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..... Editor's comment

Hope you are all having a good winter. We have now passed the shortest day
and days will slowly get longer. There are quite a few AGM's this month and art
exhibitions, plus the opening of a new play from the Coromandel Players – so plenty
to get out the house for. See calendar of events on page 34.

July is Matariki and Abby has
kindly written a piece for the
Chronicle (see page 3).
How will you celebrate the long
weekend?

Winter is a perfect time to
snuggle up with a book. I love a
good book, especially a mystery.
Coromandel Library have a
continued supply of new books,
Paul reviews a couple on page 8.

Debbie



..... Letters

Disruptive audience

Dear Editor,

Coromandel audiences were recently treated to a wonderful performance by the NZ String Quartet, thanks to Arts on Tour NZ, the funds raised by Robin Munch, and the Coromandel Town Information Centre who do a great job of selling our tickets. Groups of such calibre as the NZSQ rarely visit Coromandel, and I was very disappointed to miss it, being overseas at the time. Sadly, I have since received several reports of some audience members being rather loud and disruptive.

I would like to point out that it takes a lot of concentration to get up on stage and act in a show, or perform musical pieces, and having the audience members act in this way can be very disconcerting and upsetting for the performers. We are proud of our little theatre, and receive many compliments from visiting groups. We also value the huge majority of our audiences who respect our performers; it is sad that one or two choose to spoil things for others. Of course, there are times when audience participation is welcomed and indeed encouraged (e.g., at a pantomime or a comedy show), and fortunately the vast majority of the Coromandel theatregoers appreciate that!

Please read our column on page 26 for news of our next production, at which we will be happy to hear your appreciative laughter!

Liz Cameron, President, Coromandel Players Inc.

Outstanding Sky Tower Challenge

To the Community of Coromandel,

I would like to publicly congratulate our members of the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade (CVFB) once again for their outstanding commitment and fundraiser for the latest Sky Tower Challenge, some 51 flights of 1,103 steps, each person carrying 25kg of gear and all as a fund raiser for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ. Our brigade has competed every year since 2011 with an average of 12 members entered each year; this I understand is the most from any one brigade in NZ consistently. This year we had 14 representatives who raised a total of \$13,574 to contribute to the grand national total of \$1,514,569. Our brigade contribution total was 25th of the total 216 brigades in NZ, an amazing achievement from such a small community.

I would also like to acknowledge our firefighters who remained at home at this same time to continue to look after our town while we were absent. As CFO it is satisfying to know that our brigade has great depth in skills and knowledge to be able to do this. I would like to give a special thank you to everybody who got behind us with your generous donation to such a great cause.

Mike Olliff, Chief Coromandel Fire Brigade

French Film Festival

On behalf of all filmgoers from around the Coromandel, I write now to thank Matt and Anne-Marie of Mercury Bay Twin Cinemas for hosting the recent French Film Festival.

As a former film critic for The Evening Press in Wellington, I watched six of the films and was most impressed with the diversity and scope of the French directors. All films now deserve a wider showing, since they have great entertainment value.

Don't forget – there's nothing like a visit to a real movie house. So, let's support the Mercury Bay Twin Cinemas.

Vive la France!

Richard Chrisp, Coromandel Town

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Letters continued

Give credit where credit's due

Kia ora. I thought I'd reply to the MEG Coordinator's article in the May edition of the Coromandel Town Chronicle stating that MEG were instrumental in the pateke release at Port Charles.

MEG were not instrumental in the release of the pateke as claimed and had absolutely nothing to do with it. Made me wonder where they got their info from.

Interesting to know how much other false info is out there.

DOC started and handled the pateke project while I was employed with them and the result was an outstanding success under the watchful eye of former DOC Area Manager John Gaukrodge, as was the kiwi zone. Even the goats were all removed without too many politics, so well done to DOC. We need a decent manager up here again.

Give credit where credit's due.

Kelvin Mouritsen (former DOC employee and contractor), Port Jackson

Reply to above letter

Thank you for reading our article on the threats to pāteke in the April Chronicle. The statement you are referring to actually reads: "In 2003, captive bred pāteke were translocated to Port Charles in an attempt to halt their decline and MEG was instrumental in protecting these birds with predator control." Jason Roxburgh was DOC's biodiversity manager at the time and he planned and led the pāteke reintroduction project for DOC, which lasted from 2003-2007, with heavy involvement from MEG and Port Charles landowners. He recalls that the combination of MEG and DOC's predator control in the northern Coromandel was the primary reason Port Charles was chosen as the release site by the Pāteke Recovery Group. The establishment of a feral cat trapping network was crucial to success and MEG were also involved in organisation and logistics for the releases. Since that time, pāteke have spread to other wetlands in northern Coromandel and MEG has also extended our rat, mustelid and cat trapping networks around important wetlands like Waikawau. We are proud of our volunteers and field staff who continue this mahi and hope that the community will get behind our new trapping initiative in Kapanga/Coromandel to protect the pāteke and water birds in town.

Ngā mihi nui,
Genevieve Morley, Communications & Community Engagement, MEG

Matariki

By Abby Noire

We have a public holiday coming up. It's Matariki on **Friday 14 July** this year.

The dates for the Matariki holiday will change year by year but will always fall in June or July.

The holiday date falls on the closest Friday to the heliacal rise of Matariki. The heliacal rise is when a star or planet is seen on the eastern horizon just before the rising of the sun.

Matariki is not a constellation but a star cluster. A group of stars near each other. There are over 500 stars in the Matariki cluster. This cluster is part of a larger constellation of stars called Taurus.

A constellation is a group of stars that may not be near one another, but seen from Earth they form a pattern. Matariki is one of the earliest recorded groups of stars in human history, with a record that dates back some 17,000 years. Compared to other star clusters Matariki is close to earth, but it's still 440 light years away. If you drove there in a car at a speed of 100km/hour, you would arrive in 4.8 billion years!

Matariki is visible to the naked eye from most parts of our planet, and is known by many different names. In Greek it's called the Pleiades. This term is widely used in English-speaking countries.

In Japan it's called Subaru, which means "to come together". In India it's known as Krittika and in China it is Mao, the white tiger's head.

In Greek mythology the cluster of the Pleiades is called the Seven Sisters and in Norse mythology the Vikings knew them as Freyja's hens.

Matariki is clearly visible for most of the year but disappears from view towards the beginning of winter. This is because of its proximity to the sun, which blocks our view of the star cluster at this time. The appearance of Matariki in the morning sky signals the beginning of the New Year in the Maori calendar and is a sign for people to gather, to honour the dead, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. Navigators used stars and star clusters such as Matariki to help them navigate great distances across the Pacific.

On **Saturday 15 July**, Coromandel Home Grown Market is having a midwinter celebration of Matariki. There will be stalls and music for your pleasure outside Hike & Bike from 11am to 6pm. There will be fairy lights once it's dark and a lovely community spirit, so come along.

Hopefully it's a clear night and we will see these stars that hail the beginning of the new year, te Mātahi o te Tau.

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau
Hail the rise of Matariki
Hail the lord of the sky
Hail the New Year

Rotary Cyclone Relief Funds Available

The Thames Rotary Club has funds available to donate to people or organisations who have been affected by the floods that followed Cyclone Gabrielle.

Our Rotary District, which encompasses most of the eastern side of the North Island, has been the beneficiary of overwhelming and heart-warming financial support from many generous clubs and individuals throughout New Zealand and even from Australia. These funds are to be used to assist with recovery from the disastrous floods experienced by the district.

The Thames Rotary Club has already distributed \$8,300 and expects to receive a further \$7,000 shortly, and it plans to allocate this before the end of June.

The Thames Club is the only Rotary Club on the peninsula, and we are aware that there are those farther from Thames who need assistance. We would like to hear from any individual or group who is still experiencing cyclone-related difficulties.

Applications for funding, outlining what the money would be spent on, should be sent to the Thames Rotary Club, giving your contact details, at thames.rotary@gmail.com



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Coromandel-Colville Business Association

By Jennifer Ashman,
Chair



The Coromandel-Colville Business Association (CCBA) is up and running and open for business. Many of the local business owners will have been aware that we have been working over the last several months to rejuvenate the business association. This is in response to the need to become a cohesive organisation with a strong voice, looking out for the best interests of our region by, among other things, addressing the negative effects of Cyclone Gabrielle, the terrible summer we had, the state of the roads around the peninsula, the lack of visitors, and to generally redirect media attention to focus on the positive. At our meeting on 15 June it was unanimously agreed that we would become an incorporated society.

The committee members were elected as follows and are from a wide selection of business sectors:

Chair – Jennifer Ashman, James & Turner, teamashman201@xtra.co.nz;
Vice-chair – Anne Loudon, Coromandel Oyster Co., coroosterco@farmside.co.nz;
Secretary – Leanne Jeffcoat, Coromandel and Beyond, leanne@hikeandbike.co.nz;
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Accountant – Joanne Scott, Coromandel Accounting, jo@coroaccounts.com;
Solicitor – Brenda Flay, Purnell Lawyers, brenda@purnell.nz.

All businesses located within the area determined by the Thames Coromandel District Council Coromandel-Colville ward are eligible to join (i.e. bordered by the

Waikawau River on the Thames Coast, and east to include Kennedy Bay).

One of the CCBA's main goals is to identify and cost all the great ideas circulating in and around our region and to work on a plan to bring to life business resilience, support, cooperation, innovation and initiatives. It is important to acknowledge the work of the previous Coromandel Business Association which was in existence for 24 years until it dissolved in 2020 due to lack of support. We do not want this to happen again.

The Thames Coromandel District Council, in conjunction with the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, has recently announced a funding/recovery parcel for each of the four peninsula wards (of which we are one) to be administered by the business associations. We are to submit our plan complete with costings to the Council and local business input will help inform our direction.

We will be asking our local business community to complete a survey to give us a snapshot of what is happening within

the Coromandel-Colville region. Similar surveys have been run by the other peninsula business associations and this will give a wide overview to inform any future opportunities for collaborative initiatives. Coupled with this, our survey will provide local opportunity for input into our future.

We ask that the Coromandel-Colville businesses support our region by completing the survey and joining the CCBA. A survey link will be emailed out and you are encouraged to forward it to others so we can gather as much information as possible. For this year the CCBA subscription has been set at \$100 including GST for the year commencing **Saturday 1 July**.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 19 July**. It will be held in the Combined Clubrooms (bowling club), Woollams Avenue and commences with a networking session from 5.30pm with our guest speaker, Simon Graney from Outward Bound. The business meeting will start at 6.30pm. Business owners are invited to attend and are asked to RSVP to the secretary.

Candy floss machine available for use by Coromandel charities and organisations

Shelly Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park is excited to announce that we now have our candy floss machine available for use at fundraising events. We want to help make your next fundraiser a sweet success.

Our candy floss machine is available as sponsorship to any local charity or organisation hosting a fundraising event. Whether you're organising a school gala, a sports team fundraiser, or a charity event, the candy floss machine is sure to be a hit with attendees of all ages. Kids will love watching the fluffy pink clouds of candy being spun right before their eyes, while adults will appreciate the nostalgia of this classic treat.



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At Shelly Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park, we are committed to supporting our community and giving back in any way we can. We believe that by working together, we can create a stronger and more vibrant community.

So if you're looking to add some sweetness to your next fundraising event, drop Aaron an email at aaron@shellybeachcoromandel.co.nz with dates and what you are trying to achieve to find out how you can use our candy floss machine

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Our road to recovery

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency contractors are due to begin soon on the new \$40 million bridge to reconnect SH25A.

The design is a simple, off-the-shelf one which can be partly fabricated off-site, to speed up the building process.

A Business Association Recovery Forum held in Thames last month was attended by representatives from the Coromandel-Colville ward, who are setting up a Business Association for your area. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has allocated \$75,000 for each ward to support the unique needs of each area's business communities.

"I'm pleased to see some further support to help business owners and their staff get through winter and into the New Year," says Mayor Len.

Last month our Cyclone Recovery Minister Michael Wood also announced \$200,000 towards visitor promotion for our district.

Our Council continues to develop its Recovery Plan in partnership with our communities, Iwi and key stakeholders. It will provide clear pathways to build resilience and take care of our communities and their wellbeing in a future-focused way.

Sign-up for regular road to recovery updates: [tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe)



Coromandel
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Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board
Chair Gavin Jeffcoat



"It's encouraging to hear that there is additional funding available to support business recovery needs in each of our district's wards, and a welcome boost of \$200,000 to support visitor promotion in our district. It's been tough for our local businesses and tourism with the closure of SH25A and, while work on the bridge is set to begin soon, ongoing support for our business communities is still very much needed. Congratulations to our Council, which last month was recognised for its excellent work on our Shoreline Management Pathways project that will guide us as we prepare for the effects of future climate change. July also marks our second national celebration of Matariki. Let's gather together and give our visitors a warm welcome over this special weekend." gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

Other business: Waka Kotahi is set to sign-off on the design to improve the safety of the Te Kouma Rd intersection.

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 25 July 2023, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road.

MATARIKI

Matariki tāpuapua, Matariki hunga nui
Matariki, the cold and wet season, a time for gathering people

~ Friday 14 July ~



KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

There are no scheduled Kerbside rubbish collections on Matariki public holiday Friday

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

Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations are open on Matariki Friday to their public holiday hours (Coromandel Town closes at 4pm). [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts)



ALCOHOL BANS

Alcohol bans are in place over Matariki long weekend from 4pm Thursday 13 July to 4pm Sunday 16 July. [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)



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DOG RULES

Please keep your dogs on a lead in our town centres. There are off-leash dog exercise areas across our district. [tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide)

Big win for Shoreline Management Project

Our Council's Shoreline Management Pathways project has won a significant award at the Taituarā local government excellence awards.



At a ceremony held in Wellington last month, the SMP project received the GHD Award for Environmental Leadership.

The award recognises projects that provide tangible benefits to the environment, or showcase leading practice in managing environmental impacts in the local community. Importantly, the winning approach had to be transferable to other local authorities.

"I'm delighted the incredibly hard work of a large team of our people has been recognised," says Mayor Len. "This award is an important acknowledgment that we're going about things the right way." [tcdc.govt.nz/smp](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/smp)

Yello!
It's dog rego time

Register your dog before 1 August to avoid penalties.

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Patchwork and Quilters

By Sue Smith

Winter is truly here. Some of our group have been busy making “Eye Spy Quilts” and “Snuggle” quilts for their grandchildren. Always fun to do the smaller quilts and we can take advantage of learning new techniques or just stick to some tried and tested patterns that we love.

Work has been progressing on our “together” project. More to come about this soon.

Early May was a group day when we worked together making gifts for our guests who will be coming to Coromandel for Peninsula Day, **Sunday 29 October**. Each year a patchwork group from around the peninsula hosts the other groups and this year we will host. We will display several of our quilts and projects, have raffles and a guest speaker.

On 19 June we had our Midwinter Christmas Lunch. Such a fun day. Food made and brought along by all of us. Yummy as always. Tina had us making paper hearts to keep us entertained until lunch. Shirleen had hers made in no time. I’m afraid I took a lot longer to master it. This year’s President Challenge was to use just a fat ¼ and make anything we liked. They were set up for viewing and we voted. Had four equal winners so more voting. Top vote went to me for the colourful pink/purple zipper bag. So a pat on the back to me and thank you Fiona for the lovely prize of a ruler bag. Second and third places were Shirleen and Sharon, with both receiving a lovely work bag for keeping projects organised.



Our next project will be **Monday 3 July** when Judy will show us how to make patchwork stars in a card.

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

Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Sharon Currie 027 299 6695



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Cell Phone Tower

By John Veysey

Do we really want to attract visitors to Coromandel just to watch Netflix on their phones?

In the middle of June I witnessed the force used, and the cost of measures taken, to erect a 5G tower in the middle of residential Coromandel.

An army of high-vis workers were busy.

Their vehicles blocked the road. Downer, FTIX, Mercury Bay Hi-Ab Services, Spy Tower Construction, Pipe Vision, Hirepool and Allied Security, were some of the businesses taking part.

Two guys were “digging” a hole protected by a barrier of people-proof fencing (PPF’s) while a second PPF was being erected around the first one.

The outer perimeter fence was being patrolled by another army of security guards and police. A paddy wagon loomed across the road.

Our district councillor and a car full of TCDC workers were there.

This huge exercise became necessary because of the growing evidence of damage to health from 5G emissions. Nobody wants to live anywhere near one of those towers let alone one just 50 meters away. They objected and the army had come to squash their objection. They were not asked beforehand. The tower was going to go up regardless of what they thought.

The workers, security and police, when told what distress they were bringing to local neighbours, all replied: “We’re just doing our job.” and, if you persisted you got the crushing: “It’s legal”.

Doing their job is legal. But the job they were doing on this day did not have the approval of the local people and there is something illegal about that.

The RMA was put in place to ensure consultation with the people before such an installation can take place but TCDC simply swept that aside by labelling the erection of cell-towers a “permitted activity” and a “permitted activity” requires no social licence.

Two years ago, a similar tower was erected next to the tennis club. No neighbours were asked or even informed of the tower’s coming. TCDC’s answer was just the same: “No need to tell you. It’s a permitted activity.”

In 2017 the conservation minister, Nick Smith, felt the RMA “resource consents” required before a poison operation simply took too long so he went back to Wellington and amended the RMA in such a way that regional council no longer were required to enforce the RMA safety rules. District council has done the same thing. No consultation with the people.

This cavalier style of government is not new. It is now pervasive and not a style that we voters want to get used to let alone vote for more of.



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Lynne Fenwick

Our Aussie relatives arrived from Western Australia a few days ago, just in time for three nice frosts all in a row. They had walking shoes and poles and keen to revisit a few places in and around Coromandel.

The Harray Track was our first venture out, starting from Buffalo Road and down through town past all of our beautiful buildings. The track is still very muddy and slippery in places and sticks or walking poles are a great help to keep you balanced. Along the way we met up with the very friendly Monday Walking Group. They had a chat with the Aussies and invited them to join them next Monday for their weekly outing.

Tuesday we were off to the top of the peninsula to walk the Muriwai Track. Two very important things to note here. The Muriwai Track had been closed by DOC, but they had not communicated that to the Info Centre. As there were no signs advising us of the closure, we did successfully walk the track safely. DOC will now update us as soon as it opens again. Second, the road north of Colville is under repair and not easy to navigate. Again, please call in for an update.

Our wetland area on Long Bay Road was on our list and we all enjoyed the time spent here with beautiful large white spoonbills enjoying this space. This is a lovely area to visit.

Whangapoua Beach was Sunday's outing. The wind was up a little but once we were down on the beach itself it was a beautiful place for an afternoon walk. Mum came with her bucket hoping for some seaweed, and I wanted to get to the very end of the beach where you cross the tidal stream for the walk into New Chums just to check after the storms we have had. We then drove on into Matarangi and checked out the beach and walks for next week.

Remember we are open every day 10am till 3pm. Bring your visitors; we might have something new to share with them



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Our 2023-24 schedule has been set and programmes were distributed at our June meeting. Thanks to the kindness of their willing owners, we will be visiting eight or nine gardens of members and nonmembers, in and near Coromandel Town during the year. We also have a day trip scheduled in November.

Our guest speaker in June was Debbie Harvey who talked about and demonstrated how she creatively reuses #2 and #4 plastic bottles to make flowers, etc., through a combination of cutting, heating and painting. There is a lot of info available online (search "melting plastic") if you want to give it a go.

Two new members have joined our group. Welcome to Annette and Amanda!

First place competition winners in June were Joan C – Single Bloom; Jeni – Mini Bloom; Pauline – Multi Bloom; Sheana – Arrangement (No Flowers Allowed); and Joan C – Special (Camellias). The meeting was shorter than most, ending at 3pm, but many of the members stayed on to enjoy a beverage and socialize.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 12 July** at The Club at 12pm (early start). Activity: Midwinter Potluck Lunch; bring your baby photo for August competition. Speaker: Olwyn Bourne on ancestry and family tree. Arrangement: With a Candle; Special: Show Us Your Citrus.

If you are interested in joining or being a speaker, please contact Kath Denize, Convenor, 022 413 6573 or Natalie Blasco, Secretary, (07) 866 7518



Coromandel Players present

Winding Up

By Roger Hall

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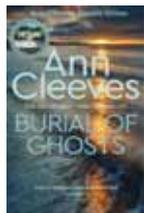
Library News

By Paul Lawrence

The Library AGM will be held in the Council Meeting Room on **Wednesday 16 August**. All are welcome.

We are slowly making changes in the library to help our borrowers. Some of these changes are obvious, while others, not so much. We are changing the junior section to try and help youngsters find books more easily and we are changing some of the shelving in the adult fiction area to try and fit more books in and make them easier to find. The big change we have made is the introduction of large shelf dividers. Apart from the fact they look so much better, it should help members to find specific authors. A special thanks to the Bizarre for their kind donation to fund the dividers.

Burial of Ghosts – Ann Cleeves



Anyone who has watched *Shetland* or *Vera* on television, will be familiar with the works of Ann Cleeves.

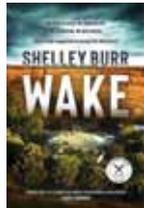
Burial of Ghosts is a story of living in foster homes and the troubles of youth.

Now holidaying in Morocco, Lizzie has a brief affair with Simon, a fellow tourist. After returning home, she finds a solicitor's letter telling her that

Simon is dead and has left Lizzie £15,000.

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Wake – Shelley Burr



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Hot Spot – News from Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Recent calls: 309 roadside fire, motor vehicle collision (MVC) truck vs bank, MVC person trapped, medical – cardiac arrest x 4, hotel alarm, school alarm, ambulance assist, another cat! The majority of these calls potentially have a person or more involved and often with life-threatening issues. The Fire Brigade is not normally the first to the scene but more often has both the trained skills and numbers to assist and just sometimes everyone on the scene gets the result we all strive to achieve, as was the case in one of our recent medicals. The immediate reaction of bystanders to a young man in cardiac arrest aided by the prompt arrival and reaction of St John, our local doctor, the police, the brigade and Westpac paramedics all resulted in this man's survival. This most rewarding result is what we all strive for at every incident.

As noted in the Letters to the Editor, our brigade

competed once again in the Sky Tower Leukaemia and Blood NZ fundraiser with some outstanding personal and national results along with a financial contribution to the cause of some \$13,574.

Category Open 16-39 yrs

Jordan Olliff	13.08 – 11th of 283
Max Wirihana	13.33 – 16th
Josh Wirihana	13.54 – 22nd
Michell Savage	14.00 – 27th
Waylon Brown	15.27 – 70th
Chris Beard	16.05 – 95th
Matt Attwood	17.48 – 137th
Luke James	18.10 – 146th

Masters 40-49 yrs

Michael Huitema	15.05 – 23rd of 112
Shane Walker	18.14 – 60th
Mike Moy	27.34 – 106th

Grand Master – 50-59 yrs

Kelvin Wirihana-Tawhiri	17.15 – 26th of 79
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Supreme Masters – 60 yrs +

Mike Olliff	21.07 – 6th of 12
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One further entrant, SSO Darren Walker, was unable to compete on the day but as a challenge and thank you to his sponsors completed a 25km walk along Matarangi Beach.

A huge thank you to everyone in our community who contributed.

Coromandel Embroidery Guild

By Jill Wilson

Coromandel guild members are kept busy each year with eight two-day workshops on offer. We have several local members who are prepared to teach projects that they develop and we generally invite two tutors each year from outside our region.

The two main types of embroidery are counted work and surface stitching. We try to alternate between them as participants often have strong preferences for one and not the other. Members can participate in as many or as few workshops as they like.

We have recently completed workshops on Aztec stitch and Hapsburg lace and coming up we have a Canvas Workshop and a Mountmellick Workshop.

There is also a creative group of stitchers who meet under the title of Extensions, to inspire each other to push stitching boundaries and break away from traditional embroidery.

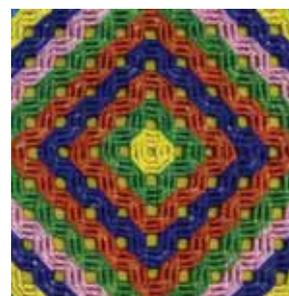
This group has just submitted a group piece to the annual, judged ANZEG Extensions Exhibition being held at the Koru on Devon gallery in New Plymouth this July. The title for this year's exhibition is "Chasing the Thread".

Feel free to come along to our monthly meeting on the first

Wednesday of each month at the St John hall. We love to share our knowledge and passion with new people.



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RSA

By Gary Pettett

The Midwinter Dinner on **Saturday 8 July** will be a wonderful evening of food, drink and entertainment starting from 3pm. Dinner is at 6pm, followed by live music from the hugely popular White Goat Band. Meat and vegetables are supplied, ladies a plate of salad or dessert please. All CCC members are invited, but numbers are limited, so if you haven't bought your ticket already you may miss out.

Saturday 29 July is also a must on your calendar – The CCC (Combined Clubs of Coromandel) Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club at 2.30pm. The voting list for nominations to the Executive is on the notice board and nominations will close on **Saturday 15 July**, two weeks before the AGM.



Our newly created Life Members, from left to right: Shirley, Stoney, Marie and Pat. A fine looking lot and a great credit to our RSA

Coromandel Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Once again a good turnout for our popular "Happy Hour" style meetings at The Club. Another new member – we welcome Trent to Coromandel Car Club.

Our winter run for June was back to the Dunes at Matarangi on Sunday 18 June. We all had a good look over James's new 1954 Chev pickup stoked 350 to 383ci. Very nice James, only one criticism – Robert didn't like the orange colour. 15 of us braced the cold day to enjoy the good food the Dunes put on for us, a beer and wine was had by all. Thanks Mark for the spin in the ZR1 C7 Corvette. Did you tell your wife? (Her car.)

Just remember this is a car club and apart from the American muscle cars we also have a great assortment of other cars like: Rover 90, Morgan, MG, MGB, Jaguar, BMW, Mercedes, Datsun, Nissan, Jeep, Range Rover, Defenders, Vauxhall, Capri, Cortina, Zephyr, Valiant, Motel T, Model A, Falcon, Holden, drag cars, hot rods, and pickups.

We all love our cars in different ways. Come and relax at The Club, enjoy a beverage in a good "car" related atmosphere, meet people that build cars or engines, or drag cars, race cars or simply like driving them. Happy Birthday to Coromandel Car Club, we are now two years old and have 57 members.

I am going to keep the "Dip Stick" until August, so feel safe at the next Happy Hour meet which will be on **Wednesday 12 July** from 4pm, full bar facilities at Club prices.

Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell, Committee Member

Well winter is finally upon us and this article finds me tapping away on the computer in front of the fire at home and putting together this month's Bowling Club article for the very first time. Following our recent AGM in June, I find myself newly elected onto the committee and will assist our secretary Linda Lindsay in getting as much information out to you all via the Chronicle and also on our Club Facebook page.

Even with the colder days we have all been experiencing there has still been lots going on, starting with the first of our Winter Cup tournaments against Mercury Bay. Some of our Club members travelled over to Mercury Bay for this challenge, enjoying not just the play on their synthetic greens but a wonderful lunch too. The first of the two winter cup tournaments was won by Mercury Bay but we have a chance to turn the tables on this when we meet to play again on **Thursday 13 July**.

Two teams (men's and ladies') recently played at the TV Centre's closing day and had an enjoyable day of bowls before all meeting up for afternoon tea at the end before prize giving.

Glenn and Layke recently competed in the TV Champ of Champs Under 5's pairs tournament held in Whangamata. They both enjoyed the day and the experience they gained from this, having represented the Coromandel Club well.

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David, James and Judy at the Optional Tournament Triples

Bowling Club continued

David, James and Judy played in the Optional Tournament Triples at Mercury Bay on 11 June and each came home with a very nice meat pack after winning their four games. Thank you Mico Plumbing Whitianga for your sponsorship and Mercury Bay Club for being such great hosts.

The Mercury Bay Club is also running four consecutive Tuesday coaching days, starting up on **Tuesday 18 July**. All are welcome.

As mentioned earlier, we had our AGM on 10 June where James Campbell, Geoff Horton and Eamonn Walsh were newly elected onto the committee as well. Our first committee meeting was held a few days later and as a result, we look forward to more bowling in the coming season with Thursday extending into the afternoon

as well as Sunday afternoons being included in the timetable. Note that in your diaries as we welcome new players. More on that anyway next month.

Our Bowling Club greens are currently closed for their winter maintenance, a hugely appreciated job done by our greenkeeper David.

Don't forget to look in the Centre Handbook for tournaments around the district that we are all welcome to enter.

Winter may be upon us but that doesn't mean we need to hibernate. The club is still open on Fridays and Saturdays from 3-7pm so come on down for a social get together, raffles and good company over the winter months. We look forward to seeing you there.

RSA Women's Section – 1941 to the present day

Whilst we no longer have a Women's RSA section in Coromandel Town, the following may be of interest to everyone who has served as a volunteer in any welfare capacity.

There was no national executive or organisation of the Women's Section. Any nationwide coordination was carried out by the RSA but in 1941 a group of women met in the local Kaiapoi RSA hall on Waitangi Day and formed the first known section, with many other towns following suit.

Their services, however, predated the war years. Ladies' committees had been formed in Hokitika in 1919, three years after the formation of the RSA itself. The growing activity was recognised in 1930 by the publication "Review" as an opportunity for women to send in their favourite recipes! During the following years the women's committees organised annual Christmas parties for children, fundraising and responsibility for Poppy Day.

During WW11 their activities altered and expanded, adding a broad welfare role. They organised entertainments for servicemen about to depart for the war and ensured that holidays and accommodation were available for their families. They also worked with other organisations visiting hospitals and organising sewing and knitting for those serving overseas. The move was validated by the Dominion council to formalise the Women's RSA section in 1942.

In the early 2000's came calls for greater coordination of the women's sections throughout the country and the NWA (National Women's Association) was formed in 2006. By 2010 there were 10,600 members spread across 118 women's sections.

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Carpet beetle larvae

Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services

This month we would like to shed some light on a wee pest that most people have heard of but may not really know much about – the carpet beetle. There are a few different types of carpet beetles, but adults are small, generally being only 2-5mm long. They are oval in shape and range in colour from black or dark brown to a mottled yellow, white and black. Interestingly, it is not the adult beetle that does the damage that we so often attribute to these insects, but rather the larvae. Adults live outside as they need pollen to feed on but can find their way inside through open windows and doors and on cut flowers and plants from the garden. Once inside, females will often lay their eggs close to a food source for the larvae upon hatching, which only takes 2-4 weeks.

The carpet beetle larvae, sometimes also referred to as woolly bears due to their body being covered in tufts of bristly hair, are the ones that can do the real damage in your home. They feed on a wide range of animal and plant products including wool, fur, hair, silk, and dead insects. They prefer dark and undisturbed areas where dead skin and hair can build up, like under furniture and tucked in next to the skirting boards. This larval stage can last up to 10 months, which allows them plenty of time to create some bare patches in your carpet! Apart from the obvious signs, you may also find discarded skins and sand-like droppings in affected areas.

To help prevent an infestation of these pests, regular and thorough vacuuming is good practice, making sure to get under furniture and in the crevice between the carpet and skirting boards. Also be sure to inspect any flowers you bring in from the garden to avoid giving one a free ride inside. If you are already seeing signs of damage, you may wish to consult a professional for further options.

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Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated sachets, tinned food and biscuits for the rescue kitties, also a huge thank mew to Bettany Trust who donated a financial blessing to the unit which will help us through the winter months. Our funds are not in a great space but blessings such as this are truly appreciated right now.

Also a huge thanks to Chorus. They have some truly amazing people who have come to fix dodgy internet, dodgy phone lines and each time the people have been truly respectful of not just us but the household as well, and we thank them very much for their professional, courteous service provided. It has been so appreciated to get all this sorted as internet and phone lines are something we have to have here and when it goes so badly wrong it's well missed and most annoying, so we are grateful to get a resolution to the problems.

Kera – after almost a year in our care she has finally found an awesome home, albeit she howled her head off being put into a cage but this lovely lady from Papa Aroha in a rural bush setting with two dogs and another cat has adopted her. We can only hope that she has got over herself and adapted to this huge big new life adventure and settled in amicably with the other furbabies. We trust we will in time hear an update on her progress.

Cattery mews – all others are doing very well and have warm, cosy beds. Lizzy and Wally have decided to team up and being partners in crime, playing terrible chasy games through the house which inevitably means a household being completely trashed and upended by these two.

Mascara has chosen to be mouser and bring mum living freight which has met with humans' total disgust the matter, as dead is preferred and not living being brought in. Thanks very much, cat. She has not quite got the hang of why we, as humans, don't appreciate this present-giving. But I am sure in time we will get that matter sorted out with her.

Wanted – some pieces of lino, need about a metre and a half minimum to put on the floor of unit one outdoors, which is almost 2m by 2m I think from memory, also carpet mat for unit three for the two in that unit for their floor. Sachets and tinned foods always welcomed – tinned, salmon, pet milk. Cat toys too. Any financial blessings Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing. Meow furr now.

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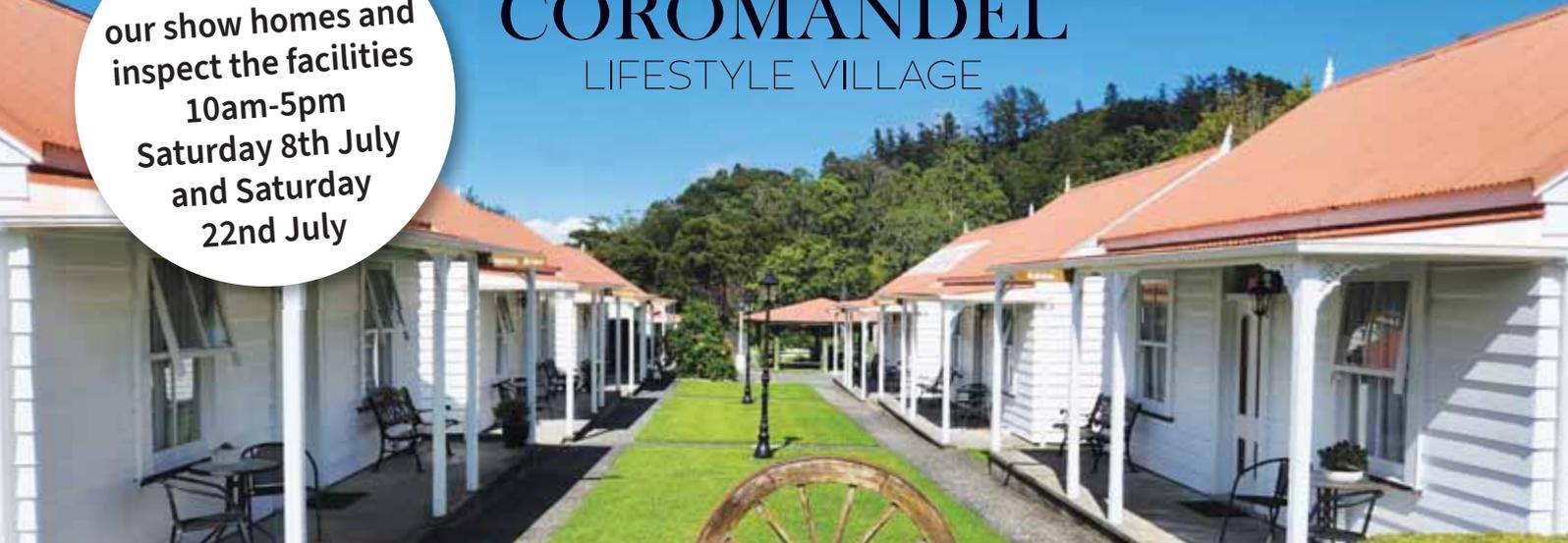
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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

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Contacts Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 478 8830 or Judy (07) 866 8637 or 027 516 8306

Ann's Good News, Naturally

Carcinogens, and your health potential-or not

Toxins cause cancer. As humans, we are purely dependent on our living environment. And it is, therefore, pure madness to disregard this protection. Man-made chemicals are taking a deadly toll on not only birds and wildlife, but also humans.

Ironically, "human beings", or "homo sapiens" is Greek meaning "wise man". Maybe in the day of the cave men, we were wise. Nowadays, man's innate wisdom appears to have diminished.

Birth defects, sexual abnormalities, and reproductive failures, are all caused by synthetic chemicals that mimic natural hormones and upset normal reproductive and developmental processes. Male sperm counts continue to drop-more than 50% in recent decades, while woman have suffered a dramatic rise in hormone-related cancers, endometriosis and other disorders.

These toxins are hormone mimickers – triggering the preventable feminisation of growing boys, and the masculinisation of growing girls.

Industrial pollutants have spread worldwide, in our own homes and supermarkets. Our foods, cleaning and personal products are far from toxin-free.

Why are cigarettes and vapes available? There's no sane point to them, no nutritional value.

Where's the wisdom of introducing a toxic vape, to wean someone from the addiction of cigarettes, only to have to deal with another addiction? It was so predictable!

Sugar in fizzy drinks, and sugar replacements like aspartame or sucralose, etc., are carcinogenic. Sucralose, when first manufactured in 1975, was intended to be an insecticide. Now people chose it instead of sugar. Why have we not learnt?



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Know about "overly processed foods" on supermarket shelves? They don't rot, they have flavourings, colourings or taste enhancers, and need preservatives to create longevity. They also are your slow poison.

Fluoridated water – Why are kids not to swallow toothpaste, and yet council water is fluoridated? It causes fluorosis of teeth, longterm weakening of bones and hyperextension of your body's joints, also potentiating cancer. Chlorine, like fluorine, disrupts healthy thyroid function.

To "boost your immunity", vaccines are constantly being promoted in our faces. Do your own research and know all the facts, so you may have peace of mind that your family's immunity is robust, strong, efficient and long-lasting.

If you have underlying health issues – "don't let the flu get you" – focus daily on healthy food choices – vegetables, fruit, good fats and protein, and increase water intake.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The Firlawn Creamery/Dairy building is now in position. We thank Rob and Jeni from James & Turner and Mel and Sallie from Weta, who all sold items on behalf of the museum and gave the proceeds to our building fund. Thank you, Rebekah Pearson, who created the articles for sale. Other businesses and groups who contributed to our building fund are Star & Garter, Coromandel Combined Clubs, and Coromandel Lions Club. We also thank the Bizarre Trust, who gave a grant to transport the dairy building and one to get our hedge trimmed. We are extremely grateful for all of the support we have received from local businesses and individuals.

The AGM of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc was held at Pepper Tree on 18 June. Continuing are: President, Jennie James; Vice-President, Judy Bronlund; Secretary, Raewyn McKinney; Treasurer, Susan Swan; Committee members, Trudy Moody and Joanna Platt.

We thank Pepper Tree for the room, and for the food and drinks enjoyed by our members.

Here is President Jennie’s excellent report: “This year has been exciting and frustrating in equal measures. The weather has made life difficult for everyone and has set our building programme back by several

months. At one stage we were hoping to have it completed before Christmas, but Cyclone Gabrielle and its associated fronts ensured that this did not happen.

“Our builder, Regan, from Building and Landscaping, has been wonderful and worked tirelessly in very difficult circumstances. He has been a great communicator and kept us informed on a regular basis of how things are progressing.

“We are very grateful for the amazing support we have received from local businesses and individuals who have fundraised on our behalf, giving generously of their time and money. We are fortunate to live in such a caring community and we will continue to do our best to ensure the story of this town and its people is preserved for future generations.

“It is always a delight to welcome visitors to our Museum, both local and international. We always receive high praise and great feedback so we must be doing something right. However, we cannot rest on our laurels, and we need to keep upgrading and looking to where we can add value to their experience. To this end we need input from all of our members who can supply new ideas and perspectives. Please don’t be shy in coming forward if you feel you can help.

“The committee and I extend our grateful thanks to all those who have worked on the desk to welcome our visitors. This can be a very rewarding experience, so if you haven’t tried it yet, please think about it. We offer



New bars on the museum jail door

training so you will not be thrown in at the deep end, and nobody expects you to know the answers to every question.

“Special thanks this year goes to Richard Cleaver who has taken on the task of building maintenance. He has given us new bars in the jail which look amazing, and is currently restoring the front fence, some of which has rotted away. I’m sure he would appreciate assistance with some jobs so if you have any DIY skills, please let him know and see where you can help.

“Finally, a huge thank you to the committee without whom we could not continue. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that things run smoothly. I look forward to working with them in the future and hope that the coming year may prove a little less arduous than last.”

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Mahamudra Centre Update

By Beth Pearsall

What would the world look like if everyone practiced more kindness?

Kindness to ourselves, kindness to others and kindness to all sentient beings and the natural world that supports our life.

As always, we must start with ourselves. Winter is a great time to slow down and rest. Can you create a little space in your life to do things just for you? Take a bath. Read that book you've had next to the bed all year. Go for a walk on the beach or in the bush. Take a nap.

In the spirit of winter resting the Mahamudra Centre will be closed for July. We will take a pause on offering our morning meditations, but we will resume in August.

How can we be kinder to others? Kindness can come in many forms and should not be confused with being nice. Kindness knows with exquisite wisdom when it is appropriate to say or do something. It is found in the small details. A gentle touch on the cheek or a soft support of the elbow guiding someone across the road. Sustaining eye contact for just that moment longer. Making a telephone call. Remembering the little things that please someone.

Winter is also a wonderful time to plant trees! Planting trees is a wonderful act of kindness to other beings and the planet. We partner with the Global Tree Initiative each year to plant trees at the centre. If you want to join in and dedicate your trees you can visit www.plantgrowsave.org to get all of the details. The Coromandel Garden Centre has a great selection of native trees for sale.

We will reopen in August and begin with a wonderful retreat with Venerable Khadro. You can find more information and book any of our retreats at www.mahamudra.org.nz.

Upcoming retreats:

- **Wednesday 2 to Sunday 6 August** – Open Heart - Clear Mind. Venerable Khadro is returning to Mahamudra for this special five-day winter retreat.
- **Friday 18 to Sunday 20 August** – The Art of Mindful Living. A silent mindfulness meditation retreat with Hedwig Bakker
- **Friday 8 to Sunday 10 September** – “Breathe” – A silent meditation retreat with Hedwig Bakker
- **Wednesday 11 to Sunday 15 October** – How to Face Death Without Fear. The incomparable Venerable Robina will be here in person! This is a rare opportunity to receive teachings from a gifted and remarkable teacher.

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



I'm continuing to hear from people who are doing it tough due to the fragility of our local roads and the lack of urgency to get them fixed.

With SH25A and the Tapu-Coroglen closed, people are spending more time and money travelling alternate routes around the peninsula. It's a frustrating situation which continues to hurt businesses and individuals. There's also a feeling of fear, as people worry about when they will be able to travel normally again. If the uncertainty around these roads continues, it will have a massive impact on our region, as Kiwis from across the country and international tourists start to think about where they will be spending the summer holidays.

In terms of SH25A, NZTA have finally confirmed a contractor, but we have no firm reopening date. Without a clear timeline, businesses and individuals have no certainty of when they will be able to resume normal activities. The vague timeframe of early 2024 isn't good enough, especially when this date doesn't stack up with the Transport Minister's answer to a Parliamentary written question.

When asked how long each option to fix SH25A would take, he responded that a bridge would take 12-14 months to complete. That would put the reopening date well into at least this time next year, which I doubt many people would consider early 2024.

If this timeline is correct, it will be devastating for our region. We desperately need the government and NZTA to come up with a more urgent solution so that the highway can be reopened by this Christmas. Any other outcome is simply unacceptable.

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

Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe

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- Don't tie-up to a line being worked on
- Never cast your line towards a mussel barge - farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
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- Never drive across the lines

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Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

Our next newsletter is nearly at the printers, a survey has been formulated and will be in the newsletter so will look forward to the 250+ members’ replies! There are lots of ideas that are bouncing around for our members to participate in. A program will be put together once the survey is completed.

Our membership is growing, so it’s important that the survey is completed by as many members as possible. One of the questions in the survey is what skills do you have that could be used to assist or entertain other members. Another one is, would you consider being on a phone tree list, so members who live on their own can have someone to ring and have a chat.

Our new vice-president Brian Holmes and membership secretary Carol Carson headed to the Zone 3 meeting in Matamata earlier this month and reported back with challenges we have as Grey Power members. There are three topics constantly under discussion:

- Superannuation and the need to preserve it.
- Cost of living. Federation is receiving many requests for comment from the media on the current COL situation.
- Health – availability and affordability.

The Executives of the Federation have been lobbying the government and have every intention of keeping on doing so. They met with many ministers (except for the Minister of Health) for discussions. Lots of positive outcomes received but no commitments. The Federation are always looking for “stories” to use as evidence and to challenge the decision makers. If you have a story that you feel would be relevant, please send to one of the committee below.

If you would like to know more about Grey Power Coromandel, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We can email past newsletters if this would interest you.

Bill 021 120 6205 (billchadderton@yahoo.co.nz) or Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 0274 985 227 (patricia@prosystems.co.nz)

Coromandel Lions Club

By Mary Farmer



Winter is upon us, the morning mist and smoke from fires hang like a sea mist around the town, as I look down towards town from my eyrie high above the town, and once the day is done and 5pm chimes I put a match to the fire, pull the curtains and go into mini hibernation mode until the morning.

I count myself lucky to live in such a place as Coromandel, my life in England and Wales have paved my way to be here and there is no place else I’d rather be. As I speak to friends, strangers and new acquaintances we all know we are on a path, we don’t know where it will lead, but it’s the walk along the way that is the blessing.

Now less about my life, and more to the Lions, we have over the last few months gained new members. Details will be in the next issue as they will be inducted this month, and also the new committee will be announced with contact details. The coming year is going to be one to look forward to being part of our Lion family.

As you will see we have just delivered our last truckload of firewood and at the controls of the truck you will see Lion Jean, and riding “shotgun” Lion Sue.

This coming year we are planning more deliveries so once the contract details are available please get your orders in. Unfortunately, we have had to say no to a few people, and we hate doing so, so please order early to avoid disappointment.

The mussel fritter stall on King’s weekend was a sellout. We are looking at doing the same for Labour weekend; will keep you updated so watch this space.

And I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Chris from Four Square. You and the team make these sellouts possible; it’s a great spot to sell mussel fritters.

Rick Ward and I delivered the last of the bagged wood to Chris on Monday 19 June, so that’s that for another year. Stay warm, stay safe and say hello to your elderly neighbours; they love a little chat.

So it’s goodbye for another month, enjoy your time however you spend it, (that’s a thought we say “spend time” and I think I know why this is how we describe it).

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Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman,
Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust Trustee

Missions by the Auckland Rescue Helicopter to our side of the hill totalled five for May, out of nine for the peninsula.

Missions For May

13.5.23 - Thames – Crew tasked to assist a patient involved in a motorcycle accident. Crew were stood down and retasked.

22.5.23 - Kennedy Bay – Crew tasked to assist a patient suffering a medical complaint. Crew were stood down and returned to base.

26.5.23 – Thames – Crew tasked to assist a girl suffering an injury from rugby. She was flown to Starship Hospital in a serious condition.

27.5.23 – Te Mata – Crew tasked to assist a male patient involved in a motor vehicle accident. Unfortunately, the patient died, and crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

28.5.23 – Thames – Crew tasked to assist a male patient involved in a motor vehicle rollover onto rocks. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

Not too long ago, around about 1980, Betty Withey asked me if I was prepared to join the local ambulance service as a volunteer/driver. To do so entailed adding “bus driver” to my driver licence, which was duly accomplished.

One callout that has stuck in my mind, was a call to Whangapoua to a lady that had fallen down a cliff. The eastern end of Whangapoua Beach gives way to steep rocky cliffs which in places only allows limited access around the base. For some reason, the lady had decided to climb up the face, about halfway out to the headland, slipped and fell onto the unforgiving rocks at the bottom, sustaining serious injuries. After a quick appraisal, it was decided that we needed the “newfangled rescue helicopter” as there was no way of getting her out of the location, not even by sea, as the rough conditions made it impractical!

The chopper duly arrived; the patient was loaded onto a scoop stretcher which was lashed to the skids of the machine as it hovered at the water’s edge. No winch for patients then! Carefully, they flew her around to the road at Whangapoua Beach where they

landed, stabilised, and loaded her into the machine for the trip to hospital. A great outcome that a few years earlier would have entailed risking her life by loading her into a boat or winching her up to the cliff strapped into a stretcher. Neither option bears thinking about!

This was only about 35 years ago. How marvelously the service has progressed since then. This was the first use of the helicopter rescue, but not the last during my time with St John Ambulance. Unfortunately, the volunteer ambo work had to come to an end after we took over the school bus runs in 1994.

If you wish to donate to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, go to the website www.coromandelrescue.org.nz or by internet banking 03-1578-0116338-001 with your “name” as reference. All donations are tax deductible, and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required. All donations are gratefully received to help keep this wonderful but expensive service going.

Have a great month; we are past the shortest day!

Contact Nigel Strongman 022 670 1549

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Haiku

By John Irvine

oxymoron:
eating gourmet yogurt
drinking cheap wine

Chess Club

By Mike Mann

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Some highlights over the last months have been tourists and locals joining in casually, the humor and camaraderie.

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We usually have around six regular local players, and the club has been running for over two years.

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Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells

What is or who is the “market” that real estate people talk about?

When assessing a property or discussing marketing and interest in the home or property, salespeople often refer to “the market”. The market is organic. It is forever changing as people and property move in and out of the marketplace.

Buyers, sellers, lawyers, analysts, brokers, media and salespeople contribute to this “market”. Essentially anyone that has anything to do with the process of buying, selling and marketing of property. As people purchase they move out of the market, as people sell they move out, and new sellers come in, along with new buyers – organic, natural movement.

In a high-priced, fast-moving market, the process of change is quick. In a slow market, with listings sitting around and cautious buyers, the process is slower all ‘round.

This in itself creates a little conflict in information. Some of the aforementioned people talk of the market based on statistics or historical evidence, and others by what is happening now, today, this week, based on their interaction with the “market” on a daily basis along with experiences.

So if you are selling, the salesperson will advise based on what they are currently experiencing from buyers in “the current market”; the issues buyers are looking out for and if buyers are making low offers or quick higher offers. They are in tune with their local market.

A salesperson will help guide you through the marketing maze, what is working today, who is your target market.

Legal and building code issues should be addressed with the assistance of the appropriate professional people. Sales people can guide you, but they are not building inspectors or lawyers for example.

Buyers, on the other hand, will be talking with other buyers, brokers, banks and listening to the media to get a “feel” for prices and current issues. Buyers tend to utilise the salesperson more for where are properties I like, why are the vendors letting the property go.

Buyers will tend to lean on their lawyer’s and broker’s advice more once they like a property, more than the salesperson’s advice. They are listening to a different portion of the market. They are seeking reasons to justify what they are offering.

The salesperson is working in this “market” situation guiding all parties to an amicable agreement; listening to, and trying to, guide all parties involved through what is a stressful time for all. They are or should be “in tune” with all of the market objectives and activities, based on where the current market is at, given it is a living, ever-changing “market”.

Have any real estate matters that you want answers to? Pop in for a chat or contact me on glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz, 0800 735 788, 105 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town

Green Party plan to end poverty and create a fairer tax system



Pamela Grealey

The Green Party has proposed a plan to end poverty in New Zealand called The Income Guarantee, a plan that means we can all have peace of mind that we will be able to put food on the table, have a safe place to call home, and live a good life – and we’ll pay for it with a fair tax system.

Green Party candidate for Coromandel, Pamela Grealey says, “This is especially important for people in Coromandel with so many people struggling to get by.”

“We will do this by giving everyone a minimum income of \$385 per week, plus extra help for families with children, students, and people who can’t work because of health reasons. This is called the Income Guarantee, and it will make sure no one has to worry about paying for the basics.

“We will also make the tax system fairer in order to pay for the Income Guarantee and other public services.

“It is at odds with our shared values of caring for each other that children are going to bed hungry; families are struggling to pay the rent or mortgage and keep their homes warm; and students are forced to skip meals to make ends meet. The money we need to support each other is already there, but successive governments have decided not to use it. This is a political choice.”

The Green Party would also introduce a Wealth Tax of 2.5% on the net assets – things like properties or shares – worth more than \$2 million (minus mortgages and other debt) for each individual. “This means that only the wealthiest 0.07% of people will pay this tax, and they will pay it on the value of their assets above \$2 million.

The Green Party will also introduce a new tax-free threshold, so no one earning less than \$125,000 has to pay tax on the first \$10,000 of their income.

Only the Green Party will show the political leadership necessary to make sure those most able to pay contribute more tax resources, which we will allocate to making sure everyone has enough to put food on the table, a safe place to call home and live a good life.

These changes can only happen if we get more Green MPs into parliament this election. The time is now to Party Vote Green and make a change for all New Zealanders to be able to live dignified lives.

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Joint funding boost secured to revitalise Hauraki Rail Trail

The Hauraki Rail Trail has secured a total of \$3.7m in government and council funding to repair and upgrade the cycle network after damage suffered in recent storms.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will contribute just over \$2m towards the project. This is matched by joint funding from Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki, and Matamata-Piako District Councils, which will contribute to the three-year repair project.

“I am grateful for the support we have from our three District Councils, and central government in working with us to resolve the funding hole we were facing after the storms,” said Diane Drummond, CEO of the Hauraki Rail Trail. “This community asset is of such great importance to our local community, providing both strong economic and health benefits. To see it on its knees in February was very sad. With our borders now open again, we need to dust off the dirt and get on with the mahi.” Diane continued on to say that the works programme would take another eighteen months to complete, such was the scale of the damage.

Minor works are already underway throughout the network, with the project due for completion in 2025.

The major repairs included in the project are:

1. Rehabilitation on the trail from Kaiaua to Rays Rest. Relocating the track away from the unstable northern end of Rays Rest.
2. Putting in a bypass of the ongoing Waikato Regional Council stop-bank works and then re-laying the trail.
3. Resurfacing and bridge repairs between Thames and Hikutaia.
4. Extensive works between Paeroa and Waihi to stabilise and resurface the trail.
5. Surface and slump repairs between Paeroa and Te Aroha.



Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Halfway through the year already! Busy as always here at the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, our participants at Te Mana Tangata have been working hard to get our Pātaka Kai up and running for the community to give what they can and take what they need. The Pātaka is situated outside Te Whare Te Mana Tangata, the orange building on Pound Street. Special thanks to Alan and Lyn who have been putting their delicious avocados in to share with the community. We had a weeklong pop-up clothing shop at Te Puāwai in June, with a \$5 fill a bag which was well attended with lots of people taking home great bargains.



Programmes

Our Creative Spaces programme which takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays has had a change of location to Te Whare Mana Tangata and we have had some great fun creating art with our local artists who come in and run workshops for our participants. We would love to have more people joining us at Te Mana Tangata and Creative Spaces. Anyone is welcome to pop in and see what it's all about. Our staff Wanita, Santana and Lizzie are more than happy to show off their programmes.

Skinny Jump

We have had a new delivery of Skinny Jump modems. These are great for people who don't have an internet connection at home and don't want to be locked in to a contract. The modems are free to take and they come with 35GB of

free data and can be topped up as you need. Affordable, portable and convenient. Come and see us at the Resource Centre to get yours.

Licensing our Locals

We have been running a successful driver licensing programme in conjunction with Valley Education in Thames. The programme includes theory lessons, practical lessons, help with transport, defensive driving courses and help with the booking and sitting your test. If you are interested in the programme come and see us at the resource centre.

Native Trees for the Hub

Department of Corrections have kindly donated around 100 native trees to CILT. Some will be planted around our new hub site and at Te Puāwai to assist with our education programme. We have also distributed some of these trees to other community groups. Tongariro Prison have a work programme on site where they grow native trees to donate to the community and CILT were lucky enough to be on their list. Thanks, Daina, for your hard work organising these trees!

Volunteers Week

As we write this article, we are celebrating volunteers week. CILT has a great bunch of volunteers that give us their time and energy and we are so grateful. If anyone else in the community would like to work with CILT we are always looking for volunteer drivers to drive our community van and assist with medical transport. Come and see us at the Resource Centre to chat about how you can help.

CILT is here to support the community. We have lots of different programmes and projects for our community: budget advice, foodbank, medical travel assistance and more. If you need help with anything come and chat to us and we will do all we can to help.



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Mana Retreat

What a busy and joyful month it has been. Mana has had a real sense of “aliveness” welcoming people from all walks of life and we can’t help but be filled with gratitude.

A notable weekend was our recent Winter Working Bee. Our Working Bees are the perfect opportunity to celebrate community as we share in work and fun projects together. If you would like to join us for our next one, keep an eye out on our website for our Summer Working Bee on **Friday 15 to Sunday 17 December**.

We are now having a rest period. Mana is closed until **Thursday 20 July**, to allow our staff, land and buildings time to breathe, rest and replenish.

We re-open on **Friday 21 July** with our Winter Relax and Wellness Weekend. Two other perfect opportunities to give back to yourself are the three-night Curvylicious Yoga Retreat with Jen Jackson on **Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 July** and the Mid-Winter Relaxation Retreat with Jessica Devi on **Friday 4 to Sunday 6 August**.

If you are looking for more community engagement, we are holding our Community Open Floor Dance mornings most Tuesdays 9.45-11.45am. Please find upcoming dates in the calendar below.

On **Wednesday 2 August** we are having a Community Garden Day from 9am-1pm. All are welcome to attend, come as you are, and stay as little or as long as you like. We will have a shared lunch at 1pm. Just turn up on the day with appropriate clothing and your favourite gardening tools!

Keep an eye out for more community events.

For now, we encourage you too to find the time to slow down and catch your breath... to consciously stop and find a place of calm where your body, mind and soul can deeply revitalise. We leave you with a quote as a reminder...

“Our body and mind have the capacity to heal themselves if we allow them to rest... When animals in the forest get wounded, they find a place to lie down, and they rest completely for many days. They don't think about food or anything else. They just rest... they get the healing they need. Allow your body and mind to rest like an animal in the forest.” – *Thich Nhat Hanh*

We hope you have a restful winter and we look forward to seeing you again soon,

Arohanui, The Mana Team

Taichi for Health with Christina

The two factors needed to learn taichi, according to Professor Cheng Man Ching, are perseverance and right teaching. To progress in your taichi, you need to practice and you are responsible for what you get out of taichi. Some basic rules apply.

Some practice is better than no practice. Like any learning process, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

Pace yourself. Like most exercises, it's better to do a little frequently than to do a lot all at once and nothing in between.

Be patient with your progress. Change happens slowly with taichi. At certain stages, your learning curve may become relatively flat, and you may even feel as if you are going backward. Then one day, you notice a change and you can perform a certain movement more efficiently or smoothly.

Don't be too overly self-critical. Being kind and gentle with yourself is better for your qi and for relaxation, and makes it more likely you will improve

Find ways to integrate taichi throughout the day. You can apply taichi principles in your daily life, e.g, while waiting at the checkout, pouring your weight back and forth, feeling your feet on the ground and weight changes when turning your hip. Without looking weird, you are practicing taichi and doing relaxing exercises and moving meditation.

Christina's taichi class is tailored to all levels of students. Beginners usually go through the relaxation exercises before learning the sequence of the short form. Senior students are taught to focus on the internal taichi according to the ten principles of Yang Taichi. Weekend free taichi and qigong practice is available for motivated students.

The class is run every Wednesday at 4pm at the Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool). We have a bunch of lovely, spirited and committed people.

Christina, with over 20 years' practice and ongoing training from world renowned teacher Wee Kee Jin and with a true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her practice and background in Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, aims to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Christina on 021 113 4768 or email christinawu121@gmail.com

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13-20 AUG Judy Satori Sunshine Before The Dawn Retreat

25-27 AUG A weekend of Flow with Jo Monaghan

28 AUG - 1 SEP Nourish your Inner Space 5 Day Retreat with Sally Flewelling & Fiona Liu

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

Please enjoy some of our students' awesome writing in this month's issue.

Year 9 Haiku

By Indie

Leaves are falling off
The clouds start to disappear
Flowers start to bloom

By Year 9 student

Crystal clear water
Massive gigantic mountains
Beautiful nature

Writing

By Lena Rae

Three giraffes are having a meeting at the Fire Station talking about taking care of the land, because our people and our future is burning on fire. Some kids need their parents and need kai and water. The giraffes are going to help and save them.

The bird who could not fly

By Eli and Ash

I woke up, today was the day I was going to fly.

I looked over the edge of the cliff.

My stomach curled in fear.

I had been made fun of for years...

My dad left me when I was young, he was embarrassed that I couldn't fly. I wept in the corner in sadness.

My mum, brother and I stood at the edge but I got pushed off. I started flying but then I dropped all the way down to the river.

My feathers started turning into scales.

The truth was my mum was having an affair with a fish.

That's why my so called dad had left.

Connections

By Raymond

I feel connected when I'm in Kennedy Bay because I go to the bridge and swim the water is cold.

I feel connected when I swim in the ocean at Opotiki.

I feel connected when I'm at school because I get to see my friends.

I feel connected while I'm playing basketball because it's a fun sport. I feel chill.

I feel connected when I am at nature class because I am out of school. I like to build huts

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and swim.

I feel connected when I'm outside.

My Connections

By Nuriya

I feel connected when I'm in the water, riding huge waves on my boogie board or my surfboard, The acceleration of zooming toward the beach, wind whipping my hair.

I feel connected when I'm in our orchard, munching on delicious fruit.

I feel connected when I'm in my garden, staring out into the green, the Tokatea mountain protecting me.

I feel most connected when I ride my bike to school, the cool morning air filling my lungs.

I feel very connected to the outdoors, when I'm having fun outside with friends and family, doing a fun activity.

I'm connected when in my room, enjoying some solitude, reading a good book, the wind gently blowing through the window.

I feel most connected when I'm in Whakapapa or Mt Ruapehu, either chilling in a cabin or skiing down the snowy mountain.

As we near the end of Term Two we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our students and whānau for an enjoyable term.

We hope you have a restful break, set to go for Term Three, keep well and stay warm.

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Youth Group is for children 5-15yrs to play and socialise, enjoy creating art and crafts or just chill and enjoy the fresh fruit from Countdown for afternoon tea.

School Holiday times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-4pm. Just fill in a membership form and bring a packed lunch.

School Term Times

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm.

Adventure Time and Game Night will be back for term 3.

All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

For more information call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061 during opening hours or email coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

This programme is made possible with kind donations and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust, AGT & NZCT also Star & Garter Hotel, CILT and TCDC. Thank you!

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood

It has been nice to see a little fine weather in June and at least if the frost is around we are getting a few nice crispy mornings and fine days. However there are still a lot of coughs, colds and sore throats around, so be cautious and stay at home if your child is unwell so it does not spread to many more people. Remember that Covid-19 is still around so if you are feeling unwell please test before bringing your tamariki into the centre.

With Matariki upon us we have been concentrating on learning about Matariki. We are learning about all of the different stars and their meanings, with visiting our local creek by Hauraki Reserve, making kites, gardening, baking, making and painting stars, and lots of stories about legends, and waiata to celebrate. We will be holding a Matariki celebration for all of our tamariki and their whānau in mid-July.

Also in mid July the preschool celebrates 17 years of operation. The time has just flown by and we will be incorporating a birthday celebration in with our Matariki celebration. It has been a great 17 years with hundreds of tamariki benefiting from their early learning experiences here. We would love to reminisce with our preschool children and their families about their time here right from the early days. If you would like to share anything – stories, photos, updates on what the children are doing now – please drop us a line to our email coropreschool@xtra.co.nz; we would love to hear from you all.

We would like to thank Driving Creek Railway for their kindness of donating a load of sand for our up-to-two's sandpit; it is very much appreciated.

We have celebrated birthdays for Meadow, Carter, Stevie, Rex, and Bryn; we wish them all a very happy birthday.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child aged between six months and six years and are looking for a quality early childhood centre for your children to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers. Is this 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 8am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie

Term 2 has sped by at Te Rerenga School. It was major excitement at the beginning of the term to have had earthworks and the early stages of construction occur for our much needed new double classroom space after a very long wait.

Wanda Brljevic from Ngati Huarere blessed the site with a karakia before the initial earthworks occurred. An archaeologist was also onsite to ensure there were no items of interest. Over the next few weeks the foundations were constructed in readiness for the classroom to be delivered in seven modules to be assembled on site. This is scheduled to happen in mid July. We are looking forward to seeing that much anticipated day of action.

School Therapy Dog

Te Rerenga School is getting a school therapy dog! The puppy, a Basset Hound, should be coming to school from the beginning of Term 3.

Therapy dogs are trained to provide comfort and affection to people in places such as retirement homes, nursing homes, hospices, schools, and hospitals, typically alongside their owner/handlers who consider them to be their personal pets.

Therapy dogs in the school setting can not only make a difference in terms of gaining various skills such as reading enhancement, but also in contributing to emotional and relational development.

Our dog will be Mrs Watt's pet. "Mrs Jones" will spend her time in Ruma Wairere-Awa with Mrs Watts. There will be times when she can spend some time with other classes but only after she has been fully integrated into school (and only if the classroom teacher agrees). Because of her placid nature, she will spend most of her time sitting on her mat. During this time, children will be encouraged to read to her or share their work with her. Like anything new and exciting in a classroom, there will be a settling in time but I am confident that Mrs Jones will benefit the children at Te Rerenga School.



Colville Bay Pre-school Te koohungahunga o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka

By Esther Powell

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

We are excited to be hosting an "Incredible Years" positive parenting programme here in Colville in August. If you are interested please get in touch with Esther at Colville Bay Pre-school, or Fee at CILT: education@cilt.org.nz.

We have been learning about each star in the Matariki cluster week by week leading up to our Matariki gathering in July, inspiring us to get creative with many art forms, including through collage, weaving, sculpture and song. What a beautiful time of year. Hari huri tau ki a korua, to our "July babies", Dustyn and Niko!

We can transport your children from Coromandel to Colville return on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Spaces for 3+ year-olds and currently available. Open hours: Tuesday to Friday, 8.45am-3pm, including term breaks. 20 free hours for 3+ year-olds and WINZ subsidies available.

We are looking for qualified ECE relief teachers to support our centre, over the winter months especially.

For information and enrollments contact Esther, Colville Bay Pre-school, 2391 Colville Bay Road, Ph: 022 645 3272, Email: seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz, www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz

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Coromandel Peninsula Youth Photography Competition 2023

Here is a photography competition specifically for youth on the Coromandel Peninsula.

As a photographer I want to engage with youth who are involved in, or interested in, photography by way of running a Youth Photography Awards & Exhibition.

For those who don't have cameras, most have a phone capable of capturing an image, therefore making this accessible for the majority of youth in our community. There are a number of very talented youth involved in the arts on the Coromandel Peninsula and I would love to see their views.

Entry is free to those under 18 on **Thursday 30 November** who live on the Coromandel Peninsula and images entered must be taken in 2023. The themes are: Portrait; Street/My Community. Age groups are: 11 years and under; 12-17 years. Entries will open on **Sunday 1 October** and close on **Thursday 30 November**.

We have a wealth of experience and knowledge in portrait and street photography with our three judges: Shelley Harvey, BPSA; Lia Priemus; Karen Moffatt-McLeod, APSNZ.

The top three in each category and each age group will have their images printed and exhibited (venue TBC). There will also be an online presentation of the entries available for viewing so everyone can see the entries.

I would love to be able to offer some prizes if there are any sponsors out there who would consider donating. Please contact karen@karenmcleodphotography.com.

For more information and terms and conditions visit:
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Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

Twenty years ago Don Hughes and I performed *Conjugal Rites* by Roger Hall. It was a very enjoyable experience for us, and rather challenging as it is a two-act, two-hander! We have very fond memories of that time spent rehearsing, and were very proud of the result! Then, in 2019 Roger Hall wrote the sequel *Winding Up* and when it became available for amateur performances at the beginning of this year, Don and I decided we would take on another challenge and began rehearsing!

In *Conjugal Rites* Barry was a dentist, Gen was a lawyer, and they had been married for twenty-one years, their children were leaving home, and they had each taken a lover. So it was time to take stock. This is the story of two people reaching some land of crisis when relationships become humdrum and stale and then you realise that what you have is precious.



Don and Liz in *Conjugal Rites*

In *Winding Up*, 25 years later, they are both in their seventies and retired. Retirement has gone swimmingly so far with the usual international cruises, yoga classes, attendance at funerals, dealing with body corporate issues and the occasional fall. But when Barry is diagnosed with leukaemia the two need to deal with the prospect of death. A witty two-hander that captures the essence of married life in retirement in contemporary times.

Dates are **Friday 28, Saturday 29, Sunday 30 July, and Friday 4, Saturday 5 August**. See advert on page 7 for times, etc.

2024 Music

By Robin Munch

AOTNZ has sent us the 2024 programme. It includes the following musical offerings.

- India Meets Ireland (February) – a unique fusion of East meets West instruments and vocals
- Genre Fluid (March) – high energy, theatrical funk rock anthems
- Across the Great Divide (September) – traditional and contemporary tunes and songs from Celtic, Scandinavian and Americana roots

At this stage I don't want to organise any of the concerts on offer and the Coromandel Players will concentrate on their speciality, theatre. If you are interested in taking responsibility for bringing any of the AOTNZ sponsored musicians to Coromandel, please contact me on robinmunch24@gmail.com to discuss.

We have also been approached by Dave Flynn, a Celtic and classical guitarist if anyone would like to pick that up.

I hope to bring the NZ String Quartet back again and will also consider musicians of particular interest to me, especially classical ensembles. I prefer to do my own research rather than being flooded with suggestions and requests.

The Far Out Folk Club Returns!

The Far Out Folk Club is back! After a break due to the closing of The Backroom in Thames, a new venue has been sourced for the monthly open mic/open stage event on the first Friday of each month. The new venue will be Te Kura o Te Kaueranga – Thames South School Hall. Dylan Lajunen, one of the founding members, says, "It's a really nice space with a small stage and a warm ambience."



Our mission is to create a welcoming, supportive space for performing artists and audiences to come together. The stage is open to all kinds of performance artists – to the sharing of stories, songs, dances, poems, humour and more. Artists of all skill levels are welcome, from absolute beginners to seasoned professionals. We also encourage those who are not performers to come along to listen and connect with other like minds. A regular performance venue that is relaxed and low key but with a quality sound system and a receptive, appreciative audience is a really valuable platform for any performer.

The several monthly sessions we have had so far have been rewarding for everyone who has been involved, and there are regular performers who will be really happy to return and practice the art of sharing their gifts with the world.

The club received some funding from the TCDC Creative Communities Scheme and this has been really helpful so far.

The Far Out Folk Club meets the first Friday of each month at 7pm at Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga - Thames South School Hall. **Friday 7 July** is the first session. Come along, join the fun and get involved. \$5 entry. For more details contact faroutfolkclub@gmail.com

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The La Romantica exhibition

Belinda Cinotti and Natasha Hunter

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Official opening 6pm Friday 14 July

Belinda Cinotti is dedicating this exhibition to her father Angelo Cinotti. Her art and poetry is an expression of her heart. The colours, illusions and memories are from her very diverse upbringing. Belinda's parents both arrived in New Zealand in 1968. Both of Italian origin. Her childhood was mainly focused around all the many different restaurants that her father opened. One was called La Romantica and was in Queen Street, Auckland, opening in 1979. It was such an exciting time. La Romantica means The Romance.



Creative Waikato say:
"Belinda Cinotti is a self-taught contemporary colourist painter and hair stylist. Being in the Italian diaspora has been a space that Belinda has had to embrace. Surprisingly, she sees no need to reference the extensive art histories of Italian byzantine or renaissance traditions, instead, finding inspiration in the vibrancy of her own world and imagination. A world that is unabashedly colourful, joyous and hopeful. Her stylisation of all of nature and explorations into the sensuality of humanity enable the viewer to feel the splendour of life. Stylistically, her painting sits between folk (naïve) art and expressionism and speaks of her irrepressible ebullient eccentric personality."

Natasha Hunter was born in Brazil and then her family sailed to New Zealand when she was five years old. She has had a long association with Coromandel - finally moving here 8 years ago. She has had several exhibitions in the Coromandel and in Auckland. Natasha taught art in Auckland for several years to both adults and children.



Natasha has a flamboyant and well-structured insight to capturing landscapes, seascapes, mankind and natural beauty into her art. Her direct approach to combining colour, rhythm and light is quite eye catching. Her simple approach to combining natural scenes and her reality promotes a love of family and creation.

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A message for our times in artworks

By Cynthia Daly

When you look upon one of Emma Evangeline Gustafson's paintings she hopes that you will feel at peace and then be inspired to go out and see for yourself the beauty around you. Her message is also one of gratitude for this place we call home, Aotearoa.

Several of Emma's works, reproduced on canvas and framed prints, will feature in the Whitianga Lions Art Expo at Whitianga Town Hall on Matariki Weekend (**Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 July**). A percentage of all artworks sold at the exhibition will go to Project Mammogram.

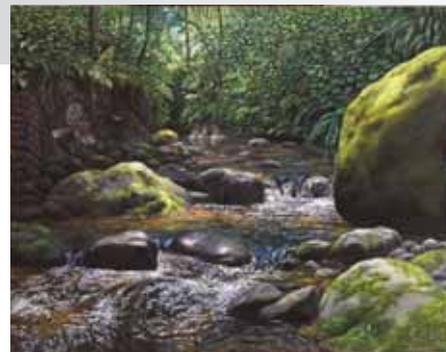


While Emma can't remember a time when she didn't draw or paint, even declaring as a seven-year-old that she was going to be an artist, her bold step to become a fulltime artist and children's books illustrator is relatively new. It follows studies in graphic design and the realisation that that job market was full. It seems it was definitely meant to be. It gave Emma the freedom to leave behind Auckland as Covid lurked and move to Whitianga, a special place where her mother loved to holiday. They are now together here sharing the DNA passed down from an artistic grandmother to mother then daughter. Emma's mother also paints, mainly beach scenes. Her grandmother was a cake decorator and florist who painted landscapes in oil as a hobby.

"When I was really little my grandmother always had things out for me to do little paintings and drawings. She passed away when I was seven so Mum took over and was very encouraging," says Emma.

Without any pressure, Emma found she had a natural talent for art and writing stories.

"As I got older I got quite into the realism side of things, particularly in high school and I went through that classic phase of drawing celebrities. Then I got into more still life and surrealism



like Salvador Dali, then psychedelic art. By the time I was at uni I was doing a mixture of botanical art with a bit of surrealism. I did a series of still life paintings of antiques. I was always very detail-oriented."

That attention to detail now takes the viewer deep into lush native bush where you might see Emma's favourite bird, the piwakawaka (fantail) or a glimpse of something mystic as she captures Waiomu Valley Track with its kauri grove, creeks, crystals and overgrown milling ruins or other familiar bush scenes. She's equally at home close to the sea edge of Coromandel bays and beaches and her gratitude to live here is reflected in the light on water, clouds, sand and distant islands.

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Winter is here, but a welcome few days of blue sky and sun make everything look so different. The daffodils will soon be out and are always a joy to paint, especially fun on a very dark (black) paper.

We have welcomed some new members to our group, which is really great as new members come with new ideas, which every club needs to keep it exciting.

We are working indoors now the cooler mornings dictate, but a good opportunity to watch one of our many DVDs. They really are a wealth of information, especially to new painters, but they can also jog the memory and reinspire competent painters.

For now winter draws on, so keep warm and keep painting.

New members are always welcome. Or just come along and check us out. Phone Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or Val on (07) 866 8911



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MEG

By Genevieve Morley

It has been a very busy few weeks for the MEG Team. One of the standout events which we were honoured to attend was Te Kākano wānanga held at Te Paea Marae in Harataunga led by Ko Moehau ki Tai, Pare Hauraki. We learned how to play ngā tākaro (traditional games), ate the best kai, learned about te reo Maori and our local history. We look forward to participating again at the next event held by Ko Moehau ki Tai.

There wasn't a spare seat at the first Winter Lecture Series of the season as Annemieke Kregting's presentation on bird first aid attracted a stellar crowd of local bird lovers. Annemieke founded Kuaotunu Bird Rescue (now called Coromandel Native Birds) and has extensive history and passion for bird rehabilitation. The highest cause of injury to birds is window strike where the larger the bird, the more likely serious injury can occur. "After striking a window the bird can have an air sac rupture, head/spinal injury, internal bleeding, crop ruptures (a very common injury) and fractures and broken bones," Annemieke explained. Some suggestions to help prevent birds from flying into your windows is to check the window to see what the problem could be, especially if it's a window that's often struck by birds.

"Sometimes it can be caused by reflections or birds thinking there is an open area to fly through i.e. two windows opposite each other and both looking out into the garden, trees or sky. Decals are an excellent way to deter birds. They're virtually invisible to the human eye but very visible to birds. They need to be quite close together in order to be effective. It also helps to have more than one preventative measure, e.g., keep curtains or blinds partially drawn".

Annemieke's extensive knowledge on bird rehabilitation is awe-inspiring. She is very happy to extend her help to those of us in the community who would like to learn more about bird rehabilitation. One tip she said was if you have rescued a shag, heron or bittern don't peak in the box, as these birds are prone to lunging at your face; (one unfortunate vet found out the hard way and lost an eye for their curiosity).

Our next winter speaker is Paul Johnson, MEG's Operations Manager, presenting at 5pm on **Sunday 9 July** at Pepper Tree Restaurant in Coromandel on "What does MEG do?". Here's a chance to hear about our native bird monitoring including matuku/bittern and miromiro/tomtit and kiwi. Come and learn the full extent of the predator control activities that MEG is doing in the northern Coromandel Peninsula.

Children sight rare matuku

It was a novel and enjoyable experience traveling to Waikawau's wild wetland with two different groups of children from Coromandel Area School. The children learnt about wetlands, wetland bird species, monitoring tunnels and trapping. The children also got to build a rat trap which they will decorate and place into a wetland aquatic bird habitat. The boys' group actually got to see the rare matuku/Australasian bittern. Matuku are not just rare, they are classified "Threatened-Nationally Critical". It is estimated that there are less than 1,000 individuals of these birds left. Compare this population number to that of kiwi which is 68,000 birds. It is imperative that we do everything we can to save the matuku, so that our tamariki of the future have a chance of hearing its distinguished wooming boom. One thing you can do to help support our wetland trapping efforts is sign up and become a member of MEG or sponsor a trap.



Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

Shorebird expert, Keith Woodley to speak at Forest & Bird AGM on **Saturday 22 July**.

The Firth of Thames is one of the most important areas in the world for a great variety of migratory shorebirds. Our godwits, wrybills, knots and a host of other species undertake some of the longest annual migrations on the planet, between the northern and southern extents of the Pacific Ocean. Shorebirds are finding life hard these days – it's a long way to their breeding grounds in Alaska and Siberia, and many of their old refuelling stops at bays and wetlands in China and Korea have been reclaimed or turned into fish farms, so the summer feeding grounds around the Firth are more critical than ever to their survival. We are indeed fortunate to have such a special, ecologically significant area right on our doorstep.

The significance of the Miranda area to shorebird survival is widely recognised by the global community. It is one of New Zealand's few listings on the Ramsar Convention – an international convention to protect wetlands that has been ratified by 170 nations worldwide.

Keith Woodley has been manager at Pūkoro Miramira Shorebird Centre since 1993. In that time he has seen many changes in Tikapa Moana, Pūkoro Miramira, and in the populations of shorebirds that frequent this place. Concern for declining populations of shorebirds such as kuaka, drew Pūkoro Miramira Naturalists' Trust (PMNT) into engagement with the East Asian Australasian Flyway, the network of habitats used by migratory birds between Arctic breeding grounds and nonbreeding sites in Australasia.

Colossal habitat loss on the Yellow Sea coasts of China and the Korean Peninsula is the primary driver of these declines. He has since visited such places many times, assisting with shorebird surveys and public awareness-raising activities, including school visits. Keith is the author of *Godwits: Long-haul champions* (Penguin/Raupo) 2009.

Pūkoro Miramira Naturalists Trust also has strong interests in protecting shorebird habitats in New Zealand. For example, the great South Island braided rivers, critical breeding places for species such as ngutu parore/wrybill. The health of our estuarine ecosystems is another major concern. Issues such as these are featured in a second book, *Shorebirds of New Zealand: Sharing the margins* (Penguin) 2012.

Keith will be the guest speaker at Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird's AGM on **Saturday 22 July** at St John Ambulance Rooms, Tiki Road. AGM at 11.30am, lunch at 12pm, please bring a plate to share. Guest speaker, Keith Woodley at 1pm. All welcome to hear Keith's presentation at 1pm. Keith will have autographed copies of his book, *Godwits*, for sale.



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Local forestry owners helping to save kiwi

Project Kiwi and Summit Forests have just released the 100th kiwi into Whangapoua Forest on the Coromandel Peninsula as part of their incredible campaign to reverse the population decline of Aotearoa's national bird.

Whangapoua Forest is a plantation forest owned by Summit Forests NZ (formerly owned by Ernslaw One) and a site where ground-based predator control is carried out to help keep kiwi safe. It's here that Project Kiwi releases juvenile kiwi hatched and reared to a "stoat-proof" weight, giving them a hugely increased chance of survival for when they inevitably encounter a stoat.

Save the Kiwi Coromandel brown kiwi coordinator and Project Kiwi project manager Paula Williams says Summit is a key partner, and the project location is an important connecting site in restoring kiwi populations on the peninsula.

"Over the decade Project Kiwi has been managing this project, Summit has shown great enthusiasm and willingness to support this kaupapa started by Ernslaw One," Ms Williams says. "Through monitoring, we know the kiwi inhabiting this block have stayed over successive years, which tells us the mix of native pockets around waterways and pine plantation of Whangapoua Forest suits their needs.

"This knowledge is helping to reshape perceptions around the value of commercial

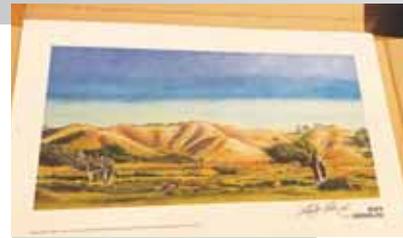


The release of the 100th kiwi was attended by Summit Forest's corporate planning manager Fumi Tajima, GIS specialist Paul Thompson, managing director Kenji Okawa, and Whangapoua forest manager Norbert Klein

forestry for kiwi recovery. There are 1.7 million hectares of commercial forestry across New Zealand, so thinking about how we can harness this for the sake of kiwi is full of opportunity."

Whangapoua Forest manager Norbert Klein says it's a privilege to work alongside a group that's so passionate about kiwi conservation.

"Understanding kiwi can thrive in plantation forest gives the forestry industry a tangible way to contribute to New Zealand's overall conservation goals," Mr Klein says. "Partnering with Project Kiwi over these last 11 years, and now celebrating the release of the 100th kiwi into the Whangapoua Forest, enables us to give back to the Coromandel community in a way that is genuinely valuable to the future of New Zealand's national bird."



C.L.A.I.M.

Two of these wonderful Stanley Palmer individually signed, limited edition prints, are currently on display at Umu Restaurant. The prints were donated by Stanley Palmer to raise funds for the Auckland anti-mining group, Ours not Mine, who are currently in litigation regarding an agreement to allow the giant multinational mining company Oceana Gold access rights via a paper road to DOC-managed land at Wharekirauponga near Whangamata.

The prints are \$200 each or \$350 framed.

For further information contact: Kate Donoghue 027 692 6494

Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

Pepeketua, Archey's frog – a remarkable and endangered species on our doorstep

In the regenerating forests of the Driving Creek Conservation Park we have discovered a tiny and elusive creature – Pepeketua/Archey's frog (*Leiopelma archeyi*), a unique and critically endangered amphibian. Pepeketua grow to only 40mm and weigh only 5g at adulthood. This little creature is one of only four known species of primitive frogs that have survived since



the age of dinosaurs. It is distinctive in both its terrestrial lifestyle and its archaic form, belonging to one of the most ancient lineages of amphibians on the planet, which traces its evolutionary roots back over 150 million years!

These small frogs have a distinctive and very well camouflaged appearance with rough, mottled brown or green skin. They are Aotearoa New Zealand's smallest, and arguably most beautiful, native frog species.

Archey's frogs are nocturnal and silent; unlike most frogs they do not vocalize to communicate with other frogs. They inhabit moist native forest between 200-1000m above sea level. They emerge from their daytime retreats near dusk and will return to these by dawn. During the day, they typically seek refuge under stones, logs, or in the base of ferns.

Pepeketua have an unusual life cycle and reproductive behaviour. Unlike most frogs that lay their eggs in water, these fascinating creatures lay their eggs on land in cool, damp locations such as under logs or leaf litter. The father guards the eggs deposited by the female, which in turn hatch into tailed froglets which climb onto the father's back and are transported around for several weeks until they are fully developed. These tiny frogs can then live for up to 35 years.

Pepeketua primarily inhabit the Coromandel and Whareorino ranges; much of their habitat is under constant pressure from human activities and invasive species. Predator control programs and habitat restoration initiatives can help protect these tiny natives. We are pleased to know we have enough predator control in our little patch of the Coromandel to provide a safe home for these special little creatures.



Can you spot the cryptic pepeketua?



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McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Julie Sargisson

The wetlands in winter

A sense of quiet seems to have settled over the winter wetland. The high tides haven't been very high. On occasion torrential rain has made lakes of the tidal pathways but these disappear quickly into what is, after all, a giant sponge.

This morning there were 25 pateke ducks around the lagoon behind the wetland. Some were swimming around but most were huddled on the shore looking rather cold, but perhaps that was me. Pied stilts marched daintily around them and waded into the water and half a dozen big paradise ducks floated on the lagoon and grazed the surrounds. These birds that have found a home here in the wetlands move right across the salt marsh behind the reeds, feeding in the thick mat of yellow button flower and pools and channels. This now large mat of native button flower will be a mass of gold in spring. The odd heron drops in to see what the tide brings and the hawks continue to glide and swoop.

Walking back along the causeway towards the beach I counted 30 kotare perched along the power lines above the mangroves and the turning tide and one black and white shag flew up from fishing in the salt water streams. There have been two black shags sitting regally on fence posts also drawn to what we now know is thriving fish life in the runoff channels.

Only a few days ago in the shallow receding tide there was a small group of young spoonbills feeding on the sand flats, spectacular among the oystercatchers, pied stilts, gulls and terns. All of this a part of the tidal and intertidal zones on either side of the causeway.

Yet for all this, the wetland seems quiet with its settled-in population weathering the winter, waiting for spring.

Waiaro Sanctuary

By Ruby Smith, Director

After our article in a previous Chronicle about the pateke

(brown teal), we thought people might be interested in their journey and how they came to call Waiaro Estuary home.

The pateke that were released at Port Charles, were originally destined for Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary but the ground based trapping there failed. The Moehau trapping, however was a success due to a very dedicated trapping team. In fact Moehau Kiwi Sanctuary had the best trapping results in the country at the time. The pateke were released in Port Charles by DOC and the area manager and the biodiversity threats ranger at the time were instrumental in this project.

Since 1988, pateke have suffered an ongoing decline in numbers and range. In 2022, there are estimated to be between 2,000 and 2,500 pāteke/brown teal living in a wild state in New Zealand, making the species New Zealand's rarest waterfowl on the mainland (www.doc.govt.nz).

Well done to the Department of Conservation for such a successful pateke release that has flourished over the years in our area of the country. We are lucky that this flock decided to call Waiaro Estuary their home and we will continuously trap predators surrounding the area to keep them safe.



Pateke at the Waiaro Estuary

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Lorraine Chick

Fantastic turnout for our King's Birthday Fishing Tournament with 54 adult and 31 junior entries. Congratulations to Pam Harris who took out the \$500 prize for average weight snapper on the night.

The club's "Fish of the Month" for May was snapper and that \$100 went to Troy Evans. Well done Troy!

Our AGM will be held on **Saturday 29 July**, 3pm at Admirals Arms. There are top jobs that need to be filled to ensure the continuation of the club so we would love to see you there.



King's Birthday Fishing Tournament fancy dress



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

Playing croquet is a wonderful way to spend a morning; it is a workout for the body and the brain. And the bonus is that you will have the company of some wonderful, friendly people.

If you would like to try the game of croquet, call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am and provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club.

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Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am

Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 71379am

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

Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am

Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3pm

Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr0olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650 5pm

Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm

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

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661.....9.15am

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 72469am

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am

Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm

Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm

Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5.30-6.45pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am

Meditation at Mahamudra 8.15-8.45am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am

Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm

Taichi classes, Waikato Events Centre, Christina 021 113 4768..... 4pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 72469am

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

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

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am

Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm

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Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am

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Community Gardens volunteer day..... 8.30-11am

Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661.....9.15am

Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 9252.....9.30am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm

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

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

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 1pm

2nd Wed – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446..... 7pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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

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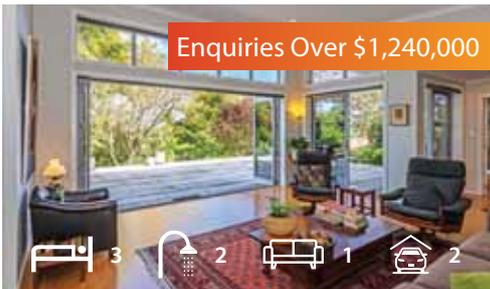
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