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

It's warming up now and feels more summery. I am writing this as we approach Labour Weekend and start of the season for Coromandel.

I'm pleased that the election has now been and gone, now we just wait for the special votes to be counted which should finalise the seat numbers soon. I have been informed that I missed some local candidates from my election special in October issue, so sorry about that; seems there were more candidates than I knew about in advance. I wasn't ignoring the minor parties. See my reply to the letter below.

I would also like to apologise that I got the name of Stuart Bayes's band wrong on the caption on page 12 of the October issue. It should have read Art Gecko (not Art Deco).

*Debbie*

..... Letters .....

**Memorial Day**

To the Editor,

I write to acknowledge the loving support received from the people of Coromandel following Len's recent death.

We appreciate it all, from the tributes at the Rugby Club to the many people who came to our Memorial Day.

Thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls and texts, the visits, hugs and chats over coffee, the gifts of food and hay, the many offers of help and for the loan of the marquee, lights, table, and urn.

We are truly fortunate to be part of such a caring community.  
Raewyn McKinney and family



**Finding a piece of land**

Wow Coromandel (and the greater Coromandel community)!

Thank you so much, what a truly humbling experience!

Following our classified advert in the September Chronicle we have been inundated with phone calls, possibilities and kind words. It is awesome to know that we live with so many kind, thoughtful, special people in our beautiful community.

As I write this, we are still meeting different people and looking at other opportunities.

By the time you read this, we will have the daunting task of trying to ween down all the amazing opportunities, and figure out which is the best piece of dirt for us to play and grow for the next few years.

Thank you so much to each and everyone of you who took the time to message, call and/or meet with us, even if you are not our number one in the end. Please keep being caring, wonderful, generous people, and thank you so much for being willing to open up your special paradise to us.

Truly humbled,  
Dan and Jess

**Election coverage**

Hi Debbie,

I have a question regarding the October issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. I noticed that you published an incomplete list and party statements of the election candidates for the Coromandel district. As you are probably aware there were more candidates at the Meet the Candidates event on 21 September at the Bowling Club that didn't get mentioned in the Chronicle. Why were not all candidates featured in the last edition? As a paper that is published widely in the community I would expect the Chronicle to be inclusive to all parties to give everyone informed choice of information. Looking forward to your reply.

Kind regards,  
Micha

*Reply from the Editor*

Hi Micha,

Thanks for your query. I certainly didn't mean to exclude anyone.

I looked online for all candidates for the Coromandel seat back on 22 August and emailed all of them asking if they wanted to supply an article and/or advertising.

All of the candidates or their agents responded – and I published these.

I had to contact them early to make sure they had time to prepare something.

It was only after the deadline for the October issue of 17 September that I became aware that NZ Loyal were also standing. And I didn't hear of any others before the deadline either.

I'm not sure who was at the Coromandel Meet the Candidates meetings as I wasn't able to attend – and the meeting was after I'd completed layout of the October issue anyway.

I hope this answers your question.

Kind regards,  
Debbie

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Our October meeting consisted of carpooling to a garden ramble in Whangapoua and no typical meeting, meaning no competitions, raffles or sales table. It turned into a very leisurely day as we were able to enjoy two lovely spots that had been created by caring gardeners.

The first garden belonged to Julia and Hugh, who live in the hills on the west side of Whangapoua Harbour. It was quite surprising to realize how many houses are hidden away in their area. Julia is not a member of our group but was kind enough to let us visit her 2.5-acre property. They have fruit trees, vege beds, a shed where Julia makes pottery, a pair of accommodations and stunning views of the harbour. They have a possum trap that she said works really well for both possums and rats (nzautotraps.com).

We then drove to Jill and Pete's home on SH25. They have lived in this five-acre property for four years but have had the property and farm in a larger configuration for 30 years. They have lots of fruit trees (some very old but still quite productive), vege beds, four adorable lambs, a great collection of succulents and various ornamental beds on a lovely, flat area surrounded by hills and cattle.

We were meant to just bring our own food and have a cuppa at Jill's but she surprised us by providing a wonderful afternoon tea. Above and beyond!

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8 November**, 1pm at The Club. We will have another garden ramble, this time to Pauline's and Judy's. Arrangement: Rose Bowl; Special: Salad Selection. Additionally, the following week we have a day trip to Bombay and Pukekohe scheduled. Members who want to go need to get in touch with Jeni, our awesome trip organizer, ASAP!

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



## Gardening hacks for beginners

- Clear plastic sushi or salad “clamshell” containers make great mini greenhouses for getting seeds started. Just poke a few vent holes in the lid, fill the bottom half with seed raising mix and sow your seeds. Add a little bit of water, close the lid and place the container in a sunny spot.
- If you're planting out seedlings in cooler temperatures you can protect them from frost – and slugs or snails – by using 2L soft drink bottles. Take off the lid, cut off the bottom and push the bottle down over the seedling, into the soil. When the seedling is ready to face the elements remove the bottle during the day and pop it back on overnight, until the seedling is mature enough to grow on its own.
- If you're short on space, you can start a bag garden. Black soft plastic polybags can be placed anywhere, are inexpensive and are an economical option to replace rigid and heavier pots when growing vegies and herbs. Use bigger sized bags as smaller bags dry out faster in hot weather.
- Attract insect pollinators to your vegetable garden with colourful flowers. The more bees and butterflies you have visiting your vegies, the better your harvest will be.
- If you have cats in your neighbourhood make sure there isn't any exasperating litterbox action in your newly sowed areas by “planting” disposable wooden forks or chopsticks into the soil, to discourage digging... or just a bunch of pruning offcuts pushed into the soil.
- Take advantage of sunny house or garage walls to grow tall tomatoes. Plant seeds in polybags and hang lengths of stretchy cotton plant ties from cup hooks under the eaves. You can spiral wrap it around the main stems to hang up the plant, then gradually train it to full height. Even a tomato plant heavily laden with fruit will hang quite comfortably from stretchy plant ties.
- If you're growing beetroot, there's a good trick to maximise your results: soak the seeds in water overnight before you sow. When the seeds sink in the water, they're ready. Each “seed” is actually a cluster of 1-4 true seeds, protected by a corky outer coating.
- Double the life of your vegetables by sprouting them from scraps that may normally get thrown out, including lettuce, celery, bok choy, leeks, and onions. Simply place the cut base of the vegetable in an inch of water, place in good light and change the water every couple of days. Once roots have shown on the cuttings, the sprouted vegetables can be planted out in the garden, or transferred into pots, to grow on into new plants.
- Grow your vegetables from seed instead of seedlings. The math is simple – you get dozens more plants from a packet of seeds, for a fraction of the cost.
- Join a garden club or community garden and learn everything you need to know from the pros.

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### The Colville Project

By TCP Team

We extend our thanks to Mayor Len Salt for his instigation of a series of Housing Hui across the region. Representatives from the The Colville Project (TCP) team attended the hui in Coromandel along with representatives from other invited local organisations/ housing initiatives, the Coromandel Colville Community Board (CCCB), TCDC Council, and Aksel Bech from the Waikato Housing initiative. It was a great hui and we hope there will be the opportunity for discussion-of-the-day



to inform positive outcomes for our TCP communities.

Our TCP team also met in Colville, with representatives from TCDC’s staff, Council and CCCB to both provide updates about TCP, and discuss ways in which TCDC and TCP can work together to support the development of TCP, and ultimately the positive outcomes for our communities that TCP seeks to enable. We were joined later in the day by Mayor Len Salt, his wife Svargo and dog Molly, and some of the TCP team accompanied the whole TCDC contingent for a quick visit to the TCP site.

The TCP team is grateful for the positive support and feedback from those present. Mayor Len Salt stated that he is impressed by the community-led aspect of The Colville

Project, and other representatives shared positive feedback about TCP’s website, strategic vision and planning, communication and ongoing commitment to consultation.

And, finally, like others around the northern Coromandel Peninsula region, The Colville Project Team welcomes the Coromandel Family Health Centre as the new provider of core clinical services in our community. Nau mai, haere mai. We look forward to working together in the future.

TCP currently has two positions to fill on our dynamic team: Funding & Marketing, and Advisory Board Developer. Please go to our website for more details.

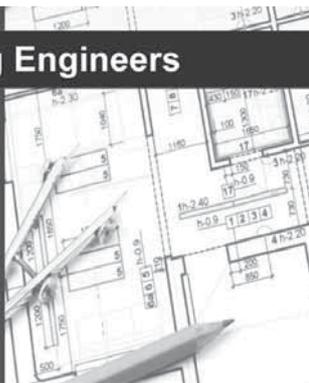
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### Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

The club is intending to give lessons or a refresher course soon, if you would be interested in these lessons please make contact with a member. We would appreciate it if you could join us, it would be fantastic to have two or even three tables on a Monday evening. We play at the St John rooms so please contact us if you would like to come along.

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### Himalaya shop : Colville

During November month the Himalaya shop will be open most days. Opening times will be around 10 a.m. and closing in early season sometime after 3 p.m.

If you are thinking of coming up to Colville it's probably best to phone/txt first to check if we are open that day. From 1st December we will be open 7 days . PHONE :shop 07 8667 224, home 07 8666 865  
Anette mobile 021 139 7838

## Coromandel Line Dancing

By Jeni Mudgway

Coromandel Line Dancing Club is going strong and we meet every Monday and Thursday at 3pm at the Anglican Hall. A few weeks ago we invited Whitianga Club to join us for dance and afternoon tea. They came in force and also gave us a demo which we now consider a favourite!

The music is fantastic and we also have a great instructor in Vickie McCrae.

We really would love to see a few more join us. So if you love music and dance, come and have fun with us!



## Whirimako Black

By Robin Munch

Whirimako Black is coming to Coromandel Town on **Thursday 2 November** 7.30pm, Hauraki House Theatre, Coromandel Town. Tickets \$25 from Coromandel Town Information Centre.

Whirimako Black is Aotearoa's undisputed soul diva. With melodies caressed into shape by the language of her ancestors, She has carved out a musical pathway leading from the mists of the Urewera to the wider world.

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### Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

As I write this, the final shape of the 54th Parliament has yet to be confirmed, but I'm grateful and honoured to be returned as Coromandel's Member of Parliament. It's an immense privilege to be re-elected to speak on behalf and advocate for our local people and communities. The Coromandel electorate, from the top of the Peninsula, down to south of Omokoroa in the Western Bay of Plenty, and across the Hauraki Plains and the northern side of the Firth of Thames, is always at the front of my mind when I'm in Wellington.



We are fortunate to live in the most beautiful part of the world, but over the last few years we've experienced more than our fair share of challenges. Despite the difficulties, I'm confident that the Coromandel has a bright future and that it will continue to be a fantastic place to live, work and play.

Looking forward, New Zealanders have voted for and expect change. Across the country, we have seen a decline in law and order, education standards have slipped, and everyday Kiwis feel like they can't get ahead. For many people access to healthcare services has been a major challenge too. It's time for a government that will stop the wasteful spending, treat taxpayers' money with much greater respect, and focus on the issues that matter.

I'm confident that under the leadership of our new Prime Minister we can turn things around. Christopher Luxon has a proven track record of getting results and he's keen to start implementing practical policies as soon as the 54th Parliament is sworn in.

I'm back at work and my office is open. Please never hesitate to be in touch.



### Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Lynne, Sue, Carolyn and the team

Longer days and visitors are out and about.

The last few weeks the Information Centre has been very busy. With three up and coming productions in town, tickets sales have kept the staff very busy. The Wedding Dress which was on in October with four shows, Whirimako Black on **Thursday 2 November**, Austen Found which just finished its run and the Mercury Bay Garden Ramble tickets.

The weekend visitor numbers have been up as well with lots of people out and about, some looking for accommodation for over the summer, many traveling now to miss the busy times and those just out for a drive.

With the Coromandel Walkway now partially open, we can expect more visitors coming our way as the weather improves. The new Pahi Walk has had people talking about their experiences at the very top of our peninsula. Hike & Bike offer many combinations for both walks and biking and takes away the need for you to drive. Add in the Murawai Walk, walking the beach at Port Jackson. Biking back from Fletcher Bay to Coville has been a highlight for many visitors and locals. Please call in for brochures on Hike & Bike and a map to help your guests and family plan their day trip.

A big thank you to our new group of volunteers who have come on board to help over the summer.

The Harray Track is looking good, with more metal to be spread this week. The entrance opposite Buffalo Road is well worth a visit with a lovely open area across the river. Nice picnic spot and a safe swimming hole for the children.

Open Studios, which has just finished its two weekends, is the start of many exhibitions over the summer. Check our Facebook page, our website [www.coromandeltown.nz](http://www.coromandeltown.nz) and our notice board for what's happening to your guest and visitors.

Cathedral Cove will be closed indefinitely and this summer the only way visitors will be able to experience this is by a boat tour, which needs to be booked. Please send guests, family and visitors to us for booking and up-to-date information. This also makes a great gift idea for Christmas.

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**Patchwork & Quilters**

By Sue Smith

The end of the year is fast approaching. Pin cushions were made by a few of the ladies early October. Seems we can never have too many of them for either ourselves or as gifts. Projects are being finished and ideas are being thrown around for what we will do next year.

One lovely quilt recently completed was made by Diane. Diane moved from Coromandel Town to Paeroa and has joined the Turua group. She is still a member of our group too and joins us most patchwork days. The quilt was made for a family member. He stayed over in Paeroa with Diane and her husband and was told there was a gift for him on the bed. He looked around and then realised that the quilt was for him. A very enthusiastic response followed. Couldn't thank Diane enough. He lives in Auckland now but originally comes from Dunedin and loves the plaids; must be that Scottish influence. Tartans were used on the back of the quilt. Well done Diane.

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

Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Sharon Currie 027 299 6695

**DOC campsites reopen**

Bookings have now opened for several DOC northern Coromandel campsites, with visitors being urged to get in early.

The campsites at Fletcher Bay, Port Jackson, Stony Bay, Fantail Bay and Waikawau Bay offer idyllic seaside camping on a “pack in, pack out” basis.

They provide an “off the beaten track” classic Kiwi seaside camping experience, far away from the hustle and bustle of towns and cities – and are ideal for people who enjoy activities like fishing, tramping, swimming, snorkelling and boating.

Although several of the campsites sustained damage after Cyclone Gabrielle, and were closed for several months while repaired, they will be available from staggered opening dates in October. Post-cyclone work included inspecting vaults below toilets, fixing water take infrastructure, rebuilding internal roads within the campsites, repairing bridges and culverts and removing strewn vegetation and some trees.

DOC’s Coromandel Operations Manager Nick Kelly says, “We have opted to reduce visitor capacity at several locations.”

Port Jackson will host 185 people (previously 250), there’ll be a 200-person limit at Fletcher Bay (previously 300), and 60 people at Fantail Bay (previously 80).

“Reducing capacity at these campsites allows DOC to work with Thames-Coromandel District Council to lower traffic volumes on the gravel roads accessing these locations,” Nick says.

“There are still some challenges with these roads and it’s a safe and sensible option to limit the vehicles using them to get to our campsites.”

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## Grey Power Coromandel

By Carol Carson

The General Meeting was held at St John hall on 21 September and it was pleasing to see more people attend who were willing to participate in a free and open discussion.

Coffee mornings have been a success. However, it is felt that we are not reaching those who are perhaps isolated and are unable to attend. If you are in this situation please contact one of us listed below and we can arrange transport.

Newsletter feedback – It was agreed that the new style newsletter was a success with its technical tips and increased areas of interest. If you have any articles you wish included please let the committee know.

Lynne Fenwick from the Information Centre was our guest speaker and gave us an outline of her background in tourism and through this aspect has been incorporated into the services offered through the Centre. Partial funding is provided by TCDC; the rest they have to raise themselves and they do this by way of commissions from bookings. If you



Lynne Fenwick with Bill Chadderton

have family or out-of-town visitors, take them along to the Centre to arrange their bookings rather than doing it direct. They have their finger on the pulse re weather, cancellations, road conditions, etc. They need volunteers so give it a try; you may like it. Also a handyman is needed. Call in and have a chat.

Our President Bill Chadderton thanked Lynne for her entertaining and informative talk and the photo shows Bill having presented Lynne with a small token of our

appreciation.

By the time this goes to print we would have held our next coffee morning at the Combined Clubrooms which I hope will be well attended.

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## Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mew to Goldfields WI who through the roll call have donated some bedding and food for our rescue kitties. We were rung and went and collected from them as we sadly don't have the drop-off place in town due to the change of the person's circumstances and our bin was not wanted there so that was removed. So we now either collect or meet people with donations. We are also grateful to everyone who has donated sachets, tinned foods and biscuits – the cats appreciate it.

We also had a lady tell us where we can get free carpet. I went and had a look and now know where to go to for this, which is awesome.

Cattery mews – it is very quiet at rescue but we really are having to cut way back right now due to extremely high costs of feeding, vet care and the limited funds, which is really not getting any better whatsoever.

Lizzy continues to mouse patrol and proudly brought forth living freight to one beloved human who was not amused whatsoever that she had brought this to him. Lizzy couldn't understand him telling her to take this thing outside and not wanting to take it from her – she had a gift to thank him. Human was so ungrateful that she dropped it by his feet and left in disgust, leaving him with a gift that took off and disappeared; unsure where it went he gave up and Lizzy spent the afternoon outside.

Financially we are just getting by but with kitten season ahead of us we are in a shocking space really. But we will continue to care for those in our unit, and as we have always done, find a way through. We will try to organise some internet sales, which is being hampered by a digital camera that is past its best date and getting dodgy with us. It is refusing to take the photos we need and the flash is not working. We will keep our eyes open for a cheap secondhand camera that is easy to use and operate.

Wanted: cat food – tinned, salmon, sachets, tinned foods, sardines, pet milk; cat toys; flannelette sheets which we use for both bedding and a fundraiser as we shred the sheets and crochet them into bath mats to sell to raise funds for the cats.

Any financial blessings Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing.

Meow furr now.

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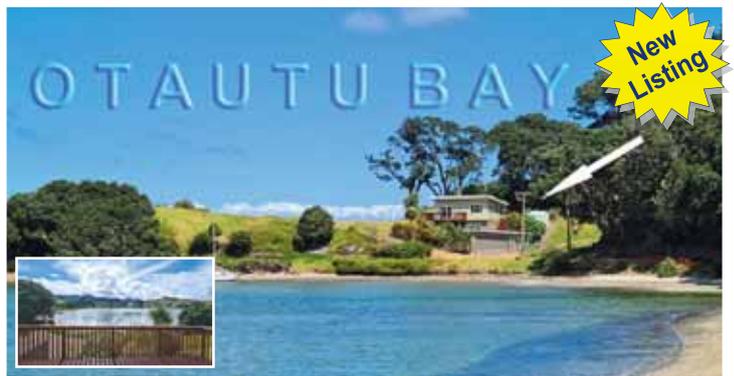
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## Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Our 2023/2024 bowls season is underway with The Presidents Cup (Triples) played over four one-hour games on a beautiful sunny day and won by Rex, David and Kevin.

The Ecclestone Cup was played for also over the course of a day that threw in a mix of a cold wind in the morning followed by sunshine in the afternoon! Rex, Linda and Reg won this.

Our club President Jim Dicks passed his Level 1 Laws Umpire Course and received his certificate for that achievement from Bowls NZ. Well done Jim.

Our appreciation to our sponsors for this season was shown with a "meet and greet" held at the club recently. It was good for some club members to be able to put some faces to the names of our main sponsors. Their support is very much appreciated.

We have the Open Optional Triples (Four Square) coming up as well as the Open Alternate 4's (Snapper Safaris), so those along with our Twilight Bowls will be something to read up about in the next Coromandel Town Chronicle.

Our Sunday afternoon bowls is underway so come on down and join us from 12.30pm for registration and a rollup starting at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.



Ecclestone Cup winners  
– Rex, Linda and Reg



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## RSA

By Gary Pettett

11/11/11 The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month – The official end of World War One commemorated by Armistice Day.

The celebration of the Armistice Agreements:

- Armistice of Thessalonica signed 29 September 1918, between the Kingdom of Bulgaria and Allied Powers
- Armistice of Mudros, signed 30 October 1918, between the Ottoman Empire and the Allied Powers
- Armistice of Villa Giusti, signed 3 November 1918, between Italy and Austria-Hungary
- Armistice of Compiègne, signed 11 November 1918, between Germany and the Allied Powers

From late September 1918 it was increasingly clear that the end of the First World War was near. As the Allies continued to advance against German forces on the Western Front and the other Central Powers began to surrender, the world began to celebrate.

Turkey's surrender "meant very much more" to New Zealanders because of their experience fighting the Ottoman Turks at Gallipoli and in the Near East.

On Armistice Day, 52,123 NZ troops were still overseas but celebrations in NZ were hampered by the second wave of the influenza epidemic sweeping the country after the return of many of the soldiers.

It is hard to imagine what New Zealand was like in 1918. The First World War was finally over, leaving more than 16,000 New Zealander troops dead and tens of thousands more wounded – over 5,300 soldiers died in 1918 alone. Between October and December another 9,000 people (including 2,500 Māori) died during the influenza pandemic.

## CCC news

By Maureen Kimber

### The Beginning

Ten years ago the president of the RSA Ian Franklin, and Martin Edwards the president of the Coromandel Bowling Club, discussed the possibility of the two clubs amalgamating and using the Bowling Club rooms as the RSA's new home. They called an inaugural meeting of two further members of each club and officers were elected – Vi King became Club Manager and yours truly was the Club Secretary plus both clubs' treasurers made up the executive committee. A motion was passed to adopt a Constitution – and at that point The Combined Clubs of Coromandel was formed.

Two days later the CCC executive met for the first time with the same mood of co-operation and togetherness and started the work of putting a financial system together and discussed some of the practicalities of joint ownership. One insightful thought was let's call the premises "The Club" as it should be and why not indeed? The initial report to the members of both clubs was that Ian and Martin felt some challenges would be encountered on the way, but these should quickly be worked through and this would become the new way of doing things.

And just look at us now – the legacy left by Ian and Martin has shown that membership of both the RSA and Bowling Clubs has grown substantially. Events such as the Seafood Tournament, Twilight Bowls, the Secondary Schools annual bowls tournament, the amazing RSA midwinter and Christmas events together with ANZAC and Armistice remembrance days plus a flourishing Car Club inaugurated by Bruce Finan – and so we go on with quiz nights, rummicub afternoons, music concerts, and community groups booking our venue for celebrations and meetings on a regular basis. Our impressive recent refurbishments to the club house have assisted the project financially by local tradespeople giving their time freely, membership fees and the hours of voluntary labour by club members.

Pats on the back are due for the efforts that have been put in to ensure that our amalgamation was, is and will continue to be the community achievement as was the hope at that very first tentative meeting 10 years ago.

## Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Hi, looking good for the summer months ahead. Mostly sorted out Pieter's Paddock for our Car Fair on **Sunday 4 February**. Keep watching this space for monthly reports.

Whitianga are hosting the Waikato Mustang Club on **Saturday 4 to Sunday 5 November**. They are cruising up the Coast Road to Coro's Top Pub for lunch –the Club will be open from 11am so please bring your Coro cars to the front of the Club on the Saturday. A large number of cars are coming up so hope you are ready Stan – I can see about 50 cars at least!

The Tairua Car and Bike Show is taking place at the Tairua Beach House on **Saturday 11 November** from 10am-4pm held in aid of the ambulance and fire services. A koha donation is all that is required and this will be a very worthy cause to support. This will be our "lunch run" so meet at the school car park at 10am on Saturday.

Early next year a Beach Hop and Americana is coming up, so again a very full and exciting summer season ahead.

Our next car club meeting is on **Wednesday 8 November**, 4pm at the Club – all welcome.

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## Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch Monday 25 December

By Chris (Four Square owner),  
Lyn, Rita and the Elves

The title of the lunch says it all – it’s a “community lunch”, anyone is welcome to attend – just book your place. Thanks to our Coromandel Community who make this lunch happen, it really is a community effort.

Coromandel Christmas Community Lunch has been running for a number of years now, all through your support, and we ask again can you help out this year? If you can there are several ways in which you can help: donations of food, assisting with food prep, monetary donations, help on the day. Please email: [coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com) or phone Rita 027 210 3734, if you can assist with any of the above.

Monetary donations can be left at Four Square in an envelope marked “For Community Christmas Lunch”.

The lunch is at the Citizens’ Hall on Kapanga Road. Doors will be open at 12.30pm, lunch will be served at 1pm. We look forward to sharing a delicious lunch with you. For anyone wanting to attend the lunch, you are very welcome; we only ask that if you have booked and find you can no longer attend, please phone Rita and let her know.

Please book early as the venue has limited seating and we would hate for you to be disappointed and miss out.

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To get you in the mood for Christmas...



### Future Santa Inc

By John Irvine

This Christmas will be different,  
there’ll be no HoHoHo.  
This Christmas will be corporate -  
I thought you’d like to know.

Old Santa’s sold his franchise  
to a California group,  
as the cost of North Pole Couriers  
has now got him in the poop.

Santa’s in deep doo-doo  
so the Christmas run’s in flux  
since the IRD has told him  
that he owes a billion bucks.

What with reindeer fuel and sky tax  
plus the dreaded GST;  
elf insurance costs a bomb -  
he’s bankrupt, totally.

So Santa as we know him,  
that gentle, jolly man  
will spend the next ten Christmases  
hoho-ing in the can.

*This poem does continue, but John’s words weren’t appropriate for print!*



Santa Parade 2018

### Christmas Parade

Just a reminder that the Christmas Parade will be on **Sunday 10 December**. Contact [coromandel@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:coromandel@playcentre.org.nz) to register your float and for more details.

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## Supporting young workers into a career in the construction industry

By Emily Bray

Young jobseekers in the Coromandel are being supported into work in the construction industry, thanks to local and national organisations.

Harataunga Marae in Kennedy Bay, Coromandel, recently welcomed a group of local jobseekers for an event aiming to introduce young people to a career in the construction industry, put on by Te Ahi Kaa and in collaboration with HEB Construction and Site Safe.

Te Ahi Kaa is a Kaupapa Māori Social Service Centre that provides employment opportunities, training, support, and guidance to young, unemployed, and disadvantaged people and their families in the Upper Coromandel Peninsula.

“Supporting our targeted client base of hard to reach and predominantly Māori whānau is a commitment that Te Ahi Kaa has made to make a difference to them and their whānau,” says Te Ahi Kaa chairperson Erica Burke.

Through a partnership with HEB Construction, Te Ahi Kaa provides resources and pathways into employment in the construction industry and acts on their mission to provide education for life and encourage healthy relationships.

“HEB Construction has had a long-standing relationship with Te Ahi Kaa that dates back to 2009 with the building of the replacement for the Kopu Bridge,” says Daniel Benson, Supervisor at HEB Construction.

“In every new town we go to, we don’t just ‘build a bridge’ – we build a community by offering locals work and training. We source what we can locally, giving back to the community so they can grow.”

Site Safe Southern Regional Manager David Smallwood and Industry Engagement Lead Leanne Stoutley were inspired by their visit to Harataunga Marae, where they and local jobseekers were welcomed, and treated to exceptional food and hospitality and heard about opportunities for training



Thomas Glenn, HEB Construction, speaking at Harataunga Marae, Kennedy Bay

and work in the construction industry.

“We saw first-hand how Te Ahi Kaa and HEB Construction are deeply committed to the future of local communities and our workforce,” says Leanne.

“One of our key takeaways was witnessing the importance of collective responsibility for empowering our young adults at a community level.”

For HEB Construction, providing access to training that gives workers the knowledge to stay safe onsite is an important step in ensuring they can continue working and supporting their families and communities.

“We are a family – if we lose someone, we lose a family member, so training and competence is key to keeping everyone safe,” says Daniel.

“All of our workers do a Site Safe course before coming onto a site, and then do refreshers after that. None of our equipment is small, it will hurt or kill without proper training.”

Partnering with organisations such as Site Safe allow for Te Ahi Kaa and HEB Construction to tap into resources that already exist, further improving their services to their clients and resulting in a safer and more skilled workforce.

“Site Safe understands that safety is a fundamental part of any job,” says Leanne.

“We’re committed to ensuring that young adults entering the industry have the knowledge and skills they need to work safely and get home to their whānau at the end of each day.”

Site Safe are looking forward to continuing to support Te Ahi Kaa and the work they do for their community.

**EVENT POSTPONED**  
 Monday 30 October from 11.30am to promote the Zero Harm health and safety app and the Getting Work Ready programme.

For more information, visit <https://zeroharmcoromandel.eventbrite.co.nz>

### POETRY SPOT

#### Query

By Trevor Poultney

Where do old men’s bums go?  
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**Library News**

By Paul Lawrence

Another month has been and gone, and we're closer to Christmas.

The second car boot sale was held on Saturday 7 October and once again, proved to be quite a success. More cars, and more people looking for bargains, made for a real community atmosphere.

Next car boot sale **Saturday 4 November** 9am-12pm.

Once again, we had a couple of extra donations to the library book-buying fund. This is a real bonus for us. As most people know, we are self-funded. The last two car boot sales have enabled us to buy an extra 10 books. It may not seem a lot, but considering we spent over \$1,100 last month, it certainly helps.

**War Bride – Patricia Fenton**



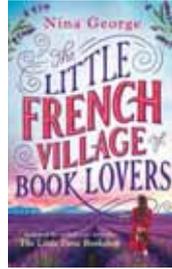
This story is a work of fiction although the narrative was inspired by real-life experiences of Patricia's in-laws.

A fictional family saga, using memories and historical records stemming from real-life stories about a Welsh girl and a Kiwi boy, who only met because of Hitler.

She in England, working in a munitions factory, and he a boy from the Bay of Plenty, stationed with the New Zealand army.

A young couple with everything to live for, but with death all around them.

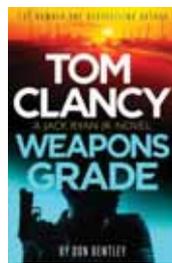
**The Little French Village of Book Lovers – Nina George**



A must read for those who have already read *The Little Paris Bookshop*. In the south of France, Marie-Jeanne sees the marks that love has left on people around her. Time to play matchmaker.

As she gets older, Marie-Jeanne helps her foster father set up a mobile library that travels the area offering entertainment, guidance, and comfort. Books are bringing lonely hearts together at every turn. Everyone except Marie-Jeanne, herself.

**Tom Clancy's Weapons Grade – Don Bentley**



A Jack Ryan Jr novel that starts with a traffic accident and the sounds of gunfire. Jack can't save the victim but he will do all he can to stop the perpetrators getting away.

With only one lead, Jack attends a meeting that the victim was heading

to. He needs to find out why the accident took place and what a team of South African hitmen are doing in a small Texas town.

**Flood resilience funding boost**

The Government has approved over \$1 million in funding for Waikato Regional Council to improve community resilience to flood risk in the Coromandel Peninsula.

Waikato Regional Council was awarded \$708,000 towards river management, which includes erosion protection works, the removal of obstructions and planting to stabilise banks, as well as the full amount of \$330,800 requested towards upgrading and repairing the spillway and weir in the Graham's Creek catchment in Tairua.

Councillor Warren Maher said the numerous wet weather events in the Coromandel Peninsula since late 2022, particularly the Auckland Anniversary event and cyclones Hale and Gabrielle earlier this year, had left communities and catchments vulnerable.

"Building stability and capacity into these river systems is a critical action needed to support improvements in roading, infrastructure, sediment reduction and flood mitigation in the mid to lower reaches of catchments," said Cr Maher.

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**Museum News**

By Raewyn McKinney

All is now set for the “Grand Opening” of the Fir Lawn Creamery building, which will have taken place by the time this edition of the Coromandel Town Chronicle is published. This has been a long project, completed by a dedicated few.



Inside the Creamery

Once again, we thank all those who have helped us reach the end of our project. In particular this month, I thank Zephan of ZM Electrical, who completed the new wiring in the old jail, plus installed wiring and lighting in the Creamery building, all as a donation for the museum. We are very grateful for this generous contribution to our project. Thanks also go to those who have offered help for the Opening Day; to those kind people who have offered to lend us equipment for the event, and the generous people who have offered to make scones and cakes. Thanks go to TCDC mayor Len Salt, who has agreed to perform the opening ceremony. We also thank Drew, who has very kindly waterblasted the museum buildings and fences; Richard for painting the fences; Susan for trimming the hedge and Debbie for updating the displays. The museum complex is looking good, thanks to everyone’s efforts, and we are all looking forward to a busy summer season.

As mentioned, many people have helped the museum this year with our Creamery project. We now turn our attention to the coming summer and the need to boost our depleted bank accounts. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, Covid, and road problems, the last few summers have not been as good as we would have liked. We hope this year proves to be the exception, which will help to replenish our funds.

We are looking for more people to help keep the museum open over the summer months. The more volunteers we have, the more hours we can be open, and the more we can open, the more money we can make. If you can spare a day a week, a fortnight, or a month, then please give consideration to joining our team of volunteers. The duty is for three hours at a time; either 10am to 1pm, or 1pm to 4pm, and it is a pleasant way to spend a morning or afternoon, and a great way to meet interesting people from all over the country, and the world. It is not necessary to know all about Coromandel, or the museum, in order to man the desk. No one is ever left on their own until they are confident that they can cope, and the roster is sorted to fit in with everyone’s circumstances. If you feel you would like to give it a try, please contact a committee member, call in when the museum is open, or contact the museum on [coromandelmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelmuseum@gmail.com).

Another way people can help the museum, and help boost our funds, is to become a member of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc. Membership is currently \$20 per person per year, and members are entitled to free entry to the museum, plus they receive a monthly newsletter and, of course, an invitation to our annual Christmas gathering. Subscriptions can be paid to the museum bank account: 020304031121100. Please remember to include your full name and note that it is a new subscription and send your name, address, and contact details to us at [coromandelmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelmuseum@gmail.com) so our treasurer can send you a receipt and ensure your name is on the mailing list for the newsletter.

During November the museum will be open from 10am to 4pm from Thursday to Sunday inclusive



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By Pete Sephton

This little creature is so different from any other invertebrate that it has its own phylum name, Onychophora, commonly known as peripatus (ngaokeoke). Sometimes it is called the velvet worm but it is not a worm, a caterpillar or centipede. It is a unique little animal that predates dinosaurs and has been unchanged for 500 million years. Most of us have never seen one but it qualifies as one of the most amazing and interesting animals in our environment. They are usually about 50mm long and live in rotting bark and leaf litter. Voracious hunters of smaller invertebrates they spit a sticky glue at their prey, dissolving them with their saliva, then eating the resulting porridge. This little fella lives at Mahakirau. The beautiful photo was supplied by Sara Smerdon.

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## Ballet workshop

My mum (Christina) and I went to a Silver Swans Workshop in Auckland on 1 October and it was such a great day and a wonderful experience!

There were about 25 women attending, which was quite a squeeze... we could not have done grand battement without hitting the person in front, and behind! Hehe.

We ranged in ages from 50's to 80's and the skill level from complete novice to many years spent dancing.

Many of us were dressed in basic t-shirts and exercise pants, while others wore their hair up, long sleeved leotards, ballet tights and long skirts which looked really elegant and made me want to dress accordingly.

Everyone was very excited to be there.

Mary Jane O'Reilly lead the first class, which was a more contemporary ballet warm up at the Barre and then some Centre work. She had Shona McCullough there in the Centre to show the technique of each exercise as well as two other women with professional ballet experience.

The class was similar to what we do but at a more basic level to accommodate the complete beginners in class, but just like in any ballet class, you get the workout you need to work up a sweat, depending on the effort you put in.

Mum and I were definitely a tad sweaty and energized by the end of warmup class. Next up was Musical Theatre and a fab young teacher, Bianca Paine, took that class. We learnt a dance to a Chicago number using hats. Throwing the hat up in the air from right hand to left hand proved to be quite hilarious!

This dance had loads of personality and was loads of fun to learn and perform. Everyone really got into it, hats rolling every where. Lots of jazz choreography, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Next up was learning a classical ballet piece from teacher Jane Turner who was a principal dancer with the RNZ Ballet. This was danced in groups of four and was very pretty. It involved some rather technical weaving, direction and position changes throughout, which was fun. We then had to choreograph the final 16 counts as a group to end back in our starting positions. This dance was then performed in our groups of four in front of everyone else, which was definitely challenging and for many of us, way out of our comfort zones, but we all did it! Yay us!

Sharyn Howells, RAD examiner and teacher, lead us through the cool-down class at the end.

The encouragement and support from everyone, both teachers and pupils alike, was awesome! A very inclusive vibe.

The Barre work and Centre work they used at the workshop is very similar/feels familiar to what we do in our current classes with Marilyn, but it was on a more basic level.

I feel that all of you could definitely do the workshop with ease and I would recommend/encourage you getting along to the next one, if you can!

Teuane and Christina.



## Dance Classes

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

Local tamariki in Coromandel and Colville are dancing and playing piano. Term 4 has started and it struck me how strong and poised the young children are beginning to look. Evidence showing now of a strong spine and posture awareness with strength in the feet and legs. Obvioulsy technical elements are easily seen. The other qualities are sometimes undefinable, such as the response, imagination and development to music and well-being. Professional music teachers have said how ballet can improve musicianship. Training in classscial arts isn't known as fun because aspects can be difficult and if it wasn't that way, "might be boring". There is, however, quiet enjoyment, laughter, energetic activity and surely whanau love to see their tamariki focused and working in a positive medium such as ballet and music.

I believe the ballet training, if taught correctly, develops posture awareness and healthy bodies for adult exercise in the future.

Local adult dancers continue to attend Wednesday morning ballet class. Recently, two adult students, Christina and her daughter Teuane, attended Royal Academy of Dance Silver Swans Workshop in Auckland. A great day of contemporary, musical theatre and classical material, tutored by well-known NZ dancers Mary Jane O'Reilly, Shona McCullough, Jane Turner and Royal Academy of Dance examiner/tutor, Sharon Howells.

Refer to Teuane's letter (left) for a full account of the day's workshop. It did sound fun..

For those who have been following Rebekah Pearson's art and ballet life, I have this from her recently: "All good in Whanganui and chipping away at Foundation Advanced & Advanced 2 and preparing for a part in the Dance Schools production."

Nga mihi.

Marilyn Swan, email swanebbs@gmail.com, mobile 027 336 5263

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## Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

### Q – Is there a “best Time” to list my home?

A – This is a commonly and often asked question. In reality the short answer is, why are you selling? Do you need to work to a timeline to dovetail another contract or situation? The circumstances for selling dictate when to sell.

In other words, if you have placed an offer on another property, conditional to the sale of your property, then you are required to make all reasonable effort to fulfil that contract. So time is of the essence as your purchaser requires time for due diligence, then settlement. This could be six or more weeks.

If you are wanting to sell to upsize or downsize, with no time constraints? Then there can be a few things to consider. Is the home presented well? Inside and out? Or do you need to do some touch ups prior to having photography done?

We hear many things in the media today about when to list or not to list: spring, Christmas, elections, winter, summer, market prices going up, or down or plateauing, etc. The list is endless and the agenda is what? So very confusing and a very generalised one basket fits all approach.

There is always someone who needs to buy, someone who needs to sell, for numerous reasons. So talk with your salesperson about your circumstances, goals and what is happening in your local market. Maybe you need to reach outside your local market to obtain your goals.

These things may mean getting into the market prior to others so as to have less competition for you as a seller. Maybe the advice is to wait due to local events or holidays causing distraction to your targeted market. Maybe due to holidays your market sees heightened activity as tourists experience and decide to stay. Maybe your market is a magnet for retirees, or people exiting the larger centres seeking quieter lives. Some things or reasons are not determined by seasons,

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but by personal decisions and circumstances. These are discussions you should have with your salesperson. Maybe your salesperson is experiencing buyer inquiry in your market that is different to the national market.

My advice is, if you have thoughts about selling, then it is time to talk to a couple of salespeople. Get an understanding and feel for your local market and prices. Check if your home is ready to sell, if not how long will it take to prepare for sale? Ask many questions. Being prepared, educated and knowledgeable gives you clear direction and more control of events.

If you have questions about this article or other real estate matters, please contact me on 0800 735 788, or by email glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz

## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer

Hi everyone out there. As you will be aware, we had a very well attended fritter stall outside James and Turner’s shop celebration of their first year of business in the town.

There was plenty of foot traffic and most availed themselves of our fritters, some returning to take some home for later.

Thanks to all of our members that made the morning such a success, you know who you are, and here’s to our stall on Labour weekend outside Four Square.

I’m keeping the article short this month as I want to be sure there is space for a picture of Logan’s cake that had to be missed last month due to space .

So guys it just remains for me to say stay safe and love your neighbours, you may need them one day.

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Logan with his birthday cake

A member of the public enjoying our fritters outside James & Turner

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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

### Better blood for best health & optimum immunity

How healthy is your blood?

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How efficient is your blood in its transportation role throughout your body?

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Do you have:

- Excessive thirst, dry mouth or sweating?
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- Parasites?
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- Inflammation? Aching legs, swollen joints?
- Dizzy spells or headaches? Unusual nerve pain?
- Oversensitive to foods or certain medications?
- Post viral syndrome, chronic fatigue or chest pain or cardiovascular issues?

By having a Live Blood Screening, we can take the guesswork out of discovering why you feel like you do. Have peace of mind by seeing your blood from just a small finger-prick.

#### What is blood for?

Distributes:

- 1) Nutrients – Oxygen from your lungs, nutrients from your gut, haemoglobin/iron, throughout the body.
- 2) Waste – Carbon dioxide to your lungs, metabolic waste to your kidneys.
- 3) Cells and hormones – Maintaining immune surveillance throughout your body, distribution of hormones and other metabolic regulators around your body.
- 4) Regulation of body temperature.

#### What is blood made of?

- a) Plasma – the liquid part.
- b) Red blood cells (erythrocytes) – These carry oxygen from your lungs to the rest of your body.
- c) Platelets – to control your bleeding.
- d) White blood cells (leukocytes) – These fight infections and aid the immune process.

Types of White Blood Cells are:

- 1) Lymphocytes – your “hit men”. Each lymphocyte has a specific



job: B Cells secrete antibodies to neutralise and identify pathogens; T Cells regulate your immune system and chemically destroy virally infected cells; NK Cells – your “natural killer” cells, also chemically kill tumour and virally infected cells.

2) Neutrophils – are the most common white blood cell, their function is phagocytosis or eat to engulf bacteria, fungi and foreign material. Their granules contain antibacterial enzymes to destroy engulfed bacteria. When you have a Live Blood Screening, you can see them move.

3) Eosinophils – “Fire lighters” – antiparasitic. Also cause an allergic response.

4) Monocytes – Your “detectives”. Antigen presenting cells, activating other cells.

5) Basophils – “Pyromaniacs” – put out fires or dampen inflammation.

Nature has provided us sufficiently with an amazingly effective immune system, to fight off viruses, bacteria, protozoa, parasites, etc.

What else can you see from a Live Blood Screen? White blood cell counts too high or too low; low iron levels; fungal blastospore – candida; low vitamin B12, folate and more; liver stress/damage. Cobwebbing? Intestinal permeability or leaky gut; inflammation infection – parasites; low essential fatty acids; cellular dehydration.

More blood fun facts:

- Love your liver and kidneys – they are the filters of blood.
  - Magnesium levels normal? Laboratory blood tests are not always accurate. Your blood draws nutrients from your tissues, maintaining its daily homeostasis, or balance. Normal blood test results versus malnourished tissues?
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**Embroiderers' Guild**

By Win McMinn

With our Annual Exhibition coming up, there was plenty of work on our Show and Tell table this month. We have lots of exciting pieces to exhibit so please make the time to drop in and see what our members have been up to during the year. Such a wide variety of techniques and so many different uses for the finished products. We will have raffles and work for sale at the exhibition also.

Annual Exhibition at Hauraki House Gallery, **Thursday 2 to Sunday 12 November**, 10am until 4pm except the last day when we close at 2pm.

Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month at the St John rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town/Kapanga. Contact person if Secretary, Win McMinn at coromandelembroidery@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 7508



**My Blackbird**

By Vaughan Udall

Every morning he sat in a tree.....outside my window  
 Chest out, tail up.... singing his song to the world.  
 Whatever the weather, rain, wind and sun, he would be there  
 Chest out, tail up.... singing his song to the world.  
 Then one morning he didn't come  
 I found him under the house behind the wood pile  
 And there he stayed throughout the cold winter  
 Scurrying away when I passed.  
 Then one morning he didn't scurry but just sat there.  
 I knelt down beside him and he just looked up at me.  
 Next day he was still there, still and cold.  
 I gathered him up and took him down to the tree  
 And there I laid him to rest.... under that tree outside my window  
 Where he sat every morning... Chest out, tail up... singing his song to the world.



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### Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services

This month I would like to highlight an insect that I find quite interesting, especially the more I learn about it. My interest started with a mystery – little piles of dead (or so we thought) spiders were randomly appearing on our floor inside, first under our dining table and then under a footstool in our lounge. After some investigation, we found that mason bees had made nests in the deep screw holes on the underside of our furniture. Don't get me wrong, we had heard the high-pitched whine of these black insects but didn't fully understand what it indicated.

Mason bees, or more correctly the mason wasp, are found throughout New Zealand and are a solitary species, living alone for most of their adult life. The female makes nests out of mud that contain multiple individual cells and the whining noise we associate with these wasps are made only by the female when she is processing the mud for this nest. As with most wasps, the mason wasp also has a stinger that it can use repeatedly, but rarely will use it on humans. Instead, they use it to paralyse orb spiders, which are then brought back to the nest and placed in the cells along with their eggs as live food for the larvae when it emerges. I mean, how clever! The larvae then build a cocoon within the nest, and when it emerges as an adult, any remaining spiders drop out – mystery solved!

Although not classified as a pest, mason wasps can still create a mess with their nests as they will build them in any available void, from between bricks, to between folds of a jacket that hasn't been moved in a while, to keyholes and screw holes in furniture! That said, they feed mainly on nectar, and they are great pollinators for your garden. So apart from being somewhat annoying, they pose no real concern to humans.



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### CILT

#### Pātaka Kai

Our Pātaka Kai has been very popular recently with food items leaving just as fast as they're put in. We are working on keeping this stocked for those in need, but we need your help. If you have a surplus of fruit and veggies growing in the garden, or any non-perishables you no longer want, please feel free to pop them in our open street pantry located outside Te Mana Tangata on Pound Street.

Remember; "take what you need, give what you can!"

#### Coromandel Community Van

From **Monday 6 November**, we will be offering another day of travel to Thames on the Coromandel Community Van. Just like our regular Thursday trips, the van will leave from Coromandel Town bound for Thames at 9am and depart from Pak 'n Save for the return at 2pm.

This offer is only available until **Monday 18 December**, so if you would like to book your seat on a Monday, please contact The Resource Centre on (07) 866 8358, or pop in and see one of our wonderful ladies at reception.

#### Māori Land Court

We have received plenty of pamphlets with updated information from Te Kooti Whenua Māori. If this is something you are interested in, please pop into the Resource Centre from 9am until 3pm, Monday to Thursday.

At this stage, there is no confirmed date for the next Māori Land Court visit to the Resource Centre. Please keep an eye on CILT's Facebook page for updates.

#### Coromandel Foodbank

The Foodbank is open every Wednesday from 10am until 2pm. If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment, please contact Treena on 027 316 4662, the Resource Centre on (07) 866 8358 or pop in and see one of the ladies at reception.

#### Community Hub Update

With all this nice weather, the finishing touches have been able to begin and CILT is getting very close to moving into the new Community Hub building. Work has begun on completing the parking lot with the asphalt finally being laid. This will hopefully be our last hurdle before being able to occupy the building!

This has been a huge project with plenty of ups and downs – the severe weather we've had being our biggest delay – and we are very excited to finally be able to make the move and open the Community Hub to the public.



The amazing team of asphalters putting the final touches on the Community Hub carpark



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# Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



November 2023

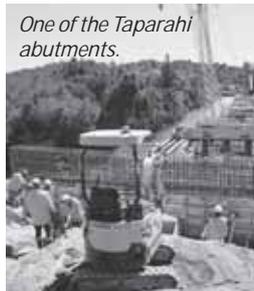
## Road to Recovery

**It's all go on road repairs as the holiday season approaches, with great progress on SH25A.**

The first sets of the bridge steel beams arrived last month at the New Zealand

Transport Agency/ Waka Kotahi Taparahi site. These are up to 30 metres long and weigh about 20 tonnes each. They're being spliced

One of the Taparahi abutments.



together to form the base of the bridge deck for the first of three bridge spans.

Work to improve SH25 at Thornton Bay, Ruamahunga, Manaia, Wharekaho-Kūaotunu culvert slip, Whirititoa Hill and Pumpkin Hill is underway, and repairs to Te Kouma Hill slip are expected to start this month.

Local contractor Kelsey Construction is working on repairs to Tapu-Coroglen Road, which is due to reopen before Christmas.

The road will remain closed during construction for safety reasons until its completion in December. For updates, check [tcdc.govt.nz/roads](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/roads)



Coromandel  
-Colville  
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**UPDATE**

A word from our Board

**Chair Gavin Jeffcoat**

"Summer's on the way, and I know we're all looking forward to hosting more visitors as the Christmas season approaches. Our Council's busy working on local repairs for priority roads, and our Coromandel Town contractor Kelsey Construction is aiming to get Tapu-Coroglen Road reopened in December. Whether you're a local or a visitor, remember you can make a difference by backing our local businesses – there are some great shopping, dining and tours in our beautiful part of the world."



[gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz)

Board Members and Council staff took their community networking session to the road last month with a tour of Eastern Coromandel-Colville. They met with:

- Eke Paihikara mo te Whakapapa Project at Harataunga/Kennedy Bay, which helps tamariki build confidence through their paihikara (bike)
- Habitat Tuatēawa, a local volunteer group actively involved in weed control on behalf of the local community
- Moehau Environment Group (MEG), who shared a presentation on the progress they are making with predator control throughout the area

**The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 5 December 2023**, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road.  
[tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes)

## Coromandel Town landmark turns 150



Coromandel-Colville Community Board invites you to celebrate the 150th year of the Council building at 355 Kapanga Road, on Tuesday 14 November, 12 noon.

The Colonial classic, with its timber framing, brick chimneys and corrugated iron roofing, was built back in 1873, and is a rare example of a Provincial Government office building and courthouse.

If you'd like to join us, please RSVP to [coromandel150@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:coromandel150@tcdc.govt.nz)

## COMMUNITY WELLBEING A TOP PRIORITY FOR COLVILLE PROJECT

Last month Mayor Len, District Councillor John Morrissey, Coromandel-Colville Community Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat and staff met with The Colville Project team to discuss the Trust's plans to develop wellbeing, education, youth and housing facilities for the communities of Upper Northern Coromandel.



Stage one of the project will be an eco-friendly, purpose-built Wellbeing and Education centre to house local health professionals, the community centre, an op shop and a range of community services. Three later stages will see recreational facilities for youth and a range of community housing options.

"It's great to see plans taking shape to expand essential services and promote social connections for our more isolated communities," says District Councillor John Morrissey. "We'll be working with the Trust to help provide guidance and support as plans progress."

[thecolvilleproject.nz](https://www.thecolvilleproject.nz)

## BEHIND THE SCENES WITH OUR LTP 2024-34

Last month our Council held informal drop-in sessions at our Coromandel Town service centre to touch base with the public on our 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) – our Council's main planning document for the next 10 years. A big thanks to everyone who dropped in to have chat, ask questions, and share their ideas of what they'd like to see in our future. We're now busy identifying our projects and finalising our draft budgets for the 2024-2034 LTP.

Stay tuned on our LTP journey at [tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034](https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034)

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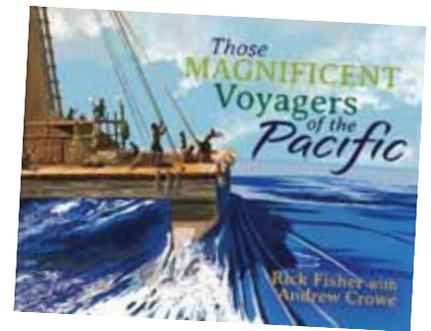
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## Mana Retreat

Kia ora Coromandel community.

What a joyful month it has been. There is a great sense of “aliveness” around the Centre; the gardens are alive, bees are humming, and there is a continuous flow of guests, volunteers and community.

### Embracing Diversity

We are expanding our retreat offerings and have limited space for potential facilitators who can hold men’s, cultural, youth or educational groups. If this sounds like you or you know of anyone who might be perfect for this, please send an email to centre manager Amrit at [be@manaretreat.com](mailto:be@manaretreat.com).

Calling all past Tara School students, teachers and parents!

For those who may not know, there used to be a Steiner-based school at the bottom of the Mana valley. It closed its doors in 2001 and we feel it is timely to organise a Tara School reunion in 2024. If this was you and you would like to attend, please email [marketing@manaretreat.com](mailto:marketing@manaretreat.com) or join the Facebook group @TaraSchoolReunion.

### Coming up at Mana

We have some wonderful retreats coming up, including Qi Gong and Meditation Retreat with Hedwig (27-29 October), and an empowering three-day Women’s Workshop (Friday 24 to Monday 27 November) with Jade Ferriere.

Our Community Dance Classes will be led where possible by Lisa and Jade as Pippa is overseas at the moment. Our next Community Garden Day is on **Wednesday 8 November** 9am-1pm. Lunch is provided. All are welcome and there is no cost for this, simply turn up on the day and bring all-weather clothing and your favorite garden tool!

Arohanui,  
The Mana Team

Feel free to contact us if you are interested in joining us at Mana for any one of our retreats or community events. [www.manaretreat.com](http://www.manaretreat.com)

## Those Magnificent Voyagers of the Pacific – book by Andrew Crowe, illustrated by Rick Fisher

“Every child in New Zealand and the Pacific should know the story of the discovery and settlement of the islands of the vast Pacific Ocean and about the voyages of the ancestors, which is admirably told in Andrew Crowe’s new book written for children.” – *Geoffrey Irwin, Emeritus Professor of Archaeology, University of Auckland.*

Following on from the phenomenal success of *Pathway of the Birds: The Voyaging Achievements of Māori and their Polynesian Ancestors*, this book *Those Magnificent Voyagers of the Pacific* has been specifically created for younger readers but is a great book for the whole family.

*Those Magnificent Voyagers of the Pacific* tells the true story in pictures and text, of the meeting of two great voyaging traditions. It spans 5000 years of Pacific voyaging history, switching back and forth between vibrant life-like scenes in the Pacific and more abstract sepia spreads depicting the contemporaneous progress of voyaging elsewhere in the world. Two-thirds of the way through the story (some 500 years ago) the two narrative threads meet in Te Moana Nui a Kiwa, where they intertwine.

It is an epic story that begins around 3000 BC, when the ancestors of Polynesians discovered ways to “see” over the horizon to find and settle new islands. As their land-finding skills grew, these people took ever bigger strides across the vast Pacific until they reached South America. It was not until almost every habitable island scattered across the world’s largest ocean was discovered and settled that others would gain the skills and courage to head far from shore, allowing two great voyaging traditions to meet.

Some have characterised indigenous knowledge as unscientific “myth”. *Pathway of the Birds* and *Those Magnificent Voyagers of the Pacific* both demonstrate that scepticism towards Mātauranga Māori as a whole is itself unscientific.

*Those Magnificent Voyagers of the Pacific* shows that the people of the Pacific and their immediate ancestors have been global leaders in the arts of land finding and navigation for some 5,000 years.

The book is multilevel, appealing to a wide range of ages. On the one hand, it can be enjoyed as simple picture book; on the other, fact boxes, references, notes and the index extend the interest level to a young adult readership. A timeline summarises the content to underscore the point that Pacific exploration was already complete before Europe’s Age of Exploration began. Innovative maps on the endpapers show that the ocean territory of Pacific people exceeds all the land on Earth – if every single continent were combined. Written and designed with reluctant readers in mind.

Andrew Crowe has won numerous New Zealand book awards, including the Ashton Wylie Award for a biography for teenagers on the Dalai Lama. In 2009, Crowe became the first nonfiction writer to win the country’s top children’s literature prize, the Storylines Margaret Mahy Medal.

Rick Fisher devoted 18 months to the illustrations in *Those Magnificent Voyagers of the Pacific*. He is an emerging artist of Tahitian/Rarotongan/Māori (Ngāti Maru) descent, whose artistic focus is tangata whenua, kaitiakitanga (protection and guardianship of the environment) and historical themes.

## UPCOMING RETREATS

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21-23 NOV	Repotted Retreat with Lisa O’Neil
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1-3 DEC	Qi Gong with Hedwig
8-10 DEC	Early Summer Relax and Wellness Weekend with the Mana Team
15-17 DEC	Summer Working Bee

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Open Floor Dance	31 OCT   7, 14, 28 NOV, 5   12 DEC
Community Garden Day	8 NOV
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# mahi toi ARTS

## Coromandel Artstour Open Studios

By Julie Dann



### Artists open their studios for encore

The Coromandel Open Studios may have wrapped up on 15 October but there was good news for those who missed out with Not Quite The Arts Tour being held over Labour weekend.

Twenty of the 34 participating artists decided to carry on over Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend to give visitors a chance to see their work and experience the creative process.

The self-guided tour – held at people’s places all over town and beyond – was marked by flags around Coromandel.

The artists involved in the add-on tour were listed in the guide as Greg Taylor, Petra Meyboden, Callum Trudgeon, Pete Sephton, Jacquie Ellis, Dany Pike, Elizabeth Carter, Allan Beaver, Jeremy Scott, Gallery 6, Barbara von Seida, Murray Rainey Kay Ogilvie, Yvonne Szabo, Julie Dann, and Kim and Kevin Brett. Flags and signs were out to indicate the studios.

Some artists also had stalls at The Courtyard market behind the new coffee and croissant stall in town next to The Bizarre on the Saturday morning of Labour weekend.

Gallery 6, showing five artists’ work in Kapanga Road, attracted plenty of visitors over the tour so congratulations to them, as did the Open Studios exhibition in Hauraki House, which featured all of those taking part on the tour.

Everyone who took part would like to thank locals for their support. The opening at Hauraki House with food and drinks was very well-attended, with sales made on the night.

Over the two weekends, artists reported getting a good amount of foot traffic through their studios and plenty of interest in the work.

The organising committee wishes to thank the artists, sponsors and all those who gave up their time to man Hauraki House during the tour, keeping the exhibition open for visitors.

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## Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

How lovely to have several consecutive days of sunshine; it really warms the imagination.

It was interesting to note that five artists on the Coromandel Arts Tour were either past or present members of the Coromandel Art Group. I hope you all got out to see some of the participating artists, as it is good to analyse the work and how some of them paint, either to a theme or style, or humorous or whimsy, or cartoons. I love all of the different characteristics that came through as it tells you so much about the artists too. Lots of food for thought when planning your next painting or masterpiece!

It was nice to see so many people out and about during the school holidays – an ideal time for catching up on people-sketching.

If you have ever thought of joining us, why not pop in to St Andrews Hall on Rings Road one Thursday morning 9am-12pm, and just see what we do. Or else ring our president Lindsay on (07) 866 7799

Tiana starting one of her very detailed paintings



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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

## COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



### Writing

Room 7 have made some awesome felt work; check out how they did it by Jaycee Berghan.

### Equipment

- wool fleece
- 2 pieces of bubble wrap
- a towel
- some warm soapy water
- a spray bottle

### Method

Firstly you need to place your towel down. Then you put your bubble wrap facing up. Then you put your base as any colour but I would choose white and do it criss-cross. Then you put your other piece of bubble wrap and face it down then when you're done and you like it you get your warm, soapy water and spray it all over. After you put it on you massage it all over. Then you rinse it out and let it dry in the sun.

### Writing Year 2 and 3

I like Goldilocks. But she ate the porridge and sat on the chair! *By Hera*

A playground is better than the pool and it is a little bit fun. The slide is better and the monkey bars and the swings. We can play on the playground. *By Zoe*

I like ice cream better than cake because it makes my throat feel better. *By Meah*

### Writing from senior students about emotions and feelings

#### *Sadness* by Liam O'Hara

He's an evil snake  
that feeds off my emotion

He slithers up from my tummy  
to my throat  
It stabs its fangs into my neck

My eyes burn with venom  
It slithers into my head  
filling it with its venomous thoughts

His tongue whispers  
bad thoughts into my ear  
I try to silence him

#### *Happiness* by Mac Harris

A small fantail zooming down my body,  
washing away  
all bad feelings

She floats down to my stomach  
where she sleeps

When she sleeps,  
She is immortal.  
She is untouchable

She illuminates and empowers my body,  
Becoming  
nearly as powerful  
as my heart.

But if she is awakened by something,  
she becomes  
fragile and vulnerable.

She races back into my mind,  
where she'll wait  
until it's okay to come out.

#### *Nervousness* by Kendyl Short

Who do they think they are,  
The tickling flutters in the pit of my stomach.  
Slowly making its way up my body, stopping  
at the edge of my lips.

Sitting on the top of my tongue, aching to get out.

Churning up my thoughts with their wings  
and cutting up my stomach.

I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS,  
It is eating me alive.

It just sits  
In the pit of my stomach,  
Not budging the slightest.

I try to ignore them,  
Tell myself they're not there  
Try to ignore

I'm never at peace,  
always under pressure.

#### *Loneliness* by Trieste Newton

The monster in my head  
is not a very scary monster,

The monster is more of a tiny mouse.

It is very shy and left out.  
It feels alone



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the monster is not a fighter  
it just wants company  
and affection

to be social  
and for someone to be by its side

but no one is here  
for the tiny monster,  
tiny mouse monster.

#### *Anger* by Jay Fraser

A bass guitar  
beating hard inside my chest

Beats get harder  
and harder  
as my muscles tense

Searching for something to break.

Breathe  
Trying to recover the tune

Brain blacks out  
traps me inside the strings

Playing a heavy bassline

My body shakes...  
An amp with too much voltage

### 2023 dates

**Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9 November** – CM Games, Years 5-8 (Auckland)

**Friday 17 November** – Teacher Only Day

**Thursday 14 December** – Celebration of learning

**Friday 15 December** – Final day of the term (12.05pm finish)

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**Colville Bay Pre-school**  
**Te koohungahunga o te**  
**Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka**



By Esther Powell

Ka whaangai, ka tupu, ka puaawai/ To nurture, to grow, to blossom.  
 Here we are midway through spring already, broad beans, peas and kumara tipu shooting sky-wards, many rambling adventures in the warmer weather, and looking forward to heaps of upcoming events, including a visit from ERO soon.

We are excited to be hosting a workshop for parents and kaiako on 30 October on the “He Maapuna te tamaiti” programme: to strengthen our skills as kaiako, parents and community to support the socio-emotional development of our tamariki. Get in touch if interested. If you miss this one, but are keen to know more, we may make this a regular programme.

Hari huri tau ki a korua, Wilma our dedicated kaiako, and Eloise, our new pepe here, my niece.

Creative juices are flowing as our artwork for the Colville Art Festival comes together. “Our Yellow Submarine...” bringing together our, love for messy play – slimy paper mache and foraging for treasure – both recycled trash, and natural materials washed up on our beach, construction skills, collaborative problem-solving and kaiako humour... to go with this year’s Beatles theme... it might have a bit of an “Octopus’s garden” to go with it too. By the time you read this our children will have also performed waiata at the Colville Festival at the Sunday night variety show, inspired after such an empowering



Our collaborative artwork

experience participating in the Coromandel Cultural Festival last month! Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have come along to awahi our children in our extra-curricular events these last few months.



Colville Bay Pre-school at the Cultural Festival

Open hours: Tuesday to Friday, 8.45am-3pm, including term breaks. 20 free hours for 3+ year-olds and for two-year-olds too from March 2024. WINZ subsidies available. We provide transport from Coromandel to Colville return Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Our minivan is currently full, enquiries welcome for 2024.

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# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Luke McCauley

### How to up your trapping game

Intensive trapping is one of our main lines of defence against invasive animal species. Pests are smart, and they are survivalists. We know that a bland “one size fits all” approach to trapping isn’t going to be effective in the long run. Variation and strategy are key for effective trapping especially when it comes to the more wary pest species such as feral cats and mustelids. Don’t be fooled when a trap’s initial high kill counts drop off. This may be an indicator of the trap’s becoming “blunt” in its current state instead of you getting on top of your pest population.

So, how can we get more pest animals to engage with our traps? Here are some basic strategies for becoming a superior trapper:

Understand your enemy: dispersal ranges, niche habitats, species relationships, food sources, breeding rates, and seasonal and climate effects are just some of the factors that play into animal behaviour, and these behaviours are what we as trappers can manipulate to increase kill rates. It is really worthwhile to do some research into your target species.

When setting up a trap network, target land features; areas such as river crossings, ridge lines, areas with high food availability, sheltered open areas, and boundaries are all hot spots that pests inhabit or frequently travel through. Look for prominent markings on trees or tracks; this indicates that animals are frequenting the area.

Studies suggest that twenty percent of traps catch eighty percent of all pests in a trap network. So, a grid approach isn’t the most effective way to trap. After your initial set-up, changing trap locations in relation to hot and cold spots (for catch rates) supports efficiency.

Make sure your trap is as inviting as possible to a pest. Accessibility should be easy, the trap’s entrance should not be obscured by plant



growth! Make sure the trap is stable and free of things such as sharp edges (e.g., on the wired entrance of a DOC 200) that might dissuade animals from entry. Elevated traps could have a ramp to aid access.

Keeping baits fresh and utilising a variety of bait types can help. Utilising things such as blaze, pre-feed, or lure sprays can be a great way of attracting animals to investigate your trap. These work off an animal’s senses, presenting them with a visually exciting, smelly, and tasty free sample that might just entice the animal into sticking its head into your trap for a little more.

Most of all, don’t be afraid to try new things. There are the tried and tested methods which you want to rely on but don’t expect these to work for all animals all of the time.

Get in touch with the Driving Creek conservation team if you have any questions about trapping at [conservation@dcrail.co.nz](mailto:conservation@dcrail.co.nz)



Luke working on predator control in the Conservation Park

## Forest & Bird

By Annette Steele, Secretary Upper Coromandel Branch



### Some things don't change

The current battle against invasive pest species of plants and animals and the degradation of our native forests may feel like a modern problem, but it was recognised as an issue long ago.

The following information comes from the April 1937 NZ *Railways* magazine, the article it is drawn from was part of a series on famous New Zealanders, in this case Dr Leonard Cockayne – described as “the Empire’s most famous botanist”.

Leonard Cockayne emigrated from England with a degree in botany as a young man of 25 in 1880, and became fascinated with the native flora while working as a schoolteacher, to the extent that he abandoned his teaching career to focus entirely on the plants and their environment. By the end of his career he had surveyed every forest region from the far north to Stewart Island, publishing books and writing reports for the government. His observations led him to be the most vigorous and outspoken critic of the acclimatisation blunders – deliberate introduction of exotic species – which he observed to have resulted in enormous damage.

One of his goals was education, to enable people to “come to understand clearly what a priceless possession are these forests of theirs with the trees pure New Zealanders, and that ... the areas of forest ... set aside as national parks, scenic reserves and sanctuaries should never be desecrated, but remain far into the distant future living examples of primeval New Zealand.”

He urged people not to mix exotic planting in with natives, and when trying to preserve the rapidly disappearing forests, not to add any species to the bush which did not originally belong to that class of forest. He pointed out the usefulness of “scrub” like manuka as nurse trees, and the enormous value of native forest in conserving and regulating the water supply and preventing erosion – the wisdom of which has been driven home with our recent weather events.

He received multiple awards, including the Darwin Medal in 1928, an honorary PhD in 1903, and the NZ Hector Medal in 1912. In 1926 he established the Otari Open Air Native Plant Museum in Wellington, where he was finally laid to rest in 1934.

As to the damage caused by acclimatised animals, Cockayne often wished for the power to act to prevent the introduction of animals like wild goats which cut up not only the flora but even the forests, as they had in Greece. The mischief had already been done in many parts of New Zealand even then, and we are now paying for that folly and ignorance.

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Waikato

## MEG

By Genevieve Morley

The first time I saw a kauri tree was when I was three years old. It was a very special occasion as my elderly grandmother had travelled all the way from Britain to meet me, her only granddaughter. The 309 Kauri tree stand was of course, one of the first places my father thought to take his mum, whom he had not seen in such a long time. It is under the kauri tree's magnificent magnetising presence where we are drawn to congregate, share lifelong memories and feel the power and strength of nature and it brings such deep sadness to contemplate an Aotearoa without kauri, and yet this is what could become



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our reality with the threat of kauri dieback disease. Having clean, dirt-free boots and using the boot cleaning stations when entering/exiting the bush is an essential part of respecting these magnificent trees. To learn more, please come and try Kauri Pou Kaitiaki, the 360-degree virtual reality head-set experience created by Waikato Regional Council, at our upcoming AGM on **Saturday 2 December** at St John Hall in Coromandel Town. Come along to check it out!

### Get your dog kiwi avoidance trained this summer

Recent changes to Kiwi Avoidance training availability in Coromandel means there are fewer training sessions available. A new booking system is in place to make the process smoother for both dog owners and the trainer. The upcoming sessions are: Kuaotunu on **Saturday 16 December**, Papa Aroha on **Saturday 13 January** and Waikawau on **Saturday 20 January**. These dates are still a bit far away but with how fast time flies, it might pay to book early as there may be limited availability. To book go to [www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz](http://www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz).

### Juvenile kiwi can travel long distances

Kiwi practitioners who regularly go in search of kiwi are often staggered when they find just how close some kiwi burrow next to roads or paths and how easy it can be for a dog to sniff one out. Kiwi are territorial birds and juvenile kiwi can walk for kilometres up and down the peninsula as they search for a place they want to make their permanent home. It takes one pair 20 years of breeding to replace themselves, with the main threats to juvenile kiwi being predation and habitat loss. The number one threat is the stoat, the second biggest threat is dogs, and thirdly, ferrets. Save the Kiwi is a major sponsor of the work we do and we want to take this moment to acknowledge their support and their mahi to help stop the decline of kiwi populations.

### Upcoming Events

Ginger Bash – Contact us if you are interested in participating in a Ginger Bash on **Tuesday 21 November**. We will be weeding out the invasive kahili ginger plant in a location nearby.

AGM – Join us at 10.30am **Saturday 2 December** at the St John Hall in Coromandel Town. We'd love to tell you about our work and maybe you'll see a way to become involved. Volunteers are always welcome and we have a range of roles to try and a great bunch of people to get to know!

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## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

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## Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

### Farewell to a remarkable man – Ron Evans

As a relative newcomer to Coromandel Golf Club, by Ron's standards, I got to know Ron reasonably well during my 15 years. However, until today, the day of his funeral, I didn't know much about his background but I did recognise a hardworking, trustworthy and reliable individual. Ron was always happy and willing to get involved in whatever needed doing and would carry out the task with gusto and efficiency. Not only that but he would shy away from any shows of gratitude or adulation.

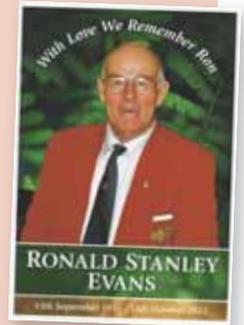
Ron was a true gentleman, although not a scholar; his words, not mine. He could turn his hand to most things and loved his work around the farms in the north of the peninsula. Born in Coromandel, educated in Colville and Coromandel, Ron never drifted far from home and his decision to stay was cemented when he met Joan. Ron was told that if he wanted to keep Joan he would have to give up his beloved rugby and join Joan on the golf course.

The rugby club's loss was the golf club's gain as Ron soon got stuck in to improvements to the course and buildings. At the time, the club ran sheep on the course so it was a no-brainer that Ron would get involved with their welfare having been a shepherd previously. As the farm team got older it was decided to lose the sheep and change to cattle. Who was there to build the stock yards and race? Ron, of course. Right up to 2022, Ron was still involved in the spraying around the course and was heavily involved in the building of the new cart sheds.

Ron was a great organizer and was meticulous in his planning, making him ideal material for Club Captain in 1985/86 and President in 1991/2, '92, '94, '97 and '98. This led to Ron becoming Club Patron in 2011 and latterly was made a "Life Member" of not only Coromandel Golf Club but also the "Eagles Association".

During today's celebration of Ron's life I have learnt so much about Ron's life in Coromandel and all of it just backs up the impression I already have of this man. He was always there to help, expecting no reward and completing tasks with enthusiasm and determination.

Ron is someone I have always held in great regard, someone who has been an inspiration to all and will be sorely missed. RIP Ron Evans.



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## OTHER

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

# 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

Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..... 3pm

Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm

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

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

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 3545 .....9am

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am

Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 .....10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm

Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm

Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 ..... 5.30-6.45pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym .....8am

Meditation at Mahamudra ..... 8.15-8.45am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am

Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 ..... 12.30pm

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

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 3545 .....9am

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

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

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am

Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am

Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 ..... 3-4pm

Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house), Liz 027 436 2800 ..... 6-7pm

Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra ..... 7-8.30pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym .....8am

Coromandel Homegrown Market (summer only) ..... 8.30am-12.30pm

Community Gardens volunteer day ..... 8.30-11am

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

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am

Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 9252.....9.30am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club ..... 3.30-7pm

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome ..... 5.30pm

## Every Saturday

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

## Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service ..... 10am

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 1pm

## Monthly

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

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

**2nd Tues** – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms John Walker 027 482 0435 ..... 10am

**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 7508..... 10am-3pm

**1st Wed** – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms. Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 ..... 6pm

**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 ..... 1pm

**2nd Wed** – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm

**3rd Wed** – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms. Paul Mackenzie 021 0256 6989 ..... 6pm

**Last Thurs** – Green Drinks at Star & Garter ..... 5pm

**Last Thurs** – DCR Music and Art Night ..... 6.30pm

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

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Rummikub at The Club</p> <p>High tide 1.52am (2.3m), 2.21pm (2.4m) Low tide 1.31am (0.5m), 8.41pm (0.8m)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Open Floor Dance at Mana (see ad pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 2.47am (2.2m), 3.17pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.53am (0.8m), 9.37pm (0.8m)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Car Club meeting (see pg 10) Community Garden Day at Mana (see ad pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 3.45am (2.2m), 4.12pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.55am (0.8m), 10.31pm (0.8m)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade Fishing Contest Relax and Wellness Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 5.38am (2.3m), 5.49pm (2.4m) Low tide 1.42am (0.8m)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade Fishing Contest Relax and Wellness Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 5.38am (2.3m), 5.49pm (2.4m) Low tide 1.42am (0.8m)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Armistice Day (see pg 10) Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade Fishing Contest</p> <p>High tide 6.26am (2.4m), 6.33pm (2.5m) Low tide 12.06am (0.7m), 12.27pm (0.7m)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Coromandel Embroidery Guild annual exhibition ends (see pg 19) Impressions V at the CR Gallery ends (see ad pg 23)</p> <p>High tide 7.11am (2.5m), 7.16pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.49am (0.6m), 1.08pm (0.6m)</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Rummikub at The Club</p> <p>High tide 7.52am (2.6m), 7.58pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.31am (0.5m), 1.49pm (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle November issue Open Floor Dance at Mana (see ad pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 8.33am (2.7m), 8.41pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.11am (0.4m), 2.30pm (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>3 Day Silent Meditation Retreat starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 9.14am (2.8m), 9.25pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.53am (0.3m), 3.19pm (0.4m)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>3 Day Silent Meditation Retreat starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 9.57am (2.8m), 10.11pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.35am (0.3m), 3.58pm (0.4m)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Teacher only day at Coromandel Area School (see pg 24)</p> <p>High tide 10.41am (2.8m), 10.59pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.18am (0.3m), 4.45pm (0.4m)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Coromandel Lifestyle Village open day (see ad pg 5)</p> <p>High tide 11.29am (2.8m), 11.48pm (2.6m) Low tide 5.03am (0.3m), 5.30pm (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>RSA Christmas Lunch</p> <p>High tide 12.21pm (2.8m) Low tide 5.52am (0.4m), 6.31pm (0.5m)</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Rummikub at The Club</p> <p>High tide 12.41am (2.6m), 1.17pm (2.7m) Low tide 6.45am (0.4m), 7.28pm (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>MEG Ginger Bash (see pg 27) Repotted Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 1.37am (2.5m), 2.16pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.45am (0.5m), 8.29pm (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Women's Workshop starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 2.38am (2.5m), 3.17pm (2.7m) Low tide 8.50am (0.6m), 9.30pm (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Women's Workshop starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 3.43am (2.5m), 4.17pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.57am (0.6m), 10.30pm (0.4m)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Women's Workshop starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 4.48am (2.6m), 5.14pm (2.7m) Low tide 11am (0.5m), 11.27pm (0.4m)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Women's Workshop starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 5.49am (2.7m), 6.10pm (2.8m) Low tide 11.58am (0.5m)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Women's Workshop starts at Mana (see pg 22)</p> <p>High tide 6.45am (2.8m), 7.09pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.23am (0.3m), 12.51pm (0.4m)</p>
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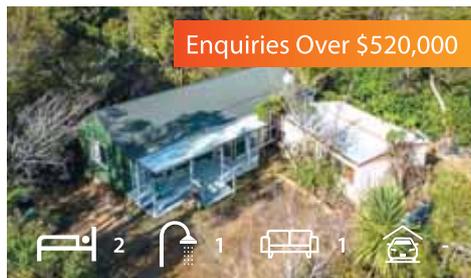
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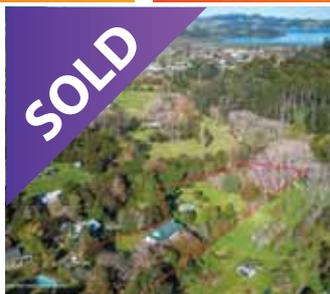
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