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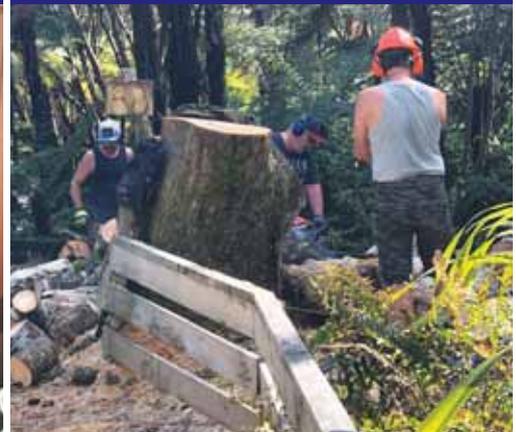
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Haere mai. Welcome to the Coromandel Town Chronicle

Cover picture: Tiana Tiro, Max Wirihana-Tawake Joshua Wirihana-Tawake and Haven McLean at the final at the New Zealand Open mixed competition in Christchurch

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Emergency

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

Editor's comment

The calendar isn't looking as busy as usual for November, with so much uncertainty over lockdowns. The Coromandel Players are hoping to perform their play that has been on hold (see page 26 for details). There are also Christmas Carols to look forward to in December (see page 3).

With fewer events going on, I'd really love some photos to use in the Chronicle for when I am stuck for a cover photo or have free space inside to fill. If you have any nice, high resolution photos you have taken of Coromandel Town and surrounds which might be suitable, please email them to me at corochronicle@gmail.com. I will credit you as photographer if and when I use them.

Debbie

Letters

Pound Street Dog Ban

We are concerned about the "ban on dogs" sign that has been posted at the field in Pound St behind the rugby ground. This is a popular off-lead exercising area for dogs. It has been used daily by many local dog owners, as it has some fencing and easy access via Pound St. It is recommended to visitors who holiday in Coromandel with their dogs.

The field is also a short-cut for walkers to and from Whangapoua Rd. Many regularly walk their dogs through there on a lead. Are they now expected to avoid the field, and continue down Whangapoua Road where there are no footpaths?

Apparently this area is a designated sports field but there is no signage to this effect. It is unsuitable for many sports events because of flooding. If dogs are banned, the Council is maintaining this field for a very limited sports use.

If the off-lead dog exercising option is Patukirikiri Reserve, it is unsuitable for most dogs, particularly puppies. It is unfenced and borders a busy road. This week we learned that the Te Tiki Road reserve is an off-lead area for dogs. However, this area is also used by families to swim and picnic in the summer. The council told us that we could walk our dogs off-lead from the reserve through to Hauraki Road. However, this route passes many backyards and you cannot go beyond the back of Elizabeth Park Village, as it is fenced right down to the stream.

The options for exercising and socialising dogs off-lead are very limited as many tracks ban dogs altogether and beach access in summer is minimal. We are wondering what we pay our dog licence fees for. The Pound Street field was used daily by dog owners and used rarely for sport. The Te Tiki Street Reserve is small but provides another option. However, both areas need clear signage. The provision of dog-bag dispensers and rubbish bins would encourage people to dispose of dog waste appropriately.

Sally Steven and Vickie Macrae, Coromandel Town

1080

Dear Debbie,

I was under the impression that a halt had been called to material re the argument about 1080 in the CTC. Thus the reiteration of the bogeyman story that 1080 pellets poison people's drinking water is anathema, There's never any proof tendered of this oft repeated old maid's tale. Where are the alternative trappers of rats and possums to allow the wild forest to regenerate? Is it as effective and cheap as a helicopter? It sounds OK if you've never been locally mountain climbing. The source of this propoganda could be the people who use the public forest as a farm to harvest pig meat.

Sincerely,

Peter H Wood, Thames Coast

Thanks from Coromandel Family Health

The Coromandel Family Health Centre would like to thank our wonderful community for the kind donation we received. It was such a nice gesture and we intend to enjoy it soon.

To live within a community that is so appreciative of all the frontline workers and the work they have done is a blessing.

To everyone that dropped off baking for us to enjoy, we appreciated every little bite.

Thank you Coromandel. Arohanui.

Coromandel Family Health Centre

Elimination

I was nine and living in Nelson during the polio epidemic that crippled and killed people. All schools were closed. We did correspondence lessons.

Eventually everyone was vaccinated. Polio was eliminated in NZ.

It still exists overseas and that is why babies, etc., are given a free vaccination programme (including tetanus, etc.) to keep it that way!

Back then we didn't argue with the expert scientists!

Sincerely,

Clare Dudley, Tuatēawa

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Letters continued

Great support

I have been in Coromandel for most of my life – I have always known what an amazing place this is, but I have to say that the generosity, aroha and support Keith and I have received when people found out that he had been very ill has blown us both away. Many friends came with gifts of baking, meals, mowing lawns (which are quite extensive) and firewood cutting and delivering, and the many messages of love and support. We have been extremely humbled. Many thanks to each and every one of you. Keith is back on track and no doubt will be firing on all cylinders in no time.

Thanks once again,
Rita Stephenson

Keep three waters with local councils

Many will be aware of central government’s intention to remove all of the assets of (and rights to) the provision of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater from our local authorities, giving them instead to each of four newly created Regional Entities.

The problematic aspects of this proposal are:

- 1) Not enough financial or other information has been provided by central government to understand the consequences of implementing it, and
- 2) The residents and ratepayers within all of NZ’s different communities have not had the opportunity to be consulted about what is proposed.

Provision of full information and of full community consultation is legally provided for under the Local Government Act 2002 with regard to the disposal of strategic council assets. However, central government, in its wisdom, has bypassed this requirement, wishing to proceed at pace in implementing what is proposed.

Please support this petition “Dal Minogue: Halt the Three Waters reforms until consultation is complete” by going to: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_115975/petition-of-dal-minogue-halt-the-three-waters-reforms.

This petition seeks to ensure that local councils have the ability to obtain all of the information required to make an informed decision on this new central government proposal and to then undertake a fair community consultation process about whether or not it should be implemented.

Please note that this petition is community inspired and is not related to any political party or local government authority.

Regards,
Dal Minogue

Christmas is coming!

Christmas in the Park in Coromandel 2021

Get in the Christmas spirit on **Sunday 12 December** at the Barry Brickell stage outside Hauraki House at 5pm. Come and enjoy Christmas carols and a show for young and old.

In the past the Coromandel Players have organised a Christmas carol event in the theatre. Now it has moved outside to the Barry Brickell stage and more people can come and enjoy an early evening celebration. Maria Dove is organising the music, and Matt Sephton, the sound system.

Bring the family, and a blanket or chairs to sit on.

If you would like to join the singers, rehearsals are at Hauraki House theatre **Sunday 21 November 4pm, Sunday 28 November 4pm, Sunday 5 December 4pm**. All welcome.

For more information phone Mike Mann 027 304 9252 or Anne Zealand 027 688 2718



Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch

“Twas the night before Christmas the elves were busy making fun new toys. There was something for everyone including the girls and boys. On Christmas Eve they were finally done. Now all they were waiting for was the community lunch to begin, delicious food cooked lovingly by many hands, you would be hard pushed to find another repast so grand.”

The lunch is open to all. To make it happen we are reaching out to our community asking for monetary donations, which can be left at Four Square. (addressed: Attention Coromandel Community Lunch). If you want to help with preparing/cooking or donating food, or just help on the day, we look forward to hearing from you. Please email: Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com or phone Rita on 027 210 3734. Those attending are welcome to make a donation if they would like to do so.

In these uncertain times due to Covid our numbers may possibly be quite limited – make sure you register early to avoid possible disappointment. Please note – if we go to Level 3, the lunch will be cancelled.

The lunch is at the Combined Clubs on Woollams Avenue. Doors open at 12pm, lunch will be served at 12.30pm. We look forward to sharing a delicious Christmas lunch with you.

From Chris (new owner of Four Square), Lynne, Rita and the other elves.



I am coming to lunch. Number attending.....

I need transport

Name(s).....

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Address

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Secretary

At long last the weather gods have looked kindly upon us and we have got some bowling underway. The greens are looking in tip top condition and playing very true, thanks to the careful attention of our greenkeeper David Weatherley.

The President's Cup was keenly contested in a Pairs Competition by an enthusiastic group of both experienced bowlers and some "newbies". The winners, after a close competition, were Jason Dickison and Elaine Ashton. A great start to the season for all who played, with a blend of competitive bowls and camaraderie exhibited.

Our next big event was the Open Optional Triples sponsored by Four Square who once again showed their real community support for our Club. At the Prizegiving Damian introduced us to the new owner Chris. The club would like to thank Damian and Renee for their support over the years and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

The overall winners of the tournament were Reg Wright, Malcolm Burgess and Alan Roberts. Congratulations you three, a thoroughly deserved win. The runners up were Graeme and Irene Goss with Des Dwight.

With our ever popular Twilight Competition on Tuesday evenings drawing nearer, we look forward to the continuing support of a great little community.

The club championships are being played each weekend in November. Come along and check them out.



Opening day with patron Maureen Kimber and life member Bruce Gawith opening the season's play



The winners of the Four Square open tournament with the sponsors

Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver

Now that the weather is getting warmer and more settled we will be starting to meet again on a regular basis. We last met on 27 September to wish one of our members Happy Birthday. Lena turned 100 – what a great achievement. Eight members called in to wish her Happy Birthday, and then enjoyed coffee and lots of laughter, and talking as we had not been able to meet for a while.

Some of our members are knitting poppies for next Anzac Day; thank you ladies.

We are still looking for new recruits, so if you would like to join us just contact me on (07) 866 8053

RSA

By Pat Williams

The 11th month – can't believe it! Covid-19 cases are soaring. Oh for some good tidings. Poor old Auckland and Northland.

Good one: the signs which were put up in Hauraki Road for "New Zealand World War 1 Memorial Forest" have been reinstated. I will remember the day the sign went up as it was a really wet day. The Deputy Mayor of the day, our President, the late Ian Franklyn, myself and a group of school pupils attended (see photo).

The teacher and some of the pupils sheltered in their van! I am a little confused though as in the picture there are lots of trees; 39 totara trees were planted. This ceremony was maybe for those 39 because all of the rest of the forest is made up, I think, of kahikatea. Correct me if I am wrong. I don't think

Mr Google could answer this one. This is six years ago, would love to know what or where some of those pupils are now!

Thanks to Alan Stewart, Kevin Stone and whoever else was involved with completing the sign's upgrade and erection. The club is steaming along, no carpet down as yet, but as the old saying goes, good things take time.

I have a new laptop and am not managing very well! Now have to work how to send this as an e-mail.

Going back to the Chronicle of May/June 2016 I mentioned the oldest survivor of World War 1, a tortoise. I wonder if he is still going?

Take care out there. Love thy neighbour.



The sign for New Zealand World War 1 Memorial Forest – when it went up six years ago

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Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

We have had a few new members joining the library recently so I thought that we should have a refresh on how to use the TCDC Libraries online catalogue service that the library has recently joined. The Coromandel Community Library doesn't have a website, but has added its catalogue of books to the TCDC online catalogue.

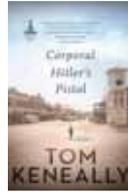
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We are also keeping the due date slip in the books or have glued a green slip at the back of the new books, so members can use it to record their initials or add comment on the book. This is just another way you can keep a record of the books you have read, if you wish.

Don't forget you don't need your library card to return books as when we scan the

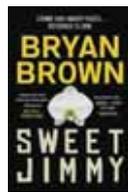
barcode on the book it tells us who had the book out. This also means you no longer have to put your name inside the book if you are returning it via the after-hours slot in the door.

Two of the new purchases this month are:
Corporal Hitler's Pistol – Thomas Keneally



Tom Keneally is writing about a town he knows well, Kempsey, NSW in 1933. The whole town seems drawn into chaos. A hero of the First World War has a fit at the cinema and is taken to a psychiatric ward in Sydney, his Irish farmhand is murdered, and a gay piano-playing veteran, quietly a friend to many in town, is implicated.

Sweet Jimmy – Bryan Brown



Another uniquely Australian book. Bryan Brown has been telling stories with his distinctive Australian voice on TV and in film for a long time, but this time he's writing his first crime novel. The book

is a series of stories that are gritty, raw and sometimes very funny. Like a story about Phil and Sweet Jimmy who are cousins. Phil grows orchids, spider orchids, learnt about them in the nick. Jimmy likes orchids, too, but there are other things he likes even more. Then one about Trish Bennett who didn't like her life. Been on the streets. Bit of this for a bit of that. The "that" wasn't always nice, then Ahmed found her.

Other new books from some of the more popular authors are: *1979* – Val McDermid, *A Narrow Door* – Joanne Harris, *A Room Made of Leaves* – Kate Grenville, *A Slow Fire Burning* – Paula Hawkins, *Apples Never Fall* – Liane Moriarty, *Billy Summers* – Steven King, *Forgive Me* – Susan Lewis, *Snow Country* – Sebastian Faulks, *The Bourne Treachery* – Brian Freeman, *The Cakemakers Wish* – Josephine Moon, *The Girl Behind the Berlin Wall* – Mandy Robotham, *The Joy and Light Bus Company* – Alexander McCall-Smith and *Unholy Murder* – Lynda La Plante.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We are back playing bridge but our numbers are down. Unfortunately we did not play the Joan van O competition in August. We have also decided to not play the Championship Pairs due to the lack of players but we will still be playing bridge each Monday evening.

Contact Lyn (07) 866 8858, Val (07) 866 8730

The Informers' Art Auction and Exhibition

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Next members' meeting: **Thursday 4 November**. St John Rooms, Tiki Road. We gather at 1pm for meeting start at 1.30pm. Cancelled if we are in Level 3. Our invited speaker is locked down in Waikato so may not be here. But we will let you know in the Newsletter out the week before the meeting, who will be talking to us. May be local – but interesting.

Feeling breathless? Dizzy? Fatigued? Don't assume it's your age catching up on you – it could be your heart. It goes without saying that as we age our bodies go through physical changes. You may not be able to climb stairs or small hills as easily. Or you may notice discomfort or be less able to do usual daily activities that were previously a breeze, such as hanging out washing, digging a patch of garden, even weeding. This can seem to you a normal part of aging or what your family suggest they can now do for you – some hope? So we tell ourselves – "I'm just getting old". We pour another cup of tea, have another smoke (I hope not!) and just put up with it. But sometimes these changes may be signs of an underlying condition such as heart valve disease – with those valves not working as well as they should be. Heart valve disease can reduce the amount of blood and oxygen being pumped furiously around your body. Has your heart furiousity got tired? If your body isn't getting enough oxygen you may find at times you are breathless, feeling extra tired or lightheaded. Heart valve disease affects 8.5% of over 65's, and is one of the most common and serious conditions among older people in New Zealand. It is suggested that up to 50% of people with these symptoms will not survive another two years without attention, such as a valve replacement. We just won't make it far without good valves – a bit like the motor in your car getting tired with burnt valves. So early diagnosis of stenosis – your worn valves – is pretty important – life-savingly important. This starts with someone listening to your heart. Not a romantic listen – we are mostly beyond that – though not all of us of course. It is said that one in five New Zealanders over 60 years say that their doctor rarely or never listens to their heart with a stethoscope – meaning that your tired, failing, burned-out valves are undetected, undiagnosed and of course unattended to. So, getting your heart checked is very important. It is a very easy, very short and simple check. On your next visit (or make a point to book a visit) to the clinic get your doctor or practice nurse to listen to your heart. You might think it's going boompity boompity boomp just fine, but have it checked. Keep well.

Challenge Fuel discount is available to all Grey Power members or associate members any age, including under 50's (who may also be Grey Power Electricity users – available for any age too). No local Challenge Service Station here, but as I travel around I head for Challenge Matamata with a lower pump price anyway and still get 8c a litre discount. Discount varies – 8c to as high as 15c a litre, depending on which Challenge you use. Show your Grey Power membership card and join the "My Challenge" programme. Thanks go to Mac Welch who negotiated this deal.

To join Grey Power Coromandel contact Carol Carson - ph (07) 866 7172, or president John on john.rabarts@gmail.com



Lena Darling celebrates her 100th Birthday

Lena Park was born at Driving Creek, Coromandel on 27 September 1921. Lena has lived in Coromandel all of her life except for a period in Auckland during the war years. On returning to Coromandel after her contribution to the war effort, Lena met her husband Merv Darling and they were married on 17 August 1944.

Lena has always been a generous and kind supporter of the Coromandel Community and was an active member of the Coromandel RSA for many years.

Lena received congratulatory messages from The Queen, The Governor General, The Prime Minister and the Local Member of Parliament.

On the day of her birthday Phoenix House provided a very special morning tea for Lena, which was a joyous occasion for all who attended.

A celebratory lunch with family and friends was held at Pepper Tree Restaurant, where Lena was presented with a Community Service Medal by Mayor Sandra Goudie on behalf of the Thames Coromandel District Council.

Lena and her daughter Jan Visser wish to sincerely thank all who contributed to make this such a special and memorable day for Lena.



Lena Darling celebrating her 100 years

Hotspot – News from Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

There may not be many benefits to the lockdown triggered by the current Covid-19 but for us the fire siren has tended to go quiet. People either stay home or at least tend not to go too crazy after hours. Calls for the current month have been: Grass Fire Kennedy Bay; Grass Fires Wilsons Bay and Tuataewa; Hauraki House PFA Alarm – false; Helicopter Landing Zone; motor vehicle accident – persons reported trapped; Tree Fire Waitete Bay. All small, easily sorted and easy training opportunities with no personal injury involved.

As I write we are around ten weeks from Xmas, summer is looming and despite the recent welcome rains our bush and surroundings will start to dry out very quickly. This is a great time to think about access to your place. If you need help, have a fire or emergency that calls on us – we need to get to the site and we drive a big red truck. Can we get up your driveway without scratching our paint? Are there trees, or limbs of trees, in the road; is the road accessible? Time to think and a great time to sort before you need us.

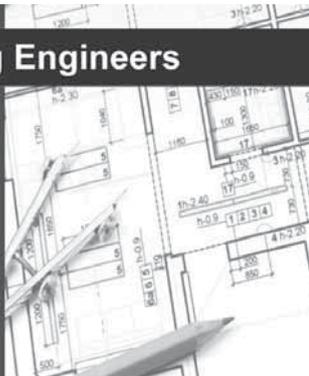
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By Sandra Wilson, Manager



In late September we had a few technical challenges to contend with as we changed from copper to fibre, so we were unable to use our computers for several days because of no broadband. This also grounded our Facebook posts and SMS messages, and one day when the phone was not working.

After too many conversations with our internet provider, it became clear that our modem wasn't, as they said, fibre-capable! So, we had to buy a new modem and wait for it to arrive before connecting it. Following that it turned out that our Eftpos machine could no longer be used so we had to get a different one sent to us and return the previous one, which we'd not had for all that long. And then we weren't able to log on to our computers so had to deal with tech people on passwords, etc. All of this took about six days to fully resolve but things are now looking good. We are back up and running and able to assist you all.

Things certainly have been really different this time with Covid-19's Delta variant. With Auckland and Hamilton at Alert Level 3 and not able to visit town, we certainly have noticed a decrease in visitors. However, we see more people from Bay of Plenty, New Plymouth and the east side of the Peninsula coming through, as well as some from South Island. I had not realised exactly how many people from Auckland did visit our town. Many would come through on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to relax and enjoy our surroundings. We look forward to welcoming them back when it is safe.

Transport is another main issue for people coming to town as there is currently no bus service or ferry service. The ferry comes from Auckland so we can understand why that is not running. The bus service is not operating as there has not been the demand, primarily due to the lack of overseas visitors. Unfortunately, that does not help those who ring to see what time they can catch a bus to or from Thames, especially when they have family and/or friends who need transport. If you live in town and need to get to Thames, Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) provides a shuttle service to and from Thames on Thursdays. You can ring them at (07) 866 8358 to make a booking.

Are you interested in helping organise the Illume festival for 2022? If so, give me a call or email me with your contact information. Conditions permitting, we plan to have a meeting on **Wednesday 17 November**, 3.15pm, at the TCDC meeting room.

Upcoming events

- Coromandel Embroiderers will have an exhibition **Thursday 4 to Sunday 14 November**, 10.00am – 4.00pm at Hauraki House.
- The Informers' (mixed media) Art Auction and Exhibition, a major fundraiser for Coromandel Town Information Centre, opens **Friday 19 November**, 5.30pm. The auction is at 6pm, with wine, nibbles, raffles and spot prizes. The exhibition continues on **Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November**, 10.00am – 4.00pm, at Hauraki House.
- Looking ahead to December, the Santa Parade will be on **Saturday 4 December**, 3.00pm. Please note this year it is only the Santa Parade (no Christmas in the Park event afterwards). Contact Rita at 027 210 3734 or (07) 866 8613 if you'd like to be in the parade.

Take care and talk to you in December.

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Adrian's Angels

By Jaysell Gopal

A collaboration between Twentymans Funeral Directors and the NZ Society of Genealogists has a small group of volunteers "Adrian's Angels" putting together a digital index of the funeral director records held by Twentymans dating back as far as 1935.

Twentymans is New Zealand's oldest surviving funeral home, which has been dedicated to serving the people of Thames and the greater Coromandel Peninsula since 1867. Given the age of the material there are some interesting stories to be told, including the surprising occupation of being a burglar for one individual. Once this project is complete, these records will be available through the NZ Society of Genealogists and through Twentymans for those researching their family history.

Adrian's Angels meet every Thursday morning at The Thames on Kirkwood.

For more information contact Marise Morrison, the project lead of Adrian's Angels, on c.marise@xtra.co.nz or 021 0294 8350



Adrian's Angels at work – Heather Fowler, Barbara Rothschild, Marianne Scott, Celia Newby, Marise Morrison, and Jill MacIntosh



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our October Guild meeting was able to go ahead, whilst respecting Covid Level 2 rules, which was warmly received by members, as our September meeting was cancelled. The number of pieces on the Show and Tell Table benefitted from our recent enforced stay at home, with many projects being completed. There was an array of birds with examples of all three kits from Robyn Hart's workshop undertaken at our July Retreat – kereru, tui and piwakawaka – overlooked by one large colourful takahe. Several members found time to complete their magic cubes that Jill Wilson has been leading us through over the year. The different colour combinations chosen by each stitcher has made them quite unique. Ann Walmsley's beautifully crafted and framed "Two Turtle Doves" was much admired and was a stark reminder that the Xmas countdown is just about upon us.

There will be no usual Guild meeting on **3 November**. Instead, we will meet for morning tea followed by our AGM with election of our Committee members for the following new year. After those formalities we will make our way to Hauraki House where we will get a sneak preview of our exhibition. It is here that our winners in the President's Challenge for 2021 will be announced – the theme being kintsugi or our interpretation in thread of the Japanese art of mending broken pottery with gold lacquer. It will then be time to make our way back to the St John Rooms for our Xmas Lunch and a chance to reflect on another great year of camaraderie through our mutual love of embroidery before we farewell one another till the New Year.

Our Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition will run at Hauraki House from **4-14 November**, 10.00am-4.00pm each day (with early closing at 2.00pm on **14 November**). Please come along and view our work as unfortunately we may not be able to welcome our northern neighbours this year. You will be surprised at the variety of work embroidery encompasses.

The ANZEG Northern North Island Regional Exhibition, at Estuary Arts in Orewa, which was to be held in September, then rescheduled for November, has now been cancelled because of the uncertainty surrounding when Auckland will reopen. Who would be an events' organiser these days?

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 2 February 2022!**

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild and related activities contact Lettecia Williams (07) 866 6626

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

November already and summer is fast approaching – a bustling main street, time at the beach and the smell of BBQs in the evenings... I can't wait. It is always an extremely busy time of year for us here, as I am sure it is for everybody as we head into the "silly season".

To follow on from the last edition, we are still operating under CBAS while we finalise details with our contract provider. We held our AGM last month; thank you to those who attended. We are now five months into our current financial year; this first half of the year is where we work hard to secure funding. The Foodbank is highly reliant on this support from funders. We purchase 99% of all items supplied in food parcels so without these funds we would struggle to operate year to year. We often adjust and tweak our budgets in a similar way that we must keep on top of and adjust our own personal budgets. Whether for business or personal, we all have a budget of sorts that we need to work within.

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

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

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

Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Budget Services prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

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

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

Age Concern Steady As You Go

By Vickie Macrae

Hi, I'm Vickie and I lead the Age Concern Steady As You Go exercise programme (SAYGO), here in Coromandel.

The class started in Coromandel in November 2019 and has recently moved from the St Andrew's Church Hall (thanks St Andrew's, you served us well). We have outgrown that space and are now meeting at the Coromandel Gym on Pottery Lane, 10am on Tuesday morning.

SAYGO is a weekly peer-led group exercise session that builds strength and balance to reduce the risk of falling, designed for the 65+ age group, or those who are rehabilitating from an injury. The class is achievable, enjoyable and obtains excellent results. Regular participants can expect to achieve greater confidence, better mobility, better balance and improved overall wellbeing.

We have a great team of participants, both male and female. We have great camaraderie, have made some good friends and really enjoy our "workout".

All welcome. Dress is casual and comfortable, no special fancy clothing is required, wear sports shoes or walking shoes.

Be prepared to smile and have some fun. Be prepared to leave feeling better than before you arrived.

For all enquiries contact thamesmanager@ageconcern.gen.nz (07) 868 9790; or Vickie Macrae (07) 866 7894 or 027 417 7077; or just come along 10am Tuesday, Coromandel Gym, Pottery Lane. \$2 koha. We look forward to welcoming you

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Protection with the ancient four thieves recipe

By Lizzie Kershaw

Here is a story, or perhaps a myth, about how four thieves managed to stay well during the Bubonic Plague of 1413 in Marseilles (also referred to as the Black Death), and which spread across Asia and Europe – killing people in great numbers.

As these thieves were spice and perfume merchants, they were unable to travel, due to the closure of the ports, so they decided to become robbers of the sick and grave-robbers as well.

Eventually their crimes came to light and they were taken to court.

Such crimes were punishable by being burnt alive – but the judge remained curious about how these thieves remained well while robbing graves and the sick.

So the thieves told the judge how they had managed to stay well...

The four thieves would dress in long robes and they made up a mixture of essential oils which they doused their

garments with, before digging up graves and robbing the sick.

They also applied a mix of herbs and oils to their hands, ears, temples and feet, as well as wearing masks.

Their masks were filled with herbs, spices and oils and as the thieves inhaled the perfumes and spices they were protected from catching the plague.

Later on, the doctors of the time also dressed in long black cloaks, wide brim hats and what appeared to look like a duck's beak!

Inside the beak it was filled with herbs, spices and oils and as the doctors inhaled the perfumes and spices they too were also protected from catching the plague.

Interestingly the duck bill part was the origin of our reference to doctors being called quacks!

Although the thieves were punishable by being burnt alive – because they'd shared their herbal knowledge as well as their recipes, they were not burnt alive but were instead hanged for their crimes (which was less painful).

There are many stories about the four thieves' recipe but one of the best well-known was to mix cinnamon, cloves, rosemary, eucalyptus and lemon or sweet orange essential oils.

Here are a few other ideas to stay well in this pandemic:

- Ground yourself and walk at least 15 minutes daily and preferably barefoot on the grass or sand
- Nourish your relationships – and stay connected in the community
- Deep breathing exercises, meditation and prayer
- Consume less sugar, and more fresh vegetables, fruit and protein
- Avoid cheap oils and choose olive oil, butter and lard
- Aim to avoid anger, rage and fear
- Laughter and joy

You can buy the "Stay-Well-Protected" product from The Source in Coromandel town next to the Pepper Tree (made with some of the essential oils which were used by the four thieves).

Coromandel Homegrown Market

Come along to our Coromandel Homegrown Markets at Hike & Bike Square.

Homegrown produce, crafts, homemade treats and delights, music, and a great place to connect.

The market is every Friday through the end of April 2022, 8am-12pm, but on Saturday instead of Friday on long holiday weekends from 8am-2pm.

CILT - Coromandel Independent Living Trust

The Coromandel Hub Project has begun!

If you've been following our activities over the past year you might have heard about our plan to build a purpose designed community services centre. It will be a hub for our activities, a modern, enduring, collaborative environment where the social and community needs of the people of the Upper Coromandel Peninsula can be met, including community service and social support providers, meeting spaces and co-working facilities.

It's been a bit of a journey to plan the space and raise the required funds, but we are so pleased to announce that we have now begun construction! We held a huri huri whenua/earth turning ceremony at sunrise on 30 September, marking a co-ownership partnership between Patukirikiri Iwi and CILT, and the beginning of this major project that has the potential to really create a positive impact for people in the upper Coromandel.

Another exciting project we've started work on is a native plant nursery project. This project – led by Sarni Hart – provides an opportunity to create educationally powerful connections between local schools, iwi and community groups, through the propagation and planting of native plants and trees. The programme aims to build partnerships between the schools and the wider community, helping students apply and build their learning beyond the school setting in authentic ways, as well as providing opportunities for students to learn, develop and apply skills relevant to the workplace and the world beyond the classroom.

The vision of the nursery education programme is to provide young people with meaningful, place-based experiences that develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills required to think and take action to address local and national environmental issues and challenges, in partnership with whanau, iwi and community groups.

It's really great to see these projects coming together after months and months of planning. Please pop over to Pound Street to take a look as it all comes together.

To learn more about these projects please head to our website: www.cilt.org.nz.

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Mahamudra Centre

By Jennifer Coyne

Up until now, New Zealand has been largely unaffected by most of the more chaotic and disturbing circumstances that Covid has inflicted upon people in other countries. Now, however, we are beginning to experience some of the harsher realities that come with Covid and extended restrictions. Things like being separated from those we love, not being able to do the things that bring us joy, losing a job or income and dealing with sickness, etc., has become our reality. Common reaction to such things are feelings of irritation, annoyance, frustration, upset, anxiety, etc. Sound familiar? In Buddhist terms, these feelings are all mild versions on the spectrum of anger. Anger is an emotion that arises when our attachment doesn't get what it wants. If we learn to catch and deal with angry/negative thoughts in the mind when they come in the milder forms of irritation or frustration, etc., we save ourselves the immense pain of their accumulation which can result in full blown rage or depression. The Buddha has given us many techniques to deal with negative emotions. What's the point of practicing these? It means our happiness and peace of mind needn't be dependent on what's going on in world— it needn't be dependent upon everything going "right", the way our emotions desire things to go. Imagine experiencing a peaceful mind with whatever circumstances confront us.

If you're interested in learning more about these practices, check out our website for upcoming workshops and retreats at mahamudra.org.nz.

Dates for your diary:

Wild Stillness Spring Refresh Retreat **5-7 November**

Healing the Heart Workshop: Patience and Forgiveness **12-14 November**

Lam Rim Study Weekend **19-21 November**

Teachings on the Heart Sutra with Geshe Wangchen **27-28 November**

Drop-in Guided Meditation 8-8:30am Monday - Friday

Pujas: 10am **12 November**, 4pm **14 November**, 4pm **19 November**, 10am **29 November**.

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

November Rethink Rubbish Champions

Last month, John Gaffikin-Cowan contacted us to ask if we could think of a way to use plastic tubs left over from cat food. Both tubs and lids are plastic number 5 which is not recycled in Coromandel. Rather than sending them to landfill, John hoped they could be put to good use. We posted the information on our Facebook page and found a perfect match – Annemieke from the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue Trust will use them to store frozen food portions for rescued birds.

To recognise John's "rethinking" and the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue's "reusing", we have given both John and Annemieke one of our reusable cups and named them as our very first Rethink Rubbish Champions of the Month.

If you have a good idea for reusing rubbish, please send it to us and you might become a champion too.

And remember, you can still take hard to recycle items such as toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, pens, markers, bread tags, disposable razors, clean cling wrap, and Glad bags to the Coromandel Community Preschool, where they will send them away to be recycled.



John receiving his reusable cup



Annemieke showing how the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue Trust is reusing no. 5 plastic tubs for storing bird food

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Bus matters?

By Erica Lyons

I've been browsing through the brightly coloured brochure that came with our WRC rates bill – consisting of six main topics of all of the good things which are planned to be done using our money. That is until you read section 6 – Transport Connections, titled: “Because connected communities are stronger”. Then it goes on: “This year we are continuing to grow our regional bus network with a new bus service linking Matamata, Morrinsville and Hamilton, trialling on-demand public transport and improving our direct and frequent bus connections throughout Hamilton, also improving upgrades to our new Te Huia train service connecting Waikato and Auckland.”

Reading this it obviously means the northern part of the Waikato region is a no-go



zone being forgotten about altogether.

Most of you are probably aware that over the last two years there have been regular features here to get some sort of public transport happening for Coromandel Town.

I was part of a small group supporting the idea. It was mainly initiated and led by Lora Mountjoy who has been amazing and tenacious in exploring many different avenues, attending meetings far and wide and speaking to individuals who could have signalled a change in providing us with a bus service.

It culminated on the “morning of the submissions for the TCDC 10 year plan” to see so many locals signing up for public transport in front of the Four Square. It was a real “buzz” to see such support for the bus!

More encouraging news was that the Community Board set aside \$30K supporting the plan for a three-day-a-week initial service and was going to look into service providers.

However, talking to Sandra Goudie soon after made my good feelings quickly

disappear as she was completely dismissive of the idea of public transport and told me it is not a financially viable option, as simply not enough people will use a bus service.

Public transport is not considered to be “urgent” by TCDC, it is more viewed as a “luxury” item. What I have gathered is that generally speaking, living on the Coromandel Peninsula we are supposed to be somehow providing our own transport.

Ask yourselves how many people are actually going to use a regular bus service? How many of you all have a car or a partner or family member who can drive you anywhere? The mindset of “having a car and driving everywhere” is embedded in the generation I grew up in.

Many people are astonished when you tell them you don't have a car and don't drive, just using the bike to go around.

Therefore “supporting the idea” of a bus for others as a second option is different from actually using and relying on it daily/weekly or on a monthly basis for us.

When we arrived in Coromandel Town 14 years ago there was a daily bus service to Hamilton via Thames, there was the roundtrip Whitianga/Thames/Coromandel and there was a four-day ferry from/to Auckland. That is what we based our move to Coromandel on, as neither of us drives. That these three options have virtually disappeared over time we could never have foreseen.

We have ended up getting rides from friends or kind strangers if we need to go somewhere, which happens less as time moves on, as asking for rides in these sensitive times is just not a good feeling.

The car-sharing idea or even public transport in itself is not popular, although it should be highly considered now in regards to carbon emission reduction.

The community van from CILT, when it was on, was a good option, although it has let us down three times over the last year, as it relies on volunteer drivers. That leaves one stranded and apologising for not turning up for dental or hospital appointments.

The whole issue of not having transport and feeling completely isolated has been the cause of much frustration and depression not only for me, but many others as well.

As a result there have been many folks leaving Coromandel and everything they love about this wonderful place for the simple and sad reason of the lack of public transport.

Funding boost for regional heritage research centre and archive

Heritage research centre and archive, The Treasury, has received a \$150,000 funding boost from Thames Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils towards realising its vision of preserving the history of early families, businesses, and industries in the region.

Thames Coromandel District Council and the Thames Community Board agreed to a combined community service grant of \$60,000 in Year 1, \$40,000 in Year 2 and \$20,000 in Year 3, and Hauraki District Council has confirmed \$10,000 per annum for three years.

The Treasury is housed in the historic Carnegie Library building on Thames' Queen Street. Its Archive is in the modern, architecturally designed box that sits alongside.

Hidden inside are stories of families who forged some of New Zealand's foremost heavy industries, from steam engines built by A&G Price to Phoenix Breweries, famous for their German style beer.

The Treasury's establishment is testament to what a keen group of volunteers can achieve when they put their minds to it, says current Board Chairman Greg Hampton.

Greg says The Treasury is keen to raise its profile with the community and visitors to the Thames Coromandel region, and the funding granted in the two councils' Long-Term Plans would help deliver on that vision.

Without The Treasury the risk is that all of the historic documentation hidden in garages and under beds around the region would be lost over time, he says.

The combined funding has allowed The Treasury to employ a manager and collections assistant for 12 months, starting in September. It also allowed The Treasury to advance the build of its new website and IT infrastructure, including taking the catalogued and digitised archive items online sometime during 2022.

For a small fee, people can drop in at the Carnegie Library building and be assisted by volunteers to find nuggets of early history.

If you wish to support The Treasury or get involved please contact the Manager at manager.thetreasury@gmail.com



The Treasury Archive (foreground) and the Carnegie Library

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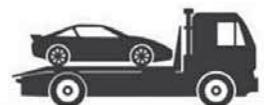
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Seasons project

By Sue Gilmer

Dr Paul Schneider, who is taking part in a four-year study of seasonal changes and how they may affect our lives, set our group the topic of "Climate Change" for our monthly writing. This following story was written by Chris May.

Morning mist lingered in the clearing. He stood quite still, transfixed by his reflection in a deep pool that was held by large rocks, guardians of the unseen. A breeze rippled the water and he looked up, the grass in the clearing lay flat, still heavy from last night's rain. He could smell the dampness in the air, he could feel his hooves sinking into the soft sward and he could hear the river swirling and disappearing into oblivion. He could sense that he was not alone. Voices in his heart sang softly.

He could sense that the grass beneath his feet was moving, the soil was alive, the forest was engaged in conversation sometimes a soft whisper and sometimes quite loud, birds sang, branches moved, he called to the voices and they whispered back to him. It seemed like a giant heartbeat now pulsed around him and through him, he was the earth and the earth was him, there was a message in the wind.

He had watched the humans come and go, they had faced floods, drought, millions starved and died. He knew that some had tried to fix things with technology, but their actions were futile, now it was too late, the changing world had overtaken them, they were lost and bereft of ideas and still stuck in their belief that they were masters of "their" world. He wondered why they had not learned to listen to nature, to listen to their hearts not their heads. He knew that the answer was to become at one with stillness, to feel the answers in a tranquil pool, to feel the trees and the soil, to listen to and to feel them breathing, to allow Mother Nature to lead the way.

Startled, he looked up, he could hear the trees singing, "This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius". He smiled, as he felt the warmth of the early morning sun on his ancient body, looking up he rejoiced that at last the planets were aligning to help humans embark on a nature journey.

If you would like to know more about our group, please contact Sur Gilmer mapagilmer@hotmail.com



By Pete Sephton

Tea for Tui

The McNairs' deck at Te Kouma has long been a favourite hang out for these beautiful tui. This group called in for morning tea and to enhance the wonderful view over Coromandel Harbour.

Coffee Haiku

By John Irvine

he drank his extra strong plunger coffee
down with enthusiasm:
more so than the cockroach in the bottom



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Work continues at the museum to prepare for another busy summer period. We thank those volunteers who have come in to update displays, and man the museum over the weekends, and a special thank you goes to Patrick who has carried out some essential maintenance jobs for us. These small jobs can seem unimportant but attending to them in a timely manner is vital to the smooth running of the museum.

Over the last month or so the committee has been dealing with the question of gun storage and display. Due to a change in the law, museums are required to hold special licences in order to display guns. As our gun display has been quite a popular source of discussion over the years, we were reluctant to just dispose of all of the guns we held. NZ Police kindly sent their Firearms Officer to inspect our collection, and he advised us that two of our guns were considered antiques, and therefore exempt under the new laws. So, we now have a small display of two antique guns and have found a new home for the rest of the guns. We thank everyone who has assisted us with their time and expertise to achieve a satisfactory result in this matter.

Last month I recalled the discovery of gold in 1852 by Charles Ring and that the initial “goldrush” in Coromandel was of short duration, as only £1,500 of gold was accessible in river silt. Thanks to Wikipedia I can advise that more gold was to be found in quartz veins where it was inaccessible to individual prospectors. Underground mines



had to be constructed to remove the quartz, and the arrival of experienced miners from Cornwall assisted with the construction of safer mines. Mining of tin and copper had a long history in Cornwall and Devon, dating back as far as the Bronze Age, but by the middle of the 19th century Cornish mining was in decline and in the first six months of 1875 over 10,000 miners left Cornwall. New Zealand benefitted greatly from this great export of expertise. Over 65 mines operated in the Coromandel area. The Kapanga mine was the deepest mine in the Coromandel goldfield, going down to 200 metres below sea level. From 1862 to 1911 its output was about 30,000 ounces of gold from 17,000 tons of quartz. At the nearby Scotty’s claim, a 140-metre shaft was sunk but returns there never outdid the cost of running the shaft.

To recover gold from quartz, the rock had

to be crushed. Stamper batteries were used to crush the gold-bearing mineral ore and at one time 693 stamper heads were operating in Thames alone. These batteries operated almost 24/7, with a break on Sunday mornings to allow for church attendance. Citizens reported that they found the silence unnerving. The Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery was opened in 1899 and can still be visited in Buffalo Road (from the outside only).

Gold mining was profitable, as this item from New Zealand Herald, 22 November 1898 shows:

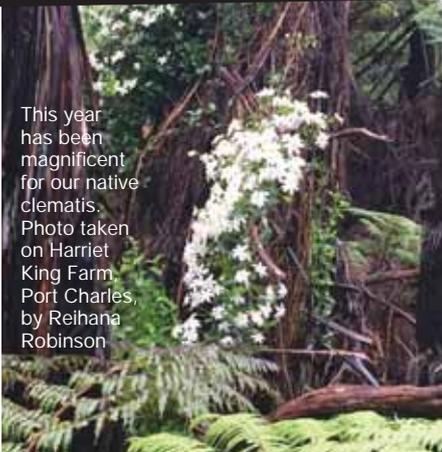
“The Gold Returns

Another Record Broken

£48,704 for the month. For the past 24 days the gold returns show an advance over the returns for the full crushing period of last month. The total to date is £48,704, as against £48,318 for last month. The returns from the Ohinemuri district again form the major portion of the total, and this, without the Waihi Silverton return, while Thames is second, and Coromandel third.”

The museum will be open on Thursdays 9.30am-12pm, and from 1-4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout November

Native clematis in all its glory



This year has been magnificent for our native clematis. Photo taken on Harriet King Farm, Port Charles, by Reihana Robinson

Do you live in a constant state of stress? Part 1

With Linda Cholmondeley Smith

Let me share an insightful story.

Two monks, “Yesmi” and “Nomi”, are returning to the monastery. On the way they have to cross a river and they hear a woman crying. She is unable to cross and is in a hurry to get home to her child.

Yesmi reaches her and helps her cross the river.

After several hours Nomi speaks up, “Do you know what you’ve done? Our Master said not to look at a woman, not to speak to a woman, not to touch a woman. You spoke to her, you touched her, and you carried her.”

Yesmi replied, “But I put her down half an hour ago, it is you who is still carrying her.”

These two monks represent our two inner states.

The suffering state where our usual mood is sadness, irritation and anger. And the beautiful state which is filled with wholeness, calm, joy and courage.

Nomi was agitated before the event, during the event and after the event. His inner agitation led him to overcomplicate matters and act irrationally.

Yesmi was present in his action and once that action was over he left it totally.

There are only two states in which any human being on this planet lives. No matter what our occupation or status in life, Whether a Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, anyone in this world, we only experience life from one of these two states. One is the suffering state, the other is the beautiful state.

Next month in the Chronicle we’ll take a closer look at these two states.

Observe yourself and see where you predominantly dwell!

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Kera

Firstly thank mews to those who have donated cat and kitten food to the felines. One bag of biscuits, the Nood cat bikies, arrived in letter box – lady's cats had turned furry noses up at the offered food so it ended up here and our felines loved the biscuits, but as with all food, given occasionally it's a treat they adore. We also thank the lovely lady who donated a financial blessing to us in the supermarket. These right now are our lifelines. Our fundraising on the internet is very spasmodic and over the last month we raised \$36 but we are grateful for that. We just quietly carry on doing as best we can.

Christmas raffles – This year we have only three days, **Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 November** outside Pak 'n Save Thames from 9am-4pm, each day. We will have our usual awesome raffles, Christmas hamper, Christmas cakes, hundred dollar note, scratchies and grocery raffles. Also a brand new juicer, so again a fabulous line up of raffles; something we are well known for is having wonderful raffles.

We are gearing up for these three days of raffles but understand we could well be told to cancel due to Covid, which will not



impress us whatsoever. Losing three days is one thing but losing the lot will be diabolical for our account and future of the unit. Our trilogy of fundraisers has been thinned out, which puts great pressure on us. Labour weekend

garage sale cancelled, so now is down to the raffle days and the Christmas garage sale. Our paws are crossed in the hope we can at least get these in just to feed and care for those in our care currently. Our fundraising for Christmas/New Year, what we raise is what we can afford to take in, which with desexing so high now and all other costs so high and funds low means it is going to be an interesting season ahead of us. We literally can only take in what we can afford to care for and right now we are currently unable to take anything in at this time.

Desexing – We have a near-on \$300 vet bill for the desexing of three – the two girls defy sense and had to be sin binned and put on cage rest for three days as they just didn't want to be sensible about go slow and gentle! Then there was Tamtam, our cerebral. Desexing these kittens can be a problem with uncertainties of what the anaesthetic will do to them as they are already cerebral but for Tam she just went in, got spayed and no dramas or issues and back to her adorable

little self. She is a delight, comes in every morning for her pat time and cuddle me time, she is so gentle when she wants to be, her soft wee purr and just totally a very happy little girl. For rescue these cerebrals are such an unknown quantity yet have so much love to give and play hard with other cats. She also loves that Wiki and Mascara will give her a wash around the ears and head and is so cute to watch. Tutu on other hand tolerates the tabby brat and will thwack her around the ears if she gets too close or too bossy on what Tam wants.

Kera is the vocal mouth of our rescue crew. She has a yell more than a quiet request and demands to be let out, demands to be fed and she has a lovely cattitude and gorgeous classic tabby markings.

Our older felines are enjoying themselves as they do each day.

Wanted – Cat and kitten food, mainly tinned, sachets, tinned salmon or sardines, pet milk, garage sale items we can sell on internet and any financial blessings are truly appreciated. Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 and please reference where you wish us to spend this: vet, kai, or anywhere else you wish the donation to be spent. Thank mew.

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Access improvements at Fletcher Bay campsite

Work to improve access to the picturesque Fletcher Bay campsite is beginning.

The Fletcher Bay site is one of a several Coromandel campsites managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). At the northern tip of the Coromandel Peninsula, the campsite is nestled between a golden sandy beach and neighbouring farmland. It is a bookable campsite and during peak season it can hold up to 300 campers across 60 unpowered sites.

Nick Kelly, DOC's Coromandel Operations Manager, says the work getting underway will make access easier for campers heading for a stay at this idyllic and isolated location.

"For the last few years, the access into this campsite has been a fairly basic gravel road," he says.

"One of the challenges we've had at this location is management of stormwater during rain events – there have been situations when the road has been flooded, which is an issue for DOC and obviously the visitors who camp there."

The improvements will see creation of a new access road into the site and installation of two culverts to better control the stormwater flows.

With earthworks set to be undertaken by contractors using heavy machinery, Nick Kelly says the campsite will be closed for two months.

"All going to plan, our contractors will have the job done by the first week of December and we'll have the campsite available for the festive season campers, who enjoy the simplicity of a beachside holiday well away from the urban hustle and bustle.

"Investments like these give New Zealanders a chance to connect to heritage and nature in conservation areas," Nick Kelly says.

Bookings for the campsite can be made through the DOC website, or by contacting the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.

Improvements at Fletcher Bay are part of ongoing work to upgrade access and facilities at several DOC's northern Coromandel campsites. In February 2020, DOC completed the installation of new toilet blocks at its Fletcher Bay, Stony Bay and Waikawau Bay campsites.

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



In life we all have choices to make. When we exercise our right to choose we do so knowing that with choice come both responsibilities and consequences.

I've exercised my choice to get vaccinated and I've had two jabs. That's been the decision of the vast majority of New Zealanders and Coromandel folk. We've done so for a mix of both personal and wider community interests and I applaud those who have made the decision to get vaccinated.

Like it or not, Covid Delta is coming to a neighbourhood near us soon. Being vaccinated is the best protection we have both as individuals and as a community. Yes, I've heard the arguments for and against but on balance I think being vaccinated is the right thing to do and I'm encouraging those folk who have not yet had the jab to get it as soon as possible.

Over the last school holidays local businesses really missed the spending power of visitors from Auckland and the Waikato. The Coromandel Peninsula was noticeably quieter than usual for a school holiday break. Hopefully restrictions will be lifted by Christmas, but the weeks are slipping away and before we know it summer will be here. Getting vaccination rates up is the key to that happening.

Many businesses are reliant on booming summer trade to get them through the quieter winter months, but more than that we just need the morale boost of seeing family and friends reunited and enjoying all that the Coromandel has to offer. The possibility of having a classic Coromandel summer is tied to achieving a high vaccination rate.

If you've been delaying getting vaccinated in the hope that you will be able to carry out regular activities once the country has reached herd immunity status, I would strongly encourage you to reconsider that position. Every indication both here and overseas shows it's going to be increasingly difficult to live freely and safely without getting vaccinated. The government has already started mandating vaccines for a variety of workforces and for the public to partake in large events. Businesses will more frequently choose only to do business with vaccinated people.

But more than allowing people to return to normal activities, the vaccine has proven to reduce the likelihood of contracting the virus, lessens the chance of transmitting it to others and decreases hospitalisation rates. Getting vaccinated is simply the best way to protect yourself and your community from the effects of Covid.

So getting jabbed is a simple process: just turn up, roll up your sleeve and let the health workers do the rest.

In other news, just a brief update on the public meetings I've been attending around the Peninsula regarding the government's Three Waters reforms. The message has been really clear: people want to retain control over the water's assets that they have paid for over generations. If the government forces through these changes, the next National Government will reverse them.



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Our Shed

By Jo Sanderson

With last month being so disruptive with Covid restrictions, we stopped all of our meetings and activities but now feel it is time to start slowly again.

On **1 November**, we are having some members from the Thames Men's Shed coming up to speak to us about their club. They will explain how they set it up and some useful information on how we may be able to get a Men's Shed started here in Coromandel if there is the interest. If you are keen to be involved with this please come along, or if you know someone who might be – please share the word.

The talk will begin at 1.30pm at The Club.

Qi Gong

We have decided to resume our wonderful Qi Gong workshops on **31 October** and then again on **12 December** unless we have further Covid restrictions, but fingers crossed all will be well.

Please get in touch with Jo if you want to attend next month's session. Email: ourshedcoromandel@gmail.com or phon 022 050 3005.

Payment must be accompanied by your name to secure your place. Each session is limited to 20 people.

Here is the Facebook link to the event – please share this on your Facebook page if you have one to let everyone know it is on next month: www.facebook.com/events/1945998085567045/.

Because of the sudden lockdown last month we were not able to have our planned monthly guest speaker and to begin our weekly "Cuppa, Crafts and Games". Ann Kerr-Bell's talk on Gut Health will now be rescheduled for early next year as we had the rest of this year's speakers organised.

We will decide in the next couple of weeks when and if to start the Cuppa, Crafts and Games this year. Check our Facebook page for regular updates.

We certainly are living in uncertain times, and trust you are all staying safe and well.

Please follow our group on Facebook - www.facebook.com/OurshedCoromandel and if you would like to receive our newsletters – please get in touch with Jo via email ourshedcoromandel@gmail.com or ph 022 050 3005

Adult and Children's Ballet Classes – Coromandel Town

By Marilyn Swan, Registered Teacher & Life Member Royal Academy of Dance

I have been teaching dance classes in Coromandel for over a year now and they are going strong.

Classes continue, with new people arriving from time to time.

When we return to Level 1, we welcome visitors and holiday makers to Coromandel to come and join us. The class is made up of an encouraging, enthusiastic and diverse group of people ranging in age from 20's-80's.

The class combines an outlet for technical learning and development as well as artistic expression through dance to music.

I have been overwhelmed by the strong interest in the adult ballet class and the unique community spirit we have grown. Barre is a fixed weekly routine that everyone knows and visitors to class can pick up easily, and I always vary the musical styles that we dance to. Next month I would like to introduce "Discovering Repertoire" for people who love the classical ballets, to music of the most famous variations. Students worldwide find great satisfaction in learning variations from famous ballets such as Coppelia, Giselle, Paquita and Sleeping Beauty, for example.

I feel there is a sincere respect from all people attending the weekly adult ballet class for both the art of ballet, and for each other. It is a convivial, connected class with space for personal reflection and expression during class itself, followed by a trip to a local café for lunch.

Vocational Examination entrant, Rebekah Pearson (mixed media artist), continued to challenge herself in 2021 with advanced tuition. She entered the Royal Academy of Dance Advanced One Examination, in Tauranga in September. Congratulations Rebekah, on your successful result. A huge achievement.

Flamenco Dance Workshop in June this year was an energetic and fun afternoon learning traditional flamenco dances soleares, tangos, buleria and sevillanas and rhythms that the dances are based on.

Children's ballet classes were offered as a workshop format from time to time during the year. The result of this workshop approach is a regular weekly class. Term 3 went well before and after Covid lockdown. Fingers crossed, as we hope to get a full term in before the end of the year. Vacancies for children between 7-11 years available for our Monday class 4pm, in the Events Centre Coromandel Town.

Ballet develops many skills that stay with a student for life. Through technique and fitness children acquire poise, good posture, self-confidence, the ability to express their imagination to music and a balanced, healthy body. With careful tuition all students are encouraged to produce the best they can of themselves.

Colville Primary School – It is a pleasure to tutor Ballet/Dance and Piano at Colville Primary School again this year. In week five Term 4 Kereru children will present some of their ballet/dance learning for their whanau including a small piano recital of music started.

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True Tales of New Zealand Fisheries Officers

Coromandel, the Firth of Thames, Great Barrier Island and the Hauraki Gulf all feature prominently in a newly released book called *True Tales of New Zealand Fisheries Officers*.

Compiled by former fisheries officers Duncan Chisholm and Don Armitage, it is a collection of 100 true stories (with many photographs) written by former and current fisheries officers and former Navy and Air Force personnel who were charged with policing our 200-mile fishing zone.

Chisholm is sure that older Coromandel residents will recall the “boom times” of fishing for snapper in the Firth of Thames and the Gulf in the 1970’s and 1980’s. He says that with this boom came problems.

“There are plenty of cat and mouse tales from this era as seiners and trawlers are nabbed in prohibited waters by fisheries staff. Fish stocks were taking a hammering and for some fishermen poaching was the only means of surviving financially.”

Chisholm says other stories cover the crazy mussel poaching days in the late 1960’s and 1970’s at Orere Point on the other side of the Firth to the oyster picking days on the Coromandel coast and Waiheke and Great Barrier up until the setting up of New Zealand’s first oyster farm in Coromandel Harbour in the mid-sixties.

Paua, crayfish and toheroa poaching on a grand scale all feature in the book as do the crazy things that occurred during open toheroa seasons in the 70’s.

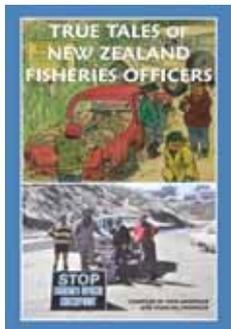
Chisholm’s favourite in the book is an amazing three-part story involving a Navy inshore patrol vessel, a fleeing Taiwanese squid boat, and an Air Force Skyhawk fighter firing explosive cannon.

“People don’t realise the amazing and effective job our tiny Navy and Air Force have done in policing our huge 200-mile fishing zone.”

Coromandel identities and former fisheries officers Dick Williams, Ian Walker, the late Neil Macdonald and others feature prominently in many of the tales as does the former Coromandel based patrol vessel “Tokatea”.

The role of fisheries officers is wide and varied. Much of what went on and is told in these tales occurred out of the gaze of the public eye, at night, in remote locations or at sea.

Chisholm says the excitement, danger and occasional humour in the stories will appeal to a wide range of readers.



Stocked in Carsons Bookshop in Thames or contact Duncan on dunkmale@gmail.com

Community Gardens update

By Rachel
– coordinator for the Community Gardens

We have started clearing the beds for planting out the spring and summer vegies!

If anyone out there has some spare seedlings or seeds and would like to donate them, please drop them at the community garden donation shelves at the gardens. Just make sure they are labelled!

We are still wanting volunteers to come along on Wednesdays at 1pm to 3pm. Of course you can just donate whatever time you would like. The level of jobs to be done is varied so if you have knee or back problems, then there are easier jobs like making up seedling trays.

We are looking for donations of mulch and compost too.

In whatever way you support the garden know that it feeds families with fresh, organic, non-sprayed vegies throughout the year and has been doing this for 15 years. It is a wonderful, important part of our community support.

Soon we would like to offer some simple, small workshops on how to start a worm farm, start a no dig garden, make the best compost and find organic solutions to pest control. If there is anything you would like to learn, please let us know.

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Mana update

By Jade Ferriere

It was such a joy to open our doors after our lockdown slumber, however it has been a time of stop, start, stop again, with more and more Auckland based groups having to cancel their upcoming retreats.

As we prepared ourselves to reopen we faced the topical dilemma of vaccination, no vaccination, masks, no masks. We realised, even within our small team, that there were varying ideas, opinions and perspectives around what it means to provide a “safe” space for our guests and community.

In some small way, meeting our own vulnerabilities helped to expand our awareness of the state of polarity that exists in our world right now. It was a humble invitation to walk our talk when it comes to compassionate understanding.

We know the value of having a safe space to be able to express our worries, hopes and insecurities. That is why it feels so important for us to show up, each and every day, honouring our vulnerability and holding space for others to do the same.

What does it mean to “hold space” for someone else?

It means that we are willing to walk alongside another person in whatever journey they’re on without judging them, making them feel inadequate, trying to fix them, or trying to impact the outcome. When we hold space for other people, we open our hearts, offer unconditional support, and let go of judgement and control.

Holding space is not something that’s exclusive to facilitators, coaches, or therapists. It is something that all of us can do for each other – for our partners, children, friends, neighbours, and even strangers who strike up conversations at the supermarket. What opportunities can you embrace today to hold space for someone in need of support?

Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

We’re back together again, yay. Let’s hope it stays that way. I personally seem to have lost a month when writing this. The year is getting shorter and shorter.

Our committee has met again to rework our programme for the rest of the year, and I’m sure many other organisations have done the same.

Running out of weeks this year to have all of our planned workshops, which will now be on our calendar for next year, as well as discussing our Xmas luncheon. Where did the year go?

Our first meeting after lockdown did prove how busy our ladies had been. Our meeting was small but our Show and Tell Table was anything but.

With a high standard of quilts on display it’s hard to know which photos to show.

Another inspirational quilt by Tina featured a contemporary cross design and was self quilted.

Delwyn shared a disappearing nine-patch designed quilt which she quilted seagulls on.

Also a lovely mauve/purple colourway featuring a sea egg pattern which was edge to edge quilted by our own Michaela Green, who has her own longarm quilting business.

Sharon and I had completed our Mystery Quilts to share with the girls, although Sharon had to still handstitch her binding on. Sharon’s quilt is a pink/mauve colourway featuring lots of detailed stitching. It will look great hanging on her wall.

My quilt is in blue/green colourway featuring butterflies and dragonflies, with a reversible back featuring “I spy” fabrics, so it can be flipped over. This quilt is made for my grandies in Ozzie, to hang on their playroom wall.

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



Judy Russell butterfly quilt



Sharon Currie quilt

Flip Farming Oysters

A major aquaculture player in the Coromandel industry, iwi-owned Moana New Zealand, is benefiting from advancements in aquaculture farming techniques.

Created as part of the Maori Fisheries Settlement Act, the company is owned by 58 iwi nationwide.

Moana New Zealand has about 38.5 hectares of oyster farms in the Coromandel region, stretching from McGregor’s Bay to Te Kouma and Preece Point. The company produces about 1.2 million dozen oysters a year and 200,000 dozen of those are grown in the Coromandel. It aims to more than double production in the Coromandel by 2026.

Moana has committed to investing \$21 million into the business to grow its production, in line with the government’s goal for the industry.

The company has recently invested in flip farming technology that will see 99 percent of the current wooden oyster farm infrastructure removed from the water and instead of growing oysters on sticks the oysters will be grown in floating baskets.

Moana New Zealand currently uses about 18 percent of their 38.5 available hectares but new technologies will increase this to 63 percent by 2026.

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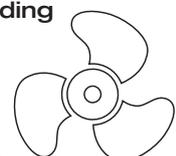
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Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle

The main focus for the Coromandel Lions over the next four months will be sourcing and distributing firewood, a major fundraiser for us which takes a lot of work from members and friends of Lions.

Pictures this month are from our first working bee, cutting firewood at The Waterworks on Saturday 18 September. We welcome extra hands to help with working bees on Saturday mornings, so if you have the time and ability to spare then give Rick Ward a call and join us. If you would like to support us by purchasing firewood instead, do get your orders in early. You can feel even warmer knowing your money goes back into supporting the local community.

We had planned to raffle a load of firewood to raise funds for Starship. Unfortunately lockdown meant a raffle wasn't possible but we still donated \$1,000 to Starship to match the donation from Derek Barnaby.

Lockdown also rained on our plans to celebrate our 50th anniversary with an event, which we and past members have all been looking forward to. It's been great to have so much interest, with people now living out of town also keen to come back and celebrate with us. We have decided to postpone the celebration until next year.

This Christmas we will be selling Christmas cakes as a fundraiser – \$20 per cake or \$110 for a box of six. Because of uncertainties about both supply and whether we will be able to have street sales, please pre-order your cakes by calling Lyn on 027 4246 5635.



Members Paul and Michael with volunteer Dean Brett manning the chainsaws at our working bee at The Waterworks

The club is also looking at refurbishing the Tokatea monument during the summer months, and we have new signage printed for some historical spots around town, currently being installed by the Council.

Thanks for your support so that we can support you Coromandel Town. Enjoy the season and catch you next month.



Jean, Rick and Lewis load firewood into the truck

Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

As I write this we are coming into summer, and waiting to see how the weeks unfold. Regardless, we can and must contact and connect with each other. Our life and health depends on it.

I have been reading "The Hidden Life of Trees", how trees are interconnected through the soil. Trees pass nutrients along to others; "Mother Trees" protect and support vulnerable trees around them. As a gardener I know that I am first and foremost growing soil. The healthy soil biome of bacteria and fungi is what interconnects between plants and feeds my veges.

As humans we are the same. We also flourish when we are interconnected with threads of friendship and community care. We all have experiences of loss, fear, trauma and, especially after the disruptions, we can feel isolated. Here are a few lines from a poem I wrote called "Gaps":

*We sit beside the sacred gap, where none can intervene,
and weave across it spiderweb threads of love,
and pray that it will be enough.*

We all need places that are safe enough, open enough for us to sense those threads of connection that enable us to soften, settle, regain our core resolve and resilience. I hope our soup and sitting opportunity is such a space.

Join us for soup at 6pm and sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm. Wednesday nights **3, 10, 17, 24 November**.

I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm. Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell



Healthy Females

Are you focusing on: better babies; healthy growing girls; perfect puberty; fun-filled fertility; menopause (before, during, after); active old age?

Whatever stage of life you are at, live to prevent any of the potential health issues that are so common nowadays due to exposure to legal toxins in foods that cause oestrogen and other hormonal imbalances (premature menstruation, premature menopause and all other issues), weight gain, insomnia, hair loss, bone loss, etc.

Under the umbrella of each of the above stages, I have helped hundreds of females of all ages to achieve their health goal.

The ideal outcome is longevity, vitality and anti-ageing. Aim to be able to run along the beach with your grandkids, that's what nature intended.

More Good News

- Urinary tract infection – 81-year-old woman, so relieved to be healed completely after being on my programme. No more pain on urination, blood in urine, sleepless nights. She phoned me to, "Your herb tonic worked wonders!" Previously, her extra strong antibiotics were not working.
- Chronic fatigue and shingles – Nearly two years of exhaustion and despondency due to feeling there was no hope of ever feeling better, led this lady to see me as a "last resort". I identified the actual cause, spent time strengthening her overall constitution. My lab test investigations identified the actual virus which was causing this 68-year-old lady's ill health. Like all viruses, they stay dormant in the nerve cell, flaring up only when the body is malnourished due to overly processed foods of the modern diet. Or the immune system's white blood cells become exhausted from a high stress load. She is grateful for my potent anti-viral immune balance and boost plan.

Do you need hormone balancing, supporting detoxification and nutrition enhancing? It's part of the common thread from birth, linking the wellbeing at all ages.

Broccoli

Broccoli is great for women's health. Enjoy raw, seeds sprouted, in your smoothie, juiced, steamed, as a pizza base, or in soup.

In a pot sauté chopped onions, celery, garlic in coconut or olive oil until clear. Add chopped broccoli, nutritional yeast flakes, dill, fresh thyme, lemon grass. Add grated apple to sweeten. Cook until broccoli is slightly soft, about 1 minute. Blend. Serve with dollop of coconut or almond cream. You can add a small proportion of potato or kumara for a thicker consistency.

Covid-19

Your immune system's cells only work at their best when nourished. The modern diet is not nourishing.

Your immune system only works at its best if your gut health, from mouth to bottom, is optimally performing. 80% of your immune system is in the digestive tract. It is exciting that the evidence shows what we have known for years.

I can help you enhance your immune system's cellular performance. I have been treating clients who are presenting acute symptoms after succumbing to a virus, or who have had a reaction to their vaccination. Postviral syndrome, or long and lingering symptoms after a virus, is treatable.

Help your immune system as nature intended

- Enjoy – water, raw foods, good fats and protein, wholegrains, nuts and seeds, fruit, exercise.
- Avoid – cereals, processed grains, sugar, alcohol, bad fats. If you are craving these foods or chemicals, let me help you understand why, and correct it.
- Teach your daughters and granddaughters how to be truly healthy. Let them reactivate these innate skills, via your examples.

Healthy blood? Live Blood Screening – see your blood cells. If no jab, be confident your immunity is strong. If planning a jab, see cells before and after your jab.

Mineral deficiency? www.activeelements.com, username 259077, password 579819.

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

The sun goddess took pity on us on Wednesday 13 October, to allow for our programmed visiting of two local gardens! First one was at the beginning of Colville Road where some of you will remember the

orchard. This area is now subdivided and the garden we visited has been cleared of gorse and other noxious weeds and developed into a warm, sunny oasis, still with citrus, feijoas, olive, and grapes. Kim talked about guava moth, and she uses pheromone strips along with guava moth liquid to help the fruit ripen without the pesky guava moth. The recipe is below and needs to be hung in trees now if you want to eat your fruit without a mouthful of moth!

Guava Moth Recipe

- ¾ cup of apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup of treacle/golden syrup/brown sugar
- 1 tbsp bleach
- 5 cups of water

Reuse a plastic bottle with lid on, make a 1cm hole in upper half, put in some solution and hang in tree. Use more bottles if you have multiple fruit trees; replace solution every two weeks.

The second garden was a new garden further up Colville Road. Heaps of old and large trees have been removed. Sue proudly showed us the newly laid paths and new plantings to go with them. A covered deck with large vege boxes just outside the kitchen completed our visit.

Once back at the The Club, our meeting continued with afternoon tea, buying from our sales table, raffles and our monthly competitions.

A monthly forum had subjects including dealing with slaters, Iceland poppies not flowering, rabbits, guava moths, broadleaf weeds in lawn – a lively debate and lots of suggestions.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 10 November.**

Greenhills Ramble. Start at The Club at 1pm.

Arrangement – Rose Bowl, Special – Vege

Box.

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



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Rescue Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee of Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

Statement from the Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopter with plans to return to Coromandel Peninsula area

Residents and holidaymakers enjoying all that the beautiful Coromandel region has to offer over the summer holidays can rest easier knowing the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust (ARHT) is, once again planning for crew to be based at the Whitianga hangar.

Last summer, thanks to overwhelming community support, including that of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, the charity was able to operate a third helicopter and crew from the purpose-built Whitianga hangar and accommodation facilities. Apart from the White Island mission, it was the first time in the service’s 50-year history all three of its helicopters were operational.

Under national patient guidelines, set by the government’s National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO) in 2019, the trust is required to have two helicopters and crews available at their Ardmore base during daylight hours, every day of the year.

With NASO’s blessing, Northern Rescue Helicopter Limited CEO Craig Gibbons says the ARHT team were delighted to be welcomed back last year, having worked through some logistical issues that left the

Whitianga base empty the summer prior.

“We recognise how important this service is to the community who have been so generous with their donations every year,” Gibbons says, “The movement of approximately 100,000 people to the Coromandel Peninsula during the summer period is significant and needs to be matched with the same level of pre-hospital and retrieval medical care. We are working hard to ensure we have the resources and capacity to meet the demand for a third helicopter and crew in Whitianga and hope to extend our days of deployment this year. Once again, we appeal to our Auckland and Coromandel communities to help us achieve this.”

2020 was a record year for ARHT with 1,187 missions undertaken, including 192 to the Coromandel Peninsula. Despite lockdown, 2021 is shaping up to be the Trust’s busiest yet, with 953 missions up

until the end of September including 148 missions to the Coromandel Peninsula.

To support the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, to support Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopter to be based at Whitianga, visit www.coromandelrescue.org.nz, or make a payment to Westpac 03-1578-0116338-001 with your surname as a reference.

Local missions for this month

21.09.21 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a boy involved in a motor vehicle accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

22.09.21 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 60’s suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

Thanks all – be safe!

Contact Nigel Strongman on 022 670 1549

Car Club



COROMANDEL CAR CLUB

We hosted the Whitianga Car Club in October and they turned up in force as 46 classic cars surrounded the club rooms. Club Happy Hour is a success, next club meet is **Wednesday 10 November**. We had a good turnout for a run to Matarangi Sunday 17 October. Our next run will be **Sunday 7 November**; details to follow. The club rooms and bar are open Saturdays and Sundays from 3pm, with raffles drawn on the night. We do notice a few “car” people turn up, so good to see and many thanks.

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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal



Even though we are still in Level 2 with many events unfortunately needing to be postponed, Term 4 started on a high with a record roll of 120 with more children expected to enrol during the term. Due to our increasing roll the Ministry of Education is developing an enrolment scheme for Te Rerenga School, which will be in effect for the beginning of Term 1 in 2022.

Having an enrolment scheme in place will ensure the Board of Trustees has a fair and transparent mechanism to manage the roll as it grows. Children that live within the school home zone will have entitlement to enrol at Te Rerenga School. Basically this zone runs from the top of the Whangapoua Hill to the top of the Kuaotunu Hill, encompassing everywhere in between including the Opito Peninsula. The enrolment scheme does not apply to children who are currently attending Te Rerenga School and who live outside the proposed zone. They remain eligible to be part of our school community. A community consultation meeting via Zoom about the enrolment scheme was held on 20 October.

The Chess Club in Te Rerenga School has grown and now we have a Junior and a Senior Chess Club. Even though Term 3 was short due to Covid, all players have learnt new skills where the Senior Chess Club in particular has learnt three main opening moves – King’s Gambit, Queen’s Gambit and French Defense. The chess coach Nicky Fanning is very impressed with their level of interest and play. We also have planned for an inter-school tournament with Mercury Bay Area School which will proceed in Term 4.

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu. Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

A big thank you to Aunty Jean (Ashby), Tracey Smith and Nicki Harris for the fun day of face painting and fried bread with ice cream on the last day of the school holidays, yum!

Please make a gold coin donation.

Opening Hours: Sunday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 3pm-5pm

Friday Night Social 6.30pm-8.30pm (10-14yrs).

Activities and play for children 5+yrs.

All visitors – please remember to wear a mask, QR code scan and sanitise when entering Youth Group; staff will sign you in.

Any concerns or for more information call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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

New afterschool club in Coromandel Town – Na Ihowa Ahau

By Anita Prime, Na Ihowa Ahau Coordinator



Na Ihowa Ahau is a popular programme currently run in Whitianga. From small beginnings we now see up to 50 children attend after school on Fridays throughout the school term. Like Whitianga, there is a real need to support our tamariki in the Coromandel, and through the Elim Church, the same programme now has the opportunity to come to our own community.

The programme is Bible based, and teaches life skills and values based on this. The two hours are filled with food, games, and a small teaching/discussion time where the kids learn about peer pressure, self-worth, positive vs. negative brain food, goal setting, decision making and many more real-life skills and concepts.

This is self-funded and is being provided to the community for free. It is headed up by Anita Prime QSM (LA music award winner and USA billboard charting artist and longtime youth worker) alongside Senior Elim Minister Steve Garland and Maria Dove.

Anita says, “We recognise the need to link arms with our community and the parents in being positive role models in these very delicate years of our tamariki lives. We desire for them to learn to be wise with the decisions they make and to help them grow into being great role models and leaders for our community and nation.

This afterschool club has now started and is operating out of the Anglican Church, 170 Tiki Road (opposite Coromandel Area School), every Tuesday 3-4.45pm during the school term. Tamariki of all school ages are welcome.

For more information call Anita Prime on 027 259 1085

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Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody, Kiwi Can Coordinator



Kia ora koutou, and welcome to Term 4! So far in Kiwi Can we have discovered our new theme and catchphrase for the term. Our theme/kaupapa this term is Positive Relationships/ Whakawhanaungatanga. Positive Relationships are all about working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others, and we are exploring this with three modules: Friendship, Positive Communication and Cooperation.

Our catchphrase for this term is Together Everyone Achieves More! It’s been a big year, and we are all definitely feeling it right about now, so teamwork is crucial to get through to the next school holidays! Next issue we will be writing about what games and activities we have been doing to cover our modules but if you would like to keep up to date with Kiwi Can Coromandel, please like our page on Facebook! Search: Graeme Dingle Foundation Coromandel. Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation



Coromandel Area School

Jamie Rose Brown

We are back at school and ready for Term 4. This term we have lots going on! On 28 October we are participating in the annual national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi. This will be a good opportunity to refresh our processes for tsunami evacuation. Also, we have our annual Tucks Bay Camp for Years 1-6 on **9-10 December** (Covid Level depending of course) and our end of year prizegiving on the evening of **Thursday 16 December**. Another big event this term is that our senior students are sitting their exams and we wish them all the best! Stay up-to-date with what is happening this busy and eventful term by checking our school calendar on our website and our Facebook page by searching Coromandel Area School.



Athletics Day



During our return to school last term we decided to have our CAS Athletics Day. It was a super day full of cheer, giving it a go and happy faces who were enjoying our first school event post lockdown. What an awesome way to get together and showcase our EPIC values in action! Check out some of the photos, top right.

Netball Courts

During the July school holidays, the light was put in as part of the upgrade of our netball courts on the astroturf surface from the 2017 planning.

Exciting news for Coromandel Town and the evident passion of those most directly involved in the project which was a noteworthy part of the project's vision.

Writing about spring by some students in Room 1

Lucy Moy: "This day is rainy on spring. I want the sun, 'sun please come out,' ' Sun! I want to go for a run and do cartwheels."

Isaiah Riri: "I like spring because my flowers grow."

Tai Williams: "I like spring because the flowers and grass can grow."

Zoe Huitema: "I don't like spring, I like winter."

Talia Andrew Fowler: "Spring is on my birthday."

Writing from some of our students in Room 2 from te wiki o te reo Maori - writing about Maori legends:

The pipi were fighting with the mussels. The Papa pipi said you have to dig in the sand to see who can stay living on it. The pipi did it. The mussels tried to keep up with the pipi but they kept coughing up sand. The mussels moved over to the rocks and the pipi got to keep the sand.

- By Ryan

In the beginning Papatuanuku and Tawhirimatea got separated because the brothers had no room to move. - By Hudson

One day Tangaroa was the god of sea and the sea animals. - By Whareaitu

The seven sisters are Matariki. They were fighting so they got a job to be Matariki. - By Jacob

Tangaroa is god of the sea and Ruaumoko is god of the earthquakes. - By Kaleb

A long time ago, Papatuanuku and Ranginui were hugging and between them it was completely dark then Tanemahuta pushed the sky father high into the sky. - By Juan-Kaito

The seven sisters were zigzagging everywhere and they were fighting so their dad gave them the job to be Matariki. - By Nesha

Keep well and be kind; see you back here for our final article of the year!

Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm

Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe

- Keep 30 metres from working mussel barges at all times
- Don't tie-up to a line being worked on
- Never cast your line towards a mussel barge - farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- No anchors. Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- Minimise your speed and wake
- Never drive across the lines

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Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson



Our exhibition was hugely successful!

“We were humbled and grateful by the tremendous local response to the exhibition. Even without all of the outside visitors, we think we sold more work than last year.” – *Pete Sephton, Arts Tour committee*

Over 400 visitors came to the “Not the Arts Tour” exhibition at Hauraki House during the first two weekends and the first week of October. So despite Covid restrictions and without studios being fully open, there is no doubt that showcasing the work of our local artists, including a number of newcomers, proved to be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

We are already looking forward to next year’s Open Studios Arts Tour!

Coromandel Players – The long deferred “Murder Deferred”

By Don Hughes

It looks as though I should have invested in a “top of the range” crystal ball before writing last month’s overly optimistic contribution to the Arts section of the Chronicle.

Not only was the optimism about possible dates for performances of the play misplaced, because favourable shifts in Covid restrictions did not occur (despite much knocking on wood) but, then, a key member of the cast broke her leg. To echo those old Toyota ads, “Bugger!”

After much discussion, about possible easing of Covid restrictions and the need to give our friend time to recover from her accident, we decided to set dates for performances in November. These performances will go ahead whether under present restrictions or improved circumstances.

At the present Level 2 requirements, we estimated we could cater for audiences of 45 to 50, if seats were to be allocated to as many groups as possible, with these groups being comprised of people sharing the same “bubble”. Four or five such “bubbles” of five to seven people can be accommodated and still achieve the social distancing requirement. Wearing a mask would still be a requirement, but this is allowed to be relaxed, not just for eating and drinking, but for conversation within a “bubble”.

Thanks to the wonderful people at the Information Centre agreeing to take on the job of allocating seats along these lines, an enjoyable night out at the theatre will be possible.

The dates we have fixed are – **Friday 12, Saturday 13 November** – both at 7.30pm, **Sunday 14 November** at 2pm. **Friday 19 and Saturday 20 November**, both at 7.30pm.

Any tickets issued for the original performance dates in September will, of course, be transferable to new dates, or be refundable.

The cast are very keen to perform the play they have worked so hard on and just hope that nothing else arises to thwart them. I am confident that those attending, although fewer than normal, will find this an intriguing, well-acted play. An entertaining evening out at the theatre, mentioned above, is promised!

P.S. At last night’s rehearsal the cast agreed that if the seats for the last two planned performances are fully booked, they will put on a performance on **Thursday 18 November** at 7.30 pm. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page in early November, or enquire at the Information Centre, regarding confirmation of this extra date.



Visitor looking at Caitlin Moloney’s necklace

People looking at work by Raewyn Penrose and Jan Panther

Murray Rainey’s pottery

Colville Art Show

The Colville Art Show was made possible through funding by TCDC Creative Communities Scheme and a huge thanks to them for enabling this show to go ahead. Originally the Colville Art Show was designed to run alongside the Open Studios Tour – but when that was called off we made the decision to go ahead as planned and have the show in Colville. What an amazing show it turned out to be. Beautiful work from 16 artists, makers and publishers. We had visitors from Motueka, Kapiti Coast and Gisborne, as well as a good representation from the Waikato, Taranaki, Coromandel east and west coasts.

Our youngest artist, Eli Shepherd, sold all of his “Car Cards” and is well on his way to getting the basketball hoop he was raising funds for. Several artists sold everything they exhibited in the show and had people visiting and calling them at their studios to purchase more. So we are very happy to call it a huge success.

Thanks again to all of the artists and visitors – and especially the Creative Communities Scheme for making it all possible.





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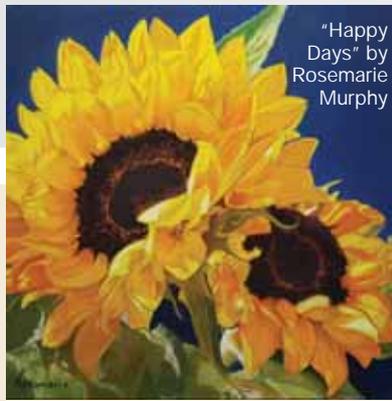


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"Happy Days" by Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

With Level 2 in Coromandel our members have been coming back on Wednesday mornings to work their magic with pastels and thumbing their noses at Covid.

Rosemarie Murphy gained a Merit in the PANZ bimonthly competition with her entry "Happy Days".

The judge, Leoni Duff from Australia, had this to say about it. "A strong, dynamic composition, using the power of complementary colour contrast to sing at full volume. The diagonal arrangement of the flowers is satisfying and helps get away from the "plonked in the middle of the page" look. A very confident drawing and a wonderful understanding of the use of varying temperatures of yellow creating the effect of luminosity as light passes through the petals and accumulates rich colour in the shadows.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we decided to cancel our annual Labour Weekend Exhibition this year but we have booked Hauraki House for next year's Labour Weekend so we will be back bigger and better than ever.

If you would like to come and see what we do, we meet every morning from 9.00am to 12 noon in the Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road. We would love to see you.

We finish for the year on **8 December** and restart on **9 February 2022**.

Contact numbers: Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053, Rosemarie Murphy 027 833 1237

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Summer is coming, as I knew it would eventually. We are back in the swing of things at the Art Group, as we found we can meet in Level 2, thank goodness. We have finished our group project, and very good it looks too. So that is another thing that can be crossed off the list of to do's. Our project this year is different and interesting, as you can see by the photo. It depicts nine views of the Driving Creek Railway, all painted by different artists. This should be on display at our exhibition, and will be for sale if not pre-sold. Anyone interested in this painting (it is large!), contact Lindsay below.



Our joint painting for 2021

The next big thing on our list will be our Christmas party, and then after that it's a short break until our exhibition in late January.

Last week we tried our hand at painting with a painting knife, or palette knife as some like to call it. It was great fun with some interesting results. It is not a way of painting for the people who like small brushes and precision. We also tried painting on a dark canvas. I personally don't like black as it tends to kill some things. I like to use Prussian blue and burnt sienna or alizarin crimson; they make a lovely lively dark ground to work on. Again, it was good fun, and that is what painting should be. If you don't try all of these things, then you don't know what you are missing.

The sunny days have been very welcome, and I look forward to painting outdoors again. In the meantime, I shall look out my window, and finish what I've started.

New members are most welcome. Ring Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or call in to St Andrew's Hall in Rings Road on Thursday mornings to check us out

DCR Music and Art Night

By Angus Long

The time has come to kick this thing back into gear! The evenings are getting longer so all the more reason to spend them with us at Driving Creek Railway and Pottery.

In case you're unfamiliar with music and art night, here's the deal:

The community is invited to an open evening at Driving Creek to share an informal evening, however that looks to you.

- If you an artist/creative, bring a project to work on in the studio.
- If you enjoy music, bring an instrument to help us soundtrack the evening (even if it's just your voice or an egg shaker).
- If you want to have a go playing with some clay or just enjoy socialising with creative sorts, you're welcome too!
- Feel free to bring along a couple of drinks or some snacks.

If you're still unsure whether this applies to you or if you're welcome, you are!

Let's keep this creative hub alive as a place to be enjoyed by the whole community. Music and Art Night takes place in the public studio at DCR at 6.30pm, on the last Thursday of every month.

See you here on **Thursday 25 November!**

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McGregor Bay Wetland

By Pamela Grealey

Support the Wetland, Save the Climate – here's to Blue Carbon.

It is being publicly recognised that coastal wetlands are super important in the fight to stop the climate crisis. Marine and coastal ecosystems are now known to sequester or store much more carbon per unit than a forest on dry land, some studies suggest up to four times more. This storage is sometimes referred to as a carbon sink. Carbon stored in marine environments is known as blue carbon.

When degraded or destroyed, these ecosystems emit the carbon they have stored for centuries into the atmosphere and oceans and become sources of greenhouse gases. If we protect the carbon in coastal systems, we protect healthy coastal environments that provide many other benefits to people, such as recreational opportunities, storm protection, and nursery habitat for commercial and recreational fisheries. In the future, tidal wetlands might qualify for carbon offsetting. This could in turn create a financial incentive to encourage more people to save and restore them.

So the next time you look at a coastal wetland think of all the good it's doing for the environment and thank the blue carbon for all its hard work.

UCLA

By Reihana Robinson

Not in our community thank you

The Upper Coromandel Landcare Association requests no repetition of the 2017 residual poisoning (including toxin 1080) in our backyards in the settlements of Port Charles.

The attached map, supplied last week by the Waikato District Health

Board in response to an official information request, shows 27 locations of 1080 warning signs.

The DHB permission was granted for placement of 1080 poison in the Port Charles residential neighbourhoods and in proximity to homes and holiday baches for a period of one year.

Would this be tolerated in Coromandel Town? Then why in Port Charles?

Positive note (temporary)

UCLA received an email in the first week of October from EcoFX (the company contracted by DOC to aerially poison Moehau) stating, "Due to the Waikato District Health Board being inundated with the current Covid-19 situation, they are not processing any applications, Moehau included."

In another email from EcoFX it quotes that the Waikato DHB, under the Executive Director, Māori, Equity and Health Improvement (Riki NiaNia) wrote on 20 September 2021 that, "No public health permission has been granted at this time for VTA aerial and baitstation in Moehau for 2021/22."

Of course the operational words are "at this time".

Sadly, permissions can be granted any day and as we all know no request to poison has ever been denied by the Waikato DHB.

Kia ora na.



Te Tangi-aronui-oKahumatamoemoe Possum and Rodent Control 2017



Forest & Bird

Looking After Our Spring Visitors

The last few weeks have seen the arrival of some of our most threatened spring visitors, a reminder of how many special species of wildlife visit the Coromandel, and how important some of the Peninsula's habitats are for their survival.

A green turtle/honu was discovered in early October, lolling in the mangroves in Colville Bay, with tags in both rear flippers. The number on the tags showed that the

turtle had been tagged nine years ago in the Federated States of Micronesia, about 6,000km away in the North Pacific. Turtles are not a common visitor to our shores and are often in poor condition when found. This animal seems to



Fur seal

have been doing okay. It left the mangroves overnight and hasn't been reported since. If you see a turtle, it would be good to photograph it, check for a tag and call DOC at the number below.

New Zealand fur seals/kekeno are another special species. They were taken to the brink of extinction by commercial sealers in the 18th and 19th centuries and have been recovering ever since. The largest breeding colonies are in the South Island, but juvenile seals are becoming more common in northern waters, as they gradually reclaim their former range. A young seal recently washed up in Colville Bay sometime after it had died. It may have come to a premature end – the body contained tangled fishing line inside the rib cage. A fur seal seen in Whangapoua Harbour recently seemed to be very much at home in the mangroves. Fur seals are protected and should not be approached too closely – they have powerful jaws and impressive teeth. Keeping dogs away from seals on beaches is important. Please report any sightings to DOC.

Dotterels are a threatened species found on many Coromandel beaches. Like other sea birds, they are highly vulnerable not only to rats and other predators, but also to domestic dogs and cats. Amy Blair (the

local DOC ranger), visits beaches where dotterels are known to nest and will fence off these areas. If you come across nesting birds on beaches, contact Amy (ablair@doc.govt.nz).

At this time of year New Zealand shores are also visited by thousands of wading birds of many species. Mostly they arrive in the Pukorokoro/Miranda area, often after gruelling flights from Alaska and Siberia. A satellite-tagged bar-tailed godwit/kuaka touched down at the end of September after making the longest flight by a land bird ever recorded. The female had travelled non stop from Alaska to New Zealand, a journey of 12,200 kms that took 8 days and 12 hours at an average speed of 59 kms per hour. Not all kuaka go to Miranda; about 150 of these international travellers were recently seen on a shell bank in Coromandel Harbour. Keep a look out for these very special visitors and remember to report rare and threatened species in a vulnerable situation by calling 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468).

We'd really appreciate support to sell the remainder of our calendars and diaries. They would make wonderful gifts. Diaries are \$24.99 and calendars are \$17.99. Please email us at uppercoromandel.branch@forestandbird.org.nz and we will get back to you with details.

OUR COROMANDEL

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

November 2021

Water: It's not on tap forever

We've launched a brand-new water conservation campaign: It's not on tap forever.

Water is taonga, a prized natural resource. It is our future.

In our district, all our water comes from rivers, streams and aquifers. In drier months, water levels drop and the volume we can take from some sources is also reduced to ensure we operate within the resource consent levels Waikato Regional Council sets. High visitor numbers and high water use put our supplies under pressure in the summer.

Water may be renewable – but it's not infinite.

Conserving water is everybody's responsibility, so there is enough to go around now and in the future. Look after the environment and each other.

Water – it's not on tap forever.

Get water conservation tips and learn more at tcdc.govt.nz/savewater

We would like your feedback on some issues out for public consultation:

LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY

This controls when, where and how alcohol is sold. It doesn't regulate our alcohol ban areas – the Alcohol Control Bylaw does that. The policy came into effect in 2016 and it's time for a review. It went through a robust process when it was originally drawn up and we don't see any reason to change it, but what do you think? Consultation runs 29 October – 29 November.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS' CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

We're seeking feedback on whether or not the Council should approve the Mayor signing the Declaration. In 2019 our Council decided not to sign the Declaration, and we are reviewing this following a High Court Decision after a Judicial Review of Council's position. It should be noted that feedback from the public consultation does not oblige the Mayor to sign. Consultation runs 15 October – 12 November.

Go to tcdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay to give us your feedback on all these topics.



Adapting to climate change

Public meetings to gather information and feedback on our Shoreline Management

Plan project have now concluded. We value the input of our community and would like to thank

everyone who attended their local public meeting and contributed.

These meetings presented the coastal risks and hazards unique to each area and explored potential management options for them. These options include soft solutions, such as dune restoration and wetland regeneration, to hard solutions, such as stop banks and rock walls or managed retreat.

All public feedback is being thoughtfully considered by our four Coastal Panels and our experts before any coastal restoration and erosion management strategies are decided.

tcdc.govt.nz/smp

Thanks for your feedback.

Te Arika Tahi/Sugarloaf Wharf Redevelopment

A total of \$19.5 million is being invested to raise and expand Te Arika Tahi/Sugarloaf Wharf. This upgrade includes adding five new commercial berths, as well as continuing to cater to the existing recreational demand through a new, separate boat ramp and parking facility.

The redevelopment is expected to increase mussel farming offloading capacity by almost 20,000 tonnes, allowing the wharf to accommodate up to 42,000 tonnes of mussels a year, and the potential for other aquaculture products to come over the wharf.

The raised platform will help mitigate the impacts of rising sea levels as well as provide a separate facility for launching recreational boats which will provide health and safety benefits to all users.

tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi



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Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

"It's amazing to think that Christmas is just around the corner. This also means that summer is on its way. With another dry few months expected, it's important that we start thinking about our water use habits now. Let's put in the work during spring and avoid heavy restrictions in the hotter months."

peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Next Board meeting – The Board's next meeting is on 9 November, 9am at 355 Kapanga Road. If you wish to speak in the public forum, contact governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz. Agendas are published two working days before meetings at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings, where you'll also find recordings of each meeting.



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te taiao ENVIRONMENT continued

Driving Creek Conservation Park

Barry Brickell purchased the 24-ha Driving Creek property in 1973. The land had been cleared of native trees over a hundred years earlier, the indigenous kauri forest had been logged, and the area was scarred with relics from the gold rush. When Barry bought the land, it was covered with regenerating scrub, mainly kanuka and ferns, with scattered wild pines. As Barry worked on the property and grew to become a world-famous ceramic artist and engineer, he also worked on his conservation dream. "My vision became fixed on reversing the decline of biodiversity... I wanted to enhance its beauty for all time."

– Barry Brickell

Over 30-40 years more than 27,000 native trees were planted on the property, including around 9,000 kauri trees. With this impressive regenerating forest across the Conservation Park, it is the aim of current staff to ensure Barry's vision is respected and the conservation efforts continue.

With an effective network of 186 pest animal traps across the property, the most recent initiative added to conservation efforts has been environmental weed control. This work will help restore the area to a naturally functioning, self-sustaining, native ecosystem. Eradicating (or reducing to low densities) all environmental weed species can allow existing native vegetation communities to remain intact and enable the ecological processes of regeneration and succession to occur.

The first phase of this work has been completed by Richard Webster and his team at Remnant Restoration. With some help from Driving Creek staff, more than 377 hours of environmental weed control has been carried out so far. Over 30 different weed species were taken out of the Conservation Park, including kahili ginger, climbing asparagus, tree privet, tradescantia, periwinkle and many more. The goal is to control weeds without damaging native plants and a lot of time goes into removing weedy vines from native trees.

Environmental weeds can have a range of negative impacts. Climbing asparagus, for example, can smother forest floor and understory species, preventing the establishment of native seedlings and the growth of established species. It can ringbark and kill soft-barked shrubs and trees, and invades areas where epiphytes are usually found, replacing already vulnerable species. Kahili ginger forms dense rhizome beds which replace all other species, and are shallow rooted, so when they become heavy with rain they can slip on steep sites and streambanks, causing erosion. Removing environmental weeds from the Conservation Park will have a positive effect on native biodiversity and helps to reinforce Barry's amazing conservation vision and achievements.



Climbing asparagus



Kahili ginger



MEG

Art for a cause

Earlier this year Moehau Environment Group celebrated 20 years since a group of locals set out to protect kiwi and native birds in te ngahere of the northern Coromandel.



We celebrated this brilliant milestone with a stunning commissioned artwork by Pete Sephton who was inspired by "the 20 years of volunteer commitment to protection of wildlife on and around the maunga".

There are still a few of these limited edition prints available and every purchase contributes funds towards ongoing predator control to protect our ecosystems in our rohe, not to mention looking amazing on your wall too!

The print would make a wonderful Christmas gift for someone in your life so snap one up soon before it's too late. Unframed original screen prints are \$100. Email info@meg.org.nz to order one of these incredible pieces of art.

It's weed season

It's that time of year. Now well into spring, it's wonderful to see so many plants coming out of their winter hibernation, with signs of promising new growth everywhere.

Unfortunately, it's not just our beautiful natives and favourite garden plants that love the spring weather. All over our local rohe many invasive weeds are also finding the warm, wet weather the perfect growing conditions to flourish. New Zealand now has many invasive weed species that threaten the bush because they grow rapidly and can easily take over an area, displacing native plants and preventing seedling regeneration. When left to take over, weeds can lead to the loss of habitat for many native species but also provide cover for some of the dangerous predators that can threaten our native wildlife.

Kahili ginger, climbing asparagus, woolly nightshade, tree privet, elaeagnus and pampas grass are just a few of the weeds that are growing rampant in the Kapanga/Coromandel rohe.

You can learn about the different types of weeds and how best to tackle them at www.weedbusters.org. They provide tips on how to best approach weed infestations large or small, however it always pays to get professional advice so you don't spread the problem further. See www.weedbusters.org.nz/what-are-weeds/controlling-weeds for more information.

Ginger Bash

MEG held a very successful Wild Ginger Bash in October, with many locals turning out to help rid the area of ginger. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped us. Watch this space for details of the next one.

Going, going, gone

Recently we have found that some of our traps have been disappearing from in our trapping area. This not only comes with the financial impact of having to replace the trap itself, but more importantly if the traps are removed it means they aren't there to catch pests that impact birdlife in the area.

Every trap we deploy is placed in a carefully chosen position where it can have the most significant impact on the pests in the area. Sometimes this may be close to roads or footpaths in public areas. If you see one of our traps when you are out and about, please leave it in its place to do its job which is to keep our precious birdlife safe.

If you would like to purchase traps for your own area or backyard, you can email us for more information and pricing.

AGM

We are holding our AGM at 10am on **27 November** at the St John Hall, Coromandel. All welcome.

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



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Coromandel Touch

The Coromandel Touch Committee would like to take this opportunity to report the amazing successes that have stemmed from the Coromandel Touch module for the 2020/2021 season. Firstly, we had a fantastic weekly turnout for juniors, whanau and senior competitions, which made it a successful year. We finished the year with the inaugural Boyd Memorial Tournament which was surreal for all who attended.

Our module had a record number of participants trial for Thames Valley under-16's, 18's, 21's and Open mixed grades.

From the trial we had Haven McLean, Matthew Christensen, Kalani Hallum-Doole, Ihaka Harper Dent, Kyla Berghan, Emily James and Tiana Tiro who were selected for the Thames Valley under-18's. For some of this group it was their first time being at a national event. It was an amazing achievement to come third in the New Zealand Youth tournament.

From these national tournaments New Zealand trialists are selected. Our module was ecstatic to hear three players had been selected to trial: Haven McLean, Matthew Christensen and Tiana Tiro. Unfortunately, Matthew was unable to trial due to injury. From the trial Haven was selected for Touch New Zealand under-18's to play at the Youth Trans-Tasman tournament. Tiana was selected as the first female nontraveling reserve.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors: Coromandel Four Square, Moana New Zealand, Star & Garter, Copperworkx, JAKs Café & Bar, Coromandel Hotel, Driving Creek Railway, Richardsons Real Estate, Umu Café, Weta Café, Coro Smoking Company, Coro BP, Coro Gym, Coro G.A.S., Liquor King, Coro Oyster Company, Coro 309ers Rugby 7's team, Coromandel Liquor, Wyuna Bay Studios, Coromandel Takeaways, James & Turner, Nomis Kawakawa, Ariki Wear, HVT-Hi Vis Trends, Pepper Tree and Flaxroots Nutrition, You have all supported our module and ultimately have assisted these rangatahi to be eligible to participate in these tournaments and to represent their whanau, module, province and New Zealand.

The Coromandel Touch 2021/2022 season starts 21 October with strict Level 2 Covid restrictions in place.

Touch..... What a game!



The Thames Valley Open Mixed had four module members selected. They were Tiana Tiro, Max Wirihana-Tawake Joshua Wirihana-Tawake and Haven McLean. They came runners-up in a heartstopping final at the New Zealand Open mixed competition in Christchurch



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

We recently held our AGM. Members agreed that the club was in good heart with the standard of play constantly improving. Membership is stable at 14.

Officers remain the same as last year with Kaye Anderson as President, Raewyn McKinney as Vice President, Lyn Robertson as Club Captain and Geoff Linklater as Vice Captain. Jan Linklater is Secretary and John Bell is not only Treasurer, but also our magnificent Greenkeeper.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. For more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club



Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

At last, something to write home about!

Back to some sort of normality regarding competitions, etc.

As usual, our volunteer team continues to keep the course in first class condition. Also, the greens have been de-thatched and have recovered nicely.

The Golconda Cup was played over three Saturdays in September. The format was best two out of three Nett results. The deserving winner, who streaks ahead of the field, was Darryl O'Keefe with an incredible 66 and 68.

An intrepid team consisting of Paul Lawrence, Kevin O'Keefe, Malcolm Stone, Ron Brooking, Kelvin Mirihana, Ross Mudgway, Peter Richardson and Darryl O'Keefe traveled unbelievable distances at an ungodly time in the morning to compete in the "Prebble Cup" at Paeroa. Despite a valiant effort, the team lost to Hauraki Golf Club.

As a result of the last loss the team competed in the Tollich Trophy, beating Morrinsville in the first round but unfortunately losing very narrowly to Te Awamutu in the second round.

At the time of writing this article, the Club Champs are well underway. This is a match play competition played "off the stick" within ranges of handicap, the Seniors being the lowest handicappers and the Junior B being the highest.

Notably, in the first round of the Junior competition, Bruce Fitzpatrick won with a birdie on the 19th hole after a close-fought match.

Peter Richardson and Chris Fielding are through to the final of the Senior competition.

Max McLean is through to the semi-final in the Intermediates competition.

Richie McNeil and Ron Brooking are through to the final in the Junior competition.

John Bull won the Junior B competition.

The finals are to be held on **24 November**.

Having been postponed due to Covid, the Matarangi inter-club competition is back on **3 November**, 10.30am tee-off. Please make every effort to attend.

The club AGM is scheduled for **27 November**, also our closing day, 10.30am kickoff.

Golf fact: The higher a golf player's handicap, the higher the chance that he will try to tell you what you're doing wrong. Ring any bells?



Darryl O'Keefe receives the Golconda Cup



Barry Brickell in 2010 celebrating 20 years since the first day of operation and the opening of Driving Creek Railway

Memories of Barry Brickell

By Peter H Wood

There are many many small townships and communities in NZ and if you spend time in them you'll notice that in each group there are individuals who play leading roles. Coromandel Town had one called Barry Brickell. Barry grew up on Auckland's North Shore and we met at chemistry at Takapuna Grammar School. About 1960 Barry came to teach at Coromandel Area School. He decided teaching was not for him and he left to start full-time potting at Driving Creek. His clay was sourced from a stream bed in the local golf course and pugging with bare feet was an enjoyable activity.

Previously he inhabited one of the school houses in Rings Road (I in the other), and taught me how to build an oil-fired (waste) kiln for pottery. He dressed sparingly in shorts and as there was surplus electricity I made him a heater from a lower oven element scavenged from an old electric stove from the town rubbish dump. Visiting later I asked where the heater was. Barry reported, with some emotion, that he had turned it on in the unfurnished lounge and it had started throwing out blue sparks which somehow chased him around the bare room. He had returned it to the landfill.

Another time I was invited across for "an experience". This involved sitting on the floor of a large empty room next to a 24-inch cast iron wheel on a free-running axle frame. Sitting on the top of the smooth circumference was a small dolly with two iron wheels in tandem.

The large wheel could be turned by hand and the small wheels would roll noisily in one place. The wonder of this set-up was that Barry had filed two vees in the rim of the large wheel's circumference

and when the two small wheels bounced through this they would sound like the wheels of a railway carriage, which echoed in the room. Turning the large wheel at different speeds created a hypnotic effect of a variable train travel.

This was typical of Barry's innovative thinking and there are other ideas he has left to show his sojourn on Earth. Have you seen his teapot?



Barry Brickell making a speech at the opening of the Dowse Museum "His Own Steam" exhibition back in May 2013. Photo courtesy of The Dowse Art Museum. Photographer Mark Tantrum

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

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

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

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.

Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm

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

Bridge, St John rooms 7pm

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

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am

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

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

Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm

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Lorraine 027 441 7017 6-8pm

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Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

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

Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

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

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Every Thursday

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Coro Bowls club day 9.30am

Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm

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

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am

Yoga with Vanessa, Colville Hall, Colville Road, \$10.

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

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am

Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 9am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm

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

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy

van available. President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576 3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm

Monthly

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

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

Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

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

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

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

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

1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm

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

2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm

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

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

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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

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

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

FEMALE AVAILABLE, personal service and massage out calls only. Ph 022 048 7101.

SITUATIONS VACANT

CSSC has two great new part time job opportunities based in Colville: a community worker; the next Colville Harbour Care Nursery Manager. For more information and a copy of the Job Description please contact the CSSC Manager's assistant Anne on csscmanagersassistant@gmail.com or phone Larisa 021 258 8037. Applications close 5pm, Monday 8 November 2021.

OTHER

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

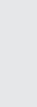
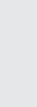
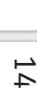
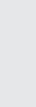
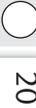
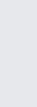
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Calendar of events Coromandel Town November 2021

All events listed here should be going ahead if we are at Alert Level 2 or under.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>1</p> <p>Thames Men's Shed coming up to speak to Our Shed about their club (see pg 17)</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>CSSC job applications close (see ad pg 33)</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>
<p>15</p> <p>DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle December issue</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Painting and Sculpture by Cindy Alger and Natasha Hunter-Armstrong Opening Party (see ad pg 13)</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>
<p>29</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>RN+TC</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>● New moon ○ Full moon</p> <p>Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames tines: -15min High and -18min Low.</p> <p> Blue bin bags out</p> <p> Put recycling out (plastic 1&2, tins, paper, cardboard)</p> <p>RN = Rural North CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kouma TC = Thames Coast & Maniaia</p>				
<p>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS Wed & Fri 9.30am-3pm Saturday 9.30am-4pm Sunday & Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm</p>						
<p>Make sure your event gets listed To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.</p>						



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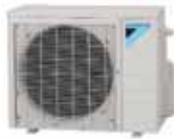
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Daikin FTXF20WVMA
Heating 2.5 (0.9-3.2) kW
Cooling 2.0 (0.9-2.3) kW

Fully Installed Price:
\$2096



Small Room
Daikin FTXF35WVMA
Heating 3.7 (0.9-4.1) kW
Cooling 3.5 (0.9-3.7) kW

Fully Installed Price:
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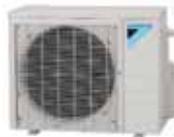
Medium Room
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Heating 5.2 (1.0-6.2) kW
Cooling 5.0 (1.5-5.5) kW

Fully Installed Price:
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Large Room
Daikin FTXF71WVMA
Heating 8.0 (2.0-8.6) kW
Cooling 7.1 (2.0-7.5) kW

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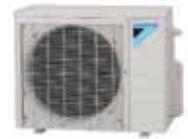
Bedroom
Daikin FTXV25UVMA
Heating 3.2 (0.9-5.3) kW
Cooling 2.5 (0.9-3.7) kW

Fully Installed Price:
\$2318



Small room
Daikin FTXV46UVMA
Heating 4.7 (1.0-6.7) kW
Cooling 4.6 (0.9-5.5) kW

Fully Installed Price:
\$2935



Medium Room
Daikin FTXV50UVMA
Heating 6.0 (1.0-8.0) kW
Cooling 5.0 (1.1-6.7) kW

Fully Installed Price:
\$3165



Monster Room
Daikin FTXV85LVMA
Heating 9.0 (1.9-11.6) kW
Cooling 8.5 (2.0-10.5) kW

Fully Installed Price:
\$4676



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