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St John say performing continuous chest
compressions/calling 111 takes priority.

..... Editor's comment

In a recent email newsletter I received from TCDC of economic data it showed guests
nights up 13.2% for the Thames-Coromandel District for the quarter to March 2023
– which sounds great until you realise it is comparing it with the same time last year
when the borders were closed. Tourism expenditure is down in Thames-Coromandel
District while over the whole of New Zealand it is up over 30%. (Data comes from
Marketview card spend data according to the TCDC article). Not great statistics, but
we knew that already.

The Coromandel Town Information Centre is asking in their article this month for
you to invite friends and family up for a few days to boost visitor numbers. Winter is a
great time to be in the Coromandel when the rain does stop. The beaches are empty,
the sun doesn't burn you, and you can see some amazing sunsets. I have taken so
many photos of the sky in June! Happy winter days to you all.

Debbie

..... Letters

Kia ora Coro!

I am a resident of Coromandel and I'm participating in Sweat with Pride this June!
Sweat with Pride is a fundraiser to support LGBTQI+ youth in Aotearoa. The deal is, I
will be exercising for at least 21 minutes every day in June and I have a fundraising page
for people to donate any sum they like to the cause. All money raised goes to the Burnett
Foundation Aotearoa, Rainbow Youth, Tiwhanawhana and Outline, which fund mental and
physical health services for LBGTQI+ New Zealanders.

Here is the website to my fundraising page for information and a link to donate: <https://sweatwithpride.com/jessholt>.

My goal is to reach \$1000; I thought I might as well reach for the stars, and if I don't
make it I'll surely land on a rainbow! Any small amount is appreciated!
Jess Holt, Coromandel Town

Dear Editor,

Since 30 March I have not been very chirpy. I am putting pen to paper to thank, so much,
everyone who has helped me through this journey.

Firstly my village friends who found me on the floor and called an ambulance. I now
have a St John's alarm. My dear niece Lesley who collected me from Thames Hospital and
stayed with me for nearly two weeks. Also niece Heather who spent some time with me as
she traveled to and from Port Charles, and CILT for providing a vehicle and driver to take
me to an appointment at Waikato Hospital.

An aside – 1st Anzac Parade I have missed in years. I did put out my late father's medals
(1st World War), and my late husband's RNZ Navy medals (served in Korea).

Then I had another ambulance trip to Thames Hospital – was there from 29 April to 4
May. Many thanks to Gary Pettett from Coromandel RSA for picking me up from there and
dropping me off at Phoenix House. To all staff at Phoenix House, thank you so much. Big
thumbs up to friends and family for visiting.

To the young ladies who were in charge on both of my ambulance trips, big hugs. You
were so kind. All in all, the world isn't as bad as it sometimes seems.

Bye for now,

Pat Williams, Coromandel Town

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Grey Power

Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

In May, we had our Annual General Meeting and the current immediate past president, and the new incoming president and committee were extremely impressed with the turnout of members. We had our regulars attend, along with members who haven't attended for a long time, members that have never been to a Grey Power meeting and some new members new to Coromandel.

John Gaffikin-Cowan opened the meeting with a welcome and his report. This was followed by a report from of Membership Secretary Carol Carson) and the Treasurer report.

Both the president's and the treasurer's report opened the floor for discussion on where the Grey Power Coromandel Association is and what the members would like to see in the future. All very promising directions for the new committee.

A new President was elected from the floor – Bill Chadderton, a new Vice President – Brian Holmes and new committee members too.

Our first Committee meeting will be to design a survey for our members, to find out what skills we have amongst our members, what members want from Grey Power, and a set of goals for the future – all in all a very positive future for Grey Power Coromandel. The general consensus of the meeting was that Grey Power Coromandel endeavour to further the connection between members and the community.

The meeting ended with afternoon tea and lots of discussions. The raffles were won by Thelma Nummy, Loes Beaver and Anita Sander – butcher voucher, Four Square voucher, and a Weta voucher.

Bill Chadderton thanked John for his services to the Grey Power committee and wished him well for his well-deserved holiday.

The AGM elected that the membership fees remain at \$28 per two members living in same house, and \$15 per single member. Kiwibank details are: 38-9023-0537303-00. Carol Carson, our membership secretary, is more than happy to help you, as am I. We understand that the banking systems is not as user friendly as in days gone by, so please call Carol or me, and we will assist you.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact: Bill 021 120 6205 (billchaddeton@yahoo.co.nz) or Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@extra.co.nz) or myself 027 498 5227 (patricia@prosystems.co.nz)

Moehau ki te Moana

By Vanessa and Cass

Andrew Crowe – book talk

We were incredibly honoured to host the award-winning author Andrew Crowe and special guest speaker Anihera Zhou Black in Colville this April. Andrew's book *Pathway of the Birds* is an exceptional book, highlighting the deliberate and skilled nature of Māori and Polynesian exploration, navigation and settlement. His talk discussed how the book came to fruition, as well as some of the fascinating finds of his research.

Around 50 people packed the Colville War Memorial Hall, and the feedback from all was overwhelmingly positive. We were left in awe of the skills of these early navigators, and it was no wonder the training required was only ever taught to the youth; an older person would never have the time to acquire these skills! Imagine being so in tune with, and understanding of, the environment around you that you had no need for GPS, compass or maps! It became clear that the navigation and population of Polynesia was no small feat and was completed by highly-skilled masters, particularly considering the huge expanse of ocean, wild weather and just how exploratory these voyages were. The research that Andrew undertook was so extensive, and his pukapuka (book) is a taonga for those interested in traditional wayfaring, ecological connectivity and the history of populating Polynesia and the Pacific.

Following Andrew's kōrero, Anihera shared her experience aboard one of two waka hourua (double-hulled sailing canoes) that were retracing a historic 5000-nautical mile voyage across the Pacific using only traditional navigation techniques. The 22-metre waka left in 2012 on an epic 10-month, 10,000-nautical-mile journey from New Zealand to Rapa Nui, Tahiti and Rarotonga. Anihera captivated the audience as she spoke of her incredible voyage, including the highlights and challenges they faced.

To have a talk of this calibre in Colville was a great honour, and our project was so

proud to support it happening. A huge thank you to Andrew and Anihera, and all who made the journey (excuse the pun) to be part of this incredible evening. For those interested in learning more about Andrew and his range of practical, accessible and educational books, Carson's Bookshop in Thames has the full range: www.carsonsbookshop.co.nz or at www.penguin.co.nz.



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Library News

By Paul Lawrence

With news that a new Library/Information Centre building, as mentioned in my last article, is in the pipeline, it has been interesting to hear people's initial feedback. I have found it to be nothing but positive.

The next step is a concept design which will be made available around town for everyone to peruse. It must be remembered that this is a longterm plan which necessitates a lot of time and hard work.

For all members who have an email address, you should find that you will receive an email reminder three days before your books are due to be returned. This is a new process. Coming in the near future, I hope, is the next step where an email will be automatically sent notifying of overdue books. Remember that this function is only available to those with an email address.

Our new delivery of books has just arrived. They will be available for issue shortly.

1989 – by Val McDermid

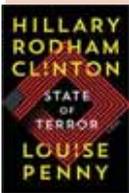


Allie, an ex-investigative journalist, discovers a lead about the exploitation of society's most vulnerable.

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She finds a shocking truth that risks her freedom and her life.

State of Terror – by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny



Hillary Clinton uses her vast political knowledge to co-write this amazing story about coded warnings, terror attacks, and a rogue organisation, looking to become a nuclear threat. After a change in government, was the last president a traitor?

Tai chi for Health with Christina

Movement is a key feature of tai chi. This phenomenon is not all physical, but reflects the connection of the body and the mind. In the early stages of tai chi training, the mind often is busy and occupied with learning the form's sequences and movement patterns. That is quite challenging but can be helpful for memory. However, after practitioners learn the gross movement patterns and become comfortable with them, the "thinking" mind starts to relax during practice and shifts more to observing, experiencing and feeling the body in motion. As you progress further in tai chi, your mind begins to feel at home in your body as you move from posture to posture.

Great Grand Master Cheng Man Ching used to suggest practicing tai chi as if you were swimming in thick air. Keep the image of moving through thick air in your mind and body; it might help you generate a gentle, palpable sense of drag or elasticity to the movements. Each movement involves soft stretch, tension relief as if your body is flowing through water and feeling the connection of body parts and the flow of internal energy.

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

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

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

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

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Regular readers of the Museum News are probably tired of predictions that the Firlawn Dairy project is nearing completion. However, we really are now on the last lap! As I write this, the dairy building is in its final position beside the jail building, and the paths are nearly completed. It has been a long haul to get this far, so we pause to thank those who have helped us to get here. We thank Wayne who donated the building, Ben who drew up the plans, Katy who was extremely patient and helpful about Council requirements, Regan who has done all of the building work, the cartage and building removal people and Zephan who has done the electrical work. Special thanks go to Zephan as he has generously offered to do the work on the jail building as a donation to the society. Thank you, Zephan. We also thank everyone who has donated money to the project. It all helps.

During the winter, there is some work

to be done to erect information about the Firlawn Dairy and the use of similar buildings in New Zealand. We will also be installing fencing around the museum property. It is planned that all will be completed for next summer. We trust the next summer will be wonderful for the museum and the community.

June means AGM time for the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc. This year the AGM will be held at 4pm at the Pepper Tree Restaurant on **Sunday 18 June**. Following the AGM, all members are invited to stay and enjoy a meal together. We hope to see a good turnout of members for the AGM. We do not need new committee members, but we do not turn away willing volunteers. Members of the public who have an interest in history or mining, or who just like museums, are welcome to come along to the meeting and join the society.

June also means rugby time in most communities in New Zealand. *In Search of the Rainbow* tells me that "Coromandel is first mentioned in 1870 when an Auckland



Firlawn Dairy

team challenged the Green Harp Miners to a game for £200 and 100 men a side. There is no record that the game took place." In 1888 the Coromandel Club was affiliated with the Auckland Union, and clubs were formed at Whitianga and Tairua. "Rugby in most areas throughout New Zealand virtually went into recess for World War 1." The Coromandel Club was reformed in 1921, and by 1923 there were many clubs playing: Mercury Bay, Whitianga, Cabbage Bay, Colville, Whenuakite, Coroglen, Moehau, Waiheke, Kennedy Bay, Manaia, and the School of Mines had a junior team.

Here is an account from "Auckland Star" from 8 June 1903:

"Coromandel v. Manaia

(By Telegraph. — Own Correspondent.)
COROMANDEL, this day,
The match Coromandel v. Manaia attracted considerable interest, being the first meeting of these teams this season. Coromandel held a slight advantage during the early part of the first spell, and kept play in the visitors' twenty-five. Owing to injuries received, Furey and McDonald, of Coromandel team, had to retire. Manaia then worked play to the local territory, when Hovell scored a try, which Tuke converted. Paul also scored. In the second spell Manaia further increased their score, tries being scored by S. Brown and Raihana, one of which W. Brown converted, the game ending in a victory for the visitors by 16 points to nil. Mr J. Swindley was referee. The proceeds of the gate are to be devoted to the Hospital funds."

During June the museum will be open on Thursday mornings only

Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman

A quiet month, only two by Auckland to our area, and one by the Waikato chopper, which was for a young boy who was injured.

Missions For April

2.4.23 – Kereta – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 40's involved in a motor vehicle accident. He was flown to Middlemore Hospital in a serious condition.

23.4.23 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 70's involved in a tree vs person accident. He was flown to Middlemore Hospital in a moderate condition.

Perhaps I should not have mentioned firewood last month, as the incident in April involved a local gentleman, Gerald, who does a lot for the community, e.g., helping the Lions Club with cutting firewood, etc. A log rolled onto him, breaking his leg below the knee. It was fortunate that a hollow in the ground saved him from far more serious injury, but as it was, it was some 30 minutes before he was found, and the rescue services alerted.

The Fire Services did a great job cutting the log to release him with St John providing pain relief, etc., until the chopper arrived. After he was stabilised, and loaded in the helicopter, the short flight to Middlemore Hospital was a blessing in that he did not have to suffer a long trip over our rough roads.

He is now out of hospital and recovering at a private residence in Auckland, waiting to have the stitches out. Then he will be heading home to Coromandel. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Gerald wishes to thank all concerned and is really appreciative of the great service the Rescue Helicopter provided.

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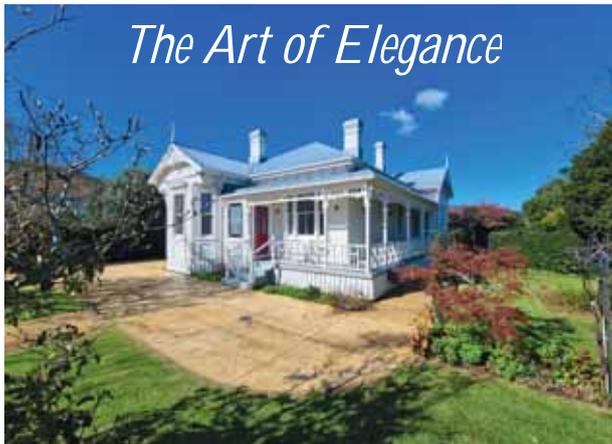


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The Art of Elegance



Resplendent in rich heritage architecture, the enchanting grace and character of this stunning double gable Villa, will have you impatient to explore further. Originally built circa 1900 as the parsonage for the then Methodist Church, the home now amazes after a meticulous renovation that embodies all the charm and charisma of yesteryear, but resonates with modern conveniences. Stained glass windows at the entrance dapper light down the hallway, which leads to the 3 double bedrooms that feature ornate fireplaces (master with en-suite & walk-through wardrobe/office), the wonderful main bathroom, and onto the gracious semi open-plan living rooms. French doors from the lounge and kitchen open to fabulous verandahs for summer breezes, while 3 heatpumps and a gas fireplace create excellent warm winter ambience throughout. The beautifully landscaped 1,305m2 section features an excellent 'summer house' for entertaining alfresco, a single garage accessed via electric gates and a full concrete driveway, art studio, a fabulous raised garden and paved courtyards. A relaxed stroll will have you in town to the cafes/restaurants. This is an outstanding showpiece indeed! **Price by Negotiation**



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* 3 brms, 2 bathrooms, decking
* Extra large garage/workshop
* Good space for vege gardens
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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Lynne, Sue and Carolyn

Yes, visitors are still coming to Coromandel Town, just not as many as we usually would see at this time of year. Now is the time for you to pick up the phone and ring family and friends and invite them up for a weekend or a few days in Coromandel Town.

We all live here, and we know what a great place it is to spend time in any season of the year.

Everything is open, so take your visitors out to lunch or dinner, book the Zipline or Driving Creek Railway for them. They may want to book in for a weekend of pottery in the future after seeing artists at work.

Walk the Harray Track – have you been over the new bridge on this track yet? How about the Long Bay walk? Catch fish for dinner on one of our local fishing charters. Salty Towers can fillet and vacuum pack for you. Drive to Colville for a hamburger from Hereford ‘n’ a Pickle (best in the world I tell all our visitors); have you had one? Stop off at all of the beaches along the way and make sure you visit the Oyster Company. How long since you made a visit to the Museum to check out all of the changes there?

Spend time in the James and Turners store; there is something for everyone in there. Julie Pijfers for exquisite jewelry, Tara’s Bead Shop, we have a great variety of shopping in Coromandel Town.

Visit our local sports clubs for rugby games, bowls, the golf course or a quiet drink at The Club on a Saturday. Open Studios for our many talented artists who will open their studios if you just give them a call. If you need accommodation for your visitors, again we have plenty of options to help them decide the best place for them to stay.

We hear on the news that things will be tough for everyone. Let’s change that way of thinking; we can do this Coromandel.



Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

As we head into winter and after another very wet few weeks, it may have come as a surprise to many that the preferred option to repair State Highway 25A is a bridge. I’m not a roading engineer so I do accept the decision the NZTA professional engineers have made. They are convinced that it’s the most efficient solution. Constructing a bridge at the dropout site is deemed to be the quickest and most resilient option.

While it’s good to finally and at long last have a firm decision from NZTA about how they will fix SH25A, it’s really frustrating that the highway isn’t expected to reopen until 2024. Yes, it’s a massive job, but the dropout occurred in January and they’re only now formalising a plan to fix it with work not due to start until July.

It has taken far too long to get to this point. The government and NZTA must be focused on getting State Highway 25A reopened as soon as possible. Every day the highway remains closed is another blow to local businesses and adds to the growing emotional toll on the wider community. I will keep pushing for a faster completion of the work that should be focused on having the highway reopened before Christmas.

The continued closure of SH25A also puts more pressure on other routes around the Peninsula. We all know those roads are fragile and vulnerable to slips. With winter coming I want to thank the roading contractors and workers who do a great job under challenging circumstances to try and keep our communities connected. It’s not an easy job and I’m grateful for their efforts.

But make no mistake, we need to see a much greater level of urgency from NZTA, the government and our Council.

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Wild things

By Pete Sephton

The riroriro or grey warbler is an abundant endemic passerine and common in Coromandel gardens although because of its small size it is often heard but not seen. At only 10cm long and weighing 6.5g it is only slightly larger than our smallest bird, the titipounamu/rifleman. These very industrious little birds build fully enclosed oval-shaped hanging nests with a small side entrance. Their song is a long wavering trill or warble and their diet consists mostly of spiders and small insects caught while hovering near plants.



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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

May was our AGM in addition to our regular meeting, which was very interesting and educational as we had a speaker talk to us about alternative medicines. Two of our meeting guests, Sheryl and Sharlene, have now become new members. Welcome ladies!

Kath gave a kind and heartfelt convenor's report that recounted the year's activities and efforts of the members. We had some wonderful trips away, visits to various gardens, and three lunches at Pepper Tree. Our final lunch was the day before King's Coronation Day, where members enjoyed not just the fellowship, but also made an effort to dress accordingly. The room was awash with diamond tiaras and we toasted and sang to welcome the new King.

As with other parts of life, it was noted that costs have risen, and so the annual subscription will be increasing to \$20 for most members, over-80s will remain at \$10.

Election of officers – Two current committee members, Sue B and Rada, have stepped down and were thanked for their service. The new committee is: Convenor – Kath; Secretary – Natalie; Treasurer – Pat D; Raffles – Susan Y and Lorraine; Membership – Cindy and Marie; Sales – Thelma and Sheana; Competitions – Jeni and Jan W; Afternoon Tea – Denise and Joan H.

Jeni and Kath presented trophies and

flowers, beautifully arranged by Jeni and Kath, to the following annual competition winners: Mini: Lorraine; Single: Natalie; Multi: Linda and Jeni; Arrangement: Sheana; Special: Sheana; Most Points: Jeni; Try Hard Award: Irene D.

We enjoyed learning from our guest speaker, Elaine Bishop, owner of the Natural Alternative shop and clinic at the north end of town. Elaine talked to us about her experience as a naturopath, how diet affects brain function, and the variety of alternatives in dealing with health challenges.

We had a great forum on pests and diseases. Citrus scab is a fungus, spread in wet weather, that causes scabby beige growths on fruit and leaves, especially on lemons. The fruit is still edible, but the skin won't be good for zest or marmalade. Among other things, treatment options include spraying the whole tree with copper oxychloride before flowering, after petal fall, and at 3-4-weekly intervals until harvest, or spray with seaweed tea all year. If you're diligent, next year's crop should be much better.

Fall armyworm is the caterpillar of a moth. Rampant throughout North Island, they cause massive problems with crops. Mature larvae are 30-36mm long, various shades of brown, and have a pale, inverted Y between the eyes. They can turn leafy greens to lacey skeletons. Eggs are usually laid on the underside of leaves in felted clusters of 100-200. In our home gardens they are best treated by squashing the caterpillars and

eggs, so keep inspecting your veges. You can try sprinkling sand or wood-ash onto leaf whorls. Neem oil may also help.

Keep up the fight against guava moth, whose larvae can burrow into every kind of fruit year-round, including ones we don't eat (e.g., lilly pillly). Guava Moth Recipe: ¾ cup apple cider vinegar, ¼ cup treacle or golden syrup or brown sugar, 1 tbsp bleach, 5 cups water. Mix well and put into plastic bottles with a small hole cut into the upper half of the bottle. Hang in your fruit trees and refresh every couple of months. This may also help reduce the number of armyworm moths, as it's indiscriminate with what it catches.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 June**. Members will receive details sometime in June.

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



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Holistic Health Whitianga

By Erica Sacault

Why I created the website Holistic Health Whitianga

The main reason for creating this website was to bring awareness to and make it easy for people to find alternatives to mainstream medicine for their health. I have grown up without doctors for the most part, but I have used this large CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) sector to its fullest to help maintain my health and regain it when necessary. My mother had cancer during my teenage years and she visited color therapists, hypnotherapists, counselors and many different types of healers during her illness. She had four teeth pulled out under hypnosis because she knew her body could not cope well with the ingredients of the anesthetics. Who would have thought hypnotherapy was an option?

It is not just about visiting a practitioner but also making choices like going to a natural hot spring or swimming in the ocean for your health. In Japan people go to mineral rich hot pools like we choose to walk in nature for the health benefit it gives. Regular exercise and creative expression through art are other activities to maintain your health. I wanted the array of options, free and paying, to be on the website.

There is certainly a time and place to go to the doctors. But I believe it is about incorporating other health options as well. There are many ailments that can be sorted by natural practitioners or by changes in lifestyle, instead of big pharma drugs that can be damaging to other organ systems in our body.

In general I feel what you get from the doctors is suppressive and what you get from your natural practitioners is healing. But I might be a little prejudiced. I believe all good

Holistic Practitioners will refer you to the doctor when they know you need it. On the other hand, I've never been referred to anyone "natural" when I've visited the doctor.

This is because science seems to put more value on lab tests than people's experiences. Again I don't mean to disregard the importance and benefit of our mainstream medical system in certain circumstances.

This website is for people to browse what options there are here or nearby that could benefit their whole health. There is a search bar where you can search your ailment if you are not sure who/what can help you.

I also wanted to help those who promote wellness to get exposure. If we unite as a collective then advertising and promotions will be easier.

From the home page on the website you'll see there are many options. This is really important as health and what helps is different for everyone. For some, connecting with their creative side is what can help them find more equilibrium in their health. For others it could be joining a dance class or learning to sing. Getting regular massages or having some spiritual healing, life coaching, etc., or a mix of the above.

I am looking forward to the site growing as more holistic health practitioners and services join the site. I hope the site will bring ease to people searching for something to help them with their health.

www.holistichealthwhiti.co.nz

Patchwork and Quilters

By Raewyn Penrose

This month we are profiling Pauline Marr.

Pauline has been a member of the Coromandel Patchwork and Quilt group for the last three years. She has joined the committee and is now our treasurer. We are always delighted when members put their hand up to get involved in the running of the group.

Pauline was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. She met her NZ husband in South Africa while he was on holiday. This brought her to NZ in 1992. They then lived in Fiji for 10 years, then returned to NZ. They bought their bach in Coromandel in 2016, and have lived here permanently since the time of the lockdown in 2020. They have since built a lovely home on their section on Tiki Road. Pauline started sewing when her children were young and later she joined a group of friends once a week patchworking and quilting – also a good excuse to have a girls' day out!

Pauline has made many quilts which she has given away to friends, children and grandchildren plus she has kept a couple for herself. She enjoys gifting something unique, perhaps to become an heirloom for the recipient's family. Her current quilt project is for her new grandchild





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The Treasury

Saturday opening

Hauraki-Coromandel research centre and archive The Treasury is joining its heritage neighbours in opening on Saturdays.

The Treasury's purpose is to collect, care for and share the diverse historical paper-based records of the whole Coromandel Peninsula and Hauraki District. The Treasury is a place where visitors can research and learn about the people and places of our past and the Queen Street, Thames centre is just one way to see the many taonga/treasures The Treasury safeguards.

Visitors are able to explore the collections The Treasury holds, see exhibitions, research the history of an area or people, read real life experiences of people past, buy books and look at the heritage building interior.

General Manager Katherine Quinn says the opening on Saturdays is a game changer. "Our customers have been telling us for some time that they want to be able to visit our Centre outside of the 9am-5pm working hours. It's really important to us that we make access to our services very easy for everyone. We've already made huge improvements to our online offerings and our archival catalogue will launched online in June. Opening on Saturdays is one more step towards sharing the facilities we have on offer."

"Not only that, but Thames is so lucky to have many facilities which acknowledge and share our heritage. The recent storm events have highlighted just how important it is for us to celebrate our town as a heritage destination.



New patron

Geraldine Dunwoodie, has been appointed new Patron of The Treasury.

Geraldine and her late husband, Morrie, were the driving force behind the formation of The Treasury housed in the beautiful historic Carnegie Library on Thames's Queen Street. "So many generous local people contributed financially or "in kind" to make the archive build a reality. I still hold a warm place in my heart for these people," says Geraldine. However, Geraldine also became an adept Funding Application writer, raising many hundreds of thousands of dollars. A grant of \$360,000 from Lottery Environment and Heritage in 2013 meant the archive build could finally begin. The archive was officially opened in 2014.

"I feel honoured to have been asked to become a Patron of The Trust," says Geraldine. "But I also feel humble as neither myself nor Morrie could have done this alone – it was with the support of so many others who were involved in the planning and set-up of the Research Centre and the massive undertaking of the archive build. People from all walks of life gave hundreds of volunteer hours and financial support to make The Treasury what it is today."

Opening hours: 11am-3pm Monday, Thursday, Friday; 10am-2pm Saturday. Closed public holidays. www.thetreasury.org.nz



Geraldine Dunwoodie

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Walter

Firstly our thank mews to everyone who has supported us and donated items of food to the rescue kitties. This is a huge help to us and we are truly grateful for these donations.

The winter chills are well upon us and the cats' bedding is now changed over to the warmer blankets to ensure they are warm and cosy.

Our newbie Wally has transitioned well into our household and bringing much joy. Both Kera and Lizzie have huge fun in the mornings with the little man and the rambunctious chasing games and full-on play time which is good for all three of them. Not exactly good for the house as things are knocked over and run over by them all which leads to a household that looks like a bit of a disaster.

Masacara, one of our longer older term cats, has woken up to the idea that mum's bed and mum is a good place to be – warm, cosy and lots of bits of yarn that are toys for her. She was an odd kitten who had a fetish for pompoms which is something that has resurfaced for her. That includes playing at 5am, which is not a good time at all, but we are enjoying and putting up with the foibles that are Masacara.

We have had several calls from people wanting to get rid of unwanted older puppies that have received no training so they have become a big issue. We can only advise people of what to do and where to go as we can not take in dogs here due to costs, accommodation and also the law side of cases. We also had one call about a cat – a person had left to go to Australia and left behind a 13-year-old cat, and another person had a cat they just no longer wanted. Those

two cats we presume found forever homes as we have heard nothing back from the people since. It is sad to hear of older cats left behind; they don't understand what has happened.

The rest of the rescue unit just continues at the low ebb. We have been forced to get it down to due to finances and our personal health and we are coping well with what we do have for now.

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Coromandel Lions Club

By Mary Farmer



Hi everyone. You know you are getting old when the year just seems to be flying by.

The club has just a small amount of orders of wood to get out, then we will be in cleanup mode.

At the time of writing this article the sun is shining and that's a sign it's going to be a chilly night, so may I ask you wonderful people out there to check on your neighbours, that they have enough wood close to hand, and maybe offer to get some into an area where it's easy for them to access.

We have in the Lions a mantra of "we serve" and this is that we attempt to help where we can, so I'm hoping for all non Lions out there to be good neighbours and look after each other where and whenever you can.

So short and sweet this month, we are looking at having a few pop-up mussel fritter stands, so if you see us in our bright yellow tabards, pop on up and enjoy a freshly cooked fritter. You won't be disappointed.

So I'll say goodbye for now and take care of yourselves and your nearest and dearest.

Contacts: Mary Farmer (President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446, Rick Ward (Project Manager) (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664, Jean Smith (Secretary) (07) 866 6670 or 021 208 7576, Sue Hughes (firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124

Election Year

By John Veysey

Almost on a daily basis we are reminded of a government acting without listening to its citizens.

We elect representatives who, once elected, find the political system muzzles them to such an extent that they are unable to speak out on our behalf.

At the first hint of criticism our mayor replies that the critics do not realise that he and his councillors in Thames are strictly bound by regulations from Wellington.

Same goes for those in the regional council in Hamilton.

Don't blame us they say. Nothing we can do to help you.

So you go to Wellington but there is no response from there. It is clear they are not interested, pretty much telling you to go away.

This isn't quite your idea of "democracy", new laws raining down on your head without any prior discussion. Where are these rules coming from?

Previous PM's have signed NZ up to a succession of UN agendas which our politicians have since been enthusiastically following. The fulfilment of these agendas has brought us to this present point on a path which will simply continue if we do not change our system of government.

Change the system?

It is a bit of a leap of faith but a necessary one to take if we would really like a change in the way we are being governed.

So long as we follow the present representative system of MMP we, as a nation, will continue down the paths dictated in these agendas which we are signed up to.

It will make no difference who are the personnel in Wellington nor the hue of their politics, so long as they revere the MMP system. The system will remain in control until the public gets together and shows their numbers.

Eight minor parties contesting the coming election illustrate the level of dissatisfaction among the people and their wish to be heard.

If their numbers could be counted, coming together under a common wish for "greater democracy" perhaps, their numbers could amount to something. Once they have established their numbers then they could work out a middle path between their eight different ideas and we could begin to fantasise about living in a country ruled by its people.

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Mahamudra Centre Update

By Beth Pearsall



I want to start by acknowledging the passing of our most precious Lama Zopa Rinpoche. He was the spiritual director of Mahamudra and the FPMT organisation and we feel this loss deeply. We have been offering prayers and puja each Wednesday for the swift return of our beloved teacher and that we can fulfill all of Rinpoche's holy dharma wishes and that he is reborn in a place where he can be very quickly recognised, so as to continue benefiting sentient beings.

In times of sadness or struggle it is so important to care for ourselves and especially our minds. How often do you take time to care for your mind? We are often so much better at taking care of others, our kids, our pets, our friends and family, the environment, and when we do spare a moment for ourselves, we tend to focus on caring for our bodies. Caring for our bodies is certainly good but it is also important to care for our minds.

We can choose the thoughts that come into our minds. Or at least we can notice them and transform them into something more useful if they are causing us to suffer. Of course, this takes practice but even a little bit can make a difference. What if we chose to focus on delight? What if we mindfully inserted more delight, more rejoicing into our minds? For example, what if we chose instead of being jealous of someone, to rather delight in their good fortune? Or if someone dies, to rejoice in their life.

"Delight opens the heart. Delight can change our minds and change our lives. It is a tonic that relieves the pain of envy and shifts the blight of depression. It brings us closer to the people we love and eases the difficulties we have with those people who are further away from us." – pg 52, *The 16 Guidelines for Life: The Basics*, by Alison Murdoch and Dekyi-Lee Oldershaw

Delight can be a fresh breeze that blows through your mind, clearing out blockages of anger, depression and sadness. Yes it takes practice but it is empowering to know you have a choice about how and what you think.

It can help to do this with others. We have a new Morning Meditation schedule at Mahamudra. These are simple guided meditations that you don't need to book for, just show up and join us in the Gompa (meditation hall) – 9am – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Melissa or Beth, 8.15am Tuesday with Kate.

As always you are welcome anytime to drop in for a cuppa, a walk around our stupa (which has had a fresh new paint job!) or to sit in the gompa anytime, unless we have a retreat running.

We do have some retreats coming up:

2-6 August – Open Heart - Clear Mind. Venerable Khadro is returning to Mahamudra for this special five-day winter retreat.

18-20 August – The Art of Mindful Living. A silent mindfulness meditation retreat with Hedwig Bakker.

8-10 September – "Breathe". A silent meditation retreat with Hedwig Bakker.

11-15 October – How to Face Death Without Fear. The incomparable Venerable Robina will be here in person! This is a rare opportunity to receive teachings from a gifted and remarkable teacher. This one will sell out for sure.

You can find more information and book any of these retreats on our website www.mahamudra.org.nz

Funds needed to save New Chum Beach/Wainuiototo from development

In June 2023, our group (Preserve New Chum for Everyone) will head to the High Court in Hamilton to



oppose proposed changes to the Thames Coromandel District Plan which includes 25 new house sites – 11 in the New Chum/Wainuiototo catchment and 14 in the Whangapoua catchment. This court case is an appeal relating to a 2019 Environment Court hearing.

Many assume New Chum Beach/Wainuiototo is protected from development and you may recall a crowd-funding effort to purchase the headland at the northern end of the beach. This was successful and the northern headland is now safely in public ownership.

However, this High Court case in June relates to the farmland behind the beach. The case rests on points of law and we need to pay for legal representation in order to participate. We invite you to donate towards our \$20,000 goal, needed by the end of June.

As locals, you will know how precious and rare this undeveloped beach is. We hope you will give generously to preserve this amazing taonga for future generations.

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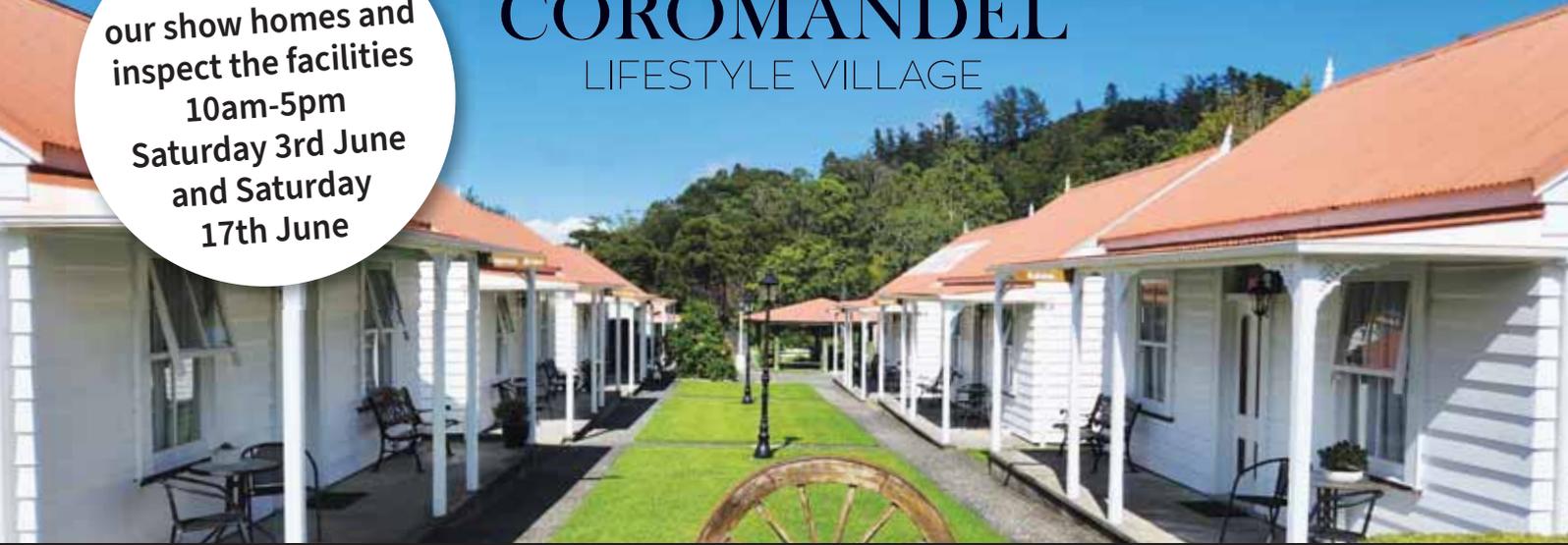
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Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Secretary



Our final Summer Cup against Mercury Bay was held on what seemed like the last day of sunshine for the season. Coromandel started three games down and had some work to do to catch up. But catch up we did, with the final tally having wins tied but Coromandel ahead by the slimmest of margins on a points tally. Well done to all who played and enjoyed the close rivalry, with games played in the best of spirits.

We were very proud of our Coromandel 3 Five Team of Lindsay Nicholl, Belinda Goodall and Colin Gawith, who represented the Thames Valley Zone at the National Finals in Wellington. They made it to the last thirteen teams but went down in a tiebreaker to qualify for the last eight teams. It was a great experience for our bowlers and they enjoyed meeting teams from all over New Zealand.

We entered a number of teams in Peter Sheehan's 100 years young Birthday Tournament; while the weather didn't entirely play its part, we enjoyed celebrating with Peter who had starred on Seven Sharp a few days before; an outstanding achievement for a true "gentleman of the game".

The "Coronation Do" held at the Club on the night of the Coronation was a great success. The effort members went to dressing appropriately was a sight to behold: diamond tiaras, pearls and furs were much in evidence.

While rain once again foiled plans for games on Closing Day, we went ahead with a sumptuous shared lunch and the presentation of cups and badges. Well done to all bowlers who played, won, lost and just enjoyed our game over the season.



100 years old Peter Sheehan

Our AGM is scheduled for **Saturday 10 June** at 10am and we encourage members to attend and play their part.

A big thank you must go out to all those volunteers who keep lawn bowls thriving and a big part of Coromandel sporting activity. Remember the Club is still open on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons for social get togethers and company over the winter. See you there!



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RSA

By Gary Pettett

The Coronation Party on 6 May was a most enjoyable event at the Club. We wined, dined and danced to our "Bits and Pieces" band and then got home by 8pm to watch the actual Crowning ceremony unfold. Our thanks again to Lyn and Alan for making the whole room look so festive.

These Club events attract big attendances and the next attraction is the Mid-Winter Dinner on **Saturday 8 July** featuring the amazing "White Goat" band. Tickets are on sale at the Club bar and booking is essential – seating is limited so make sure of your tickets early.

The RSA Annual General Meeting in May appointed the new committee as follows: President – Kevin Stone, Vice President – Bruce Finan, Secretary – Glenise Robinson, Treasurer – Gillian Holmes. Committee – Steve Walters, Margaret Stone, Doug Rogers, Peter Visser, Rob Chappell, Lyn Williams, Gary Pettett, Barbara Excell. Patron – Frank Mead, Padre – John Gaffikin-Cowan. New Life Member – Kevin Stone.

Another piece of history

On 25 April this year more than 100 NZ Defence Force personnel attended the Gallipoli Rededication ceremony on the WW1 battle site, on the other side of the world, where the Maori battalion camp was officially recognised.

A 477-strong Maori contingent of the NZ Expeditionary Force arrived on 3 July 1915 and their campsite became officially known as the "New Zealand Maori Pa". By the time of the evacuation only 60 Maori men remained, who were either evacuated as battle casualties, were very sick or were dead.

The Chief of the NZ Defence Force, Kevin Short, addressed the gathering this April at the Gallipoli Rededication Service saying, "This place has great historical significance for Maori and to everyone from every country with connection to this place. We are grateful to the Gallipoli Historic Parks Directorate for making the installation of the information sign that marks the site possible."

CCC news

Club activities at present include the fortnightly sessions of Quiz on a Tuesday evening from 6-9pm. We are now looking at the possibility of playing rummikub on Thursday afternoons 1-4pm starting on **Thursday 8 June** at the Club if there is enough interest. Teams of four or fewer – if you don't know this game, give it a go. It resembles the card game of rummy but played with plastic numbered pieces instead of cards. Phone Dianne (07) 866 8509, or Maureen 021 0254 1216 if you are interested in either or both of these Club activities.

As you know the bowling season has now closed until September, but the Club is open on both Fridays and Saturdays 3-7pm for all members and friends to enjoy a social time together. Hope to see you there.

On a final note, the CCC Annual General Meeting is set for **Saturday 29 July** at 2.30pm in the Club. All members of the RSA and the Bowling Club are full members of CCC with voting powers, so please put this date in your calendar.

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Hi everyone. We had a good turnout for our Wednesday Happy Hour; the last meat raffle was won by new members Brenda and Laurie Eagle; congratulations and welcome to our club. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 4pm.

A group of us went to the Waihi Beach RSA for a run on Mother's Day Sunday 14 May and the weather held. There was a great turnout, the place was humming and a delicious lunch was provided. It is duly noted that there was a vast amount of Mustangs present – I did lose count, but there was one E-Mach, lots of Shelbys, RTRs and a mix of Chevy utes, etc. We could make this event an annual trip for our members.

The Car Club is nearly two years old now, so I think we need some identifying labels, car stickers and maybe t-shirts or polos. Let me have your thoughts on this at the next meeting.

Cheers, Bruce Finan – mobile 027 249 0878

Becoming a nurse

By Sonia Wirihana-Tawake NP

On 12 May it was International Nurses Day. I thought it was an appropriate time to share my a long road of nursing.

I remember the spectacle of the brass band playing as my childhood heroes marched to the beat of the drummer into the council lawns to the cenotaph on Anzac Day. Dad would be dressed in his fire brigade uniform with all of his shining buttons, topped with a hard hat.

Then would come the nurses who wore red capes that wrapped around their pure white uniforms and white starched caps – my Aunt Ruby, a registered nurse, and my mum, a nurse aid among them. Mum was training to be a registered nurse but became pregnant with my older brother and was asked to leave due to archaic regimented rules. Being surrounded by the cape and capped role models I knew I wanted to be a nurse from an early age (or a ballerina but there were no ballet classes in Coromandel). At 11 years old I passed an examination to join the Order of St John as a volunteer and started attending with my mum. Back in those days we learnt “the essentials of first aid” such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid as well as “preliminary patient care” where we learnt how to bed bath a patient and make a bed with the least amount of contamination or disturbance of dust. I remained a volunteer all through high school and would regularly be called out of class to attend to a sick or injured student.

I attended Coromandel Area School. After 6th form I tried to get into Thames Hospital to train as a nurse but the era of training in the hospital system was coming to an end and they advised me to apply to a polytech. I was accepted into the Diploma of Nursing at Auckland Institute of Technology. Falling ill during my first year I had to return home to recuperate and resume my studies the following year. Being an avid member of the Māori student nurses group I traveled to many Māori student nurse hui around Aotearoa. At our graduation I was honored by being asked to karanga my fellow students into



My mum Peggy McLean

the celebration. These days that would not be appropriate as tangata whenua would have this role.

After sitting and passing the State Examination at the beginning of 1990 I was eager to put my new qualification to work. However, sweeping health reforms meant that almost 300 student nurses were left hustling for the 30 jobs that were available at the four major hospitals in Auckland. I was not a successful applicant.

I ended up walking the streets of Auckland selling books, knocking from door to door. Not what I had trained for. I thankfully got a job in a rest home working night duty, then moved to another larger private rest home working my way up to nurse in charge of a 13-bed wing.

I stayed in this job until 1994 when I became pregnant and family became a priority. This led me back home to Coromandel.

I did not work for the next six years when I was approached by the CEO of a new Maori Health provider to work for them. My third child was four days old and I turned the offer down. This offer however fueled the embers of working as a nurse on my home soil. When an opportunity presented itself a year later I was ready for a challenge. It was to be a nurse reliever at a GP doctors clinic. Having never worked before in primary health care (PHC) or the public sector I was a blank canvas ready for painting.

Over the next few years I learnt the ropes of PHC and became a proficient practice nurse. I was excellent at doing what the doctor needed done.

I commenced a postgraduate certificate in nursing. In 2019 I completed a year of being a Nurse Practitioner Intern, a Masters in Nursing and passed Nursing Councils requirements to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Finally, I got to wear a cape and cap, not the same colour as my childhood heroes but I give thanks for their inspiration they gave me to follow this road of service.



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Pestie Corner

By Amy English, Peninsula Pest Services

Welcome to my first edition of Pestie Corner! Hasn't it been nice to finally see some sun, albeit far too briefly. That said, there has now been a definite shift in the seasons and with this we are having increasing callouts to deal with two main pest issues – rodents and ants.

As the wet weather persists and the temperature starts to drop, rats and mice will be looking for warm and dry places to nest with easy access to food. Preventative measures you can take to lower the attractiveness of your property include not leaving any easily accessible rubbish around, maintaining high levels of tidiness and cleanliness, sealing any obvious entry points into the house, and keeping plants and trees trimmed next to the house. If you are already seeing signs of rodent presence such as droppings and gnaw marks or hearing scratching or noises coming from your ceiling at night, it may be time to give us a call. We can professionally manage rat and mouse bait stations at your property which are safe to use, even where pets and children are present.

As with rodents, your best preventative measure for keeping ants out of your house is to maintain cleanliness. Ants can be a nuisance, but most of the time they are simply seeking food. Ever wonder why, when you spot a line or bunch of ants and get rid of them, not long after a new line has formed in the same place? That is because when ants find a source of food, they leave a pheromone (scent) trail for others to follow.

Of the approximate 40 species of ants we have here in New Zealand, only 11 are endemic and these are all considered non-invasive. Ants are masters of adapting to survive and many introduced, invasive species can establish nests anywhere. When wet weather persists, some species like the common black house ant will relocate their nest to drier ground, which may be inside your house. If you are having persistent ant issues inside, it could be a signal that this has happened and may require a professional assessment and treatment.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with any of your pest concerns!

New manager for Harcourts Coromandel

Glenn Wells entered the real estate industry in Whangarei in the late 1990's and learnt his skills in what at the time was a very slow market.

Moving through to Auckland in the early 2000's Glenn worked with a couple of brands eventually finding himself home in the Harcourts brand.

Here Glenn became an extremely well-known individual in his industry of choice, servicing West Auckland and in particular Massey where he achieved many awards and recognitions locally, Auckland-wide and nationally.

Glenn, seeking a new challenge, then moved on to purchase a Ray White office in Royal Heights West Auckland in August 2008, owning and managing the office through to January 2023.

Glenn in November 2014 obtained his Agents Licence or Diploma in Real Estate. Having achieved his Agents Licence Glenn began calling auctions and encouraging and assisting Licensed Salespeople to further their knowledge and skills, to seek their Agents or Managers License.

Over this period of time in the industry Glenn has seen many changes, many adaptations from the industry side and the perspective of vendor and purchasers' wants and needs.

Even though there have been many upgrades and changes in the industry, especially in technology, the industry basics are still what the public want and demand from our industry: transparent communication, honesty, good negotiation skills and the ability to attract buyers to their home in order to sell for a good and fair price.

The days of personal bragging, gloating, etc., have been left behind, as the vendors expect this to be replaced with knowledge and skill expectations.

Harcourts Coromandel Beaches approached Glenn to manage their Coromandel office early this year to add his knowledge, skills, professionalism and empathy to the local community. Moving into and purchasing a home here, Glenn brings to Coromandel his large base of knowledge and skill, mixed with a strong desire to see vendors and purchasers experience high-valued professionalism from the local Harcourts office and staff.

Selling someone's home is to walk with them through a very emotional and challenging time. Our office will support their vendors and purchasers through this transition.



Coromandel Town Walking Group

By Ruth Pattinson

It's quite some time since we wrote an article for the Chronicle.

However, our numbers have been declining of late and we wanted to remind you all that we are still here and going strong!

For anyone new in town, or anyone who's always meant to get a bit more exercise but hasn't got around to it, it's a great way to get out and about and meet some lovely (of course!) people.

And the bonus is a coffee and chat at the end of an hour's walk around the streets of Coromandel Town. We walk for half an hour out and half an hour back, though the return journey is usually faster as the coffee's calling to us. So pop on those walking shoes and join us Tuesday and/or Thursday 9am outside The Bizarre. It's all very casual. And what's more, it's free!

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Labour selects Beryl Riley for Coromandel

The Labour Party has selected registered psychologist and former school principal and district manager for special education Beryl Riley as its candidate for the Coromandel



electorate in the 2023 general election. Riley is a registered psychologist for Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki providing mental health support for people in need across the Coromandel. She previously worked overseas in Papua New Guinea providing support to women and children who had experienced family and sexual violence. She is a trustee of the Thames Community Centre. Beryl Riley says: "It's an honour to have been selected for Labour to stand for the Coromandel. This community is my home and I want to be a strong voice for local people in Chris Hipkins's government.

"I have a passion for social justice and for ensuring that all of our young people get equitable access to the kind of opportunities and services they need to thrive.

"As part of my work for Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki, I spend one day a week providing free mental health support in a local GP's office – a programme introduced by this government and one that I see every week is making a real difference in people's lives. That's what Labour governments do – deliver meaningful change that benefits our communities.

"Labour is the party that is investing in our future – tackling the cost of living crisis, bringing down climate emissions, and building the infrastructure we need.

"I will work hard each day of this campaign to win the trust and support of local people," says Beryl Riley.

Ann's Good News, Naturally

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

What is IBS? Quite simply, it is a disorder in the function of your bowel where the automatic rhythm of the muscle goes wrong. It is a label given when the true cause(s) of your symptoms is/are not identified.



For your intestine to work properly, your muscle rhythm must be coordinated and when this becomes interrupted, it causes the contents of the bowel to be hurried along, or you may experience spasms.

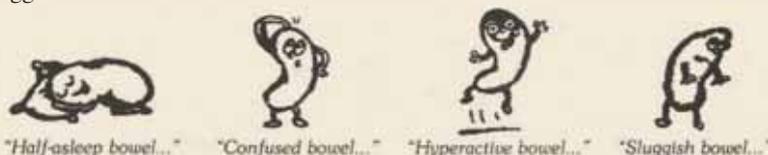
Part of the thin protective lining of the bowel wall may be damaged, making it more easily irritated by foods and chemicals. The pain associated with this can be severe.

Simple analogy

Imagine sunburned skin that has peeled. The new skin is very sensitive and more prone to irritation. Likewise, when the protective lining of the bowel wall is damaged, it is more sensitive. All age groups can be affected. Strength of the symptoms can vary, some tolerable, others intolerable. Other names are: mucous colitis, non-inflammatory bowel disease, or spastic colon.

For best treatment outcome, it's essential to know which descriptive category your bowel fits into.

It may not just be "irritable". Is it "half asleep", "confused", "hyperactive", or "sluggish"?



IBS symptoms

Bowel motions – inconsistent, small ribbon-like or pebble-like or mucousy, incontinence, bloating, excessive wind, rectal discomfort, itching, tightness around waist.

Unusual symptoms – aching joints, allergies, black stools, breathing problems, insomnia, fatigue, flushing after meals, anxiety, poor appetite, weight loss, fluid retention, cravings for sweet/fatty foods, coffee.

Cause

Longterm cellular malnourishment due to poor dietary choices, combined with a high cellular toxic load.

Treatment

Needs to be personalised, as we are all different.

1) Intestinal cleansing – Stay away from laxatives and purgatives. They are too harsh and create further longterm problems.

Safely aerate, lift and eliminate faeces that is sticking to bowel wall. Rid undigested and putrefying waste, blocking the absorption of essential nutrients. Prevent systemic toxicity.

It is essential to identify what your digestive tract is lacking, or not producing, to then allow successful and efficient breakdown of different groups of foods.

Without production of correct digestive chemicals, undigested sugars and carbohydrates remain in the intestines and ferment.

Under normal circumstances, when your digestive tract enzymes are active, the sugars and fibre are broken down in the normal course of digestion, and flow through the system along with other food that has been digested.

In an unhealthy digestive tract, bad bacteria and yeast within the bowel cause the undigested matter to ferment, causing a buildup of extra gas and opportunistic bacteria multiply.

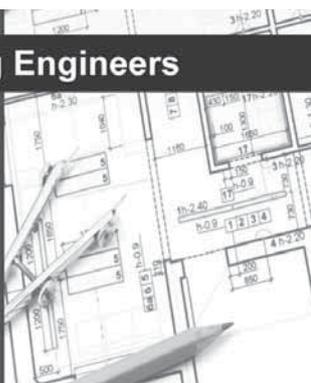
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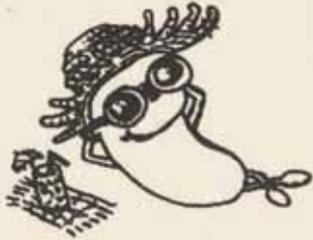
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During this fermentation process, other chemicals are produced. The chemicals can leach through the semi-permeable intestinal wall and enter the body via the bloodstream. This triggers various diseases elsewhere in your body.

2) Give your bowel a holiday – Make changes to your diet – eliminate foods which cause you irritation, inflammation and pain.



Eating plan – Vital to know the foods you are reactive to. I can help, as your eating plan needs to be personalised.

3) Soothe and heal – Rid nerve pain and spasms, heal gut wall and soothe irritation and more.

4) Identify and treat the true cause. I can help with:

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CILT

The Hub

We're still waiting for final sign-off for our new building which cannot happen until the entrance driveway and car park are sealed. This is being delayed mainly as a result of the bad weather, but isn't helped by people racing their cars there and tearing up the surface. It's sad that as an organisation dedicated to serving the community, CILT is being targeted by nameless individuals causing damage to our infrastructure.

In this context it's good to hear from people who aren't the official voice of the organisation.

Sam Ward is our office support worker in the mornings and recently he offered up his individual view of CILT: "CILT is a locally owned operation that offers support to the Coromandel community. CILT tries to help those in need with family services, finances, travel aid and just being there for a friend. We also help out with Foodbank from time to time and CILT helps with IT support for those who have computer trouble. CILT does its best to offer assistance wherever it can. CILT is the best place to help in the community of good old Coromandel. We are proud New Zealanders."

Artists in the Making (Whitianga)

As well as painting and mosaic making, Artists in the Making have recently had a wonderful day with guest tutor Raewyn Penrose from Coromandel Town. Everyone wet-felted a colourful scarf with merino wool and hand-dyed silks. There was also a trip to Kuaotunu, spending the day in Lutz Gaebler's studio. He taught how to make sculpted candles. Follow all the latest news, with photos, on their own Facebook page: Artists in the Making Whitianga www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090087592657.

CILT Property Services

Krista Wood is currently running CILT's new Property Services Programme, and is contactable on 027 407 4694 for details and quotes.

Pātaka Kai

Te Mana Tangata and Foodbank have come together and built a pataka kai, storehouse or pantry, for the community, to be found down Pound Street next to Te Whare Mana Tangata, the orange cottage. It will officially be open to the community from **Tuesday 6 June**, operating Monday to Friday 9am-3pm.

A community pantry is built to distribute food, encourage the sharing of food and so help strengthening our community. In these tough times we need to stand beside each other and lend a hand where we can. This is a safe place for you all, with no forms to sign, no appointments to make.

The pataka is for food only, nonperishables and vegetables and fruit from your garden. Take what you need and give what you can. All we ask is respect for our toanga, keeping it tidy. Naturally we ask you not to leave anything that cannot be eaten, especially no rubbish or clothing.

A reminder that Foodbank is open Tuesday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm and our new phone number is 027 316 4662.

Names

After long conversations with local iwi and Tangata Whenua, CILT are glad to announce the jointly agreed te reo Māori names for many of CILT's operations and buildings. These will be used alongside the English names in accordance with CILT's spirit of inclusiveness and recognition of our combined heritage.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) will also be known as Te Rōpū Whaiora (group for wellbeing).

The area around the new building is to be known as Te Papa Ratonga (the place of service) and the building itself as Te Pūtahi Whaiora (the gathering place). The nursery is to be Te Puāwai (the blossom) and the orange cottage, Te Whare Mana Tangata (the house of the people's mana, the Work Co-op).



Pātaka kai, the community pantry

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Mana Retreat

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Autumn reminds us of the importance of checking in with ourselves. How are we doing? How are we feeling? Maybe it is time for us too, to detach from the layers that are holding us back; to focus our efforts on nourishing our bodies and minds, and to prepare for renewal...

As we move into the heart of winter, a June retreat at Mana provides the perfect opportunity to rest, and to nourish and revitalise body, mind and soul.

Susan Allen returns to Mana to lead a five-day meditation retreat **Thursday 1 to Monday 5 June**. Based on Tibetan Buddhist meditation traditions, her teaching will focus on three main areas: concentration and tranquility practices; emptiness of self, thoughts and emotions practices; and resting in awareness. "The aim is for people to leave the retreat with the tools for transformation and to be able to integrate the principles and practices they learn here into their everyday lives," she says. Susan has been coming to Mana for 15 years now: "It's the perfect place for meditation retreats, with the beauty and peace of the natural environment complementing immersion in the retreat practices."

Other June retreats are Lisa O'Neil's self-care "Repotted" retreat **(Friday 9 to Sunday 11 June)**, providing time to "rest, reflect and reset – and decide how your next five years might look"; and Neal Ghoshal and Karla Brodie's restorative yoga retreat, **Friday 16 to Sunday 18 June**. Their "Nature of Rest" retreat offers "restorative yoga complemented by the offerings of Mana: wood fires, delicious food and forest wanders."

Mana will close for our own winter break and rest from **Monday 26 June to Thursday 20 July**. But before we do, we will gather as we have for more than 30 years for our Winter Solstice Working Bee **(Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 June)**.

Our Solstice Working Bees are very special events on the Mana calendar. They are an opportunity for friends old and new to come together as a community and share our skills and energy, nourishing the land and the Centre buildings – and to celebrate the Solstice and the ever-changing rhythm of the seasons. Please contact the Centre and let us know if you would like to join us, either on the Saturday or Sunday, or over the whole weekend (limited accommodation available).

As you shed and let go of old layers, watch the new layers begin to grow and flourish. We hope that you too are ready to dance to the rhythm of the changing seasons with us!

Arohanui, the Mana Team.



Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Christina Page

On 20 May our guild hosted our Regional Day where embroidery guilds from the northern North Island region came to join us for our hospitality and comradeship. With approximately 100 people expected all guild members assisted with catering and hosting the day. An exciting day for us to mix and mingle with like-minded people and showcase our beautiful area.

After all the arranging of that day we look forward to a canvaswork class on **Wednesday 28 to Thursday 29 June** with Helen Pearce, one of our many talented local tutors.

Pictured is Helen's canvas cylindrical box in its lovely bright colours.



Hopefully the weather holds out for our future endeavours!

Contact person is the Secretary, Win McMinn at coromandelembroidery@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 7508

A Man of Consequence

An Elizabethan sonnet

By John Irvine

I was a man of social consequence
my circle of friends quite beyond compare.
A man of wily pomp and circumstance,
the stigma of culture I did not fear
courting all the plump captains of commerce
and their matrons: none safe or too elite.
All my tomorrows spent in but a trice
yet at the time it all seemed really neat.
But years of compromise exact a price
beyond any advantage gained, I fear.
Yes, my tomorrows spent in but a trice
and now I possess not a single ear.
I have learned from my preoccupation
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Our road to recovery

July start for SH25A bridge

Minister of Transport, Michael Wood, last month announced that a steel bridge will be the fastest and most resilient solution to reconnect Kōpū-Hikuai SH25A. Work is expected to start in July, with the contract awarded at the end of this month, and an estimated finishing date of early 2024.

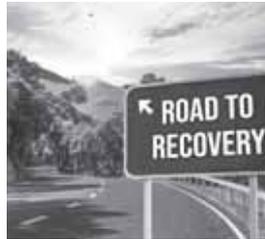
Minister Wood acknowledged that he was “acutely aware of the impact” that the long-term closure had on the Coromandel businesses, and that speed and resilience were “top of mind” in the government’s decision.

Following the announcement, our Mayor Len added, “I’ve felt the pain and frustration you’ve all experienced since the road was closed in late January. Having a target date is going to supply some

much-needed reassurance.”

“Businesses, communities, friends and neighbours are all rallying around to help each other, but there’s a long way to go before it’s business as usual. We still need government support and will do for some time to come.”

Minister Wood confirmed he would continue to work with Coromandel communities and businesses, through his Community Advisory Group, to explore further government support.



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UPDATE

A word from our Board

Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

“I’m sure many people were relieved to hear the big news last month from Transport and Recovery Minister for the Coromandel, Michael Wood, that a steel bridge will be the fastest and most resilient way to reconnect Kōpū-Hikuai SH25A. Not having this link open has caused significant disruption for many people, a significant increase in vehicles using SH25, and a massive impact on our businesses and communities as a result of visitors not wanting to travel here.

We look forward to working with groups like our new Business Association to create innovative ways to entice tourists back. In the meantime, repair work continues on our roads. Unfortunately this will take time, and good weather, so please keep patient and safe around the workers on the road.”

gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Monday
5 June



KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on King’s Birthday

Monday 5 June. Collections will be a day later. Check the Kerbside collection schedule for your area:

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations are open on King’s Birthday Monday as per their public holiday hours (Coromandel Town closes at 4pm). tcdc.govt.nz/rts



ALCOHOL BANS

Alcohol bans are in place over King’s Birthday Weekend from 4pm Friday 2 June to 4pm Monday 5 June.

tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol



COUNCIL OFFICES AND DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Closed on King’s Birthday Monday. You can still contact us on customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz or phone us 24/7 on 07 868 0200.



DOG RULES

There are off-leash dog exercise areas across the district on our website. tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide

What’s next with our Annual Plan

Our Council has completed the submission process and hearings on our draft Annual Plan.

We had more than 180 submissions, and 32 submitters also spoke regarding their submissions at the Council hearings on Wednesday 26 April.

A strong theme that came through was budget for improved road resilience and stormwater works, and this also continues to be a key focus for our Council. A desire for a lower rates increase and kerbside collection pricing were also popular themes.

Council will adopt the final annual plan on Tuesday 27 June. We’ll be keeping everyone in the loop – our communities can stay up to date at

tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023

VOLUNTEER WEEK – 18 TO 24 JUNE

Thank you volunteers for the fantastic work you do for your community and the Coromandel. It’s your time to shine. We invite our volunteers to join us for light refreshments:

Monday 19 June

1pm – Pāuanui Hub, 23 Centreway

Tuesday 20 June

12 noon – Coromandel Town Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Rd

1pm – Whangamatā Club, 404 Port Rd

Wednesday 21 June

10am – Tairua Bowling Club, 44 Hornsea Rd

3pm – Thames on Kirkwood, 100 Kirkwood St

Friday 23 June

1pm – Mercury Bay Community Boardroom, 10 Monk St, Whitianga

RSVP (Thames only):

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

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PRE-SCHOOL



By Esther Powell

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

Kia ora koutou. This May we celebrated the 5th birthdays of Ailis, Sylvie and Mack. We farewelled Mack on his journey off to Coromandel Area School, while Ailis and Sylvie are staying on with us for the year. Coming up in June Ngaroma and Emilia will turn four! Ra whaanau ki a kotou! Happy Birthday also to our kaiako Ema-Jane and Belinda. We welcome our new children this term: Meikah and Reignja, Ezra and Kyla and George. We look forward to getting to know you and your families.

Come and experience our wonderful programme and environment:

Tuesdays we have music and waiata with Brooke. We have started practicing our Matariki waiata for our upcoming gathering, and brainstorming how we would like to honour this day. Let us know your ideas. "Hoki whakamuri, kia anga whakamua/ Look to the past in order to forge the future."

Wednesday we have "Bush Kura", where our learning happens out in the ngahere or at a local beach for our 3-5-year-olds. Whaanau welcome to come along too. Meanwhile we have "Toddlers Time" and music with Maria in the centre 9-11.30am. Parents welcome to stay for a cuppa and a korero.

Thursdays Matua Brandon visits us to share waiata and support us with growing our tikanga and reo Maaori practices in the centre. Fridays we visit school to see what's been happening in the mara kai, and get our hands in the dirt.

Our minivan runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from Coromandel to Colville return. Spaces for 3+-year-olds currently available.

Open hours: Tuesday to Friday, 8.45am-3pm, including term breaks. Monday waitlist: enquiries welcome. 20 free hours for 3+ year olds and WINZ subsidies available.

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



Ramblings, te taatahi, te uumangawhaa: Imagining the creatures that live here "I'm a sea snake", "I'm a slug", "I'm a unicorn"

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Adventure Time is taking a break for Term 2 and will be back for Term 3.

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A cold coin donation per session is greatly appreciated.

Along with the kind donations we receive, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D.V.Bryant Trust, TCDC, CILT, Aotearoa Gaming Trust & NZ Communities Trust

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Sorry, I have missed the last couple of Chronicle reports. As we are moving into the winter months and things are cooling down, it is a timely reminder to wrap up warm to ward off those chills and colds. We are hoping that with all of the rain we have already had this year that the winter months will be cool but dry. Remember that Covid-19 is still around so if you are feeling unwell please test before bringing your tamariki into the centre.

We are continuing to explore our big backyard with the children. They have been very interested in all of the bugs we can find around the centre, watching closely as monarch butterflies hatch from their chrysalis, spread their wings and, when ready, fly off. Another area they enjoy is the garden collecting and eating the kai. We are now in the process of clearing the garden and replanting our winter crops: beetroot, broccoli, cabbage and spinach.

Thank you to all who supported our Mother's Day raffle. The lucky winner was No 159 Dayvna Henare. I am sure she will really enjoy the great prize.

We have celebrated birthdays for Steele, Adam, Coral, Lily, Ariyah-Rose, Fletcher, Kahu Rae, Rocco, and Leighzhyn; we wish them all a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Steele, Adam, and Sophia, and we warmly welcome Coleson, Willow and Ngawai.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child aged between 6 months and 6 years and are looking for a quality early childhood centre for your children to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers. Is this the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning? You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/>.

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570.

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Coromandel Area School

Jamie Brown

Kia ora koutou. This month we are acknowledging the five and a half years of service that Mrs Koren Hopoi has given to Coromandel Area School. We have appreciated her time here at CAS and we wish her and her whānau nothing but the best for their future endeavours.

During Koren’s time at CAS she was the central executive member for the New Zealand Area Schools Association and for a short time our Kāhui Ako lead Principal. Koren lead our school through some of the most challenging times during the State of National Emergency in 2020 and 2021. Koren brought with her a passion for careers education, collaborative teaching, dispositional learning and her expertise as a physical education teacher and lover of sport. With that, she coached senior grade netball and was a huge part of getting basketball teams up and running.

On behalf of our CAS community we thank Koren for all of the hard work she has put into our school.

Term 2

We are well and truly into the swing of things this term so we thought we would share some snippets of what we have been doing:

Room 7 and Room 1 have buddied up to learn New Zealand Sign Language this term and they started out by learning how to say their own names.

In Room 2 this term they are continuing with tūrangawaewae. They will look at the world around them which will include Matariki, looking at our school gardens, and our environment. This will be explored through their play, within other subjects,

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



and independently. As a class they will plant seeds and seedlings and will watch them grow. They will also cook what they have planted.

Rooms 5 and 7 braved the weather this term as they continue their Nature Class experiences where there are many opportunities for self-development, outdoor learning and relationships, while being able to follow urges and use their social skills by negotiating decisions in groups and pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones.

Room 4 are taking on some Mindfulness this term to help refocus and rejuvenate themselves. This can be yoga, listening to a story, colouring, reading or walking Zeeka-our therapy dog. They each have a bucket, and when they are an EPIC learner, help others or bravely try something new, they will then get a pom-pom to fill their bucket. They finish each day with a grateful circle, highlighting all of the things they have enjoyed throughout the day and are thankful for.

The senior performing arts group this term are collaborating with the Y10 Parts class to perform a class production of selected scenes from *Revenge of the Amazons* by W. Shakespeare and NZ playwright Jean Betts. They will perform this at the Hauraki House Theatre this term.

This term we have also had many integrated themes which have run across the whole school such as ANZAC Day, Coronation of King Charles and Matariki.



Room 1’s Coronation party

This term we will also be focusing on our Matariki event... Share your talent. This will involve a range of magical acts, musical acts, TikTok, dance, drama, comedy, short film, solo artists, waiata, kapahaka and more.... This will be held on **Friday 21 July** at 11am in the CAS Hall. Nau mai haere mai Te Ahurei Matariki!

That is all for now; please also check our official Facebook page. The name of the page is Coromandel Area School, so please “like” and “follow” us on the page to get instant and up to date information, photographs, and updates on school achievements.

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Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Rain, rain and more rain! It would have been a good time to paint an underwater scene. It has definitely put an end to painting out on location, but we have had a good run, and we were spoilt for choice when it came to places to paint, i.e., Long Bay, Kik reserve, the causeway, Jack's Point, and Drinkwater Reserve. And the day we were going to Fureys Creek to paint the boats, they had all gone into hiding so the "powers that be" could re-surface the area.

It's back to the hall now and getting ready for our AGM on 18 May. It's later this year because several members were away, but we hope to have a full house on the day. **Thursday 6 July** is our midwinter party and knees-up. It's instead of our party at Christmas. Who knows, it might become a permanent fixture.

On **Thursday 13 July** we have a workshop with Vaughan Udall; always something to look forward to.

Some of the trees are turning beautiful colours, especially the persimmon, but sadly a wet autumn spoils a lot of that. However, we have **Wednesday 21 June**, the shortest day of the year to look forward to, with longer evenings and summer not far behind. Aren't we lucky?



Wendy and Pam, the dog, at Long Bay

Thames Music Group presents

Will Martin

The youngest man in history to top the UK Classical Charts returns with a new show *Encore* by popular demand. On **Sunday 11 June** 2pm at St George's Church Thames. Admission \$20; TMG members \$15 (cash at the door).

Friday Free Lunchtime Concert

Featuring Thames High School music students. Instrumental and choral students directed by Dr Nichola Voice, HOD Thames High School. On **Friday 23 June** 12.15pm at St George's Church Thames. Koha accepted. Enjoy hot soup and bun after the concert for \$5.

www.thamesmusicgroup.com



On Our Watch – A Creative Collaboration

Book Launch and Art Exhibition – 3pm Saturday 10 June

Julie Sargisson, Lora Mountjoy, Catherine Delahunty and Alison Carter will read from their new book of poetry at the opening of the *On Our Watch* book launch and exhibition.

The idea of publishing a book started with Julie. Already known to Chronicle readers through her column on the restoration of the McGregor Bay Wetland, Julie is a committed environmentalist, walker, writer and poet. When she returned to Hauraki Coromandel from Auckland two years ago she was delighted to find a small poetry writing community. The group started meeting monthly and the book is the result of the poetry worked on and critiqued during that time.

Julie says, "I am delighted that we were experienced enough and brave enough to put together a book of poetry that we have written in response to a long association and love of Coromandel, its wild beauty and history."

Catherine, who writes columns, fiction and poetry and is well known on the Peninsula and nationally for her active participation in environmental campaigns and Te Tiriti education work, found writing poetry has been "a powerful way to express the roller coaster and reflective moments in my life and is a great discipline."

"I write a lot of columns and I find poetry a good balance and challenge. Being in the poetry group with close friends my age is so stimulating and affirming especially with common feeling for where we are as well as who we are now."

Lora Mountjoy, after a life of changes and adventure, now lives in Kapanga, A published writer, she has been part of several poetry groups on the Peninsula in the past. During years spent in Wellington she was a regular at performance poetry venues, sometimes working with musicians. She had been focusing on other writing projects for some time when Julie initiated the poetry group. "Working with these talented women brought poetry to the page again, but was there enough and were they good enough to publish? I have no answer for this but am very glad to have my work in a collection with so many well crafted and meaningful poems."

A career as a television documentarian meant that Alison Carter had spent most of her life telling other people's stories and she found the intimate nature of poetry both freeing and threatening at the same time. As she says, "It is one thing exposing other people, quite another exposing yourself."

After the idea of a book was born, Julie went on to suggest collaboration with artists (an idea she had seen successfully realised elsewhere) who would use selected poems as a point of inspiration for their work. All of the poets are extremely grateful to Sally Tennent-Brown for picking up on this idea and running with it so professionally. The artists taking part in this collaboration are: Benni Bonnin, Briar Van Dort, Lisa Corston, Fran Campbell, Jane MacAllister, Sally Tennant-Brown, Lettecia Williams and Kyoko Yamaguchi.

So there we have it: four poets, eight artists, all women and an exhibition. All we need now is an audience.



Julie Sargisson

"On Our Watch"
book launch
& creative collaboration

Opening
Hauraki House Gallery,
Coromandel
3pm Saturday 10th June

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until Sunday 18th June

We would love to see you there!



Night sky photography

By Ian Preece

From the late 1800s settlers to New Zealand have been commenting on the unique quality of the light. Measurements at Lauder in the South Island show that New Zealand air, along with that of Antarctica, is among the clearest on the globe. Our deep blue skies, which seem to resonate like few other places, are a result of this. It is also one of the main factors making it such a good place for nighttime photography.

Within New Zealand, the Coromandel Peninsula is a particularly good place for clear air. Mountains that reach to nearly 3000 feet, over 400km of coastline, little or no industry and offshore cleansing winds all contribute to the clarity of the air. At this time of year it is even clearer as the cold night air holds less moisture and is less hazy.

The other main factor in successful night photography is the lack of light pollution, something we experience particularly in the north and east of the Coromandel and Great Barrier Island.

The latter has been designated a Dark Sky Sanctuary since 2017. It is described as having “an exceptional or distinguished quality of starry nights and a nocturnal environment... (in a) very remote location with few (if any) nearby threats to the quality of its dark night skies.”

I have photographed and run photography workshops on the Coromandel and Great Barrier Island for a number of years now. I have also photographed the night skies in Tekapo Dark Sky Reserve. I have had clearer nights and better results here at home, although that cannot be taken as a scientific study!



The bright core of the Milky Way, which is actually the centre of our galaxy, is visible from March to October in the Southern Hemisphere.

We have not had too many clear nights recently but the ones we have had have been spectacular. One of the interesting things for me when looking at the Milky Way is that we can also see objects with the naked eye that are 1000s of light years away outside of our own galaxy. These include star clusters, nebulae and galaxies other than our own.

Cameras have a higher dynamic range and can “see” more stars than our unaided eyes so some of these objects are even more evident when looking at photographic images. This is one of the themes I will be exploring at my upcoming exhibition in Coromandel Town using my own work as well as NASA images from the

Hubble and Robert Webb telescopes. Hopefully it will shed more light on what we see in our majestic night skies.

It generates a true sense of awe when I am looking at deep sky objects which originated before our planet even existed. What better way to generate a little perspective on our place in the universe.

The exhibition runs from 6pm **Friday 26 May to Sunday 11 June** at Christine Rabarts Exhibit Space at 24 Wharf Road in Coromandel Town. I will be sharing a few of my favourite images from the Coromandel and Great Barrier Island as well as a few dusk to dawn shots and some lunar photography.

Hope to see you there!

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Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Yes, we have been quiet recently, with no news in the Chronicle for two months, but we have not been totally inactive. There has been planning and rehearsing for two productions, one in late July and the other mid August. Sorry I can't be more definite than that but I'm sure everyone will appreciate that bad weather and road conditions have played their part, as well as the usual casting problems.

Watch out for the July issue of the Chronicle and posters around town confirming play details and dates.

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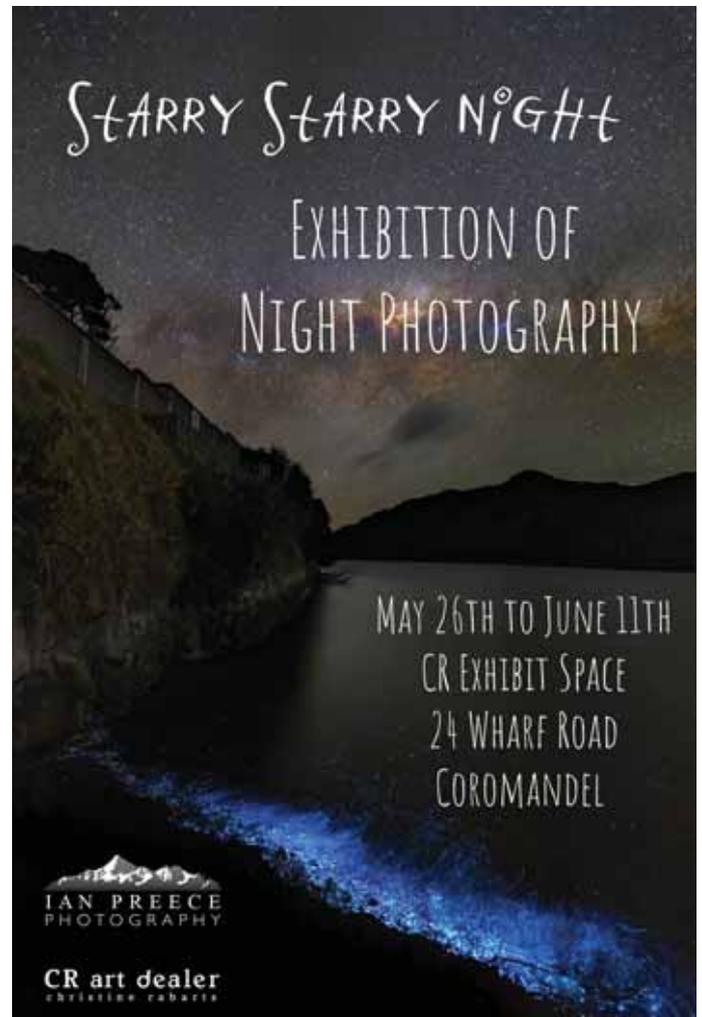
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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Saskia Wagner



The Coromandel Festival 2023

Thanks to everyone that came along to make for a really successful second Festival, with around 80 people attending and enjoying the free conservation event. A special thank you to all of the environmental speakers traveling from as far as Dunedin and guests visiting from as far as Hamilton. Apart from animal pests, this year's exhibition showed an incredible range of native wildlife photography, provided by local photographer Ian Preece. Informative stalls set up by the QEII Trust, Waikato Regional Council, Colville Junction and Moehau Environment Group made sure that everyone could learn about the beauty of our local wildlife and its threats.

We love to share this lovely feedback we received after the event: "Twenty-four hours after the event, I'm still buzzing. It struck me that all attendees were intent on the same outcomes; no politics, just enthusiasm."

Let us all keep working together to create a safer habitat for our native species. With hard work, and less politics – towards a great outcome for everyone!

If you didn't get the chance to come along to the Festival this year and you would like to find out more about what you can do on your own property or if you'd like to stay in the loop for future events, send us an email or contact us via Instagram /drivingcreeknz or Facebook /drivingcreek



Festival 2023

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Upper Coromandel Landcare Association

By Reihana Robinson, spokesperson

Caged kingfish in Hauraki Gulf

Conservationists who care about our Tikapa Moana are not surprised that the dirty, unethical industry of caged kingfish "farming" in the sea will be government approved – a business that will happen 13km off Coromandel harbour, in our already polluted and warming Hauraki Gulf.

The news will be released this month by the three taxpayer funded commissioners. We are nevertheless buoyed by collaborations.

Within UCLA there has been ongoing concern regarding methods of killing wild animals, otherwise referred to in Kiwi parlance as pest control. How one values wild animals is the result of education and experience and is deeply personal but choosing to be humane with our possible choices of poisons has unfortunately created fundamental discord.

However on the topic of saving our seas we are united. UCLA had the pleasure of working alongside Waiheke environmen-

talists, Protect Our Gulf and also Forest & Bird's Elvina van der Leden, now resident in Whenuakite on the other coast. We also shared commonalities with EDS, an organisation we have definitely shared opposite sides of the aisle with regard to the layering of acronyms over land use in the District Plan.

There are real challenges to raising public awareness around this polluting industry where promoters advertise jobs as a panacea. UCLA supports sustainable earth and sea-friendly job creation but dispute the idea that caged kingfish farming is healthy for our moana or our bodies. And when Pare Hauraki come to choose their partner or partners (as they have stated will be necessary) and those partners are globalists or multi-nationals, NZ citizens may be irked to think our Gulf will be polluted for overseas profits. We shall see.

Either way it will be too late.

Plan change

Upwards of 30% more space has been requested by Pare Hauraki through a plan change and that exact amount has been incorporated into the draft of the Draft Coastal Plan due out for public consul-

tation later this year. However as we all know, when you see a draft of some public document you understand that staff have worked long and hard to craft an almost perfect beast plus outside groups known as "stakeholders" have already had their input so that your ordinary public submission/suggestions will most likely be ignored.

Spat farm

It would appear the Bull application is currently suspended. It is after all very close to Māori settlement ocean space so we shall see how this pans out in the future.



Now that winter is coming more possums are out and about. Perfect trapping time

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Moehau Environment Group

By Genevieve Morley

A fantastic "Festival" event at Driving Creek Railway

On 6 May, Driving Creek Railway's conservation team with the help of Moehau Environment Group hosted DCR's latest Festival and even though it rained, we all had a very enjoyable day learning from some of Aotearoa's dedicated "preservationists". Diane Prince, a founding member of MEG and MEG's treasurer, is also a kiwi practitioner. She brought along her kiwi trained dog Neo to speak about their work in Coromandel and around the North Island, walking through indescribably steep and slippery terrain for Operation Nest Egg to make sure that the progeny from our adult kiwi are given a chance of survival.

"Kiwi are prolific breeders producing four eggs every year in clutches of two. Half of those eggs will hatch, and out of those that hatch only 5% will ever get to become an adult. It takes one pair of kiwi twenty years to replace themselves due to habitat loss and predators and the number one threat to kiwi is stoats. Even though the stoat is quite a small mustelid, they will kill a small kiwi chick and are known for not eating the kiwi but tucking the dead kiwi away. The second greatest threat to kiwi is dogs and not just a big dog but even the little dogs. A kiwi doesn't have a lot of defense mechanisms when it comes to dogs and can be easily crushed."

Dr Andrew Veale traveled all the way from Christchurch to present on his experience of stoat and rat eradication and control projects. "New research is focusing on species specific and more humane toxins for pest control, and one that is currently being researched by Landcare Research and should be available in about three years from now is Norbormide, which is a rat specific toxin that affects no animal other than rats." Veale discussed how difficult it is to eradicate stoats



which is usually only possible by using toxins on small islands well

away from sources of reinvasion or in fenced sanctuaries. Stoats are very clever and some will always avoid traps, plus the costs involved in tracking down every last stoat can be extreme. MEG practises stoat control rather than aiming for eradication so we monitor kiwi calls to check how well our stoat control is working. Now is the time of year when our volunteers will be out listening for kiwi. Have a listen just after sunset and you might hear one too.

Coming up this month

Winter Lecture Series with Annemieke Kregting, **Sunday 4 June** at the Pepper Tree Restaurant.

Did you hear a loud bang on your window? It's highly likely a bird flew into your window. Thousands of birds die yearly because of this. Local bird rescuer Annemieke Kregting will be coming to present as part of our Winter Lecture Series which is being held at the Pepper Tree the first Sunday of each month throughout winter. Annemieke was the founder of the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue Trust (KBRT) and she has worked tirelessly for the last 17 years helping rescue and save the local birds on the peninsula. Annemieke is now actively working with DOC and the local vets to ensure native birds get the care they need and has set up a first aid room at DOC in Whitianga but only for threatened species. As Annemieke has taken a step back from the 24/7 volunteer work looking after birds, she will help teach us how to care for birds in common everyday scenarios in which knowing a bit of first aid for birds might be helpful. So join us on **Sunday 4 June**.

For more information visit our Facebook page @moehauenvironment-group or website www.meg.org.nz, or if you have a native bird in need of help you can ring the DOC hotline on 0800 362 468



Diane Prince presenting at the Festival



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Forest & Bird

By Annette Steele, Forest & Bird committee member, northern Coromandel branch



Many of us will have had slips on our land this year, and in addition to managing water runoff and making sure culverts are cleared, planting natives is one of the best ways to help stabilise the land and prevent further slips, with the added benefit of restoring the ecosystem and encouraging biodiversity.

- Native plants help to slow erosion of clay banks because:
- foliage breaks the impact of rain drops;
 - plants take up water, which reduces runoff and soil saturation;
 - plant roots improve permeability of the soil;
 - roots and stems increase the roughness of the soil surface, increasing infiltration and reducing runoff; and
 - roots bind the soil and help to reduce slips.

Different root structures can work together to help stabilise banks and reduce runoff and erosion. Herbaceous and shrubby plants have shallower root systems while larger trees usually have spreading and deeper roots, but all are important soil binders on clay banks.

Autumn and winter are the ideal time for planting, so when it finally stops raining it will be the perfect time to get out and get planting. Ideally plants/seeds should be native to our region, and obtained from local sources (i.e. eco-sourced) and will therefore be able to cope with local environmental conditions.

There are some excellent and detailed guides available on the web – Waikato Regional Council have a whole series of online booklets covering the different ecological regions on the Coromandel

peninsula, which are then further divided up into zones determined by the terrain, altitude and distance from the coast, with lists of the plants that would have been found before the forests were cleared.

Looking specifically at coastal clay banks, upper slopes would have been covered by tall coastal forest with pōhutukawa, kōwhai and kānuka. The base of the bank would have graded into lower shrubs and flax. Specialised plants able to cope with salty tidal fluxes would have completed the sequence, forming low saltmeadows and estuarine fringes.

Initial plantings (stage 1 planting)

Initial plantings use plants that can cope with the exposed, windy, dry and hot conditions in open areas. They will provide shelter for other species to establish naturally. Examples for coastal slips would include mānuka, kānuka, karamu, koromiko, flaxes, toetoe, muehlenbekia and cabbage trees with some pōhutukawa, karo and kōwhai.

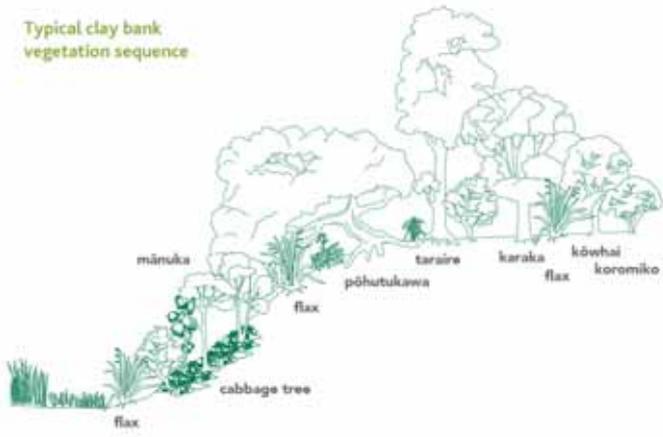
Enrichment plantings (stage 2 planting)

Once these initial colonisers have become established (after several years) and have begun to provide shade and shelter, enrichment species can be “interplanted” between the original plants. These plants are often those that need some shelter to thrive, for example karaka, kohekohe, kawakawa and houpara.

Google “WRC Coromandel planting guide” to find the full list of planting guides to download for our region, and also “Auckland Council coastal clay banks” to find the guide for clay banks, which also covers the Coromandel.

AGM

Advanced notice that the Forest & Bird AGM will take place on **Saturday 22 July** in the St John rooms, Coromandel, with Keith Woodley, godwit expert and manager of the Pūkoro Miramira Shorebird Centre, as the informative and entertaining guest speaker.



McGregor Bay Wetlands: E-DNA Testing

By Julie Sargisson

For a couple of years the high tides have flowed freely in and out of the wetlands, establishing the zones of mangrove and rush and salt marsh ecosystem. A thick mat of the native button flower has now covered the mud/silt as a result of the destruction of kikuyu grass by the salt tide.

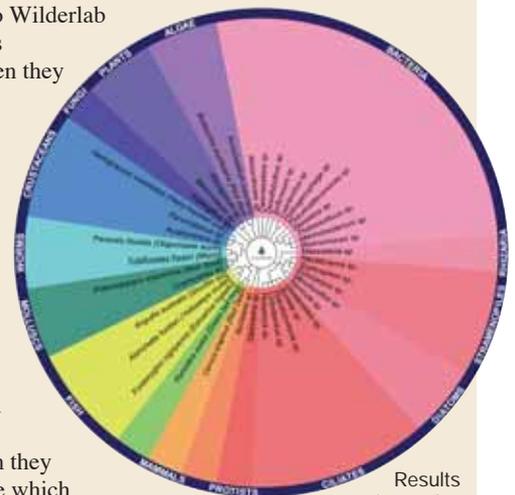
Now we have the relatively new technology of Environmental DNA testing where a small monitor the size of a cotton reel is submerged in various waterways, picking up all of the genetic material shed from living things into the water: aquatic, bird, and plant life. With this technology, we can monitor ecosystems and their changes over time.

We tested three environments in the McGregor Bay Wetlands: near the bridge on Long Bay Road, in the reserve on the southern end and just outside the reserve in the NE where salt marshes have formed.

These small monitors were then retrieved and sent to Wilderlab (who developed this technology), and then they sent us the results.

The sample by the bridge showed evidence of these marine species among others: short-finned eel – tuna, yellow-eyed mullet – kataha, estuarine triplefin -cockabully, mud snails, hairy-handed crab, oysters.

This is a diagram they call the wheel of life which shows the results.



Results of samples submitted to Wilderlab



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Our last tournament of the season is on **Sunday 4 June**, King's Birthday Weekend, and it will be incorporated with our Take-a-kid fishing that was canceled so it should be a good one for everyone! Pick up an entry form from Coromandel Fish, Hunt and Dive, Salty Towers or email Sharon coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

The Club's AGM is set for **Saturday 29 July 3pm** at Admirals Arms.

The election of committee members is crucial to ensure the continuation of the club. New faces and new ideas welcome.

Junes Fish of the Month for financial members is John Dory so get out there and try to take that \$100 off our hands!

Bike Park

By Ally Davey

May saw the first of the Rolling Stars brave riders hit the trails.

Taking into account the voice of the participants from the Wahine on Wheels sessions last year, SPOCT developed a new program called Rolling Stars. This innovative and high-quality program integrated digital storytelling, technology, and mountain biking. Rolling Stars was offered in collaboration with Whangamata Mountain Bike Park and supporting schools across the Coromandel Peninsula, targeting students who were interested in filmmaking or photography and had varying levels of experience in mountain biking.

The Rolling Stars activation in the Coromandel region provided an incredible opportunity for forty-eight local rangitahi, aged between 7 and 12 years young, to participate in an innovative mountain biking and active recreation program. This initiative had a profound impact on the participants, as they not only improved their social and physical skills but also formed meaningful connections with their peers and the natural environment. The program's success can be attributed to its holistic approach, which prioritized understanding and incorporating the voice of the participants, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, and delivering high-quality facilitation. The collaboration with key stakeholders was also instrumental in achieving the program's goals and has set a strong foundation for future initiatives. Overall, the Rolling Stars activation showcased the power of outdoor experiences in promoting youth development and community engagement. The films made by the students will be shared on the Ride Coromandel website and it is hoped more activations can be undertaken in term four.

Keep an eye on the Ride Coromandel Facebook page, or flick me an email ridecoromandel@gmail.com with your name and phone number



Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

The Eagles have landed!

"Eagles" are a rare occurrence in golf especially during winter months when distance and direction accuracy are paramount. However, Max McLean showed that it is indeed possible with two eagles over two rounds proving it certainly wasn't a fluke. The first was on 1 April on the 18th hole and the second on 25 April on the 10th hole. Congratulations Max – an impressive feat!

King Trophy, a mixed double competition, was won by Richard and Fiona Neal with runners up Sue Davies and Wayne Beaver.

The Beaver Cup, our knockout Handicap Match play competition is really heating up now. At the time of writing, the quarter finals have

just been played with Peter Richardson victorious over Allan Rose by a fair margin. Clearly Allan you have been working too hard, sapping your strength!

In the other extremely closely fought match, Norm Davies finally overcame Max McLean on the 19th hole. The whole match was really close with Norm dormi 2. However, it was far from over with Max winning the last two holes forcing a continuation to the 19th. A chip to within cooe and sinking the putt sealed the match for Norm. Well done.

Happy golfing.



King Trophy winners



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

In days gone by in Coromandel, lawn bowls was a game played by men, and croquet was played by women. These days both games are played and enjoyed by everybody. Size or strength does not matter in the game of croquet; it is skill that counts.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

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Free meditation at Mahamudra (except during silent retreats)..... 8.30-9am

Every Monday

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

Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137.....9am

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am

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

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

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

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

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

Every Wednesday

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

Meditation at Mahamudra.....8.15-8.45am

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

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

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

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

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

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am

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

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

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

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid.....10-11am

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

Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house), Liz 027 436 2800.....6.30pm

Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra.....7-8.30pm

Every Friday

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

Coromandel Homegrown Market (summer only).....8.30am-12.30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day".....4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome.....5.30pm

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.

President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576.....3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service.....10am

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

Monthly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter.....5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night.....6.30pm

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

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Coromandel Recreational
Fishing Club members
Fish of the Month for June is
John Dory

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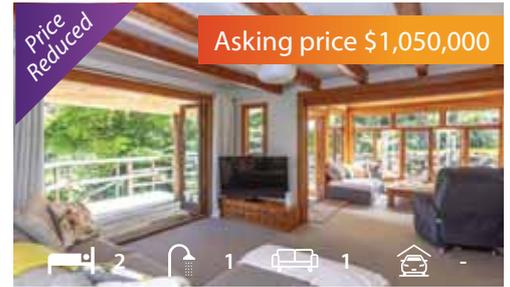
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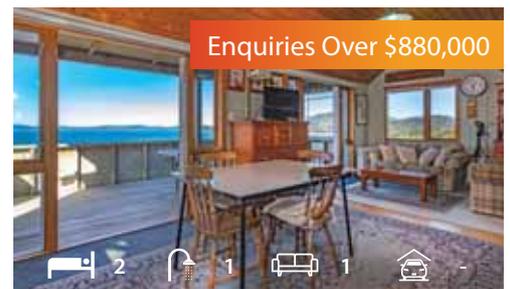
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