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Editor's comment

We have a bit of an empty calendar on page 30 this month! There is more than this going on of course as there are regular meetings (see page 28). If you have an event for a future issue, please let me know so I can include it in the Chronicle.

So it looks like it is art or quizzes to get involved with this month as Shared Studios starts this month (see pg 22), or audition to be in the new play written by a local (also see pg 22). The Star & Garter are starting quiz nights on Wednesdays, and The Club are starting their quiz nights every other Tuesday. The museum is open on weekends in May (see pg 8).

I was in the CBD on a Friday night in April just after the vaccine passes had been removed and it was really busy – cars lining all the way up the street. I hope (for the businesses' sake) that plenty of people visit into winter with arrival of worldwide visitors this month.

It is still really warm when I'm writing this. Trees aren't even showing much sign of autumn yet. I'm enjoying the cooler days though.

Have a good month,

Debbie

Letters

Memorial celebration

We invite friends and family to celebrate the life of Larry Knudsen. It will be held on **Saturday 30 April** at 11am in the Coromandel Area School hall followed by light refreshments.

Regards,
Family of Larry Knudsen

Thank you Coromandel

To the people and businesses of Coromandel Town and its environs, Grant and Terry of James & Turner Hardware send you a very big and heartfelt thank you for all of the support you have shown us over the last eight-and-a-half years.

It's been a bit of a rollercoaster at times with weather events, road closures, road upgrades and of course Covid, but we have managed to make it through with your help.

It's now time for us to step back and have a breather. We love Coromandel and have no current plans of shifting away anytime soon. We are both looking forward to a rest and the opportunity of enjoying what the beautiful Coromandel has to offer.

Many thanks to you all,
Grant and Terry

RSA change of Chronicle RSA contributor

Farewell to my followers/fans! After doing the Coromandel RSA contribution to the Chronicle since I can't remember when, I have now been asked by said Club to step down and someone else is to take my place.

Looking back, in the Chronicle dated July 2011, our late President Ian Franklyn outlined the aims and objectives of the RSA. I will give a copy to the next person who takes over the role. In the Chronicle dated October 2015, the Bowling Club and the RSA Combined and formed the Combined Clubs of Coromandel. The contribution for that month was sent in by Martin Edwards who was appointed President of the CCC. Soon after that he abandoned ship and left for England. So ends the history lesson! In the past I finished off with a proverb, funny or a quote of some sort. Here's a true funny: Walk with me by the water, a beautiful poem about growing older. Bigger I forgot the words.

Many blessings, may you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care.
From Pat Williams

Animals have a right to be treated humanely

To the editor,

As a concerned resident of Great Barrier Island, I'm writing in support of UCLA and the Community Board's resolutions to support hunting, trapping and cyanide only and to oppose all inhumane residual poisons including 1080, and in opposition to making changes to those resolutions.

I believe that the priorities for pest animal control methods should be humaneness; those that create jobs and don't interfere with sources of local food; those that are specific to their targets and safe for other animals, especially humans; that respect Māori cultural values; and are also effective. Poisons fail these criteria. In the broader context, ecosystems are becoming increasingly fragile and cannot cope with poison being dumped over them.

Animals have a right to be treated humanely, and everyone has a right to live in a healthy environment.

We call on the Community Board to continue their opposition to all inhumane residual poisons.

Joanna and Ro Piekarski, Claris, Great Barrier Island

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Easter fun in Coromandel



Easter in the Elizabeth Park Village. Four Square generously supplied the Easter eggs. The young ones in the village delivered to the oldies. What a thoughtful and kind group these folk were



Easter egg hunt in Whangapoua, organised by Whangapoua Community Association which raised \$470 from donations for Te Rerenga School to go towards their new bike and scooter pump track

Colville Easter Festival – postponed until October

The Colville Easter Festival 2022 will be run through Labour Weekend in October later this year.

Friday 22 October – Colville Sings, The Blues and Swing

Saturday 23 October – The Big Music Night. Two bands, two DJs and more

Sunday 24 October – The Colville Re-Fashion Show (Tickets already purchased for re-fashion show will be honoured.)

Watch out for more information in coming months.

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

Our April meeting was well attended, but unfortunately our guest speaker couldn't make it.

That didn't stop a robust "Forum" section with Jeni and her old birdcage project – creating a safe environment using an old birdcage for feeding the waxeyes in her back garden and not the hundreds of sparrows! We had Natalie speaking about her test of plastic labels in the ground and what the best marker is to use so the words don't disappear. Marie brought a long shoot of climber – jury still out on what it was. There were discussions on guava moths, white butterfly, blueberries, brassicas, kumaras, rats – lots of good information from the ladies that have tackled these in the past.

This month's Arrangement competition was "Easter Surprise" and the Special was "Biggest Garden Nightmare".

There was a lovely selection of Easter Surprise and there is still a lot of flowers in our gardens to enter the Single, Mini and Multi sections.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea that members brought along. The raffles and sales table had a great selection of items to win or buy.

We have several Guava Moth Sticks available to the public if interested in protecting feijoas, citrus, and all fruit from the Guava Moth. They are \$3 per stick, contact Trisha by mobile to arrange collection and payment.

Also recommended to mix up the Guava Moth recipe – ¾ cup of apple cider vinegar, ¼ cup of treacle/golden syrup or brown sugar, 1 tablespoon



Biggest Garden Nightmare – yours truly! Too many weeds to choose from!!

bleach and 5 cups of water. Mix and put into bottle with a very small hole. Hang in the tree, change every couple of months.

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 11 May** at the Coromandel Combined Club at 1pm.

This is our AGM meeting so would be great to see all members at this meeting, and any new members interested in joining us.

Arrangement: Mother's Day Tribute; Special is: Biggest leaf in your garden.



Gorgeous Easter Surprise – Sheana Goudie

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

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It's been a busy start to the year for us at CILT. We currently have over 16 projects across a broad range of community services, aimed at reducing barriers and improving people's lives through the northern Coromandel. Our purpose-built "Coromandel Hub" is progressing wonderfully. The first electrical fitout has been completed (thanks ZM Electrical) and it's all looking great! We acknowledge the hard mahi put in by the builders – led by Steve Wilson; and the electrical, data, air con and security access contractors. We very much appreciate the work put in to keep this project moving in the right direction.

Coromandel Foodbank and Budget Advisory

We are very pleased to now have the Coromandel Foodbank and Budget Advisory under the CILT umbrella. One of the strengths of CILT is the integration and cross-pollination between our more than 16 projects, so bringing the Foodbank and Budget into CILT means we can more effectively support people by linking them to other complimentary services, and vice versa. We are also seeking to employ a qualified financial advisor to work with the skilled staff in the Coromandel Budget Advisory. So if you or someone you know are interested, then please do get in touch with us.

Total Mobility Scheme

We are now supporting the Waikato Regional Council with the rollout of the Total Mobility Concession scheme. From the Ministry of Transport: "The Total Mobility Scheme is intended to complement public transport services and ensure people with impairments can meet their daily needs in a safe and dignified manner." We are currently going through the process of becoming a Total Mobility Assessor, which means that from mid-May, people in our community will be able to be assessed locally for a concession card for 50% off travel with approved providers throughout Aotearoa. More information about this is on our website. You can register your interest for this service at the Resource Centre.

Bizarre Community Grants Scheme

Our 2022 Community Grants Scheme has closed and we are proud to have allocated \$27,000 to 14 wonderful projects, contributing to the wellbeing of people in the northern Coromandel.

The total amount applied for was \$94,497 by 25 applicants. Fourteen of these applications were successful with amounts granted ranging from \$500 to \$5000.

We wish to say thank you, and congratulations to the following groups for their successful applications. We look forward to seeing the results of the funding.

- Thrive Coromandel Trust – To purchase and install a Daikin heat pump/air conditioner in the Coromandel Town Information Centre.
- Colville Community Health Trust – Purchase of essential medical equipment.
- Harataunga Marae Trust – A celebration of tuku whenua between Hauraki iwi and Ngati Porou ki Hauraki.
- Habitat Tuatēawa – Cameras to monitor predators in the area of native bush that is undergoing trapping.
- Coromandel School of Mines and Historical Society Incorporated – Relocate an old dairy from Colonial Cottages to Coromandel Museum site.
- Coromandel Community Library Incorporated – Equipment upgrade.
- Our Shed, Coromandel Age Friendly Group – Our Shed is organising guest speakers, get togethers and Qi Gong workshops for members of our mature

Coromandel community.

- Coromandel Youth Support Association Inc./Coromandel Youth Group – Outdoor games and new scooter wheels.
- Te Roopu Tautoko – Whanau Feud: a community quiz and games day at the local Harataunga marae with food and non-alcoholic refreshments.
- Colville School – Further funding for the storage of our produce, further soil top-up, a wheelbarrow and wet weather gear for children who cannot afford it.
- Colville Bay Preschool – Ceiling mounted electric heaters.
- Youth Sailing Academy Colville Inc. – Electric outboard.
- Coromandel Community Preschool – PVC blinds for outdoor area.
- Coromandel Fire Brigade – Emergency communications equipment.

Please check our website for details of all of our projects, and please stop into the Resource Centre for all of your printing needs, friendly advice and support, and our free-to-use public computers.

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Chess at Citizens' Hall

By Mike Mann

The Hauraki Thames Chess Club visited on Saturday 16 April for a friendly game day with the Coromandel Town Chess Club.

A good day of fun chess and repartee, plus food after at the Pepper Tree for game debriefing and some good "Duck jokes" in conversation.

The fledgling Coro club members (5) are acquitting themselves well with some good results and credible draws.

A thank you to Bubbles for the use of the Citizens' Hall, an excellent venue, and Ron Lanning from the Hauraki club for making this happen.

Everyone who came down thought it was a fantastic day, so much so they want to do another one. The Papatoetoe Chess Club players said they will bring more players next time.

The next tournament will be Queen's Birthday weekend **Saturday 4 June** either Citizens' Hall or in the reserve by the Information Centre.

Anyone interested in playing chess in Coro Town? All abilities welcome. Contact Mike.mann@xtra.co.nz or Drbryanmacleod@gmail.com



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Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB



Secondary School Champs and our winning team (below)

Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Communications

As the season winds up we have been ultra busy as usual with our last Open Optional Pepper Tree Triples Tournament taken out by a Composite Team of Brian Fisher, David Weatherley and Leon. Well done guys.

Last week we hosted 15 teams for the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Bowling Competition. As last year's winners, Coromandel Area School were keen to retain their title and it took them till the last game to do so – Coromandel 5 and Mercury Bay 2. Congratulations.

Our InterClub team took part in the Region 2 finals in April, at Te Puke. While Colin Gawith kept up his usual high standards, it's fair to say the others struck opposition who were too good for them. They must all be congratulated for the efforts which took them this far.

Also playing in April were Jo Sanderson and Linda Peters in the Champ of Champs Junior Pairs. While Waihi Beach took out the honours, our girls did really well coming third equal with some good wins, particularly over old rivals Mercury Bay.

The mandate around vaccine passes being necessary at the club has been lifted after advice from Bowls NZ. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the club.

The Combined Clubs of Coromandel, which includes the Bowling Club, would like to acknowledge the generosity of the New Zealand Community Trust for their donation of \$5,000 towards our greenkeepers' wages.

Finally we wish our Bowls3Five team all the best as they prepare for their competition in Wellington. This is another televised event to do the Coromandel Bowling Club proud. Go team "Coromandel Mussels".



Marie Mead has been made an RSA life member; photographed with Stony

RSA News

By Gary Pettett

The renaissance of Anzac Day over the last two decades reflects New Zealanders' growing interest in their military heritage and a shift in attention from the politics of war to remembering the human experience of war. The RSA itself is in the middle of a transition and revival and the baton is taken up by younger RSA members, as well as a rapidly growing number of the new associate (social) members, all part of a vibrant nationwide organisation.

Our Coromandel RSA has certainly taken the challenge on board, with events such as organising a midwinter dinner on 2 July featuring the great "White Goat Band", car rallies, fishing trips, free hot chips on Saturday afternoon/evening social times, and are looking at purchasing RSA shirts.

Marie Mead has been made an RSA life member for all of the time and effort put in over the years – the lovely photo of her and Stony was taken at the recent AGM and Marie remains as our recruitment and membership member. We also thank life member Pat Williams for the interesting and thought-provoking newsletters she has submitted to the Chronicle in the past.

Vaccine passes are no longer required at The Club, and all members of the community are welcome to come along to all social events or just pop in for a wine or beer and a chat on Saturdays or other advertised dates.

Officers and committee members voted at the Coromandel RSA AGM on 25 March:

- President: Kevin Stone
- Vice President: Steve Walters
- Treasurer: Gillian Holmes
- Secretary: Glenis Robertson
- Welfare: Margaret Stone
- Women's section: Loes Beaver
- Car section: Bruce Finan
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- Committee members: Gary Pettett, Rob Chappell, Lyn Williams

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Quiz nights at The Club

Quiz nights start on **Tuesday 10 May** and will continue fortnightly through winter. Bar opens at 6pm, quiz starts at 7pm.

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Coromandel Lions Club

By Mary Farmer, president



It is with heartfelt sadness that this month we lost one of our long-serving members, Larry Knudsen. Our thoughts go out to Joan and all of his family. *(Editor's note – see notice of memorial for Larry on page 2.)*

Larry was a man of gentle words, always there to help and guide. He was a past president of the club; you will be greatly missed, rest in peace my friend.

I would like to thank Ron Newman for the gift of a chainsaw; so kind. The saw will be well used and taken care of, I can assure you; thanks once again Ron.

While on the subject of chainsaws, I have to mention our friends Mike McCall and Rob of Rob's Small Engines. You are the best, you keep our saws in tip top condition, we couldn't do all the work we do without your help, oh and get well soon Mike!

Another busy working bee was done this last month, sawing logs that are now split and mostly delivered.

Mike, Brett, Tim and Paul, great job guys plus others I have no doubt forgotten!

As for the carting of said logs, well normally Rick and Kerry do the hauling to our yard, but Kerry being out of action for the first part of the month, Rick took on an apprentice to help with the work, one of our newest members Lewis Rose.

Lewis has been driving trucks for a while now and we made good use of his skills and plan to in the future; thanks Lewis, great job.

Kerry has, as I said, been out of action for a few weeks but is now, as of two weeks ago, back with us, helping get loads of wood to customers; great to have you back.

As I've just mentioned we are well into our deliveries, but I have to inform all of you that we can no longer take orders for this year, as we don't want to let you down.

We have another supplier that we can put you in touch with; just ask Sue, Rick or myself.

As you all know we are doing other community-based projects, one being seats around the town and further afield in Colville, Port Charles to name just two.

For this I'd like to thank Jack Carson for your time and effort in working on the seats and assembly. You work in the background, and keep these projects going; thank you Jack.

This month seems to be a month of thank yous!

Last but not least while sawing wood on the 309 site we saw a large bundle of "slabs" (cut wood ideal for kindling and bagging). A voice said, "If you want them, take them". The voice was "Bryce" who was working on one of the diggers. He gave his wood for us to use; what a great man. Sorry I don't know your full name but you know who you are. Many thanks.

Another article written. hope you enjoy reading it – maybe in front of a warm fire with wood supplied by us!

Stay well, safe and warm.

Wild things



PHOTO: ANNA SEPHTON

In the 1990's, NZ Dotterel – Tūturiwhatu numbers were plummeting due to predation by rats, stoats, etc., and nest damage by dogs. Greater awareness of the fragility of these endemic birds has seen the population increase in recent years to the extent they are now described as locally common. Most of the birds are located in the upper North Island and we are fortunate to see them often on beaches around Coromandel. This dotterel was spotted fishing for crabs at Te Mata.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Newcomers to Coromandel quickly discover there is plenty to do in this small town, and the pages of the Coromandel Town Chronicle illustrate the wide variety of activities provided. Sports, pastimes and culture are all covered with the activities available, which include walking and hiking groups, dance classes, yoga, tai chi, bowls, croquet, tennis, rugby, netball, golf, swimming, bridge, chess, 500, scrabble, embroidery, patchwork and quilting, fishing, car, pig hunting, gardening and book clubs, theatre, music, art and writers' groups. We also have a wide range of other organisations represented in the town, such as RSA, Grey Power, Lions Club, Forest & Bird and other environmental groups as well as many volunteer groups including the Fire Brigade and St John Ambulance service. Looking at old newspapers I discovered several others that have come and gone over the years: Coromandel Racing Club, Gun Club, Collie Club, Coromandel Regatta & Athletic Club, cricket, badminton, basketball, gymnastics, hockey, indoor bowls, boating and sailing clubs. Perhaps some of these are still in existence. As winter is settling in, I decided to look at some of the winter activities once popular.

From 'Thames Star' 16 May 1900:



Swimmers at Sumner, 11 November 1880, opening of Christchurch Amateur Swimming Club, first in New Zealand

"Coromandel Burns Club and Literary Society

Coromandel devotees of Burns are on the warpath. At the annual meeting of the Coromandel Burns Club and Debating Society, Mr A. King presiding, the balance sheet for last year, showing a credit balance of £6 17s 3d, was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected, for the ensuing term: President, Mr A. King; Vice-Presidents, Messrs A. Kelso and A. N. Jamieson; Secretary, and Treasurer, Mr W. McMillan; Committee. Mesdames Campbell, Kelso, and Grant, Messrs Robertson and W. Pitkethley.

Mr A. King, in thanking the members present for appointing him president, gave a short address on the benefits of the club, and the beauties of Scotch poetry and song as embodied in the works of Scotland's National Bard, and promised the members enjoyable and profitable evenings in the coming winter.

A vote of thanks to the secretary for past services having been recorded; the meeting terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne'."

From 'Auckland Star' 17 May 1902:

"Coromandel Ping Pong Club

Coromandel, Thursday

The formal opening of the Coromandel Ping Pong Club took place last evening in the Caledonian Hall. The officers elected were: President, Mr C. R. Walker; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Newton; Committee, Mrs Law, Miss James, Miss Fraser, Messrs G. F. Mellars, and C.G. Gatland. The tables were then opened for play, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The club

has started with a membership of over fifty, and has secured the use of the Caledonian Hall, where tables of regulation size have been fitted up and necessaries for playing provided. The committee of the club have formulated a scheme for holding monthly tournaments, and as there is a probability of another club being formed, there is every indication that the game will become most popular here.

Of course, if there is no club, then one can always be started."

From 'Thames Star' 18 May 1932:

"Draughts Club

Movement In Coromandel

Several names have been received for the formation of a Draughts Club in Coromandel, and arrangements are being made to call a meeting at an early date."

The Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc AGM is presently scheduled for **Sunday 12 June** at 2pm at Elizabeth Park Village Hall; keep an eye out for confirmation of date and venue.

The museum will be open from 1-4pm weekends only during May and will close for the winter from Queen's Birthday weekend

Heartbeat – St John Coromandel

By Abby Morgan

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"Landmark Trophy" – An absolutely sensational 23.56Ha land parcel in bush & pasture. Extraordinary privacy, panoramic 360 degree sea, rural & township views. Spacious living, separate apartment, double garage & pool. **STUNNING! \$PBN**

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Te Kouma Bay... the location says it all!!! Private 2,377m2 property with north/westerly harbour views. Large home featuring separate lounge, kitchen/dining, 3 brms, 3 bathrms and massive decking. 4 garages for cars, boat & tractor! **\$PBN**

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"Pacific Horizon" – Do you desire privacy & seclusion? Spectacular land parcel of 1.34Ha. Just imagine designing a home to capture the stunning Pacific Ocean views! **\$PBN**



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Planned outage for Coromandel

Powerco will be conducting a planned electricity outage affecting Coromandel Town and immediate surrounds on **Wednesday 11 May**. The outage is planned for 8.30am to 3.30pm.

During the outage Powerco's contractors Downer and Northpower will be replacing overhead poles and cross-arms on the line between Coromandel and Whitianga. This essential work ensures electricity supply in the area will be reliable and resilient well into the future.

Powerco advises customers that they will receive notification from their retailer (the company they pay their power bill to) if they'll be affected by the outage.

Customers can also search for their address on Powerco's planned outages page here: powerco.co.nz/planned-outage.

Schools, medical centres and the Coromandel CBD will remain on, and will not be impacted by the outage.

In the event of bad weather the outage will be postponed until **Wednesday 18 May**.

Customers can find out more about the outage, including tips on how to prepare, by visiting powerco.co.nz/coromandel.

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Outward Bound Youth Disability Courses – Scholarships Available



Outward Bound has scholarships available for a new 8-day course for youth with a physical disability: Leaps and Bounds Activate is a course for physically disabled youth aged 13-16 years and their parent or caregiver. The next course is **10-17 October**. Applications close **Friday 9 September** but will

be filled on a first in-first served basis.

The course is proudly supported by the Lindsay Foundation and are fully funded excluding transport and medical costs. They are an amazing opportunity for young people to challenge themselves physically and mentally and discover their potential in the outdoors.

For more information please contact Adapted Course Partner Leonie King lking@outwardbound.co.nz or call 0800 OUTWARD

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on **Thursday 5 May**, St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town, by the Fire Station, parking at rear. We gather from 1pm for meeting start at 1.30pm.

Bring your mask, sign in, sit well apart. This meeting will include reports and a full election of officers. All members, full and associate, are welcome – bring interested friends if you wish. Afternoon tea at 3pm. See you there. **Retired and still rockin'?**

In the 1950's, guidance counsellors recommended that students throw away their rock albums, which Frank Sinatra condemned as ugly and vicious. But did they do it? Some research suggests that seniors are still rocking to the bands of their youth. Seniors have lived through explosive musical changes, influenced by the crooners of the 1940's, and the 1950's, to the early bluesy rock of Elvis Presley into the rock era of the 1960's and 1970's. One of the main reasons these huge musical movements exist is technology. Radio brought music to the masses. Vinyl records allowed us to choose, cassette tapes, CD's, MP3's were portable. And finally internet-based music allows customers to transport, choose and mix it up.

Some studies say musical tastes change with age. A 2013 University of Cambridge study of data from 250,000 people over 10 years shows that musical tastes shift in line with life challenges. Adolescents generally like intense, aggressive, loud, distorted and rebellious music as they struggle to find an identity and overcome frustrations.

Young adults prefer romantic, positive and danceable music as they search for love. In this stage, music is part of the search for intimacy.

By middle age and later, people search for relaxing, emotive and more sophisticated or complex music.

On the other hand, studies by online music companies found that people reached their peak music experience around age 24 and stopped experimenting with music around age 30. This means seniors may still be rocking out to the bands and voices of their youth.

According to a 2001 study by National Institutes of Health, listening to your songs can give your brain a big dose of pleasure and soothing reminiscences. Elvis, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Eagles, Bob Dylan, Creedence Clearwater Revival, John Rowles are all still out there and now so easy to find for those who go looking.

Handy tips for all ages

To get rid of ants, put small piles of cornflour where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home", can't digest it, so they die. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have to worry about pets or small children being harmed by heavy commercial ant poisons.

To get rid of aphids/greenfly – soak crushed garlic in warm water, leave for about six hours or more, then strain. Put the liquid in a spray bottle and use it to spray affected plants.

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected they ripen faster – or hang them. This helps slow ripening too. Also banana skins laid around rose bushes give them a boost.

Grey Power Coromandel is a volunteer organisation lobbying government for benefits for seniors over 50. We have four members' meetings a year. Our next meeting is the AGM on **5 May**. Each year we have four or more newsletters emailed (or delivered if you have no internet). To join or renew membership (due in March) – contact Carol Carson – ph (07) 866 7172

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to those who have donated tinned, sachets and biscuits to the unit for the cats. We were blessed by several lovely people who donated financially, giving us enough for a week's feeding for the cats in care.

Times are incredibly tough. We have seen other rescue units over the past couple of months in the same position we are in, folding and closing their doors, which is deeply troubling as more small rescue units shutting down means fewer units out there to help the felines in crisis, homeless, abandoned and unwanted without a place to go. For rescue we are holding on with every inch of what we can and doing whatever we can to be able to help, albeit now we can only help the ones currently in our care and are totally unable to take on anything what so ever, which is the only thing we can do. Just about every small rescue unit is financially in trouble and asking for help the best they can, something we have detested doing but has been the lifeline over the last year. Without that support we wouldn't be here. Thank heaven for those truly special people helping us. We know and appreciate times are the toughest they have ever been.

In care our two older boys are doing so well. Dylan absolutely adores the human slave and Lincoln has attitude as in hiss



and spit first, then allows pats and cuddles after. They are both adorable boys who have adjusted to losing their "mum" they had known all their lives.

Kera, our youngest, is now a cat. Being a big girl and mostly well behaved, she has been gifted special privilege of out at night to sleep in bed. Her only problem is the box in lounge that normally in morning is silent, is now noisy, and all these foreign voices and

flashy lights spook her. It is something she will adjust to in time. For the others life is pretty much the same, each being cared for, loved and doing all the normal cat things. That is apart from one of ours who left us completely speechless. How he learnt this trick is well beyond us as we never taught him how to do it – in small hours of morning and needing toilet we hear someone already using it. In the dim light we see this cat with feet either side of seat, squatting and piddling in the bowl. You see this on the internet and videos and laugh, but to see this firsthand is totally unbelievable. But that is Gobe. He has well mastered that one, and has totally left us laughing fit to bust about it all .

Wanted – tinned, sachets of cat food, pet milk, sardines or salmon, and if anyone wishes to help us financially every donation of any amount is a blessing. Credit Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01.

We thank everyone for all support shown.

532 Thames Coast Road, RD5 Thames 3575

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Once again we cancelled play in April. We will hopefully be back playing bridge in May. Please contact Jan to let her know if you are available to play. I look forward to meeting up with other players and I do hope that there will be no further cancellations.

Contact is Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 4678 8390


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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Active elements minerals, and your health

Every mineral has a medicinal role in the body. Your every cell needs a strong function, so it may function its very best. Minerals are the structural and biochemical base, upon which everything else in your body is built.

- 1) Structure – As constituents of bone, teeth, ligaments, tendons, connective tissue and cell membranes
- 2) Electrochemical – As stabilisers of cell membrane electrical gradients
- 3) Function – Metabolic and catabolic, to activate and stabilise enzymes

Minerals can't be created by your body -they can only be obtained from the natural, healthy food and drink you choose, via your best functioning digestive tract or, if nutritionally depleted, with bio-identical supplemental minerals.

They are essential for thousands of biochemical processes within the body, however, are often overlooked when it comes to nutritional supplementation.

Many health issues stem from mineral element imbalances. These imbalances occur for a variety of reasons that affect us all: poor or restrictive dietary practices; mental and physical stress; daily losses as a result of normal metabolism or daily cellular functions; deficient soils and modern agricultural practices; food processing, transport and storage; pharmaceutical medications.

Mineral imbalances do not occur overnight. What happens first are vague symptoms, which are usually ignored or interpreted as insignificant. Mineral imbalances impact adversely on your body's natural state of wellbeing.

With winter fast approaching, focus needs to be on your immune system. My favourite mineral to achieve this is iron phosphate, which is required to prevent viral and bacterial infections, inflammation, fever, cellular fatigue and pain.

There are more than a million red blood cells in one drop of blood. They carry essential iron to your body's hungry cells in the most minute molecular form. The iron within your red blood cells carries oxygen. When the cells are deficient in iron, circulation is increased to carry enough oxygen to your extremities with less iron, causing low grade friction, fever, anaemia and fatigue.

This molecular break in the chain of iron disturbs the continuity of other mineral salts, causing more deficiencies, more dis-ease. Iron, plus one other mineral, enables all of your blood to pass through your heart every three minutes!

Your lungs contain about one gallon of air when inflated. On average, we breathe in 1,200 breaths per hour, inhale 600 gallons of air per hour, and 24,000 gallons a day. Iron and oxygen are the wizards that perform this miracle.

When you are low in iron, thus oxygen-low, your body's biochemical response is to close skin pores and to draw your blood inward from the surface of your body, which enables vital organs – heart, lungs, stomach, brain – to continue to function. Toxins and body waste that should escape through the skin are turned inwards upon the inner organs, causing skin issues (psoriasis, eczema), respiratory tract issues (catarrh, mucous build up, pneumonia, inflammation of the pleural wall, etc.).

Iron phosphate gives toughness and strength to the walls of the veins, arteries and capillaries, thus, the remedy for clots and haemorrhages.

More good news

All of the following cases had a Live Blood Screening and did the mineral questionnaire online, and experienced marked health improvements after following their personalised treatment plan. Iron phosphate was part of their mineral prescription: middle ear infection, tinnitus, tooth ache, frequent chest infections, acute non-productive cough, sore lungs, post jab fever, chronic fatigue, aches, Aspergers', mood swings, irritable bowel, dark circles under eyes, breast feeding mum-mastitis, post-natal depression, dark circles under eyes, headaches, vertigo.

How are your iron (and other mineral) levels?

www.activeelements.com, username 259077, password: 579819

Book now: Ann Kerr-Bell, Natural Medical Centre, "The natural alternative for all your health requirements"

Library News

By Robynne Jones

Librarian

We would like to welcome two new volunteers to the library. A big thank you to Jeni Mudgway and Amy English for joining us as volunteers at the counter. Both of these ladies have added to our skill set here at the library and have picked up how to use the new system quite quickly, but please be patient with them as they continue to get to know the ins and outs of the system.

If we could encourage a couple more volunteers to join us it would be great as we are looking at ways to expand the services we can provide to the community. One of these services would be home delivery for those who are not able to get into the library for various reasons. So even if you don't know how to use a computer, more "man power" would be great so we can look at expanding our services.

A couple of good reads just in time for some Mothers' Day relaxation. You may like these new books, by new authors, that we have acquired this month.

The Midwife – Tricia Cresswell



A debut novel but a great historical fiction, *The Midwife* is perfect for fans of *The Familiars* and *The Binding*. It's 1838 and after a violent storm, a woman is found alone, naked and near death, on the Northumberland moors. She has no memory of who she is or how she got there. But she can remember how to help a woman in labour and how to expertly dress a wound, and can speak fluent French.

The Mother – Jane Caro



A psychological thriller set in Sydney, Australia about mothers and daughters. Recently widowed, Miriam Duffy is a respectable North Shore real estate agent and devoted mother and grandmother. She was thrilled when her younger daughter Ally married her true love, but as time goes by Miriam wonders whether all is well with Ally, as she moves to the country and gradually withdraws, finding excuses every time Miriam offers to visit.

I, Mona Lisa – Natasha Solomons



Another novel about women in history but this time in the art world. A lively, tender tale, the author gives the Mona Lisa her own voice and power, casting her as the narrator of the story. "Listen to my history. My adventures are worth hearing. I have lived many lifetimes and been loved by emperors, kings and thieves. I have survived kidnap and assault. Revolution and two world wars. But this is also a love story. And the story of what we will do for those we love."

Other new books on the shelf this month include some of our favourite authors like; Josephine Co, Katie Fford, JD Robb, Marion Keyes, Dona Leon, Daniel Steele, Sara Mass, Erica James and Harlan Coben.

Lastly it is with great sadness that we farewelled one of our new volunteers, Trevor Poultny, who passed away last month. Even though Trevor was new to Coromandel and volunteering at the library, he was already a great help to us in many ways, given his experience as an English teacher, librarian and a published author and poet, and we will miss his enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

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OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

May, 2022

Fast-track consent application can go ahead for Sugarloaf Wharf upgrade

Proposed – concept design.



An application to submit a resource consent application through the government's fast track process, to upgrade Te Arika Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf, has been granted.

The next step in that fast-track process is submitting the resource consent application to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The EPA will then review the application before recommending whether it then be considered by an independent expert panel, made up of RMA commissioners who will either approve or decline the

consent. The fast-track process takes several months.

"This is a very positive step for the project," says Coromandel-Colville Ward Councillor John Morrissey, who is one of our Council's two directors appointed to Te Arika Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf company, along with our Mayor Sandra Goudie. "If the application is approved, construction alone will generate more jobs, with much more employment in aquaculture and supporting industries generated once it's built."

The fast-track consent process is similar to that for the Kōpū Marine Precinct, which received its approval last month.

Our Council is an equal shareholder in Arika Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf Ltd with the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association and the Crown.

The upgrade is being funded by a \$19.95 million investment from the Provincial Growth Fund and a \$2 million grant from Waikato Regional Council's economic development fund.

tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi

COROMANDEL TOWN BYPASS ROAD

Our Council is proposing a bypass road around the centre of Coromandel Town and we want to know what you think.

The consultation will run from 16 May to 13 June, so make sure you go to tcdc.govt.nz/coromandeltownbypass or our service centre at 355 Kapanga Road in Coromandel Town for all the details and to make a submission.

Our research shows the need for a route to bypass the town centre, in order to reduce delays and improve resilience and safety, particularly during the peak summer season.

The proposed route crosses Council-owned land between SH25 and Woollams Ave instead of the original design which passed through land in private ownership and across prime developable land.



Maritime Facilities Bylaw consultation

Our wharves and boat ramps are used by commercial fishing operations, recreational boaties, boat tours, people fishing and kids doing bombs off a wharf.

We're rewriting our bylaw that regulates all these uses and we want to know what you think.

Consultation on our draft Maritime Facilities Bylaw opens on 6 May and runs until 10 June. Go to tcdc.govt.nz/maritimefacilitiesbylaw or to any of our Council service centres to have your say.



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chair Peter Pritchard

"The bypass road for Coromandel Town is the biggest project for the area since the town centre streetworks a few years ago. Your feedback on the proposed bypass route is important to shaping the final plan, which would then be considered for funding under the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan."

peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Tuateawa Road works – There will be traffic management in place, including temporary road closures, on Tuateawa Road in Little Bay through May while the drainage is renewed and a retaining wall is built. Check our website, Facebook page or subscribe to our email newsletters to keep up to date.

The Board's next meeting is on 10 May at 9am in the Board meeting room at 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town. If you wish to speak to the public forum, contact governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz. Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings where you'll also find agendas and minutes.

POWER OUTAGE ON 11 MAY

Powerco will be conducting a planned electricity outage that will affect Coromandel Town and immediate surrounds on 11 May from 8.30am-3.30pm. You can search your address on the Powerco website to see if it's affected: powerco.nz/planned-outage

Powerco says schools, medical centres and the Coromandel Town CBD will not be impacted by the outage. But our Council service centre at 355 Kapanga Rd will be closed as there is no back-up generator to power lights, heating or computers.



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

Hello everyone.

Some of you may already know that I am leaving. I will be moving back to Wellington where my children and grandchildren live. I must say it has been an amazing ride over the last nine years. If it wasn't for the Information Centre, I would not have met and made such wonderful friends; met and worked with local community groups and local business operators. I've had the pleasure of working with such a varied range of caring people.

There is a very special group of people who are very close to me and have supported me in my job and life here. They know who they are and hold a very special place in my heart.

I would also like to mention those who have helped in many ways over the years, including some who are no longer with us:

- Jeanette stood guard at the entrance door to meet and greet visitors so I could get on with the paperwork – always paperwork.
- Karen was our tech wiz and had no problem in querying my processes and decisions.
- Libby was one of our first tour guides and embraced the position with vigor.
- Dulcie Pepper provided so much information for us to get the Boom, Bust & Beyond tours off the ground. She spent hours with me one afternoon and then provided beautiful handwritten notes about our meeting.
- My dad, who passed away last year, had so many stories to tell about growing up in Coromandel 90 years ago.
- Con, who passed away a few years ago and before the tours actually began, helped with the creation of our heritage tour.
- Marie volunteered her time to the centre once a week. She was new to town but wanted to be involved and was such a vibrant lady.
- Margaret worked each summer on Saturdays during the busy season until they moved away to explore NZ.
- Liz and Warwick's knowledge for camping and the environment was amazing.
- Ray volunteered every Monday, loved meeting people and sharing his knowledge and love of our town.

Lastly, thanks go to some recent retirees: John, our first tour guide, who embraced the role and brought his own flavour of delivery; Jan, whose love of where she lives shone through; and Joan, both as a valued member of the team and for her fundraising abilities, which were second to none, especially with raffles.

The centre has come a long way since 2013 and continues to grow, to fulfill the needs of our amazing, vibrant community and businesses around town and further north. It is the place to come to for help and to find out what's going on – and long may it continue.

I cannot adequately thank everyone who made my time in Coromandel Town so special. I shall miss the people so much. But on the flip side, I now look forward to returning for holidays... as a tourist!

Thank you all again and I wish you all good health and happiness now and for the future.

Signing off for the last time...



Mana update

Written by Jade Ferrière

Our Easter Coming Home Retreat was a welcomed reminder of how important it is for us to take self-responsibility. For us to tend to our needs and to stop looking outside of ourselves for the answers we're seeking.

Although many of us yearn for validation, it is a nonessential need that has steered us away from our inner authority. We don't need someone else to tell us that what we're doing is worthy. We don't need permission from somebody else to slow down, or do it differently.

There is a common misconception that it is selfish or self-centred to prioritise oneself, especially in a culture where our value is often derived by our service to others. We are seldom rewarded for our ability to care for ourselves.

It is this conditioning that has inspired us to flip the narrative, from self-centred, to centred in self, in the hope that we can come to recognise the importance of the relationship we have with ourself and the integral need for us to prioritise it.

When we are centred in ourselves we can be more present, trusting, loving and supportive, to the people we care about, the work we do and the world around us. We have a greater capacity to meet the challenges and obstacles on our path.

We can come to realise that the relationship we have with ourselves is the most important relationship we have in this life and it is worth our dedication, discipline and commitment!

Our Coming Home Retreat made a point of giving people permission to prioritise themselves.

At the end of three days people were feeling lighter; more connected; trusting of themselves, of where they are in their process and of the world. They touched a sense of safety within them they didn't know existed, and discovered clarity and a deeper sense of knowing. They left feeling more confident in who they are and their ability to face the uncertainties of life.

It just takes courage and self-responsibility to make ourselves a priority. Somewhere deep down we know we deserve it.

As we contemplate the essential nature of this inner relationship we wonder if you too may make the effort to prioritise yourself? If you were to care for yourself the way you care for others, what is one thing you can do to nourish yourself today? With love from the Mana Team.

A Cup of tea & happy memories

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Budding Writers' Group

In the month of March this year the Writers Group met at beautiful Waitete Bay.

To the sound of the waves and the vista of the glorious we wrote our Impromptu topic pieces: "The Photograph Album". During this exercise we had 20 minutes to produce a finished piece of writing in any way we chose. Tracy's piece is shared to the right.

Books

Autobiographies: *In Order to Live* by Yeonmi Park, *Mrs Mike* by Benedict and Nancy Freedman, *Our Life on Ice: The Autobiography* by Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean, *Suburbanites, Something for the Birds* by Jacquelin Fahey, and *The Chancellor – The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* by Kati Marton.

Novels: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Kahled Hosseini and *The Last Days of Rabbit Hayes* by Anna McPartlin

Poetry: *Ducks' Ditty* poem by Kenneth Grahame, *Ng*, and *A Piggy Back Moon* book of poetry by Hone Tuwhare.

We shared our prepared writing topic given to us by Sue G written in the third person, and including the words: pattern, rain, fly and record.

If you would like to discover more about the writing group Contact Sue Gilmer
Ph: 021 0291 6056

Community Garden news

By Rachel Benmayor, coordinator

Winter is really on its way now after what has been a lovely autumn. We have winter vegies well on the way now – spring onions, an abundance of rocket, some late lettuce, carrots and cabbage. The Chilean Guava was prolific this year and a few people collected them for jelly and paste. If anyone out there would like to donate seeds for the garden for either next spring's crops or winter vegies, they would be much appreciated.

We are meeting on Friday mornings at the Community Gardens (beside Hauraki House) from 8.30-11am if anyone would like to join us. We welcome everyone!

Position: Permanent Part-Time School Administrator at Colville School



This is an exciting opportunity to work in a rural school community with a collaborative team and highly engaged students. The role is for 10 hours per week during term time and will start in Term 2 2022. The start date and days to be worked will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

The ideal candidate would have experience of working within an educational administration role and demonstrate a competency in:

- Communication and correspondence
- Maintaining resources
- Processing enrollments and attendance
- Finance and banking
- Processing payroll

Please contact the School Principal to find out more about the role and request an application pack - principal@colville.school.nz tel 07 866 6815 mob 021 091 20434.

Applications Close 4pm Friday 20th May.

Inquiries by phone or email are warmly welcome.

The Photo Album

By Tracy Kendall

I looked hard at the photo in the old brown leathered album and wondered how old my mother was in this photo. Perhaps around 55 years. It depicts a smiling, attractive, auburn-haired lady, her arm resting on the window of the car, the other on the steering wheel. Her face, while calm, has a demeanour of excitement, as though driving is something she loves to do, or is it more the destination she is headed to? I will never know this, because the woman in the photograph cannot tell me. Her language cruelly robbed by the brain disease, has been reduced to jargon, the mumbo jumbo that is Alzheimer's. I glance at my mother lying in the hospital bed. Mum lies passively, mute in the bed, one hand draped on the white coverlet, the other plucking meaninglessly at something in the air that I cannot see, but apparently, she can.

I get up and slip my mother's name tag out of the holder on the door of her room. I replace the name tag with the photograph of my mother driving the car. I want everyone to know that my mother once was this smiling, beautiful, independent lady who could go places, anywhere she wanted really.

I recall my mother learning to drive, perhaps a few years before this photo was taken. She hadn't been a natural driver, and my engineer father had grown a few grey



Tracy's mum

hairs teaching her. She had scraped the car on a hump-backed stone bridge in the Lakes district where we lived, and he had been frustrated by her lack of apparent natural ability to drive. But that driving had allowed her the freedom she craved, to go places, visit people, play her games of whist, and do her shopping.

Startled out of my reverie, I hear my mother mumble, and I return to her bedside and stroke her forehead gently, "You were once a bit of a goer, weren't you mum" I say with humour in my voice. Mum replies with her jargon, and I sigh heavily.

As I head out the door, to leave and go back to my office, I glance again at the photo on the door. I, too need reminding that this smiling, beautiful lady was once a strong and independent woman, with her own hopes and dreams. "Goodbye Mum" I call out softly, as I leave, see you next time.



Trade Assistant Entry to an apprenticeship

Based in Whitianga, Perfect Air is seeking an additional trade assistant with development opportunities within the Refrigeration and Air-conditioning trade.

Working Coromandel wide, we are looking for a keen individual who is ready to learn. The full time position will see you assisting our trade's people with all facets of the trade including equipment maintenance, installation and repairs.

You must be health and safety conscious as this is our first priority. You must have a full clean driver's licence and a proven track record of using hand and power tools with an eye for detail. You will be capable of operating our jobbing and IT systems and have quality record and time keeping skills. You will be fit and able to climb ladders, lift objects and work in confined spaces, and spaces at high and low temperatures

The role consists of the installation, service, repairs and maintenance of commercial and industrial refrigeration, air conditioning and ventilation equipment. We also supply, install and service domestic heat pumps with access to the best brands and supplier training.

If this sound like you please email your cover letter and CV to:

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Hotspot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

Callouts in March

- 2 x MVA car vs car
- Car in river – persons trapped
- Car over bank – person injured
- Police incident
- Medical alerts – cardiac arrest
 - Ambulance assist
 - Helicopter landing zone
- Scrub fire
- Ship fire Coro harbour

A busy month and a very big change from the past two Covid years. A variation all contributes to the team knowledge and reinforces the reasons why we train in such variety.

It's still really dry out there despite the fire ban being lifted, so please be careful and only light when conditions are suitable and safe.

Escape My House Challenge

1. Blindfold yourself in a closed off room and spin around until you're disoriented.
2. If you have TikTok, find the right music track, hit record and get yourself and anyone who may need help to the first way out before the track ends. If you're not using TikTok, just use your regular phone video function and set a timer for one minute.
3. Escape your house (remember to get down low!) and gather at your outside meeting place.
4. Post the challenge to TikTok with #EscapeMyHouseChallenge and encourage your followers to test themselves, and head over to www.escapemyhouse.co.nz to make a 3-Step-Escape Plan.

Sky Tower Challenge

It's back again, our annual fundraiser for Child Cancer and the Leukaemia Foundation. Please support us in this most serious health issue. It would appear that neither age nor gender is a factor as it can affect both children and adults. Once again, we will have a team climbing the Sky Tower.

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Sharon Currie

At the end of March we had our second tutored class for this year. Jill Wilson was our tutor and she was teaching Gold Work Beetles. This is a stumpwork technique perfected by Jane Nicholas who is an author and teacher on stumpwork embroidery. Jill has done a class with Jane and had her permission to teach these beetles which are stitched in various types of gold thread that give a very rich and jewelled appearance to the embroidery and because they are not large, the skills to stitch them were achievable in a two-day class. Jill is an excellent teacher and I as one of her students learnt a lot and thank Jill for all of her knowledge and help, especially when it came to threading needles for those of us who were challenged by this.

Our meeting this month was held at the Bowling Club Rooms as our usual rooms were unavailable due to being painted. This was a nice change and as usual the ladies on duty provided us with a lovely morning tea. Our display table had some beautiful finished gold beetles to be admired as well as the Deruta Italian embroidery technique. After our meeting members stitched away at either their own projects or continued



with the monthly work stream project called "An Italian Love Affair".

This month's embroidery is called Canusina and has its origins in the province of Reggio Emilia in northern Italy. This embroidery used mainly stem stitch which is used in all types of embroidery. Stitching together is a relaxing way to spend the afternoon catching up with members.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 4 May** at the St John rooms.

Contact Win McMinn
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Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

Many of us will have visited and enjoyed the Easter Exhibition at Hauraki House. It is always an excellent opportunity to absorb the creative flow of this group of mainly Coromandel potters and sculptors. This year I especially enjoyed the exhibition which had a vital energy of reconnecting; all were welcome. There was (for me at least) a sense of a long, slow outbreath of relief that our community is coming back together. Mike O'Donnell had an extensive installation titled, Te Timotanga Hou, New Beginnings. Even as the summer season winds down into winter, I have that sense that this is an opportunity for our new beginning here.

We can sail along easily, but then storms or divisions come, and there is a grief of devastation, loss, exclusion. New beginnings come gently, out of the pain and maybe rage. What grows after the difficulty has a gravitas and a heart depth greater than before, if we are open to that as individuals and a community. What would or could this look like, I wonder? The Coromandel clay used by the potters and sculptors is highly valued. So, too, we need to value the earth, the whenua, our life-source, our nurturing mother. We may not all be sculptors, but we can all get our hands into the earth, into the dirt, back to basics, growing and eating our produce, even if only a few herbs in a wee bed. The earth herself will support and settle us within, and we can learn about seasons and how all things arise, and pass.

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

My encouragement is that we use the quieter winter season to let the new possibilities of this beginning be rooted within.

I am taking a break from Soup and Sitting for the winter. My home is still open for meditation or conversation through the autumn. If you are interested or concerned, call me. Do call if you would like to chat about meditation or finding calm in an anxious time.

Let's see what emerges in the springtime!

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An invitation to look deeper

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith

Are you experiencing body pain and ill health?

Are you experiencing stress in your body with tension in the shoulders and back; or tightness in the body? Are your thoughts negative or judgemental?

Are your financial circumstances worsening and you feel like you're not in control?

Is there constant change and restructuring at work causing you anxiety?

Do you want to be a good person but are finding it harder and harder to relate to people?

These symptoms are manifestations of deeper issues many of us are currently suffering from.

Life is full of many unknowns and this is a time when many are becoming aware of "Talking the Talk" but not so good at "Walking the Talk!"

Let's look a little deeper.

Did you know that inner peace is important to good health? Peace and health are so closely intertwined that we cannot have one without the other.

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There are three consciousness laws of chaos and order. The first is that one's state is responsible for either chaos or order.

Is your brain attracted to the negative?

Most people are attracted, or habituated, to some negative emotions and many are unaware of this.

For millions of years our brains have been trained this way to ensure survival. But our mental health today is being affected because of this very habit.

There are three common mistakes that cause people to turn an emotion into a habit. One is anger related states like irritation or frustration that can express as road rage, for example. These are habits that must be broken.

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Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



Now that the international borders are opening up I'm hopeful that we will start to see some foreign tourists in our region. Long weekends help to bring Kiwis from across the country to our region, but we really need the boost that international travellers can provide. It's been a really tough couple of years for our local hospitality industry and I'm sure they're ready to welcome everyone back to the Coromandel. Hopefully the reopening of the borders will also be a sign to people that it's safer to get out and about again.

Like many New Zealanders, every Anzac Day I wake in the early hours to participate in the dawn and then the civic services. This year I attended the services in Paeroa and Thames to remember the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. These sacrifices have been reinforced as we watch the carnage unfolding in Eastern Europe. The scenes of civilians trapped in a warzone is a sombre reminder of the all-encompassing nature of war and the horrors that it inflicts on everyone and everything.

The scale of global conflicts can be dehumanising, but the commemorative efforts of those who remain ensures the human experience is not lost amongst the sheer weight of statistics. It's always a highlight to see the moments after the official ceremonies when people share stories and reminisce about the wartime service of their families.

Anzac Day services are forever linked with the Gallipoli landings and the two World Wars, but the passage of time has seen a greater emphasis on veterans from more recent conflicts. It's a reminder that Anzac Day commemorations evolve over time and our younger generations have a huge influence on these remembrance services.

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Chopper lifts off for another mission



Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman,
Trustee CRHT

The Auckland Regional Helicopter flew a total of 25 missions to the Coromandel Peninsula for March, of which eight were to the western (Coromandel Town) side of the hill.

Missions for March

- 7.3.22 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 70’s suffering a fall while walking. She needed to be winch extracted and was flown to Waikato Hospital in a minor condition.
- 7.3.22 Kereta – Whitianga crew tasked to Kereta to assist a male patient in his 40’s suffering from a 60kg object falling on him. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.
- 16.3.22 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 60’s suffering a fall. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.
- 18.3.22 Manaia – Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a patient.
- 18.3.22 Manaia – Crew tasked to Manaia to assist a second patient.
- 26.3.22 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 20’s involved in a head-on motor vehicle accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.
- 26.3.22 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a patient suffering a medical complaint. Crew was stood down and returned to base.
- 26.3.22 Waikawau – Crew tasked to Waikawau to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

Unfortunately, the chopper is back at Ardmore; Covid has knocked out a lot of the Auckland crew. At the time of writing, it does not look good for an Easter deployment.

The pad for the new Jet A1 fuel tank is ready, but guess what – the tank has been delayed first by a shortage of paint pigment, and then by Covid depleted fit-out staff. It now looks as if it will arrive by the end of April. Keep your fingers and everything else crossed for that! Then power to be connected, a concrete path to be constructed and a fortnight for commissioning, that is, “ironing out the bugs!”

The new website is well underway, and all things being equal, will be up and running by the end of April. This will be much more user-friendly, and much better for making donations. In the meantime, you can donate through internet banking to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust – 03-1578-0116338-001, with your name and “donation” as a reference. Or phone me and I will collect. All donations gratefully received. A receipt will be issued. Please remember donations are tax deductible and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required.

Have a safe and healthy month.

Nigel Strongman 022 670 1549

Taichi for health

With Christina

Taichi is not simply about learning the form (from one posture to another). Master Huang Xingxian said “when you have learned the movements of the whole taichi form, you have only discovered the pathway leading to the door of taichi”. In our class, we learn and practice external movements which include relaxing exercises and short form, as an aid to experience the internal process, which is a refining process following taichi principles. This can take our life long to achieve. Calmness (cultivating an acute awareness of our body), stillness (not a wandering mind), relaxation (letting go of tension) and sinking (connecting to the energy of the earth) are the four key elements to consideration in the movement. Substantial and insubstantial are the aspects of yin and yang on distribution of our body weight during the transition. Practice without taichi principles is empty form.

Christina’s weekly taichi classes in Coromandel Town are on Wednesdays at 4pm at Waikato Events Centre (above swimming pool) and in Coville on Mondays at 4.10pm at Colville Hall. The fee is \$20 for three consecutive sessions; \$10 for a casual visit.

There is free taichi practice outdoors (weather permitting) for class members in Coromandel Town at 8.30 to 9.30am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact me for details.

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

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown

Kia ora whanau, we have had a very busy time at school so far this year. We thought we would share with you some awesome writing that has happened over Term 1. Enjoy!

Room 1's imaginative stories:

A giraffe jumped over the moon and the shark jumped over the moon. By Nathan

The butterfly was getting some nectar, it was really busy and it is my pet. By Olivia

The unicorn jumped over rainbows. By Meah

I went on a whale. By Kees

The Kraken took the ship down to the bottom of the sea and used it for his house.

By Tai

I am a super hero, I can fly. By Zoe

The Apple writing by Room 2:

The red apple is tasty and yummy. – Talia
It feels bumpy and smooth. It tastes sweet. – Amira

I love the apple and it tastes like an egg. – Honour

The apple is yummy and I like the apple! – James

It feels bumpy. It looks red. It tastes sweet. – Lucy

It tastes sweet like a lolly. – Isaiah

The apple was sugary. It was yummy. – Remmi

Writing by Room 3 all about waterfalls

Waterfalls are very wet. The biggest is Angel waterfall. Waterfalls come from rain. Rain goes on cliffs. Waterfalls make lots of sound. Splash! A small waterfall leads to small streams. Now you know about waterfalls!

– By Tegan

The biggest waterfall is Angel waterfall. Waterfalls are vertical. Waterfalls are made of rocks. Waterfalls fall into a pool, or a river, or a stream. Rocks make shelter and make a new waterfall. Water from a river falls down a cliff. Rain makes rocks soft.

– By Tai

Room 4 Writing Zeeka's Adventure

(Zeeka is our school therapy dog)

Zeeka was in her cottage then she went outside. There she saw a skyscraper, and the Sky Tower. She thinks to herself, "I would like to go to the top of the Sky Tower."

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She walks to the tower and sees a sign that says 'No Dogs'. So she sneaks past the people waiting to go in and enters the elevator. She hides in the corner so no one notices her. When she comes out at the top she is wearing the guard's uniform and standing on two feet. She's in disguise.

Zeeka sees an aeroplane flying like superman past the window and thinks she'd like to catch a ride. She uses her claws to cut a hole in the glass and leaps onto the engine of the plane. While holding on she sees a Dog Catcher sign on the side of the plane. Oh no! She doesn't want to be on the plane anymore

so she jumps back through the hole in the Sky Tower. Phew! She's safe.

She goes back to her cottage. That was a great adventure. The next day was Christmas. She had lots of presents. Her favourite present was a bean bag! And a chew toy! and lots more. – By Jed and Tyler

Thanks for reading, we hope you enjoyed some of our EPIC writing and that it brought you some joy. We are now looking forward to an EPIC Term 2 at CAS!

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie

We were pleased to reach the end of Term 1 after a tumultuous term dealing with the impact of Covid-19 on the school community. We had around 50 children and three staff test positive and many more self-isolating at home in early April. Some days there were only 10 children in class, so we are looking for a more normal learning time during Term 2. Despite all of this, we did have some fun and interesting events over the last few weeks of term.

Annemieke Kregting from the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue Trust came to school to release a Kahu (harrier hawk) that had been found injured in a Te Rerenga paddock. It was exhausted and undernourished but with her care and from volunteers such as Milan in Year 6, it had been brought back to strength enough for it to be released back into the environment. She also brought along a kereru that had also been cared for and was ready for release.

The relaxation of the numbers of people in an outside gathering meant we were able to welcome back all parents on site as spectators during our school Triathlon. This was a fun event where the children ran, swam and completed an obstacle course.

In other extra curricular learning, the children have enjoyed sporting sessions with Dave Hopai and Geoff Horton, along with our annual visit from Mike and the Life Education Caravan, and getting back into Nature School at Opera Point.

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New “Adventure group”: we are changing our focus for students school years 6-10, with Friday night activities now being once a month. We are offering an offsite activities-based session on Mondays after school. Starting **Monday 2 May**, we will be treasure hunting, kayaking, biking and fishing. To register your child, volunteer as a parent helper or if you can offer a suitable activity for 10-14-year-olds on a Monday afternoon, please contact us by emailing coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com. During open hours you can phone (07) 866 7061 or drop in at Hauraki House.

This programme is made possible with kind donations received & grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Star & Garter Hotel, TCDC Community Grants, Bizarre Community Grants, Thank you! If you would like to donate, please see our [givealittle](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/coromandel-youth-group) page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/coromandel-youth-group> or contact us directly



Colville School

By Susie Sumner, Principal

Ako, to teach and to learn at Colville School.

The Colville tamariki were definitely be ready for a well-earned holiday break! We have been learning and playing sports all term. The Kiwi Hoops basketball has been a great success. David Hopoi has taught the students foundation skills and small games that they can play in PE lessons or at break times. Matthew from Sista Smash cricket drove all the way from Hamilton to teach us some cricket skills. We had a fun afternoon playing games to learn cricket skills. Being a small rural school we work hard to ensure that our students have opportunities to play sports and be active in our community.

Through our Education Outside the Classroom opportunities (EOTC) we have all learnt a lot about resilience, challenge and hard mahi. One of the special EOTC events was a triathlon. This was designed and run by the students. All of our tamariki crossed the finish line of the Colville Triathlon with a smile on their face and all of our tamariki challenged themselves to run, bike and swim. As a staff we have noticed the determination and focus the event has given our tamariki to practice skills and increase their fitness levels. We are looking to build on this learning in Term 2 with our EOTC activities. Thank you to all the whānau who came to support from the other side of the fence!



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- Inspirational visits to galleries, exhibitions or artists' studios
- Working alongside and sharing ideas with others working in a similar field – or with others doing something completely different.
- “Process” – A September exhibition of works created during the programme.

Shared Studios has a home base each winter from late May to September at the Art Room at Hauraki House in Coromandel Town. Participating artists book time slots of a few days and work alongside each other in twos or threes – always small numbers to facilitate both quiet work and relevant artistic sharing of ideas.

Participant contribution: \$60.

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Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Our club has been ticking along with only four or five members turning up each week. Sadly, we said goodbye to Chris Tryon last week. She has moved to Christchurch to be closer to family. We had a small morning tea for her and then last week we had a farewell luncheon at Wharf Road. We all miss her already but wish her well in her new adventure.

Our club membership is slowly shrinking and we are in need of more members so if you are interested in pastel painting and would like to join a friendly, encouraging group, we would welcome you. For enquiries please phone Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Saskia Reimersma (07) 866 8829

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Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

By the time you read this I hope you will have seen and admired Jim Davis in his solo performance as Danny Moffat, in Tom Scott's, "The Daylight Atheist". If you have not, you have missed something special.

All of us associated with the production consider ourselves fortunate to have been in the theatre as, over many weeks, Jim brought all those cruel, loathsome features and the caring ones of this character, to life. Thank you, from the team, Jim.

Great news regarding our next production. We are planning to bring to the stage a play written by local author Brooke Dennehy Lakin, titled "The Wedding Dress". Brooke describes below.

The Wedding Dress

By Brooke Dennehy Lakin

Coromandel Players presents: The Wedding Dress, a musical play written, composed and to be directed by Coromandel local Brooke Dennehy Lakin. This comedy-drama, suitable for all ages, is centred around a wedding dress as it is prepared for a wedding celebration where it will be worn for the third time within the family. Secrets, surprises, and suspicions are revealed as the dress is slowly tailored to suit the bride and the changing traditions of the family.

To bring this play to the stage, we are looking for nine actors/actresses to fill the following roles: Tailor (M or F, 40+), Delila (F, 45-60), Eloise (F, 20-35), Cassandra (F, 30-40), Lottie (F, 20-35), Philip (M, 45-65), Fox (M, 40-60), Dorothea (F, 70+), and Nona (F, 70). A strong singing voice is not a necessity but a plus.

We will be meeting at 4pm on **Sunday 1 May** at Hauraki House Theatre with all interested people to discuss the play, the roles, and to hear the music! Auditions will be the week following, time TBC, **Sunday 8 May** in Hauraki House Theatre.

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Coromandel Art Group

Miriam painting at Karaka Stream

by Val Gray

We have made the most of the good weather, and painted out on location whenever possible. We spent a beautiful morning at James's farm beach at Te Kouma. What a magical place that is, with a painting waiting to be done whichever way you look.

We also spent a morning closer to home at Karaka Stream. It is a real little shady oasis in the middle of town, and with the stream, rocks, shadows and reflections, what more could you ask for?

On 7 April, we went to Marg Moore's farm on Te Kouma Road. This is another place just asking to be painted, with its old kauri barns and stockyards, not to mention the view across the bay.

When you paint out it is often quite daunting to look at the vast view in front of you and wonder where to start and where to end. That is when "less is more"... just try a small area, maybe the headland or a stand of trees to begin with, and use your viewfinder to cut out the stuff around the edges.

New members are welcome. We meet from 9am-12pm at St Andrews Church Hall on Rings Road every Thursday. Ring Lindsay on (07) 866 7799 to find out more

Thames Music Group Concerts

Thames Music Group is very pleased (under the Covid orange light setting), to offer concerts in Thames once more. Our members and folk new to the Coromandel are looking forward this year to a great variety of performers at our Free Friday Lunchtime Concerts, and our full programme Sunday concerts all held at St George's Church. We were fully booked with performers for 2022 (March to November) and we are now booking performers for 2023.

Of course the concerts for March and April of this year had to be cancelled due to the Covid red light restriction.

Aroha String Quartet
On **Sunday 15 May** we present Aroha String Quartet with Rachel Vernon, NZSO Clarinet.

Aroha String Quartet: Haihong Liu and Anne Loeser – violins, Zhongxian Jin – viola, Robert Ibell – cello.

In this programme we feature the clear, pure sound of the clarinet. Rachel Vernon, NZSO Principal Bass Clarinet, joins us for two of the best-loved works in the chamber music repertoire: the gorgeous clarinet quintets by Mozart and Brahms. The middle work in this programme is a beautiful arrangement for clarinet and string quartet of Astor Piazzolla's "Oblivion".

Acclaimed as demonstrating "accomplished brilliance, soulfulness and sublime intensity in perfect balance and tonal unity" (The Dominion Post), the Aroha String Quartet is firmly established as one of New Zealand's finest chamber music ensembles.

Founded in 2004, this versatile Wellington-based quartet is known for its passionate musicality, impressive technique, and multicultural innovation.

The Aroha Quartet is committed to presenting string quartet works from western classical and avant-garde repertoire to traditional Chinese folk music, as well as works



Aroha Quartet with Rachel Vernon

for larger forces through collaborations with numerous high-profile musicians.

The Aroha Quartet performs regularly around NZ in centres from the Deep South to the Far North.

About Rachel Vernon – Clarinet

Rachel Vernon has held the position of Principal Bass Clarinet in the NZSO since 1995. She has recorded for Radio New Zealand and Re-Sounz and performed as a soloist with the Wellington Chamber Orchestra and the Manawatu Sinfonia.

Rachel studied in London with Antony Pay and freelanced with orchestras including Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Scottish Opera Orchestra. She was Sub-Principal Clarinet with the NZSO from 1989-1991.

In 2016 Rachel joined the Zephyr Wind Quintet in a series of concerts featuring NZ composers including the premiere of a new work by Leonie Holmes.

Free Lunchtime Concert

Friday 27 May – Free lunchtime concert – Waikato Conservatorium of Music students at St George's Church.



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te taiao ENVIRONMENT

Predator Free New Zealand

Funding injection boosts efforts of 13 predator free community groups across NZ, including local Coromandel group Habitat Tuatēawa.

Today we've awarded \$50,000 in funding to 13 predator free community groups, which will be used to kickstart new backyard communities and help existing groups expand their progress.

Tackling north Coromandel's booming stoat population

Habitat Tuatēawa has a 24-year history of trapping in the area. Thanks to their dedicated efforts, the region is home to a robust dusk and dawn bird chorus. In fact, it's a tremendous source of local pride that countless visitors travel to Tuatēawa just to see and hear the birdlife.

However, a recent boom in stoat sightings has led to growing concerns that years of hard work may now be in jeopardy. With their newly granted funding injection from Predator Free New Zealand Trust, Habitat Tuatēawa is now confident they can significantly ramp up their efforts – and say goodbye to their unwanted stoats.

The group will use the funding to build on existing community support and increase trap coverage within the Tuatēawa settlement. Their goal is to have a trap in one in every three backyards and to establish a trap library.

Environmental good – and social good

The group says the funding will have other benefits to the local community – in addition to ridding the area of stoats and other introduced predators.

They believe that enhanced dialogue with landowners through their expanded backyard trapping programme will lead to a more connected community, because now neighbours have an important reason to talk and get to know each other.

Are you a local interested in getting involved? Join the Habitat Tuatēawa website.

The Predator Free New Zealand Trust was established in 2013 to connect and energise all New Zealanders towards a predator-free Aotearoa New Zealand to enable our native species to thrive. Our goal is to have a trap in every 5th backyard in towns, suburbs and neighbourhoods in Aotearoa New Zealand who want to make their community predator-free

McGregor Bay Wetland

By Pamela Grealey

Earth Day – what does it mean

On 22 April the 52nd annual Earth Day was held. This day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in the US when a number of disparate environmental groups came together in 1970 to promote public consciousness about air and water pollution.

In 1990 the movement went global and over the following decades, www.earthday.org has brought hundreds of millions of people into the environmental movement, creating opportunities for civic engagement and volunteerism in 193 countries.

The theme of Earth Day this year is Invest In Your Planet. It's going to take all of us to make the necessary changes and we're being asked to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably).

As individuals, we have the simple yet effective power to make our voices heard through our choices, our civic actions, and our personal interactions. What each of us does, and how we do it, has a huge ripple effect on our ecosystems, and on the pace of corporate and government action.

So let's get out and hug a tree (or better yet, plant a few), support wetland restoration or change the brands we buy to those that practice sustainability. Together we can make a difference, not just on Earth Day, but every day.

Wilding pine control

By Denis Tegg, Thames Coromandel's elected representative on Waikato Regional Council

Waikato Regional Council has started wilding pine control in new locations at Opito Bay and Whenuakite in the Coromandel Peninsula, with work already completed at Black Jack Reserve where 34,000 wilding pines were hand sawn, hand pulled or chemically treated.

Work has also been completed on AhuAhu/Great Mercury Island, and control work continues on the Matarangi Bluff Scenic Reserve.

The funding for the control work in Opito Bay and other parts of the Kūaotunu Peninsula was applied for by Kūaotunu Peninsula Trust with support from the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association, Project Kiwi Trust and Rings Beach Wetland Group. In Whenuakite, the control sites are on a total of about 108 hectares of private land in Boat Harbour Road

These volunteer groups do outstanding and back-breaking work to control wilding pines which are a huge threat to biodiversity and the primary sector.

If nothing is done to control them, within 30 years they will have taken over significant parts of New Zealand's iconic landscapes and unique natural habitats.

Wilding pines spread prolifically from seed and grow fast to form a dense canopy which shades the forest floor, killing and preventing the growth of all other plant species and displacing the habitat of native animal species.

Also, more needs to be spent on fire prevention and wilding pines are a threat to waterways, because they can reduce water flow into rivers by 30-40 per cent.

The Coromandel Peninsula has many iconic New Zealand native species, including Coromandel brown kiwi, kākā, long-tailed bats and kauri. Wilding pine control also presents potential risk to these species through disturbance, so Regional Council has surveyed the sites for their presence and has strict procedures in place where they exist.

No wilding pines will be felled where kākā or kiwi are nesting or bats roosting – control will be by drill and fill – and clean hygiene protocols for kauri protection will be carried out by contractors working near kauri.

To find out more about the community projects in the Waikato go to waikatoregion.govt.nz/wilding-pines. Read the government's strategy here www.wildingconifers.org.nz/assets/Uploads/2014-new-zealand-wilding-conifer-management-strategy-3.pdf

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te taiao ENVIRONMENT continued

Waiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary (WHAMS)

By John Veysey

We have been admirers of New Zealand's birds of prey for a very long time. These birds live at the very top of the food chain, for which they should be respected and revered as they are by the rest of the bird kingdom.

They kill to eat, no meat is wasted. A pair of falcon will bring back a dead bird every half hour when the chicks are clamouring for food. And this is the time when the poisoners spread their poison.

Some of these poisons take a day to kill, some take weeks to kill.

Fatally poisoned animals travelled around for weeks after poison has been spread. These toxic animals are taken by birds of prey. The birds of prey feeding hungry young naturally take the food which is most easily taken, the toxic animals stumbling around in their last days of life. The poisoners have deliberately provided toxic food when it is most needed. Baiting carcasses to kill birds of prey is

illegal in all EU states where there is a strong commitment to preserving their wildlife. NZ has lessons to learn about respect for our wildlife. Poisoning and respect for wild life are opposing concepts. You can't have both.

Local enviro-groups that are incapable of trapping possums are baiting carcasses to kill our most admired native birds and they are doing it knowingly.

The Waiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary was established when the first pine trees were harvested in the Waiau valley. Since then, we have been deluged with attempts by the Department of Conservation and Waikato Regional Council to poison the area.

Our community's resistance has, so far, been successful. These two government departments have given the job of "selling" poison to enviro-groups. So long as enviro-groups promote the use of poisons, they are assured of funding.

The hawk is the most lethal predator of birds still in existence on the Peninsula.

Pairs of falcons have lived on the Coromandel but disappear with each new poisoning. A successful drive to make our environment "predator-free" means that our

sanctuary along the Waiau river will be bereft of its birds, its hawks, its moreporks, its kingfishers. We are not going to support such a drive and we ask all landowners to refuse the use of poison on their lands.

Our sanctuary now faces a determined drive to spread more poison from a recently (2018) formed group calling themselves "Predator-Free". Predator-Free tells us that poisoning provides more jobs: "administration, organisation, monitoring, IT support, financial management, writing funding applications, creating plans, social media"; if there were no poisoning, none of these support jobs would be necessary.

If you are thinking of surrendering the control of wildlife on your private land to some outside agency please make sure, for your own and for your neighbour's sake, to avoid all of the poisoning groups in our area: Department of Conservation, Forest and Bird, Waikato Regional Council, Moehau Environment Group, Habitat Tuatē, Animal Health Board, Project Kiwi, QE 2, Mahakirau Forest Estate and Te Are Hou, Kennedy Bay Ltd.

MEG

By Amy Lendrum

Waikawau Bay Wetland – a Coromandel coastal gem

A decades-long project to "bring back the birds" has transformed the Waikawau Bay wetland into an area that is a safe habitat for birdlife including rare and at-risk species.

Part privately owned, part public conservation land and council reserve, the wetland project has been a labour of love for many people and agencies who have worked together to achieve a habitat where native birdlife is thriving.

Wetlands are important ecosystems to the birds, fish, plants and invertebrates that are adapted to wet conditions and rely on wetland environments for survival. Wetlands can improve water quality and play a role in reducing the impact of floods in coastal areas such as Waikawau by "absorbing" large water volumes. But according to the NZ Wetland Trust, less than 10% of New Zealand's wetlands remain.

Waikawau Bay wetland is a large freshwater and estuarine intertidal swamp. With wetland areas rare in the Coromandel Peninsula, as they are across New Zealand, Waikawau Bay wetland is an extremely valuable part of the ecosystems of the rohe.

Since 2008, MEG volunteers and trappers have been protecting this special environment with ongoing predator trapping usually every three weeks across 75ha of land. The comprehensive trapping



regime of over 250 individual traps mostly targets rats, with additional trapping for feral cats, stoats and ferrets. DOC also undertakes some stoat, ferret and cat trapping around the perimeter of the wetland.

Each month we review the catch from our trapping and increase the frequency of trapping if the rat catch goes up, to stop them getting out of control. Every three months we undertake monitoring of rat numbers using tracking tunnels (Small Mammal Indexing) with the target of keeping rat numbers below 5%. If the threshold is exceeded, then we have a bait station network where toxin can be used for rat population explosions.

During trapping rounds our trappers are seeing and hearing mātātā/fernbirds throughout the entire wetland. Annual bird surveys were undertaken from 2008-2016 and identified populations of mātātā (fernbirds), moho pererū (banded rail), pūweto (spotless crane), pateke (NZ brown teal), tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel), torea-pango (variable oystercatcher) and even the rare and elusive matuku (bittern). We are excited to begin bird surveys again this year to see the impacts of our mahi. We did surveys in 2019/2020 for matuku and were thrilled to find that birds were present in the wetland at breeding time in both years. Matuku are sometimes encountered as our trappers undertake their trapping rounds.

The efforts of everyone involved in this longterm project have been a huge benefit to the wildlife in the wetland.

So if you are quiet enough next time you visit the wetland area, listen out for the distinctive "u-tick" call of the elusive mātātā, or try and catch a glimpse of a secretive matuku, or watch the flocks of pateke making their presence felt across the wetland.

Have a great month everyone!

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We rely on nature, yet it can only help us cope with the impacts of climate change and benefit our wellbeing if we take decisive action to restore and maintain its healthy state. Forest & Bird is best known for its advocacy and activities on land, but it is equally engaged in the protection and restoration of our marine environment.

It has been a good summer for beach-goers and boaters this year – long periods of calm sunny weather and high water temperatures in the sea. However, be careful you don't get what you wish for – what might be enjoyable in the short-term for

people isn't necessarily that good for marine life and is likely to lead to longer-term adverse effects for us all, as warming seas will result in continuing changes in our local marine environment.

Many of our most familiar local marine species, especially shellfish, have adapted over thousands of years to thrive within a stable band of water temperatures. As water temperatures creep higher at the peak of summer and the sea stays warmer for longer every year, our mussels, oysters and other shellfish will struggle to cope with heat stress. We are already seeing the economic effects of climate change on the marine environment – the Marlborough Sounds is becoming an increasingly marginal environment for farming salmon, which is essentially a cool water species. Added to heat stress is the increasing acidification of

the ocean, brought about by warmer water changing the balance of carbonate and bicarbonate ions in the water, making it harder for shellfish and crustaceans to form their shells.

Previous reports to the Hauraki Gulf Forum have

chronicled the declining state of Tikapa Moana and its wildlife, due to sediment loading from agricultural and industrial activities, habitat loss, pollution and other human-induced causes. The government has already released an ambitious plan Revitalising the Gulf, to address the declining health of the Hauraki Gulf, and will shortly be releasing its implementation plan for Te Mana o te Taiao, the government's Biodiversity Strategy to protect and restore nature. The recently-published *Environment Aotearoa 2022* State of the Environment report for New Zealand is a further reminder that nature will help and protect our society and economy, but only if we do a lot more to protect nature first.

Forest & Bird's Chief Executive Kevin Hague says it's vital that the government's implementation plan for Te Mana o te Taiao has the breadth and ambition to turn around the depressing statistics on the state of our natural environment on land and in the sea. "There needs to be real, sustained, and properly resourced environmental action – a genuine and combined effort from all government departments and industries – to create the wellbeing that our unique plants and animals desperately need, which will in turn benefit us all."

Upper Coromandel Conservation News

By Reihana Robinson, Māori environmental activist, on behalf of mentioned conservation groups

Māori Women Lead the Struggle as Rāhui Gains Support

Conservationists on the upper Coromandel are joining forces to back iwi demands for a halt to pending 1080 poison operations on their sacred mountain.

The sanctuary and landcare groups have stated their support for a rāhui placed on Moehau mountain by Rangatira Frances Henare of Rongo-Ū. Rongo-Ū and the hapu of Te Pa-tu-ta-tahi iwi are mana whenua of Moehau mountain at the northern tip of the Coromandel Peninsula.

The Department of Conservation has announced an extensive aerial poisoning operation on Moehau for May or June.

Frances Henare has declared, "The rāhui is enacted to protect the wairua, the mauri and the wellbeing of Moehau. Toxic chemicals are not permitted to be used in our sacred area. We have never given consent to DOC. We will no longer be silenced and if DOC persists in denying us our right to object, it will prove to be their downfall."

Vice Chair of the Ngāti Huarere ki Whangapoua Trust Wanda Brljevič said the trust is "unanimously opposed to the (1080) drop on Moehau. We support humane toxins like cyanide if absolutely necessary. Otherwise, hunting and trapping is our preference for pest and predator control."

In Harataunga Kennedy Bay, the Mihihara Harrison Whānau Trust's Sally Mihihara Steedman said, "We fully support the current rāhui placed over our maunga tapu Moehau against the continued use of poisons. You cannot poison the whenua back to health. The only beneficiaries from poison are the manufacturers of it and the scurrilous and unscrupulous users of it. Poison has no land and no mana."

Local Coromandel conservation groups joining the call to respect the rāhui include the Harataunga/Kennedy Bay Predator Control Rōpu, Manu Waiata Restoration & Protection Society, Coromandel Landcare Association, Waiata Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary, Coromandel Our Backyard, and the Upper Coromandel Landcare Association.

In response to concerns raised by local conservationists regarding lack of respect for mana whenua of Moehau, the Environmental Protection Agency have initiated an investigation into DOC's consultation methods.



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Coromandel Golf Club

By Lynne Fenwick and Malcolm Stone



The Hector Cup won by Norm Davies and Wayne Beaver

Our men's team traveled to the Waikato to compete in Zone Handicap stroke play, taking 6th place.

Our greens have been renovated and the course is in great condition for all of our members and visitors.

With the borders opening up we are expecting many visitors to come and experience our golf course.

Our ladies won the final of the area zone Thames Valley Pennant at Whangamata and now head to the North Island finals in Rotorua in May. Well done ladies.

On Monday 11 April, Handicap Matchplay was held here at Coromandel and our team of Peg McLean, Lynne Fenwick and Janine Kerr won both of their matches to put us in the lead, with another three rounds to be played. Enjoy, and keep up the good work!

Carrying on with my monthly expedition into the intricacies of the game of golf, here are a few more examples of golfing etiquette:

- Never stand behind someone when they are teeing off! Stay out of people's peripheral vision, especially if you're fidgety.

- Don't talk when someone is about to take a shot! This is basically rule No. 1 of golf etiquette.

- Be ready to go when it's your turn. Don't dilly dally. Think ahead and prepare for your next shot. When it's your turn to go, get moving.



Left to right: Gina Carr, Jenny Coatsworth, Eugene Weimer, Lynne Fenwick, Glenise Robertson and Greta James

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

Hope everyone had an excellent Easter break, Anzac weekend, school holidays and had a chance to get out on the water.

The club Fish of the Month for the \$100 prize for current members in March was kahawai and was won by Billy Shaw with a 2.29kg fish. Congrats Billy.

Fish of the Month for May is snapper and June will be John Dory.

Congratulations to Claire Swindlehurst and Phoebe who won our photo comp for financial members on our Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club group page on Facebook. If you haven't joined already, jump on over; we have been running a photo comp each month for the chance to win a \$50 voucher off a local business.

Hope to see you out there on the water!

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson



Over the past month our lawns have not been quite as well-mown as usual. Our mower required extensive repairs and in the end the advice we received was to purchase a new one. Thanks to a generous donation from The Bizarre a couple of years ago we have been able to go ahead and do this. Much appreciation from us all!

If you're interested in trying out the fascinating game of croquet, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968 for more information. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15am for a 9.30am start and provide all of the equipment, plus tuition and a six-week period of coaching before you decide to join the club or not. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

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

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

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.

Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Vickie 027 417 7077 10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm

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

Coro Bowls club day..... 9.30am

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

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

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Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm

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Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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FOR SALE

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WANTED

AUCKLAND COUPLE wanting to retire on the Coromandel are looking for a section preferably with views and access to the coast. Do you have land you may wish to sell privately? Please phone 021 064 6562.

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DYNAMIC TREE CARE. Council approved professional local arborist service for all tree work. Fully qualified, equipped and insured. Health and Safety compliant. Free quotes. Jobs large or small. Stump grinding. Call now (07) 866 8177 or 027 451 2224.

HOME AND OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES AVAILABLE, reasonable rates and a reliable, proven service. Please contact Lynda 027 227 5077.

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TREE SERVICE. Dismantling or pruning. Free quotes. Call Jeremy Haszard 027 421 0603.

SITUATIONS VACANT

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY Be part of the team! The Colville Project is looking for a finance and funding contractor. 10 hours per week, Can work remotely. Cover letter and job description : thecolvilleproject.nz/vacancies. Apply before the 24 May 3pm deadline.

PLUS see adverts on page 15.

OTHER

AGE CONCERN FALLS PREVENTION Strength and Balance exercise class for seniors. Coromandel Gym, Pottery Lane Tuesday and Thursday, 10am, \$2. Vickie (07) 866 7894.

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Calendar of events Coromandel Town May 2022

Coromandel
Recreational
Fishing Club
Fish of the Month
for May is snapper

1 ●
The Wedding Dress play meeting
(see Pg 22)

High tide 7.21am (2.8m), 7.47pm (2.8m)
Low tide 1.07am (0.6m), 1.28pm (0.5m)

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

2 ●
School Term 2
New "Adventure Group" as part of Youth Group starts (see Pg 21)

3 ●
Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 29)
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)
Albi and the Wolves at Hauraki House Theatre

4 ●
Powerco planned electricity outage in Coromandel Town (see Pg 10)
Garden Circle AGM (see pg 3)
Believe it or not Quiz nights start at Star & Garter (see ad Pg 23)

5 ●
Grey Power AGM (see Pg 10)
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)

6 ●
Maritime Facilities Bylaw consultation starts (see ad Pg 13)

7 ●
High tide 11.28am (2.5m), 11.48pm (2.5m)
Low tide 5.14am (0.9m), 5.26pm (0.7m)

8 ●
Mother's Day
The Wedding Dress play auditions (see Pg 22)

High tide 12.12pm (2.4m)
Low tide 6.02am (0.9m), 6.13pm (0.8m)

9 ●
Coromandel Area School Teacher Only Day

10 ●
Quiz night at The Club (see pg 6)
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)
Yoga with Becks (see Pg 29)
Exam Experience (see Pg 10)

11 ●
Believe it or not Quiz nights at Star & Garter (see ad Pg 23)

12 ●
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)

13 ●
High tide 4.09am (2.6m), 4.46pm (2.6m)
Low tide 10.26am (0.7m), 10.52pm (0.7m)

14 ●
High tide 5am (2.7m), 5.39pm (2.7m)
Low tide 11.17am (0.5m), 11.42pm (0.5m)

15 ●
Alpha String Quartet with Rachel Vernon at St George's Church Thames (see Pg 24)

High tide 5.51am (2.8m), 6.30pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.07pm (0.4m)

16 ●
DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle June issue
Consultation on Coromandel Town Bypass Road opens (see ad pg 13)

17 ●
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)
Yoga with Becks (see classifieds Pg 29)

18 ●
Believe it or not Quiz nights at Star & Garter (see ad Pg 23)

19 ●
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)

20 ●
High tide 10.13am (2.9m), 10.45pm (3.1m)
Low tide 3.57am (0.3m), 4.19pm (0.2m)

21 ●
High tide 11.08am (2.9m), 11.42pm (3.0m)
Low tide 4.54am (0.4m), 5.13pm (0.4m)

22 ●
High tide 12.05pm (2.8m)
Low tide 5.53am (0.5m), 6.11pm (0.5m)

23 ●
High tide 6.42am (2.9m), 7.20pm (3.0m)
Low tide 12.31am (0.4m), 12.57pm (0.3m)

24 ●
Yoga with Becks (see classifieds Pg 29)
Quiz night at The Club (see pg 6)
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)

25 ●
Believe it or not Quiz nights at Star & Garter (see ad Pg 23)

26 ●
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)

27 ●
Free lunchtime concert at St George's Church Thames (see Pg 24)

28 ●
High tide 5.19am (2.7m), 5.52pm (2.7m)
Low tide 11.31am (0.6m), 11.57pm (0.7m)

29 ●
High tide 6.07am (2.7m), 6.38pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.17pm (0.5m)

30 ●
High tide 12.40am (2.9m), 1.03pm (2.7m)
Low tide 6.53am (0.5m), 7.13pm (0.6m)

31 ●
Age Concern Falls Prevention (see classifieds Pg 29)
Yoga with Becks (see classifieds Pg 29)

High tide 2.39am (2.8m), 3.06pm (2.6m)
Low tide 8.52am (0.6m), 9.21pm (0.7m)

High tide 3.35am (2.7m), 4.06pm (2.6m)
Low tide 9.49am (0.6m), 10.19pm (0.7m)

High tide 4.29am (2.7m), 5.02pm (2.6m)
Low tide 10.41am (0.6m), 11.10pm (0.7m)

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KEY
● New moon
○ Full moon

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

Blue bin bags out

Put recycling out (plastic 1,2 & 5, tins, paper, cardboard)

RN = Rural North CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kouna TC = Thames Coast & Mania
This schedule is subject to change at short notice due to Covid-19 restrictions

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& BUSINESSES
FOR SALE**

New Listing Enquiries over \$1,050,000



4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 living area, 2 cars

Coromandel, 820 Colville Road
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/820-colville-road-amodeo-bay-coromandel-coromandel

New Listing Enquiries over \$590,000



2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 living area, - cars

Coromandel, 25a Frederick Street
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Business For Sale Price on Application



Coromandel, Star Gallery
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Coromandel, 36 Kapanga Road - One Stone BBQ
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New Listing Enquiries Over \$610,000



1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1 living area, - cars

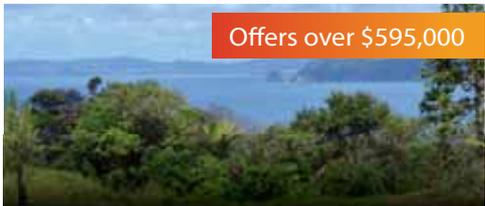
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Coromandel, 124 Wharf Road
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Offers over \$595,000



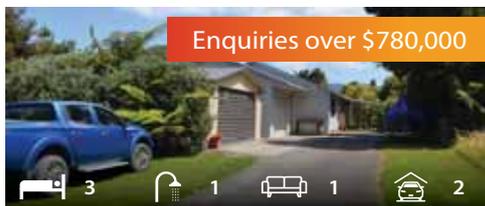
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Price by Negotiation



Waikawau, 478 Port Charles Road
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Enquiries over \$780,000



3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 living area, 2 cars

Coromandel, 2135 Rings Road
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Enquiries over \$990,000



3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 living area, 1 car

Coromandel, 655 Tiki Road
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Am I eligible for a Warmer Kiwi Homes grant?

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eligibility

eeca.govt.nz

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