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..... Editor's comment .....

I have been experimenting with AI. In the latest version of Photoshop that I use for design work there is a "generate" feature. Disclosure: I used it to improve the sky on the cover. I could have made it look far more sunny than it actually was! It isn't a total magic wand on adding content to images, you still need to control it and make different requests to get the effect you are after and do traditional Photoshop editing.

I look forward to experimenting when I need to add extra backgrounds to photos, etc. I certainly wouldn't use it to mislead. I am happy to embrace the technology, though I am still a little wary of it. It certainly shouldn't be used to con people into believing something that isn't true.

Remember to let me know of any events that are coming up over the next few months. Please always email me articles and adverts for inclusion, and you can text or email classified ads.

*Debbie*

..... Letters .....

**Stolen vegetables**

Hello,

I love your Chronicle! I read that people were raiding the community garden and stealing vegetables. Some broccoli plants about six inches tall were taken out this week after only being planted for 10 days! What is the world coming to?!

Mia Lacy, Perth, Australia

**Contact details**

My letter to the Editor last month has alerted locals about our ambulance service. I am sorry for not putting my contact details. I would like to get interested people to meet together in the near future to discuss possible improvements, or get some response from St. John. Long wait times add stress for our ageing population and will inevitably lead to more serious outcomes, further undermining confidence.

John Walker QSM, Coromandel Town

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**i runga i te  
rainbow taku hoa  
aroha, a Solo**

*By John Irvine*

torrential winter rain  
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weep over him  
and hope he understands  
melancholy  
my need to be  
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# A Taste of Matarangi



By Debbie Morgan

It was my first time at A Taste of Matarangi this year. I went along as a volunteer and manned the wine glass and water bottle stall for the afternoon.

What a great atmosphere! The sun came out a bit at times, the rain stayed away, it was mild and everyone was having a good time – chilling out to the music, filling themselves with food from the delicious food stalls, catching up with friends and there was dancing. If I wasn't there as a volunteer I think I would have hit the

dance floor too. What fun!

A Taste of Matarangi this year was raising money for Te Rerenga School and Kuaotunu Search and Rescue. The children from Te Rerenga School were walking around collecting spare change. The raffles were really popular. I think it was really well organised, festival-goers were well behaved, and at the end the Village Green was left tidy with very little cleanup needed. I hope to return next year.

Well done to all of the organisers.

## Coromandel and Northern Coromandel Writers

We meet every second Thursday of the month 10.30am till 2.30pm at the Colville Café, next to the Colville Store.

Our meetings are for anyone interested in sharing a good book or poem, and for those who want to share their own writing (max 500 words, edited and clearly written).

## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer

Hello Coromandel and all of the places where the Chronicle finds itself.

Last month saw the Coromandel Lions cook up their famous mussle fritters at A Taste of Matarangi. The crowds were happy and the members manning the booth were kept busy. A big thank you to all of the members that made the day the success it was. It was a very long day, with some setting out around 7am and not finishing until gates closed around 5pm.

Then the tidy up etc. You guys are the best, a very big thank you to you all.

We have been getting the firewood orders out, making sure Coromandel stays warm for the cooler months to come.

While on that subject please if you have ordered wood and as yet not received your delivery, please contact Lyn. Some of the details or phone numbers are not playing the game, some saying not available and we want you guys to have your wood. If Lyn's number is busy, let Paul Mackenzie know. The club doesn't want you to be cold so if you call, we will do our best for you guys.

So until next issue, take care of yourselves, and remember enjoy all of the free vitamin D we are getting at the moment.

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## Ann's Good News Naturally

### Food cravings – what are they telling you?

Cravings are internal signals your body is sending you that something is amiss; they are a biological part of your metabolism. Being aware of what foods you seek and why, plus how to solve the craving, can help control your emotional response. The only person who can conquer these cravings is you.

Craving certain foods can stem from an instinctive bodily desire to replace certain missing nutrients, or simply to boost low blood sugar levels.

For example, your morning blood sugar levels are low after fasting all night. Brain and muscle function are not firing at full throttle, until they've been fed. Having a coffee to replace nutrient dense foods such as muesli or porridge will spike your energy and emotions momentarily but starve your cells of essential and specific nutrients for brain or muscle energy, which is required for optimum performance throughout the morning. We easily crave bad foods, so a logical look at the composition of foods helps to reveal the reason it is sought, allowing us to choose healthier alternatives to satisfy the craving.

For example:

#### Chocolate

Designed to cater for mood swings. Features strongly in "love yourself" marketing ploys. Indicative of magnesium deficiencies, low blood sugar, low energy.

#### Sugar

A toxin with no nutritional value. Competes at your cells' gateways with essential nutrients, causes the loss of 25mg of vitamin C. Sugar feeds cancer cells, competing with your own immune system's white blood cells for those nutrients.

#### Salty fried foods

How is your liver and gallbladder function? Do you have a magnesium deficiency? A gallbladder flush with lemon juice and olive oil would assist. Eat plenty of beetroot, celery and fresh fruit.

#### Salt on foods

Possible lack of iodine. Your body's homeostatic ratio of blood to salt is critical for survival. If you're low in iodine you may feel fearful or emotional and lack confidence, plus suffer cramps and bouts of hyperactive behaviour. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) children are commonly deficient in iodine. Boost your child's diet with kelp sushi, seafoods and any sea plankton, e.g., spirulina, plus using Celtic salt can rebalance. A severe shortage of iodine can affect tissue healing and create mental instability.

#### Spicy foods

Spices heat your blood, heats up making movements easier. They help eliminate clogged arteries, improve digestion, revitalise sluggish kidneys, and heat your blood to help burn toxins.

#### Coffee

Coffee is a stimulant. It gives you energy you don't have, is a comfort to your emotions, which can come from the lack of minerals in your body, and it is this that creates poor motivation.

#### Bread

When any grain is harvested and then processed to make baked goods, it loses 80% of its B vitamins, therefore having no nutritional value. Which B vitamins are you missing?



### Children's cravings

Some children crave food combinations or unusual things, e.g., eating dirt. This is known as pica, an iron deficiency.

### Unknown cravings

Tired, restless, sluggish? Are you dehydrated? Act quickly to replenish lost fluid by drinking plenty of water.

### Bananas

A magnesium deficiency, which is the muscle nutrient and the carrier for calcium can cause restless legs at night, vivid dreams. A severe shortage of magnesium interrupts the valve motion in your heart and kidneys which can increase blood pressure and increase risk of stroke.

Magnesium is lost through absorption of modern-day chemicals such as petroleum products.

Know your mineral deficiencies – [www.activeelements.com](http://www.activeelements.com), username 259077, password 579819.

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Know how to interpret your specific cravings, to correct for best body composition, weight, optimal health and longevity.

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## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

I am sorry for the lack of Bridge news as I was away cruising with Lyn. Yay!

Members have continued to play on Monday evenings. When we are all available there is a good number who attend. More would be better, fingers crossed that we do get a few new players to join us. Visitors are welcome to join in with us as long as you let Jan know before 3pm on the day.

#### Contacts

Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 478 8839,  
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## Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman; Trustee,  
Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust



Only 13 missions to the Peninsula during March, six of which were to our side of the hill, and only one north of the Kereta Hill!

7-3-24 Kennedy Bay – A male patient in his 60’s suffering a medical complaint was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

The deployment for the chopper to Whitianga has ended for the time being. However, the base is frequently used to transfer patients from ambulances to helicopters.

The last major improvement to the base at Whitianga has been done and dusted. Originally, the area around the hangar and the parking area was asphalted. However, over the years the asphalt deteriorated to such a degree that there was a real danger of stones being lifted by the downdraft and ingested into the engines of a chopper. This would have been catastrophic if it had happened. Therefore, it was decided to seal

the whole area with hot mix. An expensive exercise, however with a grant from Pub Charities covering most of the cost, and Higgins doing the job at “mates rates” at the same time as another area at Whitianga, it has been finished. Another bonus is that it is now much much safer wheeling patients on a stretcher between an ambulance and helicopter during transfers.

One of our major sponsors is the “Tairua Troubadours”. This amazing group writes and performs their own skits. Such is the popularity of the group, that the shows are sold out very quickly and each year they contribute many thousands of dollars to this cause as well as others. This is the 25th anniversary of their performances, shows run



from 18-27 July. A great night’s entertainment is guaranteed.

Sadly, our chairman, Merv George, has resigned after many years of faithful service. John Stephenson has been elected to replace him.

Have a safe and pleasant month.

Please note that CRHT now has a new email address which is cororht@gmail.com. However, you can contact me directly on 022 670 1549 or email nigel.strongman@gmail.com

## Coromandel Embroiderers’ Guild

By Lesley Inger

If you enjoy embroidery and are visiting Coromandel on the first Wednesday of the month, we would love to see you at our meeting. We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on Tiki Rd.



We have 52 members and there is always room for new ones. We have workshops every month and most of these are for stitchers of all experience. If you are a beginner or an experienced stitcher, there will be something for everyone.

Our show-and-tell table had some lovely pieces of work for us to enjoy as well as some bargains to be had on our trading table.

This month we will be having a class on Shibori Dyeing so am sure there will be lots of indigo pieces on display next month.

We continue to work towards our exhibition in November, which is always worth a visit.

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



**Haiku**  
By John Irvine

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## Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph

### 90-day trial periods

Last month saw us entering into the first 90-day trial periods ending. This article delves into the 90-day trial period legislation, implemented in December 2023, and its potential impacts on your job prospects and rights.

Previously, only small businesses with less than 20 employees could utilise 90-day trial periods. The new law, introduced by the National-New Zealand First-ACT coalition, extends this option to all employers, regardless of size. This means your new job offer might now include a trial period clause, potentially affecting your initial employment experience.

If your employment agreement mentions a trial period, it must clearly state the specific terms and conditions. The maximum duration is 90 consecutive days, starting from your first day of work. During this period, your employer can dismiss you without needing to justify the reason, and you won't be able to pursue legal action based solely on the dismissal. If you are unsure about any of the conditions, please get in touch and we will help you navigate through them.

Remember, even during a trial period, your minimum rights remain protected. You're entitled to minimum wage, annual leave, and other basic employment conditions as outlined by the Employment Act. Additionally, your employer cannot dismiss you based on discriminatory reasons like race, gender, or age.

This legislation brings both opportunities and challenges for workers.

#### For employers:

- It offers increased flexibility in assessing new hires and ensuring a suitable fit for the team.
- Potentially encourages creating more job opportunities, particularly for smaller businesses.

#### For workers:

- Offers a chance to demonstrate your skills and suitability for the role in a real-world setting.
- May lead to faster hiring processes and quicker integration into the workplace.

Of course there are also concerns such as:

- Potential for unfair dismissals without clear justification.
- Pressure to perform exceptionally during the trial period.
- Discouragement from reporting workplace issues for fear of jeopardising employment.

If you encounter a job offer with a trial period, here are some helpful steps:

- Carefully review the terms and conditions of the trial period clause in your employment agreement.



- Ask clarifying questions from your employer if anything is unclear.
- Maintain open communication with your manager regarding your performance and expectations.
- Seek advice from unions, advocacy groups (Coromandel Workers Council), or legal professionals if you have concerns about your rights or treatment during the trial period.

Remember: You have the right to a fair and safe work environment, even during a trial period. Don't hesitate to utilise available resources and advocate for yourself if needed.

The long-term effects of this legislation are yet to be fully understood. It's important to stay informed through reliable sources and actively engage in discussions about worker rights and fair employment practices. This may not seem like something everyone needs to do but it is important to ask questions and ensure your rights as a worker are not being impinged.

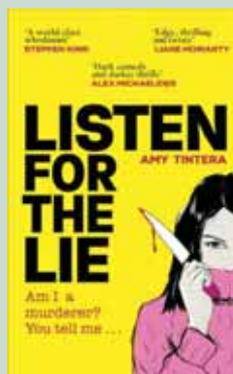
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## Library news

By Paul Lawrence

We have nothing really to report on the library today, except to say that everything is ticking along nicely with new books and positive comments.

Heading into winter, here are a couple of reviews for ideas of book selections to help pass the winter hours.



#### *Listen for the Lie* – by Amy Tintera

Lucy Chase doesn't remember murdering her best friend. Found wandering the streets covered in blood, Lucy doesn't even know if she did it or not. The true crime podcast "Listen for the Lie" may help her to find out the truth. If she's not guilty, will she become a target?

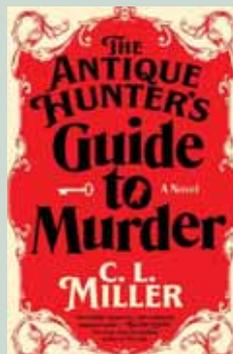
Stephen King calls it, "A world-class whodunnit and a page-turner from the first sentence to the last."

#### *The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder* – C.L. Miller

Freya Lockwood has never returned to the little village where she grew up until news of the suspicious death of her estranged mentor and antique dealer, Arthur Crockleford.

When a letter and Arthur's journals arrive, having been sent just before his death, Freya is dragged back to a life she vowed never to return to.

With the help of her eccentric Aunt Carole, Arthur's best friend, Freya is determined to solve the mystery.



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## Mahamudra Centre update

By Hannah White

As the season changes and the trees turn to golds and reds, we also see changes at Mahamudra Centre. We say farewell to Beth Pearsall who has been with us for the past two years. Thank you for all you have done for the centre Beth, for all of your kindness, your gentle nature and your beautiful way with words.

Katrina Robertson, our director, is visiting Kopan Monastery in Nepal to mark the first anniversary of Lama Zopa Rinpoche's passing. We wish you an auspicious trip Katrina.

I, Hannah, step in as the administrator and I will be based onsite for two days per week. I first came to Mahamudra in 2008 as the programme co-ordinator following an 18-month, life-changing journey around India and Nepal, where I first met the dharma.

Weekly meditation – Katee Shelley is offering meditation every Tuesday morning 8-9am in our main gumpa. Please approach the gumpa in silence and be mindful that we have solitary retreatants who may be in silence.

Solitary Retreat – For those seeking reflection, insight and time out, maybe to meditate, write or simply just to be, we have five cabins all priced. See [www.mahamudra.org.nz/solitaryretreats](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz/solitaryretreats).

Group Retreat – King's Birthday Weekend – We have the amazing Hedwig Bakker coming to lead "Catch your breath" Qi Gong Retreat on **Friday 31 May to Friday 3 June**. This gentle retreat is a wonderful opportunity to do just that. Take time to stand still, come home to yourself, to your breathing, to the moment. Feel recharged, refreshed, rejuvenated, nourished and rebalanced as you emerge from our time together. See [www.mahamudra.org.nz/catchyourbreathretreat](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz/catchyourbreathretreat).

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all past and present staff and volunteers at Mahamudra Centre. There have been so many amazing people who have passed through the centre over the years. Thank you to all of you.

*"Life's persistent and most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King Jr*

With love,

Mahamudra Team

## The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite

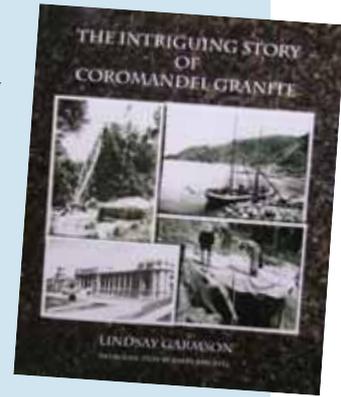
*The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite* by Lindsay Garmson with an introduction and foreword by Barry Brickell is once again for sale.

This book is the true, untold story of the Coromandel granite industry from the northwestern Coromandel Peninsula where the industry started at Paritu Bay in 1900.

The story tells of the quarries, the workers, the politicians, the scows and the men who sailed them. The families and the education of their children. Also the road-building through the depression years and the rural mail delivery service.

Coromandel granite can be found in buildings, monuments and burial sites throughout New Zealand. The granite was used extensively in the building industry including the Old Parliament Building, Auckland Museum and railway stations in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Monuments include Auckland's One Tree Hill and the Seddon Memorial in Wellington as well as numerous war memorials throughout the country.

*The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite* can be purchased from: James & Turner Ltd, 131 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town; Hereford 'n' a Pickle, 2318 Colville Road, Colville; or email [lindsaygarmson@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaygarmson@gmail.com)



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## Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

Recent callouts: ambulance assist (2), shed fire on beach, lightning strike, scrub fire, fire behind Golf Club, car fire, alarm response (3).

Sadly we report the loss of two of our long-serving volunteers to the community:

- Life Honorary member Ron Evans – Ron served in the Brigade from 1967 to 1981, serving as Deputy Chief Fire Officer from 1972 to 1981. Ron was a pillar in our community, nothing was too much trouble to him, and he gave willingly to any cause or person in need. It all came from his heart. Our thoughts are with Joan and family.

- Life Honorary Member Ken Lucas – Ken served in the Brigade from 1963 to 1988, serving as the Third Officer from 1966 to 1972 and again from 1978 to 1981 where he was successful in becoming Deputy Fire Chief until his retirement in 1988. Ken was awarded his Gold Star for 25 years' service just prior to his retirement. Ken later became one of the team involved in the restoration of our 1930's Leyland Fire Appliance. Our thoughts are with Ken's family.

Both Ron and Ken will live on, on our Honours Boards.

By the time this gets to print the 2024 Sky Tower Challenge will have been and gone for another year. Thank you so much to all those who have donated to this most worthy of causes.

It seems winter is early this year – please check your chimney before lighting your fire. Watch those heaters and keep burnables (clothing, etc.) and children well away and make sure you checked your smoke alarms' batteries at daylight saving time change. If not, do it now. If your alarm is faulty please contact your brigade to discuss a replacement.

## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Visitor numbers to the museum have continued to be strong during April and are definitely an improvement on last summer. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who have enabled the museum to remain open during this time.

With winter rapidly approaching, we all must remember to take greater care on the roads and on the water. This month I have a report on one of many local sea disasters:

From Auckland Star; 15 May 1937:

“Sea Tragedy.

**Yvonne Wreckage Search For Captain.**

**Washed Away From Wheel.**

**Ketch Ashore On Coast.**

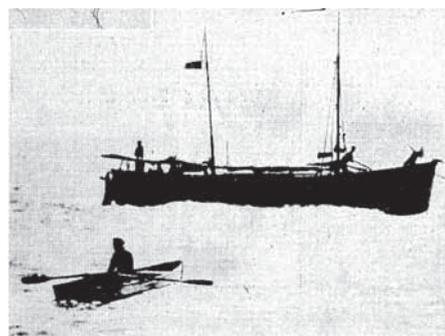
**(From Our Own Correspondent.)**

**Coromandel, this day.**

Scattered wreckage of the 50-foot ketch Yvonne on the rocky beach at Waikawau, and a grim search party seeking along the precipitous coast of the Coromandel Peninsula for the body of Captain A. E. Stenbeck, one of the best-known skippers in the Pacific, are all that remain today to tell of another tragedy of the sea. It is the aftermath of a story of an heroic struggle in a little craft against the forces of wind and sea during the storm of Thursday night. Battling from Sunday Island, in the Kermadecs, to her harbourage at Auckland, the ketch ... was caught by the storm. After a struggle that lasted hours, tragedy struck the vessel when a huge wave washed the captain overboard. Two hours later the vessel went ashore at Waikawau Bay, on the eastern side of the Coromandel Peninsula, 15 miles from Cape Colville.

**All Crew Safe**

The five other men on board reached the shore in safety, though one of them, Jimmy Masters, received injuries to the hand through being struck by the wheel, and was taken to the Coromandel Hospital. His hurt, however,



Ketch Yvonne wrecked at Waikawau Bay.  
Photo from Evening Post, 18 May 1937

was slight, and it is likely that he will be discharged tomorrow. The others of the boat's company were Mr. H. McLennan, aged 45, of Auckland; the mate, Mr. A. Venables, aged 19, of 45 Esplanade Road, Mount Eden; Mr. William Goddard, aged 23, of Papakura; and Mr. Anthony Lilburne, aged 30, of Auckland. Masters is 20 years old. The story of the tragedy is not yet clear. Apparently Captain Stenbeck was trying to make a landfall at Cuvier Island, which was a prominent landmark on his route to Auckland, outside the Great Barrier Island. From Cuvier Island he could have set a course for Colville Channel, but the fierce nor'easter drove the ketch too far down.

**Adventurous Career**

Captain Stenbeck, who was aged 71 years, has had a most adventurous career. Going to sea from his native Sweden at the age of 15 years as a cook, he experienced all the dangers that were the lot of the seaman of fifty years ago... Captain Stenbeck came to his retirement about two years ago – but the call of the sea was in his blood and he could not be idle. He undertook the command of the little vessel Yvonne about a year ago. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of two sons and five daughters.

Up till this afternoon no trace had been found of his body.”

The museum will continue to open on Thursdays and weekends until the King's Birthday weekend. During this time, come in, see what is new and look out for our 'end of season' special on posters and postcards made by Rebekah Pearson.

Our AGM is due in June; we are thinking to hold it on **Sunday 9 June**, so look for confirmation of date, time and venue. All interested people are welcome.

During May the museum is open from 10am to 4pm on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays



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## Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

The Staying Safe – A Refresher Course for Older Drivers, was on Tuesday 16 April and was attended by 23 “Gold Card” members. The Age Concern trainer (Mary-Ann) ran a very professional course with a full manual for each participant for reference and interesting short-clipped videos. One video even had a gorilla, which some saw and others didn’t as we were told to look at the people in “white shirts”. This was called cognitive blindness, where you are so busy concentrating on one thing that you miss the other parts!

We shared a stunning morning tea, before discussing what to do when the day arrives that you must hang up your car keys. Options are: travel by bus (we have the Coromandel Connector Bus or CILT community bus), trains – not in Coromandel, unless you ride the Driving Creek Railway, ferries – hmmm, no Blue Highway here (yet!), planes – Whitianga – Barrier Air. Very limited travel for members to and from Coromandel Town and north.

When renewing your licence from age 75, your health and vision must be regularly checked, both for your own safety and the safety of other road users. From aged 80, you must renew your licence every two years. To do this, you must be medically fit to drive. Your doctor may put conditions on your licence, e.g., only 30 kms from home. Or they may say, medically fit to drive if you pass an on-road safety test or if a specialist agrees, (i.e. medical surgery) that you can renew your licence.

Please note: The Grey Power AGM is due on **Thursday 16 May** at 1.30pm, at St John rooms. We are calling all Grey Power members to attend and looking for new committee members. Colin Caldwell, identity from Colville, will be our speaker on the many hats he wears.

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

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

President - Bill 021 083 42030 (billchadderton@yahoo.co.nz), Vice-President – Brian Holmes 027 319 0172 or beehandgee@hotmail.co.nz, Membership Secretary - Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 0274 985 227 (greypowercoro@outlook.com)



The Staying Safe – A Refresher Course for Older Drivers

## Age Concern

Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel has had a lot of happenings going on around the Peninsula the last few weeks.

We had an open day in Tairua at the end of March where we received a warm welcome with residents joining us with smiles and eagerness to participate. Following morning exercises, we enjoyed tea and sweet treats, learning about Tairua’s vibrant community spirit through shared stories. Excitedly, Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel has begun its Steady As You Go© and Chinwag Cafe groups in Tairua.

We have a Knit-a-square incentive in progress where we have asked people to knit squares which will then be joined together to make blankets to be given out to people in need. The response and offers have been incredible, and we are all so humbled by the generosity everywhere around us. Thank you! If you are a knitter, and would like to join in, you have until the end of this month to knit squares. Please get in touch with Jo for details. Ph 027 324 0249 or email coordinator@achc.org.nz.

Our team has doubled over the last few months, and we thought it would be a good time to introduce ourselves to you.

This month Jude, our Office Coordinator, shares a bit about herself.

Kia ora. My name is Jude O’Connor and I am the Office Coordinator for Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel (ACHC). I have lived and worked in small communities on the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula for the past 40 years. I have a passion for helping and supporting others. In my current role, I mainly deal with phone, email and walk-in enquiries, provide information and resources, maintain the office, keep our membership register up to date, organise the Staying Safe Driver Refresher Courses, assist with Total Mobility Card applications ... and more. I work part time, three days a week. It is fantastic to be able to be part of a vibrant team of passionate workers whose sole aim is to promote wellbeing, social inclusion, participation, and independence of older persons who are a vital part of our communities.

I have lived in Thames for twenty years and am privileged to live in a beautiful late 19th century miners’ cottage with my partner. When I am not working, I can usually be found at home in my rambling, slightly wild garden or relaxing with a good book or doing crosswords and sudoku.

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## Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

### The end of an era

It is with some sadness that our group has decided to close but we are pleased that we can redistribute our funds (\$1,987.00) to support other local projects that reflect our mission statement: To enhance our local environment by supporting and educating the community to rethink the destination of rubbish and reduce waste.

When our dear friend and active group member Tish Bell died in 2018, her husband Andrew gave us \$500 in her honour. We have granted \$300 of this to the Community Garden for tools and seeds, and \$200 to our Community Library for books on sustainability.

The remaining \$1,487 has been donated to the Goldmine for ongoing projects.

### History

Local resident Judy Rooney initiated the Plastic Bag Free project back in July 2017.

Many of you will remember our early sewing bees and we're always delighted to see cloth bags with our original logo being used for shopping.

Over the years, we changed our name twice; first to Plastic Free Coromandel Town (reducing the emphasis on plastic bags) and then to Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town.

We were dedicated to our mission and undertook several successful projects including selling jute bags and distributing them free to our schools and community members; holding beeswax wrap-making workshops; designing and selling reusable cups; holding a quiz night and competitions to encourage reusing, recycling and reducing; providing a water station at the Keltic Fair for refilling bottles; and setting up stalls whenever possible to support and educate the community. We even managed to win a Keep NZ Beautiful award!

We're proud of the efforts we made to reduce rubbish in Coromandel Town, but members of the group now wish to focus their efforts on other activities.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our initiative – keep up the good work!

### A plea to everyone

We would still encourage you all to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.

Think before you throw away that piece of rubbish!

- Use your recycling bins as much as you can and observe Council's requirements. Watch this TCDC video to learn more -<https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Rubbish-and-Recycling/Rubbish-and-Recycling-Kerbside-Services/Videos-on-the-new-kerbside-service>
- Continue to support soft plastic recycling using the bins provided at Coro Four Square and the Council office.
- Contact the Coromandel Community Preschool to check out what used packaging and items they collect.
- Use reusable packaging when buying your takeaways and doing your everyday grocery shop.



## Coromandel Community Market

It's been a busy season for our local "Home Grown" Community Market. With the great summer we've had and the weather being kind to us, the market has been going from strength to strength. Easter weekend, with gorgeous sunshine, was a big hit for locals and visitors alike and saw the market buzzing. New and regular stallholders presented their produce, food and wares, offering an interesting blend of what local growers and artisans have on offer.

Thanks to all who supported our market over the summer season. Having a Community Market in our small town is a valuable initiative for people to connect, stock up on fresh produce, honey, bedding plants and so much more. The array of crafts always adds much interest and variety for gifts and souvenirs. Live music and a children's corner also contributes to the lively atmosphere.

As in previous years, the market finished at the end of April, but we will be back one more time, with the annual Matariki Twilight Market on **Saturday 29 June**, 2-6pm, before we go on our winter break until **Friday 4 October**.

A huge thank you to Sabine, Karin and Carrick, for their ongoing commitment and support over many years organising the Community Market, which has made such a big difference to the smooth running of the events. All three will be missed when they retire at the end of April, but hopefully will still be able to participate in some way or another.

New stallholders are invited to join us for Matariki and the next summer season. If you wish to book a stall for the Matariki Twilight Market, or for more information, please contact Susanna on 021 159 6487

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**CILT**

**Te Pūtahi Whaiora Opening**

After seven years of planning and fundraising, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the opening of Coromandel Independent Living Trust’s (CILT) new office building, “Te Pūtahi Whaiora” on 23 February. We were honoured to be joined by Mike Noonan, founder and former executive trustee of CILT, alongside Lenny Williams, Te Patukirikiri, co-owners of the whenua with CILT. Both Mike and Lenny turned the first spade full of soil when the building commenced and it was only fitting they both performed the cutting of the ribbon ceremony to officially open the new building. TCDC representatives included Mayor Len Salt, representatives from the Community Board, and our invaluable funding partners, who support CILT from near and far.

**Local Supporters**

Thank you again Ross Gamble Project Manager for volunteering your time and your unwavering commitment to the project. We are grateful to you and Karen for generous ongoing support of CILT. We further extend our gratitude to Steve Wilson and your team of builders and all of our local contractors and tradespeople who worked on the building, literally demonstrating the phrase, “It takes a community to raise a community”.

**Community Grants Scheme**

We’ve been overwhelmed by the response this year and are excited to review the submitted applications. Thank you to all of the applicants. The Community Grants Scheme committee results will be announced soon.

**The Bizarre**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who volunteered or has volunteered, to those who have donated items for sale, and for all who have supported The Bizarre over the past year. Your remarkable generosity and support is what makes this initiative a viable option to support our Community Grants Scheme. Thank you.

**The Goldmine’s Updated Hours**

As the season shifts and the air grows cooler, The Goldmine Re-Use Centre is reverting to our winter opening hours. You can now visit us on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9.30am to 4.30pm. We’re fully stocked with plenty of goodies to keep you occupied throughout the winter—swing by and discover what treasures await!

**Te Puawai Plant Nursery**

Te Puawai Plant Nursery is located at 150 Pound Street. CILT advocates for ecological restoration and land conservation whilst collaborating with local and neighbouring communities, businesses, and conservation organisations to promote the widespread use of native plants in restoration projects. Te Puawai Plant Nursery Coordinator Riyah Snow is passionate and committed to environmental stewardship and proactively seeks sustainability options for our community to thrive. Riyah supports Te Mana Tangata and works collaboratively with our Colville collective whānau, and the Corrections programme attendees. Working together demonstrates a collective response to sustainable practices and the preservation of local knowledge.

Our seeds are eco-sourced from the local area, ensuring that our plants not only thrive in their new homes but also contribute to the preservation of regional biodiversity. Plans for an upcoming sale are in motion—stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ciltcoromandel/>.

**Creative Spaces Mural**

Our talented artists from Creative Spaces have poured their hearts into painting a breathtaking mural, created by incorporating elements from participant paintings inspired by Coromandel. Creative Spaces is a programme to increase participation in creative activities for people experiencing barriers to participation. Join us for workshops in pottery, gardening, weaving, and painting, among others every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10am to 2pm at Te Mana Tangata’s orange cottage at 100 Pound Street. Swing by the Resource Centre at 150 Pound Street, Coromandel to grab the upcoming workshop schedule.



Artist Caitlin Moloney working on the mural

**Adult Ballet Class**

By Marilyn Swan

It is never too late to experience the benefits of dance. If you are someone who used to learn ballet, or have always wanted to, come and join our weekly class. All levels and experience are welcome.

Our weekly Adult Ballet Class has been running for a number of years now and we are a connected and committed group who would love to welcome new people to our class. The class is held in the Citizens’ Hall on Wednesdays from 10-11.15am. The fee is \$15 per class.

There is a professional and friendly approach to the traditional class format consisting of a gentle warm up, barre, followed by centre practice incorporating various music, styles and arrangements to maintain interest.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



## Coromandel Stamper Battery to get a new lease of life

An iconic part of Coromandel-Colville's early goldmining history is set to get a new lease of life following the transfer of the lease for Coromandel Stamper Battery to NZ Gold Mining Heritage Limited (NZGMHL) on 23 February.

The old water-powered gold-processing plant and former tourist attraction sits on Council-owned land at 410A Buffalo Road and has been closed to the public for at

least seven years while various upgrades have been completed.

The lease, which was approved by Coromandel-Colville Community Board, has been acquired by NZGMHL, a registered charity founded by Rocket Lab's Peter Beck to support the conversation and restoration of New Zealand's historic gold mining sites. NZGMHL falls under the broader umbrella



of the Beck Foundation, created in 2023 to celebrate and protect New Zealand's technological heritage, and support future ambitious scientific, technological, and educational initiatives.

Peter is eager to see the battery reopened as an attraction soon and is currently working on opening plans with the support of our Council.

"We're excited to play a role in preserving and protecting New Zealand's early goldmining sites to ensure that this heritage is not lost to future generations."

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Coromandel  
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UPDATE

A word from our Board

**Chair Gavin Jeffcoat**

"It's been welcome news to hear that opening plans are being worked on for the Coromandel Stamper Battery, and we're looking forward to seeing that iconic tourist attraction reopen for business again. Another great piece of news has been our Council's purchase of land around Hauraki House from the Ministry of Education. It's taken many years of complex negotiations, so a big thank you to everyone involved for their efforts."  
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Hauraki House Committee to repair the potholes in the car park and ensure that parking is available to Hauraki House users and citizens without the risk of the land being sold to another party.

"We are delighted that the purchase has finally been achieved," says Don Hughes, Chair of the Hauraki House Management Committee. "The transfer has been on our agenda for almost 25 years, and we're pleased that health and safety issues can now be addressed. Our thanks to our Committee members, community boards past and present, and to Council staff members Jon Muston and Margaret Harrison for their efforts and advocacy."

**The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 11 June 2024**, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Agendas are at [tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes](http://tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes)

### Land purchase a boon for Coromandel-Colville community

Our Council has been successful in acquiring three portions of Crown land adjacent to Hauraki House at 230 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town, for community use and as carparking for Hauraki House.

The purchase from Crown, represented by the Ministry of Education (MOE), has been the work of many years of negotiation, with MOE staff working alongside the Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees and Crown agencies to have the land declared surplus to their requirements and available for disposal. The Board has actively supported the project, and in 2017 adopted a Coromandel Town Streetscape Plan showing how the land would enhance the town and benefit the wider community. The purchase enables the Council and the

Photo by Mike Hill

## NEXT STEPS FOR THE LONG TERM PLAN

Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback on the projects and budgets we're proposing for the next 10 years and beyond during our formal Long Term Plan consultation process.

Feedback for the Long Term Plan was collected from Friday 8 March to Monday 8 April. We received 301 responses during this time that will now be considered by our Council during deliberations in late May.

The Long Term Plan will be adopted in late June. [tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034](http://tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034)



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## Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

We played the Patrons Cup of four one-hour games on Thursday 14 March. Congratulations to the winners of the Patrons Cup, (presented on the day by our Club Patron Maureen Kimber) to Doug Mulholland, David Makiri and Reg Wright (see photo).

Over the weekend of 23/24 March, our Men's and Women's Club Champ Singles were played with five women and 13 men vying for the champ title respectively.

Lindsay Nicholls won the Women's Club Champ Singles, with Dianne Burton runner-up.

With 13 men vying for the Men's Club Champ Singles Cup, play continued through to Sunday, with some good battles being played. The winner overall was Colin Gawith and runner-up was Doug Mulholland.

On Thursday 28 March we had the first of the Coro vs Mercury Bay Summer Cup challenge. What a great turnout with seven Mercury Bay teams coming over the hill to play against our field of seven teams as well. Coromandel won the first of this challenge so I have no doubt Mercury Bay will be intending to win the next Summer Cup Challenge, on Wednesday 24 April.

On Wednesday 3 April, the club held its annual Open Optional Triples Tournament sponsored by Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar.

We had 12 teams competing overall from Mercury Bay, Thames and Coromandel. What a beautiful day it was, with four games of 1 hour 30 minutes played. Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar were very generous with their sponsorship, which allowed prizes to be given to the team that came 4th as well. Thank you Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar.

Winners of the tournament were the well decked-out team of Roger Gardiner, Gary James and Doug Mulholland, all Coromandel Club Bowlers.

On Thursday 4 April, we hosted the Thames Valley Inter Collegiate Bowls Tournament, with 16 teams competing overall.

Teams from Coromandel Area School, Waihi College, Matamata College, Te Aroha College and Thames High School competed for the trophy, playing both fours and pairs.

Coromandel Area School won, taking the trophy off Waihi College. Congratulations to Josh, Layke, Mac, Kelson and Wyatt (see photo).

On Saturday 6 April, two men's teams of four went over to Pauanui to play in the Taylor Shield. Kerepehi won the shield with our two Coromandel teams, being Layke McNeil, James Campbell, Allen Nicholson and Doug Mulholland, coming in at 5th and Gary James, John Westray, Malcolm Stone and David Makiri 10th.

On **Thursday 9 May**, we have our end of season Club Presentation Day. This will consist (weather permitting) of two games of bowls in the morning and a shared lunch followed by our end of season presentation.

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) date has been set for **Saturday 8 June**, 10am at the club. Nominations and remits close on **Saturday 25 May** at 10am.

On **Thursday 23 May** we have the first of our Winter Cup challenge against Mercury Bay (in Whitianga).

Towards the end of April plus into May we have several of our club bowlers competing in the Thames Valley Centre Programme for Champ of Champs Fours, Singles, Pairs and Junior Pairs, so we wish all of those bowlers the best.

It's hard to believe another season of our club bowls is coming to an end but that doesn't mean the end of bowls until September as there are opportunities to play over the winter socially and at a few tournaments at other clubs. Happy winter bowling everyone.



## CCC News

By Maureen Kimber

Quiz sessions start again on **Tuesday 7 May** at the Club so organize teams of four players and enjoy a fun night every fortnight until the end of August. \$20 per table and light supper available. Bar opens at 6pm and quiz runs 7-9pm.

Rummikub every Monday at the Club from 1-4pm.

Phone Maureen 021 0254 1216 or John 021 139 0189 if you want to book a table in advance or door sales are always available. Look forward to seeing you all there.

## RSA News

By Gary Pettett

The AGM was well attended and the new committee was elected as follows:  
 President: Gary Pettett  
 Vice Presidents: Bruce Finan and Kevin Stone  
 Secretary: Glenise Robertson  
 Treasurer: Darnelle Smith  
 Committee: Steve Walters, Margaret Stone, Rob Chappell, Doug Rogers, Peter Visser, Dorothy Weatherley, and Barbara Excell.

The Saturday Social gatherings at the Club from 3pm are perfect to catch up and meet old and new friends in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. All members and friends are welcome and we look forward to enjoying your company.



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## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Carolyn MacKenzie



Great to see the region busy all summer, “just like the old days”. Warm, balmy days and nights, with NZers enjoying our area along with international visitors. We have had over the last three months just under 6,000 people through our centre doors, with a good number of these locals.

A lot of visitors call in to see us, as there is no information centre in Thames anymore. People like coming in and talking to a “real” person. We still get asked regarding the roads, often visitors calling in have been told by someone they met on their holiday they should check our roads are all open. Yes that old question is still hanging over our heads and we are doing our best to correct this, as many of you are, local retailers and shop assistants also feel like an information hub at times, good on you folk.

We are very lucky to have the Coromandel Walkway in our backyard. At the moment it is partially closed but still well worth driving up to enjoy this beautiful walkway. If you haven’t yet, do take a day out to enjoy. We spend a lot of time explaining this walk and the gravel road once you are past Colville. Again, this is something visitors new to the area prefer to ask someone in person. It’s a lot to take in if you have never heard of or driven on a gravel road and keen to see as much as possible. We remind visitors to check their rental agreement as some companies do not allow their rental vehicles on unsealed roads. Fortunately, if this is the case, or you don’t want to drive yourself, we have local company Hike & Bike. They do a great day trip up to the Coromandel Walkway and Muriwai walk, giving visitors local knowledge, history and a wonderful day out walking/biking. See [www.hikeandbike.co.nz](http://www.hikeandbike.co.nz).

We are keen to update all of our local group contacts. Please email us at [info@coromandeltown.nz](mailto:info@coromandeltown.nz) or even better, call in to see us with this info. If you’re having an event or something special with a group, please let us know so we can support your activity. We are keen to find another super volunteer, as one of our volunteers is away on a journey to the UK for a few weeks. It would be great to have someone local who could take up her place while she is absent, so get in touch if you can help.



## Coro Chess Club

By Mike Mann

The club is meeting weekly 9.30am Fridays at Weta Cafe.

Members of the Counties Chess Club visited on Easter Saturday and played in the park outside Weta Cafe. We are planning another visit soon, with details to be confirmed.

The club has been going for over two years, currently with around seven regulars at all different levels.

This is a great place to connect with community and have a few laughs, plus of course great coffee.

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Our April meeting included a surprise talk by the daughter of one of our longtime members, Thelma, in our group of 36 members and two guests (welcome to Karin and Linda A).

Linda worked for King's Plant Barn for many years and talked about how she learned so much during her time there, as she progressed from punnets to potting up plants, telling people what to use, trees/shrubs, roses (the most popular plant!), fruit trees, sprays and fertilizers, etc. She is now retired, living on the coast in Northland, where growing can be a real challenge. For example, "regular" rhododendrons do poorly, but vireya rhododendrons do quite well, since they are tropical.

We had a forum, wherein members raised questions on plant issues they are having: Hibiscus need to be pruned in spring, as they flower on new growth. One member is struggling to grow capsicum and it was

suggested she try a different location on her property, since the difficulty could relate to soil type or warmth. I will say I've experienced that with a rare shrub that I grow, which only lasted about two years in what I had thought was a suitable spot. After it died, I eventually planted another one in a very different spot and it has really taken off. A recommendation was made to use banana peels to make banana water as a high-potassium fertilizer, or just put old bananas under plants like roses. And one member recommended putting a cork or two in your fruit bowl to deter fruit flies.

Competition winners were: Tracy/Single; Annette K/Mini; Natalie/Multi; Janine K/Arrangement (In a Wine Glass); and Tracy/Special (Bouquet Garni).

Our AGM will be in May, plus Jeni will do a floral arranging demonstration. Those who want to participate during her presen-



tation need to bring a small container, 3 flowers, 5 pieces of greenery and some Oasis.

**Wednesday 8 May**

Venue: The Club

Start time: 1pm

Activity: AGM and Jeni on floral arranging

Arrangement: Mother's Day Tribute

Special: Awesome Autumn

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

## Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Q. My friends had their finances approved, but the bank would not settle. It cost them their deposit. How can this happen?

A. Let me start this response by saying I am not a finance broker nor do I work at the bank. This is a matter you should cover in depth with your broker or bank prior to becoming unconditional with your home purchase.

However, this is something that we are hearing more of in recent times, especially post disasters.

Most contracts rightly utilise a clause in the agreement "conditional to finance". This is something most lawyers would urge buyers to do. Why? They want you to be 100% sure the bank will settle on your purchase.

However we are now finding that in the last 12 months or so finance institutions are becoming more sensitive to where you are purchasing. For example, is it a flood-prone area? Or prone to landslides. Too close to low-lying coast, etc.?

When you make an application and are approved for finance I think you should now never assume insurance will be a given for the property. No insurance, no settlement. The banks will want to know their investment is covered.

Always insure you and or your broker obtain from an insurance company in writing that your purchase will be coverable, at an affordable rate for you to proceed.

The reality is that over the past couple of years we have had some horrible natural weather events that have cost not only communities, but insurance companies tens to hundreds of millions of dollars. This makes them very sensitive for future coverage.

On top of this of course we find the financial industry, like most,

is also aware of the influence of climate change and the effects it is having on coastal and unstable hillsides. Some are even more prone to earthquakes, for example.

Or in some cases just the lack of infrastructure maintenance in some areas causes them to be even more prone to bad weather side effects.

Another often overlooked problem can be previous usage of land. As time rolls on we often are not aware that the land may have been used for horticulture for example, therefore extensive levels of insecticide may be prevalent, exposing insurance to health claims.

As towns and cities expand, old milling sites or dump sites, or even light industrial usage sites, are swallowed up in the spread.

You need to ensure you check council records such as a LIM – Land Information Memorandum – to check such things. A lot of purchasers may forgo LIMs, but lawyers nearly always encourage them so as to ensure you buy with full knowledge of the property.

As salespeople we are expected to pass on such information if we are aware. In some cases we would be expected to be aware of recent historical facts. However, best practice is to request information like LIMs and read, then ask questions.

In Thames-Coromandel we are very fortunate that a lot of the documentation around a property is readily available. However I would encourage you to have your sale and purchase conditional to your LIM report, as most of the aforementioned instances would likely be documented.

Land usage or flooding likelihood is not in the paper trail of building reports and consents.

Should you have any questions on this material or other real estate matters: contact Glenn on 0800 735 788, or glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz

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## Coromandel-Colville Business Association

By Glenys Carr



### Business Network Meeting for March 2024

The Coromandel-Colville Business Association (CCBA) March meeting featured Mayor Len Salt, Councillor John Morrissey and Community Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat. Expertly chaired by John Freer (CFM Local News), the speakers presented TCDC's proposed Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and some of its implications for Coromandel and the wider Coromandel Peninsula.

Councillor John Morrissey referred the large audience to a pie graph showing proposed council expenditure for 2024/25. This graph is available in hard copy from the Council Office or online at [www.tcdc.govt.nz](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz) (scroll to "Long Term Plan and Consultation PDF document"). The document also contains proposed rate changes for Coromandel and Colville in 2024/25.

TCDC, together with the New Zealand Transport Agency, Waikato Regional Council and neighbouring Hauraki District Council have developed what they are calling a Resilience Strategic Response (RSR) programme and is seeking an estimated \$1.3-1.75 billion over 15 years directly from central government to fund it. The RSR programme includes, among other projects, the Coromandel Town bypass. Councillor John Morrissey and Mayor Len Salt are campaigning hard for the funds to complete the bypass.

Mayor Len Salt spoke about ways in which we might fund Councils in the future, referring to the Auckland Mayor's call to the Government to return to the Council the GST it charges on rates. Mayor Salt states TCDC has taken a responsible approach on borrowing and has not borrowed up to the cap. He went on to talk about district priorities; using local talent for works; council efficiencies; funding; capacity to deliver, and district-wide priorities. The Council, he states, is working through council responsibilities around water service delivery. Together with other councils, TCDC has formed a Three Waters Working Group to develop a strategy.

Both speakers took questions from the floor, addressing concerns over road safety, the town bypass and a lack of provision for the arts and environment in the Long Term Plan. There were calls for better public/council communication and consultation. The idea of a Thames Coast cycleway was suggested, to which Mayor Salt said he is a fan and that the government might be receptive to the idea. The idea of a "blue highway" as an emergency response route for the town was very popular with the audience but although Mayor Salt agrees, he says that government policy dictates that the 'blue highway' is off the table. The audience argued that the blue highway would be the obvious access option for the town and the Coromandel Peninsula should all main roads be cut.

From the floor an observation was made that there appears to be no consideration given in the Long Term Plan for paying down Council debt. Mayor Salt replied that TCDC is fortunate to secure good rates on borrowings, is financially prudent and has not borrowed up to the cap. Also from the floor, a concern about the government Fast-track Bill and the lack of public consultation, particularly to do with mining and the environment. Mayor Salt stated that it is not part of the Long Term Plan and as yet nothing has come across his desk. Councillor John Morrissey was questioned about the Sugarloaf Wharf development. He stated that it has been held up in the Environment



Court for three years but is now steadily progressing.

Community Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat urges everyone to look into the TCDC proposed Long Term Plan.

The CCBA thanked Mayor Len Salt, Councillor John Morrissey, Community Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat, John Freer and members of the community for a most informative evening.

We warmly invite the community to our May meeting to be held at Combined Clubs (RSA) Woollams Ave, 5.30pm. On **Wednesday 29 May** Toby Adams, Chair of the Hauraki Gulf Forum will update us on the state of the Gulf. We hope you all can join us.

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

### Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



It's been a busy month in politics, which reflects the government's willingness to get things done.

We've been up front with New Zealanders about what is needed to get the country back on track. It's not going to be easy, but we've outlined a positive plan and are heading in the right direction.

Our latest Action Plan is an important step in letting people know what we're planning to do, how we're going to do it, and what the results of it are. Over the next three months we're going to deliver on 36 policy points, with a focus on rebuilding the economy, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services.

Part of this plan is the introduction of nine targets for the public sector to focus on. Despite the hard work of those on the frontlines, many of our public services have worsened over recent years. We cannot let that slide continue if the Coromandel and the wider country are to remain a place where people want to live and work.

We're determined to reduce the wait times at emergency departments, increase school attendance, and reduce child and youth offending.

None of the nine targets will be easy to achieve, but we're here to do what's needed to improve the lives of all New Zealanders. The previous government's approach was to throw money at a problem. That didn't work, but we know targets do. Under the last National government, ten targets were set and all saw improved outcomes.

It's about accountability and giving New Zealanders the confidence that the public sector is reliable, efficient, and effective.



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## Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris and Fuzzles

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food for the rescue kitties; this is truly appreciated at this time . Our funds are limited and we are now looking into fundraising ideas that are easy on us and will raise funds for the unit to continue its mission of compassion.

For rescue its been an interesting month, I had gone into town, got home at quarter past 11am, made a coffee and had a rest. Lizzy was inside and started howling. This was not a normal cat cry from her, wasn't her "I have caught something", nor the "hi, hello" she normally gives. We got Lizzy a couple of years ago as a feral who went up a wall in a vet clinic. We were her last hope and took her tortietude and all and brought her home. She was tamed and loves my husband to bits. With her odd cry I got up and looked across to the chaise lounge sofa thing and asked her what the problem was as I couldn't see anything untoward. She looked towards the window and I followed her gaze. Then horrified, I saw my husband wrapped up in blankets – he was not well at all and semi-conscious. Lizzy knew he was there and knew he was in trouble. We organised ambulance for him and by the time they arrived he, with help from me, was sat up but not very coherant or verbal. We thank everyone, the ambulance people and the fire brigade guys for helping get dear husband to Thames Hospital where he remained in great care for four days. This was his first ever trip to be in hospital and he has recovered well, and we really are grateful to Miss Lizzy as without her warning us, it could well have been a far worse outcome. Cats are so intuitive and

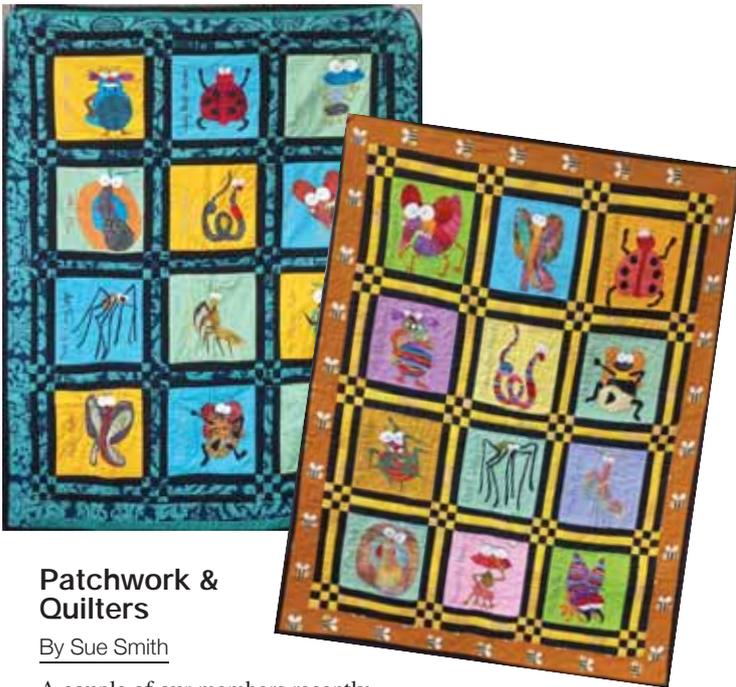
since he came home she has taken the role very seriously of being his full-time shadow and watching him and his every move. Never underestimate our animals; they sense things way quicker than we will ever sense. This sure shook rescue pretty hard, and Lizzy has been spoilt somewhat for what she has done. The other rescues also understood that there was something untoward with one human not home for four days. He was frowned upon when he got home – he didn't smell the way he used to. Hospital smell is something most different and to cats not something they love at all. Now things have settled and everyone is happy bar Wally and Lizzy fighting over a baby blankie that is soft and squishy and both wanting that same bed which they will not share at all!

The trio in our door units are enjoying their units with better room service as in raw chicken strips and pieces – they love this and is bought when reduced to clear. We have found this reduced to clear stuff an affordable way to give everyone something decent and better quality than tinned food and it is cheaper. So they got some chicken, beef, mince and stewing steak one time, and salmon fillet we got last week and they adored it and that was so cheap. This is how we survive finding bargains and cheaper products in the supermarkets.

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

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries to Thames Animal Rescue, ph (07) 868 2907 afternoons best



## Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

A couple of our members recently made these beautiful quilts. Love the embroidered names such as Dad E Long Legs, Miss Nale and Mr B Bumble. Fi made hers for Oscar, the youngest of her grandsons. Ursula made hers for Autumn, a great granddaughter due in September. She will take the quilt with her to America but unfortunately will be there a little too early to actually meet the new baby. Lucky children, I say.

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

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## NZ Fisheries

### Name your craypots

Fishery officers encourage Coromandel fishers to name their craypots and nets or risk losing them

Fishery officers say they've seized a range of illegal fishing equipment in the Coromandel and are urging fishers to properly name their gear.

"We have over a dozen pieces of equipment – mostly craypots and set nets that we've seized because they were set illegally.

"If you are using craypots or set nets, mark your gear clearly with your initials and surname. Most of the gear we haul out of the ocean is seized because people failed to do this.

"We've seized a lot of gear and most of the owners never come forward to claim their equipment, so it is eventually destroyed," says Fisheries New Zealand Regional Manager,

Fisheries Compliance, Andre Espinoza.

Fishery officers patrolling the area actively encourage fishers they come across who are heading out to set craypots or nets, to mark their gear with the name and contact details.

"We talk with people, and even carry a marker pen, however fishers need to take responsibility. We're always there to help people understand the rules but will take action to protect the fishery including seizing illegal equipment and issuing infringement notices."

People are encouraged to download the free NZ Fishing Rules mobile app. Once downloaded, the app will also work in areas where you may not have mobile coverage, so you'll have the latest rules and regulations at your fingertips.

Fisheries New Zealand encourages people to report suspected fishing illegal activity through MPI's 0800 4 POACHER number (0800 47 62 24).

## Coromandel Town-Thames Connector bus

The free trial of the Connector bus service between Coromandel Town and Thames will run until **Tuesday 18 June**.

The bus leaves at 8am from Coromandel Town and returns at 10am. Then a bus leaves Thames at 3pm, returning directly after. Check details out online by searching "TCDC Coromandel Bus".

There is currently no further funding secured to continue the trial past 18 June.



## Taichi for health

By Christina Wu

The new findings, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, suggest taichi is better than more vigorous aerobic exercises for lowering blood pressure in people with prehypertension.

Prehypertension is blood pressure that's higher than normal but doesn't quite reach the level of high blood pressure, or hypertension. It's considered a warning sign that heart disease may happen and it raises the risk of having a heart attack.

In the study, researchers in China randomly assigned 342 adults with prehypertension to one of two interventions. The average age of participants was 49. Roughly half the people participated in supervised aerobic exercise, including jogging, climbing stairs, brisk walking and cycling. The other half was trained to practice tai chi. Both groups got hourlong sessions four times a week.

After 12 months, those in the tai chi group saw bigger drops in their blood pressure than those in the aerobic exercise group. In addition, nearly 22% of the people who practiced tai chi saw their blood pressure fall to within normal range, compared with nearly 16% of people in the aerobic exercise group. And fewer patients in the tai chi group went on to develop hypertension than in the aerobic exercise group.

Previous research has found that taichi is more effective than brisk walking at lowering blood pressure, fasting blood sugar levels and perceived stress in people who have hypertension.

The practice tends to elicit more of a response from the parasympathetic nervous system, says Ruth Taylor-Piliae, a professor at the University of Arizona's College of Nursing, who was not involved in the study. The parasympathetic nervous system is the network of nerves that relaxes your body after periods of stress or danger.

Studies have also shown that practicing tai chi can help reduce the risk of falls, improve balance and walking speed in older adults, and reduce depression and anxiety.

Evidence suggests it can also help protect against cognitive decline and even boost memory. But you have to practice it consistently to achieve the most benefit.

Christina's taichi class runs Tuesday at 4pm at the Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool). There is a group practice for keen students at Wyuna Bay Beach/Long Bay if weather permits or Christina's house on Saturday or Sunday morning. We have a bunch of lovely, spirited and committed people.

Christina, with over 25 years' practice and ongoing training from world renowned teacher Wee Kee Jin and with a true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her current practice of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, aims to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

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## The Colville Project

By Katie Lowes

Our team has benefited from the organisation and wisdom of others around us this month. Three

team members attended the excellent Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshop organised by Colville Junction and facilitated by Moea Armstrong. As well as this three of our team members attended the Kakano Wānanga (cultural wānanga) run by Pare Hauraki at Te Paea Marae, Harataunga. It was a privilege to be hosted here, to explore tohu whenua (layers of the land and landmarks) and to gain a deeper understanding of Te Tiriti settlement processes in our local context. The wānanga was attended by representatives from other groups across the rohe (region). Ngā mihi nui ki a Jamie Watson-Ryan koutou ko Koro Ngapo, ko John McEnteer, ko te rōpu o Moehau ki Tai.

Our newly appointed funding and marketing person, Amajjika, has been busy inducting into the role. She has met with all team members and is in full swing, reviewing and planning the way forward for the role.

The Colville Project (TCP) also welcomes new trustee Robyn Vinten to the Board. Robyn joins us from the Colville Community Health Trust, and brings with her a range of governance experience. Robyn, too, has been busy this month inducting into her new role.

On Friday 5 April it was great to be back on the land, with Rick Lambourne (TCP Technical Support) and the Board spending time considering multiple aspects of our draft site development plan. The Board recognises that a robust process is essential in ensuring TCP can have enduring positive impact for our communities. We continue to refine this plan, incorporating valuable input from stakeholder groups.

If you would like to donate, affirm any previous or make new offers of support, or get involved in any way, please contact Katie admin@thecolvilleproject.nz



The team gets the tape out to measure the Wellbeing and Education Centre footprint



The team takes time out for a picnic on the land

## Mana Retreat

Dear Coromandel Community,

We are feeling ready for the winter months of being cozy by the fireside and spending more time inside, deepening our connection to ourselves.

We love this reflection from Leunig – “We give thanks for the blessing of winter: season of the heart. To make warmth and quiet for the heart. To make soup and broths for the heart. To dream with the heart. To spend time with the heart. A long, long time of peace with the heart. We give thanks for the blessing of winter season to cherish the heart.”

We invite those of you who are seeking to prepare for the winter months ahead, to join us for any of our upcoming retreats or workshops.

**Finding True Self Retreat – The Healing of Unconsciousness with Master Sun Yong Friday 7 to Sunday 9 June** – Explore how you can liberate yourself from physical tension and pain, regulate your identified emotions, heal much of the known and unknown within you, and meet the true self within.

**Our Mana Winter Solstice Working Bee** Come together as a community and share in our combined energy and skills to work on the land, in the gardens and around the buildings **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 June**, or just for **Saturday 22 June** from 9am.

**Community Garden Day** We have another Community Garden Day on **Wednesday 22 May**. There is no cost, just bring appropriate clothing for being outdoors and your favorite gardening tool. Time: 9am-1pm.

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Ngā mihi, the Mana team.

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## NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE MILITARY EXERCISE 14-22 MAY 2024

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## UPCOMING RETREATS

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10-12 MAY	Mother's Day Relax and Wellness with The Mana Team
17-19 MAY	Tending the Flame – A Women's Open Floor Dance Retreat with Sacha Paddy
24-26 MAY	Bodylight Weekend Retreat 2024 with Edna Levy
29 MAY - 3 JUNE	Tranquility and Insight – A Meditation Retreat with Susan Allen
7-9 JUNE	Brain Fitness QiGong and Brain Wave Meditation
14-16 JUNE	The Heart of Rest with Neal Ghoshal and Karla Brodie
21-23 JUNE	Winter Solstice Working Bee
25 JUNE - 25 JULY	Winter Rest Period for Our Team and the Land to Breathe and Rest

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Dance	May 14, 21, 28   June 4, 11, 18
Community Garden Day	May 22
Tara School Reunion	9 October, 2024



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## Art Expo

Calling all artists for Art Expo – new student competition too

Whitianga Lions Club is pleased to announce that their Art Expo is returning this year to the Whitianga Town Hall on King’s Birthday Weekend (**Friday 31 May** opening night to **Monday 3 June**) with all profits going to Project Mammogram.

“The Art Expo committee is pleased to provide this fabulous opportunity for artists to showcase their work. Its central location makes it very accessible to the public, and we hope with SH25a now open, that there will be lots of visitors to our area over the long weekend. Entry is free and that encourages people to come and have a look at the talent we have in this community, and hopefully buy something to take home,” says Art Expo



committee chair Mike Brown.

An email is about to be sent out to the artists who have previously exhibited at Art Expo, inviting them to the 2024 exhibition. Contact will also be made with artists who have expressed an interest in taking part.

“We know that there are so many talented artists in the Coromandel community and rather than risk missing them with an invite, we’d like them to contact us by emailing us at whitibrown4@gmail.com and we will send them an entry form with details of the event.

“Whether you paint, sculpt, work in mixed media, are a potter, jewellery artist, wood turner or wood carver, photographer... basically if you create visual art, then this expo is for you.

“This year we also have an exciting new competition for Coromandel Peninsula school students in years 11-13 with \$500 as the first prize for the winning artwork (2nd \$250

and 3rd \$100) which will be judged by the Whitianga Art Group committee.

“We’re asking students to create a visual artwork that depicts life on the Coromandel Peninsula either “past or present”. If this sounds like something you could do, either talk to your school art teacher or email us at whitibrown4@gmail.com and we can send you the entry details. The winners in this competition will be announced on opening night and all student entries will be on display on that night and for the duration of the Art Expo. If students want, they can even sell their artwork at the event.

“This year we are giving artists who sell an item during the Art Expo the ability to refresh their stand with a replacement piece of art during the event. We want artists to have as much opportunity as possible to sell their artwork.”

## Pastel Artists Coromandel

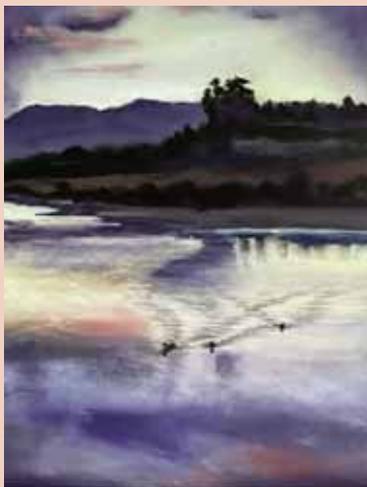
By Rosemarie Murphy

Every two months Pastel Artists of New Zealand (PANZ) have a competition for members in their newsletter. This month the theme was water. Several of our Coromandel members entered and Andrea Noble was awarded a merit for her painting “Heading Home”. Judge Lana Ballot’s comments were: “Beautifully captured mood of the late evening. The quiet surface of the water is reflecting the late evening colours of the sky – from glowing pale yellows to the darker purples. The birds break up the still surface of the water to add some movement to the composition and suggest the story.”

Well done Andrea.

Pastel Artists of Coromandel are continuing to meet every Wednesday morning in Rose’s Studio at 860 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town from 9am until 12 noon so if you are interested in Pastel Art please call in. You will be most welcome.

Contact: Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma 027 296 2670



Andrea Noble – Heading Home

## Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We are loving our new venue and it seems to be bringing out new inspiration in us all.

This past month we’ve tried and learnt more about printing with acrylics and rollers and techniques. We have had a lesson on those little things in a jar like fixatives and retarder.

We paint outside weather permitting, or remain in our sunny rooms if it’s cooler.

Several paintings have been finished already and new ones started.

We also have two members who are very much in our thoughts struggling with health issues; miss you guys.

For those considering joining, now is a good time. Our AGM is over and it’s the beginning of the new financial year. We currently have a few places left.

Contact Lindsay 027 494 9738



Some of the abstract prints



Tiana working diligently on her new work

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### Shared Studios

**Registration**  
 Nearly time to be moving into the Art Room in Hauraki House, and making it “home” for the winter months!

Shared Studios will open its doors to welcome keen artists from **Monday 3 June**. Just prior to this there will be a gathering for participants, when we will go over how the structure works and answer any questions you may have. We have found that attending this meeting helps to soften hesitations around the idea of working alongside people you don’t know well. Participants will also have the opportunity to share ideas as to events and activities they’d like to see happening. Workshop topics will be discussed.

This programme is a non-profit run by WTS (Watch This Space) Coromandel. The cost to the participant is \$60 for the season and this covers all time in the Art Room, all workshops, some materials, visits to galleries, etc., and an exhibition.

To register, or to request information, please email Yvonne yszabo1971@gmail.com



### Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Another case of best laid plans going awry. We have found ourselves three people short for key roles in the pantomime and had to cancel this production.

This was a disappointment for the youngsters from the Area School, who were so keen to take part.

Accordingly, Plan B is to find suitable plays for them and to also use the talents of women members of the Players in two or three all-female, one-act plays. We think that we have a good selection available and will be arranging auditions as soon as copies of the scripts are to hand. Check the Players’s Facebook page in the coming weeks.

Fingers crossed.

### Thames Music Group

#### May Concerts

NZTrio, **Sunday 5 May** at 2pm at St George’s Church, Thames.

\$20 general adults, \$15 TMG members, under 18’s free.

NZTrio – Triptych 1: Unquiet Dream – Described as a “national treasure” and “New Zealand’s most indispensable ensemble”, NZTrio is renowned for its eclectic repertoire, outstanding talent and warm Kiwi stage presence. Bringing together three incredibly accomplished artists – Amalia Hall (violin), Ashley Brown (cello) and Sarah Watkins (guest pianists) – every NZTrio performance powerfully reaffirms the importance and cathartic nature of a live musical experience in today’s digital world.



Journey through a diverse musical landscape beginning with Benjamin Britten’s “Introduction and Allegro for Piano Trio”, a masterpiece that showcases his distinctive harmonic language and rhythmic vitality. Next, immerse yourself in the enigmatic world of Lera Auerbach’s “Trio No. 2 Triptych – This Mirror Has Three Faces”, a thought-provoking exploration of reflection, identity, and transformation, structured as a triptych with three distinct movements, each inviting introspection. Adding a touch of Aotearoa is a new work by a talented New Zealand composer Chris Cree Brown. Finally, we conclude with the rich and expressive “Trio in D minor Op. 49” by Felix Mendelssohn, which beautifully balances classical structure with Romantic lyricism.

#### Free Friday Lunchtime Concert

**Friday 24 May** at 12.15pm at St George’s Church, Thames  
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# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## Upper Coromandel Landcare Association Conservation Notes

By Reihana Robinson

### Fresh fish

Remember when you could buy fish at the wharf? What happened? How do we get this simple community food supply back? The fishing quota is corporate owned. Are our stocks better managed than, say, Canada?

Once we could wander to the wharf, say in Whitianga, and local fishers would tie on and open their chilly bins, and we open our wallets. Cash is exchanged. Fish for dinner, bought at the dock.

### Farm stands

Without cash we will find it difficult to trade vegetables. We laid down and took no action to stop the elimination of cheques. Even the USA continues to utilise checking accounts.

### Fullers ferry

A conservation issue? Maybe not but a big fat issue deserving of loud protest. From all who live in Coromandel Town and beyond. It's surprising to see so little in our local media where such issues deserve to be amplified.



**Forest & Bird**  
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## Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel

By Kate James

### Ditch the Bill (The Fast-track Approvals Bill)

This is a law proposed by the coalition government to give extreme power to three ministers to approve any major project, almost anywhere in the country, even on conservation land.

If passed, the law will allow Ministers Shane Jones, Chris Bishop, and Simeon Brown to push mining, dams, large roads, all sort of projects, through any community or any region without public consultation. It would give them the power to override environmental law, councils, communities, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Submissions have now closed, but should this law be approved, we will have an ongoing battle on the Coromandel to keep our lush native forests and conservation land out of the hands of goldmining companies and other developers. **Is it the same as the current Fast-Track Law?**

No. The purpose of the existing fast-track is aimed at speeding up development while protecting the environment. This new process is aimed at speeding up development while overriding environmental protection. Forest & Bird is particularly worried that the new legislation will give projects that have been rejected by the courts in the past an option to bypass New Zealand's usual environmental protections altogether.

The existing fast-track provisions are for housing and infrastructure whereas the government's proposed law is much broader – it is for “national and regional development”. In addition, under this new law, rather than an independent professional panel of experts, three ministers will have the final say on projects. **Be aware of what's happening on the Coromandel**

Without a consultation process we lose the right to have a say on what can happen in our own backyards. Many of us who live or holiday on the beautiful Coromandel highly value our wilderness spaces and want these to be safe from destructive development. Spread the word and keep an eye out for what could be happening in your neighbourhood. If you oppose a project, let your local MP know!

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James and Saskia Wagner



The Driving Creek Conservation Park does not just cover our own 24 Ha of QEII covenanted land. The pest animal and environmental weed control stretches across an additional 60 Ha of neighbouring private properties and Public Conservation Land (PCL). Over 200 traps are out in the bush on PCL up above the Driving Creek property and these remove hundreds of pests each year. Driving Creek is a charitable trust, and through our charitable purposes we can pay for the conservation team to deploy and service these traps for possums, mustelids, and rats. With the last years being tough on tourism, we were lucky to have support from the Waikato Regional Council to buy the traps which are on Public Conservation Land. These traps complement some of the awesome mahi from Moehau Environment Group who have stoat lines across some of the conservation land.

The extension of traplines will continue gradually this year to cover another 80 Ha of PCL. We are currently working on a renewed memorandum of understanding with the Department of Conservation to continue adding traps to more public land and protecting more of the precious local bush.

Laten in March we had a site visit from the Waikato Regional Council funding team to talk about the project and visit the new pest control area. They were thrilled to see how work is carried out and where the new pest control will be happening, an area where Coromandel Brown Kiwi are present, and which has some beautiful regenerating bush.



WRC visit in March

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**MEG**

By Genevieve Morley



**Conservation, we are stronger together!**

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller*

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrews*

Every day, volunteers all over the world get up and do something for the greater good of their society. Every little bit counts. Conservation in this country started with great visionaries when they witnessed the incredible changes and fast extinction of many beautiful native species. The very real threat of extinction is why conservationists work so hard now to protect what is left. Over the years, a lot has been learnt and many species have been protected from the vast array of impacts that human beings and introduced predators have on native environments and the animals that live here. The conservation stories are countless. Protecting the vulnerable creatures and species who do not have a human voice but have the right to be able to live in their native land is one of the reasons why conservation exists. And it is not about to stop now. All the many conservation groups on the peninsula work together in their own particular pocket of ecosystem and terrain and employ and train local people to work in protecting “their patch”. These groups that work within their geographic location are all needed to help make the Coromandel Peninsula a thriving and healthy

ecosystem. We know that the funding situation is tight and could get tighter. Please support the work that your local conservation group is doing in their rohe and if you think you have skills/time that can help, from admin or database management to field work and trapping, please get in touch.

**Boulder Bay Ginger Bash!**

The recent ginger bash at Boulder Bay really was a lot of fun, with 22 volunteers! It was awesome to see the work previously achieved by volunteers was still standing strong with little regrowth and the ginger clumps rotting away. Some great inroads were made into what still is a mega wild kahili ginger infestation. Wild ginger is a particularly bad weed for native bush regeneration as it completely smothers the available ground and our native plants can't grow through it. To keep on top of this weed, we hope to do this all again as soon as possible, so let us know if you want to join in on a great community volunteer experience with our wonderful hosts “wining and dining” us. Thank you Tim and Ness and the Nicholls family for inviting us to your beautiful slice of heaven!

**Small Scale Community Initiatives Fund (SSCIF)**

SSCIF is a special fund offered by the Waikato Regional Council to help fund volunteer community groups and private landowners doing ecological restoration and animal/pest plant control. Applications open on **Friday 10 May** and close on **Friday 31 May**. Get in touch with us if you would like some advice on predator control options for your patch.

**Upcoming – Yearly Kiwi Call Survey & Winter Lecture Series**

The annual kiwi call survey is happening this May and next year is the 10-year survey. If you are interested in accompanying an experienced kiwi call listener, get

in touch. Also, the MEG Winter Lecture Series is happening again this year. Our first session will be a quiz fundraiser and networking event. This year’s speakers are Avi Hopzapfel on the fascinating connection between bats and the native wood rose, Carolyn King on her years of stoat research, and Julia Graham on protecting penguins.

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Sue & Pam in front of the area of ginger they cleared





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# rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

## Colville Bay Pre-school Te whare ako o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka

By Esther Powell

Ka whāngai, ka tupu, ka puāwai/To nurture, to grow, to blossom.

Kia ora koutou.

A warm welcome to our new peepi, Mason and whaanau. Hari huri tau ki a Rui who has turned two, and congratulations to the family on the arrival of little sister Naava. We enjoy the colours of autumn as leaves and foraged windfall make their way into our children's art. We have our AGM this month of May, inviting all parents, whaanau and interested community members to come contribute to the vision and navigation of Colville Bay Preschool, our Community owned ECE Centre, providing a thriving, nourishing and stimulating environment for our tamariki for nearly 40 years now.

“Ahakoa he iti, ka nui te wehi” Although small, the impact is significant. Taken from Wai 809/Wai 688 G Cooper This relates to the fact that big is not necessarily better and that small things can be effective. The contribution/involvement/participation should not be evaluated in terms of volume but in terms of quality. – “Whakatauki — Kīwaha Words and Phrases of Hauraki” Nā Jim Nicholls ~ Kaikohikohi Kupu, 2008, Hauraki Maori Trust Board.

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Transport available in our minivan for 3-6-year-olds from Coromandel to Colville – return three days/ week. 20 hours Free ECE for 3+ year-olds and WINZ subsidies available. Enquire within.

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

Colville Bay Pre-school AGM **Thursday 16 May**, 3.30pm. All welcome.

Job opportunity: Please see our classified ad on page 28.

Contact Esther, Colville Bay Preschool, 2391 Colville Bay Road,  
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## Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

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

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

Closed: public holidays.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5–15yrs. We provide a fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play! Parents just fill out a membership form. For more information, during open hours, call in or phone (07) 866 7061 or contact us at [coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz](mailto:coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz).

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

## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Moana Keyworth



Tēnā koutou.

We here at preschool have embraced the change of season, with crisp air and wild winds – tamariki noticing the changes in weather and in nature. Autumn is a magical season where we can explore all of the colours, sights, and sounds that this season has to offer. Through the abundance of nature's treasures that this time of year brings, we see a wealth of learning experiences and opportunities, from math and literacy related to leaves, to sensory play, baking, and outdoor adventures.

It is essential to create an inclusive environment here that empowers all children to work alongside others by engaging them in experiences that have meaning to them (pg13 Te Whāriki).

We have celebrated the birthdays of Leighzhyn, Lily and Kahu. Sending all the best wishes to Lily and Kahu who will be leaving for their adventure to school. We also farewell Athena, Charlie, and Dylan who are moving further away; good luck on your new chapter.

We currently have some spaces available on the over 2's side. Please contact the office on (07) 866 7570, or call in to see us if you are looking for a quality Early Childhood Education Centre, for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers. See if you feel that this the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/30295/coromandel-community-preschool>.

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# hākinakina SPORT

## NZ Deerstalkers Association

New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) has awarded a \$6,880 grant to the Thames Valley Branch of the NZ Deerstalkers Association (TVDA) for the acquisition of 3D archery targets and additional 3D inserts. This funding enables them to host the National Bowhunters Tournament on King's Birthday weekend, providing a significant boost to the local archery community.

Branch President Maureen Coleman said, "We are very proud to host the NZ Bowhunters National Tournament which sees keen and dedicated archers and bowhunters from all around the motu travel to our venue for the King's Birthday weekend event. Adults and juniors alike all mix and mingle together, the expanded learning opportunities are immense and it's a fantastic way of helping to instil many social skills in the process of learning the finer techniques of the sport."

"The new 3D targets and inserts will be great for our upcoming tournament and the club in general. We host all manner of events at TVDA (including club days, practice days, inter-club events, coaching days, and open days), as well as helping out at school galas, fun days, corporate events, and team-building days throughout the year," says Dilwyn Jenkins, amateur archer.

NZCT's GM Grants, Marketing and Communications, Ben Hodges adds, "We're delighted to support this club bustling with enthusiasts of a range of outdoor pursuits. NZCT is grateful for our fundraising partnership with The Royal Oak Hotel that made our grant possible."



## Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

Many of you are tennis players of old and it's time that more of you come and join us and revisit those old skills.

Club times are now Thursdays after work from 4.30pm and Sundays at 2pm. See you there.

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn Mackenzie, Secretary



### Men's Hector Cup 2024

Best 2 of 3 rounds net competition. Winner Dave Dudson 63 + 63, total 126, 11 shots ahead of runner-up Dave Sampson.

### Ladies' Golf

The final of zone 1 Pennants saw our ladies (8.5) pipped at the post by Thames (9). The narrowest of margins. Thank you to all of the players who represented our club and Jenny Coatsworth for organising the team.

### Top Town/Bottom Town Challenge 2024

Competition for the day was Canadian Foursomes. Scattered showers certainly didn't dampen the challenge. Winning by 7 shots, Bottom Town has once again risen victorious over Top Town. Congratulations.

Thank you Paul Lawrence, for not only donating the shield but running the competition.

### Regular days

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Dave Dudson, winner of the Hector Cup 2024. Presented by Men's Club Captain Richard Neal

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



Croquet is a great leveller. It makes no difference whether you are tall or short, old or young, male or female; anyone can develop the skill to play well.

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# 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, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602....9am  
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,  
 Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 4722 .....9am  
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am  
 Rummikub at The Club..... 1-4pm  
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,  
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..... 3-3.30pm  
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341... 3.30-4.15pm  
 Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact  
 Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm  
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm  
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.45am  
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 3545 .....9am  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2  
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am  
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 10am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm  
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,  
 Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm  
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),  
 Christina 021 113 4768 ..... 4pm

## Every Wednesday

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

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 3545 .....9am  
 Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2  
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am  
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am  
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class,  
 contact Judy 021 0200 7550 ..... 3-4pm  
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,  
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..... 3-3.30pm  
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4.30pm  
 Yin Yoga with Toni, at the Pyramid, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 .. 5.30-6.45pm  
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house),  
 Liz 027 436 2800 ..... 6-7pm  
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra ..... 7-8.30pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....8am  
 Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 8.30am-12.30pm  
 Community Gardens volunteer day..... 9am-12pm  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am  
 Chess Club, Weta Cafe, Mike 027 304 9252 .....9.30am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club ..... 3.30-7pm  
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome ..... 5.30pm

## Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.  
 President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576..... 3.30-7pm

## Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service ..... 10am  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"..... 2pm

## Monthly

**1st Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,  
 Sharon Currie 027 299 695 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm  
**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,  
 Sharon Currie 027 299 695 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm

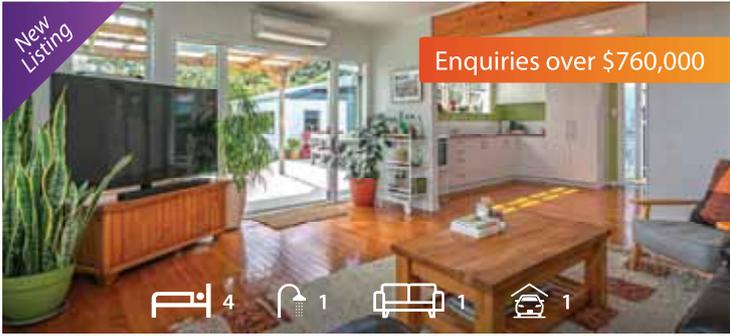
**2nd Tues** – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms  
 John Walker 027 482 0435 .....10am  
**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,  
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. .... 10am-3pm  
**1st Wed** – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.  
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 ..... 6pm  
**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 ..... 1pm  
**2nd Wed** – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm  
**3rd Wed** – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.  
 Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 ..... 6pm  
**Last Thurs** – Green Drinks at Star & Garter ..... 5pm  
**Last Thurs** – DCR Music and Art Night ..... 6.30pm  
**1st & 3rd Sun** – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....10am

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