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..... Editor's comment

Welcome to winter! We have two public holidays this month! Hopefully the weather will be good. There is a fishing competition on King's Birthday Weekend, and a twilight market on Matariki Weekend (see calendar on page 30).

A solar storm on Saturday 11 May caused an aurora in the night sky all over the world including New Zealand.

I didn't see it myself, but was sent these photos. Apparently the aurora showed better through a camera because cameras collect light much better than our human eyes.



Aurora in Matarangi.
Photo supplied by Ian Preece



Aurora in Coromandel Town.
Photo supplied by Rosemary Stone

Debbie

..... Letters

Leave the Kiwi Alone

Kia ora. After reading some recent articles from MEG in the Chronicle, Waiaro Sanctuary thought we would reply as we actually both agreed on something.

In the January issue, MEG stated "this is real kiwi country, let our kiwi live, let them live well". Then in the May issue they mentioned protecting the vulnerable creatures and species who don't have a human voice. They have the right to be able to live in their native land, and we agree, wholeheartedly.

That is where our philosophy parts ways.

We say to the humans, to let kiwi live well you must stop taking their eggs, and poking your nose in their nests, pulling them out of their burrows and using them for show as a tourist attraction.

Also stop removing them forcibly from their rohe (area) and hunting them with dogs so we can avoid instances like the time when kiwi were killed by kiwi trained dogs doing routine work on Moehau. Be good to take off those electronic transmitters that give off an electronic signal and get caught up in vines etc. We need to stop microchipping them and continuously poisoning their habitat. All of this unnatural environment disrupts their natural cycle.

The tried and tested way to help kiwi is to trap their predators and then the kiwi will live well.

No wonder there are so many kiwi at Waiaro Sanctuary. We have always had our holistic approach, which has continuously recorded the highest kiwi in pairs during breeding season on the Peninsula.

Maybe word has spread to other kiwi that they can live here peacefully as Tane's children should without all of the above interference.

So we agree with the MEG admin when they say "let the kiwi live well", but we must also plead "please do leave them alone".

Kelvin Mouritsen, Waiaro Sanctuary

Gulf Mussel Farms RMA Decision

RMA20210421-Gulf Mussel Farms application to Build a Processing facility at 50 The 309 Road was turned down by TCDC and the two Independent Commissioners. GMF have 15 working days to appeal the decision as of 8 April.

Thanks to all of the supporters in opposition to the application. Without putting any names out here for privacy reasons, there were a few local supporters that assisted with historic and cultural aspects associated with the location in question. This support was invaluable and your community applauds you.

Obviously, this outcome will come as a relief to the town tourist operators and anyone else who believes that industrial operations need to be out of site or contained in locations fit for purpose. Such locations as the Alan James Industrial Precinct behind ITM would be appropriate.

It's not over until the final haka is complete and there are a few developments happening that require closer scrutiny. I'll keep you all up-to-date as much as I can.

Ka keti ano,
Hector George, Coromandel Town

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Sue Wright – A force for good

By Kate Donoghue, Chair, Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird

Our local branch of Forest & Bird wish to acknowledge the incredible contribution Sue Wright made in our community over many years. Her tireless energy even in the face of a significant disability was remarkable.

I was privileged to work closely with Sue during her last years and even when she was unable to leave home she remained on the Forest & Bird committee. We would print out the agenda and she was always interested and involved, giving us important historical information and suggestions for ways forward.

Sue and I caught up in Auckland at the end of last year and I jotted down some aspects of her eventful life.

Sue was involved with our branch of Forest & Bird since 1972 and during the 1980s when the focus was on ensuring that the multitude of multinational mining companies, with dollar signs in their eyes and gold in their sights, did not gain a foothold on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Sue was a member of the Mercury Bay Community Board for nine years. I asked her what her main focus was then. "The retention of arable land for food production," she said. She foresaw that having local food production and food security would be vital in a changing climate. She was influential in halting some subdivisions on

Tokatea Lookout

We did a walk near Tuataewa today and on the return, stopped to check these out.

They are on the hilltop by the Tokatea Lookout.

I haven't been up Kennedy Bay Road for a long time so don't know when they were installed, but don't think it's been long ago.

There was no signage, but maybe that's still to come.

From Natalie Blasco



Gymnastics

After a lot of support from the community the Coromandel Gymnastics Club is back up and running. We have successfully run two terms last year and are in our first term this year. All of our classes have been full and it is such a positive, fun, challenging experience for all of the children involved. We couldn't have achieved this without the support through a number of grants – Bizarre Trust for gym equipment and mats and NZCT to employ our experienced coaches and we wanted to say a big thank you. In particular, we wanted to send out a special thank you to Jo and the team at Coromandel Accounting Limited who have been sponsoring us with both Xero and completing our annual accounts free of charge since 2013. This generous support for the last 10 years has been greatly appreciated by the Club. We would like to give a huge thank you to Coromandel Accounting Limited and we would recommend Jo and the team at Coromandel Accounting Limited for anyone needing accounting services. Many thanks,

Katy Dimmendaal, Secretary, Coromandel Gymnastics Club

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productive land during these years.

She was voted onto the Conservation Board in 2007 with Dr Stella Francis. They were particularly focussed on trying to establish marine reserves in the Hauraki Gulf.

Sue was elected to TCDC in 1992 and at that time was the only woman on the council.

In the early 2000s Sue was very involved in opposing a plan to dredge the Coromandel Harbour to create a marina. She was aware of the environmental devastation this would cause.

Sue was delighted to be approached by David Williams, then kaumatua of Patukirikiri. He asked for her support to raise funds to do pest control on the Colville islands. This came to fruition in 2021 with DOC's Jobs for Nature scheme. Sue was extremely pleased with this outcome.

Sue was a teacher, "a very patient teacher" according to a former pupil who remembers her fondly. She taught for many years in various schools including Mercury Bay Area School and Coromandel Area School. She preferred factual, historical, scientific books over fiction.

Sue was Chair of the Coromandel Residents and Ratepayers Group for some years and worked with the council on heritage retention and beautification around the town – she was saddened by the destruction of the Moehau Tearooms, an iconic fixture of Coromandel Town in the early years.

Rex Croucher, who worked with Sue in various roles on various committees (including in Forest & Bird), commented, "I never cease to be amazed at the energy she is prepared to expend in the interests of other people. If Sue Wright phones you, you know she wants assistance, never for herself but for some public work... Her request is always put in such a way as to be impossible to refuse."

She was awarded a Queen's Service Medal in 2009 for working tirelessly for the public good.

Don Hughes, who also worked closely with Sue over the years, commented, "Sue Wright devoted many hours to research so that she could present the most factual and persuasive submissions to protect the natural environment from a host of damaging activities, from mining and dredging to coastal subdivisions and the loss of wetland habitat. She used her time to give a voice to nature."

We will greatly miss her energy, knowledge, and wisdom.

We are planting a totara at Torehina (Little Waitete) in Sue's memory at 11am on **Saturday 15 June**. We have a few hundred flaxes to plant too and a bit of tree freeing to be done. All welcome! For more information contact Kate on 027 692 6494.



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Coromandel-Colville Business Association

By Glenys Carr

Business Network Meeting in April

The Coromandel-Colville Business Association (CCBA) hosted Moehau Environment Group (MEG) at our April public network meeting. Stephanie Parkyn and Paul Johnson brought us up-to-date on the excellent work that MEG is carrying out on the northern Coromandel.

MEG is dedicated to restoring, connecting and protecting the biodiversity and habitats of Coromandel North. They are self-described “committed locals and visitors, who want to see the area once again alive with the sounds and sights of indigenous fauna”.

Stephanie and Paul both presented an overview of some of the great work MEG have been undertaking in northern Coromandel, including forest regeneration, wild ginger eradication, community planting, pest trapping, weeding and wetland restoration.

Kiwi protection was their primary focus, developing a mustelid trapping network over 15000ha of mostly privately held land, since they formed in 2000. Now the group has expanded to include possum control on prime coastal forest, protecting wetlands at Waikawau, and a special Pest Attack zone of 450ha in Port Charles particularly targeting rats so that forest and wildlife can recover.

Hard work by members and volunteers over the years alongside



other groups and agencies has contributed to the successful translocation of endangered species like the North Island robin and pāteke (brown teal).

MEG host a series of public lectures at Pepper Tree Restaurant in Coromandel Town.

For more information see MEG articles in the Chronicle or see www.meg.org.nz.

CCBA warmly invites the community to our June meeting to be held at Coromandel Combined Clubs (RSA), Woollams Ave at 5pm. On **Wednesday 26 June** we will host Kate Wightman, Business Growth Advisor for SODA. SODA are Business Growth Advisors and provide Waikato businesses with access to support through the Regional Business Partner (RBP) programme. The RBP helps business owners and key managers to identify needs and opportunities to grow their businesses. We hope you can join us for what will be a most informative evening. Then on **Wednesday 31 July** the CCBA will host the Economic Development Team from TCDC. Mark your calendar.

For CCBA enquiries call Jeni Ashman (Chair) on 021 636 119 or Glenys Carr (Secretary) on 027 256 3260



Pāteke

The Colville Project



This month, Amajjika Kumara, TCP’s marketing/funding person, visited Colville to catch up with the TCP team in-person and the community. “Having never ventured further north than Coromandel Town on the west side, it was a great opportunity to experience the beauty and challenges of the region and to familiarise myself with the TCP land. It helps me enormously in my work. Thank you to everyone whom I met and I look forward to meeting more of the Colville community on my future visits.”

Amajjika, with Rick Lambourne, also supported Colville Junction’s pest control project with track cutting. Nicole McCauley (Colville Junction), Aaron and Bex (Predator Free Hauraki), spent two days track-cutting on the pest control extension, which includes TCP land. This work reopened the existing fire break, and cleared along an existing water supply line. Huge thanks go out to Nicole, Aaron and Bex, for their efforts through wet weather. It’s now easier to get around the trap-line network, and it has also improved access for weed management.



Rick, Aaron, Bex and Nicole on-site

Bronwyn and Kate met with Michelle and Olivia from Huber Social, who are carrying out research into wellbeing across Hauraki communities. The research is funded by the Waikato Wellbeing Project, Te Tara o te Whai, and Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki, Waipā and Matamata-Piako district councils. In this first stage, Huber Social asked two questions about what matters to us as community members. Responses will inform the development of a further survey that will come out later this year.

The Colville Project encourages our community to get involved in the Hauraki Opportunity research. This will affect TCDC’s and health planning focus for our region for years to come. For more information, go to: www.waikatowellbeingproject.co.nz/hauraki-opportunity/.

We’ll shortly be making a call-out for volunteers to help with gentle weed clearance. We’ll be targeting small moth plant and ginger seedlings, and asking volunteers to bring a hoe with them for scraping the seedlings. Please watch our Facebook page for more details: www.facebook.com/thecolvilleproject or email Katie: admin@thecolvilleproject.nz for more information.

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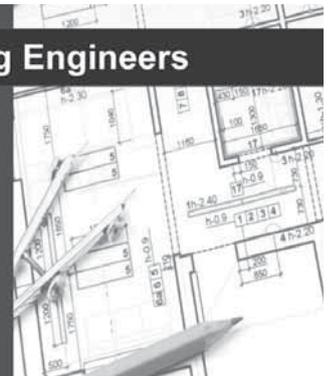
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Library News

By Paul Lawrence

Our library is moving along at a steady rate. Lots of books being borrowed and recommended as good reads by our readers.

We have another delivery of new books hitting the shelves that will appeal to everyone, we hope.

This month we have increased our numbers of nonfiction, so pop in and have a look.

We are increasing our display of books for sale, now having a number of shelves inside the library.

We sell all of our books for \$2 and, as this is a significant part of our fundraising, we are always on the lookout for donations. If we don't have the donated book in the library, we will consider cataloguing it. If we already have it, then we will offer it for sale.

This month's reviews are taking a slightly different tack.

English writer Elly Griffiths is the author of a series of murder mysteries whose protagonist is forensic archaeologist, Dr Ruth Galloway.

Those who have been following the series have had to get copies from different libraries. We have now ordered the series and, apart from a couple on back-order, they are all here.

I can personally recommend these books, as can a number of our volunteers.

Books 1, 2, and 3 are pictured right.

Good reading.



Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food for the rescue kitties; this is truly appreciated at this time. More so because things have become so expensive and costs have risen so dramatically.

The last month has been a very difficult time due to our health which has been severely compromised at times. Him indoors is doing another round of hospitalisation and the cats certainly are not impressed and refuse to come inside when called and refuse to be sociable to the sole human slave caring for them.

For rescue, we have a group of cats who, no fault of their own, are not rehomingable, which provides an issue that they are in care and happy as they are. Half were rehomed but returned as they failed to settle to a new environment, which means we are fully committed to continuing to cater and care for them. We are struggling financially and at times our health means it's harder, so for rescue we are not in a great position. We carry on solely for the love of what we do. Our hearts and minds are willing fully and utterly and we shall do so for as long as we possibly can. We appreciate all support to the unit for food and financial blessings to help us with the animals in our care and those who may need our help.

Mascara, an exferal off a farm, is a great nurse for me and will bring me presents, live freight, which is a mouse or two which I don't appreciate whatsoever but she is a great comfort and also a great heat pad to keep me warm. Tutu has become the winter cat and back inside at night, and so to Wally and Gobe, which is funny because cats sure know the best places to be on cold, wet nights.

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

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



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NZ Defence Force

In response to community concerns about the training in Waikawau Bay in May

The NZ Army routinely trains in communities around Aotearoa New Zealand in order to maintain requirements to be able to respond in times when we are called upon to assist. We are incredibly grateful for the understanding, patience and assistance that these communities provide us to complete our training.

The NZDF is a force for New Zealand. The training we do is in the interest of protecting New Zealand, New Zealanders, and New Zealand's interests. As such, the NZDF seeks to train in environments that have similar characteristics to those which we may operate in, such as metro areas in cities, rural landscapes and beach areas. Waikawau Bay provides an excellent coastal location, with native bush and undulating terrain to mimic the characteristics of a Pacific nation or isolated coastal areas of New Zealand.

Within Waikawau Bay, the areas being used by the NZDF were clearly sign-posted to ensure people were aware of the training. However, the majority of the land being used was privately owned and did not impact the public. With all exercises we consider the size and type of activity, and how this might impact the local residents and public. For the Waikawau Bay exercise it was deemed a low-to-no impact exercise on the local residents.

Low-flying aircraft were present during the early evening, and no irregular flying hours were conducted unless in a real-time emergency situation. Blank ammunition was used in isolation.

We appreciate the unique wildlife across New Zealand in areas we train and the NZDF has consulted the Department of Conservation (DOC) for the use of DOC-owned land in the Waikawau Bay area. In this consultation we have sought guidance and approval to utilise land without causing any undesirable damage to native fauna and flora.

The NZDF has also engaged with a number of land owners and DOC to gain approval to use privately-owned or DOC-owned land. Through this engagement we have gained a good understanding of the number of residents in Waikawau Bay area.

Due to a number of reasons, we do not release exact locations and timings of the training, but where possible – as the information released advises – activities such as the firing of blanks take place in areas away from the public.

While we understand that not every resident was made aware of the exercise, we strive to make reasonable attempts to ensure a large majority are and that close-knit communities can share the information in their own networks. The NZDF conducted a pamphlet drop prior to the conduct of the exercise to inform local residents in the area of relevant information.

We wish to reiterate our thanks again to those who live in the areas in which we conduct our vital and important training across New Zealand.



Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp



The Grey Power Coromandel

Annual General Meeting was held on 16 May at the St John Rooms. This was attended by 24 members, with 14 apologies.

Bill Chadderton welcomed and thanked the members for attending. Bill was elected President in the 2023 year with lots of eagerness, but unfortunately health issues got in the way. Hence, the reason for Bill in stepping down as the President, and Brian Holmes was elected as the new President.

The Association has 153 financial members with 80 unfinancial members. Discussion was had regarding the membership – what is the purpose of Grey Power, what do members want from Grey Power other than Grey Power Electricity? With 80 unfinancial members, our funds are lower than expected for the year.

The membership of the Grey Power Federation has dropped significantly over the last year but as an association of our size, we are holding our own, with the alternative months as a coffee morning, including a visit to Grey Power Whitianga, Safer Driving Course for Seniors, Christmas theme morning tea, and interesting speakers.

We have a new committee, with Brian Holmes as President and Barbara O'Reilly stepping up to the Vice President role. Discussions were held regarding Health and Safety role, and it has been suggested that the committee contact the St John administration to discuss having a Senior First Aid Course. The committee will meet to organise this in next year's programme.

Barbara O'Reilly (with the help of John Gaffikin Cowan) gave a compelling speech on "The Anzac Man" – her dad, born in Thames and who spent a lot of time in Papua New Guinea working as a surveyor in a tin mine. Thank you, Barbara!

The meeting was closed with a thank you to Bill (and Glenys) for their time. A splendid afternoon tea was shared by all with lots of general discussions.

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

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

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Monday Walkers

By Tracy Kendall

If you love exploring the beautiful Coromandel come along and join with a local group of like-minded souls that has been established for 15 years.

We meet every Monday, weather permitting, at 9am in the north end of the Woollams Ave car park, beside the school in Coromandel Town to carpool.

The walks are led by a few of us, and generally are around 10 kms of easy to moderate grade. We take along some food, water, and a stick if preferred. Appropriate footwear, clothing, and sun protection are recommended.

Generally there are between seven and 15 walkers. There is a range of ages in the group, and if you're new to Coromandel Town we welcome new walkers. This group is a good way to meet and make friends, and learn about some beautiful walks in the Coromandel. Often our walks end up at a local café or home for a well-earned treat!

Some of our members are very knowledgeable on local history, and flora and fauna, which keeps us interested and engaged. The walks are varied in vista, from beach, to bush, to private property, and even farmland. We feel privileged to sometimes be walking and exploring where the general public cannot.

On occasions, some walkers from the Whitianga walking group join us, and in turn they welcome our company in their group for those that wish.

The benefits of staying active for our mental and physical health are immeasurable, and we always feel great after these days out!

If you'd like to join us, or gain further information contact Tracy 027 333 4722



Nikau Grove - on a private property from a recent walk our group did

Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Latest callouts – vegetation fires, smoke alarm, loose building material in high winds, smoke in vegetation, car vs bank, car rolled persons trapped, chimney fire, Westpac support.

Sky Tower cChallenge

For our crew, the excitement of the month has been some 13 members running the Sky Tower Challenge on Saturday 18 May, in full fire kit, in the annual fund-raising cause for the Leukaemia Foundation. Our generous community donated some \$9,600 which went toward a nationwide total of \$1,930,000, an amazing achievement for such a worthy project. Thank you for your generosity.

While it's not a race, there were 874 fire personnel (men and women) entered, all competing to be the fastest to the top of the Sky Tower and its 1,105 steps. This is a very real competition and the fastest fireman reached the top in just 8.25 minutes. To Coromandel's credit, our own top man was Jordan Olliff at 12.53 minutes, finishing just 28th in the Open Male (up to 39 years) class, a field of 292 competitors. Other locals in this same class were Joshua Wirihana-Taweke, Matt Attwood, Waylon Brown, Chris Beard, Luke James and Max Wirihana-Taweke.

This is the first year Coromandel has had a woman entered in the Women's Open (up to 39 years), Fire Fighter Carmel Deely achieved an amazing 32nd in a field of 99 competitors.

We had two entries in the Masters (up to 49 years), being Mike Huitema and Darren Walker, and Darren's brother Shane Walker in the Grand Masters (up to 59 years).

There were some 23 entries in the Supreme Masters (60 years and over) where our man Stu Johnson achieved a magnificent 3rd with a time of 15.32 minutes, closely followed by our Fire Chief Mike Olliff. All in all an amazing achievement. Stu was in the top 100 competitors overall with this time.

It's winter, please be aware of clothing and young children near fires or heaters. Be safe.



Walkers taking a break

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

May is AGM month for Garden Circle. Our convenor, Kath, wasn't able to attend, so former convenor Jeni ably stepped in to run the show. She read Kath's Convenor Report that summarized the past year and thanked everyone – members, nonmembers, visitors, speakers and committee – for their support. Pat presented the financial report for the past year and the club is in a good position for the year ahead, so subscriptions will remain at \$20 for most members and \$10 for those 80+ years of age. We had one more member proudly join that group.

Most of the committee will remain in place, but there have been three changes, to Sales Table and Membership stewards. Kath thanked Thelma, Cindy and Marie for the many years of support they have given to the club and Jeni's beautiful bouquets were given to each of them. We hope the new committee members – Suzy, Sharlene and Joan C – will enjoy their time on the committee, which is thusly constituted: Convenor – Kath; Secretary – Natalie; Treasurer – Pat; Raffles – Lorraine and Susan Y; Membership – Suzy and Sharlene; Sales Table – Sheana and Joan C; Competitions – Jeni and Jan W; Afternoon Tea – Denise and Joan H. A few more positions are likely to be vacated next year, so hopefully members will think about how

and where they can help.

The annual competition cup winners were announced as follows, given their cups to maintain in sparkling condition, plus pots of beautiful cyclamen plants: Most Points – Sheana; Single Bloom – Lorraine; Multi Bloom – Lorraine; Mini Bloom: Natalie; Special – Sheana; Arrangement – Sheana; Try Hard Award – Jeni.

Jeni may organize another wonderful Mystery Trip in June or August and there was a good show of hands of interested participants (details TBA). Jeni mentioned that the Club will be ordering more guava moth pheromone strips in spring. They should be used in combination with the guava moth recipe and neem granules. A reminder of the recipe will go out later, as will details on how to purchase strips. She also showed us some biodegradable wool propagation pots made in NZ by Sustaina Grow. This is a good opportunity to reduce our plastic footprint and add nutrients to the soil. They also make wool mulch mats, garden blankets, grow pots, tree guards and soil enhancer. More info is available at www.sustainagrow.co.nz.

Jeni then led us in the activity for the month, on making an arrangement. She talked about using Oasis; placing greenery around the outer edge of the arrangement; putting contents in counts of three, five or eight for the best visual appeal; adding height in the centre is very effective in making



an attractive arrangement; incorporating artificial plant pieces and fruit on wood skewers. Options are fairly endless. Jeni showed us what she does and also walked through the room to advise tables of members who were giving it a go. The room was a busy hub of activity and conversation!

Next meeting: **Wednesday 12 June**

Venue: The Club

Start time: TBA

Details: TBA following the first Committee Meeting for 2024/25, wherein the new programme will be created.

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

Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

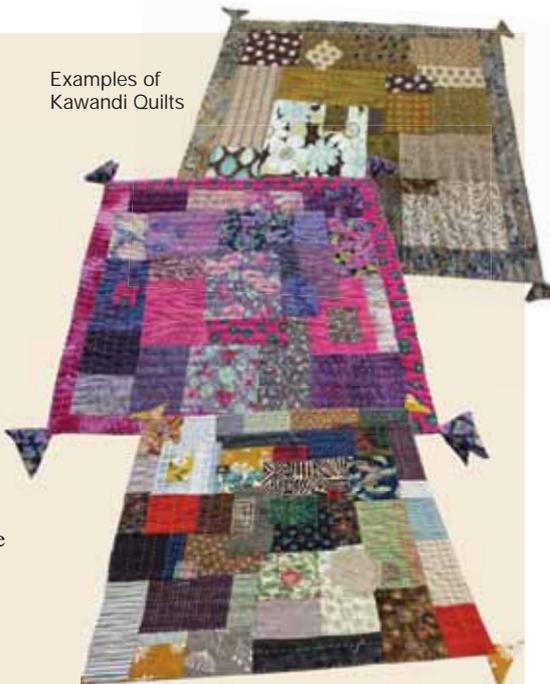
It might be cooling down, but our sewing days are heating up.

In mid May we had a two-day class with tutors Helen Rennie and Antoinette Sinclair from Hamilton. We learnt how to make a Kawandi Quilt. Kawandi is what people of African descent in Western India (Siddis) call their quilts. They are all hand-stitched, with no measuring or exact cutting. Some of us struggled with that. You start from the outside and work inwards. Old saris are often used as batting inside the quilt. Totally different to how we usually do our quilts. On each corner you put a phula (flower). A traditional finish to the Kawandi. Was a fun class and great to learn a new technique.

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

Contact: President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Tina Hvidberg Pedersen 021 594 706

Examples of Kawandi Quilts



Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Winter is approaching and is in a hurry to get here so it is time to get out the winter woollies and weatherproof gear. Our club recently held a successful course of introductory classes to bridge and we intend doing this again, so if you missed out and want to learn, please give your name to a member.

We meet each Monday evening and look forward to having the new members coming to join in with us.

Visitors are welcome to join us; please let Jan know before 3pm.

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Introducing Parr Builders to the Coromandel Community!

By Catherine Parr

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Introducing Peter Carpenter

We are pleased to introduce Peter Carpenter, our new qualified builder with 23 years of building experience. Pete also spent 10 years teaching and running a Building Academy at Hauraki Plains College, where he led students in building three-bedroom houses on site. He is passionate about creating a good quality product through excellent trade practices.

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Brett Parr and Peter Carpenter

POETRY SPOT

Winter haiku

By John Irvine

a world of
sunshine and diamonds:
winter frost

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



As we head into June, many people around the Peninsula will be eager to hear the Department of Conservation's plan to reopen the walking track at Cathedral Cove.

DOC have released three potential options, which is a positive step, but a firmer action plan is expected to be on Minister Tama Potaka's desk imminently. Hopefully we get a proactive approach which quickly restores full walking access to this iconic destination, while also exploring longer-term solutions. Cathedral Cove is an important part of the Peninsula's overall tourist package. People come from around the world to visit the cove, and when they're here they end up discovering we have much more to offer, which helps to drive our local economy.

In politics, the coalition government has signalled our priority to turn around declining student achievement, because our education system is failing too many primary school children. It's not something that has just happened overnight. It's been a long, slow but steady decline.

Education Minister Erica Stanford has announced a renewed focus on structured literacy, which in effect is a return to the tried-and-true methods of teaching children how to read and write. When I went to school it was called "phonics". From Term 1 in 2025 all state schools will be using the structured literacy approach, which we believe will make a real difference to the learning outcomes of our children.

Presently, only 56% of Year 8 students are at the expected level for reading and writing. We're committed to turning this around and have set a target to get 80% of Year 8 students to curriculum level by 2030. The return to proven education methods, as well as requiring schools to teach an hour each of reading, writing, and maths, will play a big part in better preparing kids for the future.



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Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph



Personal Grievances

If you have a personal grievance with your employer then you may be able to raise this with the Employment Relations Authority (ERA). Before you do however there are a number of steps that you will need to go through first.

The first and most important step is to raise your grievance with your employer. It's important to know that the Employment Relations Act 2000 allows you 90 days from the date of the grievance arising or being brought to your attention. In the case of sexual harassment however you will have 12 months. The sooner you act on bringing your grievance to the attention of your employer, the better.

You should raise any concerns that you have with your employer using clear communication in either a letter or an email. The latter is the best method as this provides a trail of when you first brought the grievance to your employer's attention and in some case you may even be able to show when the email was read by using a read-receipt offered by most email platforms. Your initial communication should lay out the specific concerns that you have, when it occurred, the impact that it has had upon you and the resolution that you would like to see. All written communications regarding your grievance will be considered as a valuable reference point if and when the issue reaches the ERA.

You do not have to go through this process alone. In any meetings that you may have with your employer about this issue you are able to take along a support person, who can support you with things such as understanding any dialogue during the meeting and taking notes so that you can focus on the meeting. Your support

person can also ask clarifying questions during the meeting, however they are not there to speak on your behalf regarding the issue. If you want someone there who can talk on your behalf and query any actions or inactions that your employer has taken, then you will need to acquire the services of an employment advocate such as Coromandel Workers Council.

We can dig deeper on the issue for you and try to get a resolution in the initial meeting. This isn't always possible so sometimes there may be two or more meetings to resolve this. If no resolution is found then mediation is required. You can elect to hire an independent mediator or you can apply through MBIE to have a mediator assigned to you. This is provided at no cost. It should be noted, however, there can be long wait times before a mediator is available to you. The mediator will help both parties reach an agreement on the best resolution to allow everyone to move forward. Of course this does not always happen and so that is when both parties can give the MBIE mediator the power to make a recommendation or continue to take the case to the ERA.

If the issue does escalate to the ERA, then it is highly recommended that you seek representation from either a lawyer, union representative or again an outfit such as Coromandel Workers Council.

In the next article we will look closer at the ERA process, what is required, how much it costs, and what you may be entitled to if a decision is awarded to you.

If you think you may have an issue that warrants attention, even if you are unsure, please get in touch with us to see how we might be able to help.

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MG Club

The MG Club do an annual run to Coromandel Town and two MGB locals joined them this year.

The weather was good for a crisp autumn ride for drivers, Rugged up and roofs down was the order for the day for the convertibles. MGs may be small, old and quirky but they are also bright, breezy and beloved by the owners.

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Mahamudra Centre

What it means to retreat

At Mahamudra, we have five cabins available for those wishing to carry out a solitary retreat. People come for a retreat for many different reasons be it meditation, reading, writing, painting or many other practices, not just a Buddhist practice.

Our most recent retreatant: Tim, came to the centre to complete a five-month solitary retreat and being a bit of an experienced retreatant over the years, we asked Tim for his view on what it means to him.

Personal retreat by Tim Kay

One dictionary definition of retreat is “a period of time used to pray/meditate/contemplate and study quietly, or to think carefully, away from normal activities and duties”.

I find that this definition describes the very essence of retreat. It clearly emphasizes the active character of this kind of engagement, and reminds me that retreat offers the opportunity to engage in beneficial activities free from external distractions.

When engaging in formal personal retreat there are three main elements that I keep an awareness of:

- Firstly, the opportunity to spend a week or more alone in a supportive environment is rare, so I limit my interactions with others. And as this is considered the most important aspect of personal retreat – because we are so habituated to engaging with others whenever we wish to, in one way or another – I feel that in formal retreat we should instead engage with our minds – void of these external distractions.
- Secondly, because time is such a precious commodity, especially in our busy everyday lives, giving ourselves the time to focus our minds should be valued as a gift to ourselves. To honor this gift, I ensure that the period I have chosen for my retreat is structured to utilize the time most beneficially. To achieve this I draw up a plan of intended activities, and commit to adhering to the structure I have decided upon. When approaching personal retreat, I tend to adopt the mindset that less is more, especially in the initial days, and in my experience, shorter sessions tend to be of most benefit until our attention is more focused.
- Thirdly, we can furthermore gain rewards in our retreat by ensuring that we restrict the materials we use to those texts/books that relate specifically to our practice. In my experience, the mind can easily become distracted even by materials that



Tim on his retreat



we might otherwise consider supportive. Again, less tends to be more here as well, and I adhere to the idea that we ought to be de-cluttering our minds as much as possible during our retreat time to provide space to think and contemplate.

Generally, I feel that we stand to gain more benefit from retreat if we ensure that any practical and logistical aspects of our time away from daily life have been dealt with before we commence, and a week or so beforehand, to help transition into retreat more smoothly. I endeavor to get a good amount of sleep, and try as much as possible to slow things down, pare back unnecessary activities, and begin to prepare my mind for the coming period of focused attention.

Clean, clear, and simple. If I remember these words during my retreat, I tend to find that I can more easily focus on the work at hand; and this, for me, is the essence of what retreat is all about.

If you are interest in coming to do a retreat at the centre maybe for a week or even a number of weeks, please get in touch with us retreat@mahamudra.org.nz or visit www.mahamudra.org.nz

Age Concern

By Jo Sanderson

We are nearly halfway through the year. It sure is true, the older you get, the faster time flies!

As I write this, our Knit a Square initiative is well underway and has gone way beyond our wildest dreams, with knitters knitting all over New Zealand! We are going to have many magnificent blankets to hand out around our communities to people in need this month.

Next month we will be launching an exciting fundraising campaign. Watch this space.

As I said last month, we will introduce a staff member each issue. This month I would like to introduce Francine Hills, who we are so lucky to have as our health promoter.

Dr. Francine Hills (Ph.D)

I'm Francine Hills, the health promoter at Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel. My family and I settled in Te Puru after moving from Wales, and we've fully embraced the beauty and lifestyle of Aotearoa. Amidst the joyful chaos of raising a teenager and an almost-teenager, we make time to explore this incredible country. Just last week, we spotted whales from the beach near our house, and this weekend, we marvelled at glowworms. I'm constantly blown away by the splendour of this country.

As a health promoter dedicated to addressing the holistic needs of our community in Hauraki Coromandel, my key priorities lie in building our “Steady As You Go©” groups and “Chinwag Cafes” across the Hauraki Coromandel peninsula. These initiatives aim to promote strength, balance, and social connection, which are vital components of overall health and wellbeing. Additionally, I'm busying myself with a new initiative, Co-Lab Movement Creation, which collaborates with community members to develop tailored movement programs that meet their specific needs. If you're interested in joining our initiatives or have ideas for incorporating movement into existing organisations, don't hesitate to reach out.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

This month we remember past members who have passed away in the last month.

Alison Rowe was a member of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc, for many years and served for some years on the committee, finally resigning in 2019. She did a lot of work researching family histories, and thanks to her we now have a full folder of the histories of many local families. Sue Wright was a Life Member of the Society, having become a member of the committee in 1994. Sue also served as President for several years. She will be remembered for her work for the museum, in particular for the field trips she organised over many years, and for her work during the construction of our "new" building. As well, I acknowledge Colin Turner, who also passed away recently. Colin was a great friend of the museum, particularly during the recent



Sue Wright at the opening of the new museum building 2012, with Scott Simpson MP

work of relocating the Firlawn Creamery building to the museum, and he was of great assistance to the committee in matters relating to the cleaning and storage of the old guns. On behalf of the School of Mines & Historical Society I pass on our sincere condolences to the friends and families of these great local identities.

In June we hold our AGM. It will be held at 1.30pm on **Sunday 9 June** at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. All members, intending members, or interested people are welcome

to come along.

This will be the 30th AGM of the Society, although the museum has been going for much longer than that. Marie Beech's article in *In Search of the Rainbow* states:

"The museum came about in the early 1950's, when Gordon Allington decided it was time a good use was put to the former School of Mines building on Rings Road. Gordon, a former battery manager in the Coromandel and Thames area, had been involved with the Thames School of Mines and the Coromandel Prospectors Association.

"At the time the building had lain idle for some time after having previously been used as a clothing factory. So, with the thoughts and assistance of other like-minded Coromandel folk, letters were written to the Mines Department and an approach was made to the then-Minister of Mines at Wellington requesting advice and assistance in the formation of a museum in the old building. After much correspondence, approval was granted for the formation of a School of Mines Museum.

"In 1953/1954 a group of willing volunteers formed a committee and set themselves the task of cleaning up the old building and the grounds, sorting through and finding the former contents and treasures of the old school and also finding finance for the venture.

"So many people gave so much time and knowledge to the formation and running of the museum.

"However, by 1984, the condition of the building, built in 1897, was causing concern, so work began on 17 September 1984. The first stage was paid for by museum funds; by June 1986 the Mines Division had become a major financier, but an overdraft was also arranged with the Bank of New Zealand to complete the reconstruction and to convert the annex at the side of the building. Also, the jailhouse from the old police station had become available for removal to the museum site and with the resiting and restoration, was quite a costly but worthwhile exercise."

In December 1994, the Coromandel Historical Society joined with the Coromandel Miners and Prospectors Association and a strong society was formed to save the museum.

After King's Birthday Weekend the museum will be closed for winter

Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services

Here we are again at the beginning of the cooler months and the rodents are making themselves known! As always, both mice and rats are starting to look for somewhere warmer to nest and easy food sources. I have talked a bit about preventative measures in the past, so this time I thought I would focus on the rodents themselves.

We have four rodent species in New Zealand that are considered invasive pests – the house (common) mouse, the black (roof/ship) rat, the brown (Norway/sewer) rat and the Pacific (kiore/Polynesian) rat. All are introduced and are not only a nuisance to us, but also a threat to our native wildlife. As we know, mice and rats love to gnaw on things, from wood to electrical wires to water pipes! This is because their teeth are specialised for this task and never stop growing, so they need to continually grind them down.

Mice are, of course, the smallest of the rodents, generally ranging from 6-9cm long (head & body) with a tail approximately the same length. They range in colour from greys to browns on top and a lighter underside. Mice are nocturnal, social and prolific breeders with each female averaging 8 litters of about 5-6 per year. As omnivores, mice eat just about anything and generally get most of their moisture needs from the food they consume. Keeping mice out of the house can prove difficult as they only require a hole the size of the end of your pinkie finger to fit through!

The most common rat in New Zealand is the roof rat, followed by the Norway rat. The roof rat is the smaller of these two species, but with a tail that is longer than its head and body combined, and a sharper pointed snout. In contrast, Norway rats are bigger, with a tail generally shorter than its body/head and a blunter snout. Roof rats are very good climbers and jumpers and will be the species we most often find in our ceilings and crawl spaces. The Norway rat is the better swimmer, thriving in wet environments. Both species are nocturnal and cautious by nature. Once they have established routes between their nests and food/water sources, they tend to stick to them and can leave dark oily marks where their fur rubs against a surface. As with mice, rats can fit through small openings, only needing a hole about the width of the end of your thumb.

So, block up those holes, trim those trees, keep it clean and if all else fails, give us a call!



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Since 1 July 2023 to 30 April we welcomed nearly 8,000 visitors to our town and dealt with 650 locals looking for phone numbers, places to take their visitors, events on in town and a whole plethora of enquiries.

Our Facebook page has 3,000 followers whom we keep up-to-date with what is on offer in Coromandel Town, TCDC notices, weather updates and roading issues, local exhibitions, galleries, plays, concerts and also showcases businesses in town.

Our website, www.coromandeltown.nz has had over 3,000 hits from interested parties from all over the world; remember, these are enquiries specific to Coromandel Town. If you haven’t had a look around the website, we encourage you to find services, accommodation, activities, walks and attractions you may not be aware of.

While we receive funding from the Thames Coromandel District Council, as a charitable trust, applying for funding is an ongoing exercise to ensure that we can remain open for the foreseeable future, at a time when information centres are becoming a victim to the strained economic times we are living through at the moment.

This year we have launched the Beach, Bush and Beyond pack for children of visitors visiting the area. Included in a purpose-designed, reusable bag are puzzles, questions about our area, colouring-in

templates and conservation information aimed at our younger visitors, and writing materials – including coloured pencils.

Our Boom, Bust and Beyond tours have proved very popular over the summer season and a shoutout has to go to the local guides who take time out of their days to facilitate this option for visitors with close on 50 tours being conducted over the summer months – November to January.

Along with commission received on tickets sold for the many and varied activities in the area, including shows and events, we are very grateful to those tourist operators, service providers and small businesses that advertise with us through our website and Facebook – it is thanks to you we are able to keep functioning.

Planning an event? Keep us in the loop. Do you have tickets to sell? Come in to talk to us at the info centre. We can sell your tickets on your behalf or help advertise your event.

A shoutout and a big thank you to the wonderful gardeners who keep the gardens and grounds in Samuel James Reserve looking great, including the gentleman who during autumn clears away all of the fallen leaves from our beautiful trees. We all appreciate your efforts, Thank you. The reserve being so central is well used by big and small. It’s wonderful to see so many locals and visitors making use of the park.

If you need Wi-Fi while in town, CILT provide this for the community. Look for “coro wifi” under connections and tap. We can help you if you’re struggling to log on.

Coro caps are available at the info centre. Two colours available, made of corduroy, \$35 each. A popular purchase for locals visiting family overseas.



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Embroidery Guild

By Heather Arthur

We all so look forward to the 1st Wednesday of the month for our Guild meeting at St John rooms. Those who have completed a project that they are rightly proud of, display it on the “show and tell” table so we can all admire the stitching work they have completed. Most of us work from a pattern, although some are very creative and do some amazing work. Meetings are usually fairly short and we carry on stitching and chatting for the remainder of the meeting.

This month’s “show and tell” table had a grand array of the results of last month’s Shibori Indigo dyeing class. The seven ladies attending had a wonderful experience tying and stitching, knotting and folding the material and dunking it in a bucket of dye... not being exactly sure what patterns will eventuate. Done on cotton, silk, linen and mainly plain material, there were silk scarves and all shapes and sizes of previously plain material transformed into fantastic patterns.

The May class is Pattern Darning Ball which is a very pretty embroidered ball. Our very own member Helen Pearce is our tutor and I know it will be much nicer than darning the holes in father’s socks of days gone by.

If you would like to see some of the gorgeous things we do produce, follow us on Facebook, www.coromandelembroiders.co.nz, and remember....we all started somewhere and this is a fantastic group to help you if you would like to join us on your exciting stitch journey.

Contact person is Helen Pearce at coromandelembroidery1@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 8460



Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Q. Is it a good time to be buying residential real estate?

A. This is a complex question, depending on your needs.

If what you’re really asking is, have the prices bottomed out? Well, we will not really know the answer to that until we look back and the prices have risen.

If you need a home now? Then you deal with the market as it is now, just as if you have to if you are selling. You deal with the now market. You mostly buy and sell in the same market conditions.

Is it a good time to buy? In my opinion, I think it is.

Why? It’s not just about interest rates. We currently find the market full of listings in general. Therefore as we keep hearing the media remind us, it is the buyers that are flexing their might at present.

A number of sellers are trying to downsize in order to lower their commitments or mortgages. They can see more and more competition coming into the market.

We hear that approximately a third of buyers are first home buyers.

To me, I think the signals are there that we are there or thereabouts at the low point of prices. We may see some movement up or down, but I do not think it will be significant in the full landscape of the market.

Lets face it, with the immigration rates high, along with people holding off from buying, we are seeing very much an upward pressure on rental prices and rental listings. So do we spend extra on rent? Or do we jump in the pond and buy? It seems as far as interest rates go, we may be on a “steady as she goes” process for a while.

We have learnt, or should have learnt from history, not to wait for everyone to move at the same time. That creates panic and pressure back on to buyers, and higher prices. So to me, if buying, if the property looks like I could live there, then why not make a written offer and see what the vendor counter-signs at? I say a written-offer as vendors largely consider verbal as a try on, and do not take it seriously.

A lot of the current listings have been around for some time due to the prices slipping, and vendors not realising how far prices moved while they sat and waited for an offer. But the longer time goes by, the more pressure there is for homeowners to deal with the buyers.

Put all this in the mix and look at the moves being made by the government to make borrowing somewhat more streamlined, to help you into that property.

I know more people are active in the market at present than for some time. The last few weeks has seen an increase in viewings, more activity at auction properties and post auction activity. Seems to me some buyers are changing from waiting, to buying, taking advantage of their position in the process of buying and selling real estate.

I think now is the time to take the serious step and make it happen. I say buy while you have the edge.

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Urban Homes launches Coromandel franchise as it marks 20th anniversary

Waikato home builder Urban Homes has announced its first franchise located in Whitianga and servicing the Thames Coromandel region. This major announcement comes on the heels of the company’s 20th anniversary milestone being marked this month.

“My desire is to see Urban Homes as a nationwide company, one with a reputation for excellence and known for influencing the industry in a positive way... I want to see our business being prominent in every region throughout New Zealand, led by dedicated franchisees who share the same DNA and values my wife, Bronwyn, and I founded the business upon,” says Daniel Klinkenberg, Urban Homes’s founder.

The Coromandel franchisees are husband and wife team Daniel Blok and Tanya Jones-Blok, who have been branch managing for Urban Homes in the Coromandel since last year. Dan has been Head of Construction at Urban Homes since 2018, and Tanya has been a Colour Consultant and New Homes Sales Consultant since 2018.



Tanya Jones-Blok and Daniel Blok



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RSA

By Gary Pettett

There was a huge turnout for Anzac Day this year with a record attendance at the Cenotaph for the remembrance service.

Brian Holmes gave a speech about his service life that was very interesting (see speech below). Our thanks go to Jim Davis as MC, John Gaffikin-Cowan as Padre and Geoff Kingsmill for sound. Special thanks also to the Fire Brigade for turning out in full uniform. After the service, a delicious morning tea was supplied at the Club with thanks to Lyn Williams and her band of helpers.

The Poppy Day collection showed a record amount realised this year for our Poppy Trust that assists service people old and new, and all of the money raised stays in our area.

A special thanks goes to Pieter Visser for organising the collection boxes and all of the dedicated volunteers manning the tables on the street in very unkind weather.

Anzac address by Brian Holmes, Captain RNZIR (retired)

It was a journey defined by dedication, service and commitment to duty.

I joined the army as a 20yr old in 1964 and became a rifleman and a radio operator in the infantry. After a year of training in 1965 I was posted to Malaya, then Borneo, then Vietnam.

After returning home I married the nurse I met four years previously.

Throughout my career of 25 years I had various postings to army camps in New Zealand – Napier, Waiouru, Burnham and Papakura. I was also posted to RNZIR in Singapore where I had two two-year postings along with my family.

During my first tour I was selected for a training team that went to Bandung in Indonesia.

In 1982 I was selected for a military exchange for three months with the American Army at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. I was an infantry instructor and went up through the ranks from PTE to a warrant officer.

On returning home from my last posting to Singapore as a Sgt Major I was commissioned as an officer and attached to the SAS in Papakura.

During my career I also carried out overseas exercises in Fiji, Australia, Malaya, Singapore, Hawaii.

Thank you.



Anzac Day



Brian Holmes on Anzac Day

Combined Clubs

By Maureen Kimber

We had an amazing evening at the Club in early May to celebrate receiving our Compliance Certificate from TCDC, approving all of the major changes made to the Club over the last eighteen months or so. Our president Steve gave a warming speech of thanks to all involved in the long journey, from the architect, the project manager (who unfortunately was taken ill halfway through the process), Kate, who took over the role of dealing with the Council through many trying months, and the voluntary labour of so many people, far too many to name.

Kate was presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her expertise and tirelessness in getting the Club this approval from Council, a job far above her expectations when she took on the role of Club Manager.

You will be happy to see that new lighting has been installed in the parking area for the benefit of us all, especially as the winter nights are closing in.

The RSA midwinter dinner will be held on **Saturday 6 July** – all CCC members are welcome; further email details to follow from Club secretaries.



Kate was presented with a bouquet of flowers

RSA Car Club

By Bruce Finan

The members had a great day with the Whitianga boys and their toys the other Sunday, over here for the fabulous pizzas and lunch at the Star and Garter, while Wayne looked after the cars in the carpark. Some of us mixed and mingled while drooling over the classic American cars, which included 10 of our own. We are always pleased to welcome the Whitianga club to town.

Our Coromandel Car Club had a good display – the Model T was a source of entertainment and won Dave the trophy – good sport Dave.

Our Wednesday night meetings are well attended – the club is coming up to three years old, so I will book a lunch in town for us to celebrate – further details to follow. Our next happy hour meeting is on **Wednesday 12 June** in the Club rooms – hope to see you there.



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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

It's June already and our 2023-2024 season is over but we certainly managed to squeeze in quite a few games and tournaments before finishing up.

Mercury Bay came over again for the 2nd Summer Cup challenge and even though we were up on points after the first challenge, Mercury Bay managed to peg us back and win the "Summer Cup" overall.

We had the first of the Winter Cup challenges to be held at Mercury Bay on Thursday 23 May and the second challenge will be on **Thursday 11 July** so we look forward to their hospitality.

We have had the last of our Sunday Club afternoon of bowls as well for this season. This was a new addition to our club programme and has proved very successful with as many as 18 bowlers turning up, including a few of our social members.

Some of those social members have now joined as full paying members, which is great. I'm sure the Sunday afternoon bowls will continue once we kick into the 2024-2025 season.

On Thursday 9 May we had our final Club Day with two rounds of bowls being played in beautiful autumn weather, followed by a shared lunch and then our Club presentations. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Presentation Day

2023-2024 Championship winners
 Women's Champ Fours – Shirley Stol, Maureen Kimber, Di Burton and Linda Wright

Women's Champ Triples – Sue McNeil, Val Arndt and Vi King

Women's Champ Pairs – Lindsay Nicholls and Pam Harris

Women's Champ Singles – Lindsay Nicholls

Women's Under 5 Years

Champ Singles – Val Arndt

Women's Under 5 years Champ Pairs – Val Arndt and Judy Campbell

Men's Champ Fours – Rodger Gardiner, Gary James, Layke McNeil and Doug Mulholland

Men's Champ Triples – Colin Gawith, Danny Goodall and Jason Dickison

Men's Champ Pairs – Colin Gawith and Danny Goodall

Men's Champ Singles – Colin Gawith

Men's Under 5 Years Champ Singles – Layke McNeil

Men's Under 5 Years Champ Pairs – Layke McNeil and Doug Mulholland

Our 2023 – 2024 Cup winners

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Coromandel Cup – David Weatherley and David Makiri

Kolendyke Cup – Gary James and Doug Mulholland

Patron's Cup – Reg Wright, Doug Mulholland and David Makiri

We have our club AGM on **Saturday 8 June** at 10am and hope to see a good turnout of our members there.

Everyone is still welcome to come and join us socially over the winter at the club, with the bar open on Fridays from 3.30-7pm.



Shirley Stol, one of our local players



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Mana Retreat

Winter has finally arrived, bringing with it frosty mornings and some beautiful, sunny and crisp days. Like many of you, we've been busy planting winter crops in the garden. We will be celebrating the winter solstice with our Winter Solstice Working Bee on **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 June** – a time to join together as a community and work on some fun projects. We'd like to warmly invite you to join us for a day or the whole weekend. If you are seeking a winter escape, we also have some relaxing and rejuvenating retreats coming up.

Some of you attended and enjoyed the one-day workshops with Master SunYong. We are excited to welcome his return for his upcoming weekend retreat: **Finding True Self on Friday 7 to Sunday 9 June**. Gift yourself a weekend of self love, discovering how to release tension in the body from past trauma and physical and emotional pain. Book your place via our website or give our office a call. A friendly reminder to pack up warm and bring that extra layer of clothing during your visits.

As we move into the quieter and colder months, we look towards going within, being gentle with ourselves, taking the time to slow down and rest. Our team will be taking our annual winter break from **Monday 24 June to Wednesday 24 July** and our responses will be delayed during this period.

We'd like to share with you a solstice blessing by Pádraig Ó Tuama:

“As night stretches here, day contracts elsewhere. And in their night, we are bathed in light. In all nights there is light; in long days there can be ache too. For you, we call the sun to stand still a while, and the moon too, and stars, and the waters and the heavens. Hells as well – just for a second; just for a breath. May that breath rest you. And may each breath rest you, as it has until now, and now and now. This one, after that one, after that one after that.”

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Preserving tradition: te mana tangata embraces bone carving

Under the guidance of workshop teacher and artist Chris, our awesome Te Mana Tangata participants have been learning the ropes of bone carving. Situated at 100 Pound Street, Te Mana Tangata offers a warm, social haven where individuals, probation clients, and youth can come and have a good time together. Through hands-on workshops and immersive experiences, participants not only develop their artistic skills, but also are supported to connect with others in the community.



Te Mana Tangata kaimahi and participants working on their carvings

Beyond its artistic value, bone carving at Te Mana Tangata serves as a powerful vehicle for storytelling and connection, bridging the gap between past and present generations. Each intricately carved piece carries with it a unique narrative, weaving together threads of history, identity, and spiritual significance.

For more information about Te Mana Tangata, email us at temanatangata@cilt.org.nz.

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Ready to reserve your spot? Contact us at (07) 866 8358 or drop by the Resource Centre at 150 Pound Street, Coromandel Town.

The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme 2024 recipients

CILT is delighted to unveil the recipients of our highly anticipated annual Community Grants Scheme for the year 2024. After carefully reviewing numerous applications, CILT is proud to announce the successful candidates who have been awarded grants to support their impactful community projects and organisations.

This year's grant application process attracted a significant number of submissions, reflecting awesome innovations and wonderful community programmes across the Coromandel region. CILT extends its sincere thanks to all applicants for their dedication and commitment to enhancing our community, and to those who have shopped at The Bizarre over the last year. You may not be aware, but your generosity by donating and spending money at The Bizarre helps fund this incredible scheme!

A total of \$25,000 was allocated to 12 groups, ensuring that a wide array of community initiatives receive the necessary resources to thrive. Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2024 Community Grants Scheme. We look forward to celebrating your achievements as you strive to make a difference in our community: Boot Scootin' Coromandel \$500, Colville Bay Preschool \$2,500, Coromandel Rugby Football and Sports Club \$1932.59, Thrive Coromandel \$2,400, Colville Junction \$1,500,

Coromandel Community Preschool \$4,802.88, Colville Tennis Club \$1,283, Coromandel Players \$2,000, Coromandel Area School \$4,000, Coromandel Gymnastics Club \$2,475, Te Roopu Tautoko o Harataunga \$550, Coromandel Archers \$1056.53.

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Kōpū ready to launch

The Kōpū marine servicing and business precinct will be officially launched by the Rt Hon Minister Winston Peters on 21 June, completing a \$15 million project that is expected to generate up to 100 jobs in the long term.

The 80m long commercial wharf and floating pontoon provides in-water marine servicing and vessel loading, and a regional public boat ramp and car park.

“With the Kōpū Marine Precinct nearly ready to service industry vessels, and with Te Ariki Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf in place,



our district has two important bits of infrastructure positioned to enable the aquaculture industry to grow,” says our Mayor Len Salt.

Meanwhile, Te Ariki Tahī is set to expand with a proposed \$20 million upgrade to establish five commercial berths and a separate recreational facility, with potential to double green-lipped mussel volumes by 2040. The wharf currently handles 90 per cent of mussels harvested in the North Island.

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UPDATE

A word from our Board
Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

“By the time this paper is published our Long Term Plan will be almost finalised. It’s been a long process and tough decisions have had to be made. We’ve definitely walked a tricky tightrope between spending on essentials and ensuring our rates are not pushed beyond affordability. On a positive note, I’m really looking forward to celebrating the work of the hundreds of energetic volunteers in June who carry out essential roles in our community.”



gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

Council news in brief

- An out-of-cycle budget request of \$200,000 was endorsed to rebuild a small coastal wall in Wyuna Bay that protects car parking along the beach. The wall was damaged by a storm in October 2023.

The Board’s next meeting is on Tuesday 11 June 2024, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Agendas are at tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes

VOLUNTEER WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We’ll be celebrating our hardworking volunteers on Tuesday 18



June. The Community Board, staff and members of the community will contribute a few hours’ service at the Coromandel Community Garden 10am–12.30 with a hot lunch after. Join us!

Photo by Mike Hill



LTP CLOSE TO ADOPTION

Last month was a big milestone in our Long Term Plan (LTP) journey as Mayor Len, Councillors and staff heard more than 70 individuals and groups speak to their submissions on our LTP proposals. Council then spent two days deliberating the submissions, on 21-22 May.

The draft LTP will be audited on 6 June, and adopted later this month, when we’ll share the key decisions at tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS IN JUNE

On the first week of June, yellow week recycling collections for Coromandel Town and Te Kōuma, and Coromandel Rural North will take place a day later on Thursday 6 June, due to the King’s Birthday public holiday on Monday 3 June. Check your local calendar at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays



Rubbish and Recycling Transfer Stations (RTS) will remain open as usual on King’s Birthday and Matariki public holidays on Monday 3 June and Friday 28 June, from 8.30am–4.30pm. tcdc.govt.nz/RTS

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Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams

After nearly a year in the hot seat at CAS it's timely for me to share with you, our community, a bit about what we've been working on, how it's going and where to next. Jamie has kindly let me take over the reins with our school space in the Chronicle for a bit. To start with, I'm really enjoying the challenge of leading the team at CAS. The students are friendly, down to earth, straight up – just what you'd expect for Coro kids! The teachers and support staff are talented, have an amazing range of skills and passions and we are lucky to have the broad access to learning opportunities we have amongst the team. I'm slowly getting to know the whānau of our students – many I already have connections with and it's been great reconnecting. One thing I've learned over years of leadership experience, good things take time and moving forward with slow deliberate steps ensures change is well founded and sustainable.

This term we have a big focus on Matariki and as a community you'll see plenty happening in the lead-up to a production and celebrations. In the background our key foci for the year are to work on systems, communication and the basics of learning and relationships. We want to make sure that all that we do, we do well. Amongst that, some of our school's long-time favourites and traditions are being sustained. A variety of camps, sporting opportunities, trips and outdoor education are providing students with opportunities to get out and about, experience a wide range of place-based learning and interact with our local community, environment and also venture further afield.

We have started an extensive process with hauora consultation. We aim to work together with the community to identify our biggest challenges, aspirations and from this continue to develop our curriculum and school culture to be meeting the needs of our tamariki and whānau in the long term. Our values, curriculum and school culture should reflect what the community needs, and support our future generations accordingly through education.

One of the best parts of my job at the moment is fostering student leadership. This year, expressions of interest from senior students were asked for, and we've formed a group of eleven rangatahi. We meet regularly, and work collaboratively to come up with projects within the school and community that students can be a part of. This year the students will get out and about and develop their leadership skills in a variety of ways. Whole school hui that the student leaders plan and lead will become a regular occurrence with a focus on tuakana teina relationships and senior students being positive role models for our younger people. This group is truly awesome and I'm loving working with them to continue to improve life and learning at CAS.

In terms of where to next, there are many things that will strengthen the school and benefit our community in the long term. We have a rich local environment and much expertise to draw from and contribute to. When our foundations are strong within, we will reach out. We want to connect, build on existing relationships and form new ones so that our kura is reflective of who we are as a community and effectively growing our young people to contribute to the community as adults. Many of you have already spoken to me about this; many thanks to you, I feel the support and am very grateful on behalf of our kura. Ngā mihi nui kia koutou.

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We welcome the arrival of winter. Our rain water tanks are full for plenty of water-play in the sand, our kumara are ready to harvest and store for our Matariki feast, and hands are busy crafting and creating kites and stars for Matariki, and all kinds of art, carpentry, and theatre as children bring their stories alive every day.

We soon farewell our fabulous five-year-olds, Ngaroma, Emilia and Harley – continuing their learning journeys at Coromandel Area School. Raa whānau ki a koutou, and also wishing a happy birthday to our wonderful kaiako Belinda this month.

We are hiring! See classified ad on page 28.

For our Matariki celebration on **Thursday 27 June**, we are thinking fire on the beach, shared kai and waiata. Ideas, contributions and activities welcome as we prepare for this together.

Our AGM has been moved to **Thursday 13 June**. All welcome to participate and/or nominate a friend or family member to the committee or the Incorporated Society.

Our Licensed Early Learning Centre is a registered charity. If you would like to make a donation the details are: Kiwibank: Colville Bay Preschool Inc: 38-9005-0803508-02, reference "donation".

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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Rhonda Walker



Kia ora koutou.

The month of May/Haratua has been action-packed and full of many new learning experiences. The children got to watch an ika/fish being filleted, then it was smoked and they made sushi with it.

They have also been working on a project down in the garden area, making a pizza oven. It has proven to be a great success and have since cooked many home-made pizzas in it. As well as learning about different ways to cook our kai it has also given us the opportunity to talk to the tamariki about fire safety.

The children continue to enjoy regular outings in and around the community, especially going to "Music and Dance" every week. Thank you to all of the parents/whaanau and volunteers that help out and make these trips possible.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in our recent Mother's Day raffle and we congratulate Shivawn Elliott No. 18 who won the great prize.

We have had the pleasure of having Jenna James complete a four-week teaching practicum with us for the month of May. We would like to warmly acknowledge and thank her for all of her wonderful new ideas and positive team spirit.

We have welcomed Maiara to preschool and have celebrated birthdays for Hazel, Enrique, Kahu, Fletcher and Ariyah-Rose. We said farewell to Kahu, Fletcher and Ariyah-Rose who have started school; enjoy your new adventure!

For the first time in quite some time we currently have some spaces available on our "over 2's" side. Please either call in or contact the office on (07) 866 7570, to speak to us about securing a time for your child.

Looking forward you can also call in to see us if you want a quality Early Childhood Education Centre for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers, if you feel that this the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning.

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

The centre operates Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-3.30pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

After school: 5yrs+ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm.

For 10yrs+ Adventure Time – explore outdoor activities our community has to offer, meet Monday after school at Hauraki House, ready to leave by 3.15pm, returning 5pm. Miniatures Game Club, Wednesdays 3-5pm.

Closed: Public Holidays

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5–15yrs. We provide A fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play! Parents just fill out a membership form. For more information, during open hours, call in or phone 027 217 9206 or contact us at coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz.

Alongside donations, we are grateful for grants received from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, NZ Community Trust, Star & Garter. Thank you!

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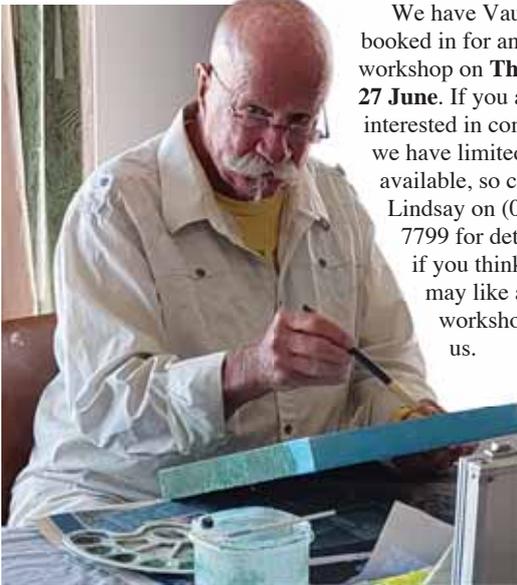
Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We have been busy working on our creations this month. With the weather turning, we have stayed inside.

It was great to have a couple of old members join us for morning tea; love to see you back. Anyone else who is thinking of joining, we have a couple of gaps at the moment. We meet at the Coromandel Airdrome 9am on Thursdays.

We have Vaughan booked in for an acrylic workshop on **Thursday 27 June**. If you are interested in coming, we have limited spaces available, so contact Lindsay on (07) 866 7799 for details if you think you may like a day workshop with us.



Ross working on his painting masterpiece

Thames Music Group

Sunday Afternoon Concert

Sunday Afternoon Concert performer for June is Jonathan Dunlop (Jono) who has just completed his doctoral thesis and is now Dr Jonathan Dunlop, a master of the piano and other keyboard instruments.

At St George's Church, Thames, **Sunday 9 June** at 2pm.

Jonathan Dunlop – Piano – Romantic Masters: Fantasies and Impromptus

Jonathan Dunlop has just completed Doctoral studies at the University of Waikato with Katherine Austin. His research focuses on the pianist's journey through a wide range of repertoire to find creative pedalling solutions in keyboard music from CPE Bach through to the late Romantic composers such as Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Debussy. To complement his studies in this field, he plays a wide variety of historic keyboards, which include the harpsichord, clavichord, organ and fortepiano.

Jonathan is an alumnus of the New Zealand Opera School, and most recently he has joined the The Aotearoa New Zealand Opera Studio (TANZOS) team as a Performance Fellow at the University of Waikato. Jonathan also works at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton as organist and choir coach for the school's choirs and draws on years of experience in this discipline, having directed choirs in South Auckland and Thames.



Jonathan Dunlop

WTS Shared Studios 2024

Nau mai haere mai.

Shared Studios 2024 will run in the Art Room at Hauraki House from June to September.

It will include opportunities to participate in workshops and artistic "trips away" in addition to shared studio time. The participation charge is \$60.

We would like to extend an invitation – whether confirmed as an artist participant, or just thinking about it, to come to the Art Room for a full group gathering at 5pm on **Wednesday 5 June**.

The meeting agenda will be:

- To share the philosophy and aims that have been behind the Shared Studios since it started in 2016.
- To explain how this year's programme will run, and try to answer all of your questions.
- To inform you of the dates of some workshops and ideas for exhibition/gallery/artist studio visits.

Bring your diaries to record key dates.



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Musical Odyssey

By Matthew Pike

In all honesty, I wasn't much of a fan of musical theatre in my early years.

However, as I began performing in professional tours in the early 90s, I found them to be a most vibrant and fulfilling creative outlet. With all of the various elements – lighting, sound, story, staging, orchestration, choreography – all provided by leaders in their field, this heady mix of virtuosity and dedication lifts these productions to bewildering heights. The presentation of a good piece by the right team is a truly transformative experience for everyone, and I have been most fortunate to be part of many such teams over the years.

I have now found myself in the enviable position of curating a review show from three decades of various shows I have performed. It is quite a journey, packed with songs from the blockbuster musicals of the 60s, 70s and 80s – Cabaret, Miss Saigon, Evita, Blood Brothers and Jesus Christ Superstar – and a few unknown gems. This prospect would certainly excite those who are already fans, and may even convince the sceptic.

Since moving to Coromandel two years ago, I've longed to present something at the Hauraki House Theatre. I hope to welcome you to my retelling of my "musical odyssey" there at 7pm on **Saturday 8 June**.

If you would like to book, tickets are at www.humanitix.com



WTS (Watch this Space) – Out With Lanterns

Out With Lanterns is an art exhibition at Matariki. It will be open at 5pm **Thursday 27 June** at Hauraki House Gallery.

As WTS approaches its ninth annual themed exhibition, we are thinking about the significance of Matariki – how living in Aotearoa means it is alive and current, and not reduced to its western scientific label of "Messier 45"!

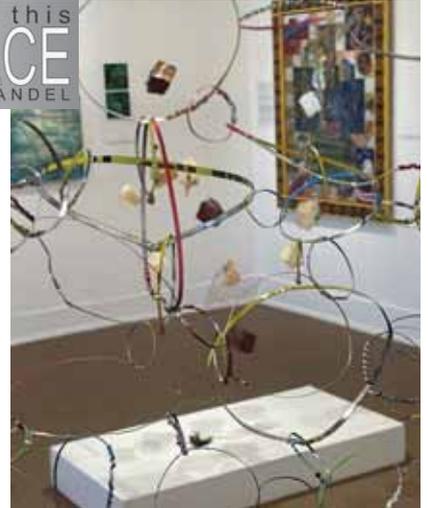
This star cluster holds an important place in the mythological, sacred and practical life of many cultures across time and distance, having served as a reliable celestial guide both navigationally and seasonally. This knowledge is woven into great stories, passing into the multi-generational memory archive.

And these perhaps become a literal or metaphorical guide in changing times today, both personally and culturally.

We were reminded of the letter Emily Dickinson wrote of her response to the upheaval of moving house. And her often quoted comment that she felt she was "out with lanterns looking for herself" gave us the theme and title for this exhibition – "Out With Lanterns".

This year 15 Coromandel artists are participating. There will be sculptural works as well as paintings, fibre, metal, clay and more.

Please come to the opening and enjoy conversation with the artists. Return to quietly consider the artworks – open daily 10am-3pm until **Sunday 7 July**.



A corner of a previous WTS themed exhibition in 2023 "Dimensions Variable"

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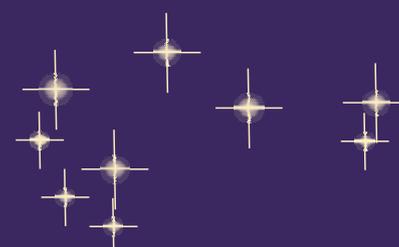
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... and I am out with lanterns
looking for myself.
letter, Emily Dickinson

te taiao ENVIRONMENT

MEG

By Genevieve Morley

MEG Pest Attack

Our 1000th possum was caught in the April service of the self-resetting AT220 traps (NZ Auto Traps) in the MEGa Pest Attack! The traps have also caught over 3600 rats and mice in the year since they have been in action throughout the 450-hectare sanctuary to complement the rat and stoat trapping already in place.

Thanks to the funding from WRC and the Lotteries Grants Board, we have been able to control rats and possums in the MEGa Pest Attack area, creating a safe habitat for common and threatened native species to breed. Rats, mice, and possums can suppress forest regeneration by eating seeds and seedlings and limiting available food and berries for our native species. We are thrilled at the outcome of the AT220s, and it's astounding to think just how many rats, mice, and possums are out there browsing.

Weeds becoming more prevalent

Our bush here in Coromandel and the Moehau is becoming infiltrated with a range of invasive weed species that have been around a long time but are now creeping their way into areas of native bush where they never used to be. A recent NZ tourist



visiting the Coromandel contacted us with deep concern after he had walked the Kaipawa trig track at the top of Whangapoua hill where he noticed a large patch of Tradescantia fluminensis. If left untouched, this shade tolerant weed will form a dense carpet covering everything until the whole forest floor will just be tradescantia. This plant is common in gardens, so it's a timely reminder to think about where you put your garden waste. Many common garden plants can become a huge problem in bush areas. As we are fortunate to live so close to our native forests, it's also a reminder to plant natives where you can, because birds can also distribute seeds by eating berries on invasive plants, like woolly nightshade and climbing asparagus. For more information about garden weeds go to www.weedbusters.org.nz.

Upcoming Quiz Night

To mark the first of our upcoming Winter Lecture Series we thought it would be fun to have a quiz night! On **Sunday 9 June** bring a group of people along to Pepper Tree Restaurant or join a group that is made on the night and let's see what we know when it comes to environmental and conservation facts! We are looking to use this event to do a little fundraising too, so tickets cost \$5 per person.



Peri, one of the field team installing the AT220's that have now caught over 1000 possums

Backyard Trapping

Last year we received some funding from Predator Free NZ to build traps to be placed in backyards here in Coromandel Town where stoats have been seen. The rat and stoat traps are now built and are ready to be deployed. We have a volunteer trapper who is happy to assist when it comes to clearing and resetting the trap if needed or you can manage this yourself. Ideally we want to place the traps near the pāteke population at the oxidation ponds on Hauraki Road or along the river that weaves its way uptown, but if you are really keen to join this project and have a property that does not require a ride-on mower to do the lawns, get in touch with us and we will come and install your trap! For more information email info@meg.org.nz.

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- Minimise your speed and wake**
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March for Nature

Coromandel F&B and other Coromandel groups are participating in the March for Nature event with leading issues being the government's fast tracking of conservation legislation and the mining tunnels to extend the Waihi gold mine.

March for Nature, 1pm **Saturday 8 June**, Aotea Square, Auckland.

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Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie, Secretary

Our after-school junior golf program has kicked off with 34 juniors registered. Their enthusiasm to play golf and challenge themselves to learn a new sport is extremely encouraging.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed members who so generously share their time and passion for golf with our new members, providing them with invaluable guidance and mentorship.

We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to those members who donated six sets of golf clubs from Golf Warehouse, enabling us to further enhance the learning experience for our junior golfers. We still need more junior golf clubs, so if anyone in the community wishes to donate clubs for the juniors, they will be gratefully received.

After-School Junior Golf Programme Monday's 3.30-4.30pm. We invite all juniors aged under 19 to participate in our after-school programme. To ensure the safety of our juniors the course will be closed during this time.

Tuesday – Ladies' Club Day 9.30am Tee Off.

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

Saturday – Members' Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off

Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days. Happy golfing.

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



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Kathrine Boyce

We had a great turnout for our "Take a Kid Fishing" competition held on 27 April. Lots of kids dressed up as their Favourite Person.

Results are:

Best Dress-Up

1st – The Hippy; 2nd – Barbie; 3rd – The Fireman

Juniors

Snapper: 1st – Mazden 4.240kg; 2nd – Chase Murphy 2.470kg; 3rd – Harlem 2.345kg

Trevally: 1st – Angel Sheehan 1.750kg; 2nd – Daena Debenham 620g; 3rd – Indee-Lee Moore 590g

Kahawai: 1st – Ryan Debenham 1.450kg; 2nd – Reign 990g; 3rd – Lyla Merrilees 885g

Yellowtail: 1st – Juan-Kaito Vico 220g; 2nd – Ryan Debenham 215g; 3rd – Zianna Fenton 175g

Average weight snapper – 1.310kg – winner Tristan Werder with a snapper weighing 1.305kg

Mystery weight snapper – 870g – winner Kees Fischen with a snapper weighing 855g

Kids 6 and under – Yellowtail – Mason O'Brien 210g; Most Unusual – Anna Merrilees 295g

Seniors – Snapper Only

1st – Rob Davies 6.470kg

2nd – Paul Tilsey 6.065kg

3rd – Nikki Stephenson 4.460kg

Fish of the Month for April was gurnard, and piper for Juniors.

No gurnard were weighed in. Three Juniors weighed in piper with the same weight so instead of splitting the \$20 three ways we decided to give them \$20 each. Well done Damon Visser, Heidi Visser and Indee-Lee Moore.

Fish of the Month for June is John Dory, and yellowtail for Juniors.

Our next fishing competition is **Sunday 2 June King's Birthday Fishing Competition** – see our Facebook page for information and to register.

AGM **Saturday 27 July** 2pm at Admirals Arms Hotel. We need as many financial members available to attend so please put this date in your diary. We also need extra committee members.

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

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

I have recently discovered that the Coromandel Croquet Club plays a unique version of the rules of Association Croquet. At this time, I am not aware of the reasons for this, but I assume the game has been modified occasionally over the years, until the present version was discovered, which suited all players at the time.

However, we have now decided the time has come to embrace other versions of croquet. Starting in June, we will be playing our regular croquet on Tuesday mornings and playing Golf Croquet on Friday mornings. Anyone who would like to try one or both forms of croquet can call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

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

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Curious

By John Irvine

POETRY SPOT

Is it not curious that after most of a busy carefree, people-filled life

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to discover how alone you have always been?



L to r: Eva Carey (representing Elizabeth Park Village), Sue Wright, John Bell (representing The Source), Kaye Rabarts, and Ian Franklyn (representing Combined Clubs of Coromandel), with one of the new Maori Princess pohutukawa trees on Rings Road (June 2016)

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 Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact
 Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
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 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
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 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,
 Anita 027 259 1085 3.15-4.45pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768 4pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am
 Meditation at Mahamudra..... 8.15-8.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio,
 contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.
 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class,
 contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, at the Pyramid, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 .. 5.30-6.45pm
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house),
 Liz 027 436 2800 6-7pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

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

Every Saturday

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" 2pm

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

2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms
 John Walker 027 482 043510am
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 1pm
2nd Wed – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm
3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 6pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....10am

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 New moon
 Full moon

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<p>3</p> <p>Kings Birthday Public Holiday</p> <p>High tide 3.38am (2.8m), 4.10pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.48am (0.3m), 10.20pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Coromandel-Colville Community Board meeting (see ad pg 2 1) Open Floor Dance at Mana (see ad pg 20)</p> <p>High tide 4.32am (2.8m), 5.09pm (2.8m) Low tide 10.46am (0.2m), 11.16pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>WTS Shared Studios meeting (see pg 24) Mental health group (see ad pg 5)</p> <p>High tide 5.28am (2.8m), 6.05pm (2.9m) Low tide 11.41am (0.1m)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>The Coromandel Community Arts Council AGM (see pg 28)</p> <p>High tide 6.23am (2.9m), 6.57pm (3.0m) Low tide 12.10am (0.3m), 12.34pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Finding True Self Retreat starts at Mana (see pg 20)</p> <p>High tide 7.16am (2.8m), 7.47pm (3.0m) Low tide 1.01am (0.3m), 1.24pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bowling Club AGM (see pg 19) Musical Odysee at Hauaraki House Theatre (see pg 25)</p> <p>High tide 8.08am (2.8m), 8.35pm (3.0m) Low tide 1.51am (0.3m), 2.12pm (0.1m)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc AGM 1.30pm (see pg 14) MEG Quiz Night Fundraiser (see pg 26) Thames Music Group - Jonathan Dunlop - Piano (see pg 24)</p> <p>High tide 8.58am (2.8m), 9.21pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.41am (0.3m), 2.58pm (0.2m)</p>
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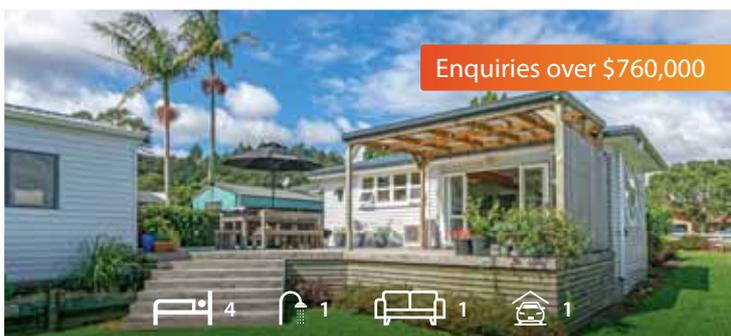
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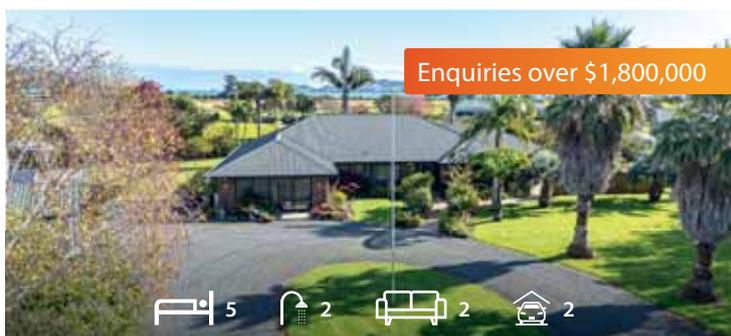
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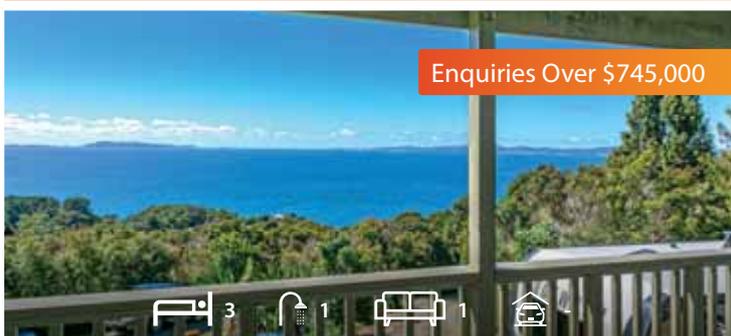
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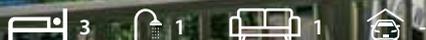
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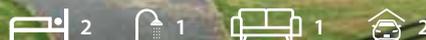
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