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Editor's comment

Hope you are all doing well.

Sorry, I made a couple of errors in classifieds last issue. A classified ad was dropped off at Richardsons Real Estate for me and I didn't know it was there to pick up. I can arrange for you to drop classified ads and money there if you need it, but generally I get classifieds by email or txt message. Secondly, I printed a contact number on a classified advert of someone who wants a bach to rent – so I have rerun it this month – please check page 29 for the correct number.

So sorry about those errors – I try not to make any. Have a good month.

Debbie

Letters

Coromandel Community Library – the future

The Coromandel Library is seeking feedback from the community, particularly from its members on the ongoing financial viability of the library. Two years ago, accumulated funds and a grant from the Coromandel Bizarre Charitable Trust allowed the library to employ its first paid librarian, Robynne Jones, with a specific focus on the transition of the library's operation to a computer based system known as Kotui. This system aligns with that used by other libraries in the TCDC district.

The Kotui system allows members to access a vastly increased catalogue of books across the TCDC library network. Courier transfers of books to and from libraries occur weekly. Members may request books and extend borrowing periods from their home computer, using their library membership card and PIN via the library catalogue on the TCDC website.

Although the Council owns the library building and provides an annual grant for book purchases, we remain a community library and continue to locally fund all other expenses including the librarian's salary. It is expected that our funding reserves will be seriously depleted in mid 2023.

Some suggestions on how to proceed to make sure the library is financially secure include:

- raising the subscription rate which is currently \$10 per year, to \$20 per year
- making a charge to members for borrowing newly-purchased books
- making applications to charities and other funding sources
- negotiating further support from the Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

The Library Committee is seeking your feedback on this issue. Please comment in person at the library or via the Library's Facebook page.

From Coromandel Community Library Committee

Exhibition venue changed

Dear Chronicle readers,

My apologies for those good Coromandel folk who travelled to Whitianga in search of Impressions IV at Hula Café, only to find a no-show notice. Blame it on the pandemic for preventing our use of the original venue. Fortunately, we enjoyed good weather for the Waitangi Weekend, when the show went ahead after all. Thanks again to all who attended.

Many thanks to Coro FM. The NZSPCA in Thames much appreciated our contribution. Richard, Uli, Beth, Andrew, Rick, Belinda, Shea and Tane

Colville Hall – thank you to Community Board

The Colville Hall users would like to extend our thanks to the Coromandel-Colville Community Board, the TCDC, and the roading technicians for addressing our concerns over public safety at the Colville Hall.

When there is an event on at the hall we have cars parked right up against the hall wall, and people (children are of most concern) have to walk around the back of the cars to get to the other hall door, or the Post Office or the store.

We asked if we could put up a barrier – a crew came up to Colville before Christmas and checked it out and the work has been done already.

We now have a painted pedestrian walkway and also wheel barriers so vehicles can park and leave plenty of room for pedestrians and wheelchairs to make their way safely along the front of the hall to the other facilities.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

From Lena MacLeod, Colville



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Award-winning bike park



Ally Davey, Rita Stephenson, Paul Johnson

Ride Coromandel

By Ally Davey

Award

Recently the Spirit of Coromandel Trust and Ride Coromandel Bike Park was nominated for two Sport Waikato Awards. We were very lucky to come away with a win for the Outstanding Recreational Space Award and were a finalist in the Partnership Award. This was gratefully received by the team and Rita on behalf of Keith, which was a fitting tribute to Keith, Andy, Rita and the team and all of the volunteers that have been involved in bringing the park to fruition.

Ladies only skills day

Calling all our wahine out there... Come join us for a ladies only skills day on **Saturday 5 March**. We'd love to have more ladies riding regularly so we've organised a lady coach to come and teach us some techniques. This is targeted towards beginners and intermediate riders, or if you have never tried but always wanted to have a go, then this is the place for you.

We'll learn important tips on body position, when to brake and when not to brake, how to navigate small bumps and obstacles, how to check your bike for safety before you head out and other fun tips. We'll split into groups depending on skill level and there will be plenty of support. Bring along your girlfriend, auntie, mum, or sister or whoever you feel comfortable with. If you don't have a bike or gear, let us know, we might be able to help you out.

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

Pump Track Open

The Coromandel Pump Track Open has had a change of date – it will now be held a full month later on **Saturday 23-Sunday 24 April**. The event will be Vaccine Pass mandated and have a maximum of 100 competitors and 100 spectators, which will be separated throughout the duration of the event. Event details and entry are now online and can be found via the Ride Coromandel

Facebook page. If you are interested in helping out at the event, please email as below.

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In support of our Community Board

At its February meeting, our Community Board heard from several local pest control contractors and volunteers requesting the board reverse its long-standing policy against toxin 1080 and other residual poisons. Each speaker claimed the CCCB policy is "unbalanced" and fails to represent the community or "values of the people". Each individual requested a change in board policy to accommodate 1080 operations.

But as long-term locals know well, the Board's anti-1080 stance certainly is broadly representative of the wider community and does accurately reflect the values and aspirations of the majority as expressed many times, over many years, and in many venues.

Area residents want drinking water supplies and catchments untainted by 1080 toxins. They want safety from poison for their children, pets and stock. They want to collect untainted food from the bush. They oppose toxic aerial drift and deadly poisoned carcasses and washed-up toxic baits near their homes. They oppose gruesome and inhumane pest control methods. They oppose secondary poisoning of native ruru, hawks, insectivore birds, frogs, eels, and countless invertebrate species. And they want safe and humane wild animal control in support of healthy ecosystems and lush thriving bush.

Coromandel locals have marched in the streets, filed petitions, spoken publicly, addressed annual plans, written countless letters, presented to WRC, TCDC and boards numerous times. Our own Coromandel-Colville Community Board has heard the people and has been bravely supportive.

Our thanks to Board members Peter Pritchard, Jean Ashby, Jan Autumn, Kim Brett, and John Morrissey for their representation.
Geoffrey Robinson, Port Charles



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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay,
Communications

Our bowling season is at the business end of events. Despite the vagaries of weather and Omicron we are rocking along and there is a lot happening at our Club.



Twilight Bowls

Congratulations to Lindsay Nicholls on winning the Thames Valley Women's Open Singles Event. It's good to see Lindsay back on the greens continuing her winning ways.

The Taylor Shield unfortunately has moved on to the Thames Coast BC, but our team put up a valiant effort in the defence.

We had a great turnout for our Friday afternoon "all comers" competition and social hour. If you're free from 3pm onwards on a Friday afternoon join us as a player or supporter for some friendly social interaction.

Both our Women's and Men's Fours teams progressed through qualifying in the Thames Valley Champ of Championships Competition to the second day's play. However, battling the elements just to get to the venues and playing in the teeth of Cyclone Dovi, not to mention our opposition, proved a step too far for both teams. Congratulations to Thames Coast who took out both titles.

On Thursday evenings a "500 Card" night is being run at The Club, \$2 entry, all welcome.

On **Thursday 17 March** The Club will hold our first Patron's Cup Competition. In keeping with the St Patrick's Day theme the appropriate colours will be displayed and later that evening there will be live music and St Patrick's Day entertainment at \$10 a head. Tickets on sale at The Club or from Maureen 021 0254 1216.

As always our Twilight Bowls Competition is off to a cracking start and well supported by our amazing community of both businesses and local teams.

With our annual Seafood Tournament coming up **Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March**, with teams from far and wide, we are certainly kept busy!

Car Club

By Bruce Finan



COROMANDEL CAR CLUB

We did a run to Paeroa and had lunch at the 131. Then some of us went to AJ's and some to the Maritime Museum. A perfect day and the park between the river and the museum is definitely worth a revisit in the future.

We will continue with meetings the second Wednesday of each month providing the Bowling Club and Happy Hour is under the 100-people limit, so next meet is **Wednesday 9 March**.

Good to see our Happy Hour is well supported, thanks.

BBQ coming up at Anglers Lodge, not far to travel and plenty of parking for our club. Dates etc. will be emailed out soon.

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RSA News

By Pat Williams

Wow this heat it is unbearable. As I write this a cyclone is brewing. Maybe that will clear the air. Over the last months I have mentioned our Navy ship Te Mana over in Canada. I have now heard we have a local lad onboard!

Anzac Day coming up, the following poem I had cut out of a newspaper years ago seems appropriate.

Book restorer Bill Tito was moved to tears when he read this poem written by a young soldier. The poem was found on the soldier's body after he was killed in action during World War One. Bill discovered it in an old army book he was restoring for a customer and made a copy of it. "I'm not a religious person but this poem really made me think."

The Wellington book restorer said, "It would be wonderful to think *Sunday News* readers will cut it out to read on Anzac Day in years to come."

A Soldier's Prayer

Look, God, I have never spoken to you before,
But now I want to say: "How do you do"
You see God, they told me you didn't exist,
And like a fool, I believed all this.
Last night from a shell hole I saw your Sky,
I figured right then they had told me a lie.
Had I taken the time to see things you made,
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder God if you'd shake my hand,
Somehow I feel that you will understand.
Funny I had to come to this Hellish place,
Before I had time to see your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I am sure, God, I met you today.
I guess the zero hour will soon be here
The Signal! Well, God, I'll have to go,
I like you lots, this I want you to know.
Look now this will be a horrible fight,
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.
Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder God if you'd wait at your door.
Look, I'm crying! Me shedding tears!
I wish I had known you these many years.
Well! I have to go now, God, goodbye.
Since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

During the 1st World War 16,697 New Zealand men lost their lives. RIP.

Our RSA Women's District Committee send out a newsletter which any branch can contribute to. I found this info interesting. During World War 2 fit and active men went off to war. This left life saving clubs lacking in numbers. Years 1939/41, women stepped into the breach; wives, sisters, and maybe even mothers. And so the beaches were manned or should I say ladies! Girls can do anything!

Club Night numbers are steady, picking up a bit as visitors have gone, holidays over and life returns to normal.

See you all Anzac Day, **Monday 25 April**, 9.45am at the Cenotaph. As my late mother was wont to say, "God willing". Take care out there. Bye for now.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Coromandel Returned Services Club will be held in the CCC clubroom, Woollams Avenue at 2.30pm, **Saturday 26 March**. All welcome.

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CILT – Coromandel Budget & Foodbank

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all. Wow the year is truly underway now. We have had a steady start to the year. It is great to have people making use of this free service we provide, and working their way towards getting their finances back on track. The old saying, “A problem shared is a problem halved” springs to mind. We want clients to feel comfortable and confident they are making the right choices for themselves, knowing that they have our support to work through any obstacles alongside them.

If you want help with working on a budget, getting debt under control or have any other financial issues, please pop into our office at Tiki House – we’re here to help. It is free and totally confidential.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351, or email budget@cilt.org.nz.

Office hours

Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

If you are on Facebook, please give the Budget Service and Foodbank page a follow.

Foodbank

We have had a change of location, not a big move, just down the hallway in fact. But it is an exciting change for us, a larger room with direct access to the outside car park. This will make receiving food deliveries so much easier going forward.

We are still happily accepting any reusable shopping bags if people have excess. They can be dropped into Tiki House Monday-Thursday and let reception know they are for the Foodbank.

If you are receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember to bring along your own boxes/bags to take your groceries home.

Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Budget Services prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849. This is essential so we know numbers and have all the items we need on site.

You will need to book in with a budgeting mentor if you will need assistance over a couple of weeks.

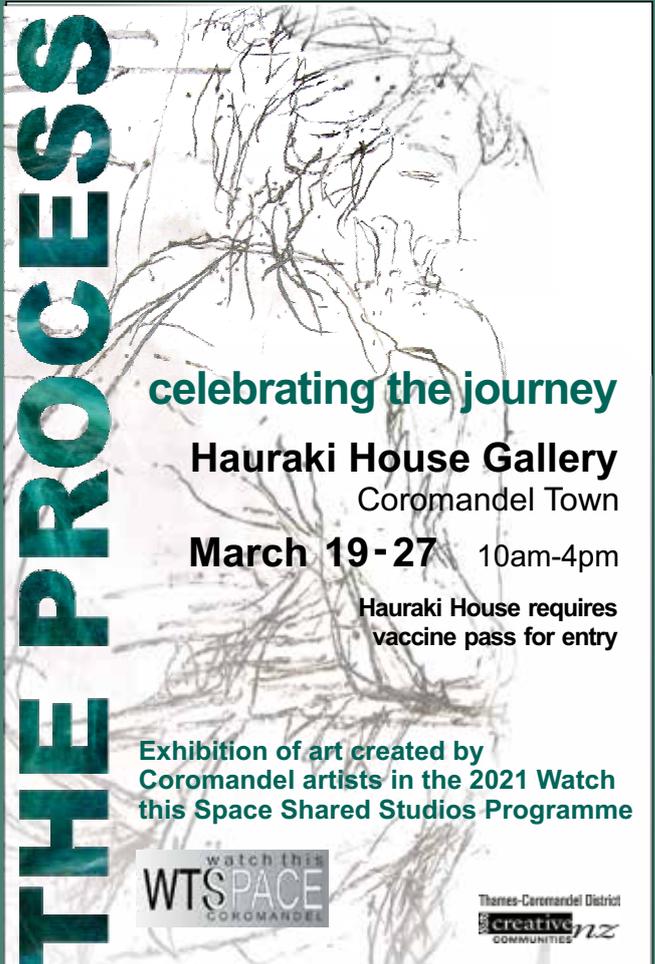
“A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went.”



Wild things

By Carol Sutherland

This pied stilt is one of four pairs of stilts that have occupied the Medlock’s estuarine lagoon next to the McGregor Bay Wetland. This year’s chicks are now out feeding with their parents. The flowers that fringe the lagoon are yellow button flowers and are native to calm estuarine areas.



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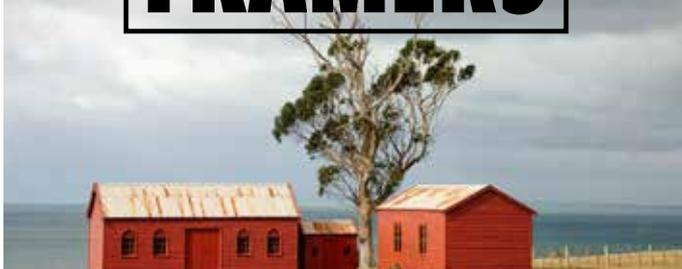
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Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

The library needs your help. The financial viability of the library is dependant on increasing our income and maintaining our financial security. The Committee is seeking feedback from members in regard to a proposal to raise the membership fee to \$20.00 and introduce a \$2.00 charge for new books issued. You can leave us your comments on the paper survey sheet which we will leave at the counter, or you can let us know your comments in an email, text or on the library Facebook page. Of course, the Committee is seeking funding from other sources and this is just one of many ways we are looking at improving the library's finances.

We are also looking for additional volunteers to join us. Most volunteers work a fortnightly rotation, for two hours, on a certain day of the week. Now that we are part of the TCDC catalogue system, joining as a volunteer also involves working on the computer. Training is provided on the system, but having knowledge on working with computers would be very helpful to get you started. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please come in and talk to one of the volunteers to find out what it's like and/or pick up a form to register your interest. We would love to hear from you.

You may remember that last year we started a writing competition as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations and we are going to continue to make this a tradition in May each year. Based on the entries we received last year, I know we have a lot of talent out there. Start putting your ideas together as this year the competition closes at 5.00pm on **Friday 29 April**.

Anyone from the Coromandel Ward can enter, library members and non-members, contributions are welcome from all ages. We have different categories for different age groups and there is also a poetry section. Like last year you can submit your entry online or hand it to us over the counter. There will be a first and merit prize for each of the categories. This year the categories are:

- For Juniors (3-8yrs) – The topic is “My favourite thing to do is...” – with a drawing if you wish. Write a story of 10 words or more with your own drawing based on the story.

- For Tweeners (9-13yrs) – The topic is “My best Lockdown experience was...” Write a story of 50 words or more, max 500 words.

- For Young Adults (14-18yrs) – The topic is “What I think Coromandel will be like in 2035”.

Write a story of 50 words or more, max 500 words.

- For Adults – Open Topic. Write a short story of 500 words or more, maximum 1,000 words.



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- A Poem – one entry per person, as per each of the age groups above. Once again, the topic is – “A slice of Coromandel Life”.

The winners will be announced at a celebration at the library on **Saturday 14 May**.

For those of you who are still committed to the new year's resolutions you made about learning something new or improving your skills at home, we have just recently had a very generous donation of mostly non-fiction books, including some great cookbooks, gardening, DIY and art. So come in and have a browse. We also have a new book in on learning *Māori at Home* by Scotty and Stacey Morrison. It is described as a highly practical, easy and fun resource for everyday New Zealanders, that covers the basics of life in and around a typical Kiwi household.



Mahamudra Centre

By Beth Pearsall

It is said that change is the only constant in our lives. This feels especially true right now. It can be overwhelming to feel as though the earth is shifting under our feet. This is a good time to return to another constant in our life: our breath.

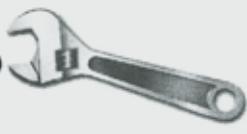


Breath connects our inner and outer worlds. When we pay close attention to the breath we realise it has many layers. We can feel the physical effects of our lungs filling and we know gas exchange is happening and oxygen is being carried to all of the cells in our body. But if we feel beyond that physical breath we can know it carries an energy we can direct to any part of our body. We can use our breath to energise, soothe and explore our bodies. If we practice we can learn to go even deeper into the breath, to the very central core of our breath. There we find a potent emptiness, a clarity and a connection to the infinite.

Here at Mahamudra we have been experiencing some changes in the last month. Our resident teacher Venerable Khadro has taken a new position with her teacher at Kopan Monastery, Nepal. Our Spiritual Programme Coordinator is returning home to study and with the pandemic still making travel and gathering a challenge we have made a few changes to our retreat programme. We have some wonderful teachers who have stepped in and you can find our upcoming retreats on the event calendar or check our website www.mahamudra.org.nz.

We are also opening up the centre for venue hire. If you are interested in this please, contact retreat@mahamudra.org.nz.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mahamudra. As always you are welcome to visit, walk around the stupa and explore our small shop.

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly we thank those generous people who support the unit with financial blessings, food for the rescue kitties, blankets and items to sell to raise funds. Right now without this support we would certainly not be doing what we are. The traffic light system halts far too much and makes it a living nightmare to try to raise desperately needed funds for rescue groups to operate. The animals rely on us to feed and care for them 24/7 until they are rehomed. They still need flea and worm treatment, veterinary care. It's getting incredibly tougher as Covid just goes on and on. We do the best we can with what we have, say many prayers and hold attitude of gratitude the animals are alive, have hope and a future whilst with us.

Our two boys Dylan and Lincoln arrived. Dylan is a black and white, one-eyed, toothless boy of 5 years of age and Lincoln a big grey and white 8-year-old. Neither have had a man slave to feed and care for them. Their owner, who passed away, was female and had no partner, so the two boys have had major changes in their furry worlds. Their adjustment has been most interesting, learning a new home and new lifestyle, accepting most things. Lincoln allows me to pat him, hffft n spits n all, and of all things Dylan has taken a major shine to my dear husband to such an extreme level it's almost funny. That cat demands cuddles, pats have to be first and to heck with anything else. It is always tough for both animals and the rescue unit when handling estate animals as they are often older and have health issues. Thankfully we have records of the two cats' health issues, both very similar issues to what I have, which is hilarious. They will remain in care with us as it would be far too traumatic for them to be put through the adoption process and any further changes certainly wouldn't be beneficial to them.

Newbie – since losing Minime, our ginger girl, last year we have been totally lost without a ginger in the household and nothing prepares you when a phone call comes in about a small kitten found in a bucket, obviously fell into that one, but this one is ginger – and upon seeing the girl I cried – then had to explain to the lady about the history of ginger in our house. This wee girl is four weeks old, just in the awkward stage, bottle feed, just starting to eat and coming in from a place that the mums and dads are all born in wild. Thankfully this wee girl is not hissy at all, she has responded very well, she has tummy upsets, but we adjust everything as we can to ensure she

benefits from the small frequent feeds at moderated rates. Having not bottled for near on two years now it came as a huge surprise for us, formula to make, kitten food to get, to make to feed, wipe aft end and ensure warm cosy bed and loads of cuddles. The addition of a neonate kitten brings additional costs so we will have to do more fundraising to help her and also the two older boys. So that is three with special needs diets and care. This is rescue, we love and cherish these furbabies and will continue to care for them as we do.

Our Kera has freaked out over the tiny ginger thing and is scared of it and as for tortie Lizzy, she has gone a very bright green and hates this intruder. Always some interesting reactions to longtermers when a newbie presents itself. In time they will all get over it, we just have to be most vigilant with the olders toward this tiny ginger for her safety. She conveniently right now fits in palm of hand.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now; donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk all appreciated

Financial blessings to the unit will ensure we can continue the mission of compassion to the dumped, unwanted, abandoned felines in our region. We never know what the season will bring us, it's an unknown thing of what colours and reasons for animals coming to us in an emergency situation, we never know until the phone rings wanting us to desperately help them. Saying no is never really an option and is more often than not very heartbreaking what we see through the season.

Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai/etc).

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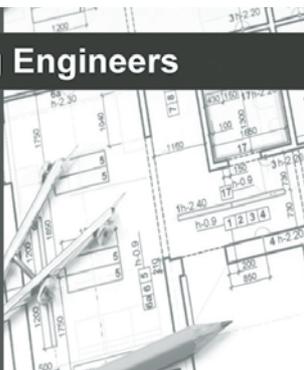


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Writers Group

By Sue Gilmer

This story was inspired by the prompt “next year will be better”.

Bottling Season

Written by Jane Powell

Betty was counting the jars of bottled fruit left on her shelves. The colours of the plums and feijoas, the peaches and pears all glowed forth like babies pickled in jars waiting to be released. Maybe this year would be their time to enter the world stage. Hopefully not on top of a bowl of Weetbix but released into the atmosphere, floating like little birds waiting for the winds to put them down in a safe nest.

One particular jar, of Louisa plums, pulsing globes of pink and orange, caught her eye, challenging her, demanding her to reach out and take it. Mesmerized, dazed, Betty obeyed, cradling the jar in her arms, caressing with her fingertip the smooth glass. She tapped it lightly, she didn't know why, she'd never done this before. She felt a twinge of guilt about how she usually just grabbed a jar, popped its lid off and devoured its contents, just like the way she ate a can of sardines, ignoring their little eyes and their fragile backbones. In fact she liked crunching those skeletons very much. So why was she here tapping gently on the glass as if attempting to awaken a little Louisa. Something strange had got hold of her and try as she might she couldn't stop herself. Now she was kissing the jar and oohing and aahing, in baby talk. What on earth was going on? She held the jar away from her and thought of smashing it to the ground. She didn't, how could she, waste the good fruit, waste a good jar, make such a mess. No, she carried the jar firmly into the kitchen, put it down on the table and walked away. She weeded the garden, she went to the beach for a swim, she did this, she did that but the jar dominated her mind. No matter how hard she tried to keep her thoughts away from the kitchen it was as if the jar was controlling her, pulling her back. At last she gave up, she had to, it was time to think of dinner. Averting her eyes, actually covering them up with her hands, she inched through the kitchen door. She wouldn't look, she promised herself, but there was no escape. The jar seemed bigger, and rounder, and was trembling ever so slightly. This is nonsense, she thought, I'm getting carried away, and without thinking she poked it with her finger. But her finger didn't bounce back off the

glass. Instead, the jar was like a membrane that enclosed itself around her finger, then her hand. She couldn't stop it. Help, she screamed, but no-one came. Slowly she was drawn into the jar, completely.

Ah, said Louisa to her husband, look at this delicious human we are having for dinner tonight. Her husband wobbled on the tree branch. I'm nearly ready, he cried.

As this was our first gathering of the year, our catch-up over coffee went on for “a little longer” than usual – great to see everyone again. Settling down to work, we were given the starter of “as the rain fell” and told to include as many of the senses as we could manage. Stories about a walk in the bush, running to get the washing, and a car accident were some of the stories created

in this 20-minute spot. Moving to the next part of our set programme of book reviews, *Finding Gobi* by Dion Leonard, *Stories of Hope* by Heather Morris and *Goodbye Sarajevo* by Atka Reid were suggested as good reads. You can find all three of these books in the Coromandel Library. After lunch, stories from the starter “Next year will be different” were shared. These varied from mischievous children climbing trees, a family settling in to a new area, and a sharing of positive experiences from last year's lockdown.

To make sure everyone has a chance to be heard, our membership is capped at 12. For the first time in a while, we now have room to invite new writers to our group. If you would like to find out more, please phone Sue (07) 866 8833 or email mapagilmer@hotmail.com

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

March Rethink Rubbish Champion

Our March champion, Jo Sanderson, lives and breathes sustainability. Jo recycles, upcycles, reuses and refuses rubbish.

Recycling: Everything that is possible to recycle, is recycled by Jo, e.g. toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and other collectibles go to the Preschool, can tabs and wine bottle tops go to the Market Hub and Jo makes sure she puts the correct, clean items in her green wheelie bin and glass bin so that they can be recycled rather than rejected and sent to landfill.

Upcycling: If Jo is given takeaway cups (yikes), she uses them to propagate plants in. They can be used several times and last for more than a year. She also uses all sorts of odds and ends as plant supports.

Reusing: Jo washes and reuses all of the plastic bags that come into her household including bags from frozen products and breakfast cereals. Plastic milk bottles are washed and used over and over for making liquid manure and for watering the garden. Rainwater is collected in large storage tanks and Jo uses this water for her gardens.

Refusing: Jo is a conscious shopper and does her best to refuse items that are prepacked, such as meat and vegetables.

And most exciting of all, Jo has established a food forest based on permaculture principles – “earth care, people care and a fair share”. Jo's “secret garden” feeds the family, the chooks, the bees and the soil. This creates a full circle of life where everything that is taken from the earth is returned to the earth and nothing ends up in landfill.

If you'd like to visit Jo's garden, check it out on www.secretgardens.co.nz.

Go Jo! What a deserving champion.

Do you know of a local person or project that would be eligible for Rethink Rubbish Champion of the Month? Send your nomination to rethinkrubbishct@gmail.com and go into the draw for one of our reusable cups



Jo Sanderson – our March champion

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New Listing

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New Listing



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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

March is the month for the club individual championships. This means a different partner each night of the competition; let Jan know who your partner is. We would welcome new members. The members meet each Monday evening at the St John rooms.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Your cellular health and immunity

Take a better view of your health. See your immune system's white blood cells in action. Their numbers and percentages change throughout the different stages of viral infection and other immune conditions.

This ability enables me to manage your immune health with greater specificity in treatment and an improved outcome for you.

Your immune system's response

Your immune system protects your body from potentially harmful substances, by recognising and responding to antigens. Antigens are foreign substances, both living and non-living, including: viruses, toxins (chemicals, drugs), allergens (e.g., pollen), bacteria, fungi, cancer, multicellular parasites, particles (e.g., splinter). Remember, unlike other invaders, you can't kill a virus, your healthy white blood cells keep the virus dormant.

Note – The human gut (mouth to bottom) has the largest antigenic



load. Over the course of a lifetime, the gastrointestinal tract processes more than 25 tons of food, which represents the largest load of antigens and xenobiotics confronting the human body. Keep your insides clean and toxic free, via clean eating. 80% of the immune system is in the gut – “gut immunity” rocks!

There are two levels of immune response:

1) Innate immunity – your first line of defence. A non-specific response, with no immediate maximal response.

2) Acquired immunity – Your targeted defence strategy. Exposure results in immunological memory and has a lag time between exposure and maximal response.

Innate Immunity is critical to acquired or adaptive immune response. However, your adaptive immunity is more efficient than innate immunity.

Immune cells involved in innate and acquired responses to viral and bacterial infection: Innate – neutrophils, monocytes (as antigen presenting cells); acquired – neutrophils, lymphocytes, monocytes (phagocytosis and chemical defence).

How immunity works

After infection is established, the pathogen continues to grow, blocked only by the responses of the innate immune system. At this stage, immunological memory starts to be induced. After 4-7 days, cells and molecules of the acquired or adaptive immune system start to clear the infection. Then the dose of antigen falls below the response threshold, the response ceases, but antibody and residual effector cells, and immunological memory, provide lasting protection against reinfection, as the pathogen is cleared.

White blood cells involved in viral infections

1) Neutrophils – Your

immune “troops”. With initial viral infection, the percentage of neutrophils will increase. Later, they are reduced at the acquired stage of the infection, or when there is an increase in the lymphocytes in the blood.

2) Lymphocytes – Roles

- T-cells – cytotoxic – chemically destroy virally infected cells.
- Helper T-Cells – activate or suppress other immune cells.
- B-Cells – secrete antibodies to neutralise and identify pathogens.
- NK Cells – cytotoxic – destroy tumour cells and virally infected cells- especially early stages.

During a viral infection, lymphocyte numbers fluctuate, depending on the stage of infection.

3) Monocytes: Your garbage collectors, via “phagocytosis”. Elevated in the early stage of a viral infection,

Your best immunity

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Grey Power wants immediate action for pensioners stuck overseas

The Grey Power NZ Federation supports calls by the Retirement Commissioner Jane Wrightson for an amnesty for all older people caught in border closures in 2020 and 2021 who now face the possibility of having to repay pension because they were forced to stay out of the country over the 26 weeks' limit, through no fault of their own. Grey Power Federation president Jan Pentecost has called for an immediate halt to pension suspensions for New Zealanders trapped overseas by Covid-19 travel restrictions. "There is no acceptable reason why an amnesty should not immediately apply to anyone caught overseas beyond the twenty-six-week period for which they were entitled to receive their pension, and to rigidly apply the rules of the system was and is heartless and simply inappropriate during a global pandemic. The government has spent millions of dollars to help all sectors of the community survive the pandemic and that is what we expect of them. Hitting pensioners stuck overseas through no fault of their own with large bills and loss of pension is contrary to that ethic; it is inhumane and totally unacceptable; an amnesty must happen now!" she said.

Minister for Seniors, Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, says "I know many of you may feel anxious about Omicron. Our Covid-19 response has always been to put the wellbeing of New Zealanders at the forefront. Omicron has spread worldwide rapidly and is now in more than 80 countries. Government has announced the three-phase public health response to Omicron that aims to slow down and limit the spread of the outbreak. Almost no country in the world has escaped Omicron and New Zealand is no exception. But where we can be an exception is how well we minimise the impact of the virus and protect our people from it. The system will continue to adjust to identify those who are at a greater risk of illness from Omicron – which will be a smaller percentage of cases. The prime focus of testing and tracing will be protecting those at highest risk of becoming severely unwell and our critical workforce who are key to keeping the country running."

Grey Power President Jan Pentecost said the spread of Omicron was a "huge worry" for the organisation's 55,000 members. "This variant may well decimate caregivers for our people who live and get care at home, and aged care workers in rest homes." Jan Pentecost is also concerned most public health information about Covid-19 is provided via digital platforms. "Especially for older people – people over 80 are not proficient at using that medium. In most facilities visits can go ahead, if adults are masked and double vaccinated. Visits with children can happen outside. The only occasion where a rest home might close down to visitors or lockdown, is when they have an Omicron or a Covid outbreak, in their facility. One of the sad things is that people living in retirement villages, whose lives should be as normal as possible, are closed down. Whereas in fact, they should be able to continue their lives in much the same way as people living in the community."

Grey Power Coromandel is a volunteer organisation lobbying government for benefits for seniors over 50. We have four members' meetings a year. Next is our AGM in May. We have four or more newsletters emailed (or delivered if no internet). To join or renew membership, due this month – contact Carol Carson - ph (07) 866 7172, or president John Rabarts on john.rabarts@gmail.com



Coromandel Gambit

By Mike Mann

The Counties Thames Chess Club visited Coromandel Town on 29 January to play the Coromandel team.

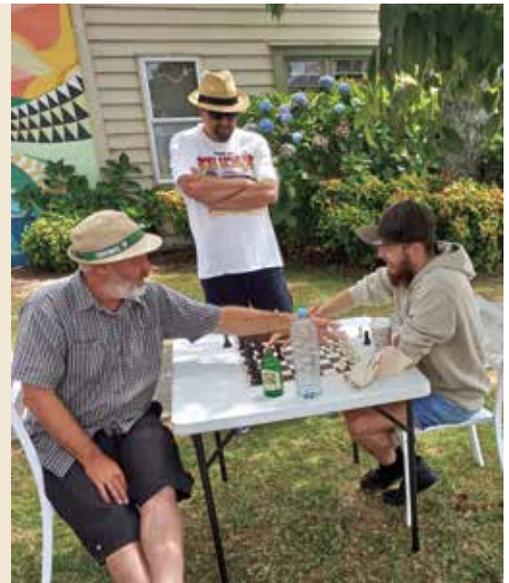
Ron Lanning from the visitors reported as follows: "Overall it was a fantastic day. We played outside in a beautiful park by Weta Cafe in the heart of Coromandel Town. Of course, being a long weekend there was a great atmosphere with many many people passing by, some passers-by sitting down and playing some social chess and many watching some games.

Not surprisingly we ended up in a good battle, with games won and lost, resulting in a win for the Counties Chess Club by 16.5 to 8.5, but really that was overshadowed by the great enjoyment of the day. We will be travelling to play them again on **Saturday 16 April**.

One of our players, Henry, scored 4.5 out of 5 and so Henry won the coveted Choccy Fish for the best individual score of the day by either team, though Bryan from the Coromandel side scored an excellent 4 out of 5, so it was close."

The Counties club are bringing a team of Juniors (under 18) on **16 April**, so any juniors interested please contact Mike Mann 027 304 9252 or Dr Bryan McLeod 021 215 9446, and for anyone interested in playing chess, all levels of ability welcome.

A lot of fun.



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Barry Brickell Clay Day 2022

The 4th annual Barry Brickell Clay Day took place in brilliant sunshine on 29 January. Participation was reduced a little because of red traffic light restrictions but we estimate that at least 180 people in total took part, including a lot of very talented children. Once again we were privileged to have some of the top ceramic artists in our region to tutor the participants. All of these special people give their time freely, helping us to continue to put on this event at no charge to the public.

They include Mike O'Donnell, Fiona Tunnicliffe, and Maureen Allison who all had to travel to Coromandel for the day. Local potters who gave us their expertise were Petra Meyboden, Kay Ogilvie, Tim Fuller and for the first time a group of resident artists from Driving Creek Pottery. Driving Creek also supplied two electric wheels and most of the clay that was used on the day. This is a huge contribution for which we and the public are very grateful. Thanks too for the kick wheel from Tim Fuller and electric wheel supplied by Kay.

Soul Sax Plus and Mac Pakinga were our musicians adding to the relaxed summer vibe with their cool jazzy sounds. Matt Sephton set up our electrics – thanks Matt – and The Spirit of Coromandel Trust once again supplied their marquee at minimal cost. You are legends! Last mention goes to The Coromandel-Community Board for funding this event for the second year in a row. We are extremely grateful for the vital support from these hard-working, public-minded people.



Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

Recently we have been remembering the full and resolute lives of two people – our local legend, Keith Stephenson, and a diminutive Vietnamese monk, Thich Nhat Hanh. Both lived life to the full, with energy, vision, love, humour, ease. The ripples of both these lives will go far in our lives who were – and continue to be – impacted for good. Both these people had an inner weaving of spiritual awakeness that guided the shape of their lives, and also a gritty, passionate involvement in local community. “Be here, now.” No judgemental tone, open to all, and believing in the possibility of change in any and all of us.

In the gap left when good and visionary lives end, we all take up the responsibility, to stand steadier and open to one another. Thich Nhat Hanh has a meditation with the words, “In, out, deep, slow, calm, ease, smile, release, present moment, wonderful moment.” He adds, “Indeed this is the only moment we have in which to be alive.” Let us be here, now. Present and in presence. For the wellbeing of all beings, and the survival of our earth-home. Especially in challenging times, the moment is wonderful if we are present with genuine caring, practical wisdom, and resolute connecting as a community.

Join us on **Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March** for soup at 6pm and sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm.

My home is open to any and all, so please stay away if you are unwell or have been in contact with others who are unwell. I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm. Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you. If you are concerned call me. Do call if you would like to chat about meditation or finding calm in an anxious time.

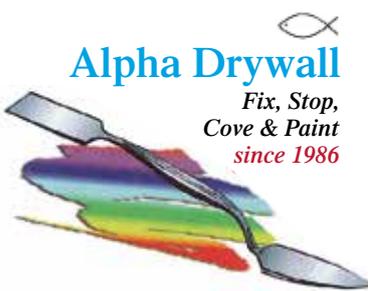
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Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT

January was very busy for the Westpac Auckland and Coromandel Rescue Helicopters, with 43 missions flown on the Peninsula, of which six were on our side of the hill. It was great to see a helicopter in the Whitianga hangar and the crews enjoyed the hospitality of the Whitianga cafes and restaurants.

The BK117 helicopter that was in Whitianga over the summer holidays is back in Auckland for the month of February, where essential maintenance is being performed. The helicopter will return to Whitianga for March and April as part of the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust's strategy to deal with the expected surge of Covid-19 cases across New Zealand.

10.1.22 Manaia – Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a female patient in her 20's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

13.1.22 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 40's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

14.1.22 Amodeo Bay – Crew tasked to Amodeo Bay to assist a patient whose car had left the road and plunged 50 metres onto rocks. Unfortunately, the patient died, and crew returned to base.



17.1.22 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a girl suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Starship Hospital in a moderate condition.

17.1.22 Coromandel – Whitianga crew was tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 20's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

29.1.22 Firth of Thames – Crew tasked to the Firth of Thames to assist a female patient in her 50's suffering a medical complaint aboard a boat. An Intensive Care Paramedic needed to be winched aboard the vessel. Unfortunately, the patient died, and crew returned to base.

Installation of a 30,000-litre Jet A-1 aviation fuel tank at our Whitianga hangar isn't far off. The tank is a strategic investment as it will ensure the availability of fuel for the rescue helicopter should floods and other natural disasters cause the Peninsula to be cut off from the rest of the country. This installation is at very little cost to ourselves, and will be available for others, eg, police and airforce in an emergency.

There are six trustees looking after your facility. Walter Russell, who was an original and very valuable trust member, has retired as a trustee, but as his knowledge is second to none, he has been appointed

as the Patron. Bimonthly Trustee meetings are rotated around the Peninsula – Thames, Whangamata, Tairua, Whitianga and Coromandel was the venue for this time.

We are reviewing our website. A specific focus is making it easier for people to donate through our website. The review is also an opportunity to build closer relationships with all those who have a part to play in the provision of a world-class air ambulance service to the residents of and visitors to the Coromandel Peninsula of all.

On behalf of all our trustees, and the entire Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust team, thank you to everyone who supports us financially. Not only is your support invaluable in keeping the rescue helicopters in the air, it plays a vital role in ensuring that we will continue to see a rescue helicopter in the Whitianga hangar over the busy summer period.

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, you can do so online to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust – 03-1578-0116338-001, with your name and "donation" as a reference. All donations gratefully received. Or phone me and I will collect. A receipt will be issued. Please remember donations are tax deductible and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required.

Have a safe month and keep clear of that Covid fella!

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Taichi for health with Christina

Taichi is an ancient Chinese art. It can be practiced for health benefits and meditation. With its low impact, slow pace, and mindful movements, taichi has been shown by medical research to be effective in



preventing falls, osteoarthritis, Parkinson’s disease, among others and improving cognitive capacity in older adults. Christina started weekly taichi classes in Coromandel and Colville in February 2021. This year, Coromandel class has a new venue at Waikato Events Centre (above swimming pool). Morning practice has been added between 8.30-9.30 am on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning outdoors free of charge, open to everyone who is interested to watch and give a try.

Christina, with over 20 years’ practice and ongoing private training from world renowned teacher Wee, Kee Jin and true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her background of Chinese medicine and acupuncture, aims to help the local community to improve their health and wellbeing.

Coromandel classes: every Wednesday 4-5pm; Colville (Colville Hall) classes: every Monday 4:10-5.30 pm. The fee is \$20 for 3 consecutive sessions; \$10 for casual visit.

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

Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Lifting of some Covid restrictions seems to have let the cat out of the bag and the Coromandel Peninsula has been swamped by the usual summer visitors, bach owners, campers, fisher people and day trippers all contributing to cluttered roads, impatient drivers and a handful of accidents. At least the mostly fine weather meant dry roads.

Callouts over the past two months have included:

- 3 x cardiac arrests
- 3 x MVA’s including car vs car, car over bank and car off the road. Sadly, there is not always a good outcome in some of these incidents.
- 1 x car fire. It always seems that if a car is left on the roadside for long enough, someone feels it necessary to burn it.
- 1 x domestic flooding
- 1 x security alarm callout

Currently we are in a fire ban – no fires for any reason. Despite the humidity and a little rain in the last few days, the wind and crazy temperatures have the landscape tinder dry. It will not take much to get it going and as we have seen in Northland over Xmas, once going these vegetation fires take a significant human effort to extinguish at an incredible cost so please – no fires till things ease up.

As noted in the last Chronicle our Brigade has gone through a number of changes in recent months and in light of this we welcome the following promotions to support Chief Fire Officer Mike Olliff – Rob Crow, Farm Manager at Ohana, is now appointed as Deputy Chief Fire Officer; and Darren Walker to the position of Senior Station Officer. Congratulations to both.

Freedom

By John Irvine

Fifty feet from my hospital window
 a pigeon surveys its domain
 Hundreds call these ledges home
 sleeping, breeding, squabbling
 for territory and mates
 just like us.
 My pigeon flicks a 180°
 cocks his tail
 jets a stream of fertilizer
 down seven floors
 onto the heads of scurrying workers.
 Oh, to be endowed with
 such insouciant emancipation.



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From: 20/02/2022 - 15/12/2022 (Excluding School Holidays, Weekends & Public Holidays)

The area will be signposted and a site specific spray plan is available on request.

For more information phone 07 868 0200 | tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Trees-and-Vegetation/No-spray-register/

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

We have been very pleased to have a good summer, even if it has been unpleasantly humid at times. Visitor numbers to the museum have been very pleasing, with a good turnout for our Open Day on Waitangi Day.

Now March is here, our thoughts turn to autumn and winter, and in New Zealand that often involves rugby. Most people, even if they are not followers of rugby, realise that the Ranfurly Shield is the great prize of domestic rugby in New Zealand. Perhaps a smaller number have heard of or visited the town of Ranfurly in the South Island. But I wonder how many know anything about Uchter John Mark Knox, 5th Earl of Ranfurly, for whom these things were named?

Lord Ranfurly was the 13th Governor General of New Zealand and served in this country from 1897 to 1904. In March 1899, he made a short visit to Coromandel,



Lord Ranfurly

following a visit to Tauranga, as described in 'Auckland Star' of 28 March 1899:

**"The Governor's Tour
The Lunch at Tauranga
Arrival at Coromandel**
(By, *Telegraph*. - *Special Reporter*.)
Coromandel, Monday.

The steamer arrived in the harbour at noon but the gale prevented a landing being effected. The weather moderating in the afternoon, the party were enabled to land. His Excellency reached the wharf shortly after 3. On landing, the Governor was driven up to the Coromandel Hotel. The Fire Brigade and the local volunteers corps escorted His Excellency's carriage. The arrangements here seem to have been most carefully made, and it is a thousand pities the inclemency of the weather so upset matters. Fully fifteen hundred people were expected to be present at the formal welcome in the lower part of the town, and the decorations with evergreens, which have been put up show how extensive these would have been, both public and private, could the original scheme have been adhered to.

With the consent of the Governor, it was decided to present the address at the hotel, and this was done, Mr R. Simmonds, the secretary of the committee, reading the address on the hotel balcony. The Maori address, which followed, was read by Hohepa Mataitawa, one of the chief Maoris of the district, the Hon. J. Carroll acting as

interpreter. Besides the usual expressions of loyalty to the Queen and welcome to the Governor, as her representative, touching reference was made to the work the late Sir George Grey did for the native race.

Lord Ranfurly, in a brief reply, remarked that his only regret was that, the day was so bad that he had been unable to land in the morning. He prided himself on being punctual, and he would have in this instance kept his engagement had it, been at all possible to do so. Continuing, he said, 'I receive and appreciate your assurances of loyalty and affection to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, whom I have the honour to represent. It is with great pleasure that I visit this mining district and view the development of these industries, which, indeed, came to be a source of wealth to the colony, and whose future seems so promising, I regret that Lady Ranfurly was unable to be present with me on this present tour, but I hope that on some future occasion she may accompany me to Coromandel.' Concluding, His Excellency said that the absence of the children from the gathering as one result of the uncompromising weather was to him a disappointment."

The museum will be open daily from 1-4pm during March

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With inflation reaching record highs, we're going to feel the impacts of higher prices here on the Coromandel, because many of our residents are on fixed incomes. High inflation is remembered by many of us who lived through the 1980s as an economic curse. It simply costs more to put food on the table or fill up the car.

Now, some of the factors contributing to inflationary spikes are out of our control, but it certainly hasn't helped that the Government has been loose with their spending. When governments talk about "free" this and "free" that, what they really mean is taxpayer funded. We've been asked to foot the bill for pet projects, which will have little to no benefit to everyday New Zealanders. It's time that they showed some restraint and made much better decisions about how hard-earned taxpayer dollars are invested.

As Omicron extends itself across our communities, it's important that we plan for the eventuality that we may be exposed to Covid. This is a new reality for most of us, but it's important to remain calm and take the necessary steps to keep ourselves and our communities safe. This means getting our booster shots when we're eligible. We also need to think about the possibility that we would have to isolate, either as a case or a close contact. If you live alone, get in touch with friends and family to ensure that you'll be able to get the essentials delivered. Similarly, if you're part of a larger household, take some time to think about how you will manage if you're required to isolate.

Please never hesitate to be in touch. If you have any issue you wish to discuss with me, don't hesitate to get touch by either calling 0800 550 330 or emailing mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz



Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Win McMinn

The Guild's programme for 2022 began with our first meeting of the year in February. With the latest Covid outbreaks it was decided that all members attending Guild meetings and workshops must show a vaccine passport and this did not cause any untoward problems, with good attendance.

Despite the busyness of summer there were still a number of pieces displayed on our "show and tell" table. Heather Constantine, who had been in lockdown in the Auckland area and so had not been able to attend our meetings towards the end of 2021 had several items finished. Heather's wonderful counted stitching was illustrated in the two beautiful mats she had completed. She had also finished a different version of the "cubes" which so many had worked on last year.

Heather had used white on red and stitched with a nod to her Scandinavian background, adding Christmas images from that part of the world to make the cubes into Christmas tree decorations.

Marion had completed another of the native bird series begun at our retreat, and Margaret had completed a Hardanger piece which was hard to believe was her first attempt at this technique.

More new pieces were Shirleen's unusual green table cloth and Judy's small bag with candle wicking decoration. Jill had brought a book by Margaret Light with examples she had stitched.

Our first meeting of the year is when we announce the "People's Choice" from our November exhibition. This year it was Lettecia's woman, stitched in fine thread with amazing shading and yet to be finished. It was well deserved and as one member said, "I could have sold it several times over" when she was sitting at the exhibition. It will be wonderful to see the finished piece on our "show and tell" table some time. Fran Campbell took out the first prize for the President's Challenge, "Kintsugi" – mending with gold with her interpretation. This year our new President, Margaret, has challenged us with "Corners and Curves".

We are hoping workshops planned for the year will be able to go ahead. The next few months will tell. February has Alysnn Middel-Marsden coming – a professional embroiderer who works creatively with multimedia. It will be interesting to see what is produced from her class.

Our work stream for the year is a series of Italian techniques developed by Lee Westfield, a Life Member who was part of instigating the Guild here in Coromandel. Each month we will explore a different technique, beginning with Deruta embroidery originating in Umbria.

Our next meeting is 2 March. For enquiries contact Win McMinn, (07) 866 7508



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Patchwork and Quilters

By Judy Russell

Gosh, as I'm writing this I feel we're in Fiji. Hopefully by the time your reading this, the humidity has passed and we're back to normal Coromandel weather.

First meeting at our Patchwork & Quilters group for 2022 was a quiet one. Everyone that attended had a lovely catch-up after the Christmas break.



Fiona's fab scrappy triangle quilt

The day was spent steadily working away on their unfinished projects. Sharon showed a lovely quilt that she found tucked away and has finally completed over the break.

I'm sure, our next meeting, which is our AGM will have a huge turnout as there is a lot to discuss and a few changes are in store, so we need everyone in attendance.

One change that we've made this year is to have our club notices at 11.45am.

I'll have a lot more to report on next month as our programme for the year will be in full swing.

Feel free to pop in and see what were stitching and have chat. You'll find us at the St John rooms, Tiki Rd, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8762. Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762

Refreshed education offer at Kauaeranga Valley

Tactile play features with an emphasis on native species are a new development for the ever-evolving education offered at the Department of Conservation's Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.

The Visitor Centre, about 20 minutes' drive from Thames, has offered educational experiences for children of all ages for more than a decade – and with the 2022 school year underway, the learning features have been refreshed as children return to classrooms.

Maree Limpus, DOC Education Ranger, says the new features focus on both native species found in the valley – and the introduced predators who threaten their ongoing survival.

“Through play and learning, we want children to have a positive experience in nature to foster ongoing enquiry, engagement and taking action to protect nature and our unique wildlife. We've put a particular focus on tactile play and learning for children eight years and older,” she says.

“Over summer we had a group of university students working for DOC in the valley, and their seasonal roles gave us a chance to take advantage of their skills and knowledge to help us construct and refine some new play exhibits.”

Long renowned for its beautiful setting and diverse opportunities for families and schools, the 2022 additions at the Kauaeranga Valley Visitor Centre include nature quizzes – with the option for teachers to develop their own theme-based ones – and nature pou/posts which present children with the task of pairing wildlife facts with particular species.

The species selected for the new interactive exhibits have all been found across the wider Coromandel Peninsula at some point in time and include wētā, geckos, dotterels, kererū, tūi, kauri, kākā and tuna.

“We really wanted to focus on the species our visitors might encounter if they enjoy one of the nearby trails or streams – that connection between learning and real-life nature experience is very important to us.”

Another new interactive feature, the target boards, gives children a chance to knock down some of the introduced predators which have had a significant impact on Coromandel's native wildlife.

The target boards carry pictures of possums, rats, stoats and pigs, and children use a rubber ball to test their aim against the pests. If the target is hit, the board flips back on a hinge to reveal a series of facts about the pest – and the threat it presents.

“It's a little bit metaphorical, as our Operations Team oversees work to target these pests in the bush to protect the native species.”

Maree Limpus says the new resources and ongoing developments focus on getting children outside and active – and away from devices, desks, tables and chairs.

A grass maze – covering an area the size of a football pitch – blends nature-based learning and a quiz with an opportunity for children to burn off excess energy.

“We're striving to offer a rich learning experience for everyone that visits.

“All exhibits constructed are interchangeable to ensure they can be constantly refreshed, and the learning experience always evolves.”

For more go to www.doc.govt.nz and search Kauaeranga Visitor Centre

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After a good summer break we are back and continuing our work supporting our community. During the past couple of years we have all certainly faced some challenges, and here at CILT we have had to be nimble and responsive in our approach to addressing needs as they arise, especially in the ever shifting Covid world. We look forward to what this year may bring, and whatever happens we'll be here to support people in the community.

Passing of Danny Desai

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Danny Desai, who had been living at the Kaumatua Flats for over 10 years. His quiet and humble nature will be missed by all within the complex.

No reira e Danny haere atu ra ki to tatou ukaipo ki ou tupuna e tataru ana mou e moe e moe e okioki atu ra.

The Hub

We are well into the construction for The Hub, our new home for community services on Pound Street. The building is looking fantastic, and builder Steve Wilson is doing an outstanding job over there. However, rising material costs are having a serious impact and we are having to seek

additional funding to finish the build. We are welcoming donations of any amount so if you would like to contribute, then you would be helping a great new community facility that has the potential to create significant benefits for all people in the northern Coromandel. Head to our website or call us on the number listed at the end of this article to find out more.

Bizarre Community Grants Scheme

Remember to get your applications in for the 2022 Bizarre Community Grants Scheme; applications close on **Monday 28 February**. In 2021 we donated \$25,000 to 16 community projects, benefitting the social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of people within the Coromandel-Colville Ward. It's been really great to see the results of these projects and the positive impact they are having on people's lives. Head to www.cilt.org.nz/grants for more info!

Covid-19 Community Connector

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) has requested that CILT support our communities if and when there is an outbreak of Covid-19 here. We have been preparing to do this and assist whanau in whatever way we can. If there is a serious outbreak in Coromandel, we will make contact with the people affected to ensure that their welfare needs are met. We will also connect people with other providers such as Work and Income, so that they have the full support to which they are entitled. In this scenario, our phone service will operate from 8am to 8pm

to receive referrals from MSD and CILT will make contact with the clients within 12 hours. This is a government initiative to ensure that communities are served by local people rather than just online or 0800 numbers. It is a free service for people identified by the Ministry of Health who give their approval to have their names passed to MSD. We are all hoping we do not need to do this, but if there is an outbreak here then we'll be ready and will respond quickly to the needs of the community.

Manatū Taonga CARE fund

Thanks to Manatū Taonga, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, CARE fund, we are able to employ local professional artists and craftspeople to deliver workshops and provide access to art-making activities for people who experience barriers to participation. Barriers to participation include intellectual or physical disability, neurological conditions, mental illness, age-related vulnerability (seniors or youth), cultural or social isolation, or poverty.

Lately we have had Caitlin Moloney – a renowned ceramic artist – guiding participants at the Work Coop through the process of making handmade ceramic cups. By all accounts it has been a really fun and rewarding experience and they'll all end up with their own mugs for their tea and coffee!

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

Well, the weather didn't play ball for us to have our meeting on the beach, but we did get pretty close by visiting Kath's garden, which is across the road from the beach.

Seventeen ladies carpooled to our monthly meeting, with fabulous finger food shared lunch. We had so much that it continued later into afternoon tea!

Our meeting was a very laid back, relaxing day – with song, a poem, a quiz, forum on rats and mealy bugs! The "Best Sunhat" competition was won by Irene with a funky hat with crabs, butterflies amongst other creatures. A walk around Kath's garden wasn't stopped by the rain.

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 9 March** at the Coromandel Combined Club at 1pm. We will be carpooling to visit a couple of local gardens before the meeting.

Arrangement: Arrangement in a teapot – must be in a teapot. The Special is: Fruit Bowl.

If you are interested in becoming a member or being a speaker for us, please contact Jeni Mudgway (Convenor) 021 0227 5341. Secretary – Trish Whimp 027 498 5227

Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

For the last couple of months we have been hosting Getaway Weekends at Mana. It has been a big change to our usual summer schedule which, in the past, has been packed to the rafters. These weekends offer accommodation only and have opened the door to people who may not have previously wanted to participate in a retreat, but who have longed to visit the land.

One of our recent guests shared, "I have heard so much about beautiful Mana but never had the opportunity to get here. I was so excited to have the chance to visit without an agenda as I was feeling the need for an escape from timetables, busyness and expectations."

Society raises us to feel our sense of self-worth is somehow hinged on our state of busyness. The more busy we are, the more important we are, to others and ourselves. When we are not busy, it is not uncommon for us to feel worthless. This deeply ingrained conditioning has us running on a hamster wheel with no foreseeable relief. For what purpose, we ask?

When we are on retreat there is an invitation to unplug; to put down tools and take some much needed time away from the hustle and bustle of life. It is easy to presume that that, in itself, is enough. However, there is still a schedule or agenda which, in some ways, can feed our unconscious busyness-parasite.

It seems we are, in new ways, offering a space that is so greatly needed in our world right now. A place for people to relax and renew. To hit the pause button.

With no schedules. No classes. No workshops. No need to be anywhere at any particular time. This space is nurturing our need to rewire our minds and reconnect to the essence of life.

We understand that this type of getaway is not for everyone. Not having anything to do when we are so used to having a to-do list longer than our arm, can be confronting. However, for those who are in touch with that deep inner longing to retreat into nothingness, this is a very special opportunity.

If you are feeling the call, we invite you to join us. Relax into beauty, simplicity and tranquility with a self-catered weekend stay. There are more details on our website www.manaretreat.com.

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March 2022

Revised Coromandel Bypass headed for public consultation

Public consultation on a revised route for a bypass through Coromandel Town is being sought by the Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

An Indicative Business Case (IBC) for a road bypass was completed in 2017, which explored the need for an alternative route through Coromandel Town to reduce delays and improve resilience and safety, through the town centre, particularly during the peak summer season.

Our Council staff investigated options for the design of an alternate route for the Bypass. The proposed route now traverses Council-owned land instead of land in private ownership.



The resulting benefits of this change could be:

- Reduced costs by minimising land take
- Improved access into developable land through using Council-owned land
- Less impact on developable, private land
- Direct link into Coromandel Town Centre via Woollams Avenue

Staff have reported that there are no viable funding options externally, so it is now asking Council to run a public consultation on the revised route.

Subject to local support, remaining funding currently allocated to this project, will be used to develop the proposed design of the Bypass route, to give greater certainty of costs and construction issues to enable formal submission of the project for construction as part of the 2024/27 Long Term Plan.



Kerbside Collections

Our Kerbside collection schedule for the summer is now over and we're back to the usual weekly blue Council rubbish bag and fortnightly recycling collection schedule for the rest of the year.



Collections in Coromandel Rural North are on Tuesdays, and Coromandel Town and Te Kouma are on Wednesdays. Please put out your material by 7:30am.

Check out the schedule for your area at tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

The week beginning Monday 28 February is Week 2 of our fortnightly recycling schedule. Not sure if you're in a Week 1 or Week 2 collection area?

Go to tcdc.govt.nz/smartmaps, select "Refuse & Recycling" and enter your property's address. Or, call us on 07 868 0200.

Summer hours at our district's seven Refuse Transfer Stations ended on Sunday 20 February. From Monday 21 February, the Coromandel transfer station is open:

Mon, Tues, and Thurs: Closed
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Boat ramps and wharves are expensive to maintain and replace or upgrade.

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Should ratepayers continue to pay most of the cost of these facilities, or should the users pay more?

We're preparing our Annual Plan for 2022/23 and we'll likely be proposing some changes in the fee structure for boat ramps and wharves to lessen the impact on ratepayers. Keep an eye out for the proposals once our consultation starts on 11 March because we'll want your feedback. In the meantime, there is more information at tcdc.govt.nz/boating



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UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

"February saw our very first Community Board meeting of the year and although I was unable to attend, the Board covered some important topics for our community. It was great to see so many engaged residents in the public forum expressing their views on a range of issues."
peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Next Board meeting – The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 29 March, 9.00am at 355 Kapanga Road. If you wish to speak in the public forum, contact governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz Agendas are published two working days before meetings at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings, where you'll also find recordings of each meeting.



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Coromandel Area School

Jamie Brown

Welcome back everyone. What a great start to Term 1 it has been, full of swimming, and getting to know each other, with lots of breaks and fresh air. We are ready for an EPIC 2022!

On 4 February we had our first day back at school. Unfortunately we were not able to host our annual fun day with whanau, but instead, we had classroom activities and a sausage sizzle and ice block.

It is awesome to see all of our wonderful students back at school and happy to be here. Again, we would like to welcome all of our



new students to our kura. We hope you enjoy CAS.

Touch update

Well done and a huge congratulations to Kendyl, Kororia, and Kelson, who were all selected and played for the U14 Thames Valley Touch team during the summer holidays. They have



Kendyl, Kororia and Kelson who made the Thames Valley Touch team

committed many hours to training for this selection. Also a big thanks to Matua Kelvin and his whanau for supporting our tamariki with this opportunity.

Wellbeing Programme at CAS

A huge thank you to Pare and the team at Thames Hunting and Fishing for sponsoring a new programme running at Coromandel Area School.

Their fantastic support and donation will allow our students to utilise a variety of quality equipment when partaking in their outdoor experiences. The programme will provide opportunities to learn new skills and grow a strong resilient mind.

Once again, thank you Thames Hunting and Fishing, especially Pare for your wonderful kindness and koha.

Term Dates

Term 1 (11 weeks)

Wednesday 16 March – Teacher Only Day
Thursday 14 April – Last day of Term One
Friday 15 April – Good Friday Holiday

Term 2 (10 weeks)

Monday 2 May – Day One of Term Two
Monday 9 May – Teacher Only Day
Monday 6 June – Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 24 June – Matariki Holiday
Friday 8 July – Last

day of Term Two

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 25 July – Day One of Term Three
Tuesday 23 August – Teacher Only Day
Friday 30 September – Last day of Term Three

Term 4 (9 weeks)

Monday 17 October – Day One of Term Four
Monday 24 October – Labour Day Holiday
Thursday 24 & Friday 25 November – Teacher Only Days
Friday 16 December – Last day of Term Four (finish at 12.05pm)

Communication

We endeavour to communicate as effectively and efficiently as possible in regard to all school matters. Please ensure you read all newsletters, notes home and check the website regularly to keep up to date with any information you may need to know. Please also check our official Facebook page. The name of the page is Coromandel Area School, so please "like" and "follow" us on the page to get instant and up to date information, photographs and updates on school achievements.

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Kia ora, kia orana, bonjour, hei, hello!

It's great to be back in the centre, seeing how happy the children are to see each other, share their stories and lead the way back into the world of discovery, imagination and free-play.

With the hot sticky weather, we are making the most of our wonderful outdoor spaces and local beach and bush to explore and get plenty of fresh air!

We welcome Harley and Skya, new tamariki and whaanau joining us at Colville Bay Pre-school from Coromandel Town.

Job Opportunity: Bronnie will be off to see family in Europe for a few months from May. While we would love to have her back, she would like to see her job offered to a locally available ECE Qualified Teacher. If you have the skills, ECE qualifications, passion for working with young children, and preferably a longterm commitment to living in the area, please contact us for application details or pop in and visit our unique centre.

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Colville School

By Susie Sumner



Ā Mātou Kōrero, Our Story

The overarching concept for learning at Colville School this year is Ā Mātou Kōrero, Our Story. We started by celebrating one of the most significant stories in New Zealand’s history, Waitangi Day. We are looking forward to getting to know our family stories, our Colville stories and our Coromandel stories. Throughout the year we will be sharing these with you.

We have welcomed three new families into our school and a new specialist music teacher, Maria Dove, to join our amazing team of staff. Colville has a thriving music scene and we look forward to our school showcasing our budding musicians on their new instruments at events in the near future.

Learning at Colville School flows from inside our classrooms to a variety of indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Fridays have a strong wellbeing focus. We start with Garden to Table in the morning followed by an outdoor and adventurous programme in the afternoon. Our tamariki are immersed in their local environment so they become part of their local story.

If you would like to learn more about school please contact us via email on principal@colville.school.nz or give us a call on (07) 866 6815 or 021 0912 0434

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Activities and play for children 5+yrs.
Parents/caregivers please let us know if we should be expecting your child so we all know they are where you want them to be.

Opening hours: Sunday 1-3pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm, Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm (school years 6-10).

Gold coin donations are greatly appreciated

All visitors – if you need to enter Youth Group, please remember to wear a mask, scan QR code and sanitise.

Any concerns or for more information telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

See our [givealittle](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/coromandel-youth-group) page: www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/coromandel-youth-group

Every dollar helps us to stay open!

Along with the kind donations we receive, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D.V.Bryant Trust, The Bizarre Community Grants, TCDC Community Grants, Star & Garter Hotel.

Te Rerenga School News

By Mary Kedzlie



The students have settled into the new year and adapted to the new way school is, with mask wearing for all students from Year 4 to Year 8. We welcomed 14 new students and one new teacher, who has opened our 6th classroom, due to our roll growth. Below is a bio from Princess, who will be well known to many Coromandel locals.



Princess Thomas-Whittaker

“Kia Ora! I am Princess

Thomas-Whittaker aka Koka Princess. I have begun 2022 as a beginner teacher at Te Rerenga School. I was born and raised in the mighty town of Coromandel and attended Coromandel Area School for my primary and intermediate years. I then headed further afield to attend high school and university. I returned to my hometown after six years of living in Hamilton. Back home I became heavily involved in community sports and fueled a passion for coaching, specialising in netball and touch rugby. Through these encounters I realized teaching new skills to groups and individuals was an area I wanted to pursue and could do this in the education system. So at the beginning of 2021, with a six-month-old pepi and my supportive husband, I began my online Graduate Diploma in Teaching Primary Education study.

I was fortunate to attend my two practicum experiences at Te Kura Kaupapa o Harataunga and Te Rerenga School. Both offered unique and quality learnings, providing me with tools that I have added to my kete of knowledge to use in my teaching journey.”

Here is a whakatauki that I use for every player, individual or student that comes across my path – every tamaiti may require a different feather, but each one will end up leaving the nest to fly to greater heights.

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Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

A glance back, before looking forward, in this, the first contribution to the Arts page of "The Chronicle", in some months.

That backward glance is to our last production, "Murder Deferred". Our thanks to everyone who attended and followed the Covid requirements and made the performances as close to pre Covid "theatre nights out" as possible. Your quite evident enjoyment made the time and effort put into the production worthwhile.

My personal thanks to everyone connected with the production, especially the cast. Ladies, you were wonderful! I regret I didn't express my thanks on the final night with what I like to think is my usual fluency, so I take this opportunity to make amends now.

Looking forward, we have good news. Jim Davis has happily agreed to complete some personal, unfinished business and return to the stage in Tom Scott's one-man play, "The Daylight Atheist". After just two performances in March 2020, the first Covid lockdown ended the production run we had planned. Word did spread about Jim's powerful, memorable performance and since that time many friends have asked if he would take on the challenge again. Fortunately, he will and, given (what is now the usual caveat) Covid variants permitting, we will stage the play over the last two weekends in April. It is not to be missed.

Watch here in the Chronicle and the Players' Facebook page for further details of "Daylight Atheist" and visiting performances from Arts on Tour NZ in coming months.

Plus, plus...yes wait... there's more! There are plans to revisit one of the classic Farndale Avenue farces over the winter months, as a contrast to the serious nature of our recent plays. An opportunity for, this time, five women to play many parts, in a play within the play... great challenge.

WTS (Watch this Space) Coromandel

WTS Process Art Exhibition – Enjoyment, Curiosity and Wonder

What a strange and interesting period it has been – and still is!

Our 2021 Artists' Shared Studios Programme was severely curtailed by Covid-19 lockdowns, and gathering and event restrictions led to cancellation of our sixth annual Process exhibition, which each year highlights the innovative and experimental work which has evolved during the programme.

At last, somewhat belatedly, we are offering this long-awaited exhibit for your enjoyment, curiosity, and (hopefully) wonder.

Watch this Space's Process Exhibition will open on **Saturday 19 March**, and will be open daily 10am-4pm until **Sunday 27 March**. Subject, of course, to gathering and event restrictions that may be applicable at the time.

We will be observing Hauraki House Management Committee's requirement that a vaccine pass be sighted before entry to the premises.



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Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

The winning painting, with judges Frederick Church, Koren Hopoi and Rick Ward

We all turned up early on 27 January to hang our 18th exhibition. It is always quite a buzz, but we have got it down to a fine art now. It never fails to amaze me how the range of differing work comes together in the end, and a nice flow is achieved. The gallery really is a lovely venue too. As always we had positive feedback from the customers that came and viewed our work.

It was all a bit clinical being in masks, and I can never recognise anyone with a mask on. I felt a bit like a bandit, or highwayman! All the visitors that came and looked were very helpful and understanding. They accepted the situation, and made allowances for ageing artists, and dodgy "do-das" and digital devices! There aren't the visitors about this year, but it is still good to showcase what we have managed to produce during the year. Albeit a very fractured year, with stops and starts. We still managed to turn out a great variety of work, and a "sailing ship"!

Our People's Choice results were: 1 – Moored in the Mist, by Barbara Peddie; 2 – Red Manuka, by Barbara Peddie; 3 – Fureys Creek, by Tiana Dobbs; Highly Commended – Work Boots and Wood, by Lindsay Nicholls. Thank you to our judges Frederick Church, Koren Hopoi, and Rick Ward.

Our raffle was drawn at the end of the exhibition and the winning tickets were: 1 – No.7, L. McKellar; 2 – No. 81, Lillian Field; 3 – No.10, L. McKellar.

Now we look forward to going out and about around our lovely bays and painting out on location, relaxing and enjoying life, and hopefully a more settled year painting.

Thank you to everyone who supported our exhibition in any way.

Auditions

Auditions for four characters in the tragi-comedy *The Glass Menagerie* was to be held at Freemason's Lodge, 776 Rings Road, on the weekend of **Saturday 5-Sunday 6 March**, 11am-3pm.

We need Amanda, Laura, Tom and Jim in a production "dress rehearsal" by the Opening Night Theatre Company. Season in April at Hauraki House Theatre.

Contact Richard on 027 373 4848 or David on 021 0245 7820

Alpaca Social Club with guest Cousin Alice

Is it happening? I'm writing this in mid-February and keeping my fingers crossed. If we've reached the beginning of March and we're still Covid-free in Coromandel Town, you'll be rushing out to buy your tickets for this Thursday.

You won't want to miss this exciting event with a flavour of Arabic, Celtic, funk, soul and gypsy jazz cultures. The two musicians at its core are pianist and accordionist Craig Denham and bassouki player and guitarist Jon Sanders. Fans describe their live show as "a pyrotechnic display of dazzling virtuosity" and "a quantum-leaping musical curiosity".

Cousin Alice creates a completely unique sound, gritty, sweet, and heartfelt, delivered with a shot or two of humour. Alice seduces audiences with her smoky voice. It's a musical marriage to behold.

Date: **Thursday 3 March** at 7.30pm.
Doors open/refreshments available from 7pm.

Venue: Hauraki House Theatre, Coromandel Town.

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

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



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Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

The club "Fish of the Month" competition for the \$100 prize for the Aug 2021-July 2022 members only was snapper for the month of January and was won by Troy Evans with a whopper weighing in at 11.120kg. Well done Troy!

Fish of the Month for March is kahawai and April will be gurnard.

Our Anniversary weekend tournament was a fantastic day out on the water. Here are the winners from the day:

Snapper – 1st Logan Davies 6.581kg, 2nd Rob Davies 6.504kg, 3rd Fred Newton 5.265kg.

John Dory – 1 caught – Carol Leming 1.709kg.

Kingfish – 1 caught – Layke McNeil 9.88kg.

No trevally caught.

Kahawai – 1st Mike Moy 1.96kg, 2nd Nikki Stephenson.

Average weight won by Graham Robinson.

Mystery weight won by Charmaine Martel.

Kids' comp

Snapper – 1st Kate Davies 1.675kg, 2nd Lucy Moy 1.347kg.

Parore – Charlee-rose Moore .924kg.

Kahawai – Chelsea McNeil .744kg.

Yellow tail under 6 years – 1st Indi-lee Moore .206kg.

Yellow tail under 14 years – 1st Kate Davies .208kg.

Most unusual species under 6 years – Charlee-rose Moore caught a spotty.

Most unusual species under 14 years – Evie Cox won it with a dog shark.

Thank you to everyone that entered and everyone who helped. See you out there making the most of the last of summer!



Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

Looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year of golf.

Opening Day on 5 February saw an impressive field of 31 turn up to compete for the Bob Riley Trophy.

The format proposed by Club Captain Paul Lawrence was "Bogey", a system whereby each player scores a + for a stableford score of 3 or more, a 0 for a stableford score of 2 and a - for a stableford score of 1 or less. Confusing, isn't it? Anyway, the lowest score of a foursome is discounted and the other three scores are added up – still with me? After all that, the winning foursome was Lynne Fenwick with +6, Allan Rose with +3, Paul Lawrence with +2 and last but not least, Kelvin Wirihana with – making a total of +11. An amazing performance, you must agree. The trophy was presented by our Patron's wife, Joan Evans (see photo).

Green fee players have continued to pour into the club throughout the month of February, which is great for the club coffers, and I'm delighted to announce that we have quite a few new members join us. Hopefully, that will reduce the average age!

Exploration into various materials and costs for the re-surfacing of the club car park are under way and we look forward to the day we can announce its completion!

Twilight golf on Friday evenings at 5pm has been a great success this year, well attended by golfers of all abilities. This fun evening session is designed to allow anyone to have a go, the emphasis being on having fun with no pressures of the normal golfing etiquettes. The pressure is off so come along and have a go. Sessions continue until Daylight Saving ends.

12 February was club Stroke Play Championships. The Seniors and Intermediates played 36 holes and Juniors 27 holes. The weather was extremely hot and humid and all competitors did well to complete their rounds at all. The eventual winners were: Seniors – Bruce Wallace, Intermediates – Max McLean, Juniors – Paul Lawrence.

20 February sees the start of Handicap Pennants, Strokeplay, starting at Te Aroha. Representing the club will be Richie Neal, Kelvin Wirihana, Allan Rose and Norm Gilbert. We wish them every success.

Heard on the 9th fairway last week: "I bounced off more trees today than a possum on crack".



Bob Riley Trophy, Opening Day 2022

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

We are on midsummer time now, meeting at 8.45am for a 9am start of play. This means we can finish before it gets too hot to think!

If you're looking for a new form of exercise, both physical and mental, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968 for more information. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays and provide all the equipment, plus tuition and a six-week period of coaching before you decide to join the club or not. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



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McGregor Bay Wetland

By Carol Sutherland

“The little wetland that could.” – That was a comment about the McGregor Bay Wetland made by Keith Woodley, a person well



Oi oi coming up through dead kikuyu

acquainted with coastal wetlands. It is true, the McGregor Bay Wetland is small but it has the possibility of greater things for at its core, it packs its own inherent mighty little ecosystem despite past injuries.

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board voted in August to leave the wetland without any artificial controlling mechanism. This allows a more natural flow of water to the wetland to resume. It can inhale and exhale more freely.

The wetland was plagued in parts with kikuyu grass, honeysuckle, blackberry and various other invasive species but now the tendrils of the sea are dealing with those botanical interlopers.

There will be shifts in vegetation; coastal scientists in a 2007 Environment Waikato report gave a picture of what might happen if the wetland shed the tidal gate. Within the reserve saltmarsh will migrate south-easterly into what used to be the dryer, weed infested parts of the wetland reserve. However, this won't happen overnight, but already there are changes. The blanket of little yellow bachelor buttons (*Cotula coronopifolia*) appearing on the fringes is enthraling one adjoining landowner. Oi oi (*Apodasmia similis*) is making its way through the dead and struggling kikuyu, but the silky oaks are still putting up a fight. The flax, planted when there was less estuarine influence, are suffering, but the F&Bers that planted them recognise that in the long run the wetland will determine for itself with natives will dominate, if given free estuarine reign.

The fish can come and go more freely; birds come to rest, and some to feast, in the Medlock's lagoon which beautifully compliments the reserve, breathing as one. As for the humans, they look on. Whether it is probing the mud to tell an estuarine story by a student undertaking a Master's degree, or a PhD candidate looking at the carbon emission change that happens with a salinity change, science is always there as a great tool and explainer. So far, modelling based on chemical changes calculated that the wee wetland is now gearing up to remove carbon emissions equivalent to 50 cars. Yes, the wetland is morphing into a blue carbon sequester. Neat little sucker isn't it? Who would have thought that the little wetland could?

Ref: Kroeger, K. D., Crooks, S., Moseman-Valtierra, S., & Tang, J. (2017). Restoring tides to reduce methane emissions in impounded wetlands: A new and potent Blue Carbon climate change intervention. *Scientific Reports*, 7(1), 11914

Waiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary

By John Veysey

A letter sent to Coromandel-Colville Community Board

This is a reminder of how widely appreciated is TCDC's stance in supporting our community's request to not use 1080 or any other "residual poisons".

Council is commended for turning their own animal controller, Stu Bagguley, from spreading residual poisons into a trapper.

This has been a great step forward on the part of council and we, who are continually and severely affected by poisoning on our boundaries, now request council to extend their influence and relay the public anger at private landowners who are still playing host to residual poisons.

Every residual poison states that the user must remove the dead carcasses but not one of the local poison groups do that. Poisoned animals have plenty of time to travel a long way outside the poisoned areas and into neighbouring properties where domestic creatures continue to be poisoned. Scavenging animals and birds die from eating poisoned carcasses for many months after the poisoners have left. Insects feed off them and lay their eggs on them and this is how insectivorous birds get poisoned.

On page 3 of the June 11, 2021 issue of our local Hauraki Herald Nick Kelly, DOC's Coromandel operations manager, published a very convincing argument against DOC's method of poisoning possums. Kelly's pictures leave no doubt that four-yearly poisoning is ineffective against possum damage. DOC knows it; everyone knows it.

Many of the DOC-affiliated enviro-groups go to a lot of trouble to trap rats and stoats but they continue to poison possums. Why not trap possums as well?

One group who claimed to manage wild animal control over 10,000 ha for over 20 years have only caught 83 possums in all that time. I catch more possums than that in one year in our tiny back garden – because we are trapping every day. Trapping takes a lot of hard work but it is effective.

Possums are very easy to trap but they are very difficult to poison.

The possum is hugely resistant to the residual poisons in use today. The amount of residual poison required to kill a possum would kill twelve dogs or two small children.

On behalf of all of the enviro-conscious groups who employ only traps for their wild animal control we request council to urge these poisoning enviro-groups to quit using rat poisons and add possum trapping to their already extensive trap lines. If they still feel unable to trap their possums then give the job to those who are capable.

I am just one name. Waiau bird sanctuary is just one enviro-group but we represent a growing number of locals in our ward who have had enough of the stress caused by the wild animal poisoning going on around us.

Thank you for listening.

Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel Branch



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

By Kate James

Our local branch works on projects which reach across many environmental goals, from habitat restoration and protection across public land, including wetland restoration, to education and advocacy around our local environmental issues. The Coromandel Ecological Region is one of New Zealand's six biodiversity "hot spots" and is often referred to as a "jewel in the ecological crown", with key flora and fauna communities, intact vegetation sequences, and the presence of many threatened species. The special nature of the Coromandel, combined with increasing pressures, mean appropriate management (use, development, and protection) is important for social, economic, cultural, and environmental outcomes.

We have been working particularly hard lately on understanding what our local community would like to see for the reserves around town and how we can work with iwi, community groups, local agencies, and others who are enthusiastic to make this happen. We have heard serious concerns about the state of the Kauri Block near town and will continue to strive for a positive ecological outcome for this area.

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone,

The Himalaya shop will be closed most week days during March month. We will try to be open for weekends.

Opening times to be 10 a.m. to around 3p.m.

As we are away for the first part of March, You can contact LORNA on 021 0290 5767 or if you have connection problems trying to reach Lorna you may leave a message with

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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

Barry Brickell



purchased the 24-ha Driving Creek property in 1973. The land had been cleared of native trees over a hundred years earlier. The indigenous kauri forest had been destroyed. The land was covered with sixty years or so of regenerating scrub, mainly tall kanuka and ferns, with scattered wild pines. While Barry lived and worked on the property and grew to become a world-famous ceramic artist and engineer, thousands of native seedlings were planted each year - around 27,000 in total. Native seedlings were hauled up the hill on the railway and planted by Barry and his teams of willing volunteers. A new and thriving forest of kauri, rimu and other natives can now be seen across the property.

Last year Driving Creek Conservation Park hosted the Waikato branch of the New Zealand Botanical Society, a wonderful bunch of plant enthusiasts with a mission to encourage the study of botany and to disseminate knowledge about the flora of New Zealand. The team of botanists walked down from the top of the Conservation Park carefully identifying and listing over 130 different native plant species. Some of the rarer species noted can be seen on our Nature Walk which



Botanical society visit

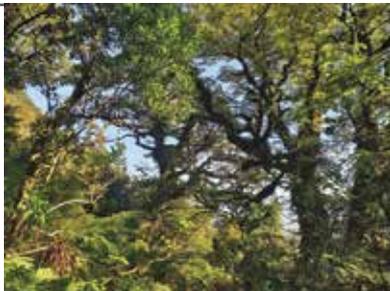


Para and parataniwha on the Nature Trail

begins near the train station. The para/king fern is an at risk species. This stunning fern has fronds up to 5 m tall arising from a stout, starchy base that was a traditional food for Māori. The impressive dark glossy green fronds are up to 4 m long by 2 m wide. Another species of note is parataniwha/New Zealand begonia. This beautiful plant has large, lush purple and green leaves. It flourishes in damp-shaded places, like the king fern, and can be seen growing by the creek on the Nature Trail where it covers large areas. It is endemic to the North Island and grows up to a metre in height.

Next time you are at Driving Creek take a stroll on the Nature Walk and keep an eye out for these beautiful plants.

Our branch continues to source funding to support work to enhance the native environment (through environmental weed control and pest animal trapping) at the TCDC reserve at Long Bay, as well as working on informative signage for this area to build understanding around the history and importance of this bush block. We are also working to implement pest animal trapping in a TCDC reserve at Waitete Bay. Some coastal planting and weed control has already been undertaken nearby at Torehina, with help from local schools to get plants in the ground.



We are a voice for the environment and spend many (many many) volunteer hours working to support local conservation initiatives. We are a small team, and we love being able to help care for our beautiful environment. Email us at: UpperCoromandel.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

MEG

By Amy Lendrum



Flocking season for pāteke

Until relatively recently, pāteke have been considered seriously endangered due to significant loss of habitat and predation. Since a population of pāteke were released into various areas around New Zealand including one at Port Charles in the northern Coromandel, 20 years ago, the local pāteke population has gone from strength to strength with increases in bird numbers seen since their release there in 2002. Local pāteke have benefited from the significant predator control efforts aimed at increasing kiwi populations in the rohe, as they have been described as preferring to spend time dwelling on the ground despite their ability to fly.

At this time of year pāteke are more visible, as it is flocking time for these delightful native birds also known as brown teal. During flocking time, large numbers of pāteke can be found congregating at permanent water bodies including estuaries, wetlands, stream edges or river mouths. There are many flocking sites in the rohe, including at the mouth of the Tangiaro, and sites near the Waimau Rd bridge, where a significant number of pāteke can be observed, particularly at high tide.

The war on weeds

Did you know there are over 25,000 introduced plant species in New Zealand? Of these, hundreds are considered to be actively harming our native ecosystems either by smothering native plants, providing hiding places for pests, or physically changing the landscape where they take hold.*

It is reported that the weediest places are often close to towns as many weeds are considered "garden escapees" that were once planted in gardens.

You can do your bit to help the war on weeds and give our ecosystems a helping hand.

Make sure you get expert help when it comes to identifying a specific weed and the best course of action to permanently rid the area of it. Removing one weed can create the perfect environment for a new weed to grow so a proper plan is always best.

Use resources such as www.weedbusters.org.nz for excellent information on controlling and correct disposal of weed plants.

And consider joining a conservation group such as MEG who run regular weeding events in the local community throughout the year.

Have a great month everyone!

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*From Space Invaders – a report into how weeds are managed in NZ.

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Upper Coromandel Landcare Association Environmental Update

By Reihana Robinson, UCLA spokesperson

Nga mihi ki a koutou.

Bats to be droned

Yes, on first reading it doesn't seem to make sense but apparently long-tailed bats are the latest species to hit the limelight at Waikato Regional Council (WRC).

The Natural Heritage team from WRC have identified high value biodiversity sites in the northern Coromandel. Ground and drone surveys, including motion cameras and acoustic recorders, will monitor what species are present – especially any species of note such as long-tail bats.

Moehau has been doused in toxin 1080 – will they find any bats? Were the Biosecurity officers of WRC and DOC to actually kaitiaki our wilderness they would never drop 1080 anywhere near a bat colony.

So yes, bats are to be droned into existence. Why do I write “droned into existence”? Because where WRC wants to investigate is in the neighbourhood of western Moehau where 1080 has been dropped since 2013.

Lloyd and McQueen (DOC researchers) and Whiting-O'Keefe's analysis clearly show the devastating effect of 1080 on bat colonies as bats are insectivorous.

Ideally bat surveys should have been undertaken prior to any aerial 1080 poisoning.

Aerial poisoning of pines etc.

More shocking poison news, now it is wilding pines, “a known preferred habitat for kiwi” (Karen Blair, Hahei environmentalist).

Who approves such poisoning? Turns out, there's no need for permission, just a poison plan and neighbours must be notified in case of spray drift.

Helicopters spraying triclopyr ester, dicamba, picloram, aminopyralid, metsulfuron methyl, heptamethyltrisiloxane is an environmental “wet and forget” operation... we have to wait more than two years to see if everything dies. Are we to standby and witness such poisoning? Sadly it seems the answer is yes.

A chainsaw job offers tree inhabitants a chance to relocate without being poisoned to death

UCLA supports efforts to enhance our native bush without multiple poisons.

Fish farming

Pare Hauraki's plan to industrial-farm caged kingfish could be a “potential exacerbator of biosecurity risk”. This quote is by Barrie Forrest in his Marine Pest Assessment of Effects research paper. Only nine submissions support the proposal to enclose hundreds of thousands of huge kingfish in metal cages suspended in the Hauraki Gulf. 16 oppose. With 8000 tonnes of kingfish we have seen figures of excess nitrogen equivalent to nearly 20% of current pollution. Are we demanding limits on intensive dairying—we certainly hope so. Why would we support increasing the pollution of the Hauraki Gulf?

TCDC supports jobs but without requiring locals get first dibs.

New Zealanders do not support inhumane poisons

Fraser's 2006 Landcare Research showed poisons are “the least acceptable of all methods reviewed” as they are not regarded as humane, specific or safe. Fitzgerald's 2009 review of Australasian and international research found the public believes that the “key criteria for deciding between different forms of animal control should be, in order of importance: humaneness, ability to generate economic and social benefits (e.g. jobs, incomes, food, etc.), specificity and safety (i.e. not affecting other animals, especially humans) and effectiveness.” Congratulations Coromandel-Colville Community Board and TCDC for supporting what ethical citizens desire of their fellow inhabitants of Mother Earth.

Please let's kaitiaki together using humane wild animal control.

We share a finite world. Let's try to improve it for the next generation.

Kia ora na.

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

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

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

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.

Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm

Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768 4.10pm

Bridge, St John rooms 7pm

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

Every Tuesday

Community Gardens volunteer day (summer times) 8.30-10.30am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am

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

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2

Vickie 027 417 7077 10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm

Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10-15.

Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm

Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.

Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263 9.50-11.20am

Wing Chun Kung Fu. Internationally recognised Sifu. Waikato Events Centre. 4pm

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

Every Thursday

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

Coro Bowls club day 9.30am

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

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

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am

Free Drop-in Dharma Talk or Video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club “club day” 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Crystal Sound Energy Healing & Meditation at Havalona Pyramid

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Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy

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Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club “club day” 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,

Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,

Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,

Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.

President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.

President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 7pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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

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 New moon
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Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.
 For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low.

- RN = Rural North
- CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kouna
- TC = Thames Coast & Manana
- Blue bin bags out
- Put recycling out (plastic 1&2, tins, paper, cardboard)

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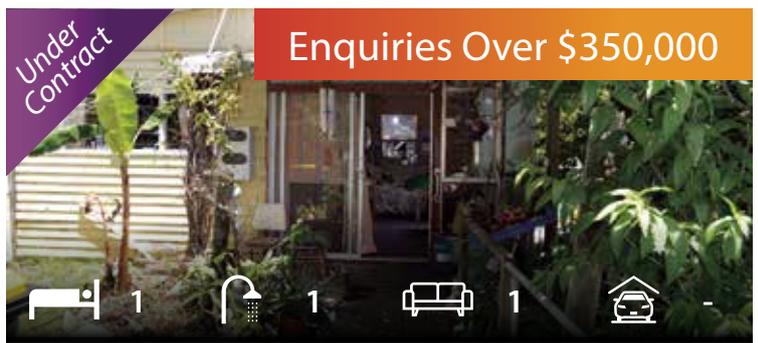
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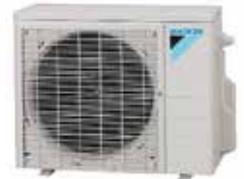
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