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..... Editor's comment

Hi everyone,

There isn't much on the calendar this month. WTS (Watch this Space) Coromandel have an exhibition on at the moment (see ad pg 23), and I think the highlight on the Chronicle calendar is The Bizarre having an auction (see ad pg 11). Also, get your team booked in for the Pepper Tree quiz nights starting in August (see ad pg 5).

Travel wise Coromandel Taxi's are continuing the Connector Bus three mornings a week (see pg 6), and there is an update from TCDC on the ferry (see ad on pg 13).

If you have an event – make sure I know about it! Email corochronicle@gmail.com with details, so I can get it on the calendar.

Interested in getting the Seafood Fest up and running again? Then see letter below, and get involved.

Have a good winter. I personally love the empty beaches and winter sunsets at this time of year.

Debbie

..... Letters

Seafood Fest

Kia ora Coromandel community, We, along with the Keltic Fair committee, are looking at reinventing the Coromandel Town Seafood Fest which was very popular prior to Covid. We have decided to expand on the theme and open it up to all foods and produce locally sourced and/or produced, e.g., honey, kai moana, baking, herbals, weaving, any hunt/gather/forage kai, any homegrown or commercial food produce that you make and wish to sell at a market or promote to our wider community. Similar to our community market but on a larger scale as a once-a-year promotion for local producers only. We would like this to be a celebration of local producers, food and market stalls with demonstrations and some fun activities.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from anyone wanting to have a stall site, provide a demonstration such as cooking, filleting fish/shucking oysters, weaving, etc., or anyone interested in being part of the organisation of the event.

Initially we are planning this event to be held on the bottom field of Coromandel Area School on **Saturday 5 October** (TBC). Funds raised from the gate takings will go to the school to support Coromandel Area School fundraising.

If you are interested or would like further information, please email us at corokaievent@gmail.com.

Abby Morgan and Joss James, Keltic Fair committee

Gulf Mussel Farms RMA Decision

As I stated in the June edition of the Chronicle, RMA20210421 – Gulf Mussel Farms (GFM) application to build a processing facility at 50 The 309 Road was turned down by TCDC and two independent commissioners.

GMF have since lodged an appeal to the Environment Court and we are awaiting the dates for the court hearing. I have of course lodged an application to attend the hearing as an affected party. The relief of the decision handed down at the last hearing was short-lived and the fight goes on.

GMF also have RMA approval to construct a car park on the same location behind the Mussel Kitchen. The application was RMA2016/58, and was given approval some years ago. Before my time, I'm afraid. GMF are in the process of breaking ground to start the construction of the "Park and Ride" carpark. Apparently, the carpark application was approved to facilitate a shuttle service for the fishing charter operators. I can't actually see how this would benefit the charter boats unless GMF expect to run a fleet of buses.

To date, it appears preparations are underway to prepare the ground for application RMA20210421. I have taken it upon myself to send numerous emails to inform TCDC and in particular, the Honourable Mayor, Mr Len Salt, of the situation. My question to TCDC is why are GMF going ahead with works on a site that is subject to a court hearing? After two hearings in which GMF were refused their RMA application, why are TCDC allowing this sort of behaviour?

It was very frustrating and there appeared to be two sets of rules that apply in the Coromandel District, that was dependant on what sort of influence you have. However, I must report that the works at 50 The 309 Road appear to have been halted pending an investigation. Although the wheels of public office are slow, they are working. Well done TCDC and the Honourable Mayor, Mr Len Salt; your constituents are grateful.

Ka keti ano,

Hector George, Coromandel Town

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A thought for the month of July

By Father Andy

Hello again. It was lovely to be able to introduce myself in the April edition of the Coromandel Town Chronicle and to meet many of you good people of Coromandel Town and beyond as I have seen you around the town since then. Whilst this is a thought for reflection for the month of July, I am writing it at the beginning of June and just a few days away from a trip back to the UK for a conference and then on to Europe for a holiday. I love travel, there are so many places in the world to visit which offer excitement and stimulation of the senses. I really like those TV series like Michael Palin's "Pole to Pole" journey and Joanna Lumley's "Spice Trail Adventure" ... you may have seen them yourself. They whet the appetite for our own travels and give ideas of where we should go next. Our journeys, our travels can be fun and joyful times, meeting new people, exposing us to new cultures and stretching our world view. It was a visit from the UK to Aotearoa New Zealand and to Coromandel actually in 2008 that set the seed for us to come from the UK to live here.

The journey of life though is one journey we have no choice about taking on; we're born and we live and we have to make the most of it. Life is, as they say, what you make it and there are many ways to find our fulfilment in this life. One of my favourite verses in the Bible is from St. John's Gospel, chapter 10 where Jesus says, "I have come that you may have life and have life in all its fullness and abundance."

Life has many ups and downs, twists and turns. We relish the "ups" but the downs can be a problem. Our perspective on life is so important when negotiating those extremes and finding a way to living positively makes all the difference and can help us and contribute to achieving that sense of fulfilment and abundant living of which Jesus speaks in the gospel.

On our return from Europe this month I hope to be exploring our experience of life and how some have found the words of Jesus in John's gospel, chapter 10 to be the source of their own fulfilment in life. It would be lovely if you would like to come along and join us at Christ Church on Tiki Road at 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings to share that exploration.

Until then I pray that God's blessing of peace and joy may be yours.

Christ Church Anglican, Sundays at 10am and Morning Tea at 11am



Hillary Outdoors Coromandel

Hillary Outdoors proudly announce the acquisition of our new centre on the stunning Coromandel. This will be at the former Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat in Port Charles. This expansion is not just about growing our footprint; it's about deepening our commitment to providing exceptional outdoor education opportunities for rangatahi across Aotearoa.

With over 50 years of experience in delivering high-impact outdoor education programmes, Hillary Outdoors, then OPC, has a place in the hearts of generations of New Zealanders. Our journey began with our iconic Tongariro Centre.

Our Coromandel Centre will immerse students in hands-on learning experiences that cover a wide range of marine and land-based activities and promote a deeper connection to nature. This environment will provide continuous opportunities for youth development through engaging journeys and expeditions.

Coromandel has a unique biodiversity that we are committed to protecting and preserving. We believe in the power of collaboration and look forward to supporting the incredible community-led conservation efforts underway in the region.

We are excited to welcome our first group of students in January 2025. Until then, our team will be hard at work converting the site to be fit-for-purpose and getting the highest outdoor safety accreditation for our programmes.



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- Never drive across the lines**





Hauraki House Happenings

By Liz Cameron, Secretary of Hauraki House Management Committee

Thanks to a grant from the Mayoral Flood Relief Social Recovery Fund, and the expertise of Lewis Greig of Cape Civil, we have managed to get the potholes around Hauraki House filled; which will make usage of the building over winter a lot easier. No more stepping into ankle deep puddles!

And we are excited to see the scaffolding going up around the building! This means that TCDC have begun repairs, prior to painting Hauraki House sometime in the not too distant future! We are really looking forward to seeing our lovely old building looking just as good as the Arts Centre down in Tararu. Bring it on, TCDC!



Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Recent callouts: yacht fire – Oamaru Bay, building fire (building/vehicles) – Kuaotunu, car fire – Kennedy Bay.

It’s winter and for the first year in a few it’s a proper winter – cold and wet – so lots of house warming to do – open fires, enclosed fire boxes, electric heaters, heat pumps, etc. So a time to revisit these safety messages:

- Open fires – fire guards on your open fire at all times, keep the kids back from anything hot, any drying racks well away from flammables. Please remember the enclosed fire boxes are seriously hot – keep everyone back.
- Heaters – modern heaters should always have a guard, don’t dry clothes over the top, ensure they are safe from the little ones as it’s too easy to pull many heaters over. Check your plug is safe.
- Electric blankets – has it been safety checked recently, i.e., this year? Does it look safe – no blanket damage obvious?

Please remember – anything goes wrong and you feel in danger call 111. We would far rather arrive early or go home finding no issue than arrive too late – we can make a difference.

Coromandel-Colville Business Association

By Glenys Carr

In May the Coromandel-Colville Business Association was to host Toby Adams, Chair of the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

Unfortunately, there were weather issues on that evening which meant Toby stayed in his constituency and the CCBA felt that Coromandel locals probably would not venture out.

You are warmly invited to our **Wednesday 31 July** networking meeting featuring guest speakers Kate Wightman from SODA, the Waikato’s Regional Business Partner for business support and Jessica Black and Mitch King from the TCDC Economic Development team.

Learn about the TCDC economic strategy, their commitment to create vibrant, strong communities and stimulate economic development in our district. We hope you can join us for what will be a most informative evening.

The CCBA advises the community that there has been an increase in theft around the town. We remind you all to be vigilant and to take necessary measures.

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Combined Clubs of Coromandel

The Annual General Meeting of the Combined Clubs of Coromandel will be on **Saturday 20 July** at 2.30pm in the Club rooms. All members of the RSA and Bowling Club are welcome to attend so look forward to a big turnout.



Car Club

By Bruce Finan

It was good to see so many members turn up for the June meeting, and I am sorry that I couldn't be there.

On Sunday 16 June, 15 of us had a lunch run to Matarangi and we enjoyed an excellent lunch. We had a great drive following the 54 De Soto and the Muzzy never got past 1200 rpm – coming back was a lot better (can't say more than that!) and just loved the hills.

The next meet is on **Wednesday 10 July** at the Club, and the following **Sunday 14 July** the Pepper Tree is booked for our 3rd year celebration of our Car Club in Coromandel. New members are welcome to come along and meet us. Let's choke up the main drag this time and please park in the street as close to the restaurant as possible.

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

The first of the two Winter Cup challenges were played at Mercury Bay on 9 May with our hosts coming out on top with 12 wins, 105 ends and 209 points and Coromandel with 12 wins, 103 ends and 184 points.

We have the second of the Winter Cup challenges on **Thursday 11 July** so hopefully the weather will be fine for us to play at Mercury Bay on that day. It's going to be very close, just like the Summer Cup.

With our season now finished, some of our players have been searching out other Tournaments in the Thames Valley, with six of our junior players recently entering a couple of teams in the Open Triples Tournament held at the Thames Coast Club. Even though no prizes were brought home, they all had a great day of bowls, learning a lot along the way (see photo).



Allen, James, Malcolm, Elaine, Judy and Delwyn

On Sunday 2 June, five of our juniors also entered a tournament in Whangamata, playing a new format of bowls called Super Singles, which is described on the Short Form Bowls website as "quick, brutal and great fun"!

It's an interesting (and tactical) format of three bowl singles with games of two sets of six ends with a one end tiebreaker if the score is one set each. Three players are grouped and they face each other once, playing two games and marking one. One power play per set is also allowed where any scored shots are doubled and also a player can nominate once to "kill" the end.

Juniors (years 1-8 in this instance) from all of the Thames Valley Clubs were eligible to enter with the winner overall getting entry to the finals weekend to be held in Wellington on 6/7 July. The Thames Valley winner was Shaun Harrison from the Thames Coast Club.

Our AGM was held on Saturday 8 June with a good turnout and Jim Dicks was re-elected as our Club President once again. A special thank you was made to Linda Wright (who stepped down from the committee) for her role as treasurer and also for all of the work she has done behind the scenes for the club. Linda was presented a lovely bunch of flowers from Jim.

All are welcome to join us socially at the club over the winter, with the bar open on Fridays from 4-7pm.

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Since 18 December 2023, Coromandel Taxi has had the privilege of being a provider as part of the TCDC incentive for the free connector shuttle between Coromandel Town and Thames.

The trial ended in June and unfortunately at this time there has been no suggestion of the service being made permanent.

Coromandel Taxi has become aware over these past six months, how vital a service like this is to our community and how much of a positive impact it has had for the people who regularly use it.

It is on this note that Coromandel Taxi will be continuing the service for the near future.

In doing so, there needs to be a few changes to the service.

- The shuttle will continue departing from the Woollams Ave carpark at 8am, arriving in Thames at approximately 9.15am (allowing for the passengers connecting with the InterCity buses)
- The drop-off and pickup point in Thames has changed to the Goldfields carpark, by Pak'nSave.
- Coromandel Town to Thames: \$20 return trip, \$15 one way.
- Waiomu to Thames: \$15 return trip, \$10 one way.
- The shuttle will run on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, with the possibility of Friday depending on bookings.
- The departure time from Thames would be extended to 11.15am, allowing time for shopping, appointments, interviews or coffee catchups with friends and family.
- There will be no afternoon shuttle service.
- Click and collect also available for small items – please enquire for more details.

I look forward to meeting more of you.

Please contact Sharon or Anna at Coromandel Taxi: ph 027 376 4466, email corotaxis3506@gmail.com

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



Winter is well and truly here, but the colder mornings have their own charm ... at least that's what I'm telling myself.

It's been a bit quieter around the region, but we had a couple of long weekends in June and it's been good to see visitors from across the country are still making the most of the Coromandel.

Down in Wellington, Finance Minister Nicola Willis delivered her first government budget. In contrast to past years, there weren't slogans or flagship promises; it was a clear statement that we're going to be fiscally responsible and rebuild the economy. We've focused on cutting wasteful spending, investing these savings into frontlines services, and easing the cost of living.

The Budget also delivered the first tax relief for New Zealanders in 14 years. Our tax package targets relief to low and middle-income households. Families with young children are set to benefit most. It gives average income households up to \$102 a fortnight, plus FamilyBoost childcare payments of up to \$150 per fortnight for eligible families.

For some people it may seem like a small amount, but for others it's going to make a difference. It will reduce the pressure to pay the weekly bills, to put food on the table, and to top up the car with petrol. Perhaps more importantly, it signals the coalition government's intention to take less of your money.

In the days following the budget, the government also introduced the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill. This amendment will be well received in our region, as it extends current resource consents for marine farms by up to 20 years.

When people think of the Coromandel, our world-renowned aquaculture industry is front of mind. Our iconic mussel and oyster farms drive our local economy, provide employment, and deliver a bounty of seafood to consumers. By extending existing consents, we can support this vital industry by cutting some unnecessary red tape. Marine farmers will spend less time and money applying for consents, leaving them to focus on their operations and making them more productive and sustainable.

Importantly, this change only affects existing consents. A review of the consent process for new marine farms will take place as part of the coalition government's commitment to reforming the Resource Management Act.



**POETRY
SPOT**

Bullrush haiku
By John Irvine

bullrush growing from left ear
doctor shocked – advises
“stop drinking creek water!”

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

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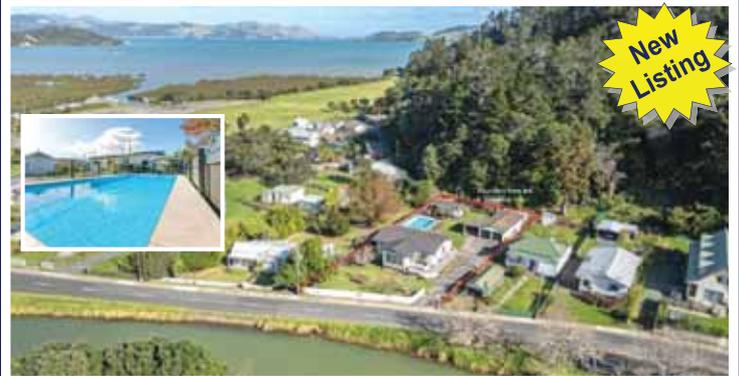
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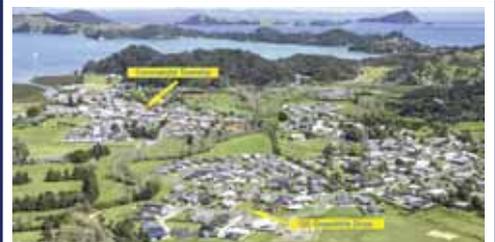
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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The 30th AGM of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc was held on Sunday 9 June at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. We thank the committee and residents of the village for allowing us the use of their hall for our meeting. We were very pleased to see a good number of members, who braved the inclement weather to attend the meeting. As ever, it was great to catch up with some of the members over a cup of tea, and I thank all those lovely people who baked cakes and other goodies for our afternoon tea. I feel special mention must be made of Fran Wylie, who attended the very first AGM, and has not missed many, if any, of the meetings since. Thank you Fran; a great effort from a very valuable member of the Society.

At the meeting, the committee accepted the resignation of Trudy Moody from the committee, and Susan Swan from the position of treasurer. We thank them both very much for their past contributions, in particular, Susan's fundraising triumphs on behalf of the Fir Lawn Creamery relocation project. We are very pleased that Susan has agreed to continue as a member of the committee for this year.

There have therefore been a few changes in the make-up of our committee.

The new line-up is: President – Jennie James, Vice-President – Judy Bronlund, Secretary – Maureen Kimber, Treasurer – Raewyn McKinney, Committee – Denise Campbell, Joanna Platt, Susan Swan.

As Maureen now takes over as secretary, this will be my last "Museum News" for the Coromandel Town Chronicle. A quick look at my records shows I became the secretary of the Society in October 2001, and my first contribution to the Chronicle was for the August 2009 edition, so this seems like a good time for a change of personnel. I thank all those who have taken an interest in my contributions and I take this opportunity to wish Maureen all the best in her new role.

With the start of the new financial year for the Society, subscriptions are now due for renewal. The subscription continues at \$20 per person per year and can be paid direct to the Society's bank account: 020304031121100; please remember to include your name if paying direct to the bank account.

The museum is currently closed for the winter and will re-open



on the weekends of the Coromandel Arts Tour in October. However, there is usually someone at the museum on a Thursday morning, so if any member wishes to pay their subscription in cash, or if anyone wishes to become a member, please come along on a Thursday morning.

Starting from the opening of our new season, the museum will be offering all sorts of goods for sale. As well as the current post cards and posters, we will have tote bags, fridge magnets and stubbie holders for sale. These will make great souvenirs for visitors to the town, of course, but would also be ideal for Christmas presents for friends and family who live elsewhere in New Zealand, or even overseas. So, come in and check out our range when considering gifts to be posted around the country, or the world.

Although the museum is currently closed for the winter, it is usually possible to open for a group of visitors if we have knowledge of their intended visit. Anyone proposing such a group visit, or thinking of it, should contact the Coromandel Town Information Centre, or check out the Coromandel School of Mines Facebook page, or contact a member of the committee with details of the intended visit.

Pestie Corner

By Amy English, Peninsula Pest Services



As urban pest managers, when we talk about pests, they can generally fit into two categories: those that can cause damage and/or spread diseases and those that are just a plain nuisance. One insect that falls into this latter category is the common non-biting midge, which belongs to the family Chironomidae. The adult midge looks like a delicate fly with elongated legs, very similar in fact to a mosquito, which it is often mistaken for. Although they do not bite (as their name indicates), they can swarm in large numbers when the conditions are right. This can be not only irritating to walk through, but if you live next to their breeding grounds, they can also end up covering your house, or entering through any open door, window or even vents. Luckily adults only live for 3-5 days as they do not feed, just long enough to mate and annoy us!

Midges have four stages in their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Typical breeding grounds consist of still, stagnant or slow-moving and nutrient rich fresh water (manmade lakes are perfect!). Eggs are laid in gelatinous masses on the water surface and can contain up to 3,000 eggs per mass. These eggs will then sink to the bottom of the water body before hatching several days later. The larvae will construct a tube around itself or burrow into the mud and feed on suspended organic matter. As they mature, they become a dark red colour and are often referred to as "blood worms". Larvae will transform into pupae in their tube, but can suspend this development until the conditions or water temperature are optimal. This is why we end up with mass emergencies, particularly in the warmer months. Once pupae, they will swim to the surface within a few days and then emerge as airborne adults within a few hours.

As with a lot of insects, midges are attracted to light, so it will help to keep these off on warm nights. Unfortunately, high occurrences of midges can also promote the growth of spiders – another (mostly) nuisance pest!

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The Department of Conservation (DOC) in Whitianga is going to control possums, rats & stoats over 11,750 hectares. This is scheduled for the first clear weather window after the 1st of July 2024.

Native wildlife and forests need protection

Papakai is a nationally significant habitat for Coromandel brown kiwi, Archey's frog, and Coromandel striped gecko. It is also an important conservation area for kākā, kererū and ruru/morepork, as well as a variety of rare and unique plants. This includes lowland podocarp to sub-alpine forest of kauri, tawa, and northern rātā.

Why we are controlling introduced predators

Native species are fighting for survival due to predation from rats, stoats and possums. Without protection, we risk losing the unique natural heritage and biodiversity within the Papakai Ecological Area.

Possums are browsing large amounts of native vegetation. This significantly impacts the health of the forest. Northern rātā, kohekohe, kāmahī, and Halls tōtara are favoured by possums and will die if possum numbers are not periodically controlled to low numbers. Possums, like rats, raid nests for eggs and chicks and compete with native animals for food. Reducing predators helps native forest habitats to recover.

Through sustained predator control using 1080, there is a big increase in breeding success for native birds, their food source is more abundant, and the forest canopy is healthier.

Our plan to protect native species

The safest and most effective method we have to control possums, rats and stoats over large areas is to use biodegradable cereal bait pellets containing 1080. This bait targets rodents and possums. Stoats are also controlled through secondary poisoning as they feed on the carcasses of the dead rodents.

Helicopters distribute bait pellets across the forest area along pre-determined and monitored flight paths using technology that enables accurate placement. This is the only viable method to control predators in Papakai due to the vast and rugged terrain.

This operation begins with the distribution of non-toxic pre-feed bait pellets (sandy coloured). This prepares possums and rodents to eat the toxic bait (dyed green) that is applied afterwards. Both baits are about 16 mm in diameter and cylindrical shaped.

Consultation and permissions

DOC has consulted with hapū, iwi and key stakeholders including landowners adjacent to the treatment area.

DOC is delegated authority by the Environmental Protection Agency to decide applications for permission to use 1080 on land administered or managed by DOC. EcoFX is in the process of obtaining permission from DOC for this operation. EcoFX is obtaining the required permission from the Ministry of Health. DOC ensures that all legal and policy requirements are met, and that any potential risks of the operation are managed.

Managing risk

1080 is poisonous to humans, domestic and game animals. In areas where the toxin has been applied, dogs are highly at risk until poisoned carcasses have disintegrated. This takes four-to-eight months or longer.

There will be warning signs placed at entrances to the treatment area immediately prior to the operation.



Risks can be eliminated by following these rules:

- DO NOT touch bait
- WATCH children at all times
- DO NOT EAT animals from this area or within the buffer zone outside the treatment boundary. The buffer zone is 2 km for deer and pigs, 200 m for rabbits, and 1 km for hares and possums.
- Poison baits or carcasses are DEADLY to DOGS

Visit the DOC website: More information about DOC's National Predator Control Programme is available on our website www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/national-predator-control-programme This map shows the area we are controlling rats, stoats & possums to protect native species. You can also see operational updates and detailed maps of predator control on public conservation land on the DOC website. www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries.

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about pesticides. These signs indicate pesticide residues may be still present in baits and poisoned carcasses. When signs are removed, normal activities can resume. If in doubt, check with your local DOC office. Please report suspected vandalism or unauthorised removal of signs.

If you suspect poisoning, please contact:

- Your local doctor or hospital OR The National Poisons Centre: 0800 764 766 (urgent calls) or 03 479 7248 OR dial 111
- Seek veterinary advice for suspected poisoning of domestic animals.

For more information

Please contact: Operational planner Biodiversity Ranger, DOC Whitianga Office, PO Box 276, Whitianga, 0800 275 362 or EcoFX Aerial Operations Manager, 32 Huiputea Drive, Otorohanga 3900, admin@ecofx.co.nz, 07 873 8130.

Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

Early June we had another tutored class. Debbie Adding and Felicity Luff came from Whangamata for the day to get us started on our Dresden Neighbourhoods. Some are finished but others are still working on this project.



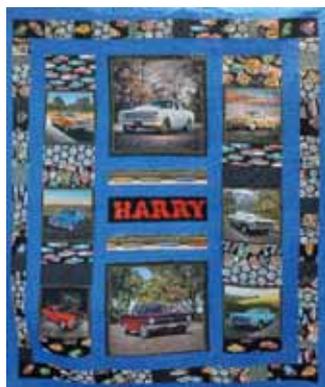
Dresden Neighbourhoods

Mid-June we had our midyear Xmas lunch. Hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year. A different format this year, pizza and salad followed by some lovely desserts. Our President's challenge this year was won by Sharon. Clever idea to use fancy stitches which met the criteria of using fabrics we were given to make a pouch with fabrics we would not necessarily chose for ourselves. We then went onto quiz games. Some of the questions were very difficult.

But we had a few laughs and enjoyed the afternoon. Thanks Raewyn, for organising an awesome day.

Recently Robyn made a wonderful quilt for her great grandson, Harry (photo, left). The trucks have his cousins' names on them. Such a great idea.

We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to. Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Tina Hvidberg Pedersen 021 594 706



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Age Concern

By Jo Sanderson

Last month we launched our new 5 for 5 donation campaign. Donate \$5 for five weeks to help us raise money to celebrate the Day of Older Persons on **Wednesday 2 October**.

If you would like to help by donating, please visit our website www.achc.org.nz/donate-now where you can donate through Donorbox which is a secure and encrypted payment gateway. Please note: You will receive an email how to end the donations after five weeks as Donorbox does not have the facility to have a finite time with recurring payments.

Let's get this campaign out there by talking to others and if you have a Facebook page, please share. Thank you.

This month's introduction of one of our staff members is Vallanique, who is our social connector amongst other roles.

Vallanique Tamaiparea

Kia ora. I have been a local of Thames for over 25 years and am a loving mother and grandmother to four adorable grandkids. I gave up nursing and started working as a therapist. I have served as a volunteer for the Hauraki/Coromandel Age Concern team since 2017. I have recently taken up the position as Social Connector here at Age Concern and I also serve as an Age Concern Thames volunteer counsellor. Nothing is too large or small for me; I just arrive with kindness, a good attitude, and an open mind. I deal with trauma, anxiety, and depression.

I also work alongside the folks in the community who attend the social group called Chinwag. It's all about connecting with other like-minded people in a caring, supportive and safe environment over a cup of tea. Call us to see if there is a Chinwag social group near you.

We are in the planning stages of organising a celebration of the International Day of Older Persons.

This is going to take place on **Wednesday 2 October** and will be held in the Thames Civic Centre from 10am-2pm. It promises to be a great few hours of information, entertainment, stalls, raffles, spot prizes, refreshments and more. Put this date in your dairies now!

Our Steady As You Go© and Chinwag Cafe groups are going strong all around the Peninsula. Please check our website for the one nearest you, www.achc.org.nz.

Take care everyone and stay warm.



Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our new members are keen to join us on a Monday evening so we may end up with 2½ tables which will be so good. More lessons will be given later in the year so if you would like to learn to play bridge, please get in touch.

We meet on a Monday evening at the St John rooms and visitors are most welcome to join with us but please let Jan know before 3pm.

Contacts Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 478 8839 Jackie 021 061 6876

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Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman; Trustee Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust



Sorry that I missed last month, but we didn't have any callouts to our patch for April. There were 13 to the rest of the peninsula, nil to our side.

May – of 17 callouts, two were to our area.

14.05.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a critical condition.

19.05.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 20's suffering a medical complaint and in a moderate condition. Transport to hospital by helicopter wasn't required.

We can never be sure of "what's around the corner". On Wednesday 22 May, a Tairua lady in her 60's was attacked by a pack of dogs, suffering severe injuries. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

Occasionally, if the Auckland choppers are busy, the Waikato Rescue Helicopter is called out. This happened on 5 June when they attended a patient with medical problems in Coromandel Town. We are lucky in that we can get a machine from Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga or Whangarei, so we are very well covered.

Due to various factors, we have now got a new website up and running; you can check it out on www.coromandelrescue.org.nz along with a new email address, cororht@gmail.com.

Please note that our next meeting, along with our AGM is at the hangar, Whitianga, 10am **Tuesday 20 August**.

Some of the bigger events raising funds for emergency services including our charity, are the wonderful shows put on by the Tairua Troubadours. If you would like a great night out with plenty of laughs, performances are in July; book at tairuatroubadours@gmail.com.

Have a safe and healthy month.

Nigel Strongman ph 022 670 1549

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Heather Arthur

More lovely finished projects on the "show n tell" table again this month. Several ladies had completed projects from the "funky circles" class held earlier this year including door stops and bowls. We even had a photo of Stony Bay taken in 1940 and created into an embroidery picture. I imagine it will look rather different there today.

The darning ball class held the last week of May was great and put a new dimension on darning with various delicate patterns. Done inside a shape, they will be cut out and sewn together, shape on shape, and made into a ball. With only a few of us at this class, we enjoyed a high level of attention from our tutor Helen. Hopefully some photos next month.

Special congratulations must go to one of our creative "extensions group" ladies Lettecia Williams who has had her creation accepted into the Nelson Arts Council display "Contemporary Fibre Textile Art Awards". This is one of the most

prestigious of its type in NZ. Of the 180 entries Lettecia's was 1 of 49 finalists. Well done Lettecia.

If you are thinking you might be interested in doing some embroidery, do make contact with us; we would love to welcome you into our group. Contact Helen Pearce at coromandelembroidery1@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 8460



The Bizarre's

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly we thank everyone for their donations. We had a truly beautiful financial blessing that came in after last month's report. We are so grateful for this which will help us help the cats over the next couple of months or more. Also the blessings of tinned, sachets and biscuits.

We remain status quo due to financial limitations and human health issues and the cats are awesome for the trio in outdoor units loving having him indoors to bestow their furrness upon and love him home and love his company.

Mascara has changed immeasurably and now is a constant companion to me and with me no matter where I am in the house or what I am doing. She was a rescue kitten, a feral from farm, who just never adjusted to anyone else and has grown up here and trusts us, as do the others. They trust us implicitly and no one else can come near them, which is a shame as they so deserve more than just here with us. We would so love them to be solo or paired in their own home but their choice is made, which we honour. After a day in hospital for me Mascara certainly let me know she had missed me and wanted to know everything about my day and she told about hers.

We are also grateful to our neighbour who came over and sorted out overgrown paths and grass area by the cattery units. This makes access easy now for us and we were delighted to hear the scrub cutter doing its thing for an hour and a half, so we are thankful to all support and help given to us.

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

Meow furr now.

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

The Colville Project

Moving Forward with The Colville Project



As our work gains momentum in terms of “people power” on the land, we are developing processes for safeguarding our team and visitors, as well as dealing with nature’s gifts!

From fallen trees to *Ileodictyon cibarium*, we are working to deliver a stunning wellbeing and education centre with multiple features designed to enable the delivery of services to everyone in our region in smart and collaborative ways.

Over the past year the board and its team have been carrying out much background work in preparation for Resource Consent. We acknowledge that this can look like “slow progress” from a distance, but uphold the reasoning that everything “solid” must start with a sound foundation. In fact, the board has been commended in conversations with funders and other parties, for taking this methodical approach. We have recently reviewed our timeline and consultant engagement plan, and are working toward being ready to apply for resource consent in the first quarter of 2025. We will continue to talk to key stakeholders throughout this process.

In addition to working away in the background our board and team are also involved in frontline, on-the-ground work. Recently this involved several members attending a weed management working bee, focussed on removing small moth plant and ginger seedlings, and tackling woolly nightshade to avoid seed dispersal. In turn, this follows on from previous work over 2023-2024 to remove established moth plant.

We are lucky to have a board team that come from various disciplines, from HR to ecology. But we always have room for more support as we embark on these next stages of resource consent. If you have been inspired by this project and you aren't sure how to get involved, please do get in touch. There are a myriad of ways to support the project from conception to build.

Perhaps you have been inspired to join us? If so, please check us out: www.thecolvilleproject.nz, www.facebook.com/thecolvilleproject, or contact Katie at admin@thecolvilleproject.nz. We would love to hear from you



Richard Campbell with basket fungus at our recent working bee

Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



July 2024

Fullers360 Auckland– Coromandel ferry update

Fullers360 has told our Council their Auckland-Coromandel ferry service will remain on hold until further notice, due to tough operating conditions, increased operational costs, and the challenge of managing a continued shortage of skilled maritime workers.

“We acknowledge the challenges for locals and visitors alike. Unfortunately, the traditional ferry service model is no longer commercially viable for our business. We have had preliminary discussions with Council to consider what a future ferry service model could look like,” says Fullers360 CEO Mike Horne.



“We know it’s disappointing news for the Coromandel economy, particularly as operating conditions remain challenging for many businesses at this time,” says our Mayor Len Salt. “However, we’re continuing to work with all stakeholders to see what may be viable long term.”

Photo by Mike Hill

OUR FINAL 2024-2034 LTP

Our 2024-2034 Long Term Plan (LTP) was expected to be adopted by our Council in late June, following a formal audit process.

“It’s fair to say that it’s not been an easy road, but I’m very grateful we had such dedicated and experienced people tackling this hard mahi,” says our Mayor Len Salt. “Thank you to our staff and elected members, and to all those who shared their thoughts with us.”

The latest on the final LTP, including rates for the 2024/25 financial year and our key decisions, can be found at tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034

Entries are open for **The Richardsons Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards**. Delivered biennially by Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel District Councils, the awards celebrate excellence in the business sector. To enter: hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/business-awards



A word from our Board
Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

“Sadly, many of us were expecting the news last month that the Coromandel

ferry service wouldn’t resume in the near future. Alternative options to bring a ferry into Coromandel Town have been kicked around for a while and it would be fantastic if we could pull together and get something across the line. The Business Association are also advocating strongly for the wharf, and the area around Patukirikiri reserve, to be tidied up and made more welcoming for visitors. We are working with them, and Council staff, to see what can be done.”

gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz



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at the Coromandel Community Garden to celebrate National Volunteer Week, and to help the garden recover from recent damage.

The morning’s work was followed by a ‘thank you’ lunch shared with community volunteers.



News in brief

- At its June meeting, the Board approved a total of \$14,800 from its discretionary funds to the Spirit of Coromandel Trust Bike Park for weed spraying, and to Colville School and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Harataunga for playground refurbishments.
- The Board also asked staff to prepare a report for Council to consider a speed limit reduction for Tuatēawa Rd in the vicinity of Little Bay.



Volunteer Week Celebration

Our Community Board members gave their green thumbs a workout last month, putting in a few hours of weeding and clearing

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The Board’s next meeting is on Tuesday 23 July 2024, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Agendas are at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings



CILT

Vacancies

The Coromandel Independent Living Trust is looking to fill two vacancies. Please see the advertisement below.

The Bizarre's Bizarre Auction!

Join us on **Sunday 14 July** for an afternoon of fun as we fundraise for an urgently needed new roof for our little local shop!

From unique art and funky decor to designer clothing and an actual canoe, there'll be plenty of treasures up for grabs. With comedy-genius Jim Davis acting as our MC for the night and Kim Radick as our fast-talking auctioneer, the afternoon promises to be filled with laughs and excitement. Don't miss out – purchase your tickets from The Bizarre today!

When: **Sunday 14 July** at 4-7pm

Where: RSA Club – 190 Woollams Avenue, Coromandel Town

Tickets: \$20 per person (includes a delicious drink, yummy nibbles and lots of laughter!)

Artists in the Making WOW at Art Expo!

Artists in the Making stall was a huge success at the Whitianga Lions Club Art Expo 2024! Held at the Whitianga Town Hall over King's Birthday weekend, this awesome event,



Our Artists in the Making kaimahi and participants at the Whitianga Lions Club Art Expo

hosted by the Whitianga Lions Club, raised funds for Project Mammogram.

Our talented participants outdid themselves, creating and showcasing amazing artwork that wowed everyone who visited! A huge thank you to everyone who stopped by and supported our Artists in the Making participants as well as Project Mammogram. Looking ahead, we are excited about future events where we can once again come together to celebrate creativity and make a positive impact.

The End of Community Connectors

The Community Connectors service has come to an end. This has been an essential service in helping to support those who have faced negative effects caused by the January 2023 floods, Covid-19 and Cyclone Gabrielle. Community Connectors has also provided huge amounts of support for those facing financial hardship in our community and we are sad to see it end. Thank you to MSD for giving us the opportunity to provide the Community Connectors service.

Even though the Community Connectors scheme has ended, please don't hesitate to visit us if you are facing financial

challenges—we will try our best to provide support!

Thanks to our Incredible Volunteers

For Volunteer Week 2024, we celebrated our incredible volunteers with an evening of drinks, nibbles and fun at Wētā Cafe!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the volunteers that help support our organisation. Your contributions to our programmes, whether big or small, make a huge difference and enable us to effectively support our wonderful little community. We couldn't do what we do without you!

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Haere rā, Jasmine!

Last month, we bade farewell to Jasmine, a valued member of the CILT team. Over the past eight years, Jasmine has excelled in various roles and made significant, lasting contributions to our organisation.

Best of luck in the future, Jasmine!

Ratepayers Alliance wants answers from Council

Newly formed and understood to be unique for the Coromandel Peninsula, an alliance of residents and ratepayers' groups now wants TCDC to front up on a variety of community issues.

The alliance was formed in response to concerns that both Thames Coromandel District councillors and council staff were not listening to the communities or appropriately consulting with them.

The alliance has requested the council respond to four matters:

- i) The reintroduction of the community empowerment model covering both operational and fiscal matters – thereby enabling community decision-making by community boards.
- ii) That council's primary focus be on core services – roading; storm, waste and drinking water; rubbish and recycling – not on social services.
- iii) That council commit to undertake genuine and proactive community consultation underpinned by transparent communication on matters relating to local communities.
- iv) The development and implementation of a sustainable economic growth policy for the Coromandel Peninsula.

Alliance spokesman Rob Boston believes the mayor fully understands the reach and impact such a group could achieve, having previously chaired the Whitianga Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Finance Coordinator

CILT is currently looking to appoint a Finance Coordinator.

- The Finance Coordinator will oversee all functions of the organisation's finance department; including payroll, budgets and providing financial support to management and other Project Coordinators.
- Work with the external accountant on statutory compliance and to support Governance.

Experience in financial management and/or accounting practices, Xero, payroll, budgeting and working in a team environment is essential.

This is a part time position; 18hrs; flexible days. Remuneration to be negotiated.

Please send an Expression of Interest with a brief resume to jan@cilt.org.nz by 4pm on the 10th of July.

HR Position

This is an opportunity for an enthusiastic, empathetic, well organised and experienced Human Resources person to join our team.

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This is a part time position. Hours and remuneration to be negotiated.

Please send an Expression of Interest with a brief resume to jan@cilt.org.nz by 4pm on the 10th of July 2024.



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Carolyn MacKenzie



Sharon from Coromandel Taxis has done a great shuttle service from Coromandel Town to Thames over the last six months. This was a TCDC initiative which sadly has come to an end. Thank you TCDC, Coromandel and Thames Taxis; this service has helped many who have needed to get up and down the coast.

Sharon is now operating a paying shuttle service plus a click and collect service (small items, online shopping) Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Departing 8am, returning 11.15am. This shuttle will get people to Thames for the morning InterCity bus if required. Call in to see us for information on prices, times and costs or contact Sharon or Anna, ph 027 376 4466, email corotaxis3506@gmail.com.

One of the nice things about winter is giving visitors and locals more time when calling into our centre, often we joke calling ourselves the “too much information centre”: it’s about making a connection with our community and visitors. They can ask us as many questions as they like but at this time of the year we have more time to take a breath between each answer, making them feel valued and actually us, too. No question is too silly which is often what people come in and say. We receive a number of overseas calls and emails requesting information on attractions, accommodation, where to eat out and of course the state of our roads. Since the closure of the Thames Info Centre we get their calls too. Mostly it is people doing research on the area before arriving in NZ but this isn’t always the case. We appreciate all of our visitors but we are noticing more and more they are turning up with no idea of what they can see, do and sometimes which part of the Coromandel Peninsula they are in (Hot Water Beach being the most common query). In some ways this can be a good thing as we can encourage them to spend more time here in our wonderful area including our northern and southern sides (Fletcher Bay to Manaia). We are a destination on our own, with our own Coromandel flavour (friendly, inviting locals with cool old buildings and much more). The downside of visitors not taking any time to do research means often these visitors leave Auckland for Rotorua or Tauranga, driving State Highway 25 in a day, with little time to explore. This is a changing type of visitor who self-drives, with no plan to experience what we have to offer in our unique destination. They want to make decisions on the fly so unfortunately end up driving on winding roads for many hours and can then say they have been to the Coromandel Peninsula. Tourism adds flavor, employment and visitor spend which is important to local infrastructure. We want all visitors to leave our area feeling like they have experienced the real Coromandel and want to return even before they have left.



Flying high

Motivated locals participate in a Vertical Horizons course. It was a five-day course. All achieved Mobile Platform and Working at Heights, First Aid and Health and Safety certification.



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Whangamatā: War Memorial Hall, Fridays, 11am-12pm

Paeroa: Paeroa Care House, fortnightly Tuesdays, 10-11am

Colville: Colville Junction, fortnightly Wednesdays, 2-3pm



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Library News

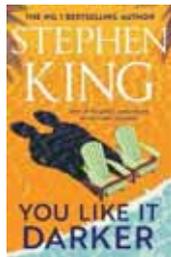
By Paul Lawrence

For those of you who have visited the library, you will have seen that we have an inside section now, dedicated to selling books.

As we are a community library, with limited funding from the council; this is one of our main areas of income, along with subscriptions.

We welcome any donations of books to help with our fundraising. If we don't have the particular book on the shelf, for lending, we will consider adding it to our library. Otherwise, the book will be offered for sale.

So far this year, income from book sales has enabled us to purchase approx. 45 new books. A significant number considering our books cost us anywhere between \$30 to \$45 each after discount.

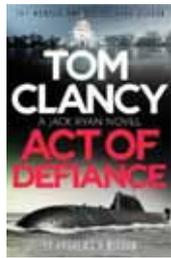


The first book I'll mention this month is Stephen King's latest called *You Like It Darker*. I've just finished reading this book of short stories and, having read all of his previous works, I found that I enjoyed a number of these stories immensely.

We all relate Stephen King with horror and weird themes. Believe me when I say these stories are a little more mystery and drama. Well worth a read.



The second book is *Bella Mafia* by Lynda La Plante. Don Roberto Luciano, boss of the Sicilian Mafia, turns prosecution witness in one of the biggest trials in history. His wife must now hold the family together and try to recover all they have lost. The family pays the ultimate price, leaving five widowed women. Only one can lead, so a power struggle is on to become the Bella Mafiosi.



The third book is Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan novel, *Act of Defiance*. Something's happening in Russia. The land forces are failing, but the Russians are pouring money into a secret project. The president's daughter, a naval intelligence officer, uncovers the secret. A super missile submarine. The U.S. must find the submarine and determine whether it is a threat.



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Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Winter Real Estate

This is a time of year when a lot of people make assumptions. There are a lot of statements made about how bad the winter market is and how you should not sell or buy.

A lot of these things happen because some salespeople use the season as an excuse to pacify their vendors. They are throwing out lifeboats for the vendors instead of dealing with the true matters.

Yes, the weather can be less favourable; so can it be in summer. Yes, there are weekend winter sports, but there are also summer sports on weekends. The property does not look as good in winter, or the skies are cloudy and unable to take good photos, etc.; the list goes on. Yet the fact is, if the price indication is enticing to the buyers, they will want to view and make an offer, regardless of fast, slow, indifferent, summer or winter market.

People need to buy and sell all year-round with job changes, new schools, family situations. There are just the same issues driving the buyers and sellers in winter as there are in the summer.

There are many positives to viewing in the winter compared to the summer. For example, in the heavy rain you can feel the warmth, or not, in a home, see easily if there are leaks in the ceiling or around windows. Are the lawns draining nicely or are you ankle deep in runoff water? Are the windows covered in moisture or is there mould on the ceiling, etc.

Some will not list in the winter as their homes would definitely show these issues, so they list in the summer to hide issues.

This winter we have a different set of issues to address, in that I think we are there or thereabouts at the bottom of the market price-wise. Buyers have waited to hear what was to be in the government budget. Waiting to see if interest rates will change. Will buyers now know it is "steady as we go"? Now is the time the buyers have some muscle in the buying of property. Now is the time the buyers should be buying. Who knows what is in store for the end of year and new year market? Right now we all know there is plenty of choice for buyers, giving them the power. So would or should they wait until the end of the year when commentators are beginning to say they expect to see a more positive market? Positive on the sellers' side, with slowly increasing values.

First-home buyers in particular are probably well and truly sitting in the box seat at present as they are not reliant on the sale of a home to purchase another. Therefore, they offer the sellers a quicker and tidier contract. Those selling with the intention to buy another, well they are for the most part selling then buying in the same market, making the gap between important.

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Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp



By the time this goes to print, I will have attended the Grey Power Federation AGM in Wellington, so will report next month of the outcome.

Our June-August 2024 newsletter has been printed and emailed to members. If you didn't receive a copy, please contact one of the committee members.

The next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 23 July** at the CCC/ Bowling Club at 10.30am with a planned speaker from The Treasury Heritage Research Centre and Archive.



One of our members is selling a set of *True Tales of Northern Coromandel*. These were compiled by the Coromandel Town History Research Group Inc and are for sale for \$75.

If you are keen to learn more about the history of the Northern Coromandel region, please contact the committee and we will arrange

for member to get a set to you.

We thank the Grey Power members who have paid their subscription, and we urge members to attend to ensure the Grey Power Coromandel continues holding meetings.

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

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Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph



Employment Relations Authority

In our last article, we looked at the steps you need to take to resolve a personal grievance with your employer, focusing on the mediation process. If mediation doesn't reach a solution, the Employment Relations Authority (ERA) may be able to help. Here's a quick look at the steps involved in lodging a grievance with the ERA.

Before you apply, there are a couple of things to be aware of. All workplace personal grievances need to be raised with your employer within 90 days of becoming aware of the issue. Sexual harassment claims have a longer deadline of 12 months.

Gathering evidence to support your grievance is essential. Collect documents like emails, contracts, or performance reviews that support your case. Witness statements can also be valuable. This evidence will be crucial in presenting your case to the ERA. If you used an employment advocacy service during mediation, they may be able to help you with your ERA application.

Once you're ready to proceed, you can lodge your application with the ERA in three ways: online, by mail, or in person at an ERA office. The ERA website has detailed information on these application methods.

The application form itself asks for specific details. You'll need to outline the grievance, your desired outcome, the steps already taken to resolve it (including mediation), and any relevant evidence you've gathered. There's also a current application fee of \$71.56 (as of June 2024). The ERA website has updated information on fees.

The process continues after you lodge your application. The ERA will acknowledge your application and send a copy to your employer (the respondent). Your employer then has 14 days to respond with their perspective on your personal grievance.

The ERA might also hold a case management conference, usually by phone. This conference helps clarify the issues. The ERA may also gather further information at this stage. In some cases, the ERA may hold a pre-hearing to narrow down the dispute and streamline the process.

It's important to note that even at this stage, the ERA might encourage another attempt at mediation. Finding a solution through mediation is always preferable to a formal hearing.

If mediation still doesn't resolve the issue, you'll need to prepare for a formal hearing. This is where both parties present their cases to the Authority Member. The Authority Member will then issue a legally binding decision based on the evidence presented.

All parties must abide by the outcome of the decision. If either party strongly objects to the decision, they can appeal to the Employment Court. This is a more complex process that is rarely used. We won't go into it in this article. The other options are to attempt mediation again or negotiate a different outcome with your employer.

These are general steps, and the specific process might vary depending on your case's complexity. The ERA website has a wealth of information and resources to guide you through the process.

If you have any questions about lodging a personal grievance, please get in touch with us today.

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Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer



Hi everyone, welcome to the winter. I enjoy the free water in my tanks, but it's too much for the garden. No point in being negative, just enjoy the free car washes!

The club had a very good mussel fritter stand over King's Birthday weekend. We were sold out by lunchtime. Sorry to those who missed out, better luck next time.

Just watch out for our orange bibs, and laughter drifting along the footpath.

It was with a very heavy heart we said goodbye to our dear friend Sharon Whittle this month. She was a very beautiful lady, full of love for her family and friends. She will be missed by everyone that knew her, and of course Kerry and all of your family. Rest in peace Sharon.

We are still delivering wood, so if you have a need for winter

warmth please ring the numbers listed below and if you can't get through my number is 027 699 0446.

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Kia ora Coromandel community,

As we embrace the depths of winter, we are invited to slow down and take time to pause. With the Winter Solstice behind us, the days are slowly getting longer and lighter. To that end, our centre is closed from **Monday 24 June to Wednesday 24 July**. This is a time for our team to rest and restore our energies for the vibrant seasons ahead.

We would like to give a shout out to those who joined us for our working bee last month. Thank you! What a great way to come together as a community to connect and celebrate! It was heartwarming to witness so many joyful faces and people, working together to give back to the land and buildings.

When we reopen, we look forward to offering more community classes again. We also have a variety of retreats available to support your wellbeing on a deeper level.

Monthly Group Meditation starting Tuesday 6 August

Come along and join Amrit each month for Community Meditation. Together we will practise simple meditation techniques, supported by yoga asanas (postures), pranayama (breath work) and walking meditation, in the serene environment at Mana. 5-6.15pm in the octagon, first Tuesday of each month (**6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December**).

Suggested donation: \$10-\$15. All are welcome. No bookings required.

Community Dance Classes

Join our wonderful dance community most Tuesdays 9.45-11.45am. Simply show up and move with whatever is present: our creative minds, our tender hearts, our joys and excitements, our aches and pains. No prior experience needed. Cost: \$15-20 sliding scale.

We wish you a restful month ahead. Arohanui – The Mana Team

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AUG 2- 5 Mid Winter Relaxation Retreat with Jessica Devi

AUG 8-11 Silent Meditation Retreat with Amrit and Yogamurti Saraswati

AUG 16-18 A Weekend of Flow with Jo Monaghan

AUG 19-23 GTC Generating Transformative Change Leadership Program

AUG 23-25 August Winter Relax and Wellness with The Mana Team

AUG 26-29 Private Gathering – Thought Leaders

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Community Dance	6th & 13th Aug, 3rd & 17th Sep
Community Meditation	6th Aug, 3rd Sep, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec
Tara School Reunion	9 Oct



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"We'll see you right"

Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Aah, another wonderful Soup and Bun Day. It's one of our favourites. Five of our committee members – Jeni, Joan C, Lorraine, Sharlene and Sue Y – generously offered



King's Birthday arrangements

to prepare five soups and Circle finances, which are very healthy, were used to purchase buns. It was all so delish and the room was abuzz with conversation!

Once we finished, member Marilyn Swan-Ebbs talked about her 48 years in ballet. She was just 10 when she realised that was what she wanted to do with her life and she has mostly done so as a teacher. Though much of her teaching time has been with young people, she has been teaching it to adults in Coromandel Town for the past five years, since she “retired” here. At the meeting she displayed her ballet shoes, a very old and fragrant makeup kit, photos, costumes and a wobble board that a few of us tried out.

She said ballet is a language of the body; pupils are like paints and brushes; a teacher knows what the body can do and students learn how to respond to music; ballet builds strength, flexibility and character. She has been fortunate to watch hundreds of students blossom, much like watching seeds sprout and grow. If this is something that interests you, she may be reached at 027 336 5263.

The NZ Garden Bird Survey is on from **Saturday 29 June to Sunday 7 July..**

If you'd like to participate – which means observing and designing for birds in your garden for one hour on any one day during the designated week and then reporting your findings online – details are at <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/>.

“Birds act as backyard barometers – telling us about the health of the environment we live in. They are signalling significant changes in our environment over the last 10 years. We should be listening.”

Our competitions were again full of heaps of flowers, creativity and veges from members' gardens and beyond. Winning entries (first, second and third places) were as follows: Single: Annette K, Lorraine, Sheana; Mini: Natalie, Amanda, Lorraine; Multi: Robyn D, Amanda, Lorraine; Arrangement (King's Birthday): Sheana, Jill, Annette K; and Special (Vege Box): Tracy, with the only entry.

As always, if you'd like to join us for a visit, you're most welcome to do so.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 10 July** at The Club. Start time: 1pm. Activity: Rachel Bolton will talk about the Coromandel Community Garden. Arrangement: Two Tiers. Special: Vitamin C.

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



Jeni trying out the wobble board



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Mahamudra

By Hedwig Bakker



Qigong and Mindfulness

Here at peaceful Mahamudra centre we love doing what we are good at, which is holding space for individual and group retreats.

Winter is that beautiful time of year where everything seems to slow down and go within. The days are short, darkness sets in early, animals go into hibernation and there is a profound stillness in the natural world. For that reason, winter can be a perfect time to participate in a retreat.

We have a wonderful Qigong and Mindfulness Retreat coming up in August.

Qigong (pronounced: chi gong) is an ancient Chinese practice of working with your internal energy through gentle movement, standing postures, breathing exercises and meditation. It is a nourishing practice to improve your state of being (physical, emotional, mental and spiritual) and has a rich connection with the natural world.

Qigong is often called a moving meditation.

Practicing Qigong and meditation is all about uncovering your inner resources for health, vitality, happiness, wellbeing, joy, connection and fulfilment.

Mindfulness practice can have different meanings and purposes. One of the purposes of Mindfulness is to strengthen our present moment awareness: the mind being here-now, experiencing the fullness of the present moment, instead of our mind being all over the place.

One can practice mindfulness in any kind of setting like art, gardening, movement, doing the dishes, tending to your children, breathing, brushing your teeth. It is not something you do only in sitting meditation.

Training in present moment awareness makes the mind more focussed and sharp. As a result, every experience you have will be more vivid, alive, full, and your actions will be more effective and successful because you give it your full attention.

Practicing Qigong and mindfulness together becomes a very powerful and dynamic way to learn skills for life.

Want to get a taste of it? Please join us for “The Art of Effortless Power”, **Friday 16 to Monday 19 August** with Hedwig

Whether you are new to these practices or have some experience, you are more than welcome to join.

With love, Mahamudra Team

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Thames Music Group

Sunday afternoon concert – UngKlang

Sunday 14 July, 2.30pm at St George’s Church, Thames.

Admission: General \$20, TMG members \$15, under 18’s free.



UngKlang is an ensemble of nine young women who share a strong background in the Danish National Girls’ Choir and are bonded by a longstanding friendship. Founded in 2020, they have made a name for themselves in the Danish music and arts scene. UngKlang use their platform to challenge the conventional expectations of choir and especially a cappella music.

The ensemble creates and performs their own concerts and projects, ranging from traditional choir concerts to experimental setups. UngKlang are based on a strong classical foundation and many years of learning and rehearsal, but aim constantly to challenge the ability of their voices.

They have done several collaborations with art, dance, theatre, pop and rock concerts, and their versatility and willingness to push boundaries helps them connect with a new, broader audience not typically found at choir concerts.

UngKlang’s big commercial breakthrough came in the summer of 2022 when they unexpectedly sang for former US President Barack Obama, which led to viral success. Since then, they have maintained their high musical quality while continuing to build their brand.

At the heart of UngKlang is a strong sense of friendship and joy in making music together, which shines through in all of their performances.

Friday Free Lunchtime Concert

Friday 26 July, 12.15pm at St George’s Church, Thames.

St Francis School students will perform a variety of items from kapa haka to piano recital and guitar/vocal solos.

Free to all (koha/donations appreciated).



Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour



This year’s Arts Tour will take place on **Saturday 5, Sunday 6, Saturday 12, Sunday 13 October** so make sure you pencil those two weekends into your diary. 36 local artists are taking part and the printed guide is now available from Coromandel Town Information Centre and The Source art shop. Over the next few months we will be featuring some of the newer artists in our column.



Amelia Smith’s artworks



Amelia Smith

Amelia Smith moved to Coromandel about five years ago and took up multimedia artwork as a form of relaxation after a life-changing accidental concussion. She has quickly gained skills to produce very accomplished artwork in her Rings Road studio, working on wood, canvas and sometimes unusual found objects.

Riccardo Scott is one of the recent crop of young potters working at Driving Creek Railway and Potteries. As well as producing his own beautiful work he also is involved in teaching ceramic skills to amateur potters. He uses locally sourced, hand-dug clay and prefers to fire with wood, thus carrying on the tradition started by the founder of DCR, Barry Brickell.



Riccardo Scott’s pottery

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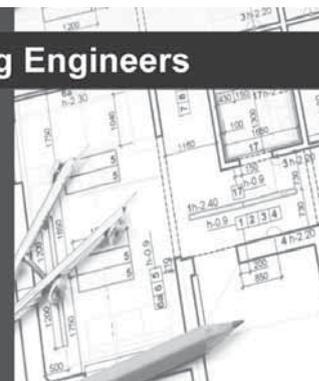
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Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

The Coromandel Art Group wish to send our condolences to Sharon Whittle’s family.

We had the pleasure of having Sharon as a full time member, attending workshops and exploring her natural and artistic culture, creating pieces that reflected her individuality.



Sharon Whittle

She was a valued member for near 10 years and we will miss her input and vitality.

We recently had the pleasure to create for her a very individual card from each of the group, which was pretty special for us and her.

Our first session this year will be with Vaughan, which will take place in our cozy art space in just a few weeks. We also look forward to the scrumptious lunch.

Anyone thinking of joining, it’s a great time as we have had our AGM and the new year fees are set. If you are interested in a day class or would like to attend our tutor days, you’re welcome if space is available.

Contact Lindsay 027 494 9738

Te Tupua the Goblin

An unmissable event!

Master performer John Davies uses only three props and a whole heap of energy to bring us this fascinating bilingual play incorporating nine characters called “Te Tupua the Goblin”.

John’s study of the classical Japanese Noh Theatre inspires and guides his work.

In Japanese Noh Theatre the mask appears as a spirit embodied in the human world. In Te Tupua – The Goblin, the past is brought into the present through the power of the mask.

The author and performer, John Davies, celebrates 50 years as a theatre practitioner, opera director and drama teacher. For his full bio and more about Te Tupua the Goblin see www.johngdavies.nz/tetupuatour.

A Scottish lad of 10 is driven into slavery aboard His Majesty’s ships, circa 1800. After 15 years at sea, he is cast onto the shoreline of Aotearoa. The fight for survival begins.

Early 19th century in Aotearoa was a dynamic time. The recorded experiences of Pakeha are vivid and fraught with danger, yet these stories reveal deep alliances, friendships, marriages, and hard-won loyalties. The play, Te Tupua the Goblin, is drawn from those histories and the central character is an amalgam of the experiences of some of those who lived here at that time.

I was privileged to attend the preview in Auckland and just had to share it with Coromandel theatregoers following its national tour. Buy your tickets now before they sell out.

Thursday 1 August, 7pm, Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town (doors open at 6.45pm for non-alcoholic refreshments).

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Forest & Bird

By Kate James

Protecting our Peninsula
Forest & Bird are strongly opposed to the Fast-track Approvals Bill as it is currently written. As a branch we spoke to the select committee in

mid-June to express our concerns. We spent some time outlining the special features of our area and here is a part of our submission:

The purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Bill would override the environmental and conservation purposes of the Conservation Act, Reserves Act, and Wildlife Act, as well as the RMA. The purpose of the Bill is to facilitate development and does not include any mention of environmental protection or sustainability around these developments.

New Zealand has an amazingly high number of endemic species (species found only in Aotearoa) – this is a result of isolated evolution and the diversity of New Zealand’s land and coastal environments. This level of endemism is remarkable internationally. For example, the Coromandel Peninsula has a greater level of endemism than the whole of Great Britain. The uniqueness of our indigenous biodiversity means that responsibility for its continued existence is entirely ours; it cannot be conserved in nature anywhere else in the world.

Once heavily forested, today only 26% of the Waikato Region remains in native vegetation (mostly forest and scrub), fragmented into thousands of patches. The Coromandel is one of the most extensively vegetated parts of the Waikato region. About 60% of the Coromandel Peninsula is covered by native vegetation, although most of this is recovering from logging, mining, and farming activities.

We live in a place of exquisite natural beauty – from its dramatic mountainous spine forming the backbone of the peninsula, to its treasured 400kms of coastline. As one of New Zealand’s six biodiversity hot spots, a diverse array of threatened species occurs on the peninsula – a total of 107 nationally threatened species (51 plants and 56 animal species).

Coromandel Forest Park is a protected area covering almost 80,000 hectares of the peninsula, in addition, but with some overlap, an area the size of Abel Tasman National Park (30,000 ha) is cared for by community conservation groups. We have over 60 community conservation groups engaging in active conservation efforts. 90% of the land area in predator control protects the Coromandel brown kiwi.

Each year thousands of volunteer hours are spent eradicating predators, undertaking weed control, and planting native plants. The high biodiversity values, linkages for species migration from mountains through lowland forests and further to the sea make this the ideal place for landscape-scale protection and restoration. We need to safeguard our landscapes, our waterways, our moana from damaging and unchecked development and mining.



Our endemic and nationally vulnerable Archey's frog

MEG

By
Genevieve
Morley



We would like to thank the many people who support our work for kiwi protection, the volunteers who walk a trapline every month, or those sitting out on cold winter nights to monitor kiwi calls. For those not familiar with our projects, we have established a mustelid trapping network covering 15,500 ha from Tangiaro/Port Charles to Kapanga/Coromandel Town with the dedicated efforts of volunteers and paid trappers. Over 20 years ago, we recognised kiwi were declining on the peninsula because they needed landscape-scale protection from stoats (young kiwi are small enough to be killed by stoats and can travel long distances when searching for new territory). We monitor the outcome of this kiwi sanctuary by conducting nighttime kiwi listening with volunteers every winter. We are heartened that kiwi numbers are steadily increasing over this wide area, thanks to our trappers and the work of other environmental groups, iwi and agencies in the rohe. We all agree that trapping predators is vital for kiwi survival. If you're interested you can see a report on our website with our Annual Kiwi Surveys results from 2004-2022. Our monitoring does not involve any handling of kiwi.

NZ Garden Bird Survey

Now is the time to become a citizen scientist and participate in the NZ Garden Bird Survey which runs this year from **Saturday 29 June to Sunday 7 July**. Check out the NZ Garden Bird Survey website www.gardenbirds survey.nz and join the fun to count the number of birds in your backyard. By surveying the population numbers of birds, researchers at Manaaki Whenua can watch for changes in the overall health of New Zealand’s ecosystem.

Winter Lecture Series

Thank you very much to Vicki and Pete Sephton who put a lot of time in organising our quiz night. And thanks to all of the wonderful people who came along to support our fundraiser! At our next Winter Lecture Series event, Avi Holzapfel will speak on *Dactylanthus*, New Zealand’s only native fully-parasitic flowering plant, which is pollinated by a ground-foraging endemic bat! He will present stunning time-lapse images that show *Dactylanthus* is more than a rare oddity, but also an ecosystem driver. Come to the Pepper Tree at 5pm on **Sunday 7 July**.

A farewell and a welcome to new landowners in the MEGa Pest Attack

With the recent sale of Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, we would like to thank Anne and Bruce Clegg for their vision to establish an eco-resort and bush sanctuary at Tangiaro and their support of our predator trapping on this land for so many years. The QEII covenanted bush at Tangiaro Retreat in Tangiaro/Port Charles is part of one of MEG’s largest projects, the MEGa Pest Attack. This intensive trapping project, protecting 450 ha of regenerating forest, is a fenceless mainland sanctuary giving our native plants and animals a chance of breeding success. We are thrilled to welcome the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre as the new custodians of the Tangiaro property to our MEGa Pest Attack. We are excited to show staff and future participants the beautiful flora and fauna that are returning to Tangiaro.

Coromandel Backyard Trapping

We are currently implementing a backyard trapping project in Kapanga/Coromandel Town near a flock of around 28 pāteke which have made the oxidation ponds their home. Pāteke, just like kiwi, used to be found all throughout Aotearoa and are critically threatened native species that need protection.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to become a backyard trapper! info@meg.org.nz For more information about the work we do or to donate please go to www.meg.org.nz



Silveryeye/tauhou

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Corolandcare

By John Veysey

1080 again

The Department of Conservation (DOC) came to spread 1080 over the peninsula to control possums. Coromandel didn't have a lot of possums before DOC arrived. Possum epidemics had to be invented and it was 1994 before Coromandel received its first 1080 drop. Safety precautions were stringently adhered to.

Baits land in the streams and poison flows downstream through private properties to the sea. Landowners rely on that water which they drink, which their animals drink and with which they water their veggie gardens.

These landowners would get a visit from DOC to warn them there would be a flow of poison through their land following the drop. All of the water uptake taps were turned off prior to the drop and water samples were taken until the water showed clear of 1080 before the taps were once again opened. While the river was poisonous DOC paid for fresh drinking water to be supplied to everyone living alongside the river.

They counted the number of possums and rats prior to the drop to show that there was a need for some animal control and afterwards they cleared the toxic carcasses of possums and birds off any walkways through the poison zone.

All safety measures would be in place before a drop could go ahead.

That was then. Today we see none of these safety precautions. DOC staff are hardly involved at all. In 2024 they have contracted Ian Cutler and Lance Pucket from ECOFX to carry out an unscheduled 1080 operation for them.

The baits will fall into the Manaia valley and poison the water in the river. No checking that uptake taps are turned off and on, no water samples, no visits to affected landowners. Some affected landowners receive notice from Ian and Lance and that is all. This drop was not scheduled until 2025. Why is it coming a year earlier?

DOC staff know full well there are very few possums in the area; certainly not enough to warrant any control measures. They do not expect to achieve any beneficial "pest control".

As the drop could take place any time from 1 July there is little time given for landowners to prepare. It is a nightmare living alongside or downstream from one of these 1080 operations when you have animals. It is doubly hateful when DOC makes no pretence that any "pest control" is required.

Response to above from Nick Kelly, Operations Manager (Coromandel), Department of Conservation:

Thanks for the opportunity to respond to this article and correct information in relation to the planned Papakai 1080 operation.

DOC takes its safety and notification responsibilities extremely seriously when it plans for and delivers 1080 predator control operations. The department and its contractors are legally obliged to publicly notify intended 1080 operations – evidenced by an advertisement in the Chronicle.

Contractors delivering these operations will personally visit all neighbouring landowners to explain what the work will entail, the important safety measures in place, and answer any questions.

We work closely with landowners to identify water takes.

The technology involved in 1080 operations has evolved considerably and the application of 1080 is accurate and meticulously planned.

Stringent safety measures are always implemented prior to our 1080 operations. We monitor target predators such as possums prior to and after operations to assess the need for predator control and effectiveness of the work we carry out.

In 2021 DOC shared drone imagery demonstrating the impact of possums causing die off in the forest canopy at Papakai compared to areas of the forest where aerial pest control has not been undertaken. The difference is marked, and this imagery and information is readily available online.

Lastly, your correspondent suggests this is "an unplanned" operation with minimal or no involvement from DOC. This is incorrect. Papakai is on a three-yearly cycle for this type of work, as part of DOC's National Predator Control Programme, through which the department's staff directly oversee work carried out by contractors.

DOC's website contains detailed information on our use of 1080 to protect NZ's native wildlife and we urge the community to take the time to explore fact-based material on how vital this tool is to protecting our forests and wildlife.

Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James



Last month the Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust co-ordinated the third regionwide kiwi call survey. Each year for the past three years people from around the Peninsula were asked to go out after dark and listen for kiwi. The survey involves four 3-hour listening sessions during the course of a week, so as four good clear nights can hopefully be utilised during the survey time. It is hard to hear kiwi calls if it is too rainy or windy. This year the survey ran from Friday 7 June to Friday 14 June.

Driving Creek Conservation Park have been taking part in the survey each year and this time our wonderful new conservation ranger, Abbie, ventured an hour up the steep Driving Creek hill to sit quietly at the listening site three times. We are very pleased to say she heard lots of kiwi. The kiwi calls are all reported on a data sheet, whether they are male or female birds, and the listener records the direction the kiwi call was heard from to help indicate if they are separate birds or the same one calling lots of times.

Abbie heard both male and female kiwi calling during the survey and on one night she heard a total of 10 male kiwi calls, probably from three different males. Including one that was just metres from her listening site.

This is a wonderful result. We often see kiwi on the trail camera footage, so it's great to gather some data around how many birds are using the Driving Creek Conservation Park and the surrounding forest. Thanks Abbie! And thanks Predator Free Hauraki Community Trust for co-ordinating this work.



Trail camera image of a kiwi at Driving Creek

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Coromandel Area School

Wearable Arts

Congratulations to Year 13 CAS student Marigold Tibbo for her award-winning creation at Toi Showquest 2024 – a regional wearable arts event held this May at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton/Kirikiroa. Toi is run in collaboration with World of WearableArt (WOW) and is a nationwide opportunity for the next generation of textile artists and designers to get a taste for the WOW experience. Competing against other Waikato secondary students, Marigold designed, constructed and modelled her piece called “The Transformation of Reading”, which embodies her passion for literature. In her own words, “Books are incredible works of art and repurposing old books is the perfect way to display that beauty.”

The hours of commitment and perseverance paid off as Marigold was awarded the trophy “Star of the Night”, a recognition that her garment best represents the chosen brief while excelling in all design categories. She also won the Excellent Garment Construction and Best Use of Innovative Materials categories. Proudly supported by team whanau, Marigold thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was praised by the organisers for her incredible mahi and attitude.

Senior Student Waitomo Field Trip

By Laraine Heaslip

Exploring Waitomo was part of this term’s mahi for the Year 11 Science and Geography students. This overnight field trip was all go from the onset, starting with a presentation at the Waitomo Museum about limestone caves and formations, glowworms and learning the human impact on these unique and fragile environments. Next, a subterranean tour through the spectacular Ruakuri Cave – 50 metres underground, followed by the beautiful Ruakuri loop walk – a forested gorge alongside the Waitomo stream. Some highlights included the impressive oyster and scallop fossils in the Ruakuri Cave from when the land was part of the seabed millions of years ago, and the silent boat ride through the majestic glowworm grotto. Our knowledgeable and upbeat local tour guides – all Waitomo locals – shared the area’s history and made our students feel welcome and valued.

Heading home, we made a stop at Plant & Food Research, Ruakura Campus in Hamilton. We visited with honey bee scientist Dr James Sainsbury who took us into the laboratory and had us perform lab work looking at microorganisms that attack honey bees under the microscope. It was a great experience to see his workplace and get a taste of how scientists work.

Thanks to all who supported our mussel fritter sale a few weeks ago – the funds raised contributed to this trip’s costs.

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debbie Maddren



Kia ora koutou.

Can you believe we are halfway through the year and already in the month of June/ Pipiri! The days are definitely getting crisper so be sure to wrap up and keep warm and remember to pack some warm changes of clothes for your tamariki.

I am pleased to announce that we have finally re-vamped our playground after a lot of meetings/korero about how we were going to undertake this task. A massive thank you to Lewis Greig from Cape Civil Earthworks & Construction for project managing and constructing our new playground and all who were involved in the planning, preparation and construction. Lewis’s excavating, installing, carting

and creating were second to none and we are very pleased that we will all enjoy a mud-free playground this winter.

It is also that special time of year where we celebrate Matariki; the Maori New Year in which the Matariki star cluster, also known as Pleiades and “eyes of god” appears in the north-eastern sky. We take this opportunity to come together and celebrate in the traditional activities such as sharing food/kai, song/waiata, dance/kanikani and remembering loved ones who have passed on while also having rich and meaningful conversations about the many legends of Matariki. The tamariki are very busy creating wonderful works of art including kites/paakau, stars/whetu, canoes/waka and creatures, all the while practicing our Matariki songs as they work.

During the month of June we have celebrated birthdays for Meadow, Rex, Stevie, Carter and Bryn; we wish them all a very happy birthday. We welcomed Corbyn

and look forward to getting to learn all about him and his whaanau.

We still have some limited spaces available on our “over 2’s” side. Please either call in or contact the office on (07) 866 7570, to speak to us about securing a time for your child.

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

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

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Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie

The weather was wonderful for our June Winter Mixed Open Tournament and certainly exceeded expectations for the time of year.

So the question on everyone's lips is why we didn't all play like Tiger (Wayne Beaver)?!

Men's Winner: Wayne Beaver

Ladies' Winner: Eugene Weimer

Huge thank you Rich and Fi for organising a wonderful tournament. We appreciate there is a lot of work to organise a tournament regardless of the number of entries. Prize-giving had a wonderful twist with the lucky dip.

Ladies – thank you for the yummy meal. You really are amazing.

Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who look after our course. We appreciate you every day.

Greenkeeper Kevin, you are doing a fantastic job. The greens are certainly improving. Hole placement is certainly proving challenging.

The After School Junior Golf Programme is postponed until the wet course conditions improve.

Tuesday Ladies' Club Day 10am Tee Off.

Wednesday Men's Midweek Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off, Meatpack last Wednesday of the month.

Saturday Members' Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off.

Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days.

Happy golfing.

For more information phone Marilyn 027 253 7882 or email coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com



Wayne Beaver with his bounty after the Mixed Open Tournament

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

Our last fishing competition was held King's birthday weekend. A very successful day with spot prizes given out where fish species weren't weighed in. See our Facebook page for full results.

Fish of the month for May was snapper and sprat for Juniors. Unfortunately no one weighed any in so the prize money was unclaimed.

Fish of the month for July is snapper again for \$100 and Juniors is yellowtail for \$20 prize, so don't forget to weigh your catch in at Salty Towers or Coromandel Fish, Dive and Hunt to be in to win.

We have raffle nights every Thursday and Friday nights at Admiral Arms so pop in and buy a ticket. You may be lucky enough to go home with a mixed meatpack or a leg of rump or pork.

Our AGM will be held on **Saturday 27 July**, 2pm at Admirals Arms. It is most important for financial members to attend to obtain a quorum needed for the meeting to go ahead. We are accepting nominations for committee officers and members so please, if this sounds like you or you know of someone who may be interested, contact us or attend our AGM.

We would like to thank you all for supporting our club from entering our competitions, buying our fundraising raffles and also the immense support from our local and not so local businesses for their continued sponsorship and support of our tournaments. We really appreciate it.

To keep up-to-date with what we are up to, join our Facebook group page "Coro Recreational Fishing Club" or email coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com

NZCT funds new skiffs for Coromandel Youth Sailing

A \$15,197 grant from New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) for four BIC O'pen Skiffs and four safety helmets awarded to Coromandel Youth Support Association (CYSA), will enable CYSA to offer exciting new sailing experiences for the community's young people.

CYSA strives to provide a professional and affordable pathway into the sport of yachting for the northern Coromandel community. Youth Sailing Administrator Glenys Carr says, "The O'pen Skiffs will advance our students through Yachting New Zealand's Level 2 and 3 'Sail Fast' courses and help foster a lifelong passion for sport sailing."

Parent Lucas Evans commented, "Acquiring the new skiffs is very exciting for our young sailors. We can now extend their sailing opportunities and retain their interest and engagement when they're ready for the next step."

Young sailor Kahu Evans shares, "It's going to be a bit scary to sail in a bigger boat after the small ones, but I know our instructors will help us to learn how to handle them."

Sailing student Ariana Wake adds, "It's truly awesome that we're getting some faster boats. I have enjoyed learning to sail, now I really want to get into racing."

NZCT's GM Grants, Marketing and Communications, Ben Hodges adds, "Providing pathways in sport is crucial for retaining young people's engagement. These O'pen Skiffs should do the trick! NZCT is grateful for the responsible gaming fundraising partnership we share with the Star and Garter that made our grant possible."

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

It is interesting to note that, so far this year, Tuesdays seem to have been fine and dry days. I have lost count of the number of times we have had a wet and stormy Monday, only to be followed by a great day when everyone has enjoyed the wonderful game of croquet. The croquet greens drain very well, so it has always proved possible to play, no matter how wet the previous day has been.

I would just remind everyone that croquet is the ultimate "unisex" game! Skill is much more important than size or strength, so men and women compete on equal terms.

We meet on Tuesdays for "association croquet" and Fridays for "golf croquet", both days at 9.45am. We provide all of the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day.

Anyone who would like to try one or both forms of croquet

can call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club



In Remembrance

Belinda Joy Port

14.01.75 - 6.06.23 and

Robert Leslie Johnstone "Bob"

28.08.50 - 29.10.23, Gold Star FENZ

The family of Belinda and Bob would firstly like to apologise to all of the people in our community and the wider area for the lateness of this acknowledgment. It has been an extremely difficult time for us having two family members with health issues at the same time and then both passing away within such a short space of time.

We are so grateful to all of you for the love and support we received during this time. To those of you who phoned, visited, baked, sent floral tributes and for the koha, you have all been truly amazing.

Belinda was a daughter, sister, partner, mother, aunty, friend and a nana.

Bob was a son, brother, uncle, husband, friend and a partner.

God bless you all,

Bev, Mock, George, Steven and Taylor

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NZ Garden Bird Survey (see pg 24)



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Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602.....9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,
 Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 47229am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Rummikub at The Club..... 1-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341... 3.30-4.15pm
 Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact
 Claire 021 653 650 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave,
 Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,
 Anita 027 259 1085 3.15-4.45pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768 4pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am
 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

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
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 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5-6.15pm
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house),
 Liz 027 436 2800 6-7pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am
 Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 8.30am-12.30pm
 Community Gardens volunteer day 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Chess Club, Weta Cafe, Mike 027 304 92529.30am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

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

2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms
 John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm

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

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

3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm

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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Calendar of events Coromandel Town July 2024

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<p>1 "Out with Lanterns" a themed exhibition presented by WTS (Watch this Space) Coromandel continues (see ad pg 23)</p> <p>High tide 2:16am (2.9m), 2:47pm (2.6m) Low tide 8:29am (0.3m), 9pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>High tide 3:13am (2.7m), 3:50pm (2.7m) Low tide 9:27am (0.3m), 10pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>3 Mental health group (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 4:10am (2.7m), 4:50pm (2.7m) Low tide 10:25am (0.3m), 10:59pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>High tide 5:08am (2.7m), 5:47pm (2.8m) Low tide 11:21am (0.2m), 11:52pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>High tide 6:05am (2.7m), 6:39pm (2.8m) Low tide 12:15pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>6 Car Boot Sale Wollams Ave Carpark 9am to 12 noon</p> <p>High tide 6:59am (2.7m), 7:28pm (2.8m) Low tide 12:44am (0.4m), 1:05pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>7 NZ Garden Bird Survey end (see pg 20&24) MEG Winter Lecture Series (see pg 24) "Out with Lanterns" a themed exhibition presented by WTS (Watch this Space) Coromandel ends (see ad pg 23)</p> <p>High tide 7:50am (2.7m), 8:14pm (2.8m) Low tide 1:34am (0.4m), 1:52pm (0.2m)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>High tide 8:38am (2.7m), 8:58pm (2.8m) Low tide 2:22am (0.4m), 2:36pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>High tide 9:22am (2.6m), 9:41pm (2.8m) Low tide 3:08am (0.4m), 3:18pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>10 Mental health group (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 10:05am (2.6m), 10:22pm (2.7m) Low tide 3:52am (0.4m), 3:59pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>11 Bowls Winter Cup challenge (see ad pg 5)</p> <p>High tide 10:46am (2.5m), 11:03pm (2.6m) Low tide 4:35am (0.5m), 4:40pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>High tide 11:27am (2.5m), 11:45pm (2.6m) Low tide 5:16am (0.5m), 5:23pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>High tide 12:09pm (2.4m) Low tide 5:59am (0.5m), 6:08pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>14 The Bizarre's Bizarre Auction (see pg 14 & ad pg 11) Thames Music Group Sunday afternoon concert - UngKlang (see pg 22) Car Club 3rd year celebration (see pg 5)</p> <p>High tide 12:27am (2.5m), 12:54pm (2.3m) Low tide 6:42am (0.6m), 6:58pm (0.7m)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>High tide 1:11am (2.4m), 1:40pm (2.3m) Low tide 7:28am (0.6m), 7:51pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>16 DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle August issue</p> <p>High tide 1:58am (2.4m), 2:40pm (2.3m) Low tide 8:18am (0.6m), 8:47pm (0.8m)</p>	<p>17 Mental health group (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 2:47am (2.4m), 3:38pm (2.3m) Low tide 9:11am (0.6m), 9:42pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>High tide 3:40am (2.4m), 4:34pm (2.4m) Low tide 10:08am (0.6m), 10:39pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>High tide 4:38am (2.4m), 5:27pm (2.5m) Low tide 11am (0.5m), 11:27pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>20 Combined Clubs of Coromandel AGM (see pg 5)</p> <p>High tide 5:32am (2.5m), 6:17pm (2.7m) Low tide 11:52am (0.4m)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>High tide 6:28am (2.6m), 7:06pm (2.8m) Low tide 12:18am (0.5m), 12:42pm (0.2m)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>High tide 7:21am (2.7m), 7:53pm (2.9m) Low tide 1:08am (0.5m), 1:30pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>23 Grey Power meeting (see pg 18)</p> <p>High tide 8:12am (2.8m), 8:42pm (3.0m) Low tide 1:55am (0.2m), 2:18pm (0m)</p>	<p>24 Mental health group (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 9:03am (2.9m), 9:31pm (3.1m) Low tide 2:49am (0.1m), 3:06pm (0m)</p>	<p>25 Mana reopens after winter break (see pg 19)</p> <p>High tide 9:52am (2.9m), 10:20pm (3.1m) Low tide 3:39am (0.1m), 3:55pm (0m)</p>	<p>26 Thames Music Group Friday Free Lunchtime Concert - St Francis School (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 10:42am (2.9m), 11:11pm (3.0m) Low tide 4:30am (0m), 4:45pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>27 Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club AGM (see pg 27)</p> <p>High tide 11:33am (2.8m) Low tide 5:21am (0.1m), 5:39pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>High tide 12:03am (2.9m), 12:27pm (2.8m) Low tide 6:13am (0.1m), 6:36pm (0.5m)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>High tide 12:57am (2.8m), 1:25pm (2.7m) Low tide 7:08am (0.2m), 7:37pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>High tide 1:59am (2.7m), 2:27pm (2.6m) Low tide 8:05am (0.3m), 8:41pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>31 Coromandel-Colville Business Association networking meeting (see pg 4) Mental health group (see ad pg 15)</p> <p>High tide 2:51am (2.6m), 3:31pm (2.6m) Low tide 9:06am (0.3m), 9:49pm (0.5m)</p>	<div style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 15px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">COROMANDEL RUBBISH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION Daily 8:30am-4:30pm (winter hours)</p> </div>			

KEY
 New moon
 Full moon

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

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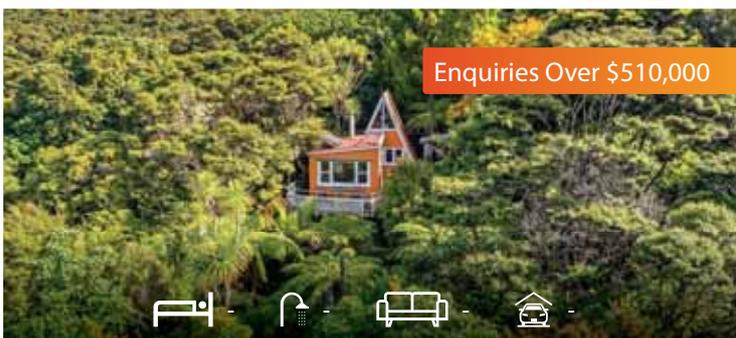
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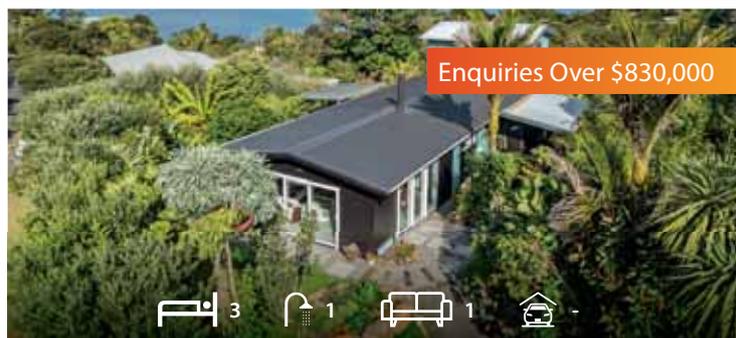
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