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Editor's comment

I've now done almost a full year in a row of full colour throughout! I hope to keep printing it this way if the amount of colour advertising slowly increases. So let's get your logos updated. If I currently run your logo on the article you supply in black/grey, and you have a colour alternative, then please send it to me. If you currently advertise in greyscale and want some pop, then check the prices to upgrade to colour on the Coromandel Town Chronicle website www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/ads.html.

I've just heard that BNZ have created a mobile branch – Mobile BNZ is a cashless banking bus that travels around the country, allowing people to meet face to face with bankers, and will be visiting Coromandel Town every three weeks. June dates are 14 and 15 June. Not really a replacement for the actual branch being open, but better than nothing I suppose.

Ngā mihi,
Debbie

Letters and opinion

Good evening,
My name is Ryan Smart. I am an Auckland local who was fortunate enough to take part in the Great Kauri Run hosted in Coromandel Town at the start of May.
I would like to share my story from the event, to acknowledge a great Coromandel local who found and returned my wedding ring.
At around the 49km mark, I removed my wedding ring due to swollen hands and placed it in my bag.
After a few kms, I checked to make sure it was still there.
Unfortunately it had fallen out. I panicked and backtracked, knowing it was unlikely I would ever see it again. At this point I gave up looking and kept running.
The next day I received a call from the race organiser, saying that Judy Paul had been out walking and found my ring.
Considering the race covered 65kms of forest, I was shocked that someone had found it.
The ring was returned the next day to relatives at the Coromandel ITM, with no questions asked.
It's nice to know that there are still some amazing people out there.
Coromandel is lucky to have so many of these amazing people in its district, especially Judy Paul and her family.
Kind regards,
Ryan Smart, Auckland

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Coromandel Classic Car Club By Bruce Flan

This is an invitation to set up a car club in Coromandel Town and district in association with the local RSA and using their facilities as a base (Combined Club in Woollams Ave).
Let's get going in Coro. Be active, email me at cwakaiko@xtra.co.nz with contact no. and car type so we can set up a meeting time and sort out the basics.



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Pestival at Driving Creek

By Saskia Wagner

Coromandel's first Pestival was hosted by Driving Creek Conservation Park and was a great success! We had an impressive crowd for this free event. A special thank you to all of the environmental speakers, helpers and everyone who came along. It was a great opportunity to share knowledge about the

beauty of our local wildlife and the threats posed by introduced pests.

Our exhibition displayed trapping gear, pest plants and animals; providing a visual aid to pair with the information provided by our conservation



Trapping gear exhibit

along, pick up your trap and start trapping in your own backyard!

If you didn't get the chance to come along to the Pestival and you would like to find out more about what you can do on your own property, send us an email.

For more information and future events follow us on www.facebook.com/DrivingCreekConservationPark or contact us via email: conservation@dcrail.nz



experts. Closing with nibbles and networking as the sun set over the conservation park while tūi and pīwakawaka song gave way to ruru calls, it felt steps had been made towards a safer habitat for our native species.

From now on there will be rat traps for sale in the Driving Creek Railway shop. So come



Pest plant exhibit

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel

By Kate James



Rethinking kitchen cleaners

Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) is well-known as a classic leavening agent added to your favourite baked goods. But sodium bicarbonate has many more uses than sprinkling it into recipes. It also functions as a cleaner and deodorizer in the kitchen.

Sodium bicarbonate serves as a multi-purpose cleaner that is affordable, eco-friendly, and non-toxic, making it a great alternative if you want to reduce chemical cleaners in your home. And it doesn't leave a strong smell, like many cleaning products. Once you see how well it cleans, you may consider buying it in bulk.

Here are some ways to use sodium bicarbonate to clean your kitchen:

- Sprinkle sodium bicarbonate onto a sponge and wipe down all greasy areas in the microwave, the oven, or the kitchen

bench and sink.

- Sprinkle a small amount of sodium bicarbonate on the bottom of the dishwasher and then run on the normal cycle to clean and deodorise the inside.
- To unclog your drain, add a couple of tablespoons of baking soda down the drain and pour hot to boiling vinegar over the baking soda. This will cause a sizzle and foam reaction and hopefully break up the blockage. Afterwards, run hot water down the drain to rinse and everything should be running smoothly again.
- Sprinkle sodium bicarbonate directly on greasy pots and pans. Then, add boiling vinegar. Allow around 30 minutes for the mixture to work on loosening hardened food particles and stains. Then use a sponge to clean the pots and pans. Stains should lift easily and quickly.
- This one is simple and helpful in keeping the fridge and freezer odourless. Place sodium bicarbonate into a small, wide-mouth glass jar or container and keep in the fridge and freezer for up to three months to eliminate odours in the fridge.

Coromandel Town Seafood Fest

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By Gail London

The Coromandel Town Seafood Fest committee would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day. Without your generous support we would not be able to hold events like this.

Once again we had great weather and a good turnout, and a surprise visit from Piri Weepu who was filming his next show.

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BE LOCAL**



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Natalie Blasco



It's become rather quiet in town, with the end of school and other holidays. But we still have Queen's Birthday Weekend on **Saturday 4-Monday 7 June** and then more school holidays from **Saturday 10-Sunday 25 July**. These dates fit in with the current winter closure of The Waterworks, which will reopen for these holiday periods and then be closed until **1 October**.

Of course, even with the relative quiet there is still plenty to do for those who want to be involved. A good source of ideas is each and every Chronicle! Besides all of the great articles, there is the Calendar page with events during the month and the list of Weekly and Monthly Meetings usually displayed on the reverse of the calendar. Perhaps there is something you've wanted to do but haven't yet tried, or some activities like walks you'd like to check out to keep active and maybe meet some new people. There is also the option of choosing to hunker down, if and when desired.

But you won't want to hunker down and miss the concert at the Anglican Church Hall on **Friday 4 June**, 7.30pm, when The Nukes will be playing "ukulele with a twist". We have tickets here for \$25; door sales on the day will be \$30.

If you have friends and relatives in Auckland who want to visit, they can take the 360 Ferry, which is operating only on Saturdays and Sundays through mid-October. Much more relaxing than them having to make the long drive to visit you! The ferry will also have a sailing on **Monday 7 June** for Queen's Birthday weekend. Or maybe you'd like to sail over to visit your friends/relatives? If so, stop by the Information Centre and we will be happy to assist with making your booking. The ferry departs Auckland at 8.45am and departs Coromandel at 4.30pm; the two-hour travel time includes a stop at Waiheke Island.

Be sure to make a note on your calendar about the next Seasonal Market, which will be for Matariki. The market will be in Hike & Bike Square on Wharf Road on **Saturday 26 June** from 1-6pm instead of in the morning. The market will light up with lanterns as darkness falls and there will be performances by children to celebrate Matariki.

We often hear comments from people who are unaware of events happening in our area. Some may not have seen the Chronicle, others may not have much online access to check out our Facebook page, which is another good source of timely information. But nearly everyone has a cell phone. If you would like to be kept advised of significant events and issues, you can sign up for our free text messaging service, when we send out very brief messages you might find helpful. Subjects include things like concerts, plays, emergencies, meetings, etc. All you have to do is give us your name and cell phone number and we'll do the rest. You can phone/email us or stop by the office to sign up.

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What is ME/CFS/FM?

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) has been known by many names, commonly referred to as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). It is a chronic illness whereby overwhelming fatigue is often triggered by even minimal exertion. Imagine if something as simple as taking a shower left you feeling like you have run a marathon?

Fibromyalgia (FM) is also a chronic illness that causes widespread pain of the muscles, bones, and joints with specific trigger points. This can make moving parts of the body agonising. Both conditions are considered to be interrelated, with many people experiencing both.

It is estimated that 25,000 people in New Zealand experience these debilitating conditions, impacting their ability to function normally in society, often resulting in a loss of relationships, employment, and homes.

Onset of either of these conditions can be triggered by viral infections, stressful events, or chemical toxicity. Typical symptoms can be persistent physical and mental fatigue, cognitive impairments (brain fog), disturbed sleep patterns, muscle or joint pain, post exertional malaise, light and sound sensitivities, headaches, impaired temperature regulation, and feeling dizzy and faint upon standing.

Long Covid is a term given for those affected by a complicated recovery following the viral infection of Covid-19. These longhauers experience the same debilitating symptoms as people living with ME/CFS/FM. People in the UK have been turning to the ME/CFS/FM community for answers on how to live with this post viral condition.

Dr Ros Vallings has a special interest in ME/CFS/FM and has been treating patients for 40 years. Those experiencing Long Covid have also been turning to her for answers.

Complex Chronic Illness Support (CCIS) has been providing the ME/CFS/FM community support in the Bay of Plenty for 40 years and have recently extended their support to the Waikato.

For further details please contact Tracey Larsen on waikato@ccisupport.org.nz or phone 022 154 7076



Coromandel SeniorNet

By Bev Mayhead

Hi everyone. We did not have enough members for our AGM in May, so have set a new date.

Our AGM will now be held on **Wednesday 16 June**, 2pm at Hauraki House Gallery.

Please come along to support our group... we need your support!

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Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

Another great attendance in our Monday morning Patchwork & Quilters group.

We have some of our pocket bags completed and more still be stitched.

Our mystery quilt is in full swing with the last of the large block patterns handed out this month.

Our fun day out was just that, spending it at Tis The Season in Whitianga. With such a relaxed atmosphere, it's a great place to spend the day stitching with friends. Robyn is great, always friendly and helpful as she spends her time getting around us all with instructions and tips on various projects that we have chosen to do.

We are spoilt for choice with so many fabulous kitsets to choose from. The fabrics and notions are just so tempting; it's a great place for some retail therapy. After spending the morning stitching we took a well-earned break at Nina's cafe for a delicious lunch where lots of chatting and laughs continued. After very full tums we continued back to complete our stitching, then headed back over the hill home.

Thanks Sue Smith for being the photographer for the day.

As always feel free to visit us any 1st or 3rd Monday 9.30am til 3.30pm at St John, Tiki Road, Coromandel. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880. Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



Getting ready to dine

Entries Open For 2021 Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards

Entries are now open for the 2021 Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards. The event is being held on **28 October** this year after the 2020 awards were postponed due to Covid-19.

Committee chair Kate Rigg says, "The last year has been an incredibly challenging time for businesses. But people in our region have shown extraordinary resilience as they've managed their businesses through this period, and that's something we want to acknowledge and celebrate."

There are seven categories that businesses can enter: Emerging Business, Hospitality, Manufacturing & Trade, Professional Services, Retail, Rural and Primary Industries, and Tourism. There's also the Services to Business award, nominated by members of the public and chosen by awards' judges, and the ever-popular People's Choice awards, decided by public vote.

Kate Rigg says the awards are an excellent opportunity for businesses take a good look at their operations. "This is the time to step back and say, "We're really good at these things, and here's how we could be even better." Previous entrants say the process has helped them considerably in setting goals, renewing their enthusiasm for their business, and to feel very proud of the work they're doing here in Hauraki Coromandel.

Entry forms can be downloaded from www.haurakicoromandelbusinessawards.co.nz. For more information, email info@haurakicoromandelbusinessawards.co.nz. Entries are open now and close on **Wednesday 30 June**.

Organisers would like to thank the following businesses and organisations for their support: Hauraki District Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Bank of New Zealand, Agrisea, Bachcare, Destination Coromandel, Hkaka Investigations, OceanaGold, Placemakers, Positive Paeroa, Read Brothers, and Thames Centre Pharmacy



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Coromandel Lions Update

Kerry Whittle

On Saturday 1 May the Lions hosted our Mussel Fritter Fundraising stand at the Coromandel Seafood Festival. It was a successful day for us with good sales of fritters.

Our monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 5 May. We hosted Jodi McKinney and Fleur Blackie from the BNZ who gave us an informative talk on what is going to happen when the BNZ branch in Coromandel closes. Other regional branches



Jean Smith and Rick Ward at Seafood Fest



Mary Farmer, Rick Ward, Tim Moss, Sue Hughes

have also been closing, and we're facing the final weeks of branch operations in Coromandel. Hopefully this will go smoothly in our town and we can support the caring, local BNZ staff who are facing a tough time losing their positions and trying their best to stay positive.

Thanks from the Lions to the local BNZ staff for their exceptional service and dedication to the Coromandel community over the years. Your friendly welcomes and assistance will be much missed.

We're still busy with firewood efforts, with Lions and Friends working most Saturdays and some extra days to split, stack, bag and deliver firewood. On 8 May we had a working bee out at Alan James's on



Pam Sowden, Joan Knudsen, Bill Chatterton, Kim Sowden

the 309 splitting most of the firewood stock with the help of Alan Agar and his splitter, then we carted the split wood back to Mike Thompson's where it's stored awaiting bagging and delivery. We are still grateful to have extra hands to help with our firewood work days. Get in touch if you have a free Saturday morning and want to join in.

For more information about joining us or becoming a friend of Lions, please contact: Sue Hughes (President, and Firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124. Mary Farmer (Vice President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446. Rick Ward (Project Manager) (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664. Gordon Barnaby (Secretary) (07) 866 2433 or 027 245 7496

Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

For all those who attended the town's recent Seafood Festival and stopped to look at and support the brigade's display, thank you for your wonderful donations, in excess of \$650 toward the Blood Cancer Fund. Again, this year our brigade has entered a team, with some 11 crew all aiming to get to the top of Sky Tower (1103 steps) and all in the aim of raising funds for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer foundation. We once again have the generosity locals such as the Coromandel Gym who loaned us their Elevator Step machine on the day and provide support in the gym so the team can train and it's all about physical fitness – the aim is to climb the 1103 steps wearing full firefighting kit. The only recent bonus is the air cylinders are no longer made of steel so weigh several kilos less. For some this is a race and who is the fastest and for others, the mental success of such the challenge. And for all the target is to help others with the donations.

We have to make mention and also thank Mike and his team at the Star and Garter who have made this the fundraising cause of their Sunday Pizza offer for the month of May, so please support this most worthy of causes.

With the amalgamation of the Rural and Town Fire Brigades, all

is now managed under the umbrella of FENZ (Fire and Emergency New Zealand). Considering this and in order to bring the teams closer, the Coromandel Brigade with Volunteer Support Officer Shane Bromley have been running a combined training inviting the rural teams from Port Charles, Kennedy Bay, Colville and Manaia to Coromandel one Monday per month so all can train together and get to know one another. This provides a range of opportunities for each group to both know who the teams are, who the officers are, what equipment each appliance carries, where it is located and also to create a comradery amongst like-minded firefighters. Added to this is the opportunity to learn new equipment and widen the experience. This last Monday these crews used a real house in town and simulated a house fire. This provided the opportunity to look at the gear each has and how to improvise to get the best of it if in a rural environment. For example, while they may not have an available town water supply, it is still possible to quickly get enough usable water using neighbours' water tanks and/or the local creeks and combining all into a portable dam that can move water distances to the scene. A further learning from this is to know where such water supplies are – ie, where are the tanks and how big, and access. All are incredibly important to both know and know in a hurry when required.

It's nearly winter – make sure you are fire ready – clean your chimney, especially the top metre where the soot accumulates.

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Vacancy Board at CILT

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Art and Craft at The Work Co-op

The Work Co-op has been supporting people in need in Coromandel for over 20 years. Operating out of a lovely old villa on Wharf Road and led by Wikitoria Williams, The Work Co-op is part of our vocational services programme, where we provide encouragement and help find work around town for people who require this for a range of reasons, including mental unwellness, rehabilitation into society, and social welfare. It's like a big family where everyone helps each other. They have shared lunches most days, there are computers for people to use and lately the garage has been converted into a workspace for art, craft and construction projects. Participants have been busy with a bunch of creative projects including creating mosaics, rock painting, bone carving and harakeke weaving. Anyone is welcome to stop in for a chat and a coffee – whether you want to socialise, or simply to learn more about what the Work Co-op is all about.

Matarangi Surf Trip

Recently we received funding from the Ministry of Social Development for our whanau support services. This will go towards a variety of initiatives over the next 12 months aimed at improving the lives of youth and whanau in the Coromandel area. A few weeks ago we took a group of 12 rangatahi on a surf trip to Matarangi. It was a chance to do something that was purely about having fun, being challenged and having a great time doing something completely different. This was a really successful trip, it brought a group together who all looked out for each other in the water, and most of them managed to get to their feet on the surfboard! Even those who didn't stand up on the board had a great time experiencing the feeling of catching waves and having fun in the water. We hope this leads to a new generation of local surfers!

Clothing Bin at Matarangi

Thanks to the very generous support of Richardsons Real Estate, we were able to get a large clothing bin installed in the Matarangi shopping centre. This is to collect donations of used clothing, which will then be sold at the Bizarre – Coromandel Resale Shop – at accessible prices. Proceeds from the Bizarre go directly towards supporting CILT's community programmes with the surplus into the Community Grants Scheme, which recently resulted in over \$24,000 going towards 16 local initiatives.

If you would like to learn more about what we do at CILT, please visit our website www.cilt.org.nz, or just come into The Resource Centre and have a chat with one of our friendly staff.

Ngā mihi.

Our Shed

(Formerly Coromandel Age Friendly Group)

By Jo Sanderson



Our Shed is having Jill Edmonds from Dementia Waikato as our guest speaker at the next public meeting. Jill is a Dementia Advisor (Occupational Therapist) for our area who offers a range of free dementia support services to help you navigate the dementia journey (within the Waikato District Health Board region).

Through awareness, education and support, Dementia Waikato's mission is to help improve the quality of life for those affected by dementia – not only individuals, but also their families/whanau, carers and support networks.

By providing advocacy and access to information that promotes wellness, increases independence and provides reassurance, Dementia Waikato wants to inspire a dementia-friendly society, where everyone feels supported and prepared for the journey ahead.

They believe that with the most up-to-date support programmes, improved environments, and connections to the community, people affected by dementia can continue to live an enriching and enjoyable life.

Come along to an informal get together where you can listen to Jill and ask her any questions you may have followed by a cuppa.

When: **Monday 28 June**

Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Where: The Club, 190 Woollams Ave, Coromandel Town Qi Gong

We had our first Qi Gong workshop on 16 May with Hedwig Bakker and it was full up with many more wanting to attend. Everyone who came had an extremely enjoyable day and most are keen to come to another workshop.

Discussing this with Hedwig, we have planned another workshop.

When: **Sunday 27 June**. Time: 10.30am-2.30pm

Where: The Club, 190 Woollams Ave, Coromandel Town

Cost: \$20

Bring your own packed lunch.

Tea and coffee provided.

Please arrive by 10.15am and be ready to start at 10.30am.

Registration and payment must be made to secure your place which will be first in, first served.

Contact Jo Sanderson for further information and payment details to email: ourshedcoromandel@gmail.com or Ph 022 050 3005



**Coromandel
Community Acupuncture**

Winter is coming with all the aches and pains. We have positive results of acupuncture for pain relieve. I will continue to strive to make acupuncture accessible and affordable for you in our community.



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The Gift of Life – Breathing

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith

A commonality of human beings is that we all must breathe to live!

Another is that we all live on Mother Earth who sustains us with forests and oceans that provide the oxygen we breathe.

Despite the fact that we breathe constantly, most of us have no idea about how to breathe to take in the maximum amount of oxygen with every breath. Pretty incredible when you think that our first action after being born is to take our first breath and our last action is taking our last breath!

Let's take a look at why it's so important to breathe correctly.

Proper breathing is an integral part of physical and mental well-being and when you change your breathing rate, you can change your state of mind. This is why for thousands of years those who have studied and practised yoga experience the direct link between our breathing and our state of mind; which in turn becomes our emotions. (More to come on that but today we are focusing on breathing.)

Some benefits to proper breathing: an increase in energy; an increase in mental clarity; less stress, less anxiety and less tension in the body; allows for greater calm and relaxation; aids with digestion.

Learning to breathe correctly is the beginning of an awareness within yourself that can assist in coping with the modern day "stressors" we all deal with. This becomes even more significant when one sees the ravages brought on by Covid-19 around the world. It is no coincidence that it is the breath and lungs most directly affected by this virus.

I would like to invite you to join me online for a three-week course to: learn how to breathe correctly; learn a three-minute breathing technique to calm your mind; learn a breathing technique that will boost your immune system, assist in removing toxins from your tissues and organs at the cellular level and at a subtler level allow you to experience a peace and calmness leading to an awareness of your "mind state", whatever that might be.

There is enormous potential for healing in ancient breathing practices. They are both powerful and transformative for anyone practicing them regularly with full awareness.

We are in unprecedented times so let's develop our breathing to its fullest potential, build our immune systems so they are strong and healthy; and in awareness give gratitude for all we have been given.

This three-week offering on breathing and the "breath" is free to all.

Date: **Monday 7, 14 & 21 June.** Time: 9.30-10.30am

Zoom ID: 293318319, password if prompted: 025104

All are welcome – you just need Zoom; a free download at www.zoom.us.

Further info on Facebook page: the "Living Well".

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Coromandel Writers

Report and story by Selah Weingott

Portrait of an ancestor

A heavily pregnant young woman leans against the door frame at a Pyes Pa farmhouse in the humid summer of 1927. Silhouetted by dawn, she stands barely half its height, watching her three men disappear over desiccated sepia landscape towards the distant sea, rifles slung over their backs, hoping for rabbits. It dismays her to see the decrepit dog loping after them, leaving her alone all day.

Her father-in-law's rants have stopped but his long arms continue to chop through the blue and orange air above field after field of unharvested crops; all of their rye, barley and wheat. Her husband and his brother trail behind with the lame dog.

As the only female, Myre Myrtle rises well before dawn to fire up the range to boil the kettle and make the porridge every morning. There are no concessions to it being her eighth month and her first child. A girl would be named Florence after the dead wife, whom she never met. A boy would be William in hope of appeasing the old tyrant.

He would take some appeasing with a dead wife and three shiny red threshing machines lying idle these past years, having brought them over from Alberta.

There was plenty of seed on the ground but with the warm and humid summer came the rust. No one had reckoned on it decimating all of the cereal crops from Matamata to the eastern Bay of Plenty. Farmers hadn't bothered to harvest, nor learnt how to eradicate the rust from the soil so it came back a second year.

Myre Myrtle arranges herself on the remaining comfortable chair, a padded blue nursing chair belonging to Florence. She strokes its embossed fabric, musing on her estrangement from her own family.

A sudden inexplicable shaft of sunlight spills onto her, warming her enormous belly. Myre Myrtle feels her heart getting bigger, making space for the new feelings.

Florence's large copper kettle starts to sing and she hefts herself up, taking a half dozen steps towards it. As she does so there's a heavy step on the stair and a sharp rap at the door and the handle starts to turn.

"Yes," she calls out.

"Have you got a scrap of bread missus," says the gruff voice.

"Wait there."

As she says this the door fully opens and a man of the road of great stature stands there filling the frame.

She turns her back to lift the heavy kettle with both hands.

She faces him and he has moved a couple of steps closer.

"Whoaa missus." He backs off tripping down the stair.

Myre Myrtle puts the kettle down and kicks the door shut. She clutches her belly as a sudden pain sends her reeling, staggering back to Florence's chair.

At dusk the hungry returning men notice there is nothing coming from the chimney. They start to run and find the chair soaked in blood and Myre Myrtle cold as death.

Report by Selah Weingott

Six of us sat by a fire at May's meeting at Tuatēawa exploring "the price of love" in our timed spontaneous writing exercise. Our different ways of mapping the territory showed how much we have in common.

Poems included "How good the rain is after a failed romance" by Toshani Doshi and "The impeded stream is the one that sings" by Wendell Berry.

We discussed Tom Elliott's autobiographical "Travelling Light" (Driving Creek Press), a feat unlikely to be duplicated in Covid-added times.

Anyone interested in joining us can contact Elizabeth 027 470 7782

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Six of our Guild members headed North to Orewa at the end of March for the annual Great Escape. Jill Wilson tutored her Concertina Needle Book while the other members attended five different workshops, with Jill and Helen Pearce also attending a two-day after class of a Drawn Thread Sampler run by Julie Clemett. Helen's beautiful completed piece featured on our May Guild Meeting Show and Tell Table. Our congratulations go to Helen who won the Elizabeth Ellett Award at Orewa for



traditional embroidery. Her item was a drawn thread table runner of her own design that she developed from a recent Coromandel workshop with the tutor being our own Margaret Burgess.

Also on show in May was a cleverly worked piece by Heather Constantine. Heather had previously enjoyed stitching a bought Garden Kit and used her own skills to develop the pattern for an embroidery of the Gardens of Chateau Villandry in France that she has greatly enjoyed visiting. And congratulations went to Shirleen for her completed Cornpad embellished piece when the workshop had only

been held the previous week!

Our May workshop is also to be tutored by Margaret and is an introduction to Punto Antico. Here we will be using this Italian counted whitework to produce pretty drawstring jewellery bags.

Eight members of our Extensions Group have recently finished their collaborative entry for the ANZEG Extensions Biennial Exhibition "Complex" being held at the Koru on Devon Gallery in New Plymouth in June. The Coromandel entry is entitled "In Touch" and is sure to be popular being totally interactive. And without the usual white gloves!

The group of members that are working on Jill Wilson's Magic Cubes have progressed onto Canvas Work, this being the third of the six different panel stitches that we are receiving the instructions for at each Guild meeting. This fine counted work is certainly challenging us. With so many projects going on within our own guild, there has not been any sign yet of the ANZEG Mystery Stitchery fundraiser being worked on. Those of us that have entered and are receiving our monthly instalments are keenly following the progress made in other guilds before committing to a start; so helpful when it comes to colour choice!

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 2 June**.

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

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all, and welcome to June. This year seems to be moving at pace, change is in the air, but as always everything seems to fall into place as it should.

This month, it is with sadness we will be farewelling Luana Johnston from the team. Luana has been with Budget for nearly four years and has been a pivotal part of our team. Her calmness, compassion and the drive she has for helping clients is truly admirable. She has taught me a lot over my time at Budget. Please join me in wishing Luana all the best for the future.

We have not finalised the details yet, but we will be on the lookout to have one or two superstars join our team. If you think becoming a Budget Advisor may be of interest to you, please send us an email to corobudget@xtra.co.nz.

Balancing family life and money hassles can be tough. Getting control of your money makes life better for everyone.

If you need some guidance learning how

to balance it all, our Budget service offers free, confidential budgeting advice. With a Budgeting mentor, you can create a plan to get out of debt, save money and start building a future for you and your family.

If you would like to make an appointment, come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Opening hours are Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

Foodbank

Thank you to the people who are dropping off excess produce from their gardens. If you have produce you would like to donate to the Foodbank, this can be dropped to the Budget Advisory office at Tiki House on a Wednesday between 9:30am and 3pm.

If you need assistance with food, please contact us to book a time for Thursday afternoon. Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Coromandel Budget Advisory prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

If you think you will need food parcel assistance over a couple of weeks, please

make an appointment with one of our budgeting mentor. They will then be able to book you in for further food parcels as required.

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

Please note we no longer require egg cartons, jars or containers.

Community Garden

Last month we completed our final tidy up of the community garden. We have now handed this community space back over to Coromandel Area School. If you belong to a group in the community who may be interested in running the garden, please contact the school to register your interest.

We have rehung the gates, and the no grass clipping notice is still in place. If you use the space for relaxing, please take all rubbish away with you as you leave.

To all of the people who have volunteered at the community garden over the numerous years it has been running under the umbrella of the Coromandel Budget Advisory Service, we thank you all. It has been a great journey and we have met some wonderful people along the way.

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Mahamudra Centre

By Jennifer Coyne

Every year, the impact of human-created climate change becomes more and more evident, with extreme wildfires, storms and floods ravaging the planet. As we watch this environment crisis unfold, we know that it not only affects our generation, but will impact untold generations to come. While it is true that this global crisis will need to be addressed at all levels of government, our individual actions matter, too.

So what can we do?

Be the change! At Mahamudra we warmly welcome you to come together for a day of tree planting and community connection. We'll be planting manuka and flax in this first round of an ongoing project to increase native tree and plant coverage. Join us from 10am to 3pm on **Saturday 19 June** (or if you just have an hour or two to spare, feel free to drop in when you can). We offer free lunch for all volunteers. Bring your family and friends.

Together we can create a conscious, wise, warm-hearted world of peace, where people respect and live in harmony with the environment. We invite you to join us in this life-generating activity because working as a harmonious whole, we can accomplish more than we can when working alone.

We are dedicating our good-hearted activities to the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, all wise, kind spiritual teachers, the planet and every sentient being.

If you'd like to get involved in this amazing project or sponsor a tree, please contact us!

Dates for your diary

4-11 June – Vajrasattva Retreat with Geshe Wangchen

4 June 7pm – Guru Puja with Tsog. **18 June** 4pm – Tara Puja

19 June 10am-3pm – Tree Planting Community Day

20 June 4pm – Guru Puja with Tsog

24 June 4pm – Medicine Buddha Puja

28 June-15 July – Fasting Compassion Retreat (Nyung Nay)



Annual award winners

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Annette James

Hasn't it been a funny autumn! The snow drops have already flowered, I'm still getting tomatoes from the garden, my fig trees are trying to grow spring leaves, spring bulbs are appearing and the bamboo is sprouting again. It's hard to dress because you are either too hot or too cold. Well I am anyway. But, I've been enjoying lovely snuggly fires in the evenings.

The Garden Circle held its AGM on Wednesday 12 May and it was attended by 34 members, one guest speaker and one new member. The election of officers proceeded afterwards with only one change. Thank you to all of you for your time and efforts over the last and the forthcoming years.

Annual awards were then presented. Winners were:

Arrangement (WDFE Deeble Cup 1950) – Jeni Mudgway

Single Bloom (Celia Lude Memorial Trophy 1956) – Rada Williams

Multi Bloom (McKenzie Memorial Trophy 1960) – Elspeth Campbell

Mini Bloom (Coro Club) – Cindy Dicks

Special (Kate Jacobsen Trophy 2015) – Jeni Mudgway

Most Points (Ngaire Aguirre Trophy 2000) – Rada Williams and Jeni Mudgway

Try Hard Award – was presented to Irene Dunn

Well done to all of them!

After Covid stopped us from getting together for most of last year, it has been good to be able to have a few gatherings and trips in the last few months. We are so lucky to be able to carry on, almost as per normal here in New Zealand, while the rest of the world is struggling with the virus!

Some of the members will be travelling to Roger's Garden Centre in Manukau. I'm sure there will be a report on that for the next Chronicle.

We had Carol Sutherland as our guest speaker on the McGregor Bay Wetland Society and Wild Things. She talked about what a wetland is, the animals that are residing there, the history of the society and the issues they are facing. It was very interesting. I'm not sure that many people are aware of the work that has been going on there since 2007. She talked about invasive plants and predators and why they are a problem. Did you know that seagrass is the ocean's only flowering seaweed? The McGregor Bay Wetland is a Coromandel scenic reserve. They are keen to make it accessible to not only able-bodied people, but wheelchairs and pushchairs, with boardwalks, bridges, etc. However, it is taking time to convince the local government to get behind the project.

The number of members in the Garden Circle has increased recently, which is very heartening. We are looking forward to an exciting and educational year.

As usual, we are keen to invite new members to join us and we are always looking for guest speakers. If you are interested in either or both, please contact Jeni, details below.

Convenor – Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341; Secretary - Trisha Whimpy 027 498 5227

Harray Track

By Rita Stephenson

The Harray walking track was established by CILT in 2011 and traversed over land owned by DOC, the Coromandel Golf Club and the Harray family. CILT had formal agreements with DOC and the Coromandel Golf Club and a verbal agreement with the Harray family which allowed members of the public to use this track.

In recent months, the Coromandel Golf Club has sold the land on which its part the Harray track traverses, to Bob Medlock.

The Spirit of Coromandel Trust (SCT) has agreed to take over the responsibility of maintaining the Harray Track from CILT and to work with the new landowner, DOC and the Harray family and endeavour to maintain access to the general public. In addition, SCT is planning to build an adjacent cycleway along part of the existing Harray Track.

To that end, the agreement between DOC and CILT has been transferred to the Spirit of Coromandel Trust. The Spirit of Coromandel Trust would like to formally acknowledge and thank CILT for the great work they have carried out in building the Harray Track and then maintaining the track for the past 10 years.



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Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our
Board Chairperson
Peter Pritchard



"We're really excited to see the Community Hub project develop on Pound Street. The Hub will be a fantastic asset to the community and provide a modern, collaborative environment where social and community needs can be met. The space will provide social support providers, meeting space and co-working facilities, and a space for sports and recreation and community clubs."

peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz
Community Hub, Pound

Street Coromandel Town – An office space, a meeting room, bathrooms, a laundry, food bank, kitchen, and a hot desk room are planned for the new Community Hub scheduled to be built in July 2021, with an opening planned for April 2022. 87 per cent of the total budget has been secured to date allowing them to progress with the final design stage. For more information visit tcdc.govt.nz/CoromandelHub



Te Kouma Rd widening –

Site investigation and preliminary design is completed. We're consulting with Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) for the design relating to the State Highway.

Jacks Point Boat Ramp – Renewal of the western retaining wall structure and re-support the piles has started. These works are essential to make the boat ramp safer. tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps

The next Board meeting is 9am Tuesday 6 July at the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road. tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

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What's next in the Long Term Plan process?



Council deliberations are in Thames on 1-2 June. The final LTP will be adopted Wednesday 30 June.
tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021

Kerbside Collections

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection on Monday 7 June (Queen's Birthday). So collections across the district will be one day later that week. Check the Kerbside schedule for your area at

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Check for hours and locations of our Refuse Transfer Stations on our website

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Healing intestinal disorders: Irritable Bowel, Ulcerative Colitis, Diverticulitis, Crohn's or Celiac Disease, Constipation, Cancer

We know that intestinal disorders kickstart other health disorders. The quality of your intestines influences all of your body systems, therefore the state of your overall physical and mental health and sense of well-being. We know that what you eat kickstarts intestinal health disorders. Being a functional and integrative health practitioner, it is hard to understand why such a simple yet profound and effective therapy such as "eating natural healthy foods", is so threatening. However, it is encouraging that more people, and some doctors, have begun to understand the relevance of this diet. Despite it being just a simple phenomenon to eat real and unprocessed food for best health, some practitioners and specialists are even now investigating it!

Your intestines are the primary site of nutrient absorption. Any condition affecting the structure and function of the intestines, may contribute to the development of a malabsorption process, and therefore nutrient deficiency, leading to further complications. For example:

- loss of bone density (due to lack of calcium);
- insufficient magnesium and B6 (required for your brain's neurotransmitter production and balance);
- disturbances in red blood cell formation (due to deficiency of iron, B6, B12 and folate).

Secondary effects can be poor oxygenation of tissues leading to poor concentration, mental disturbances, dementia, muscle aches, pain, inflammation and cardiovascular effects.

These intestinal conditions also connect with other parts of your body, hence the importance of treating the cause rather than the symptoms of the disease.

For example, although the manifestations of Crohn's disease are in your intestines, a large part of the disease process is related to dysfunction of your immune system. This must be a main part of the focus of treatment.

My good news

I offer you my tried and proven method for optimum recovery. I can help. Are you suffering reoccurring intestinal pain, inflammation, cramps, inconsistent stools, incontinence, blood/mucous in stools, unexplained nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhoea, itchy bottom, fatigue, parasitic infection, frequent viral infections?

Been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, celiac disease, irritable bowel, diverticulitis, reflux, heartburn, bowel polyps, liver, gallbladder issues, brain fog, dementia, cancer?

More good news

Autism and allergies – 10-yr-old boy. Normal birth, then experienced series of ear infections. Oral antibiotics, immunizations and exposure to chicken pox virus caused severe intestinal problems, allergies and behavioural issues. Diagnosed with autism. Gluten free and casein free mildly helped, but reoccurring diarrhoea and constipation an issue. Frequent fevers, crying and wakefulness at night. After several weeks on my programme, food cravings and mood swings have now gone. His family now not disbelieving that he could be so settled and calm.

Brain-gut connection – Your brain and gut/intestines develop from the same part of the human embryo and therefore share many nerve endings and chemical transmitters.

While one part of this section develops into the central nervous system, another part migrates to become your enteric nervous system within your digestive tract.

Eating for best health – Let me help you understand the physiology of how and why eating certain foods will heal your intestine. Which foods are best suited to you? Experience an overall superior sense of vitality, longevity and anti-ageing.

Constipation tip – Place 1 tsp chia seeds and 1 tsp linseeds in a mug. Add 2-4 freshly boiled prunes and 100gms of juice. Leave for ½ hour to swell. Relax. Eat slowly.

Mineral status – Is your diet providing the minerals you require? How is the structure and function of your intestines? www.activeelements.com, username: 259077, password: 579819.



Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

National Party Judith Collins is calling on the government to have a national conversation about

the extent to which they plan to enact the proposals of the He Puapua report. We've already seen the legislating of Maori Wards for local councils and the announcement of the Maori Health Authority. Further changes seem imminent across a number of core government services, including the Department of Conservation. A draft document recommends that the Conservation Act be replaced, with much of DOC's responsibilities delegated, devolved, and transferred to tangata whenua. We acknowledge and want to address the wrongs of the past, which is why National continues to support targeted programmes based on need, such as Whanau Ora. However, we believe many of these recommendations, as written, are a step too far.

We're still waiting on the Health Select Committee to make a decision on the return of the rescue helicopter to its base at Whitianga for the summer peak period and long weekends. Last month Stephan Bosman, Walter Russell and Professor Kevin Pringle addressed the committee on behalf of the nearly 50,000 people who signed the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter petition. They did a terrific job and outlined a very reasonable plan for the helicopter's return.

Great to see that the Royal Honours investitures for local Coromandel electorate folk Rowan Garrett, Joe Davis and Chloe Wright took place over the past couple of weeks. These individuals are all very deserving of their respective awards. I'm sure that the ceremonies and officially receiving the award was a very proud moment for their families, friends, and the wider community who have benefited from their remarkable service. If you feel as though someone in your local area is deserving of a Royal Honour, please contact me or there is more information online at <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/new-zealand-royal-honours/make-nomination/new-zealand-royal-honours-nomination>.



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RSA news

By Pat Williams

Firstly thanks to all for your generosity to our Poppy Day Funds. This fund is available to ex servicemen and their families for financial assistance when there is a need.

Thanks also go to the two Coromandel Area School pupils for their participation at the Anzac Service and also to the students who helped with serving the food back at the Club rooms. To Stuart Bayer, the bugler, for his participation; the RSA Women's Section for organising all that is needed for the Poppy Day collection – a record amount was donated this year; and of course you the public for your attendance. Last but not least a big heads up to Ohu Nicholls, our Returned Man from Phoenix House, for making it to the service. Well done.

More on our **Saturday 12 June** dinner – The group "White Goat" from Tauranga, who played at Seafood Fest, will be providing our entertainment. The cost of the dinner is \$15 for meat and potatoes. Patrons are asked to bring a salad or dessert. If you just want to attend for the entertainment the charge will be \$8. Bookings essential; phone Stoney on (07) 866 7576 or Glenise 021 845 488.

In the latest *VA News Magazine* (Veterans Affairs NZ) I read this: "We're keen to encourage all those who served and who have Qualifying Operational Service to register with us so they can access their entitlements."

The 75th Anniversary of J Force was commemorated in March. 26 veterans, mostly in their 90's, travelled to Wellington from all parts of New Zealand. This reminded me of this tale. My late brother-in-law Ivan Williams was with the Army in J Force and my late husband Colin was in the Navy, on the Navy ship Taupo in Korea. The Taupo was sent to Japan to have a wooden deck fitted as the steel deck got too hot! So, all that way from home the two brothers were able to meet up and no doubt there would have been much talking and drinking!

One of my nieces gave me a wall hanging with these words "Don't stop doing things because you are getting old. Because you will only grow old if you stop doing things." Must say it's becoming harder to follow! Keep smiling. Be happy.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We are playing the fifth tournament of the year which is the Tokatea Pairs.

Our club held a very successful bridge tournament mid May. A big thanks to all of our club members for their contributions and hard work. Greg from Thames was our director. We would also like to thank our many sponsors for their generously donated raffle prizes. They include Driving Creek Railway, Coro Four Square, James & Turner, Coastway Cutters, Wyuna Studio, Coro Richardson's, The Waterworks, Moana, K & K glass art, Evan Davies honey, Coro Smoking Co, Countdown, Riana Leaf Arbonne, Coro Garden Centre, Umu, Coro Museum, K & K wood art, Fureys Creek Garage, Coro Harcourts, New World, Coro Unichem, Coro Gym, The Chopping Block, Allure. Thank you all. I am not sure if the folk come to play bridge or if they came hoping that their name would be chosen for them to pick a raffle.

New members are welcome and lessons will be given. Visitors to Coromandel are welcome to join us, just let Lyn know that you are coming.

Contacts Lyn (07) 866 8858, Val (07) 866 8730

Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

Our season concluded on 6 May with two games of bowls and a delicious shared lunch.

Cups and badges were presented to winners for the season by our Patron Eunice McDonald.

We continue to play over winter at Mercury Bay on their Astroturf greens.

This club is honoured to have one of our members, Colin Gawith, representing Thames Valley in the Pathways Singles champs at Wellington in July. We all wish him well.

For the first time, a team from our club won the Taylor Shield inter club trophy (see photo). This is a tournament for leads and seconds in a team. Congratulations guys!

Our club renovation is nearing completion and it will be great to have this facility to enjoy next season.

Many thanks to everyone who has assisted with this and given their time to this project.



The Taylor Shield inter club trophy

The Club

We had such a great Club night last November dancing the night away at our 1920's Jazz Evening that, by popular demand, we have invited the Whitianga Dixieland Band back on **Saturday 26 June** from 6.30pm to entertain us. The popular seven-piece group will play all of our favourites and then some, so book early at the Coromandel Town Information Centre to avoid disappointment, as numbers are limited.

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Ride Coromandel

By Steph Parkyn



The Spirit of Coromandel Trust is thrilled to announce that the Ride Coromandel Bike Park cross-country trails will be open from Queen's Birthday Weekend



– **Saturday 5 June.** The first dedicated mountain bike tracks in Coromandel have now been built!
The Trails
 Two intermediate grade single trail, one-way loop tracks have been developed in the Kauri Block area beginning from the bike park hub on Hauraki Road, Coromandel.

- Ara Tuatahi (the first way) is about 5.5 km long.
- Rickers Return (named after the kauri rickers) is about 1.8 km long.

Please enjoy trying out these newly developed trails, but here are a few reminders: For safety, the trails are one way and designed only for bikes. You must be aware of Kauri Dieback Disease and pass through the wash station before entering the tracks. Always wear a helmet and closed shoes. E-bikes are allowed, but

no motorbikes. Tracks may be closed in wet weather so please follow our Facebook page for updates. Stay on track – there are mine shafts, kauri trees to protect, and items of cultural significance that should not be disturbed. The longer trail crosses a walking track; please look out for walkers when you cross and do not go down the walking track on your bike. Enjoy the trails, but take it easy on your first time!

Kauri Dieback

We are fortunate to be able to ride through this Kauri Block so we need to be extra mindful of our responsibility not to spread the disease of Kauri Dieback. Please come to the bike park with a clean bike. There are washing stations to clean your bike again before entering and then after exiting. The wash station procedure is scrub your wheels and check for mud. Pass your bike wheels through the

sanitation trough to disinfect and remember to stay on track.

Thank you

The realisation of this bike park has been a long-held dream for the Spirit of Coromandel Trust and would not have happened without the support of many in the community and partnerships with Te Patukirikiri, TCDC, Department of Conservation, and Heritage NZ. Our major funders have been NZ Communities Trust and TCDC. Thanks to Keith and Rita Stephenson, Andy Reid, Ally Davey, and Paul Johnson for their efforts in building this park. Ride Coromandel is looking for volunteers to help develop a bike club and keep this facility an awesome asset for the community. If you can help, please contact Keith Stephenson.

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Winter is with us again. We of the older generation should by now be getting our winter heating allowance added to our Superannuation. If your heating is from the electric power supply you will be saving if you are on Grey Power Electricity. If you don't have this saving yet, then do enquire. You do not have to be aged 50 or older to enjoy cheaper power with Grey Power Electricity. This was negotiated under national contracts for all ages by our own Mac Welch, long before he became President of Grey Power Federation, a two-year appointment completed October last year. Also negotiated for Grey Power members and associate members (those under 50 years) are health insurance at beneficial rates, broadband including fibre optic at various speeds and lower prices than others, 8c a litre discount on petrol or diesel at Challenge Fuel – handy if you are travelling south with Challenge service stations at Matamata, Cambridge and so forth. We meet four times each year. Meetings have a guest speaker and our AGM, which was just held in May. All positions are up for election anew each year. So for 2021-2022 we have elected John Rabarts as president, Bill Chadderton vice president, Carol Carson membership secretary, Shirley Stol minute secretary, Patricia Whimp treasurer, and five committee members. It is always a good feeling having lively discussion at an AGM and all positions being filled. Thank you to all who attended and especially to everyone elected for our coming year. Our next Grey Power meeting is in early August. All welcome. Especially those who come for a bit of company and afternoon tea.

Waikato DHB Community Health Forum meetings, often attended



by Grey Power members and others with community health interests, is to be held at St John rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel on **Monday 12 July**, 11.30am-1.30pm (new date). Come and listen to presentations by senior Waikato DHB staff and consultants, and bring along any serious issues you would like to have heard. You may even get some light lunch and a cuppa.

Pests – Control Wild Ginger. I have been told this was brought to our country by Asian labourers in the early days as food and natural health support. It is still both of those, but it has spread widely, and with no natural enemies – like many imports – gone wild, and is now a pain. I control it by using a flax knife, sickle, or machete to cut a patch, taking the tops off in the pink area just above the rhizome (lumpy root body) and laying the stems in long heaps to make compost. (The heat sterilises any seeds you may have in the heap). Then leave for 3 to 6 months. Come back and trim again the stems that have sprouted, mainly from underneath (where you cut the first time won't regrow). Leave again and come back in another 4 to 6 months. You will find less and less regrowth each time you return. After about two years of this system you will find the rhizomes turning black, and soft and spongy, and eventually crumble away. In three years you should have a patch clear of ginger. The compost built up over the time will be useful in your garden, and I have found that no new plants grow from the compost. There you have it – just takes some time and energy and commitment. No toxic herbicides or poisons going into the environment and guaranteed success. A patch eliminated like this does not regrow. Keep New Zealand clean and green.

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Coromandel scallop beds in decline

A new report shows some scallop beds off the Coromandel coast are unlikely to recover from their current depleted state, and locals are concerned that ongoing dredging will threaten the future of the delicacy.

The report summarises a dive survey commissioned by the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council in 2020. In some areas of Opito Bay divers had to swim on average 26m² to find a single legal-sized scallop.

Warren Maher, a Coromandel Scallop Restoration team member and the president of Tairua-Pauanui Sports Fishing Club is shocked by the survey's results. "In the past few years it's getting harder to find scallops anywhere around the coastline. It's a real concern to see all of the damage caused by dredging and that there are so few small scallops, which means our scallop beds are unlikely to recover any time soon."

Divers involved in the survey say there are visible dredge tow lines that have damaged the seafloor.

The dive survey was developed to establish how many scallops remained in Opito Bay. This action was prompted as MPI had not completed a scallop abundance survey since 2010. However, MPI recently contracted NIWA to carry out a thorough scallop survey of Coromandel and Northland recreational scallop areas.

Opito Bay locals have tried to engage with Fisheries New Zealand over their concerns about scallops for several years, without success. In the past year locals have worked with Ngāti Hei and several community groups to develop a restoration plan, starting with a survey of current scallop numbers and sizes.

The dive survey was led by the Coromandel Scallop Restoration Team and Dive Zone Whitianga. Qualified divers conducted the data collection and marine scientists completed the report.

Chris Severne of Opito Bay Ratepayers Association says, "The passion and commitment to restore scallop abundance in Opito Bay is invigorating, and we are pleased to see other coastal communities having conversations around sustaining their seafood for future generations."

LegaSea is concerned that unconstrained commercial fishing combined with the ongoing use of the heavy Victorian Box Dredge has altered the state of the seafloor. As a part of their Rescue Fish policy they call for a nationwide ban on dredging and bottom trawling from inshore waters.

"Allowing scallop dredging in this day and age is ridiculous when there is so much scientific evidence of its harrowing environmental cost, yet under our Quota Management System it remains legal. There is a growing number of frustrated communities engaging us, wanting to get rid of dredging and trawling in their coastal waters," says LegaSea spokesperson, Sam Woolford.

Last year the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association, Ngāti Hei, LegaSea, New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, New Zealand Underwater Association and other Coromandel communities began collaborating to find solutions. They formed the Coromandel Scallop Restoration Team with an aim to restore and sustain scallop populations.



By Carol Sutherland

Farming for wildlife

Spoonbills are in the harbour and at high tide they, like pied stilts, herons and ducks, are swooping in for a bit of R&R. Snoozing and sleeping in and around areas of standing water without harassment are favoured by such species. This photo was taken on the new spot in town made for them at the bottom of the Medlocks' farm.

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Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

June is our month of winter solstice: the shortest day, the longest night, the darkest season. It is a time when the natural world contracts, growth slows, the sap draws back to the roots. We, too, are part of the natural world. It is wise to accept the natural ebb and flow between seasons of light and dark in the world and in our lives. Now is a season to retreat, enjoy the simple fireside with family or friends, rediscover a hobby set aside during the hustle of summer. Recharging our batteries, composting our strength, ready to enter the coming season of new growth when the time is favourable, and the light returns.

In the Maori calendar, this is the season of Matariki (for 2021, **19 June-11 July**). Matariki is the time of celebration of the new year, with gratitude and festivities to see the Marariki stars appear at dawn. It is also a time to remember those who have died, and express grief, and to celebrate those still living. In this most difficult of years with so many Covid-related deaths worldwide. This Matariki is a season of honouring the griefs and unimaginable losses of our human family. It is a time to celebrate and value our lives ongoing, with the awareness that we are, indeed, one human family, one species in this wonder-making world.

During June and the coming months of winter, we will continue to meet for soup and sitting, establishing friendship, connection, shared silence and laughter.

Plan: Soup at 6pm, sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm.

June dates: **2, 9, 23, 30 June**. On **16 June** I am encouraging people to go to the community meditation evening at the beautiful Dharma Gaia Centre for Mindful Living in Manaia.

I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm. I'll make a pot of vege soup, and a loaf of wheat sourdough bread. Others may bring special food if required.

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

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Another year has rolled around, and it is time once again for the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc to hold its AGM. It will be held in the Elizabeth Park Village Hall, at 2.00pm on **Sunday 13 June**.

All interested people are welcome to attend, and we especially welcome everyone who has an interest in the museum, either in becoming a volunteer duty person, or in working behind the scenes creating displays, or undertaking essential maintenance.

The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday of Queen's Birthday Weekend and will then close for the winter. Weekend openings will resume from Labour Weekend.

The winter period is an ideal opportunity to renew exhibits, undertake maintenance, generally tidy the museum and do some cleaning.

In this regard, thanks go to our hard-working committee who are already busy with important tasks. Judy and Val are reprinting and tidying the labels on the rock and mineral specimens. These are very precious samples, as they were part of the teaching tools for the original School of Mines.

Thanks go to Debbie for the Anzac Day display, which will remain in place until Queen's Birthday Weekend, and when the museum reopens in October a new display will be in place.

Jennie is constantly busy with updating our data base, and we cannot thank her enough for all of her hard work.

As most people will know, Rebekah Pearson kindly donated her working model of the "Coro 200" commemorative statue. Rebekah has now made a cabinet especially for the model ship and it is in place in the maritime section of the new museum building, along with photos showing parts of the creative process. Thanks go to the Bizarre Trust who kindly donated the funds to enable us to purchase this custom-built cabinet. We have also been able to purchase a dehumidifier for the museum office, thanks to the Bizarre Trust. This is invaluable in reducing dampness in the area where many valuable documents are filed.

Here is an article from "Auckland Star" of 28 June 1897, giving some details of the construction of the School of Mines building, which is now the original museum building, of course. It is interesting to note that fundraising was ongoing at the time for the new hospital building, and both buildings were completed in 1898. The School of Mines was closed in 1936, however the Coromandel Hospital remained open until 1994.

"Coromandel News

(By Telegraph – own correspondent.)

On Monday night the Diamond Jubilee ball, which will be the event of the year, takes place in the Caledonian Hall. The Committee have worked most energetically, and have spared no trouble or expense to make it a pronounced success. A large number of tickets have already been disposed of, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated. It is intended to hand over the nett proceeds to the hospital fund, which should materially benefit by the same.

Splendid headway is being made with the erection of the new School of Mines building by the contractor, Mr J. Eraser. The entire framework, including outbuildings, is finished and weather boarded, and men are now busily employed with the internal fittings. The new school will be a credit to the township, and will supply a much felt want in the direction of technical mining. It is intended to approach the Mines Department with a view to obtaining the services of a permanent instructor who could divide his time between Kuaotunu and Coromandel."

The museum will be open from 1-4pm during Queen's Birthday Weekend



"Coro 200" commemorative statue

Budding Writers

By Sue Gilmer

Here is an excerpt from Deborah Hide-Bayne's book *Coromandel Flavours* which fits perfectly into our Coromandel Seasons writing group's project.

"We are driving to Auckland on back roads, through persistent showers. This is the first real rain since the long dry summer, and it is so welcome; I imagine the cows and fields drinking their fill. My husband, whose South Island foraging skills have never left him, is staring out of the window whilst I drive. He spots mushrooms, hundreds of them in each field that we pass. The sudden rain after all of the dry must be the perfect spawning conditions. Despite the rain, it becomes apparent from his more and more agitated body language, that we must stop and collect some. I am keen usually, but the drizzle is not inspiring me. So, I sit in the car whilst he walks purposefully around a muddy field with a wicker basket and a big grin on his face. Still, I think to myself, a happy husband, and a feed of wild mushrooms are not a bad combination for which to start a weekend away."

Our group meets at a local cafe once a month to support and encourage each other with writing stories and poems around the topic of seasons in Coromandel. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact me 021 0291 6056 or at mapagilmer@hotmail.com

Bus Matters

By Lora Mountjoy



First of all, thanks to all of the Coromandel locals who took time to make a submission to the TCDC Long Term Plan supporting our urgent need for a public transport connection to Thames. Thanks also to the team who organised the stall outside Four Square. The positive response to this emphasises how much locals care about this issue and it is great that our Community Board is backing us. I went to Thames to speak about my submission to the Council and while there were no cheers, I felt heard.

So where are we? With the Community Board allocating funds to a bus service and the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) prepared to administer the setup, we are now waiting to see if TCDC will see this as a "must have" issue and promote it to WRC. The Council are now considering the submissions and we can expect to see it by the end of June.

While I strongly believe a daily service to Thames and back is needed, we may have to accept a three-days-a-week bus to start with. Not ideal, but better than nothing, and if we actually use it we will have a good case for more frequent service.

So fingers crossed and watch this space!

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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière, Communications Manager

Winter is here and we are appreciating the feeling of the moist earth beneath our feet, a gentle swelling of the soil after welcomed rains. We're enjoying the sweetness of our pumpkin harvest in heart-warming soups and admiring the final burst of colour as the deciduous trees let go of their golden and amber leaves.

There is a notable shift in the energy, one that is enticing us to reach for a warm cuppa and create a little more spaciousness in our day. This discernible wisdom expands beyond that of the waning season and into the deep heart of collective consciousness as we all seek (and yearn) to find more balance. Nature is beckoning us to (re)attune to a harmonious rhythm, one where there is space to pause and listen deeply to the guidance moving within – a unified source of intelligence that honours the mind, body, heart and soul experience.

In what ways are you called to respond?

In the essence of simplicity, we can take something we do routinely, like making a cup of tea, and emphasize the pause within it. Instead of mindlessly putting the kettle on, swiftly brewing a cuppa and taking it to our desk — to consume amidst the busyness of work — we can create a conscious moment for self-nourishment.

For two or five minutes, we sit with the cup of tea in our hand. We feel the warmth of the cup penetrating our skin, smell the aroma, let our eyes softly close and breathe. While it can take only a few breaths to reconnect, there is something wholesome in drawing it out for a few minutes longer. The stillness amidst all that is in motion is like hitting a reset button.

We invite you to join us in this little ritual. One of our favourite herbal tea blends at the moment is a sprig of rosemary, a lavender bud and a couple of lemon verbena leaves. Steep for 5 minutes — the perfect amount of time for resting into a pause. The healing quality of these herbs invokes a sense of calm and clarity and helps to ease the transition into cooler months. If you are looking for a few more DIY herbal tea recipes visit our resource library at www.manaretreat.com.

From all of us at Mana, winter blessings.

P.S. We will be returning from our usual winter break a little early on **16 July**, so that we can add a few more deeply restful winter retreats to our schedule... you will see them in the list of events coming up on the advert below.

Christ Church

By Barbara O'Reilly

What do you call a day which has been around for very many years? Once upon a time, this day was an occasion for communities to celebrate the first fruits of the harvest and show gratitude to God. Gradually as time passed, the day became a day to leave work to sacrifice animals and bake bread from newly harvested grain. As time went by the day was associated with the religious history of the Hebrew people. It became a day of observance for the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. OK it's all a bit heavy - but wait! The day gets the name "Pentecost", which means 50 because the interval between Passover and the giving of the Torah is 50 days.

The day, oops! - "Pentecost" was celebrated at Christ Church on Sunday 23 May, 50 days after Easter. More history. The first Christian Pentecost was what we might call a game changer. In the weeks before this event Jesus Christ had been welcomed enthusiastically by the the crowd as He came into Jerusalem, arrested, tortured, was crucified, died, buried and rose from the dead, appeared to the disciples and prepared them for their mission to spread good news of salvation. At the time, remember 50 days after Easter, Jerusalem was packed with people from many places for the festival. Let's go into the background.

Picture Jesus's 11 disciples and many followers meeting together, maybe in the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place - there were 12 once. Remember Judas Iscariot, the one that ran away to his own dark place? The meeting elected Mathias to fill the vacancy. The disciples were uncertain, but how uncertain? Jesus had laid their mission out. They had lost their leader. Decisions had to be made, Some days before this meeting when Jesus was with them he told them, "You must wait - you will be baptised within the next few days, baptised with the Holy Spirit." They were not to know day or time, they were told they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. With all of their uncertainty could this be something to hang on to?

Then, in a matter of days, the day of Pentecost. Jerusalem was packed with people: Jews, Gentiles, tribes, people from Egypt, Libya, Cyrene; everyone was celebrating the day. Inside their meeting room the disciples and friends were caught up in a mighty wind that roared through the room. Tongues of fire hovered over their heads. They discovered that they could speak and hear languages they did not know. OMG as we often say today. What a wonder! Imagine, being able to hear words and ideas clearly, not just the words but understanding the languages, meanings, emotions, motivations. Hearing without misunderstanding.

They went out into the streets. Disciple Peter explained the meaning of the event to an excited and amazed crowd; they were all able to hear his message in their own language! Peter told the crowd of the good news of salvation. His message was broadcast to an audience way larger than the disciples could ever have imagined.

So today. What can we know and do as a result of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us? It is within our capacity to strive to become enlightened, seeking and knowing this transformational power personally. It is not all slog, now and then to our amazement we might encounter moments when peace, kindness, and joy burst into our everyday life. When life is hard we can call out for comfort. This is the Holy Spirit's work.

There is a terrible conflict in the Holy Land today. Oh for the day that the combatants might hear His voice. Pray for those who can make a difference; speaking, listening and hearing.

References: Holy Bible: Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1, and Chapter 2 verses 1-4, Harpers Bible Dictionary, Harper and Rowe



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Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and Library committee members for their help in making our 40th celebrations, Saturday, 15 May, a success. It was great to see some of our past volunteers at the celebrations, and many others who were involved in the building project 40 years ago in attendance as well. If you weren't able to make it on Saturday, we have an album filled with some of the highlights over the Library's last 40 years available for you to view.

At the anniversary celebrations we had a prize giving for our first writing competition, and I hope that this competition can continue every year. I would also like to thank everyone who entered the writing competition and the prize sponsors: Carsons Bookshop, James and Turner, Coromandel Fish and Dive and Joan Prairie. Our judges were very impressed with the high standard of entries from the junior entrants and in particular with the winner of the junior poetry section, Lucy James-White, age 10, who combined both Maori and English to express her feelings. Once again, the judges found the entries in the adult poetry and short stories were all of a high standard. The winning entries expressed the special nature of the Coromandel. We will post some of the winning entries on our Facebook page for everyone to read.

The winners were:

Junior Poem: First prize – Lucy James-White for *Ruru*; Merit prize – Beau Marshall for *A Slice of Coromandel Life*

Child Story: First prize – Lucy James-White for *Ruru*; Merit prize – Indy Marshall for *Finding Aotearoa*; Best Effort – Fallon Fanning for *Pukekos*.

Adult Poem: First prize – Sue Rhodes for *Connections*; Merit prize – Julie Sargisson for *Tidal*; Humour prize – Lois Waugh for *Ode to Pool Playing Pukekos*.

Adult Story: First prize – Tracy Kendall for *Ashes to Ashes*; Merit prize – Ian Penrose for *Gumm Mee*.

Right now, it's a pretty busy time at the Library as we have just made the changeover from using our paper-based system to a computerised system. We are now using the same database that is being used by the other TCDC libraries. This will enable us to pool our resources and provide a greater selection of reading material for our communities. We anticipate that the change-over will make the behind the scenes processes easier for the volunteers. However, while we are getting used to the new system, please be patient with all of



40th celebrations



Jim Sharp making a speech at the 40th celebrations

our volunteers as it will take us all some time to become comfortable with using the new system. It's a big jump for us all and we will be happy to answer any queries you may have on your next visit to the Library.

As with the District Libraries, members will have an account and be able to log into TCDC's libraries page at: www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Library/. Members will be able to access this website to login to their library account and review what books they currently have out, renew books, search for books to read, look up what you have already read, and put a book on hold. They can do this from home, but we also have another computer in the Library that will be set up for members to use for this purpose.

Another advantage for our members will be the ability to access our and the other libraries' collections, in the online catalogue. You will now be able to request books for pickup in Coromandel Town, and most (but not all) of the other libraries' books can be reserved to pick up from the library of your choice, for a small fee of \$1. We have set up a courier system between us and the other libraries for these inter-loan book deliveries.

However, new Coromandel books may not be requested by other libraries' members until they are a year old. Our new books will show up in the catalogue as New Book – Coro Only. Likewise, we don't get to take out other libraries' new books for one year. Their new books usually show up as Pay Fiction in the catalogue.

The next stage will be that Coromandel members will be able to access e-books using the Wheelers e-Platform. We will keep you updated on when this will be able to start. Until then we hope that you enjoy the advantages that this new system can offer us and please let us know if you have any questions.

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by Irene Dunn

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Do come and join us. We meet each Monday at 9am at the north end of Woollams Street car park for carpooling. Ring the number below to be put on the mailing list for information on where we are walking each time.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408

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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou. Well we are heading into the winter months now with things getting a little colder in the mornings. However this does not deter our tamariki from getting out and about exploring nature. We have just started a new learning journey that we are calling our Earth Programme. This involves taking a group of children out one day every week, rain, hail, or shine (with appropriate wet weather gear) to an area that has some bush reserve and some open space. The children will be engaging with nature, exploring and learning about our native trees, plants, animals, insects, etc. We will be doing some trapping of pests, weed control, and rubbish collection along with building huts, and dams in the creek.

At present we are going on these outings for one morning per week and we hope to extend this to a full-day outing in the near future. The initial start of the programme will run in line with the principles of Enviro schools Me and My Environment. We would like to thank Keith for helping us to find this great area for us to explore.

We are also currently looking to redesign our outdoor playground area and work on this has begun with some new drainage being sorted. We would like to acknowledge and thank Natalie for all of her assistance in drawing up a new concept plan for the playground. There is now a lot of work to get the design finalised and then how to fund it.

Over the past month we have celebrated birthdays for Brooklyn, Logan, Zoe, Amira, Zim, Jasper, Ariyah-Rose, Fletcher, and Fox; we wish them all a very happy birthday. We have said farewell to Lucy, Zoe, Logan and Amira, who have moved on to school. We are welcoming Shane, Karamana, Sofia,

Leighzhyn, Eliza, Adhara and Coral to our centre. We look forward to learning more about you, your whaanau and your interests.

It is with great sadness that we have had to farewell Eddie-Jade and his brother Izaier-Joel. Eddie-Jade is just four years old and he has been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), which is a type of blood cancer. His white blood cell count is low, which means his immune system is unable to fight off infection. Eddie-Jade is currently in Starship hospital undergoing treatment, which at this stage is expected to last for at least the next two years. We know that our great little community will all rally around to support Eddie-Jade and his whaanau. There

has been a Give-a-Little page set up to help the family; please visit the page and support them if you can. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/eddie-jade-needs-our-help>

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child this age and are looking for a quality early childhood centre and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required.

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

Colville Bay Preschool

by Esther Powell

Kia ora koutou! He aha te korero ki te kōhungahunga o ngā Umangawha.

This term is shaping up to be a busy one! We are in the midst of sprucing up our playground, so it was very exciting to have a visit from Colville School's "Kāhu" technology class. They came with colourful brainstorm visuals, and questionnaires for our kaiako and tamariki about designs for a water-wall play area in our centre. We look forward to working on this project together.

"Bush-Kura" was a full gathering this week with our toddlers, intrepid support staff and parent helpers, all joining our four-to-five-year-olds on their weekly adventure into the ngāhere. A special moment for the younger ones: looking out to sea, from our vantage point high up on the hill, recognising the beach we often walk to, and the school houses from afar.

Ngā mihi ki a tātou. Ko Esther Powell ahau. I am very pleased to be the new Senior Teacher at Colville Bay Preschool. I grew up in the bush on the north-eastern Coromandel, furthered my education in Tāmaki-makau-rau, Otepoti and Mexico. I have taught in early childhood education since 2008 across the Waikato, whilst raising my three children. I continue to study and practice many arts, languages, traditional crafts and herbal medicine. My husband and I moved back to the Coromandel over seven years ago now, to make our home and raise our children close to the land and sea, in the nest of my family. I feel honoured to continue this journey of learning, exploration, wonder, nurture and care with our local tamariki, whanau and community.

We are looking for vibrant, caring, qualified and registered ECE relief teachers to support us in our rich and varied program at Colville Bay Preschool. Please make enquiries to: cbpreschool@xtra.co.nz.

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN continued

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown

Sports at CAS

A successful conclusion to Term 1 sport with five students selected to represent CAS at the NZ Area School national tournament down in Dunedin in late July. These students are Eli Veal, Carter Hopoi and Kara Sanders Daniella for basketball, Ihaka Harper-Dent and Kalani Hallam Doole for rugby; congratulations to you all and we look forward to following your journey. Three CAS teams competed in the TVSSSA outdoor bowls tournament held for the first time at the Coromandel Bowling Club in the last week of Term 1. Two teams made it into the top three finalists with Keysha Hobern, Angel Beere, Layke McNeil and Savannah Crouch overcoming top competition to take the title in a first for CAS. Thank you to the Coromandel Bowling Club for your continued support.

Thank you

Many thanks to the community who voted for Blake Evans and Grace Smith's mural design

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in the Resene Wall Worthy Competition 2021. Blake and Grace, Y10 students, collaborated beautifully to create a mural concept and design, which was chosen by public vote. We have won Resene paint to put towards the mural painting project. The design reflects the environment of the northern Coromandel. Watch this space; we can't wait to share it with you.

Relievers

We are updating our current reliever pool and connecting with awesome new relievers in our area. If you are a registered teacher and would like to relieve at our EPIC school then please drop your CV into the office or email it to office@coroarea.school.nz.

We would love to meet you and have you work with us!

EPIC Expectations

We have spent some time rethinking some of our curriculum initiatives and pastoral processes to accommodate our EPIC growth, and ensure that we keep our standards high.

There are three important key reminders about our expectations and we hope that you can all support us by reinforcing these messages at home and in the community. We want all students to positively engage in learning and take part in opportunities offered to them. We want all students to be proud to be a student at Coromandel Area School and a member of this community, with words and actions that reflect this. Let's respect our mind, body and soul. We want all students to be at their optimum level for learning through encouraging and promoting healthy choices.

Keep well and stay warm!

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal

It has been a busy school start for Term 2!

Firstly, congratulations to one of our former teachers, Jenna James, and her husband Tristan on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter; a little sister for Rosie, Stella and Dana who all attend our school. Congratulations also to Blake James-White and Isabella Comer for their excellent representation of Te Rerenga School at the ANZAC Day service in Matarangi. We have received a large number of positive comments from various members of the local community on how marvellous they both were.

Already Term 2 has been busy with a variety of things happening in and out of school. Friday 21 May was a "Wear Pink" day, in support of Anti Bullying Week. The following **Friday 28 May**, is a "Wear Red and Yellow" day, raising funds for our local Westpac Rescue Helicopter. On **Friday 4 June**, we have the opportunity to attend a concert at Coromandel Area School by renowned ukulele trio "The Nukes." Before the concert, up to 20 older students will have the opportunity to participate in a music workshop with the trio, and then perform at the concert. The Nukes have performed at many music and ukulele festivals around the country such as WOMAD and SPLORE NZ, and in Australia. On **Wednesday 23 June** is the Country Schools Sports Day in Whenuakite.

At Te Rerenga School we are pleased to hear that the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is consulting on the proposed Setting of Speed Limits Rule that lowers speed limits around schools to improve safety and encourage more children, parents, caregivers and school communities to use active modes of transport. Currently the speed limit outside Te Rerenga School on SH25 is 80 km/h. Only last term I expressed concern that no action had been taken since previous letters to MPs, government ministers and Transit NZ. I finally recently received correspondence back from The Hon Michael Woods, who indicated that there would be a review on the speed on all state highways later in the year so it is great to now see something is finally happening!

The rule is proposing lower speed limits outside all schools:

- Urban schools to 30 km/h, with the option of 40 km/h speed limits if appropriate.
- Rural schools to a maximum of 60 km/h (variable or permanent speed limits).

There is more information about the Setting of Speed Limits Rule on the Waka Kotahi website. You may like to make your own submission on speed limits around schools. This is a link to a survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSR5SV5. Consultation runs to **25 June**.



Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

School Term Time Hours

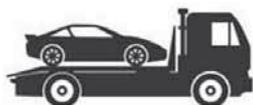
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 3-5pm.
Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm for school yrs 6-9.

Sunday – 1-4pm (closed **Sunday 6 June** – Queen's Birthday weekend).

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a safe, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play, play, play! A healthy afternoon tea is provided. Parents just fill out a membership form. Please make a gold coin donation if able. Parents/guardians: we cannot take responsibility for children who don't sign in; any concerns please contact us. For more information, call in or phone (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations received, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V. Bryant Trust

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Colville School

By Susie Sumner, Principal

Whakanui (celebrate) June Celebration

We really saw whakawhānau relationships in action at the Children's Forest, Waikawau in the first week of term 2. A big thank you to Moe Hau Environment Group and our Colville whānau (in the kitchen and beyond) for making this happen. We would also like to thank Taverners who donated the bus and Barry Ross who joined us for the day. It was very special to be releasing the trees that students had planted in previous years. We spent the morning learning and playing in our own unique corner of Coromandel! **Creative Colville!**



On Tuesday afternoons this term our students are learning new skills in dance sessions taught by Marilyn Ebbs. We will be integrating the creative arts taught by other specialists including music, dance and weaving into our Matariki Celebration at the end of term. Thank you to the Creative Communities NZ for helping us to make this happen. **Colville Kai**

Colville students have been sitting down to a hot lunch every day this term. Thanks to Kids Can and Fruits in Schools we are able to provide a healthy fruit break, morning tea and lunch for all students. On a Thursday as part of the Garden to Table programme the students are cooking up their own kai in the kitchen. Students from YO-8 are learning the skills of a professional kitchen. The first week's menu was curry, rice, naan bread and yoghurt raita. Delicious!



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Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody



We hope everyone has had a good break over the school holidays, and ready to come back this Term! Our Kiwi Can kaupapa this term is Integrity. We are talking about using integrity in a broad sense, but also focusing on three modules: Honesty, Responsibility and Reliability. Our catchphrase for this term is "I tell the truth, how about you? I am honest, I am true!" As you're reading this, we have unpacked Honesty: Learning about the importance of being honest, and understanding honesty as an act of trustworthiness. At the beginning of May, Kiwi Can worked with our local Sanford team to have a Mussel Fritter Float at Seafood Fest. We're so grateful to Brent and the Sanford team for the constant support of Kiwi Can Coromandel and doing fundraisers like this with us, even though they're so busy doing their own mahi! Thanks to the community and everyone that came to buy a mussel fritter from us, we were able to fundraise so much money towards our programme! This money goes toward resources and equipment we need to run our lessons, so every cent makes a difference! Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

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



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Arts

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

In April the Art Group was given the awesome opportunity to spend time at Driving Creek Railway. What a fabulous time we had! Frederick Church of DCR organised a special early train to take us to the top, the Eyefull tower, and Russell the train driver gave a fascinating commentary. The sun shone, and we gasped at the unfolding views of bush, and the alluring glimpses of Coromandel Harbour that appeared as we ascended. Some, like me, had done this trip before, but we found there is always more to see and learn each trip.

Some of us remained at the Eyefull Tower, marveling at (and I hope sketching/painting) the vast panoramic view. And two of us hopped off the train at the No.3 Tunnel, with its beautiful terracotta walls and a harbour view – if you dared to walk out along the raised trestle suspended over the void. And some stayed at the bottom to focus on the iconic rail yards and pottery complex.

It was a wonderful morning, and the rain only started as we walked back down to the cars. A big thank you to Frederick and Russell and all at DCR, for giving us this inspiring outing. In appreciation we gave them a framed print of a painting Barbara had done of the railway.

We have full-day painting workshops coming up in July, August and September, each tutored by an accomplished artist. If there is space available, we can take non-members, so if you're interested contact us for details.

We welcome new members; pop in to the St Andrews Hall to see us on Thursday mornings, or ring Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or Ross on (07) 866 8310.



Barbara and Ross with Frederick Church



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Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson



This month's artists are all new to the Arts Tour and enthusiastic about presenting their work to those who visit their studios.



Rebekah Pearson

"I'm looking forward to showcasing some new oil paintings and ceramic sculptural work. I love working in a variety of media to reimagine this beautiful part of the world. My most recent sculptural work is a development of diving bird paintings which I did using acrylic on kauri. I've been really enjoying reworking the idea in 3D."



Paul Cornwell

"Over recent years I've been based at Driving Creek Railway. The creative enthusiasm, talent, history and warmth is certainly shaping my artistic endeavours. A great painting with a bit of a 'back story' – that's the sort for me. It starts a conversation. It helps express something authentic about the artist and the subject. And somehow it just keeps asking you to look at it."



Tony Treanor

"I'm excited to showcase my art collection and my passion for the art I create through diverse mediums. I primarily work with resin on native timbers, steel, canvas, and glass; and make interesting pieces for the wall, as well as free-standing pieces of interest and functional homeware that can be of use every day."

You can see more of these artists' work and their contact details on www.coromandelartstour.co.nz or follow us on www.facebook.com/CreativeCoro/

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel held a stall in the Easter Market

this year. What a lovely way to spend a Saturday. The music and vibe were terrific and we loved meeting all of the people out for the day and a bargain. We had a great time with lots of people commenting and looking at our display. We even sold a couple of paintings, which is always nice.

Our plan was to let Coromandelians and others see what sort of work we do. So, if you saw us at the Market and thought that you would like to try, come along to see us on Wednesdays 9.00am to 12 noon at the Aero Club Rooms on Tiki Road. You will be most welcome.

Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma (07) 866 8829



The Nukes – Aotearoa’s/NZ’s most beloved and enduring “original ukulele trio”

The Nukes are playing at the Anglican Hall, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town on **Friday 4 June** at 7.30pm.



This is a family-friendly show with free entry for children under 16 accompanied by adults.. Tickets are available at Coromandel Town Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598 for \$25. Limited door sales on the night from 6pm are \$30 cash.

The Nukes will play a bunch of their originally-crafted tunes, perfectly made for the ukulele, some old favourites picked from three albums of material, plus a swag of new tunes, as they work towards releasing a new album.

Expect the usual mix of laugh out loud humour, some magic musicianship, plus classic three-part harmony. What are you waiting for!

Enjoy an evening of Kiwi-flavoured entertainment, grab a bunch of friends and make a booking right now. Oh yeh, and happy birthday Queenie.

Part vaudeville, part rat-pack, part musical car crash, this talented trio deliver an engaging mix of humour and originality that audiences of all ages will love.

The Nukes are one of Australasia’s most successful ukulele/folk acts with more than 10 years under their belts and three compelling albums as proof of their creative endeavours (and well in excess of 100,000 streams and views).

To name a few, the Nukes have appeared at WOMAD NZ, SPLORE, Auckland and Canterbury Folk Festivals, Oamaru Heritage Festival, New Plymouth Festival of Light, Wanaka Festival of Colour, Coastella Festival, The Taranaki, Southland and Hawkes Bay Arts Festivals, Bluff Oyster Festival and a successful nationwide Arts on Tour NZ March 2017. They have also toured extensively in Australia.

The Nukes’s three albums are on Spotify. www.thenukes.co.nz, www.facebook.com/thenukesukuleletrio/

Dr Ian Chapman and the Cosmic Jive Trio

David Bowie and the Art of Being Different
Calling all David Bowie fans and music aficionados.

Cosmic Jive Trio brings to the stage superb acoustic arrangements of David Bowie’s finest songs, arranged especially for the show. The honest simplicity of the stripped back and largely acoustic instrumentation allows Bowie’s masterful songwriting to take centre stage.

Trio members

Dr Ian Chapman (vocals/percussion) – musician, author, and motivational speaker. Currently co-convenor of the Contemporary Music degree course at Otago University, where he has been on the Performing Arts faculty since 2002, he is a specialist in the life and work of David Bowie and has written two books on the artist along with many articles and other media outputs. In the 1980s he was a professional drummer working with artists such as Rob Guest and Billy T James. More recently he was the glittering glam rock performer Dr Glam.

Doug Wright (keyboards/vocals) – As a freelance musician, composer, and currently working as a performance tutor in contemporary music at the University of Otago, Doug has been a resident fixture on the Dunedin music scene for over 30 years. His keyboard skills are always in demand. He combines playing with writing and arranging music for television, radio, and an array of live productions.

Pānia Simmonds (bass/vocals) – Pānia studied music at Otago University where she specialised in bass guitar; she also performed and toured with Ian Chapman’s glam rock alter ego, Dr Glam. After graduating she moved to Wellington to study double bass, taught music for a stint at Invercargill Polytech, and now teaches bass at Otago University. In addition, she plays in a jazz band, a string ensemble, and for local musical theatre. She has studied electric bass, jazz bass and classical bass.

David Bowie and the Art of Being Different is a wonderfully entertaining celebration of eccentric creativity, a testament to how the arts can empower, improve mental health, heal past traumas, and provide an essential blueprint for how to deal with bullying. Above all, this show is a triumphant affirmation of the power and potential of difference.

Date: **Sunday 20 June** at 7.30pm. Doors/bar open from 7pm.

Venue: Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.

Tickets: \$25 from Coromandel Information Centre ph. (07) 866 8598.

Door sales if not sold out prior (but that never happens these days).



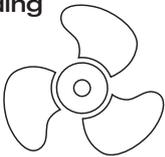


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By Dr Sandra Flocks



Waiiau Wetlands

Last year a group of residents on Tiki Road banded together to protect the area we call Waiiau Wetlands.

We were lucky enough to receive a generous grant from the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) Small Scale Initiatives Fund (SSIF) and the trapping began in earnest. The results have been astounding with a noticeable increase in birdlife. We have focussed solely on trapping and the tallies for dead stoats, possums, rats and rodents keep on climbing. My best result was a huge stoat in a trap on an island on a day when I counted 80 dotterel in the mudflats. But I think the record has to go to my neighbour Tony who managed nine catches in one day in just one trap!



Godwits

The Waiiau Wetlands is not just a mangrove swamp but a rich estuarine wetland bounded by Preece Point, fed by the Waiiau River and extending south along Coromandel Harbour. On the fringes of the wetlands and extending out into the harbour are shellbanks or chenier plains similar to Pukorokoro/Miranda. They are home to numerous shorebirds and seabirds including threatened and endangered species. The groups include both residents and longhaul travellers. They all jostle for space on the shellbanks and include kuaka/godwits, variable and pied torea/oystercatchers, tuturiwhatu/nz and banded dotterel, poaka/pied stilt, taranui/Caspian tern and wrybill. My favourites are the godwits although most of them have now flown to Alaska. I can't wait till September when they return home.

For the first time we have resident pateke/brown teal in the Waiiau River keeping the kotare/kingfisher company and monitored by the resident kahu/hawk. We have had sightings of matuku/bittern in the swamp and the local tui, kereru and korimako/bellbirds seem happier too. Thank you to my wonderful neighbours for getting involved, MEG for supplying the traps and WRC for the grant. I would encourage you to get together with the neighbours, make an application through SSIF and start trapping (applications for this year close **22 June**).

Have your say

The Coromandel Kauri Block is a site of cultural and historical significance for Coromandel Town. It is currently a popular walking track for many locals, and visitors, with superb views over the town.

The ongoing restoration of the track is currently under review, so the views of our community are being sought in order to have a collaborative approach to future restoration and development of this site.

We would greatly appreciate participation in the following survey to help us understand the views of community members, local businesses and organisations and guide this process: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoromandelKauriBlock or contact Sarni Hart on 021 813 722 for more information.

Moehau Environment Group

By Steph Parkyn



Saying Farewell

The MEG team is sad to announce that Nat Munns has moved on from her role as Communications and Community Engagement Manager. We thank Nat for her firecracker energy, talent and commitment to conservation in Coromandel North. If you've been at a ginger bash, or made weta hotels or rat traps at one of our Summer Holiday Programme events, or had MEG speak at your school – you're bound to have met Nat. Thanks to Nat and her family members for helping our conservation team. We will miss you!

New Opportunity

Do you want to help spread the word about conservation on the Coromandel Peninsula?

With Nat leaving we now have a vacancy in our team for a Communications and Community Engagement Manager to help us tell our stories, manage our volunteers and members, and educate and engage the next generation of nature carers. Please see our classified ad on page 32, or see our website for a detailed position description and remuneration www.meg.org.nz.

Winter Lecture Series

This year we are fortunate to have our winter lecture series at Pepper Tree Restaurant once again and an excellent range of speakers. Some upcoming dates we have confirmed are: **13 June** with Fin Buchanan speaking about the Conservation Dogs Programme and **4 July** with Lindsay Wilson bringing us the story of Conservation in Fiordland. On **8 August**, Dr Rob Bell will expand on his chapter in the Climate Aotearoa book about sea-level rise, and on **5 September** Professor Bruce Clarkson will talk about bringing back our indigenous biodiversity in towns and cities. We may have some wildlife photography as well. Keep those Sunday nights free! Lectures start at 7pm. Free event but koha welcome.



McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Carol Sutherland

It was a pleasure to give a talk to the Garden Circle's AGM about coastal wetlands. Not just on the plants and animals that live there but on the fantastic job coastal wetlands do to keep our harbours clean. The Society believes that coastal wetlands like McGregor Bay Wetland are valuable on so many levels, and are happy to share information on coastal wetlands.

Wetlands do suffer from alterations over the years and are open to invasive species so these things are important to address.

The Society organised a weeding bee a few months back and convolvulus and kikuyu were knocked back, but there was a complaint made to the Waikato Regional Council and an abatement notice was issued. We appealed this notice, and can now report that it has been withdrawn.

If you have been down there lately you might have seen the royal spoonbills, herons, ducks and pied stilts that have been swooping in at high tide to rest and preen in the new wetland section on the Medlocks' property. We thank Philippa and Bob Medlock for allowing public access up their drive so people can view this growing menagerie.



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By John Veysey

Possum numbers soar after 2017 1080 drop

When DOC revealed their possum monitoring results before their 2017 1080 drop, the average was 5.3%.

“1080 Science” tells us that no action is required for a reading of 4.9% but a reading of 5.3% requires complete coverage at 2 kgs of 1080 baits per hectare.

For the sake of 0.4%, DOC went ahead and dropped their 1080 baits all over the hills behind Manaia and all over the Moehau mountain.

Early 2021 DOC monitored the possum numbers behind Manaia again and they had risen to 7.9%, a fifty percent increase after their 1080 drop in 2017. There could not be more clear evidence that this method of controlling possums is not working on the Coromandel. There may be recognition in the poisoners' ranks that poison is not working on an environment level but it is nevertheless vital in keeping the poison industry financially afloat. The poisoners no longer attempt to justify their poison operations with any convincing up-to-date evidence.

We have been told that Moehau must have a 1080 drop in 2021 because the possum numbers are getting too high. How do they know? They tell us that the Moehau possum monitoring results will not be out till June. The drop is scheduled for July.

It does not matter that there may be very few possums left to kill, DOC's drops behind Manaia and over Moehau are scheduled to occur on a four-year cycle whether any control is needed or not.

These drops are not cheap. They get more expensive every year. Estimates of the cost of this year's aerial drops range between \$1 and \$2 million.

Let us say a trapper had been employed in 2017 to keep possum numbers down. Possum numbers would still be down today, not ballooning out by 50%. After 30 years of poisoning possums on the peninsula, these latest results from DOC indicate we are going backwards. We are told that 1080 poisoning is doing a great job elsewhere but there is no evidence that 1080 is doing anything beneficial for the peninsula.

It is way past time that we learned to trap and put all of this poison aside.

A number of enviro-groups at Colville, Waiaro and Ernslaw's kiwi sanctuary at Kuaotunu who do not poison their possums have shown the best results for our native birds, but I'm not sure that they received very much funding this year.

The groups which poison their possums already go to a lot of trouble to trap mustelids and rodents. They cut highways through the bush and line them with very heavy stoat boxes which they attend every month. Why do they not trap the possums as well? It makes no sense until you look at the availability of the funding. The three poisoning groups at Moehau, Tuatēawa and Kennedy Bay have, between them, in the last twelve months received more than \$1 million of eco funding simply because they use poison on their possums. Poison and you receive funds. Refuse poison and funds are hard to come by... It's the New Zealand way.



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Upper Coromandel Landcare Association conservation report

By Reihana Robinson

Stop The Drop

Farmers, holiday bach owners, commune members who live on or near the flanks of Moehau, and iwi who whakapapa to Moehau number in the hundreds.

Along with our maunga's fragile ecosystem and countless threatened native species, they will all be negatively impacted by the indiscriminate dumping of poison 1080 planned for some undisclosed time later this winter.

The poison team who have been sub-contracted by DOC and central government, to do what should be official government consultation and to dump the poison, suggest we call with any questions.

Here are just a few...

- 1/ Why are we talking to a helicopter company?
 - 2/ Why are you poisoning with NO pre-drop monitoring?
 - 3/ Why are you threatening the dwindling kiwi and protected ruru populations with a deadly residual poison?
 - 4/ Why are you ignoring both the community board and the district Council?
 - 5/ Why are you ignoring the local communities' wish for humane wild animal control?
 - 6/ Why are you dropping poison 1080 in the water supplies of local residents?
 - 7/ Why is there no monitoring data on rats or possums?
 - 8/ Tell us why our community should put up with this assault?
 - 9/ Why do you think it's okay to transport a WHO A1 toxin along our shingle roads?
 - 10/ Why are you asking locals to sign anything after your bogus consultation? And why should they?
 - 11/ Have you read the most recent Landcare research that shows rats bounce back after 1080 poisoning four times stronger within a 12-month period?
 - 12/ Why isn't the Department of Conservation fronting up to local residents as opposed to employees of a helicopter company?
- As EcoFX employees have revealed in multiple conversations with local residents, they know nothing.
- Nothing about the topography, the cultural significance, the water sources, vulnerable neighbouring farms and honey businesses, huts on the maunga, let alone the local decades-long opposition by residents, community board and district Council.
- Previous Moehau poison 1080 drops have failed Pāpā tūanuku miserably. To continue poisoning Mother Nature is an outrage.

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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Sharon Toms & CRFC Committee

The Club "Fish of the Month Competition" for the \$100 prize is for our August 2020-July 2021 current members only. Fish of the Month for June is John Dory.

Our inner harbour "Take a Kid Fishing" tournament was a huge success with not quite 50 juniors and 20 seniors registering. There



Mitchell Seebeck – who won the junior heaviest snapper prize



Khiana – who won the heaviest trevally prize

were some awesome "under the sea" dress-ups! Results of the tournament are as follows:

- Juniors**
 1st Snapper – Mitchell Seebeck 3.570kg
 2nd Snapper – Chloe Vincent 3.565kg
 3rd Snapper – Caleb Seebeck 2.990kg
 1st Kahawai – Zianna Fenton 1.370kg
 2nd Kahawai – Ryan Debenham 1.000kg
 3rd Kahawai – Layke McNeil 0.415kg
 Trevally – Khiana 0.865kg
 Parore – Jorja-Maree Tapurau 1.365kg
 Sprat – Fletcher Evans 0.170kg
 Yellowtail – Te Ariki Wynyard 0.285kg
 Most Unusual – T T – tiny jellyfish

- Seniors**
 1st Snapper – Kevin Brett 11.185kg
 2nd Snapper – Glenn Debenham 5.495kg
 3rd Snapper – Nikki Stephenson 3.115kg
Dress-up
 1st – Sammie Benton
 2nd – Arie Cassidy
 3rd – Jack Benton

We will not be holding a tournament on Queen's Birthday weekend. Our next tournament will be **Saturday 17 July** – snapper competition; it's all about the length! More details to follow.
 Here's to tight lines as always.

Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

The ladies have done us proud yet again! Playing in the BOP Women's Association Pennant at Whakatane Golf Club on Monday 10 May, our intrepid ladies team comprising Peg McClean, Phillippa Medlock, Gina Carr, Greta James, Jenny Coatsworth and Raewyn Wallace managed a very creditable 2nd place in the 18-hole competition.

Although the weather was not looking too flash to start with, it turned out great, and despite a challenging course there was some very good scoring.

Congratulations to the 9-hole winners Te Puke and the 18-hole winners, Otumoetai!

Are there any golfers out there who, men or women, are perhaps having a break from the game or have had other commitments? Is it time to get back into it? We have a wonderful 9-hole golf course here in Coromandel Town which is extremely affordable and frequented by a wonderful group of friendly and welcoming members. Why not come and give it a go?

It was great to see a large contingent of golfers from The Dunes Golf Club, Matarangi, playing in our Wednesday scramble on 12 April. Although this was due to the closure of their course for the



Firemen's tournament, hopefully this may be the start of more inter-club competitions. Certainly, the enthusiasm was felt on the day. The Club is moving into the 21st century with the recent purchase of the Dot Golf card and scoring computer system. This is all online now so members are able to print out their score cards by entering their membership number and also get their updated handicaps daily. The system has live updates when players enter their score which is then displayed on the TV screen in the clubhouse as they come in from play. Members can also view the day's scores on their smartphones when they come in.

With the reality of the world becoming a cashless society and the fact that we no longer have staffed banks in Coromandel, the next step will be to install an unattended Eftpos terminal so green-fee players will be able to pay directly into the Club Bank by card only. Just a thought.

A fourball watched, intrigued, as a lone player played up short of the green they were on. As they teed off on the next they noticed him quickly chip on and putt out, before running up to their tee. Sensing their bewilderment, he said, "Sorry, do you mind if I play through? I've just heard that my wife has had a terrible accident and may not make it!"

Coming up is the President's Trophy (Nett) on **5 June**. Don't forget to put it in your diary.

The Great Kauri Run

By Rita Stephenson

The Great Kauri Run – the run with a difference – has a kauri tree planted for each competitor.

What a splendid day 1 May was – with close to 400 runners taking part in the five distances on offer. Coromandel didn't disappoint in turning on a beautiful sunny day for all to enjoy. Runners finishing on the bottom school field were welcomed by live music and tantalising aromas from the various stalls at the Coromandel Seafood Fest.

It really couldn't get better than that; what a wonderful atmosphere there was. Everyone seemed to be having a grand time. Although for one lucky boy, Grayson from Te Aroha, it did get much better – Grayson was lucky enough to win the bike that Renee and Damian from Coromandel Four Square donated to the 5K fun run. Grayson and his family have been coming to Coromandel for many years.

For 16 years, the Great Kauri Run, the run with a "difference", has had organisers and volunteers plant a tree for every competitor each year. To date there have been close to 4,000 trees planted. This year we had 340 take part in the longer distances, and just over 40 in the 5K town fun run. If you're keen to help plant the kauri this year please contact Rita via email arcevents-rita@gmail.com or phone Keith 027 265 1040 to register your interest.

The events cannot operate without marshals volunteering their valuable time, so a very big thank you to each and every one of you – also thanks to Renee and Damian of Coromandel Four Square for their continued support of our community on so many levels. Our next event is the K2 in March 2022.



Grayson with his bike prize and Damian from Coromandel Four Square

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson



From the esteemed publication "Croquet: The Complete Guide to History, Strategy, Rules and Records" by James Charlton & William Thompson, 1977, comes the following:

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The game might also appeal to the literary and entertainment people of Coromandel!

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

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 Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
 Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm
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 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478 4.10pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
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 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
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 Seniors exercise class, St Andrews Church Hall (07) 866 7894 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
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1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm
2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
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Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
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<p>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE Wed & Fri 9.30am-3pm Saturday 9.30am-4pm Sunday & Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm</p>	<p>1 RN+TC TC Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 32) High tide 11.46am (2.7m) Low tide 5.34am (0.5m), 5.50pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>2 + CT Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 17) High tide 12.19am (2.9m), 12.40pm (2.6m) Low tide 6.31am (0.6m), 6.48pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>3 Queen's Birthday Yoga Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 20) Quiz night at The Club</p>	<p>4 The Waterworks open for Queen's Birthday Weekend (see ad pg 25) Vajrasakya Retreat starts and Guru Puja with Tsog at Mahamudra (see pg 12) The Nukes concert (see ad pg 7)</p>	<p>5 Ride Coromandel Bike Park cross-country trails open (see pg 16) Animal Rescue Thames Fundraiser 9am-noon Grahamstown Hall, Pollen St, Thames President's Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 30)</p>	<p>6 St Andrews Union Church, John Rabarts, HC High tide 9.55am (2.6m), 4.26pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.08am (0.7m), 10.57pm (0.8m)</p>
<p>7 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Breathing course starts (see pg 10) MEG job applications close (see pg 32)</p>	<p>8 Moon lodge: Women's Circle for Awakening Truth at Mana (see ad pg 20) Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 32) High tide 5.30am (2.5m), 6.03pm (2.6m) Low tide 11.41am (0.7m)</p>	<p>9 RN+TC RN Qi Gong Winter Warmer at Mana (see ad pg 20) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 17) High tide 6.15am (2.5m), 6.45pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.06am (0.8m), 12.24pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>10 CT Joy of Rest Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 20) Tracks and trails forum Citizens' Hall (see ad pg 13) High tide 6.58am (2.5m), 7.25pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.46am (0.8m), 1.04pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>11 Joy of Rest Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 20) Tracks and trails forum Citizens' Hall (see ad pg 13) High tide 7.39am (2.6m), 8.04pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.25am (0.8m), 1.43pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>12 RSA midyear dinner (see pg 15) High tide 8.20am (2.6m), 8.42pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.05am (0.8m), 2.22pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>13 Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc AGM (see pg 18) Winter Lecture Series with Fin Buchanan (see pg 28) Warm to Winter starts at Mana (see ad pg 20) High tide 9.01am (2.6m), 9.21pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.45am (0.8m), 3.01pm (0.5m)</p>
<p>14 DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle July issue</p>	<p>15 RN+TC TC SSIF grant applications close (see pg 28) Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 32) High tide 10.24am (2.6m), 10.44pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.10am (0.8m), 4.22pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>16 + CT Coromandel SeniorNet AGM - new date (see pg 4) High tide 11.08am (2.5m), 11.30pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.55am (0.7m), 5.07pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>17 Quiz night at The Club High tide 11.55am (2.5m) Low tide 5.43am (0.7m), 5.55pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>18 Winter Working Bee starts at Mana (see ad pg 20) High tide 12.20am (2.7m), 12.46pm (2.5m) Low tide 6.34am (0.7m), 6.50pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>19 Bowling Club AGM Tree Planting Community Day at Mahamudra (see pg 12) High tide 1.12am (2.7m), 1.42pm (2.6m) Low tide 7.28am (0.7m), 7.50pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>20 St Andrews Union Church, Ruth Efford-Bax Dr Ian Chapman and the Cosmic Jive Trio (see pg 27) Guru Puja with Tsog at Mahamudra (see pg 12) High tide 2.06am (2.7m), 2.42pm (2.6m) Low tide 8.24am (0.6m), 8.51pm (0.2m)</p>
<p>21 High tide 3.03am (2.8m), 3.45pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.22am (0.5m), 9.52pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>22 RN+TC RN Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 32) High tide 4.01am (2.8m), 4.47pm (2.8m) Low tide 10.21am (0.4m), 10.51pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>23 CT Quiz night at Star & Garter - round 2 starts (see ad pg 23) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 17) High tide 5.00am (2.9m), 5.45pm (2.9m) Low tide 11.19am (0.3m), 11.48pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>24 Medicine Buddha Puja at Mahamudra (see pg 12) High tide 5.59am (2.9m), 6.41pm (3.1m) Low tide 12.16pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>25 High tide 6.57am (2.9m), 7.35pm (3.1m) Low tide 12.43am (0.4m), 1.10pm (0.2m)</p>	<p>26 Matariki Market at Hike & Bike Square 1-6pm (see pg 4) Whitianga Dixieland Band at The Club (see pg 15) High tide 7.53am (3.0m), 8.27pm (3.2m) Low tide 1.37am (0.3m), 2.02pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>27 Qi Gong workshop at The Club (see pg 7) High tide 8.48am (2.9m), 9.18pm (3.1m) Low tide 2.31am (0.3m), 2.53pm (0.2m)</p>
<p>28 Dementia talk at The Club (see pg 7) Fasting Compassion Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 12) High tide 9.40am (2.9m), 10.09pm (3.1m) Low tide 3.25am (0.4m), 3.43pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>29 RN+TC TC Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 32) High tide 10.31am (2.8m), 11.1pm (3.0m) Low tide 4.18am (0.4m), 4.33pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>30 + CT Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards entries close (see pg 5) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 17) High tide 11.27am (3.1m), 11.51pm (3.2m) Low tide 5.10am (0.5m), 5.24pm (0.7m)</p>	<p>KEY New moon Full moon</p>			<p>Make sure your event gets listed To get your event listed, email the details to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.</p>
<p>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY July Sun 4 - MEG Winter Lecture (see pg 28) Mon 12 - Waikato Health Forum (see pg 16) Sat 17 - Snapper competition (see pg 30)</p>						

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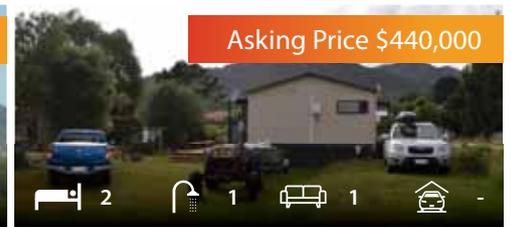
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