg 4) Thames Music Group brings us Denise Norton "Renaissance meets Jazz at St. George's Anglican Church, Thames (see pg 27) High tide 2.23am (2.6m), 2.51pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.35am (0.7), 9.05pm (0.9m)
5 For Youth: Global Call with changemakers (see pg 21)	6 RN+TC Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 32) RN High tide 3.13am (2.5m), 3.47pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.26am (0.7m), 9.57pm (0.9m)	7 CT Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 15) Quiz at Star & Garter continues (see ad pg 5) High tide 4.52am (2.5m), 5.29pm (2.5m) Low tide 11.05am (0.7m), 11.32pm (0.8m)	8 RN+TC Singing Group starts at Anglican Hall (see ad pg 16) High tide 5.40am (2.5m), 6.14pm (2.6m) Low tide 11.51am (0.6m)	9 End of school Term 2 Waterworks open thru 25th (see ad pg 11) High tide 6.27am (2.5m), 6.56pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.16am (0.8m), 12.35pm (0.6m)	10 Captain's Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31) The "Living" Well Youth Zoom meeting (see pg 21) High tide 7.11am (2.5m), 7.36pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.58am (0.7m), 1.16pm (0.5m)	11 High tide 7.55am (2.6m), 8.17pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.40am (0.7m), 1.57pm (0.5m)
12 Colville Road works begin (see ad pg 23) Waikato DHB Community Health Forum meeting at St John Rooms (see pg 12)	13 RN+TC Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 32) TC High tide 9.20am (2.6m), 9.39pm (2.8m) Low tide 3.05am (0.6m), 3.18pm (0.4m)	14 + CT Ride Coromandel: Social Gathering for Cyclists (see pg 18) Quiz at Star & Garter continues (see ad pg 5) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 15) High tide 10.03am (2.7m), 10.23pm (2.8m) Low tide 3.48am (0.6m), 4.00pm (0.4m)	15 Quiz night at The Club High tide 10.47am (2.7m), 11.08pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.27am (0.5m), 4.45pm (0.5m)	16 High tide 11.34am (2.7m), 11.56pm (2.8m) Low tide 5.20am (0.5m), 5.34pm (0.5m)	17 Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club Snapper Only Measurement Tournament (see pg 31) High tide 12.24pm (2.6m) Low tide 6.10am (0.5m), 6.27pm (0.6m)	18 High tide 12.47am (2.8m), 1.19pm (2.6m) Low tide 7.02am (0.5m), 7.26pm (0.6m)
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26 School Term 3 starts	27 RN+TC Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 32) TC High tide 9.19am (2.9m), 9.45pm (3.0m) Low tide 3.04am (0.3m), 3.21pm (0.3m)	28 + CT Meatpack/Laurie Oliff trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31) Quiz at Star & Garter continues (see ad pg 5) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 15) High tide 10.06am (2.8m), 10.32pm (2.9m) Low tide 3.53am (0.4m), 4.07pm (0.4m)	29 Quiz night at The Club High tide 10.52am (2.7m), 11.19pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.40am (0.4m), 4.53pm (0.5m)	30 High tide 11.37am (2.6m) Low tide 5.26am (0.5m), 5.40pm (0.6m)	31 Neelson Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31) Dog registrations due (see ad pg 23) High tide 12.04am (2.7m), 12.23pm (2.5m) Low tide 6.11am (0.6m), 6.29pm (0.7m)	

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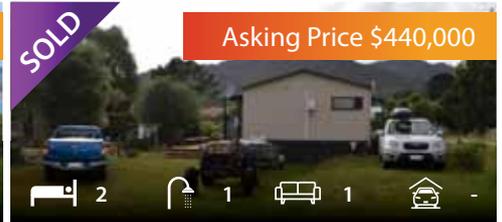
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