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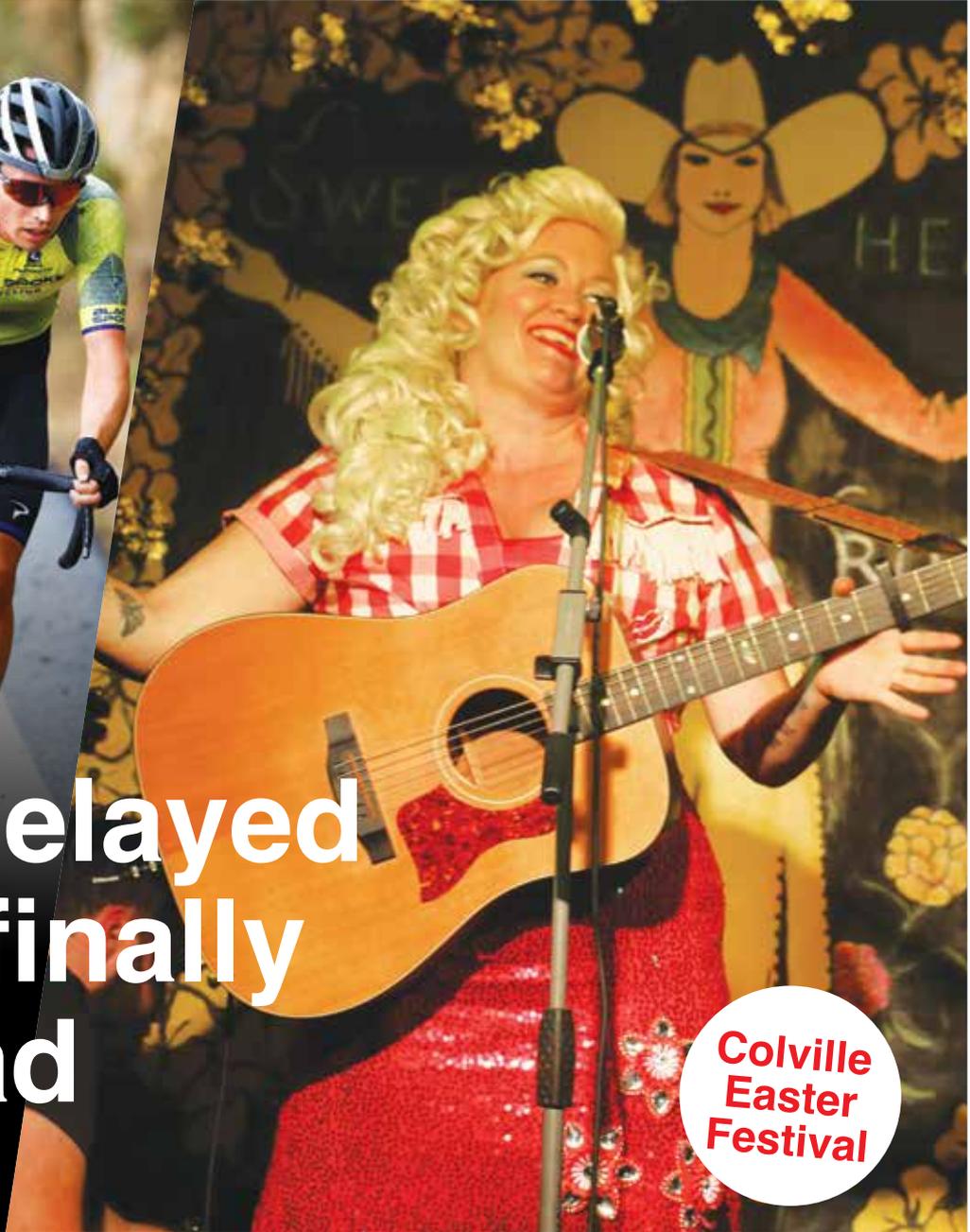
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Cover picture: Left: K2 – The elite winner James Oram crossing Pumpkin Hill – he broke the course record. Photo by Leon Smith.
 Right: Colville Easter Festival: Teuane Tibbo as Dolly Parton.

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Call 111.
 AED's in Coromandel Town: Fire Station, Ambulance Station, Four Square, Coro Family Health, Bowling Club/RSA, Te Korowai and Phoenix House. Although AED's are important, St John say performing continuous chest compressions/calling 111 takes priority.

Editor's comment

There are a lot of events on the weekend that this Chronicle comes out – so I hope you get this issue in time to go to them. See calendar on page 38 for events.

Recently I visited Tairua and Pauanui. I haven't visited either before. On Tairua surf beach I got stung by a bee which I had accidentally stepped on. This happened only a few weeks after my daughter got stung the same way at Simpson's Beach.

After years of living on the peninsula it is my first time getting stung by a bee at the beach. I am told they come out of the bush as they like to get salt from walking on the sand. I wonder if it always happens at this time of year, or something different about this year, or if the bees don't come to the beaches usually I go to.

With this in mind I thought it was appropriate to print the bee haiga that I received from John Irvine a while ago (right).

Debbie



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Letters and opinion

Thank you

Thank you to the lady who gave me a lift to Phoenix House after I arrived in Coromandel Town in February on the ferry. I didn't get your name and I forgot to thank you at the time. It is very much appreciated by myself and also by Reihana from Phoenix House. Regards,
 Valma Swann (at the time residing at Phoenix House, Coromandel Town)
Editor's note: Sorry I accidentally missed putting this letter in last issue. I hope the kind lady mentioned sees this.

Endorsement

I fully endorse Clare Dudley's letter and opinion on the service that is given by Damian and the Four Square team. It is probably the same whingers who were against the new Four Square in the first place.

Thank you Damian, you are giving the community a great service.
 Yours sincerely,
 Mike Wells, c/o Phoenix House,
 Coromandel Town

Gazebo vandalised

It is with disappointment that we find ourselves having to put pen to paper. Last October we were asked to build a gazebo (Council funded) to house two public BBQ's funded by the Lions Club in the Hauraki House Reserve. With excellent local tradies this was achieved and completed to a high standard. Unfortunately since completion, firstly the spouting has been used as a climbing device. After twice fixing it, we have now had to remove it completely due to the unreparable damage. This week the two picnic tables had to be sanded and restained, to remove obscene and offensive graffiti. The colonial fret work on the gazebo has been smashed off in places and the gully trap cover and downpipe was smashed beyond repair.

The Barry Brickell Stage, opposite the gazebo, was also targeted with obscene and offensive drawings etched into the concrete surface. This took three council contractors most of the day to scrub and remove. The cost for this vandalism repair is all coming directly out of our rates.

Who are the fools that have no respect or consideration toward our community, town or assets? Are they your children, brothers, sisters, friends, cousins or visiting extended family? It is time to say enough to this pathetic vandalism. It is time to look after and respect what little we have. These are our rates, this is our town.
 Kevin and Kim Brett, Coromandel Town

Family History

A bit of a long shot I know but I am trying to locate information on my great great great grandfather who I know died in Coromandel.

Is anyone aware of any records office that I can contact to help me find more information on him?

By way of background, Walter Curtis (who was born and raised in Suffolk, England) somehow ended up in Coromandel Harbour where he was burnt to death in a house fire in September 1844. He left a widow and offspring in England but at the time of his death was working as a rope maker. I understand that what was left of him must have been buried in New Zealand as whilst his death is recorded on his wife's tombstone, there are records that indicate (unsurprisingly) that his remains are not interred with her.

Any assistance you can provide in enabling me to make contact with the appropriate people would be much appreciated.

Please email steve.curtis7@ntlworld.com or write to me at 1 Penrhyn Close, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 4JX, England.
 Kind regards,
 Steve Curtis, England

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Covid-delayed events finally go ahead

Colville Easter Festival

By Colville Festival Committee

This very popular “not for profit” little community run festival, managed to dodge the Covid-19 lockdown levels and proceed this year as planned.

Opening with Colville Sings Country on Good Friday night, a sellout show, 20 local singers plus a very entertaining MC Ron Peters sang, played and acted to a wonderfully enthusiastic audience.

Prizes for best dressed country styles went to hillbilly Bronwyn Blair, Teuane Tibbo as Dolly Parton, Cotton Picker Joanna Pearsall and the Big Time Rancher, Steve Carson.

We thank the generous sponsors who provided prizes for us: Driving Creek Railway for three prizes and Hike & Bike.

Nangsel, Annette and Ben, thank you for



Colville Sings Country

judging. And thank you to all the wonderful cake and slice bakers.

A huge thank you to Coromandel Four Square who once again showed their community spirit by sponsoring us for the food provided on all three nights.

On Saturday there was a well attended DJ training workshop run by DJ Kimba Jade.

Saturday night was The Big Music Night, another sellout show, which saw the crowd dance their hearts out.

Thank you Steve Norris and Dave Roberts for feeding us all an amazingly cooked meal.

Saturday night’s pie competition – prize for the savoury pie went to Marine Baillard, sweet pie to Elizabeth Mitchell and most unusual pie, a possum pie, with tail intact by Annette Steele who was also wearing a possum. Thank you to judges Graeme Fraser



Possum pie!

(Umu) Teuane and Leila (all are still alive). A huge thank you to Umu, Driving Creek Railway and the Himalaya Shop for their amazing prizes.

Big thanks to Matt Sephton for sound, Ezy for lights and Nathan



Workshops

and Josh, stage.

Sunday workshops included Musical Yoga Flow, a T shirt decorating party and Ecstatic Dance.

The Sunday Night Show included a kids’ disco, and items by Colville preschool and school pupils, followed by NZ comedian Kim Potter. Very enjoyable night! Thank you Colville School.

Monday workshops included Clay Creations, sponsored by Driving Creek Railway with Frederick, Jenny, and Kay Ogilvie and Denise Jones ran an Art/Junk Journal workshop.

The Colville Store showed their wonderful community spirit donating to the event too.

Thanks Jo that came with her fried bread caravan on Easter Monday.

Thank you all that attended, especially the wonderful crowd on the Colville Sings Country Night. Was a hoot!

K2

By Rita Stephenson

I just want to express my gratitude to all of the volunteers on

the day – without them the event would not go ahead. I am not going to write much, I am going to let the emails that we received from participants in the event speak for us all. Also we now have a new course record of 4 hours 52 seconds – two riders broke the 5-hour, 19-year record.

Hi and hello,

I just wanted to say thank you for the fantastic event on Saturday. It was the worst weather but my friends and I were incredibly impressed with absolutely everything you guys did.

There were so many fantastic marshalls, the water stations were incredible, with all the mix bottles and bananas, we had a motorbike with us most of the way around – you must have had so many on the road. It was just magic to ride. I’ve ridden the roads of Coromandel a lot but never felt so safe as I did on Saturday in the pouring rain and howling wind.

I participated yesterday in the K2 and I just wanted to express my deep gratitude for you and the team putting on such an amazingly organized event, from the communication up front, to the blessings in the



beginning all the way to the food at the finish line.

I’m always moved by the volunteers who do such an awesome job, making sure we’re fed and safe. Feels like a big

family.

It must not have been easy with the Covid related delays and then the weather, but it turned out to be a fabulous day and people loved it, me included. A worthwhile challenge!

I’ll definitely be back!

Please keep doing what you’re doing for many years to come. Your impact on the cycling community is huge. Giving us a goal to work towards each year and such an amazing experience is invaluable.

Thanks,
Bernhard Lamprecht, Auckland

Dear Andy, Keith and Rita and the many volunteers,

A big thank you for putting on the K2 yesterday in what can only be described as testing weather conditions for riders, marshals and organisers.

This was my first time doing K2 and I am pleased to say I completed it though I won’t have said it was easy. The hills were unrelenting (or seemed to be towards the end which probably reflected how tired I was) – I am sure I will be back for the next one.

Please pass on my thanks to your many

volunteers that looked after the race headquarters from dawn to dusk and those that looked after the drink stations greeting us all with a cheery face (and saving the day with the refreshments) and the marshals that made sure we were safe going around the tight downhill corners, and along the one-way bridges, and the finish chute. Special thanks also to your motorbike team who checked in with the “thumbs up” to see that the riders were ok, and to the photographers that braved the elements and to St John for being there.

Your team did a great a job of making it as safe as possible out there, and making it happen!

Events like K2 I know rely heavily on volunteers....

Thank you also for my free entry which you donated to Auckland City Tri Club in honour of Tony O’Hagan – a personal friend (to me) and coach to many athletes out there racing yesterday. Tony would have been proud of everyone’s resilience and determination yesterday.

Thanks again.

Kind regards,
Ali Feeny

Awesome feedback from the riders. Our next event is The Great Kauri Run – 1 May. Again we are looking for volunteers. If you have some spare time and would love to help, please give Rita a call 027 210 3734. Thanks again to all our K2 marshals; you’re all legends

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts – President



Notice Of Annual General Meeting.

Coromandel Grey Power will hold our 2021 AGM on **Thursday 6 May**, at St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel. We gather from 1pm, meeting starts 1.30pm. Main agenda items: President's report for 2020-21, Financial and membership reports and Election of Officers for the 2021-22 year. We elect all officers and committee each year, so every position is open for nomination: president, vice president, treasurer, minute secretary, membership secretary, four to five committee members. All paid up full and associate members are eligible to vote. Other important tasks where help is needed are preparing this Coromandel Town Chronicle article each month, and preparing a newsletter for members four or five times a year. In normal years we have four member meetings a year, with a guest speaker on a subject of interest to over 50's, our full membership entry age.

For Mother's Day – an appreciation

Never before published.

Her Hands

Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath,
Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step,
Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall,
Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all,
Her hands were there to brush my hair and straighten a wayward bow.
Her hands were there to comfort the hurts that often didn't show,
Her hands helped me hold the stars in place and encouraged me to reach,
Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length,
Her hands would also push me through, not down or in harm's way,
Her hands would punctuate the words "do what I say",
Her hands sometimes had to discipline to help bend this young tree,
Her hands would shape and mould me into all she knew I could be,
Her hands are now twisting with age and years of hard work,
Her hands now need my gentle touch to rub away the hurt,
Her hands are now more beautiful than anything can be,
Her hands are the reason for why I am me.
Love you mum. From Michelle xoxoxox

Pests

Ideas from Jude Williams, country girl.

Basil fly deterrent – To keep flies away from the barn or cowshed, plant plenty of sweet basil around the buildings. Planting basil close to the house will help keep them away from home too.

Grain for livestock – To keep bugs from your stored grain add a small cheesecloth bag of dried bay leaves to your grain drum.

Rose care – Put several cloves of garlic in the blender with water. Blend well and use as a spray to control aphids. Also, turnips and anise planted around your rose bushes will discourage aphids and spider mites.

Keep chickens lice free by putting the wood ash from your fireplace or woodburner in a pile in a corner of your chicken yard. The chickens use it as a dust bath and keep the lice away.

Dog's sore foot pads – Split an aloe vera leaf and rub on the sore feet. Gently massage in and apply frequently.

Dog's bed fleas – Sprinkle the bed with lavender oil and place fresh fennel under the bedding. Bugs hate the smell of fennel.

Grey Power Coromandel membership enquiries and renewals – Carol Carson ph (07) 866 7172

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KAURI RUN

5km Fun Run

Saturday 1st May 2021
11.30am Start

Run / Walk: Flat course starting from Patukirikiri reserve, ½ way turnaround at Harbour View Motel. A course to suit all ages, small children can use scooters, bikes, take babies & toddlers in pushchairs or buggies.

Registration: On the day from 10am, School Bottom Field

Cost:

5 & under free

6 & over \$5.00

Adults \$10.00

Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) \$25.00



A kauri tree is planted for every competitor over the age of 6.

Coromandel Four Square has kindly donated a spot prize, a bike for young ones aged between 6-14yrs taking part in the 5k, they must be at prize

giving (4pm) to collect.

Big thanks to Renee and Damian from Coro 4Square



Other events on day include:

Kauri 12km: Long bay & Harray Track run. 11.30am start

Kauri 1/2 Marathon 22km: 10am Start

Kauri Classic 30km: 9am Start

Kauri Ultra 65K 6am Start

All start from Patukirikiri reserve.

For these events: Enter online at: www.arcevents.co.nz/kaurirun/



Coromandel Town Seafood Fest 2021



The Seafood Fest is in its 5th year this **Saturday 1 May** from 9am to 4pm at the Coromandel Area School.

Entry by gold coin donation.

Food stalls, trade stalls, kids' rides, cooking demonstrations, live music. Come on down and have a fun-filled family-friendly day. See you there.

Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

Why do we sit? Practice meditation?

The "default" in our busy lives is thinking and doing. When we step out of the rational "thinking" paradigm and turn attention to our sensations, awareness, our being, we engage different pathways in the brain and open to a more spacious appreciation of this present moment, and the possibility of choosing how to engage with the next moments of our day.

We can give ourselves "permission to pause". In the pause we calm, and more naturally remember what we value about ourselves and others. When I sit in mindful awareness daily, I am kinder to myself and others, and generally more pleasant to be around. Parker Palmer puts it this way: "Anytime we can listen to the true self and give it the care it requires, we do it not only for ourselves, but for the many others whose lives we touch."

When we sit together we can gradually overcome the self-consciousness and fear of being seen or judged, and discover the relief that we are all in this together. In all of our lives there are ups and downs, and we can support each other and have a laugh.

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

May dates: **5, 12, 26 May**. On **19 May** I am encouraging people to go to the community meditation evening at the beautiful Dharma Gaia Centre for Mindful Living in Manaia.

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

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

To contact me: email: annasorensen@doctors.org.uk
mobile 021 135 7056



The basketball hoop is ready for action at Hauraki House.
Photo: Sam Ward

Coromandel Lions Update

By Kerry Whittle

The beginning of the cooler season is a busy time for the Lions, as we work to fill our firewood orders.

On Saturday 27 March we had a working bee at Allen James's depot on the 309 Rd – members and helpers managed to cut the stockpile of logs into rings ready for splitting while another team was also busy doing deliveries of firewood from our stockpile at Mike Thompson's. Rick, Mary, Bill and Sam continued doing deliveries during the weekdays.

Unfortunately our splitting working bee on 10 April was postponed due to rain, which not only means we are a step behind on work but that president Sue was left with all of the morning tea scones she had baked.

We are always happy to have help from volunteers and "friends of Lions" with our firewood efforts, so if you are available to help on a Saturday morning, please get in touch and help us to keep our local community warm this winter.

We are glad to report that the basketball backboard and hoop has finally been installed at Hauraki House by Lions Rick and Sam, with the help of volunteers Jack Carson and Wayne Brooks who completed the boxing and poured concrete, then erected the goal. It's already proving a magnet for our up and coming basketball stars.

At our monthly dinner meeting we hosted Tracey and Rob Smith, and their two sons, as guests. Tracey thanked us for providing and installing the basketball goal at Hauraki House. She gave us a history of her police career and how she, Rob and their boys arrived in Coromandel. Tracey explained her deep interest in supporting youth, and the difficulties in providing Police response in small communities. She also emphasised the importance of communication.

Also at our monthly meeting, our district Governor inducted two new Lions members – welcome to Joan and Pam. We would love to bring on more members to the Lions, so please get in touch if you are interested in supporting the Coromandel community with us.

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



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Our Shed

The newly formed Age Friendly Community Group has a name – “Our Shed”.

This will be a unisex version of the Menzshed.

Within this environment projects and socializing can be done. Sharing time for a chat, skills, tools, knowledge, baking, games, hobbies, etc., as well as projects to raise funds.

All we need is a shed. Can you help?

Would need to have easy access, power, water, and a toilet. Also space for seating.

Please phone Jules 027 392 3221

Qi Gong Workshop in Coromandel

“Our Shed” – formally known as the Age Friendly Community Group has organised a qi gong workshop due to many people asking for this at our last two meetings.

When: **Sunday 16 May**
 Where: The Club (Bowling Club rooms)
 Time: 10.30am-2.30pm
 *Please arrive by 10.15am.
 Cost: \$20.00



Hedwig Bakker

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Qi gong is an ancient Chinese practice of gentle movement, breathing exercises, standing postures and meditation to work skillfully with your life force energy, with the internal power that animates all physical functions and your mind.

Becoming expert at working with your own internal energy gives you the resources to have



choices and to manifest the kind of day, and the kind of life, that you want to have.

Regular qi gong practice has many benefits and effects on a physical, emotional, mental and spiritual level such as: better health, increased vitality, less stress-more relaxation, balanced emotions and nervous system, feeling energized and inspired, feel calmness and clarity in the mind, finding connection, meaning, purpose.

Qi gong is easy to learn, easy to follow, enjoyable to do and suitable for people of all ages. The movements are slow, flowing, rhythmic, accessible, and practical. Even after a short amount of practice, you can already feel the benefits.

Learn the beauty, effectiveness, simplicity and power of qi gong and bring home some effective tools for health, vitality, well-being, relaxation and inner calm.

This workshop will be taught by Hedwig Bakker. Hedwig is a certified Holden Qi Gong Teacher and experienced meditation facilitator and takes great joy in sharing her knowledge and experience with others.

Registration and payment to Jo Sanderson by Monday 10 May – email for payment details to greenhillsparadise@gmail.com or ph 022 050 3005

Coromandel SeniorNet

By Bev Mayhead

Hello everyone,

Just a reminder that our SeniorNet AGM is on

Wednesday 5 May, 2pm at Hauraki House. All welcome, see you there.

Contact: Loes Beaver alaoesbv@gmail.com (07) 866 8053, Tom Look tom@colville.org 022 303 9283



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Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Jennifer Coyne

“Sometimes people speak of our planet as a thing. This attitude will not lead to the feelings of closeness and affection that would move us to take care of the earth. As we know, the earth is not a dead rock floating in space. It is a living system, in itself as a whole and in each and every part. I do not see the earth as an inanimate object – a lump of stone. I think of it as being alive. Sitting on the earth, I feel that everything exists. In this way, we could easily think of the earth as a goddess – a living, breathing, and constantly giving goddess.”

– HH Karmapa

It is true that as human beings we depend on the planet, the environment in which we live. The planet holds and sustains us. We also depend on one another, on the billions of insects, animals, and plants. Without all of this, we can not survive.

In a way this interconnectedness means we are part of others and others are a part of us. If we think deeply about this, it can dissolve feelings of isolation, loneliness, meaninglessness, or sadness.

At Mahamudra we decided to put these ideas into action: to come together to give back to the Earth that holds us and sustains us. To have a day together as a community – planting trees and eating lunch – on **Saturday 19 June**. We would love if each and every one of you would join us, with the idea that when you put care and joy into the world, it reflects back in your own life.

If you would like to join us, email Jen at spc@mahamudra.org.nz or just drop in. Even if you have never been to Mahamudra before – just come, be yourself, and plant a tree! Everyone welcome.

And before that, some dates for your diary in May:

- **7-9 May** – Embracing the Feminine – Yoga Retreat with Vanessa & Beth
- **16 May** – 10.30am – Community Day – Meditation followed by free lunch – just drop in!
- **6 May & 20 May** – 4pm – Guru Puja with Tsog
- **21 May** – 10am – Medicine Buddha Puja
- **21-26 May** – Meditations for the Heart – Retreat with Venerable Khadro
- **26 May** – Saka Dawa. 10.30am – Guru Puja with Tsog
4.30-6pm – Emptiness Practices
7pm – Light Offerings at the Stupa
- Daily 8.30-9.00am Drop In Meditation
- Every Wednesday at 8am Qi Gong Movement Meditation

Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

Hi everyone,

Easter has been and gone, and also a lot of holiday makers.

Easter Monday still very busy here with our Patchwork and Quilters group, a good turnout and alot of friendly banter,

With my daughter visiting, I'm spending the morning stitching part of her latest Teddy Bear. I'm not sure how many she's made now... all cute and fluffy.

Jill gave an impromptu demo on lacing a cloth picture frame (Bev's stunning mosaic picture of her granddaughter). Such valuable tips to learn. Just need to remember them. Or seek out Jill again.

There's a bountiful amount of knowledge that is shared in this room.

Always something new to learn.

I was picking people's brains on some stitching I was doing.

Raewynn has come to the end of another fabulous coat she's had on the go for a client. We named it the coat of many colours as she modelled it for us. It will surely make people smile; just stunning.

Everyone else was working hard on their nine-pocket bags. I'll have some photos to share at a later date.

And some more crazy patchwork blocks shown... looking great ladies.

We're off to our "Fun Day Out" in May so I'll have to report on that later.

This month's photo is a Queen sized-quilt made and quilted by Pam Sowden.

We've watched this quilt quietly come to life throughout the past year and it's just a stunner. Well done Pam.

Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm at St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880. Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The museum has been given some interesting items from the Coromandel Country Women’s Institute.

I learnt from Wikipedia that: “The New Zealand Federation of Women’s Institutes was founded in 1921 and was previously known as The Dominion Federation of Women’s Institutes (from 1932), The Dominion Federation of Country Women’s Institutes (from 1952) and the New Zealand Federation of Country Women’s Institutes (from 1982) before acquiring its current name in 2004. As of 2018 it had over 4,000 members in 245 Local WIs grouped into 38 District Federations.”

The organisation was obviously a great source of support for women living in small communities. Their website advises: We began in 1921 and have remained relevant for women in town and country communities since then.

In an article in *In Search of the Rainbow* Val Larsen writes: “Women’s Institutes originated in Canada on 19 February 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ontario as a result of a meeting addressed by Adelaide Hoodless. In 1915 Mrs Watts of Canada was invited to England to start the movement there. The first Institute in Great Britain was formed in Llanfair, Wales.

On 7 February 1921, Miss Spencer and Frances Hutchinson formed the first Institute in New Zealand in Rissington, Hawkes Bay. Ten years later in 1931 some ladies in Coromandel gathered in the Buffalo Hall to form their own Institute with Mrs Norrie as president, Mrs Alkin, secretary and Mrs Fairburn, treasurer. Committee members were: Mrs Peters, Mrs Ward, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Darling, Mrs Denize, and there were 50 members. Meetings were held at night, leaving husbands home to look after the children. Some of the ladies walked long distances over paddocks, unsealed roads and even rode horses in the dark... Coromandel Institute’s aim has been “To Serve” our community with physical or financial help when required. So what is Country Women’s Institute? It is a group of women meeting and learning about other women in New Zealand and other parts of the world. Nationwide we support these women.”

This article from “Thames Star” of 18 May 1932, describes a typical meeting:

“Meeting Women’s Institute Coromandel Branch

Notwithstanding the unsettled weather conditions which prevailed in Coromandel last Wednesday evening, there was a good attendance of members at the usual monthly meeting of the Women’s Institute. At the conclusion of the business meeting at which two new members were enrolled, Dr. Shortt gave a very interesting address on First Aid. The ladies then discussed with the Doctor the possibilities of forming a branch of the St. John Ambulance or the Red Cross Circle in Coromandel. It was finally decided that the secretary, Mrs Aitken, should write to the Coromandel Hospital Board, asking that body to call a public meeting so that everyone interested in the movement could be present and take part. If it were decided to form one of these classes, Dr. Shortt promised to give the lectures and organise the movement. The winners of the competition, ‘An Observation Table’, in which the competitors were allowed a certain time to look at a table covered with many objects and then write them down, were Mrs Perfect and Miss P. Riley, with 32 objects written down, Miss Gay Jones being second with 29. The Committee expressed a



Coromandel Country Women’s Institute 1950s

Front row: (left) Joyce Marston, Betty Mannion, Gwen Russell, Betty Lucas, Thirle Rowse, Mavis Sewell.
 Second Row: Gran Darling, Gran Strongman, Gran Evans, Edith Lucas, Maggie Dear.
 Third Row: Jean Holtom, Nellie Barrett, Ruby Turner, Chris Anderson, Ethel James, Mary Norton, Nell Bronlund, Molly Davis
 Back Row: Lucy Deeble, Ellen Goodchild, Hazel Strongman, Mona Flay, Eva Furey, Mabel Fremlin, Elsie Clark

hope that all members of the Institute will endeavour to plant a nut tree this winter. Miss Gay Jones sang, accompanying herself at the piano, and afterwards recited “People Will Talk”. Supper was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Woodhouse, H. Denize and Robinson.”

The museum will be open from 1-4pm during weekends only in May until Queen’s Birthday Weekend

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Easter market

By Benni, Bine and Nalan

The Easter market was simply splendid.

A perfect blend of happy market shoppers, stalls laden with beautiful produce; artisans, craft makers and artists displaying their gorgeous creations.

The music was superb and diverse and the children's activity tent buzzing with happiness and song.

A big thank you to the many hands and hearts that made this market event possible.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in our raffle fundraiser to help pay for the extra gazebos needed, as the market is growing!

The winner of the box of goodies was Marie Everth. Great to have the Coromandel Homegrown Community Market joining hands with us in this merry collaboration.

Lastly a heartfelt thank you to Hike & Bike for their encouragement, support and enthusiasm from the very beginnings of our Seasonal Markets adventure!

The feedback from the Coromandel community and beyond has been overwhelmingly positive and uplifting.

So here goes for our Matariki Market – **Saturday 26 June** at Hike & Bike Square. Do note the different time: 1-6pm

Please bring your favourite re-usable cup for some organic vegan spicy chai, and watch the marketplace light up with lanterns as evening falls.

Enjoy performances by local school children (tbc) celebrating this special season of Matariki.

We so look forward to seeing you there !

To book a stall at the Matariki Market contact coromandelmarket@gmail.com



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Have you thought about getting budget advice but are worried you'll be told to cut down on those bad habits! It's not an advisor's job to tell you what you can and can't spend your money on. It's their job to help you see what you are spending your money on, then brainstorm with you on ways to reduce costs and increase income that works for you. Please, don't be put off by what we might say, be excited by how you can change your and your family's life for the better.

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

If you need some guidance learning how to balance it all, our Budget service offers free, confidential budgeting advice. With a Budgeting Mentor, you can create a plan to get out of debt, save money and start building a future for yourself and your family.

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

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

Foodbank

The Foodbank has been busy the last few weeks. Thank you to the people who have dropped off excess produce to us; we have received vegetables, grapes, feijoas etc. If you have excess produce you would like to donate to the Foodbank, this can be dropped to the Budget Advisory office at Tiki House on a Wednesday between 9.30am and 3pm.

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

If you think you will need food parcel assistance over a couple of weeks, please make an appointment with one of our budgeting mentors, they will then be able to book you in for further food parcels as required.

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

Please note we no longer require egg cartons, jars or containers. Thank you to all who have collected and dropped these off to us over the years.

Community Garden

As we complete our final tidy up at the community garden, please remember the sharing shelf is still there for the community to use. Local Facebook pages are a good way to let others know if you have dropped items off, so please post on there if possible.

Please note we no longer need grass clippings dropped at the garden.

If the Community Garden is a space that you or a community group you are part of may be interested in running, please contact Coromandel Area School to register your interest.

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Wild Stillness Women's Retreat & Yoga with Vanessa in Colville

An exciting reminder that (as of writing) we only have a few spots left for our Women's Retreat entitled "Celebrating the Feminine". This will be held at the gorgeous Mahamudra Centre in Colville this Mother's Day Weekend (7-9 May).

Our feminine side can often get lost in the masculine-dominated world that we live in. Just like yin and yang, we need to balance our masculine elements of logic, determination and energetic movement with our intuition, nurturing nature, stillness and creativity. This retreat offers the chance to catch your breath, dive into intuition and create space for joy and love through yoga, meditation, free dance, feminine rituals and more! See www.mahamudra.org.nz/a-mothers-day-weekend-retreat/ for further details and booking for this affordable treat.

I also teach yoga classes in Colville every Thursday 5-6.15pm at Colville School Hall (during school term only). I am a 500hr trained yoga teacher with 10 years' teaching experience and 17 years practicing many different styles of yoga. My offering is always in tune with the students in the room and classes are open to all levels and abilities. These classes are crafted to flow in the rhythms of nature and are themed to bring us into harmony with the world around us. Flowing movement, deep stretching, breath practices and guided meditations are shared, often with a dash of good humour and honesty. If you feel like you would like to join our small Colville community class, then please feel free to get in touch; www.facebook.com/SunsetYogaWithVanessa/ or 021 124 7267. Updates are posted on the Facebook page every week. I hope to see you on that mat!

Namaste, Vanessa.



Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

Why not try this this simple, fun, money-saving, waste-reducing activity?

Make liquid soap out of bar soap.

This type of liquid soap stores well. From one bar of soap, you'll probably produce enough liquid soap to fill four or more soap dispensers. If you love the look and feel of foaming hand soap, all you need to do is put your liquid mixture into a foaming soap dispenser.

Ingredients

- Bar of soap (scented or unscented, any brand)
- Knife, cheese grater, potato peeler, or food processor
- 8 cups of water
- Essential oils (optional)
- Colouring (optional)

Method

Take a bar of soap and grate or finely chop it up by hand or in a food processor to make soap flakes. Put the grated or chopped soap into a large bowl.

Bring the water to a boil and pour it over the soap flakes, stir to melt using a whisk or a large spoon. At this point, the mixture will have a thin consistency. Allow the mixture to cool for at least 15 minutes. Then, stir it again. The mixture should be slightly thicker now. Cover the bowl and allow it to cool for 12 to 24 hours. After the soap has rested, stir to check consistency. The goal is to have a bowl of congealed soap. If the mixture seems too thin, reheat it and add more soap flakes. If the mixture seems too thick, add more boiling water. The moisture content varies from one brand of bar soap to the next, so you may need to tweak the recipe to get it to your preference.

Before pouring your soap into dispensers, you'll have the chance to make the consistency super smooth. Run your finished liquid soap through a blender or use an immersion blender to smooth it out. Once you are satisfied with the consistency of your liquid soap, add a few drops of essential oil and/or colouring, if desired.



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26 Apr - 2 May	8:45am*	-	-	-	6:40pm	8:45am	8:45am
3 May - 6 June	-	-	-	-	-	8:45am	8:45am
7 June - 13 June	8:45am*	-	-	-	-	8:45am	8:45am
14 June - 17 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	8:45am	8:45am

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26 Apr - 2 May	4.30pm*	-	-	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
3 May - 6 June	-	-	-	-	-	4.30pm	4.30pm
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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Strika

Firstly thank meows to those who have donated cat food, tinned, sachets, pet milk and kitten food. This is truly appreciated more so than people realise right now. We have also had a lovely lady crochet toys and blankets for the cats, who love them.

Fundraiser – The Easter garage sale was truly an epic event which would never have been able to go ahead without our awesome small team of volunteers to help with set up, sales on the day and packing down, clean up. From 8.30am to 9.45am we have the locals and local dealers who come in and moan how expensive everything is. From 10am onwards the out of town visitors came in the hall chortling how cheap everything was and they were what really made the difference to the funds raised. We are very grateful to everyone for their support, Kath's yummy carrot cake, garage sale donation, people who came with donations of food and those who purchased items. This will hopefully take us through to June when we have the Queen's birthday garage sale – we will need donations of books, toys, puzzles, crafts, yarn, knickknacks bric-a-brac, linen, china, small household items to sell that weekend purrlease.

Coro kitties – we received a lovely letter in the mail to explain about the black mum and her two kittens born in the garden, so at least that part of the puzzle is complete and we appreciate that letter. The tiny black mum cat eats well but is totally unsociable which means she, like her babies, was born into the world without a forever home. We hope to get her sociable and loveable as we do with these waifs – she will be spayed and put up for adoption after that. Her babies are Tam the special edition tabby girl with funny back legs who is a delight, total purrball, loves to love and purrs hard out. Her brother Strike is a difficult boy who is purr and friendly then without any warning will swipe and strike out at you. Both husband and I have copped this one from him and had kitty tattoos from him. His unpredictable behaviour is bizarre as he is only shown love and caring from us, so we just persevere with the family.

Rescue celebrated the 21-year milestone in April of this year. What the future holds for us and the unit is not really known at this stage, as last year the Covid issue really made life hard, more so financially,

and this year hasn't been kind on us either, so it's really the funding of the unit that is our biggest and most important issue at hand. Garage sales earn good money but for both of us without our small band of volunteers we couldn't physically cope with doing them, so we just do what we can for now.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now. Donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk all appreciated. Items for garage sale, books, toys, clothes, shoes, linen, knickknacks, bric-a-brac, etc., clean and saleable purrlease ring us. Bank details for financial donations: Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai/etc).

Meow furr now.

All enquiries to Animal Rescue Thames ph (07) 868 2907 (afternoons best time), 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



This year's Anzac Day commemorations were a return to normality after the two previous years were restricted due to the Christchurch terror attack and Covid. Rather than personally reflecting in our living rooms and driveways, we were able to gather together to pay our respects to our past and present servicemen and women. While no one celebrates war, New Zealand's contributions have left an indelible mark on our history. Places from foreign lands, like Chunuk Bair, Le Quesnoy, El Alamein and Monte Cassino, have been engraved into our collective memories. In more recent times there has been a growing interest in honouring lesser known wartime contributions. When the bugler plays the Last Post, I try to comprehend the magnitude of our country's military history and how it continues to shape our future.

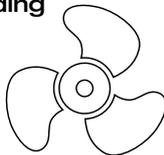
After much delay, the trans-Tasman bubble is finally up and running. I'm happy for those with family members in Australia who will be finally able to reunite, without having to worry about the costs of managed isolation. Unfortunately, there isn't enough clarity about how this will affect spaces in MIQ for other citizens and residents trying to get home. Keeping these families apart is causing undue stress and we risk losing workers who have been essential in our efforts against Covid. Naturally there will be understandable concern from some, but I for one support the opening of the bubble and think that at this time the benefits outweigh the risks.

We've had a few public holidays recently and many people are starting to question our Easter trading rules, because they are confusing and outdated. The existing Holidays Act is decades old and is out of step with the world we live in. More and more New Zealanders are shifting away from the traditional nine-to-five job to a more flexible work week. Furthermore, there are inconsistencies when bricks and mortar retailers cannot trade, but online businesses face no restrictions. When you factor in that there are different rules for Good Friday and Easter Monday, and that these restrictions vary from district to district, the current legislation is simply too confusing. We need to have an informed discussion as a nation about what businesses can and can't do during public holidays.



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Wild things

By Carol Sutherland

This fledgling Australasian gannet was found starving at Waitete Bay. The photo was taken by Neville Cameron who volunteers as the Aviator Ambulance Driver taking sick and injured native birds over to Annemieke at the Bird Hospital over in Kuaotunu. Sea birds such as gannets and penguins are suffering from a lack of food in the Gulf this year and this gannet was only one of ten to survive, as they are generally in a poor condition when found. However, this one had a happy ending and was relaunched successfully. If you find an injured or sick native bird, first aid consists of placing it in a darkened box to alleviate stress and then calling Neville Cameron on 027 494 1181.

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CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust



We are very pleased this month to announce the successful applicants in the 2021 Bizarre Community Grants Scheme, supported by proceeds from The Bizarre – Coromandel Resale Shop. The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme supports projects and activities that benefit the social, cultural, and environmental well-being of people within the Coromandel-Colville community. We received some fantastic applications, so it's a real testament to the community spirit in our district that there are so many groups seeking to make positive change in the northern Coromandel.

Have a look at the advert in this issue, or head to our website: www.cilt.org.nz/grants for a list of the recipients. We wish to acknowledge these groups and organisations and thank them for making a positive difference to people's lives. We look forward to seeing the results of these projects.

The next funding round will close at the end of February 2022.

Discretionary Fund

As well as this main community grants scheme, we also have a Discretionary Fund which is available at any time throughout the year. This Discretionary Fund is for whanau and individuals requiring immediate financial support for schooling, recreation, or cultural activities. Individuals may apply for themselves or on behalf of someone else. The maximum amount you can apply for in this fund is \$200. So if you or someone you know is in immediate need of financial support, then please head to our website for more info, or come into the Resource Centre to talk to someone and pick up an application form.

Community Van

Just a reminder if you were not aware – the Community Van is available for hire for anyone in the community, for any purpose: we only ask that the van is well treated. The van is automatic, has a wheelchair hoist, and fits up to 10 people. For more info or to book, call the Resource Centre.

Resource Centre

Don't forget all of the other assistance available at the Resource Centre at Tiki House. As well as arranging funded travel to those eligible, and, where needed, volunteer drivers for hospital visits to Thames and Hamilton, CILT offers rooms for a variety of outreach services. These range from psychotherapists and psychologists to audiologists and acupuncturists, various counsellors and an osteopath. We also hire out a room for a weekly visit by a lawyer from Thames. This is in addition to the computers, photocopying machine and scanner available for use by Coromandel residents. CILT staff are always prepared to give assistance to anyone who is at all challenged by modern technology. Again, for more info about these and other services, call the Resource Centre.

Helen Moody

When Helen Moody passed on 4 April, our town lost one of its well-loved characters. Helen was a familiar face at The Bizarre, and a regular of the Community Van heading to Thames. A close friend of Helen's said she used to come into town for three things – to go to the doctor, the Four Square and The Bizarre. Helen, we will miss your friendly face at The Bizarre, your regular phone calls to CILT and regular presence on the van. Haere ra dear friend.

Pestival at Driving Creek

By Kate James



The Pestival, hosted by Driving Creek Conservation Park, will be a free community event to raise awareness of the threats to our native wildlife. Learn more about how to deal with animal and plant pests and make Coromandel a pest-free haven.

On **Sunday 2 May** this day-long educational and networking event will be held for the community. So, bring your kids, meet the geckos, enjoy the plant and animal exhibition, join a conservation tour, listen to presentations from environmental experts or simply come along to network with like-minded people.

"It's difficult not to be a conservationist on the Coromandel. Anyone who cares about this place and who knows how beautiful it was, can't help but want to restore it." – Barry Brickell

Find the full line-up on our Facebook page/ [DrivingCreekConservationPark](https://www.facebook.com/DrivingCreekConservationPark) or contact us via email: conservation@dcraill.nz

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Let's get walking folks. Get those boots out and join our Group on Mondays. We have been doing lots of interesting tracks of late, some bush, DOC tracks, farm tracks and some beach walks.

We meet every Monday at 9am at Woollams Ave car park, north end. Phone the number below to get more details on each Monday's walk.

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



Great news, the 360 Discovery Ferry from Auckland is operating over winter, Saturdays and Sundays only with the exception of Queen’s Birthday weekend when we will have a Monday sailing as well. Remember you can book your tickets here at the Info Centre.

Also, if you are thinking of travelling south across the Cook Strait, we can also book you on the ferry with either Interislander or Bluebridge.

Things have quietened down after Easter, when town was so busy just like pre-Covid days. However, there are still events you can enjoy.

Don’t miss out on the following:

- Seafood Fest, Coromandel Area School, **Saturday 1 May**, 9am – 4pm
- Festival at Driving Creek Railway all day **Sunday 2 May**, free
- Waterworks \$5.00 entry day, **Sunday 2 May**, 10am-6pm
- Brave Caitlin Smith’s Imaginary Band, Hauraki House, **Sunday 2 May**, 7.30pm

You can always have a look at the noticeboard to the right of our door for more information, even outside of our current operating hours of 10am-3pm.

Hosting events: If you have tickets to sell, then talk to us about selling them on your behalf. We can publicise your event for a small fee (which all helps towards keeping the Centre open). Everyone is now so used to purchasing tickets from us. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you those of you who utilise our services.

To our local community: we are here to help promote your events, tournaments, etc. We are making slight changes to the format you provide to us for our noticeboard. Talk to me to find out more. It’s about how your posters look, sizing, etc.

Still some lovely weather around. Do take the opportunity to explore our beautiful town and surrounding area.

CFM covers the peninsula

As the Coromandel’s only local 24/7 radio station, the Coromandel’s CFM are committed to being the voice of the community! Broadcasting across the Coromandel on the east coast on 95.1 and the west coast and as far as the Hauraki plains on 94.0, the team of radio enthusiasts provide valuable communication and of course a great variety of music to the wider area.

From their studios in both Whitianga and Thames, the on-air staff, alongside their production crew, share a passion for producing truly local content with roots firmly planted in the Coromandel communities.

Radio veterans Rick Rennie, Jude Gordon and Rex Simpson with recent graduate Brooke Koppens make up the weekday on-air team, kicking off with a breakfast show providing the soundtrack to your day right through to the drive home and beyond.

They not only have their usual broadcast commitments but add to that by taking the CFM mobile studio – decked out in a retro Zephyr caravan – out on the road attending local events, encouraging people to head along and participate and playing their brand of “pure peninsula radio”. The team say they are thrilled at the warm reception they receive from the community and have had lots of positive approaches, listeners requesting songs and valuing their input to the events- so make sure you say hi when you see them out and about.

An important aspect of CFM’s coverage is the role it plays should there be a natural disaster. The peninsula-wide network allows instant communication with a high level of robustness in the system and the ability to maintain transmission and therefore a vital link to all Coromandel communities.

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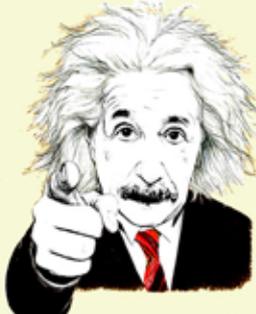
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RSA news

By Pat Williams

Putting pen to paper on this day 15 April, coldest morning so far. Tomorrow, 16th, is Poppy Day, all go. Hope the day is warm and calm. It can get a tad cool sitting in the main street if there is a breeze. Thanks in advance for your donations, which can be anything from 10c, 20c, 50c, a dollar or more! Speaking of Poppy Day, as last year's one was cancelled due to Covid, the Canadian equivalent of our Royal NZRSA made our Association a grant of Canadian \$250,000.

Our RNZRSA President BJ Clark says the Canadians have described the grant as a token of the close friendship between the two organisations. I say yay to being part of the Commonwealth Family. We jointly served with the Canadians in the Boer wars, World Wars 1 and 2, Korea, the Malayan emergency, The Gulf War and Afghanistan.

Shirley Fenwick and I were delighted to be awarded at the RSA AGM on 10 April, Badges and Certificates, making us Life Members of our Coromandel RSA. Thank you team.

Great news re the World War 1 Memorial Forest. The signage has been refurbished (thanks to Alan Stewart) and is ready to be put back in situ. I am hoping to be able to install a couple of raised beds on the road side of the forest so we can have a blaze of red Flanders Field poppies. Would need beds because that terrible kikuyu grass needs to be controlled. I have here at home a weeping rosemary plant. It was grown from a piece off a wild one which I brought back from a South Island trip years ago. I will strike some cuttings, and that would be pretty cool hanging over the sides of said raised beds!

A midyear dinner is planned for **12 June**. Mark it in your diary. I am going to close off quick smart. I have lost this write-up twice now. I am no computer whiz.

Cheers for now, stay safe and all that. Bye.

RSA Women's section

By Loes Beaver, President, Women's Section RSA

What a busy time we have had. On 16 and 17 April we had our Poppy Day tables in town, one outside Coro Four Square and one at Coro Pharmacy. Many thanks to both of these businesses. My thanks also to my helpers, all nine of them, including our RSA President and a committee member.

The days were really well supported by the public, with much joy, laughter and catching up with locals you do not see every day, I thank these people for their generous donations.

Sales of our knitted poppies went really well so we are looking into having perhaps afternoon knitting gatherings. If anyone is interested, let me know.

I also thank all of the businesses in and around town who have our poppy donation boxes. Many thanks.

Our President also asked that I, on his behalf, thank our small team of workers and the public for their support; what a great effort.

Anzac Day will, I feel, this year be a very memorable day.

Thank you all and if I have missed anyone, thank you.

Should you like to join our Women's Section just contact me, Loes Beaver, on (07) 866 8053

The Club

Laughing Frog promotions in association with Coromandel RSA presents Country Rock Night.

Groove along to local band "Bits and Pieces", raffles, prize for Best Rocker, prize for Hottest Dancer.

At The Club, Woollams Ave, **Saturday 22 May**. Band starts at 7pm. Admission \$25 per person.

Tickets are obtainable from the Coromandel Town Information Centre (07) 866 8958. Book early, seats are limited.

RSA AGM

By Glenise Robertson (secretary)

At the Annual General Meeting of the Coromandel RSA, two members were awarded life membership, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the organisation over many years.



Pictured are Shirley Fenwick and Pat Williams with President, Kevin Stone

Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

Congratulations to Colin Gawith, Jason Dickison, and Danny Goodall on winning the Thames Valley Open Triples. Well done guys, keeping the Coromandel name "up there".

Our final open tournament for the season was held on 7 April... the Pepper Tree sponsored triples. We had visitors competing from Mercury Bay and Tairua clubs, but our club team of Reg Wright, Ernie Groucott and Bruce Gawith took the winning prize. Our thanks to Mike from Pepper Tree Restaurant for his wonderful continuing support.

The Thames Valley Secondary Schools Bowling Champs were held on our greens on Thursday 15 April. A big shout out to Coromandel Area School who took 1st and 3rd places. Well done... our future club bowlers?

Our closing day for the season is **6 May**, and maintenance of the greens will commence soon after that.

Our AGM will be held at the club rooms on **Saturday 19 June** at 10am. Members please attend if at all possible.

Colin Gawith is representing Thames Valley at the National Champs in Wellington in June. We are currently fundraising to send him to this important event on the bowls calendar.



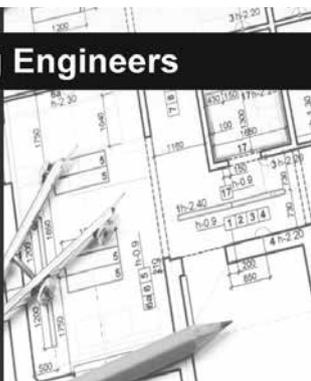
Coromandel Area School at The Thames Valley Secondary Schools Bowling Champs

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Thames Music Group – Upcoming Concerts

The City of Auckland Singers
 Concert on **Sunday 2 May** at 2pm – The City of Auckland Singers at St Georges Church, Thames.

This well-established show choir is passionate about entertaining their audiences. Popular music is the main focus – classic hits from the 50’s to the present day. Talented soloists and trios add variety to the programmes. The group also has some 20th century and traditional New Zealand music for more formal events.

Performing at concerts, social functions, festivals and local events is their forte. They have sung with other top choirs and bands, at major venues in the Auckland region. In recent years, the singers have had the honour of representing New Zealand, when travelling overseas with their music.

Waikato Students Instrumental group
 Free concert on **Friday 28 May** – a free lunchtime concert at 12.15pm – Waikato Students Instrumental group – details to come.

Gliss Harp Quartette
 Concert on **Sunday 13 June** at 2pm by Gliss Harp Quartette.

Anna Dunwoodie, Laura Robertson, Bronwyn McConchie and Lucy Makinson have been harping together in different harp ensembles since 2013,



and will be presenting a concert to showcase the variety and colour of the harp.

We’ve all been passionate about the harp since we were very young – for Anna and Bronwyn, the opportunity to play the harp was not available, whereas Laura and Lucy both started harp lessons at 4.5 years and 5 years respectively.

Our favourite music is the pieces we are often surprised to hear arranged for harp – such as themes from the “Pirates of the Caribbean” movies, or arrangements of Scott Joplin ragtime music. Anything can be played by a quartet of lever harps, but some pieces have a buzz that is undeniable!

Thames High School Music Students
 Free concert **Friday 25 June** at 12.15pm – Thames High School music students – details to come.

Go to www.thamesmusicgroup.com for more details



Wishes

By Beryl van Donk

The Earth is a circle
 no beginning, no end.
 Always revolving
 no edges to mend.

So why is this world
 So broken inside?
 Why love and compassion
 continue to hide?

It’s everyone’s problem
 It’s yours and it’s mine
 to learn to start loving
 and now is the time.

Accept your strange neighbours
 your ally your friend.
 Your country, your loved ones
 It’s now time to mend.

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2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme supports projects and activities that benefit the social, cultural, and environmental well-being of people within the Coromandel - Colville community. We wish to acknowledge these groups and organisations and thank them for making a positive difference to people’s lives.

Coromandel Embroiderer’s Guild	\$450	Colville School	\$1,440
Papa Aroha Community Pilates group	\$167	Colville Community Health Trust	\$677
Combined Clubs of Coromandel Inc	\$3,000	Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird	\$1,000
Coromandel Community Preschool	\$4,000	The Colville Green Canteen	\$700
Coromandel Playcentre	\$2,000	Coromandel Area School	\$4,000
Te Roopu Tautoko o Harataunga	\$1,000	Harataunga Predator Control Rōpu Inc.	\$4,000
Colville Bay Preschool	\$563	Coromandel School of Mines (x2)	\$200 \$350
Coromandel Youth Support Association	\$1,438		

A total of 24,987 has been distributed to 16 community projects.

For more information head to:
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Library News

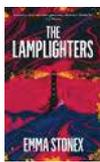
By Robynne Jones, Librarian

Next month it will be 40 years since the Coromandel Community Library opened at the current location on Kapanga Road, and we will be holding a small celebration on **Saturday 15 May** at the Library. As part of the 40th celebrations we are running a writing competition, with some great prizes for the best junior, young adult and adult stories and poems. The closing date for all entries was 23 April. However, we have decided to extend this to **Friday 7 May**. You can submit your entry to us online at corocommunitylibrary@gmail.com or hand it to us over the counter at the Library. Details about the competition and the rules are on our Facebook page where you can also find a link to the entry form. If you're not able to access a computer, then come and get a copy of them at the Library.

New books selected this month include another Danielle Steel – *The Affair*, and others from our old favourite authors like Simon Scarrow – *Blackout*, David Baldacci – *A Gambling Man*, Kaye Nunn – *The Last Reunion*, Kate Quinn – *The Rose Code*, Harlan Coben – *Win: If you Lose You Die*.

Our book features this month are:

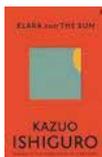
The Lamplighters – by Emma Stonex



A suspenseful mystery about love and loss that was inspired by real events. Set in Cornwall, 1972 when three keepers vanish from a remote lighthouse, miles from the shore. Twenty years later, the women they left behind are still struggling to move on. Helen, Jenny and Michelle should have been united by the tragedy, but instead it drove them apart. Then a writer approaches them. He wants to give them a chance to tell their side of the story. Their story explores the way our fears blur the lines between the real and the imagined.

Klara and the Sun – by Kazuo Ishiguro

Klara is the narrator in this story, and she is also an



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An interesting book that offers a look at our changing world through the eyes of an unusual narrator, exploring what it means to be not quite human, and what does it mean to love? You may like this author if you have enjoyed books by Graham Greene, Zadie Smith, Virginia Woolf or Margaret Atwood.

The Zookeeper of Belfast – By S. Kirk Walsh



It's 1941 and as most men are away fighting, Hettie is made Belfast Zoo's first ever female zookeeper. She is in charge of Violet, a three-year old Indian elephant, and they form a special bond. With Violet at her side, Hettie can almost escape the grim reality of her life including the father who has abandoned her family, the sister who recently died and the war that's raging hundreds of miles away.

However, the devastation of war is closer than she thought. When the bombs begin to rain down on the city, Hettie must gather all of her courage to protect those she loves the most. Can she save Violet and get through unscathed herself?

Based on a true story, this one may be perfect for fans of Heather Morris, Kate Furnivall and Mandy Robotham.

Book Launch in Coro

By Lizzie Kershaw

On 16 March I launched a book that I'd been writing for four-and-a-half years, called *Natural Healing Solutions you can make at home*.

I wanted to share some of what I'd learned as a naturopath, and especially how to use well-known plants such as garlic, thyme, sage, turmeric and nasturtium. Each of the 39 herbal profiles include colour photos, its history, cultivation, internal and external uses of each herb as well as other recipes.

The book also shows how to make infusions, decoctions, tinctures, oils, ointments, syrups, compresses, inhalations and poultices with clear and specific doses and cautions.

It explains how herbal medicine can work to heal... and more.

We had a fun party at Hauraki House that evening with snacks, drinks and excellent company.

I'd like to thank Raewyn Penrose for making things easy when hiring the room, and my friends for your support.

Thanks everyone and thanks to Deborah Hide-Bayne for doing such a wonderful layout of this book.

If you're interested in buying one, it's on sale at "The Source" or you can contact me on 021 035 8789



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2nd MAY AUCTION



10 Moana Crescent, Kennedy Bay

- 3 bedroom home with garage and extra rooms down stairs
- The 866m², slightly elevated section is partially fenced and is approximately 500m to gorgeous Kennedy Bay beach
- This deceased estate is being auctioned on Sunday, 2 May at 4pm at our Coromandel office

Auction (No Prior Sale)
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2nd MAY AUCTION



12 Moana Crescent, Kennedy Bay

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- Well established business with a wide variety of good quality merchandise

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Trisha Whimp

Our first meeting this year at The Club saw 34 members, one guest and two new members.

General business covered – our AGM next month, a date for a day trip to Roger’s Garden Centre and Farrell’s Nursery, forum of problems in our gardens, dahlia swapping, identification of plants, and coffee grounds.

Our guest speaker from the Coromandel Library, Robynne Jones, spoke about how she became involved with the library, the library rebuild in the late 70’s and the celebration plans on **15 May** at 12 noon in the park beside the library for their 40th year. It’s a busy time moving from the old card system to new computer management, which will allow members to rent books from other libraries. Members (only) can use the mezzanine reading reference books or reading. The stinky ginkgo tree does not belong to the library! Good quality books can be dropped into the library to stock their shelves or maybe to sell to raise money for the library.

Afternoon tea was splendid as usual, and a great display of dahlias and “show us your greens” bouquets. A number of items sold on our garden sales table. The raffles were well appreciated by the winners. Our financial state is strong and Jeni put together another brain teaser of a quiz – thank you to all of the committee members for your help.

We are always looking for members as well as guest speakers – so if you are interested in either or both, please contact Jeni.

Convenor – Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341

Secretary – Trisha Whimp 027 498 5227



Coromandel Marine Farmers’ Association

Tom Hollings, CoroMFA Exec Officer



Greetings to all from the Coromandel Marine Farmers’ Association.

Autumn news is that Moana New Zealand has recently been consented to change its 32 hectares of oyster farms in Coromandel Harbour (north and south of the town wharf) and its 6ha Te Kouma Harbour farm, from fixed posts with treated timber racks and sticks, to farming the oysters using surface longline and basket structures. This new system will be implemented over this year and next. The picture above shows a new float-farm in the foreground and the old stick method in the background.

This float-farming system will create benefits of:

- farming more valuable oysters with better shape and growth rates;
- less waste;
- much less arduous labour and accessible at most tides;
- ecologically better by removing more than 90 percent of H6 treated wooden infrastructure in the water, and which will reduce sediment buildup.

The surface structures will be visible at all tides, albeit uniform and low lying. A visual expert has assessed this change in method as reasonable and acceptable in the overall context of net benefits. Marker posts will remain around the farm, visible at all tidal stages, and the farm will continue not to be lit at night.

Moana acknowledges the strong support of the community in reporting and deterring of theft or vandalism of this harbour space.

The farms will continue to be worked from the existing shore base which remains a valuable employer and supporter of the town. Fresh whole oysters will continue to be available for purchase at the Moana shed past the wharf, on Wharf Road. Bon appetit!

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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

The month of May is the start of the Manaia Pairs competition. On **16 May** we will be hosting our club tournament; tables are limited. We welcome new members plus visitors to Coromandel who can join us on a Monday evening.

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Coromandel Writers

Report and story by Selah Weingott

To an unknown ancestor

In the summer of 1873 a slender young woman unhitches her husband's most docile horse from the dusty trap and ties it to the ragged willows along the banks of the Waimakariri River.

She looks back from whence she came but the scrubby scorched farmland remains unpopulated. No one is coming to lend her a hand.

She balances her weight and braces herself to set the heavy wicker basket down on the gravel. She plonks herself on its complaining lid to wait for just a bit in case the others are still on their way.

It's her seventh time taking laundry to the Waimak and her seventh crossing of its many braids. She's getting the hang of using

the wooden washboard to work up the suds and rinse them out again in the ever-so-fast flowing waters. But this is her first time being alone at the river.

A sudden gust flings her skirts and petticoats against her face and up and over her head. Where has this wild wind sprung from? She disentangles herself and again looks back, hoping no one has seen her making such a foolish spectacle of herself. Still there is no one about, although she can feel the old brown horse watching her intently as it snorts and stamps at the ground.

She casts a glance at the fast-moving clouds arranged in so many layers high up above her. They are moving much more rapidly than she has ever noticed before and the wind tosses the wheeling and screeching seagulls out towards the coast as though racing with them.

She staggers as she lifts the basket, recovers her balance and steps carefully out across the

narrow braids, wondering if the darkening could be a trick of the southern twilight.

She counts the rivulets until she reaches the fourteenth, the midway point, there being 28 in all. As she sets the basket atop one of the little shingle islands the river quickens its pulse, forming ridges and little lapping waves about her, and again she glances up to see the clouds lowering down and rolling in like a stretched, flat black sheet.

Reason tells her it is high summer so there must still be time to get the laundry done. She won't be taking it home soiled. Another sudden gust skips across the braids, rattling the gravel like shrapnel.

Determinedly, Catherine Anne Lowe frees George's dungarees from the mounded sheets. She will get them done, at least. She is down on her haunches clutching the washboard when the laundry basket is hurled away, trailing linen flailing and flying off at all angles. The braids have disappeared, becoming one thickening plait either side of her.

She tries to stand, clutching the washboard ever tighter. Before she gets off her knees and without further thought, the sound is upon her. It is unknown and unknowable, entering the very bones of her body as the crinolines are torn away by the torrential water and the shredding air.

Her remains were recovered from the Heathcote on 3 February 1873.

Meeting report

Seven writers attended the April meeting hosted by Selah at Tuataewa. The 20-minute writing topic "On the death of my best friend" allowed shared perspectives on grief and dying and ran the gamut from the joy of receiving a spiritual message to the inglorious demise of a beloved teddy bear.

Among shared books Becky Manawatu's prize-winning *Auē* was welcomed as belonging to a new wave of beautiful indigenous writing. Closer to home we learnt about the 20 August 1815 massacre, betrayal and piracy at Kennedy's Bay from one of the 13 historic stories from *The Brown Frontier* by C.W.Vennell.

The homework topic for May is "Portrait of an ancestor".

Anyone interested in The Seasons Project as mentioned in the last two Chronicles can contact Lora Mountjoy on 021 072 1301 or (07) 866 7176

Boost to ambulance services on Coromandel Peninsula

St John is pleased to announce transporting ambulances on Coromandel Peninsula will be double crewed.

Three additional ambulance officers will be hired to double crew the current transporting ambulance from Coromandel Town, and increase its operating hours to 12 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The development is part of the final year of a government-funded project to enable St John to implement a four-year plan to end single crewing of transporting ambulances.

To enable greater flexibility, all staff manning the Coromandel Town ambulance will start and finish shifts in Whitianga but will continue to be deployed to Coromandel Town.

"As with all areas, our ambulances operate as a network (known as patient centred deployment) where they are positioned in the right location, and the closest most appropriate vehicle is deployed to patients with the greatest need, as soon as possible," says St John Hauraki Territory Manager John Armitt.

"Starting and finishing crews from the same location makes patient centred deployment easier to implement across Coromandel Peninsula, as our callout history shows that most of time the first incident of every shift attended by our Coromandel Town crews has been out of town, for example, in Whitianga," he says.

A new ambulance specially designed for rural communities is also being rolled out in Coromandel Town. The First Response Unit will be crewed by volunteer ambulance officers, who will transport patients locally or to meet a helicopter or transporting ambulance.

"It means having another crew in Coromandel Town when the transporting ambulance is attending to other patients. It will shorten job cycles and enable crews to remain in the local community and be available to respond to emergencies more often, which will lead to better health outcomes for patients," says Mr Armitt.

The rollout of the new rural ambulance means more volunteers are required to work alongside current and new staff, who play a critical role in delivering the important lifesaving work across the peninsula.

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, contact your local St John station, call 0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646) or visit join.stjohn.org.nz



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CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Abbey Namana of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.



Abbey has been nominated by Lianna Ormsby who wrote, "Kia ora, I would like to nominate Abbey Namana, who is a local worker at CILT. Abbey has helped our community so much, even through the lockdown and continues to help our little community. Ngāmihi kia koutou."

Thanks for your community spirit Abbey, you are a true CoroLocal-Legend!

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit?

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Send your nominations to: Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members



Better breakfasts for best immunity

Breakfast options

Start your day with breakfast boosters. Your best immunization starts with and depends on the best foods you chose to eat throughout your life.

Whatever food you choose, let it be nutrient dense, whole, unprocessed, in season and ideally, organic.

Proven to strengthen your immune system from viruses, bacteria and other microbes, are nutrients like vitamin C, A, D, E, all the B vitamins, minerals like zinc, selenium, etc. You don't find these in processed foods.

Vary your choices each day. This ensures the widest range of essential nutrients throughout your life. Nutrient intake is limited if you eat the same breakfast each morning. Create a variety and wake up your taste buds!

Boil up some broth – Homemade bone broth has immense health benefits, from speeding healing and recuperation, reversing arthritis, boosting immunity, to improving athletic performance. It is loaded with beneficial nutrients like calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, silicon, sulphur and trace minerals your body can easily absorb. It works to support the structure of our bodies.

Breakfast Bone Broth can be enjoyed with eggs, sauerkraut, avocado, rolled oats, miso paste, sea vegetables, or regular vegetables.

Make your own muesli – In a large bowl mix base grain e.g. whole oats, chopped nuts, seeds and shredded coconut. Add melted coconut oil, freshly squeezed orange juice. Optional – dash of maple syrup or honey to sweeten. Mix well and spread out over large baking trays. Dry in oven on low temperature.

Alternately soak any combination overnight, add grated apple, pinch cinnamon and enjoy.

No sweetener is needed as there are natural sugars in the grain or fruit.

Grains – Whole oats, rye, barley, rice, millet, spelt, corn.

Seeds – Quinoa, buckwheat, chia seeds, flaxseeds, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, poppy seeds.



Nuts – Walnut, brazil, hazelnut.

Fruit – fresh is best – Coconut, apple, pear, berries, feijoa, figs, raisins, dates, etc.

Milk – Nut milks, seed milk, dairy milk.

Ensure there is no sugar on the ingredients list and it is ideally organic.

Say no to cereal! When a grain is processed after harvesting, it loses 80% of the B vitamins and other essential nutrients. Man-made nutrient replacements are not bio-identical, therefore mostly pointless nutritionally.

On the run smoothie – Running late? Blend green leaves – spinach, any lettuce, silver beet, etc. Add fresh ginger, half avocado, unsweetened coconut milk. Take a boiled egg to enjoy soon after.

Pancakes – Grate an assortment of vegetables, add fresh herbs and spices, mix with two beaten eggs and a little water. Cook in pan oiled with organic butter and coconut oil or cold pressed olive oil.

The ratio should always be vegetables ²/₃ to protein (eggs) ¹/₃.

Corn fritters (not cornflakes!) – Pan fry combined corn kernels, eggs, almond flour, seasoning, finely chopped herbs.

Corn-popped – Freshly popped organic corn, tossed in butter or flaxseed oil, sprinkled with sea salt.

More good news

- Fractured bone, itchy skin and gallstones – After taking his personalised herbal tonic, a bone broth (providing him with essential minerals for bone, cartilage, collagen and gelatine) and making dietary improvements, this 80-year-old man is feeling good and grateful! So simple.
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OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

May, 2021

Te Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf upgrade progressing



Proposed new design.

Work to reconfigure the layout and upgrade one of our busiest wharfing facilities in the district is progressing.

The new build will have four new berths for increased commercial mussel activity and a separate facility for launching recreational boats to better manage the use between both activities.

All technical workstreams for consenting are nearing completion, with the Cultural Impact Assessment to follow once the technical work is available for Iwi review.

The draft resource consent application is in progress and the Construction, Dredging and Disposal Management Plan has been completed, which is a critical input to several of the technical reports to provide detail on volumes and timing of dredged

material. The consent is scheduled to be lodged in May.

We are also awaiting a response from Waikato Regional Council from the funding application to its Regional Growth Fund. Council staff are working with the project team around transition arrangements of operation and management plans for the facility once it is constructed. Ongoing updates will be provided to stakeholders fortnightly. For more information visit tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi

What's next in the Long Term Plan process?



The submission period for our proposed Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2021-2031 has now closed. Thank you to everyone who took the time to put in a submission and who joined our drop-in sessions and online forums.

The submissions are now being sorted and hearings will be held from 5-7 May. Council will then deliberate and adopt the final LTP at the end of June. The LTP sets the budgets, projects and levels of service for the next 10 years. The LTP will not be finalised until Council has considered all feedback.

For more information on the LTP, go to tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard



“Thank you to all who made submissions to the LTP, your comments are valuable to the decision making process. The Coromandel-Colville Community Board were also proud to contribute towards the investiture of Joe Williams and a symposium held recently at Manaia Marae. This was an auspicious occasion for Manaia as this is the first time in our collective contemporary memory that all people who reside in our region will have a Knight (Sir) who we can claim as our own.”

peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz

Leg Hold Traps – Following the death of a Coromandel kiwi in an incorrectly set leg hold trap last year the community and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board asked Council to consider what it could do to prevent this happening again. Council has worked with community representatives and local artist Rebekah Pearson to develop a new webpage that is a one stop shop on information regarding traps in this district –

tcdc.govt.nz/pestmanagement

The next Board meeting will be at 9am Tuesday 18 May at the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road.
tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

Kerbside Collections



Check the Kerbside schedule for your area and your recycling week here at

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

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

tcdc.govt.nz/rts

TSUNAMI ALERTING METHODS

Thanks to everyone who attended our public forums on tsunami and other emergency alerting methods on the eastern seaboard of the Coromandel last month – they were well attended.

Similar forums will be held in west coast communities in May. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

For anyone who missed the forums and would like more information, you can find the tsunami sirens FAQ document at tcdc.govt.nz/tsunamisirens

Government Freedom Camping Consultation

The Government is consulting on four proposals to improve freedom camping.



Details are on the Government website at beehive.govt.nz/release/better-rules-proposed-freedom-camping

The consultation closes Sunday 16 May.



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Brave Caitlin Smith's Imaginary Band

"... a voice that imagination created" – Mike Alexander

Brave Caitlin Smith's Imaginary Band will be touring with Caitlin Smith (piano and vocals), Mark Laurent (guitar) and Steve Courneane (percussion and cymbals), a dream team performing jazz and folk music.

Caitlin Smith's latest album "You Have Reached Your Destination" creates a multi-sensory universe unto itself – Braille and a tactile labyrinth within the cover art, poetry and footsteps recorded between 14 originals. A mesmerizing, prolific and passionate performer, originals are sandwiched between the tastiest covers, especially the repertoire of her spiritual parents Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen.

The Caitlin Smith Trio (and earlier incarnation The Fondue Set) have held down well-loved residencies in Auckland for over two decades. 2021 marks the release of a collaboration/CD with the Auckland Jazz Orchestra, "East of the Sun". Caitlin Smith's tour in 2020 with ARO was Covid interrupted so Caitlin is delighted to be able to return.

The Band

Caitlin Smith is a mesmerising performer, song-poet and story singer. Legally blind since birth, she is a tireless advocate for accessibility issues and the healing and transformative power of creativity.

A vocal and song-writing coach to many



of our best known artists, Caitlin Smith combines poetry and music in unforgettable performances that include her original compositions as well as covers penned by her musical heroes.

Mark Laurent has been a professional musician for over 40 years. He plays rock, blues, reggae, alt. country, folk, soul/jazz/gospel, working solo, in bands and duos. He's recorded many albums, written 200 songs, and worked as producer/session musician on numerous projects.

Steve Courneane is a drummer and composer who began playing with the Alpaca Brothers in Dunedin, in 1984. Steve won a Tui for NZ Jazz album of the year in 2002 for the album Stereoscope by CLBob. This group released three albums and performed relentlessly around the country over a ten-year period. In 2007 he moved to Lima, Peru, where he survived as a musician while studying the coastal Afro-Criolla music for another seven years. He moved to Auckland in 2017 and currently plays cajón with Isla Flamenca (with Ian Sinclair) and drum-kit

with BOAT and Bill Direen.

See them on **Sunday 2 May 7.30pm** at Hauraki House Theatre, Coromandel Town, \$20; book at Coromandel Town Information Centre.

Also performing at: Whangarei, Thames, Te Awamutu, Te Puna, Opoitiki, Gisborne, Lake Tekapo, Cromwell, Arrowtown, Okarito, Hokitika, Reefton, Lyttelton, Christchurch, Balcairn, Darfield, Akaroa, Lincoln, Nelson, Picton, Onekaka.

Arts On Tour NZ (AOTNZ) organises tours of outstanding New Zealand performers to rural and smaller centres in New Zealand. The trust receives funding from Creative New Zealand as well as support from Central Lakes Trust, Community Trust of Southland, Interislander, Otago Community Trust, Rata Foundation and the Southern Trust. AOTNZ liaises with local arts councils, repertory theatres and community groups to bring the best of musical and theatrical talent to country districts. The AOTNZ programme is environmentally sustainable – artists travel to their audiences rather than the reverse

Budding Writers

By Sue Gilmer

As mentioned before, Dr Paul Schneider is part of a four-person team, midway through a four-year study called "Calendar's Project", looking at many different aspects of seasonal changes and how we can adapt to them. A group of us have formed to write stories and meet with Paul on a monthly basis at a local cafe. We are not on an academic, hard, fact-finding mission. Rather the stories which we are writing relate to our individual experiences in the Coromandel area. It may be a planned picnic where the weather has somehow influenced the outcome, or it may be how you have had to adapt your gardening ways, and your frustrations around the lack of water. Perhaps a fishing trip would tell a good story – the topics are endless. These stories are all about "how is my life involved with the seasons, how is this affecting me on a personal level". If at the end of our time together there are enough stories of a high enough standard, they will be published in the form of a book.

If you would like to join us or would like to know more, please phone me on (07) 866 8833 or 021 0291 6056.

To the right are two poems written around the topic.

The Cabbage White

By Glenys Carr

A fleet of strife
Weep for your brassicas
Forfeit the coleslaw
Peg out netting, for I am rife.
But did you notice my beauty
Blank wings and perfect symmetry?
My delicate perfection,
Borne on a waif of a lash
Before you stilled my life.

'Tis the Season

By Barbara O'Reilly

'Tis the Season to be
processing
the fruits of the garden,
tomatoes to sauce,
plums conserved.
In jars which proudly
stand in line,
anticipating scarcity
in such quantity I ask,
can I cope?
Will I be overrun with it?

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Labyrinth Open Day

Te Moata Retreat Centre is holding a labyrinth open day on **Saturday 8 May**, for anyone interested in experiencing walking this earthy labyrinth, a hidden treasure and living work of art nestled in the native bush.

The labyrinth is an ancient pathway of quiet contemplation and inspiration. It can be approached as a walking meditation, a path of prayer, a crucible of change, a way to reduce stress and find balance in life. Walking the labyrinth quiets the mind, opens the heart and grounds the body.

The labyrinth is not a maze and you cannot get lost. There is one entrance and as long as you take one step after another as a walk of trust, you will eventually arrive at the centre.

Ancient spiral and circle labyrinth patterns are found in many cultures around the world; some date as far back as 5,000 years. The labyrinth design at Te Moata is a replica of the eleven-circuit medieval labyrinth from Chartres Cathedral in France.

The open day is to honour World Labyrinth Day. The centre will be open for visitors from 9.30am to 5.30pm. Visitors can arrive at any time during the day and can take their time to walk the labyrinth and to look around; hot cuppas will be available. Entry is by koha/donation. Sonya Lyn, a Veriditas trained labyrinth facilitator, will be on site and she will set up a portable cloth labyrinth available for walking inside.

We ask that people register for this event. Visit the labyrinth page at temoata.org to email Maniisha or txt her on 021 273 9946.

There are 32 NZ labyrinths listed on www.labyrinthlocator.com. If you know of other labyrinths not listed, Maniisha would love to hear about them.

To watch a beautiful short drone video of the labyrinth and Te Moata surrounds visit the labyrinth page of the temoata.org website.

Te Moata, 180 Paul Rd, Whenuakite. www.temoata.org



Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière, Communications Manager

Chocolate, that fiendish aphrodisiac packed full of ecstasy and deliciousness, once said to be the food of the gods, is spreading its magic in the most unlikely of ways. Finding its place here at Mana around a sacred circle, chocolate has been re-introduced in its purest form, cacao, as a companion on our spiritual path.

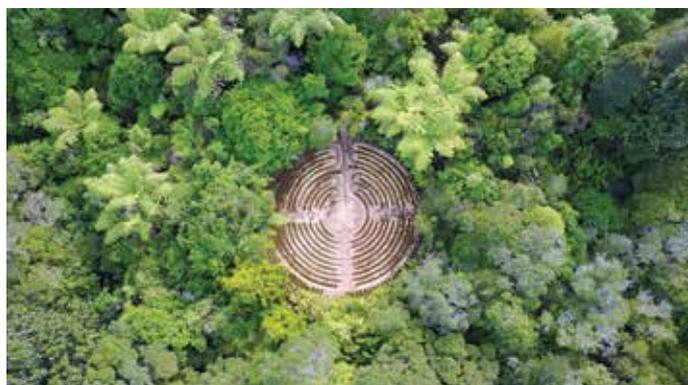
Not to be confused with commercial chocolate or cocoa powder, organic pure ceremonial-grade cacao retains all of the goodness of the cacao bean, and is unbelievably good for our mind, body and soul. An aphrodisiac, mood enhancer, and antioxidant that protects the heart and is densely packed with nutrients, cacao is literally a nutritional powerhouse with over 1,200 chemical constituents, making it the most pharmacologically complex food in nature.

In ancient times cacao was used for ceremonial and medicinal purposes and this is what we have had the pleasure of enjoying with the recent Cacao Ceremonies we have hosted at Mana. Rooted in the traditions of indigenous South American shamans, these special cacao experiences harness the power of the old plant medicine to facilitate spiritual awakening and heart-opening explorations. For many of us, they have enlivened a new daily ritual of cacao, instead of coffee, to start the day.

One of the things that resonates the most with us is the ceremonial cacao maintains its integrity and connection with the earth and is grown in its natural habitat in the rainforest. Unlike the refined versions that we have come to know so well, it is not mass-produced.

We are observing a shift as the cacao comes full circle and invites us to do the same. From a journey of refinement into an unhealthy sweet treat back to its roots in wholeness as a medicinal plant, we wonder if it is paving the way for our own path home to what is true?

It seems entirely possible that this superfood could have the potential to change the world, one heart at a time and we are excited to be sharing it, ceremonially, with the community. If you are feeling the call to experience cacao's heart-opening gifts we invite you to join us for our next ceremony, **Sunday 30 May**, 1.30-4pm. Bookings are essential and you can find more information at www.manaretreat.com.



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I would like to thank all my patients, and taichi students for making me so welcoming in Coromandel.

We have positive results from acupuncture for pain, sleep improvement, anxiety, depression, energy boosting among others. I will continue to strive to make acupuncture accessible and affordable to benefit your health.

Slots are still available in Tiki House, Coromandel on Wednesday/Thursday and Colville Community Health Centre on Monday.

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Mana

Mana Retreat Centre, Coromandel New Zealand

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7-9 MAY	Mother's Day Relax with the Mana Team
14-16 MAY	Moontime Sunshine - Women's Open Floor Dance Retreat with Sacha Paddy
21-23 MAY	Bodylight Weekend Retreat 2021 with Edna Levy
23-29 MAY	Yoga Retreat with Tessa Meek
30 MAY	Deep Roots: Cacao Ceremony, Fire Circle & Open Floor Dance with Jade & Geordie
3-7 JUNE	Queen's Birthday Yoga Retreat with Susan Allen

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal



At the end of Term 1, Te Rerenga School farewelled Mrs Cheryl Darling, a long time Coromandel resident, as their Office Administrator, after 12 years of amazing and dedicated service to the school. Cheryl's association with Te Rerenga School didn't start when she began working there, rather when she attended Te Rerenga School as a student from October 1954 to about September 1957.

At the time of the Te Rerenga School Centenary, in 2008, Cheryl reminisced the following. "We lived in Whangapoua and I can remember walking to the school hill to catch the bus to school. It must have been about a 1.5 km walk before catching the school bus. I can also remember when the causeway was being upgraded and my younger sister and I had to be doubled to school on horseback. When the tide was out we would ride over the mud flats but there was always water in the tidal creek at the

Whangapoua end of the causeway where the bridge is. During the day the horses were kept in the paddock adjacent to the school."

Cheryl started as Office Administrator in 2009. Delving into the school records of admission, the first child she enrolled as a student was on 2 March 2009. Since then she has enrolled 264 students into the school, so until the end of 2020 so she has touched the lives of many children and their families.

An office administrator's job is definitely more than enrolling children. It is often called the "face of the school" as they are the first person that new families or visitors meet when they come to the office or talk to on the phone. Cheryl has always been most welcoming and reassuring to any new child and their family. The office is a busy place and there are many interruptions during the school day. This has never phased Cheryl even if she was in the middle of financial statements or word processing a document. Cheryl, in her calm and warm manner, would stop what she was doing and attend to whatever is needed. It was never a problem and she was always so helpful.

Cheryl cared about the well-being of all staff and students. And we all love her for that. Her integrity, her kindness, her calmness, her professionalism, her efficiency, her love for the school, are just a few of the wonderful attributes Cheryl has.

Cheryl will always be part of Te Rerenga School. We will be looking forward to her popping over the hill for birthdays and special events. For 12 years she has driven most days over the Whangapoua Hill to school, sometimes in the most treacherous conditions. When Cheryl got an e-bike last year, she said that one day she would ride it to school. Cheryl now will have plenty of time for training and maybe we will see her squealing to halt outside the school gates, sometime soon!

Cheryl's retirement isn't the end of a long association with Te Rerenga School, rather the association is just moving into a new phase. The Board, staff, children and families salute Cheryl for her love and dedication to the school. They will miss having her as part of our Te Rerenga whanau on a daily basis, but she will always be part of us.



Our tamariki on the shores of Tiikapa moana by the foothills of Mt Moehau

Colville Bay Preschool Te Koohungahunga o Te Uumangawhaa O Ngaa waka

By Elizabeth

Our preschool mihi. Thanks to Matua Brandon for helping us.
Ko Moehau te maunga
Ko Tiikapa te moana
Ko Te Uumangawhaa taku whare ako.

Coromandel Playcentre

By Josie Walsh

It's been another a busy month at Playcentre! Our PC kids have been enjoying lots of outdoor play while the weather is still fine, having fun with coloured water, sand, slime and finger painting. Our outdoor play is about to get a lot more exciting too, due to some cool new outdoor items we have been able to purchase – thanks to the Bizarre Trust who granted us some funds to help with this! Also

big thanks to everyone who bought a ticket in our Easter raffles; the first sold out so quickly we had to do a second one! Our winners were Shannon and Ria; we hope you enjoy your hampers.

Playcentre sessions run Tuesday at 10.30am-1pm and Friday at 9.45am-12pm. We have great, action packed sessions with something for all interests and can cater for newborns to six-year-olds. We welcome new members to come and join our playcentre whanau, so pop in during one of our sessions! We are located next to Coromandel Area

School. Make sure you bring some kai, heaps of energy and a change of clothes (just in case).

If you have any questions or would like some more information, send us an email at coromandel@playcentre.org.nz.

Hope to see you soon! Nga mihi, Coromandel Playcentre.

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Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody



A huge thank you to the community for coming to watch Hop with us on such a stormy night for our Easter Movie Night fundraiser. We had over 50 people come. It was an awesome turnout, especially considering it was our team's first movie night! To wrap up the full-on 11-week term, we had our Recap week and Games Day/Prize Giving!

Well done to the following students for being our "Kiwi Cannors of the Term!" For Coromandel Area School: Room 1: Tahlia and Marley won our CAS Superstar Award! Room 2: Jacob; Room 3: Harley; Room 4: Sandra; Room 5: Zianna and Blake won our C.A.S. Leader's Award! Room 7: Skyla.

Colville School: Group A: Kyah; Group B: Jack; Group C: Poppy and Osborn from Kereru won our Colville Superstar Award! Mahi pai, tamariki!

Have a wonderful holiday, and see you all next term! Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team! The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation

Coromandel Independent Living Trust



Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

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

We hope you enjoy some awesome writing this month. This is a follow-on from the incredible pieces that were in last month's issue... to good not to share!

Writing by some Year 7 and 8 students

By Mac

If I could change the world with my own two hands...

Pokemon would be real.

I would make New Zealand's military bigger and stop hunger. I would also ban Facebook, Tik Tok and Instagram in every country. Instead of cars and motorbikes for transport we would have Charizards to fly us from place to place.

If I could change the world with my own two hands... I would ban veggies and everyone will eat cookie crisps and jelly beans, Subway and McDonalds. I would make every planet liveable.

That's what I would do if... I could change the world with my own two hands.

By Varian

If I could change the world with my two hands...

School stationary would be free, nobody would need any teeth and everything would be free.

If I could make anything with my two hands I would...

Make food for homeless people and build houses for the less fortunate.

I would make endless piles of loot for me and you.

I would run then sleep, hide away then come out spooking you then laugh and make you my friends.



By Jack Hide-Bayne

If I could change the world with my own two hands I would....

Replace ads with memes

Destroy mosquitoes

Make the internet faultless

If I could change the world with my own two hands I would...

Develop a fig that is not pollinated by wasps

Ban mayonnaise

All books must have a leather cover

If I could change the world with my own two hands I would...

Make all cars electric

Remove restrictions on YouTube

Windows computers are required to have a 1080 graphics card.

By Kate Davies

If I could change the world with my own two hands...

There would be no such thing as anchovies, pickles

Or swiss cheese. If you had any of them you would be put in jail.

I would ban schools on Wednesdays and Mondays and school would start at 12pm.

And schools would end at 3.30pm because it starts at twelve.

There would be no such thing as poor and no such thing as rich.

I could put a buffet in every town or city. Everyone would have a cheese fondue fountain in their house.

Instead of the milk man it would be the chocolate milk man.

If I could change the world there would be no more wars and things like that.

That's if I could change the world with my own two hands.

The Night Write

By Rereanna

I like to write at night in my leisure time. I like to write about my family and school.

I find it inspiring to write at night because when it's night I think about what I am going to do tomorrow.

At night I find it nice and calming. At night I find it peaceful and quiet.

I crawl out of bed like a spider, I grab my book and start writing.

I'm facing towards the window and the door is behind me. I hear strange noises on the ground. Suddenly I get a foreboding feeling that mum is coming. She might catch me writing when I am supposed to be asleep. I turn around and nobody is there. I go back to writing!

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

School Term Time Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3pm-5pm.

Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm for school years 6-9.

Sunday – 1pm-4pm.

With many thanks to The Bizarre Community Grants scheme we are able to provide children at Youth Group with fresh cut fruit and veggies for afternoon tea!

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a safe, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play, play, play!

Parents just fill out a membership form. Please make a gold coin donation if able.

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Along with the kind donations received, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust, The Bizarre Community Grants and Star & Garter Hotel's Give a Little Pizza Sundays

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Arts

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Torrential rain and thunderstorms were forecast, and they got it wrong again. It was at least 24°C and a balmy breeze.

At Kuaotunu the sea was dazzling in the sunlight. Small rollers curled up the beach and then sucked back down as the tide ebbed, rearranging all the pebbles on the beach as it went, nature's kaleidoscope.

After taking in the beauty of the place, and a cup of tea, we settled down to try and capture some of the magic of this place on paper. Not easy, but a real challenge and a pleasure trying.

Our next trip is to Driving Creek Railway. Some members are going up in the train, and some are going to try and capture the hustle and bustle at the station. It promises to be a good day.

The trees are starting to get their autumn colours, a time of real beauty as the riot of colour transforms the landscape. Make the most of autumn as winter is on its way.

We have had our AGM, and the elected office holders are President Lindsay Nicholls, Vice President Ross Dixon, Treasurer Ross Dixon, Secretary Barbara Peddie, Librarian Linda Webb, and Assistant Librarian Sharon Whittle.

Ross was thanked for leading our group for the last three years.



Kuaotunu



Wendy sketching at Kuaotunu



Mike O'Donnell, Janet Smith, Maureen Allison, Elsa Lye, Tom Elliott, Jenny Shearer, Liz Earth, Wailin Elliott

Coromandel Easter Exhibition

By Wailin Elliott

Kia ora. March 2021 was the 33rd Coromandel Easter Exhibition. It would have been the 34th exhibition except that Covid intervened last year and it was cancelled. Originally it started with a group of friends showing their art works in the only suitable venue at that time, the Coromandel Council Chambers. The original members were Dr Deirdre Airey, Barry Brickell, Tom and Wailin Elliott, Mark Lorimer, David and Jenny Shearer, Paul Tobin and Jan White. Over the years as some left town, stopped potting or died, their places were taken by other potter friends with a Driving Creek and Coromandel Peninsula connection such as Mike O'Donnell from Paeroa who joined the group after four or five years and has exhibited with us ever since. There have been many overseas potters as guest exhibitors, George Sempagala from Uganda, Erik Omundson from Montana, USA, Chris Ingraham from USA, Mike Braisher from Lyndhurst in the New Forest, UK, Peter Brickell from Canada, and Paul Lorimer from Okinawa. Other guests include Paul Maseyk, Peter Alger, Ian Dalzell, Sue Pidgeon and many more.

Nowadays Hauraki House Gallery is the exhibition venue for arts and this tradition will carry on for some time to come. Many thanks to all of the local folk who have supported us over the years.



Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson

Only five months before the 2021 Open Studios Arts Tour in the first two weekends of October!

Participants profiled his month are: Rob Fort, an artist new to the Arts Tour, Chris Tryon, who is in the tour for a second year, and someone whose work is well-known to the Coromandel community, Tony Calsaferrri.

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



Tony Calsaferrri

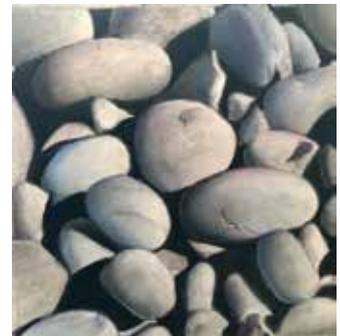
With their bright colours and distinctive symbols, Tony's paintings exude vitality and joy. His experience of living in Guatemala near Tikal – brilliant city of the Maya – gave him an insight into the Mayan culture and this has been an ongoing inspiration for his vivid works.



Rob Fort

Rob Fort

"This is my first year with the arts tour and I'm really excited to showcase current creations using airbrush and mould-making techniques. Art has been a lifelong passion and career so after taking a five-year break to develop a business, I'm back into production. The image shows what I'm up to currently and you can expect a variety of painted media forms during Open Studios."



Chris Tryon

"In recent times I have been working in two contrasting modes: abstracted landscapes in acrylics and photo-realism using pastel pencils. I enjoy both the freedom of the first and the discipline of the latter. When layering one over the other, surprising, happy accidents can occur!"

Chris produced this small drawing at a pastels workshop held here in Coromandel in February

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Watch this Space Coromandel

By John Eaglen



Through the Eyes of Angels

The WTS Coromandel Art Exhibition will be at Hauraki House Gallery **14-23 May**.

With 21 participating artists, "Through the Eyes of Angels", our seventh themed exhibition, is the biggest yet. Seven has been thought by many a magic number. This is shaping to be a magic experience – for artists and viewers alike.

What an inspiring artist meeting we had. Each of us described our personal exploration of the theme and how our artwork was shaping, in our minds or for some already in early stages of making. For many, sharing thoughts so deeply personal.

Then an option – to hear (or not) the poem from which the exhibition theme was taken, by the great Sufi poet Hafiz (c.1320 – 1389). It was stressed that the exhibition theme was not the poem, but the simple phrase "through the eyes of angels", which each artist was free to interpret however they wished. Curiosity aroused, the unanimous vote was to hear the poem. Deeply moving, it inspired both discussion and quiet thought.

Come to the gala opening 5.30pm **Friday 14 May** and judge for yourself. The exhibition is open 10am-4pm each day from then until **Sunday 23 May**. One of the artists will be in attendance when you come.

Participating artists:

Abby Noire-Gubay, Barbara von Seida, Carolyn Bayliss, Charlene Scott, Chris Tryon, Daniel Kirsch, Deb Hide-Bayne, Diann Cade, Donna Scatchard, Ed Buckett, Elisabeth Carter, Fran Campbell, Jan Linklater, Jan Panther, John Eaglen, Kaye Anderson, Lettecia Williams, Natasha Hunter, Robyn Lewis, Sally Tennent-Brown, Uli Christoffersen.

Curated by Sally Tennent-Brown and John Eaglen

WTS Shared Studios Programme

By Sally Tennent-Brown

Shared Studios 2021 is about to kick off at the end of this month. We will be holding the preliminary meeting in the Art Room at Hauraki House on **Thursday 27 May** at 5.00pm. This is when you come to meet each other, armed with nibbles and diaries, to begin filling in the programme calendar.

This arts initiative is a well-proven, fun way to practice and develop your work over the winter months. The focus is on experimentation and experiential learning that is entirely self-motivated and self-regulated. We do, however, achieve this in a social context, which we regard as an important part of the development that occurs.

Workshops, possible visits, and an end-of-programme exhibition are all part of the package.

If you are interested in joining the programme this year, please get in contact to find out more, register and pay your sub of \$60.

See you in the Art Room!

Sally Tennent-Brown 027 302 4245, John Eaglen 021 930 470, Fran Campbell 027 228 2553

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

This month the photograph shows several of our club members with their paintings of the waves, stones and rusty bolt that Julie and Michael Freeman demonstrated at their workshop in February.



There was so much time and effort put into these little works of art. Didn't they do well?

The last weekend in March was Pastel Artists of New Zealand Convention time. It was held in Devonport this year and four of our members attended the talks and demonstrations that were put on for the two days.

The National Exhibition of Pastel was held online this year and while none of our members won any prizes, Annette Bishop and Rosemarie Murphy had works accepted. This is an achievement in itself as only 149 out of 309 entries were juried into the Exhibition.

The Convention was very enjoyable with our members getting to meet other pastelists from all over New Zealand and watching demonstrations by Julie Grieg, one of New Zealand's Master Pastelists, and Lyn Diefenbach, a Master, from Australia.

Our club meets every Wednesday from 9.00am to 12.00 noon at the Aeroclub Rooms on Tiki Road. You are welcome to come along to try your hand and have a cuppa with us.

Alan Beaver ph. 07 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma ph (07) 866 8829

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Environment

Waiaro Kiwi Sanctuary

By Kelvin Mouritsen

Kiwis thriving on Moehau

Kia ora. Waiaro Kiwi Sanctuary recently hosted 25-plus

ecology students and their tutors while they did kiwi surveys and possum monitoring on the lower slopes. We were rapt to have 20 pair of kiwi confirmed living on the lower slopes at Waiaro. We have always been aware of kiwi there but had no idea there were so many. This is good news for the Moehau kiwi population as the birds are left entirely alone to do their thing so they can spread out freely over their ancestral land while their predators are continually harassed. Thanks must also go to the Waiaro pig hunters for keeping the pigs down and training their dogs to leave kiwi and avoiding kiwi hotspots. Also thanks to the farmers and landowners for giving us unlimited access to help achieve our aims.

Waiaro Sanctuary has a holistic approach and practises kaitiakitanga.



McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Carol Sutherland

Deferring the future

There is frustration as the years roll on... more and more reports are done, and meetings held, mollifying noises made but nothing is done, and then the cycle continues. The school children have every right to worry about the future given the rate of the depletion of the natural world and the rate of change in the world's systems due to our behaviour.

We have witnessed one small coastal wetland generating so much paper over the decades, yet it and all other estuarine areas need help, and they need to be allowed to get on with the important job of helping us pull out of this climate mess.

As McGregor Bay Wetlands Society has mentioned in this column before, coastal wetlands are the superstars for not just being our pollution filters but they are sucking up our excess carbon at a phenomenal rate. They are far more efficient than pine plantation or even tropical rainforest, yet New Zealand doesn't even recognise them in carbon offset systems let alone atoning for the damage done to them over the years. Favourable mechanisms to encourage restoration in coastal areas would help but with the RMA, that creaking status quo and unfit for restoration bit of paper, NZ is still losing wetland area, and as sea rise continues, we will lose even more. There is talk of coastal squeeze and the impacts that will have but where is the action?

Maybe surrounding all environmental issues there is the worry about the cost, the inconvenience or the lack of a silver bullet. However, what is the cost of doing nothing but engaging more consultants, to generate more reports for more hand wringing? Passing it on to the next generation, complete with inflation of the problems, and expecting them to fix and pay for it? Should we be surprised if the young aren't that ecstatic about our report card?

Corolandcare

By John Veysey

This year DOC will drop 1080 over two areas: Moehau at the top of the peninsula and Papakai, an area of hills between the 309 and the Tapu – Coroglen roads.

The Papakai area is 10,000 hectares. Each hectare receives 2 kgs of pre-feed and 2 kgs of toxic feed. The baits cost ca \$12 per hectare.

These baits come from the central government's factory in Whanganui which looks to make \$120,000 out of bait sales at Papakai. Possum monitoring prior to their last drop here in 2017 showed that 40,000 of the 10,000 ha had low possum numbers already. If DOC followed the information from their monitoring and poisoned only 6,000 ha instead of the full 10,000 ha then the government factory would lose out on \$50,000 worth of bait sales.

1080 bait-making looked like such a foolproof way of making money that, in 2018, the West Coast Regional Council bought a 49% share of their own 1080 bait-making factory in the South Island along with some private entrepreneurs. This business never flourished because the only users of 1080 baits, DOC, OSPRI and regional councils, continued to patronise the central government factory in Whanganui. West Coast Council invested in this venture nearly \$2.5 million of ratepayers' money; a charge of \$250 per household, which is more than our annual rates bill to Waikato Regional Council. In December 2020 we heard that the West Coast Council had sold its share of the Rolleston factory because "it wasn't making the expected profits". Here we see a competition being played out with public money between central and regional government departments. Central government wins.

Last time DOC poisoned the Papakai area they had a tonne of baits left over. They gave 300kgs of it to MEG through Quentin Potae, some more to the Mahakirau enviro-group and the rest was dumped in an Auckland council landfill. This kind of excess occurs regularly after 1080 drops and, so far, more than 100 tonnes of 1080 baits have ended up in council landfill sites all around the country. The government makes a profit as soon as the baits leave the factory no matter where they end up.

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

Ginger Bash

12 awesome volunteers got together earlier this month to tackle a huge patch of wild ginger in Coromandel Town. These mornings are always great fun with plenty of conversations and banter. It was fantastic to see how much we can achieve in just a couple of hours when we come together as a group.

If you'd like to be involved in the next "Ginger Bash", drop us a line at info@meg.org.nz to be included in the



mail out.

Trees that Count

MEG were lucky enough to receive funding from national organisation Trees That Count again this year. This funding has enabled us to purchase 200

trees from the Colville Harbour Care nursery, to plant with the kids from Colville School next month. MEG and Colville School have been planting trees together in the Waikawau Children's Forest for well over 12 years. The planting has been done on public conservation land at the northern end of Waikawau Bay and means the kids can access the forest anytime to enjoy the changing landscape from all of their hard work.

MEG Stoat Trapping

Operation Data March 2021

Predator and pest catch data from our entire trapping operation for March 2021.

This data covers our Coromandel Kiwi Project, Waikawau Wetland, Port Charles Rat Attack and MEG Kiwi Sanctuary.

Species	March 2021	Total to Date
Hedgehog	8	429
Possum	1	96
Rabbit	2	134
Rat	240	20,184
Stoat	24	2,726
Weasel	5	991
Ferret	0	9

Have a great month everyone!

Contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz

CLAIM

This is for all of the people who came to the CLAIM meeting and asked for this information.

Basic Info Sheet re Gold Mining in Hauraki Coromandel

Current Situation in Hauraki Coromandel

- Coromandel Watchdog tried to extend Schedule 4 to include Southern Coromandel as the current boundary is political, not ecological. Labour committed to do so, Greens also committed, but they have failed to act.
- There is a company trying to mine DOC land at Mt Karangahake (New Talisman Ltd). Public walking tracks are closed, fenced, and gated. Bulk sampling consents have been issued under a mining permit.
- Coromandel Watchdog fought the sale of land (to build toxic dams on) to Oceana in the High Court – sought Judicial Review of Ministers decision to grant (Ministers Parker and Robertson granted almost identical approval for land sale as that declined by Minister Sage earlier) land sale to Oceana. Coromandel Watchdog lost.
- Oceana Gold announced major expansion of mining at Waihi (and very quietly their intention to mine DOC land behind Whangamata). Mining Permit granted August 2020 – first mining permit in the area for many years.
- Oceana revealed that their plan for expansion at Waihi includes a new tailings dam, second open pit, further underground mining, including under existing pit, and new rock storage facility.
- Oceana are planning a 6.8km tunnel from privately owned farmland, under DOC land, including streams, to the deposit they have found behind Whangamata (Parakiwai/Wharekirauponga). The area is home to a core population of the world's most endangered frog (Archey's, IUCN redlist). Area is considered high value conservation land in DOC CMS.
- Oceana exercise exploration permits across Hauraki Coromandel. Permits are in Onemana, Opoutere, Wentworth Valley, Hikuai, Kauaeranga, Whenuakite to Cooks Beach, Whitianga to Whangapoua including Kuaotunu.
- Oceana is now drilling on a private farm above Kopu Hikuai line, likely with a view to access gold under the DOC land via tunnel entrance on farm.
- Coromandel Watchdog has been lobbying government to support alternative to hard rock gold mining in Aotearoa – urban mining, or mining e-waste. Huge industry overseas, hardly done here. Viable just transition for towns like Waihi.

Historical

Coromandel Watchdog has worked successfully for more than 40 years to keep industrial gold mining out of the Hauraki Coromandel.

Coromandel Watchdog is integral in establishing Schedule 4, a provision in the Crown Minerals Act that gives extra protection in special places – only from open cast/above ground mining. This is something Watchdog is lobbying to change.

Issues

- Legislation is an Act to “promote” this industry, rather than manage. Needs overhaul.
- Government promised in 2017 that there would be no new mines on conservation land – which has never been enacted, at all. Review of legislation, etc., started, but not complete.
- No provisions in permitting system for community input.
- “No new mines” announcement was never enacted – seriously damaging.
- Schedule 4 only protects from above ground mining, not under.

Hauraki/Coromandel issues

- Increasing pressure from mining companies, particularly Oceana Gold Corps (ASX/TSX), who have a highly questionable international reputation.
- Using private land to access public conservation land.
- Schedule 4 only provides protection from above ground mining.
- Disconnect between the legislation and rules, i.e., permits granted from Wellington, Access Agreements with DOC from Hokitika, Resource Management instruments at both Regional and District levels.
- Environmental impacts include hydrological (Peninsula has a high water table), habitat loss, etc.
- Contrary to other main industries, i.e. tourism.
- Contrary to conservation work, i.e. kiwi recovery projects
- Community doesn't want it, but has zero recourse to stop it, outside of RMA, which has very limited opportunities.

Links: Oceana plan for tunnel: <https://oceanagold.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/WKPET-Overview-Booklet-12-Oct.pdf>;
Coromandel Watchdog's “news” section on www.watchdog.org.nz;
Interactive maps of permits NZ: <https://data.nzpam.govt.nz/permit/webmaps/?commodity=minerals>

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association

By Reihana Robinson

Well, here it comes again....

The so-called “Department of Conservation” has just announced its next destructive assault on our own sacred maunga.

DOC's triennial aerial 1080 blitz, with tragic and deadly consequences for Moehau's native invertebrates, frogs, insectivore birds, and the entire ecosystem was announced in a letter to abutting residents late March. Just to keep opponents in the dark, the drop schedule has been kept intentionally vague, with DOC simply saying sometime between early July and November.

Just like in 2017, 2013, and before, DOC Hauraki is giving two fingers to our community and local representatives, who have long and strenuously opposed DOC's lazy, wasteful, ineffective, and inhumane poison programme.

According to the warning letter to locals, “EcoFX has been contracted by the DOC to undertake an aerial 1080 operation in the Moehau ecological area... As part of a larger nationwide aerial predator control programme.”

It continues, “Phases are as follows: a) non-toxic pre-feed; b) toxic baits at 1.5 kg/ hectare; c) requires 2 to 3 fine nights.”

Desk-bound DOC poisoners couldn't care less what locals think. However the dirty work of so-called “consultation” is now handed off to highly paid helicopter poisoners so just in case anyone has a word or two on the matter, contacts are EcoFX employees Mathew McIntyre (027) 272 3857 or Kevin Pearse (021) 052 8411.

The letter bluntly states (with no possibility of refusal): “Part of the process of obtaining permission is agreeing to aerial buffers around houses and huts if required... And if domestic water for human consumption is sourced from within the catchment or within 3 km of the operational area where the water source is a surface waterway that flows through or rises within the operational area”.

Does this mean they may offer you a buffer zone plus bottled water?

The icing on the cake:

“EcoFX will be obtaining requisite consents under the EPA requirements from relevant public health units.”

Poisoning our wilderness indiscriminately is a climate catastrophe.

Māori and pākehā can occasionally impact destructive Labour/National/Green party policies, however local action, (petitions, demonstrations, letters, delegations, scientific reports, hui), stating opposition, have all been ignored.

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Sport

Coromandel Golf Club celebrates 100 years in style

By Malcolm Stone

On the weekend of 17/18 April, Coromandel Golf Club celebrated 100 years since its inception in 1921.

The weekend was extremely well attended by past and present members resulting in abundant stories and reminiscing.



Bell Windross and Marie Beech

Saturday morning we all teed off in teams of three for a nine-hole Ambrose competition and managed to get away with only a few drizzly showers dampening proceedings. This was followed by social chit-chat and catching up with old friends before an amazing raffle (all prizes donated by current members) and the formal speeches in the afternoon. The commemorative cake was ceremonially cut by two ladies, Bell Windross and Marie Beech, both Coromandel born and bred, went to school together and are the only lady members left who played the "Ponderosa" course. Our patron's wife, Joan Evans, also a long-standing member, unveiled a commemorative plaque in the clubhouse.

Sunday's programme consisted of an 18-hole scramble during which players enjoyed amazing mussel fritters and sausages from the BBQ next to the first tee. The chefs did a wonderful job feeding the players throughout the day. The bar was also open, which may or may not have affected final scores. Play was followed by patronage of the 19th hole where another tremendous raffle was conducted followed by yet more food provided by our wonderful ladies. Finally, prize giving for the day.

The whole weekend was a great success thanks mainly to our patron Ron Evans and his team, who not only managed the event itself but spent untold hours contacting past members and compiling old photos and memories into a truly wonderful hardbacked book. The book is a terrific record of the club's



development over the last 100 years and well worth a read. Only two copies have been printed. One will remain in the golf club and the other, won in a raffle by Wayne Beaver, will be available for all to peruse in the town library. Thank you Wayne for your thoughtful donation.

Listening to Ron's account of the development of the club brought to light the absolute need for volunteers. Right from the word go, volunteers and local financial sponsors have been the mainstay of the development of the club and this is still true today. Without these selfless people the club would not be where it is today – a beautifully presented course with wonderful facilities in a sound financial position.

With the advent of smartphones there are now fewer photos actually printed and placed in albums. It is easy to lose digital memories buried in devices. This centennial celebration got me thinking about the next generation going through the process of exploring their past 100 years. History needs recording, so to this end, if anyone has photos on their devices relating to Coromandel Golf Club that would be worth archiving, would you please forward them on to me with captions explaining what they are with dates? Then I can start to collate them all on one memory stick. My email is m.stone@slingshot.co.nz.

Thanks again Ron, for a wonderful weekend.

Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm. Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

-  **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
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-  **Minimise** your speed and wake
-  **Never** drive across the lines



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Coromadnel Golf Club celebrations – Joan Evans unveiled a commemorative plaque in the clubhouse

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Earlier in the month we had a visit from a couple who play Golf Croquet in Howick. We paired them up with two experienced players and taught them some of the basics of the croquet we play, at the same time enjoying a game together.

We have moved to winter hours, meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. New members are always welcome. If you are keen and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Sharon Toms & CRFC Committee

Our committee and all of our members would like to send our sincere sympathy to Rex and Allison Brown and family for their sudden loss. Our thoughts go out to you both.

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

There has been a bit of change in weather but no shortage of fish out there. We have had some reports of big kingfish being caught and John Dory around too, if targeted.

Results of our Take a Kid Fishing tournament will be in next month's issue!

Keep a lookout on our Facebook page and posters around town for details of our next tournament to be held on Queen's Birthday weekend.

Here's to tight lines as always.



Sharon won the heat pump in our Classy Chicks fishing comp

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WANTED TO RENT. A 1-2 bedroom house/studio to rent for a professional couple and our dog. Newly employed teacher at Coro Area School. Excellent, tidy tenants, references available on request. Contact 022 504 8342 or davidholt07@gmail.com.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

BIBLIOPHILE Work from home bibliophile to research and list books with Aotea Gallery. Full training given. If you can use email, you could do this job. Commission rates. Please send CV and/or background to aoteadesign@gmail.com.

VACANCY: Community Worker – Colville Social Service Collective (CSSC) has an exciting opportunity for someone with a community focus – Community Worker. This role will be focused on identifying and meeting the needs of people in the community, including providing advice and referrals and creating and implementing initiatives. This is a part-time position. The position will be based in our office in Colville. For more information and a copy of the Job Description please contact the CSSC Manager, Larisa Webb, on cssccordinator@colville.org.nz or phone 021 258 8037. Applications close 5pm, 26 May 2021.

Poetry SPOT

Weather to Die For

By John Irvine

Oh, what glorious uplifting weather!

It's just past dawn this morning
as I race upstairs to my work area
rip back the heavy drapes
on both long windows
to see forever the
glorious glory of the day.

No noise
just the music of heavy rain
playing symphonies on the roof
hills are blurred
hollows are miniature lakes
no birds around
not even the ignominious swamp hens.

I check the forecast
rain for days
I let rip a silent cheer
as the paddocks are all brown.

Glued to the view
I am enthralled encouraged enhanced
by the vertical downpouring.
By Dali's moustache,
what a happy joyous man I am!

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
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478 4.10pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, contact Sally 027 302 4245 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-12pm
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor Community Dance, Citizens' Hall
 (*come 15mins early if you're new or would like a longer warmup)9.30*-11.30am
 Seniors exercise class, St Andrews Church Hall (07) 866 7894..... 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152..... 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, Anglican Church Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478..... 4pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day..... 9.30am
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time 9-11am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Zumba class every Thursday (school term only), Coromandel Area School Hall,
 Claire 021 653 650 5.30-6.30pm
 Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only.
 Contact 021 124 7267 5-6.15pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152..... 9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 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

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available.
 President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576 (except 9, 16 and 23 January) 3.30-7pm

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 Sue Hughes 07 211 9774 6pm
1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm
2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.
 President Sue Hughes 07 211 9774 7pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road 10am

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Calendar of events Coromandel Town May 2021

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3		 Open Floor Dance at Mana	 Coromandel SeniorNet AGM (see pg 7) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 6) Star & Garter quiz nights start (see ad pg 2)				
4		 Moon Lodge: Women's Circle, and Open Floor Dance at Mana Hearing clinic, Tik'i House (see ad pg 7)	 Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 6)				
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Blue bin bags out

RN = Rural North

CT = Coromandel Town & Te Koura.

TC = Thames Coast & Mania

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