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.....Editor's comment

We are fast approaching Christmas. Time to get your entry ready for
Santa Parade which will start at 3pm on Sunday 8 December (see pg
20). And if you would like company at Christmas, book a place at the
Community Christmas Lunch (see pg 16).

While I was putting together the Chronicle this month a friend of mine
mentioned that she is going on the Pahi Coastal Walk. I had heard of
the name before, but to be honest thought it was a new name for the
Coromandel Coastal Walk from Fletcher's Bay. Well I was wrong!
So I thought I'd mention it as other people may have had the same
misconception.

The Pahi Coastal Walk is in fact a paid walk on private farmland over
three days starting and finishing in Port Jackson (with transport included
from Colville). You don't carry your bags on the walk and all food is
included. Sounds like a great way to see the far north.

Below is a photo my daughter took recently while we were driving up
the Thames Coast. I've noticed the view is very similar to Rosemarie
Murphy's pastel art on page 24!



Thames Coast sunset
Photo courtesy of Emily Aston

..... Letters

Change of venue - now a Garden Party

My birthday party on **Sunday 3 November**, as mentioned in the October
Coromandel Town Chronicle, has a change of venue and will be now held in
the garden of Fir Lawn House (next to Top Pub), courtesy of David Stenson,
from 10am-5pm. Pray for a fine day and bring your own wine or beer.
Richard Chrisp, Coromandel Town

Arts Tour

Kia ora,

I want to say a huge thank you to all who organised this fantastic Arts Tour
and all of the artists involved.

We had a fantastic day showing Aussie whanau about the rohe.

We saw and bought gorgeous art and loved the energy of it all.

We will be back again next year.

Nga mihi,

Michele Fill, Wellington

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Chess in the Park

By Mike Mann

Whitianga Chess Club lead by Brett, visited Coro Chess Club on Saturday 28 September for an inaugural visit.

It was a magic day, with Whitianga taking out the “old mug” trophy and the leader board revealing 17 games to 16.

Great to see six teenage players amongst a total of 20 players and the community connection in a public area.

Weta Cafe coffee kept

players sharp and focussed.

A nice meal at Pepper Tree post match created a space for a lot of banter and sharing.

This will now become an annual event.



A Thought for the Month of November

From the desk of Father Andy



Greetings to you all. The year is moving on fast and dare I say it will soon be Christmas! Where has the year gone, we ask. But before Christmas we have this lovely month of November which is particularly special for me because I celebrate my birthday this month ... yes, another year older but still a kid at heart. My late mother said I would never grow up and I think she was right!

In the northern hemisphere November is characterised with ever shortening days, grey skies and signs of decay as the trees shed their leaves in preparation for winter, but here in Aotearoa/New Zealand it's very different. Here it's spring and days are getting longer and trees are coming to life, bearing fresh new foliage and the carrot, chilli and French bean seeds that we planted recently in our garden are popping up through the soil ... to our great delight! These are simple yet wonderful signs of life to warm the heart as we leave the winter behind us.

Throughout NZ history November has been eventful. The first day of the month marks the anniversary of the Act of Parliament (1898) which provided for a small, means-tested pension to be available to elderly men and women with few assets, at least for those who were of good moral character and who led a sober and reputable life ... so if you are of pensionable age, the first of November is a day of thanksgiving!

That same year on the thirteenth of the month Mount Tongariro erupted in spectacular fashion, with further eruptions throughout the following year!

Then on the seventh of the month in 1970 mountaineers John Glasgow and Peter Gough became the first people known to have scaled the 2000-metre “Caroline Face” of Aoraki/Mt Cook.

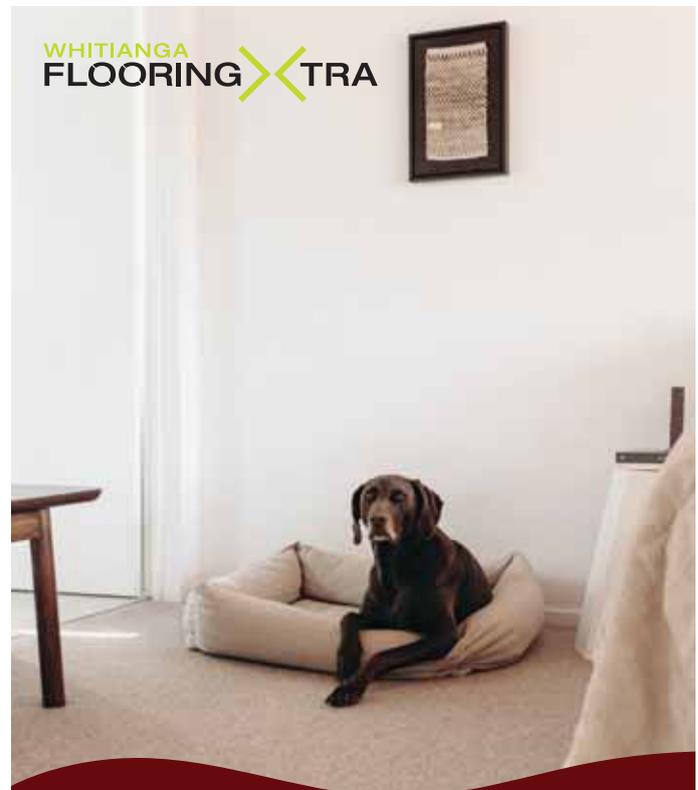
There are many other notable events that occurred in NZ's history during November but let me tell you of a significant spiritual focus for this interesting month which might grab your attention. 1 November is “All Saints” day, when we remember those whose lives have inspired others by the example they have left us, of lives lived well and to the full. This is followed by “All Souls” day, when we remember our departed friends and then we mark the ending of the Second World War on the 11th and recall the bravery of those lost to the futility of war ... very appropriate at this current time with the continuing conflict in Ukraine and the Middle East.

These are important days for remembering those whose journey through this world has come to an end. For many people, memories will come to mind as we recall the bravery of those in the armed services who gave their lives in combat and on peacekeeping exercises for the greater good of us all and those special people who have meant much to us, those we have loved and see no more.

At Christ Church Anglican Church on Tiki Road life goes on as usual. This month we will be holding a special service of remembrance on **Sunday 10 November** at 10am and we will be lighting candles and observing silence as we give thanks and pray for those who have gone from us and who have shone brightly as heroes in various ways throughout their lives. This time of year can be a busy time but perhaps you may have an hour to spare join us to reflect and to give thanks for those lives, some of which we know and the many we don't know who have slipped over that horizon and out of our sight into the fuller life with our loving God in eternity. Morning tea at 11am.

May God's blessing be yours today and all your days.

Father Andy, phone 022 175 5684



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Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer,
Vice President



Hi everyone. I have shared the writing of this article with Kerry Whittle who is our projects' coordinator.

We would like to once again give sincere thanks to Peter Bull for his very generous donation of trees for firewood, labour and machinery.

Working with Stu Beaver, we were able to process around twelve double-axle trailer

loads of wood rings. Profits from their sale will be going to worthy local causes. Thanks a lot Peter.

At our dinner meeting we had the pleasure of hosting Dave Thompson, our district governor, his wife Diane, plus Brian Macmillan, global leadership team coordinator, and his wife Marilyn.

In the background you will see some of the many "flags" that have been exchanged over the years, just two in the picture, but more are out of shot.

Sorry Jean (couldn't hide the cake), but just had to say what a great "birthday dinner" we had.



The committee have asked me to pass on their thanks for a job well done.

So what a busy month, take care everyone, and remember to get those wood orders in (numbers below).

Just leaves me to say a big thank you to Rick Ward and Kerry Whittle for painting the buoy outside the museum.



Jean's birthday cake

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Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopters

Coromandel missions in September

05.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 20's suffering a medical complaint.

She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

05.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a boy suffering an injury from a fall onto an object. The boy was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

10.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a female patient in her 60's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

10.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Waihi to assist a female patient in her 30's suffering a medical complaint and in a critical condition. Our doctor brought blood and assisted with the patient transit to Waikato Hospital onboard the Waikato helicopter that was already on scene.

11.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Pauanui to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a moderate condition.



17.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Waihi to assist a male patient in his 30's suffering an injury from a slip in a work-related accident. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a moderate condition.

18.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a boy suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Starship Hospital in a serious condition.

19.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Tairua to assist a male patient in his 40's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a critical condition.

20.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Colville to assist a male patient in his 30's whose motor vehicle had dropped 15 metres off the road and onto its roof. He was extricated by bystanders and then extracted by winch. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a moderate condition.

21.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist with the interhospital transfer of a male patient in his 60's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown from Thames Hospital to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

25.09.2024 – Crew tasked to assist with the interhospital transfer of a female patient in her 70's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown from Thames Hospital to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

26.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a male patient in his 60's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

26.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist with the interhospital transfer of a female patient in her 40's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown from Thames Hospital to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

30.09.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist a boy suffering an injury from a fall and in a minor condition. Transportation to hospital by helicopter was not required and crew returned to base.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

When New News is Actually Old News

"Parkinson's Disease – Could environmental toxins be behind New Zealand's alarming increase?"

An article in the recent "New Zealand Listener" questions whether pesticide exposure may be a causative factor in this neurological disease. It's great news that it is being discussed. However, in my world of Natural Medicine, and over decades of successful clinical experience, I've been addressing this issue for years, and identifying and treating the real cause, not just treating symptomatically.

Parkinson's Disease is a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system that effects the control of muscles, and so may affect movement, speech and posture. It's characterised by muscle rigidity, tremor, and slowing of physical movement (brachykinnesia).

There are seven known causes and risk factors, for Parkinson's Disease, pesticide exposure is one only.

Due to any of these seven causes, insufficient formation and action of the brain neurotransmitter dopamine occurs. Orthodox treatment includes a dopamine pharmaceutical replacement.

However, in orthodox medicine, for years it was believed there were no investigative tests proven to help in diagnosing PD. Therefore, diagnosis was based on medical history and neurological examination. The true cause is not always identified; hence treatment may not be on point. In my clinical experience, this has been a problematic issue with the health system for decades.

My training was different.

Client 1 – retired farmer – for decades, sprayed his horticultural farm crops heavily in England, then retired in NZ. His hands became shaky, and his feet shuffled as he walked.

Due to his violent and thrashing outbursts in his sleep, his wife was forced to sleep in another room.

Just due to his presenting signs and symptoms, his doctor wanted to prescribe a dopamine replacement pharmaceutical agent, assuming the diagnosis was Parkinson's Disease. I eventually was able to prove the farmer's dopamine levels were normal, and that he had an extremely high load of toxic chemicals in his body.

Client 2 – dentist – shaky hands, and extreme mood swings. My tests showed the toxic element mercury (from amalgam fillings), was very high in his body. Fact: mercury easily crosses the blood-brain barrier.

Toxins lock into fat cells. Your brain and spinal cords membranes, the myelin sheath, are made of fat layers. Healthy essential fats from healthy unprocessed foods, should make up your myelin sheath membrane, not fat loving toxins.

I was able to also show this man proof of his body's high toxic load of paraquat and glyphosates, from the weed sprays he frequently used on his farm.

How can toxic chemicals be safe, if not bio-identical to our cells? Once absorbed in the body, your immune system gets alerted and works overtime, then creating a negative domino effect. Preventable diseases eventually occur.

In recent years, I've seen hundreds of other examples of when "new news" is not actually new news.

We don't need more sensational media announcements, unnecessary research, clinical trials, wasted money and emotion on



facts many of us already know, and have been working successfully in treating, remedying, curing, and preventing. Common sense action is required.

Fact: I've also prevented and cured, viral infections, and other diseases without vaccines. Keep your innate immunity strong.

How is your body's toxic load?

I can help. Know what's really causing your health issues:

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Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

Coromandel is full of very creative people. The Coromandel Arts Tour gets the imagination going. The diversity of art and its shape and form is amazing. Thank you to those who opened their studios. We plan to have our own exhibition in March 2025 so keep an eye out for us at Hauraki House.

This month our photo is of a few baby play mats. The busy one is a work in progress. Jill has taken time to produce quite a few of these for a charity called Loving Arms in Te Awamutu. They support families, especially new mothers. It's nice to know that these quilts will be given to little ones to enjoy.

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

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Mahamudra Centre

By Roy Fraser, Director of Mahamudra

Puja

Puja is a Sanskrit word meaning to show adoration, to pay homage or respect, by making an offering either to a specific image representing enlightened body, speech and mind, or to an imagined or visualised emanation of that. It can be done individually or as a group of any number. In the great monasteries, often several thousand will perform a puja together. As well as the regular pujas we do at Mahamudra Centre, which I spoke of in the last article, we also often do specific pujas for specific reasons.



On Sunday 20 October at 10am, Geshe Wangchen, who is based at Dorje Chang Centre in Auckland, performed a fire puja at the Centre. The specific aspect of enlightened mind which we will offer the puja to is named Yamantaka. The purpose of the puja is to remove obstacles. For the Centre generally and Buddhist individually, it is to remove obstacles to practicing Dharma, Buddha’s guide to self-development. However, all are welcome to attend to remove any obstacles which may be arising in life. Wealth, relationships, employment, etc. The main thing is to keep this attitude during the puja; to keep the mind focused on the specific activity for which obstacles need removing. In this way the energy created by the puja can change what is happening around us due to the law of cause and effect.

This puja is held outdoors, so if you wish to attend, dress for the weather.

Puja dates

- Friday 8 November** – Tara Puja
- Monday 11 November** – Guru Puja
- Friday 15 November** – Medicine Buddha Puja
- Monday 25 November** – Guru Puja

Coromandel Embroidery Guild

By Heather Arthur



The highlight of the year for our members is our annual exhibition **Thursday 7 to Sunday 17 November** at Hauraki House. This is when members display the embroidery they have finished this year (although not necessarily started) and it is always a feast of beautiful work. This also coincides with our AGM and Christmas lunch and final gathering for the year.

We do have a competition and this year the President’s challenge is “Inside the Circle”. The invited guest judge to choose the winner is Liz Wilson from Cambridge, who will have a display of her own creations.

We also invite one of our own members to be the local guest exhibitor. This year it is Shirleen Notman, who has been a member almost since the inception of the guild. She is an avid stitcher so it will be hard for her to choose what to display.

Each year there is a “people’s choice” where our viewers can choose which embroidery stands out to them. This is very popular with viewers as the exhibition is display and not judged.

We look forward to showing the amazing work our ladies love to do. At Hauraki House, Coromandel Town, 10am-4pm from **Thursday 7 to Tuesday 17 November**. Admission is free, but bring cash for the raffles.

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Community Garden

By Rachel Benmayor

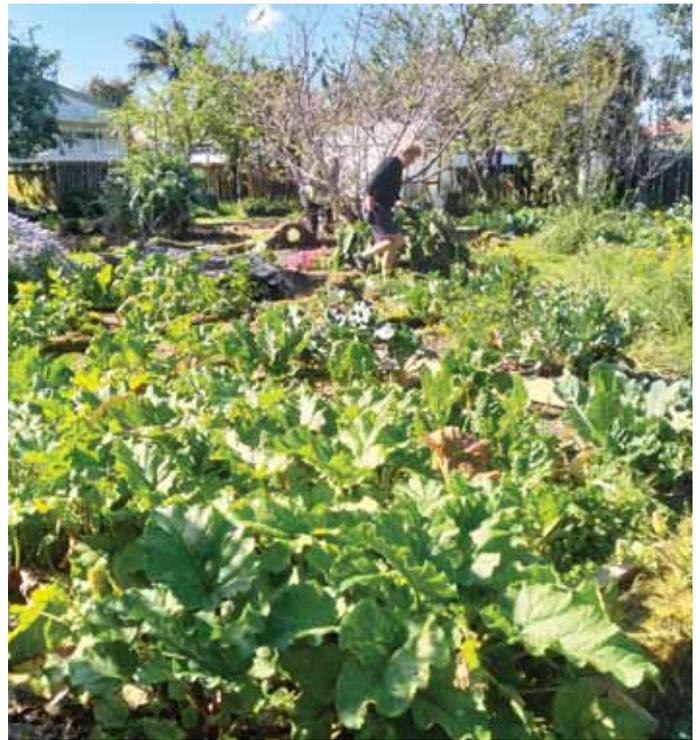
As some of you are aware now, the Community Gardens have a new annex behind CILT and have joined forces with the Foodbank's newly created gardens. With help from the community three large, raised beds have been built for us and we are beginning to raise the seedlings to produce vegetables for the sharing shelves. The original site for the Coromandel Community Gardens remains, is thriving, and finally producing good crops of spinach, celery and silverbeet. The broccoli is nearly finished and there are some cabbages still maturing alongside new crops such as lettuce, spring onions, Chinese cabbage and herbs of different types. The children's strawberry beds are beginning to produce and thanks to the council we will have blueberries, raspberries and passionfruit. New plants going in will be different types of tomatoes, peppers, carrots, cucumber, zucchini and pumpkins, etc. We are hoping the spring winds don't knock off the blossoms this year and will have apricots, plums and apples aplenty.

We plan to have two sharing shelves in operation in the next few months, one at the old site and one outside the new site next to CILT and will let the public know when they are up and running. Meantime the sharing shelf next to the original community gardens can be a



place to put any vegies or fruit from your gardens if you have extra. Things go very quickly when donations are left.

Finally I want to thank our team of volunteers which include our dedicated mower man, our worm farm carer



and those of you who work in the garden as well as the folk who drop off seeds, plants and encouragement. You know who you are, many thanks.

Volunteer day is Friday 9am to 12.30pm. The Community Gardens are next to Hauraki House, Coromandel Town. Come along, join in, we are a great, friendly relaxed crew!

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

The club held its very first Open Junior Optional Triples Tournament on Wednesday 2 October, sponsored by the Coromandel Pipeline Hose Shop.

Eight teams from around the Thames Valley played on a day that delivered strong wind and heavy rain, resulting in a delay in play at times. Thankfully though, all four games were completed and the Coromandel team of James and Judy Campbell, with skip Layke McNeil came first overall (see photo left).



Junior Triples winning team of Judy Campbell, Layke McNeil and James Campbell

Play for the Ecclestone Cup at the club on 10 October was postponed but we have an Open Optional Triples Tournament (sponsored by Coromandel Four Square) on the 16th, and our very popular

Twilight Bowls starts on the 22nd at 5pm. All going to plan I can report on those in the December Chronicle.

November for the club sees the Open Alternate 4's Tournament (sponsored by Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris) being played on **Thursday 7 November**, the Men and Women Club Champ Triples being played over the weekend of **Saturday 9/Sunday 10 November**, the Coromandel Cup being played for on **Thursday 21 November** and the Men's and Women Club Champ Pairs being played over the weekend of **Saturday 30 November/Sunday 1 December**.

The final of our Round One of Twilight Bowls is played on **Tuesday 19 November** at 5pm. You are welcome to come down to the club on any of these Tuesday Twilight evenings to see for yourself how much enjoyment you can get from playing outdoor bowls and you may even decide to get a team together to enter the 2nd round of Twilight Bowls that commences at the end of January.

Our club play is every Thursday 9am and Sunday afternoons starting at 1pm. We also provide coaching on a Friday afternoon at 3pm, which you are most welcome to come along to as well to give the game a go, especially with summer being just around the corner.



RSA

On **Saturday 16 November** from 3.30pm there will be a visit from the Howick RSA. An American hot dog sizzle will be available during the afternoon. All welcome to join in the fun.

Two prominent members of the RSA have recently passed away and tributes are as follows:

Remembering Bryan Bassett

07.06.1936-30.10.2024

Bryan passed away peacefully at home.

His son Shay writes, "Bryan served for about seven years, from 1955 to 1962. He was called up to do his CMT with the 15th Intake in 1955. After his basic training he went on to be a Sergeant, a B vehicle driver, in the Infantry with 5th Wellington West Coast Taranaki Regiment. He then went on to serve with the Territorial Force."

Thank you to all those who sent flowers, cards, messages, baking and care packages.

Also a big thank you to the Coromandel RSA, to John our "tireless" barman, and to Weta for the magnificent food. And to everyone who came to share this special day with myself and my family to "raise a glass" to Bryan.

– Janie Bassett and Family

Remembering Lena Darling

By Glenise Robertson

Our community has recently lost an icon.

Lena Darling recently passed away just one week before her 103rd birthday.

For many years, Lena was a staunch and passionate Member of the Coromandel RSA Women's Section. Back in the day this Association did so much to help the veterans of the RSA, working tirelessly behind the scenes. They gave so much of their time and energy. Lena was one of those women, and was very dedicated to the Association.

In 2008 she was awarded Long Service Membership and Life Membership in 2012. She was also a loyal Member of KEV.

Even after her mobility restricted her from attending the meetings she still kept up with what was going on at the RSA.

Rest in peace Lena Darling.



Lena's medals



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Project Mammogram

A Flight of Fancy with Annah Stretton and Friends prepares for touchdown

Words can empower action, even when you least expect it, and A Flight of Fancy might just be your opportunity.

That was certainly the case for fashion designer, entrepreneur and philanthropist Annah Stretton recently.

As a guest speaker for a Project Mammogram fundraising event in Tairua on 26 September, Annah listened to Whitianga Lions Project chairperson Mike Brown talking about better outcomes from early detection through regular 3D mammograms. It jolted Annah as she realised it had been 10 years since her last 2D mammogram! And yet, Annah has given a significant amount of her life to promoting breast cancer prevention and supporting women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Mammogram sorted, she is now committed to helping Whitianga and Mercury Bay Lions raise the final \$20,000 for Project Mammogram – to buy a 3D mammogram machine for the eastern side of the Coromandel Peninsula.

On **Thursday 14 November** you can join Annah Stretton and Friends at Whitianga’s Coro Club for A Flight of Fancy, a glamorous evening hosted by renowned New Zealand comedian Michèle A’Court.

The “flight” will include onboard complementary nibbles with bar service available, a fashion show of Annah’s new summer collection, Project Mammogram update and question time, and a personal interview with Annah conducted by her daughter Sami, which she hopes will empower guests to lead their best lives.

There will also be a selection of raffles and auctions with some very exciting prizes to be won.

Annah says in the early days of establishing her brand, she realised that any of the women who bought her beautiful frocks might privately be dealing with breast cancer.

“For a long time I’ve worked in my business where we are very female focussed and breast cancer is certainly a disease that connects with a lot of women. There are not many people that haven’t been connected with it in some way, supported or endured it. I’ve certainly got connection through girlfriends, friends, and customers instore and staff.”

Through her business Annah knew she could make a difference in a charitable space and she offered her support on a national level to organisations, as well as working with the Waikato Breast Cancer Research Trust. It led to a diverse range of fundraising initiatives from fashion shows to breast cancer awareness t-shirts.

Annah knows only too well the impact of breast cancer on the lives of women and their family and friends. She’s also aware that women



Annah Stretton with Mike Brown committee chairperson Project Mammogram, at a previous fundraiser in Tairua in September

in business need something to empower them during this difficult economic period, and as guest speaker for A Flight of Fancy, she can help make a long-term difference through Project Mammogram while also thanking the loyal customers who have supported her store in Whitianga over the years.

Tickets for A Flight of Fancy are available through the Annah Stretton store in Whitianga and at Get It On in Tairua (owned and operated by Maree Smith who hosted the previous evening with Annah Stretton on 26 September). Make sure you get in quick as tickets are limited to 160 seats. Oh and the fashion show will feature 10 models showcasing daywear and swimwear.

“We rise by lifting others,” says Annah.

Come and be inspired by her journey and let’s get that final \$20,000 for Project Mammogram sorted.

Tickets will fly out the door! So make a night of it and grab a table of eight for \$440 or \$59 per person, and hang onto your tickets for the lucky ticket prize!

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By John Irvine

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Coromandel School of Mines and Historical Society

Merchandise area at the museum

By Maureen Kimber

What a wonderful 70th Birthday celebration the Museum held at the end of September. Well over 100 guests attended the Open Day and enjoyed the afternoon tea, the music and the blacksmith at work, plus of course catching up with the new attractions offered by the Museum itself. Indeed the whole afternoon was a special time for many of our community, meeting up with each other again and swapping news.

Our small committee worked tirelessly as a team to ensure the day was a success, and special thanks must also go to the husbands, friends and members who all voluntarily gave their time and energy in the days and weeks prior to the big day. There are far too many to mention, but you know who you are!

One of the new attractions on offer is a merchandise area, featuring t-shirts, tote bags, beer coolers, fridge magnets, notebooks, pencil cases, crystal necklaces and sets, postcards, posters and books, all very affordable.

All of the above items are designed to interest tourists – we all know the feeling that when we are away on holiday we must take something home to remember it by. We have often been asked if there were any souvenirs to be purchased, and although sometimes sorely tempted by the surfeit of some very collectible items, all of these had been donated to the Museum and are our main attractions, so not for sale! So... came the idea of saleable merchandise, not only for tourists but as acceptable gifts for our own community to buy for birthday and Christmas presents. Come in and have a look at our display, as the photo does not do the area justice.

Our open hours are from 10am to 4pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas, and then we will be open seven days a week until Easter. Group visits can be arranged, so please contact us at any time to make a date.

Phone: Jennie 021 160 2351 and Judy 027 517 8306, email coromandelmuseum@gmail.com, Facebook: Coromandel School of Mines and Historical Museum

NZCT grants

As part of our latest funding round we awarded a \$2,100 grant to Te Rerenga School for accommodation assistance for their Year 7 and 8 students' school camp to Wellington for a capital city experience.

www.nzct.org.nz

Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp



By the time the Chronicle hits the printer, our October meeting will be over. We had a member of the Kiwibank, Whitianga as the speaker, who discussed the banking, scammers, cheques – or lack of cheques – assistance Kiwibank can offer, etc. We hope the meeting was of worth to our members.

We received a Grey Power report on membership in September. The total financial membership for the whole of New Zealand is currently 35,132, of which Coromandel has 255 financial members and the Coromandel Peninsula has a total of 1,138. Coromandel lost 10 this last year but has gained 22 new members – welcome!

We are trying something different for our November meeting on **Thursday 21 November** at the Combined Clubs of Coromandel (The Club) from 5pm for a Twilight Bowls Night and a sausage sizzle. All members welcomed. RSVP for guests.

Spring is definitely upon us – the sun is awesome, but the wind is not!

Contact the below if interested in Grey Power.

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The Foodbank

By Sam Ward

In Coromandel, there is a place on Pound Street that helps families in need. It is the Coromandel Foodbank and it is a part of the Coromandel Independent Living Trust family. The Foodbank does its best to give food to families in need in Coromandel Town. If you need some help, please reach out to the Financial Mentoring Service on 027 316 4662 or the Resource Centre on (07) 866 8358, and they will do their best to help you and your family.

The Goldmine Re-Use Centre summer hours

Woohoo! The Goldmine Re-Use Centre is gearing up for summer and switching to extended hours! Starting **Friday 1 November**, we'll be open seven days a week from 9.30am to 5.30pm. That means there's more time to hunt for treasures, score bargains, and find those quirky gems you never knew you needed!

Flower arranging at Te Mana Tangata

Te Mana Tangata participants had a great time learning the art of floral arranging with artist and florist, Elisabeth Carter! Creativity bloomed in our little orange cottage as everyone crafted stunning bouquets and arrangements, gained new skills and just had loads of fun together.

Interested in attending one of our



Participant David showcasing the beautiful arrangement he made

supported art workshops? Contact Santana via email at temanatangata@cilt.org.nz for more information.

International Day of Older Persons

On 1 October, our community came together for a special morning tea to honour and celebrate the wonderful older people in our lives. Held at Citizens' Hall, the event afforded the chance for older people in the community to come together, enjoy delicious brunch, have some refreshing beverages, and enjoy live entertainment provided by the amazing Bits n' Pieces band!

In collaboration with the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, the morning tea added that extra experience: the free health checks courtesy of Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki for participants who wanted to get them. The event was further made more accessible with the inclusion of a free shuttle service provided to and from the venue in order to ensure participation by all. It was a beautiful way to celebrate International Day of Older Persons for the contribution,



wisdom, and presence the older members of our community give to us. The event was an outright success, filled with laughter, conversation, and just a great sense of connectedness. We look forward to many more events honouring our community members in the future.

A special thanks

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to three amazing local businesses. Mei's Cafe generously donated a large supply of freshly baked bread and The Chopping Block contributed a significant amount of venison mince, both of which were distributed to our community through Foodbank parcels. We also want to thank Jason from Gold Ridge Marine Farms for providing the hi-ab to help us install our new generator. Your support is truly appreciated!



International Day of Older Persons

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It is with great sadness that I report that Val Macdonald has passed away. Val was a founding member of our club and taught a lot of us the game of bridge. Sheryl McKay of the Thames club has also passed, she was a local and always came to our tournaments. Farewell to two lovely ladies; you will both be missed.

I have been away so I trust that all is well at the club. Visitors and new members are most welcome to join us, just let Jan know before 3pm. If you would like to learn to play bridge, please make contact.

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The Colville Project

Over the past month we've been working consistently to consolidate our achievements and lay future plans.

We've been preparing for our 2025-2026 weed management programme, and our thanks go out to Richard Webster from Remnant Restoration Ltd for all of his input and support. We have been reflecting on and evaluating our 2023-2024 Delivery Plan



as we prepare for future delivery planning under our new 2025-2027 Strategic Plan. We have been reviewing our internal systems and ensuring that these are in place and fit for purpose for our next project stage. Our Board subcommittees have been busy in their respective areas, including in the areas of risk management and finalising the review of our project milestones and budget.

We've also been following up on our September Concept Design Advisory Group process and learnings. The input of our experts – architect James Wallace (www.studiopacific.co.nz/), environmental scientist Alex Reiche (www.bxg.co.nz/), architect and project manager Amelia Wilson and quantity surveyor Adriaane Fourie (<https://box.co.nz/>) has, along with our Design and Development Principles and community feedback from our previous consultations, been essential to informing the refinement of the Wellbeing and Education Centre's (WEC) concept planning. In October, our architect Gerard Dombroski (www.gdw.nz) visited and spent a couple of days with the team. One day was spent re-walking the The Colville Project (TCP) land and getting an appreciation for our new Wellbeing and Education Centre site. The other day was spent in front of Gerard's desktop computer, reviewing and tweaking the WEC concept plans. This was a great way to work and meant we achieved so much more than we could have by passing plans to and fro between us.

We thank Gerard for his accommodating way of working with us, and acknowledge the excellent job Rick Lambourne has done in tracking and mapping the site contours. This work has enabled us to deliver a site development plan that responds to the landscape and looks to maximise the potential for each aspect of the project. We continue to work steadily towards being ready for resource consent in the first quarter of 2025.

Seeking volunteers

- Website Development – Our website will be going through some design and content updates. If you have experience with CMS's (we use WIX) and have some hours to be able to contribute, then please contact us.
- Media Team – Are you a photographer or video maker? We're looking to get some quality photographic and video imaging, including for our website revamp and newsletters.
- Weed Management Warriors – TCP is seeking a small group of permanent volunteers who can help with manual weed management 3-4 times/year. This would support our main weed management programme and mainly focus on removing small weed seedlings.

Please contact Katie to register your interest: admin@thecolvilleproject.nz.



Gerard, Rick and Janet check out the site for The Colville Project's Wellbeing and Education Centre

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Preserve the Putts campaign

By Krissy Robinson and Darren Prole

If you've ever spent an afternoon with family or friends at the Mercury Bay mini golf course, you'll know how special this place is. It's more than just a mini golf course; it's where memories are made, whether it's a family day out or a friendly competition with mates. That's why we are leading the "Preserve the Putts" campaign, and we are inviting you to join us in saving this local treasure.

For those who may not have heard, the mini golf course is at risk of redevelopment. The landowners are considering other uses for the property, and the future of the course is uncertain. However, we have a chance to step in as a community and purchase the course to preserve it for generations to come. It's a big goal, but one that's achievable if we come together and rally behind it.

Why does this matter?

The mini golf course is more than just a tourist attraction; it's a staple in Mercury Bay. Families and visitors alike love coming here to spend quality time together. What makes this course even more special is that it's one of the last remaining mini golf courses in the Coromandel.

What we're doing to save it

The "Preserve the Putts" campaign is actively working on fundraising through various means. From events like mini golf challenges to family-friendly expos, we're pulling out all the stops to raise enough money to buy the course as a community asset. Our next big event is happening on **Sunday 17 November**, at the Mercury Bay Twin Cinemas, where we'll be showing Happy Gilmore—a fun, golf-themed classic that everyone loves. It's a great way to come together for an afternoon of laughs while supporting the campaign.

We've also got more exciting plans in the pipeline, including a water balloon fight at our Fairies, Pirates, and Princess Party in January – so stay tuned for that!

One of the most significant projects we've launched is the Coromandel Peninsula Experience Book. This book offers exclusive discounts from local businesses and is a fantastic way to support the "Preserve the Putts" campaign. The proceeds go directly towards our goal, and it also encourages people to shop locally, which benefits our community. If you're a local business owner, it's free to join, and it's an excellent way to get your name out there while supporting a good cause.

Shares for the future

We're also offering a unique opportunity to purchase shares in the mini golf course. This is a fantastic way for families, especially grand-



parents, to invest in something meaningful for their grandkids. By buying shares, you're not just contributing to saving the course, but you're also securing its future for the next generation.

How you can get involved

You can donate directly through our Givealittle page, attend one of our upcoming events, or simply spread the word. Every little bit helps, and the more people know about the campaign, the better our chances of reaching our goal. You could also consider purchasing shares or sponsoring part of the course—it's a fantastic way to contribute to something lasting and tangible in the community.

For more information or to get involved, please feel free to contact me at admin@wildwoodminigolf.co.nz or check out our updates on Facebook

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



The change to daylight saving time and longer, warmer evenings is a timely reminder that summer is just around the corner. It won't be long before throngs of new and returning visitors make their way to the Coromandel Peninsula. I can't wait to see our towns packed with people enjoying their time here.

In politics, it's been a year since the election and I'm pleased the Coalition Government's quarterly action plans continue to deliver results for everyday New Zealanders.

Over the past three months we passed laws to crack down on criminal activity, gave police stronger powers to tackle gangs, and introduced reforms to ensure tougher sentencing for offenders.

We campaigned on restoring law and order and I'm pleased to be part of a government that is delivering on this commitment.

Looking forward, in the next three months we're going to pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill, take cabinet decisions to get local councils back to basics, and begin the phased rollout of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.

This is the positive momentum we need to make New Zealand safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

In other news, everybody understands that we have a shortage of GPs and doctors in our health system. This shortage is partly because there aren't enough doctors graduating from the two medical schools in Auckland and Otago. We recognised this issue and campaigned on establishing a third school at the University of Waikato.

An initial cost-benefit analysis of the proposed medical school has been completed and its conclusions were encouraging. We're now moving forward with a detailed business case, which will determine the feasibility of the project. If this comes back positive, we'll be another step closer to developing a bigger pipeline to train the doctors who we desperately need in our region.

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Library News

By Paul Lawrence

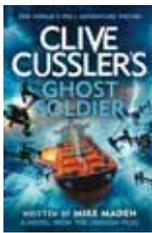
We have just purchased 42 new books leading up to Christmas. Hopefully they will all be catalogued and ready for borrowing by the time you read this. A lot is involved in getting our new books ready and the volunteers spend a lot of their own time making it happen.

These books are available thanks to membership fees, monetary and book donations, and the money we generate through the car boot sale. Thanks to you all. We couldn't do it without you.

Speaking of the car boot sale, October's was a huge success with a number of sellers and an increased number of buyers. Next car boot sale on **Saturday 2 November**.

This month's selections:

Clive Cussler's Ghost Soldier by Mike Maden

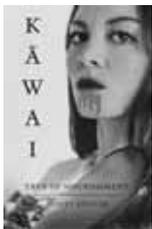


A mysterious arms dealer, known as the Vendor, unleashes weapons never seen before, including flame-throwing robots and high-speed drones which release a deadly neurotoxin.

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A Clive Cussler story at its best.

Kawai: The Tree of Nourishment by Monty Soutar



Set In 1818, the book tells the story of Hine-aute, granddaughter of legendary warrior Kaitanga, fleeing through the East Coast bush with a precious but gruesome memento in her fishing net.

Readers will be stunned as this story tells about the changes brought on by the influx of Europeans, including diseases and muskets, and a new faith that makes the Maori question everything they believe in.

Kawai: The Tree of Nourishment, strikes hard and deep into the heart of the impact of colonisation on Maori.

Marry Me in Italy by Nicky Pellegrino



If you enjoy the romance of Nicky Pellegrino, then this book will give you pleasure.

Skye and Tim have been together forever and she has no wish to get married. However, Tim enters a dream wedding competition trying to win an all-expenses-paid trip to Montenegro. Just what they may need to rekindle their love.

Ana doesn't need a man in her life to make her happy. After losing her job, she starts a new life renovating a run-down Italian farmhouse. Her handsome neighbour definitely isn't part of the plan.

Dances of Universal Peace

By Sue Gilmer



Last month was another special morning of sharing. We moved between light, energetic dances starting in the Native American Indian and Sufi traditions, then into a deeper Buddhist dance using words spoken by Thich Nhat Hanh, a peace activist and revered Buddhist monk of "May I take peaceful steps upon the earth".

A dance which we have been sharing on a regular basis because it feels so appropriate at this time, comes from the Jewish tradition. "Olam Chased Yibaney", created by Rabbi Creditor, carries a very powerful message. It has an interesting story of how it came about. Creditor's daughter was born a month after the Twin Towers fell. He wanted to compose a song for his daughter's simchat bat (a celebration of his daughter's birth). This was at a time in America of mixed feelings for many of hatred, fear, and sorrow. During a stroll along Ground Zero with his daughter cradled in his arms and the smell and debris of the collapsed towers still obvious, he felt a song swell up inside of him followed by the verse in tandem with the tune. It came naturally to him.

Surrounded by the rubble, the words, "and you must build this world from love," emerged. Creditor says, "There was an urgency that coursed through me. Building this world from love isn't a choice we get to make, it's an obligation to see this world as worth it and to see every human being as a partner in making that happen."

"I will build this world from love" are the words used for the second phrase of the song. The song has been taken up around the world by organisations, communities and activist. It carries a strong message. A message to people of different political persuasions, different ideas and ideals to come together to speak out against rhetoric of hate. The song has become a cry for action.

We may feel powerless, but we are not. Coming together with like-minded people focussing on peace and friendship should not be underestimated! If you would like to join us in the pyramid, you are more than welcome. We dance every 3rd Friday of the month starting at 10.30am.

N.B. You can find the song, sung by Rabbi Creditor with his now adult daughter on YouTube under "Epic Hebrew performance Nov 7 2017".

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Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch

By Chris (Four Square owner), Lyn and Rita

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We are reaching out to our community asking for monetary donations which will enable us to host the lunch. Do you have a spare dollar or more? Anything from a single dollar upwards would be most appreciated, particularly in these trying times.

Monetary donations can be left at Four Square (addressed "For Coromandel Community Lunch"). If you are keen to help with preparing/cooking or donating food, or just help on the day, we look forward to hearing from you.

To contact us or book, email Lynne: Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com, or phone Rita 027 210 3734. We look forward to hearing from you.

Those attending are welcome to make a donation if they would like to do so.

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

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.



Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Q. I am putting my home on the market. I have listed it with a company. What should I do?

The thing to remember when taking your property to the market, is to look at the property through the buyers' eyes. What are they looking for? What will make the home more homey, family orientated, and attractive? How do I make the rooms appear bigger? Can I give the "flow" of the home more appeal? Maybe ask yourself why you were attracted to the property.

Presentation of a property has come more into focus when selling as we have become more influenced by the many DIY shows now available to entertain us, highlighting both internal and external points.

Not suggesting you need to do a major makeover, unless your budget suggests you can, but more the things that may take a little time and effort, yet give good visual impact.

So starting at the front of the property, is it fenced, does the fence need a waterblast or even a layer of paint? You are looking for people to feel invited to the home. First impressions and all that. Does the base of the fence have weeds? Or if there is a hedge – is it cut and trimmed?

Once in the gate, is the lawn lush, green and well manicured? Has the garden got a little colour in it? Some put a light layer of bark in the flower beds to hide weeds or highlight the flowers.

Give the home a waterblast, especially on

the southerly side. You do not want a green, damp-looking tinge showing. You do not want to peel the paint off, but brightening the home up helps. Are there any obvious maintenance jobs that come to light while cleaning the home? If you are not wanting to do repairs, that is your call; buyers will pull their offer price back to take into account their idea of costs.

Internally it is about creating space. Yes you need to be able to function as a family and live. However you want people to be able to see where their furnishings will go. Is the flow through open spaces clear, or is there furniture in the way? Is the lounge suite restricting ranchslider access? Is the indoor/outdoor flow to entertainment areas an easy flow?

Bedrooms, studies, offices and games rooms – they can be tough, but they need to be decluttered. Move furniture to make access in and out and the visual of space better. Where is the bed in relation to doors, windows, privacy, etc.? Is the furniture in the room too big?

Personal items – this is something to think about. Think of what will be in photos.

Do you want the public to see them when coming through the home? Especially items in the bathroom and bedrooms, in particular jewellery out of sight. Tidy and minimise dressing tables and bathroom sinks. Yeah I know, you need all that everyday, but it does not look good in the photos or at viewings.

Something a little more sensitive – smells: pet smells, cigarettes, shoes, dirty carpets. Not everyone is open to these conversations, but honestly; it matters. After many years in the industry I can tell you sometimes it is the simple things that change someone's mind when they have choices to make.

Something to think about is getting a LIM (Land Information Memorandum) or checking the TCDC information held about your property. This will advise you of any nonpermitted additions or outstanding matters on your property. Buyers are going to check this stuff at some point. Best to be prepared. Or even rectify beforehand if need be.

Should you wish to discuss these or other real estate matters, contact Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent, glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz or 0800 735 788

Gone Flattng

By John Irvine

driving down our narrow coast road at sunset
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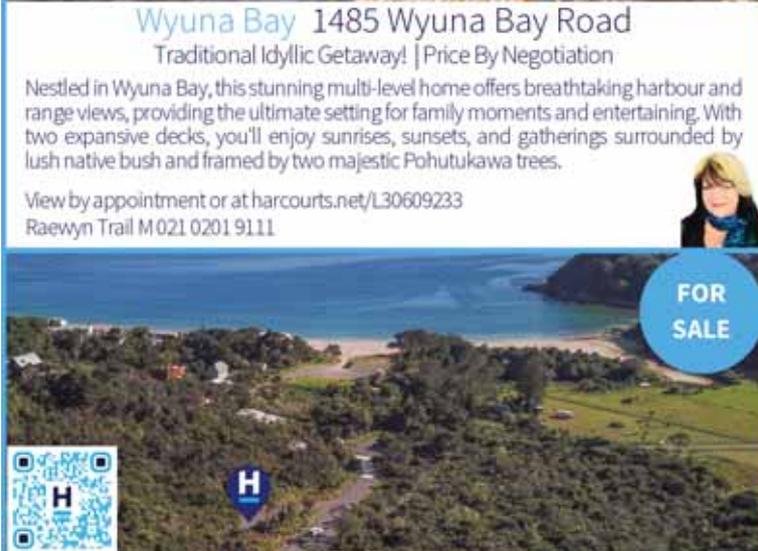
FOR SALE



Port Charles 24 Adlor Hill Road
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This charming fully furnished bach in Port Charles at Little Sandy Bay is ideal for avid fishermen! Set on an 809m² section, it features four bedrooms, an open-plan living area, and decks with bush views, all just a short stroll from the beach and boat ramp, plus a smokehouse for turning your catches into meals!

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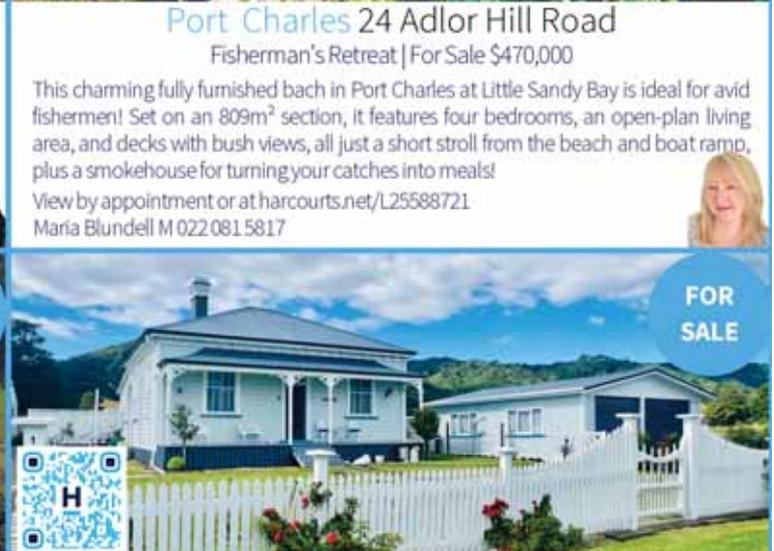
FOR SALE



Little Bay Lot 5 Little Bay Drive
Just Steps From Little Bay Beach | For Sale \$540,000

Discover this hidden gem, a 5,930m² retreat set amidst vibrant sub-tropical greenery. With a spacious building platform perfectly situated on a sun-drenched North-facing slope, here's the kicker — you're just a minute's walk from the pristine sands of Little Bay beach.

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Caro Reid M 021 0291 5531



FOR SALE



Coromandel 1255 Tiki Road SH25
Seaview Villa! | For Sale \$999,000

This beautifully renovated 1905 heritage homestead offers three bedrooms, a spacious lounge, and a sunroom opening to a private deck. Set on a 3,748m² section with gardens, paddocks, and two double garages, it's perfect for families and hobbyists, blending colonial charm with modern comfort.

View by appointment or at harcourts.net/L26914540
Raewyn Trail M 021 0201 9111



Ballet

By Marilyn Swan

We are feeling motivated following WHO Older Persons Day and now planning an entry for the Coromandel Town Christmas Parade.

A tribute to past and present ballet teachers and dancers. We are all links in the chain.

Colville Village children’s ballet classes – I am proud to announce that Teuane Tibbo will continue ballet in Colville. Tamariki, who took the extra-curricular lessons over the last 4-5 years in Colville, appeared to enjoy and have retained tuition. Teuane has trained through two very good Aotearoa dance teachers. Mentoring Teuane was a pleasure and I will continue this as required.

As I prepare, an article for the Royal Academy of Dance Archives, about teachers who inspired and shaped our dancing years, I would like to add a quote from my teacher which was written upon her retirement in *Profile*, Regional South Canterbury paper in the early 1990’s: “Ballet is a good way to introduce children into the arts as it covers all forms – music, art, theatre, costume, drama and expression. Because it involved using the mind and the body, it was also a good discipline for children. Like all physical activities, the first priority was the safety of the children.”

We all know the impact on our lives of a good teacher. I am feeling very blessed to have received, wise (in that ballet was part of a child’s life, not all of it), intelligent, artistic teaching and to have been taught correctly, by Joan Healey, who laid strong foundations for a career in dance teaching and to become a longtime family friend.

Now, cherished comments from my supportive ballet participants.

“Park your problems with a wonderful class that has you mindfully present moving to beautiful music. So good for the soul and yet a gentle, complete body workout as well. Magic!” – Anonymous

“Joining our divine ballet class has given me such joy! Helping me with balance and mental health, I am grateful I found your class.” – Robyn Cooley

“I hadn’t attended any formal dance classes for many years (around 50), but found Marilyn’s teaching style very inclusive, encouraging and extremely satisfying. I am getting fit, and enjoying the other



participants’ company, both during class and when we invariably socialise afterwards. Well worth it! – Di (70)

“I find that I am so focused on the exercises, on what my body is doing, that my mind is actually ‘at peace’... As a busy mum of young children, is a special/intentional “me time” that I look forward to every week! Ballet energises... lifts your mood, while also helping to strengthen your body, flexibility and balance. It’s a win.” – Teuane Tibbo (46)

“Nothing else I have done, focuses the mind and body the way that ballet does – in my first class in the Citizens’ Hall some five years ago, I reconnected with my mum for the first time in 20 years and she is now with me in every class. The coffee and friendships made after the class are a bonus as well.” – Vickie (72)

“I have been passionate about ballet my whole life. As a teenager I attended Bush Davies School of Dance and Drama, south London. Now I have the good fortune to be part of a fabulous group of ladies in Marilyn’s adult ballet classes. It is comforting to know that my mother taught ballet in the same hall back in 1950’s. Life can be a challenge but ballet remains a constant.” – Sue (67)

Marilyn Swan, Life Registered Teacher of the Royal Academy of Dance, Silver Swans® Licensee. Approved through Live Stronger for Longer initiative. For enquiries, contact Marilyn 027 336 5263, email swanebbs@gmail.com



Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Recent Callouts – June to present

Assist Westpac, yacht fire Oamaru Bay, building fire Kuaotunu, car fire Kennedy Bay, police assist missing person, motor vehicle collision (MVC) car vs bank, MVC car vs barrier, MVC Papa Aroha, helicopter landing zone, house fire Tuataewa, MVC car vs bank Te Kouma, MVC car vs bank Otama, house fire Manaia, chimney fire Coromandel, shed fire Manaia, cardiac arrest (2), bush fire Old Coach Road.

Yet again, a wide range of callouts requiring our crews to be well trained in a variety of skills as one never knows what the next callout will require.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a core of talented volunteers crossing a wide age range from early 20s to older. Within this, people come and go from town. Our latest crew member to depart is Carmel, heading home to Ireland to be with family. We will miss her and thank her for her contribution and at the same time welcome three new recruits who have begun training.

Coming up is our annual National Fishing Competition open to all firefighter’s past and present. While numbers vary annually, up to 200 will arrive in town for the event, spending their days fishing and all the while enjoying the town’s accommodation, services and hospitality.

We thank the town for its support.

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

The Kuaotunu Garden Group invited us to join them for their October meeting, which is earlier in the day than our meeting. It's always interesting to see how other groups operate.

Kath was unable to attend, so Jeni stood in as our leader. We arrived at Kuaotunu Hall in time for morning tea at 10.30am, followed by the 11am meeting. The weather didn't stay fine the entire time, as rain came down at a sharp angle for perhaps 10-15 minutes during the meeting, and we were very glad to be safely ensconced in the comfort of the hall.

Unsurprisingly, and in line with our last visit several years ago (August 2021?), their trading table was chocka with plants, treats and all sorts of useful items. Jeni and Jill had made arrangements for their competition ("include a fruit or vegetable") and we dropped off several items to add to their raffles.

We were then divided into eight mixed groups of members from both clubs and given a very creative, fun and challenging quiz. Later on, the winners were announced and called up for their plant prizes, followed by the losing team, which also received prizes (chocolate fish). So sometimes it pays to have bad answers!

The speaker was a local florist who spoke about and demonstrated making three types of arrangements. Anna had a very friendly and engaging speaking style, chatting away while skilfully explaining her art. She talked about public places where she forages plant materials; Oasis needs to sit in a bucket of water till it sinks so that it gets saturated; put the Oasis high relative to the vase/container's

sides to allow for hanging flowers/foilage but set it low in the container for a more upright arrangement; remove any soft spring leaves from foliage as they will otherwise wilt; silver foliage is a very good accent, as are strawberries on wires; mirror colours and shapes from one side to the other; cut stems at a 45-degree angle and recut if out of water for 15+ minutes; dehydrated citrus slices look good in arrangements; sharing seeds and cuttings with people feels good; remove any leaves that would otherwise be underwater but leave some on near the flowers; put foliage in first to create a "cage" for the flowers.

The lunch they provided was fabulous, diverse and abundant. After we voted on the various floral competitions, first and second place ribbons were put on the winning entries. Jeni won first place for her stunning arrangement and Jill's creativity won second place! The raffle winners were then called out and many people went home very happy.

As always, if you'd like to join us for a visit, you're most welcome to do so.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 13 November** at Tracy's in Waitete Bay, 1pm. Because of limited parking, we will likely meet at Woollams carpark at 12.30pm for carpooling.

Activity: Garden ramble in Waitete Bay. The meeting and afternoon tea will be at Tracy's following the ramble. No competitions; no sales table. We will, however, still have raffles. And please bring a little something to share for afternoon tea.



The winning team



The losing team

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LYNLEY FROM KUAOTUNU

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



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Position: Permanent, Part Time Scale A.4 FTTE Teaching Position 2025



This is an exciting opportunity to teach at a well resourced school in a stunning rural setting.

At Colville School we strive for everyone to have the highest quality of learning experiences. We provide an environment that encourages independence and curiosity. Our local curriculum is designed to grow a strong connection to our environment, fostering a positive outlook to be motivated, life-long learners. We are a Garden to Table and PB4L School.

The Colville staff are a committed and collaborative team. The successful candidate would have the opportunity to grow their skills and curriculum knowledge through ongoing professional development. If you are a skilled practitioner with a passion for learning then you could be the candidate we are looking for. The days, times and teaching focus would be negotiated with the successful candidate depending on their availability and experience.

The terms and conditions, including base salary, for this position is set by the relevant Collective Agreement. The base salary for trained and registered teachers is dependent on the applicant's qualifications and experience. Individuals actual base salary will be established by a salary assessment once a role is confirmed.

Please contact the School Principal to register your interest and find out more about the position - principal@colville.school.nz tel-07 866 6815 mob-021 091 20434.

Applications Close 4pm Friday 8th November 2024. The role will start in Term 1 2025.



Mana Retreat

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa, warm greetings to you all.

As we enter into the heart of spring, there is so much to celebrate. Last month we had the pleasure of holding a reunion for the students, teachers and families of Tara School, which was the original Mana Retreat Centre building.

It has been 20+ years since local Coromandel families attended the Steiner-based Tara School. It was incredibly special to reconnect with many of these families again – some who still reside in the Coromandel and many who traveled from across the country and even overseas. What a beautiful day it was, sharing, laughing, reconnecting and visiting Dharma Gaia, the old Tara School buildings.

“May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, May the rain fall soft upon your fields, until we meet again, May god hold you in the hollow of her hands.” – A graduation song sung at Tara School.

Upcoming Community Events

Garden Day – **Wednesday 6 November** – 9am-1pm, lunch at 1pm. Bring your favourite gardening tools.

Opening Floor Dance – **Tuesday 5, 12, 19 November, 3 December** – 9.45-11.45am, \$15-\$20 sliding scale.

Monthly Meditation – **Tuesday 5 November, 3 December** – 5-6.15pm by koha.

Summer Job Opportunity

We are looking for a like-minded individual to join our team over the summer period, an all-rounder who can support the housekeeping and kitchen department. Casual contractor position. If you are interested, please send your CV to Amrit at amrit@manaretreat.com.

With summer not too far away, a friendly reminder that the Centre will be closed for three weeks from **Monday 16 December to Saturday 4 January** for the summer break.

Arohanui – The Mana Team

www.manaretreat.com, (07) 866 8972, be@manaretreat.com, 608 Manaia Road, Coromandel 3581



Coromandel Town Information Centre



Hello everyone.

Only nine weekends till Christmas Day – seven to the Santa Parade at 3pm on **Sunday 8 December**.

We hope as many groups and businesses as possible will be supporting the Santa Parade this year. Let's make it a special day for young and old plus get us all into the Christmas spirit. We have the entry forms here at the Info Centre for those keen to participate.

If you are having visitors to stay, bring them into our info centre so they can view our map of the area and look at brochures of activities they may like to do. These activities can be booked online through our website www.coromandeltown.nz. Sales from this site help keep our centre doors open, so your support is really appreciated. Did you know that the Coromandel Town Information Centre is the only one on the Peninsula that is open seven days a week, excluding Christmas Day?

It is also a great time to get out and about – walk the local tracks now the weather is more settled and before the summer crowds arrive – become a tourist in your own backyard. Call in and get a free booklet of local walks. This handy booklet can also be picked up from any TCDC office or information centre.

We are keen to support and advertise as many local groups as possible. Check out our community contacts page on our website www.coromandeltown.nz and if your group is not listed, email us at info@coromandeltown.nz or call in with your details; likewise with any updates to any groups/services that are listed there. These community contacts are valuable to everyone but especially to new residents keen to join local groups and make new friends.

Coming up in November

- The Coromandel Community Market is on every Saturday – support this wonderful group of passionate stall holders.
- Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition **7-17 November** Hauraki House 10am to 4pm daily. Call in to view work by local talented embroiderers.
- Car Boot Sale first Saturday of each month.

Check out our noticeboard for events or local happenings.

Open 10am-4pm Monday to Thursday, 9.30am-4.30pm Friday to Sunday. Phone (07) 866 8598 or 027 521 5560, email info@coromandeltown.nz, www.coromandeltown.nz

Mana **UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS**

Book Online - www.manaretreat.com

NOV 1-3	Humming Retreat with Karla Brodie
NOV 8-10	Spring Relax and Wellness with The Mana Team
NOV 15-18	A Perceptual Journey in Osteopathy: Where is the Power for Change?
NOV 22-25	A Perceptual Journey in Osteopathy: Wholeness, Flow and Form
NOV 29-DEC 1	Sing Your Heart Out Retreat with Tony Backhouse
DEC 5-10	Passion, Purpose, Play and Presence with Atum O'Kane
DEC 13	Summer Working Bee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Garden Day	NOV 6
Open Floor Community Dance	NOV 5, 12, 19, DEC 3
Community Meditation	NOV 5, DEC 3

The Centre will be closed from the 16th Dec - 4th January for the Summer break.

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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



November 2024

Boost your funding skills for free

If you're a community group ready to boost your funding game, there's a great opportunity this month to join Funding HQ founder Jenni Giblin for a free, half-day workshop.

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Funding HQ is a platform designed to support not-for-profit and community groups with advice and training so they can access sustainable funding options and build essential funding skills.

DATE: Tuesday 5 November, 2024

TIME: 9am to 12pm

LOCATION: Community Boardroom, Coromandel Office, 355 Kapanga Road

REGISTRATION: Email isla.anderson@tcdc.govt.nz



Check out our Summer Tips and Info

tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY TIMEFRAMES



- Heads up – the statutory clock for processing resource and building consents stops over the holidays. Applications received on or after **Friday 20 December, 2024** won't be processed until normal service resumes on **Monday 13 January, 2025**.
- Need a consent this year? Submit your application by **Friday 22 November, 2024**.
- Want a LIM before Christmas? Submit standard and commercial LIM requests by **Friday 6 December, 2024**.
- For priority LIMs, get your applications in by **Tuesday 17 December, 2024**.
- LIM applications received after these dates will be delivered after normal service resumes on **Monday 13 January, 2025**.
- Got any questions? Call us on **07 868 0200**.



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UPDATE

A word from our Board

Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"This month we're looking forward to a visit from Jenni Giblin from Funding HQ. It's a great opportunity for not-for-profits to learn more about making their funding more sustainable, especially in these tougher economic times. It's also encouraging to see the positive contribution that our community planting volunteers are making at a local level, allowing our dunes to recover their resilience and do their job of helping to protect our coastline."



gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

News in brief

The Board recently held a community networking session, meeting up with the Coromandel Wharf Users Group, and receiving updates from Council staff on the Woollams Avenue Service Lane and our Council's CCTV policy.

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 3 December 2024, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Agendas are at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings



DIGGING IN AT LITTLE BAY

A big shoutout to our awesome local community volunteers who recently teamed up with our Council staff to plant over 500 new plants to help stabilise the dunes at Little Bay.

We planted Knobby club rush, Spinifex, Pingao, and Pohuehue to help bind the sand dunes and boost their resilience to stormy weather.

We're grateful to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and gave up their time and resources, including our Coastal Kaitiaki Cadets. Together, we're making a real impact.

Want to learn more about communities caring for our coastline? Visit tcdc.govt.nz/dunes

A Random Addition

If you like experimenting with music, don't miss Matt Sephton's Random Addition #3 at Hauraki House Gallery from 2-10 December.



You can swing by Matt's 'music creation' studio next month from 10am to 4pm daily, and get into an eclectic mix of microphones, percussion, synths, strings, keys and more. Join the fun and help create an experimental soundscape – all ages are welcome.

Check out mattsephton.nz

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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Colville School

By Susie Sumner

On Thursday 26 September Colville School proudly opened our Pātaka Kai. It is the outcome of a collective vision to nourish our community and a special way we can bring to life our school's vision.

We are an inclusive and collaborative whānau, connected to te taiao achieving excellence for all of our ākonga!

He wahi ako te kura.

The school is a place of learning.

He whare hei tiaki, i te tamariki.

It is a house of learning to care for our children.

He paepae e toro atu ai te tamariki ki te taiao, ki te ao tūroa.

It is a platform from which they may



The Annual Garden to Table Bake Sale

reach out to the world around them.

We would like to thank Colville Sawmill for providing the timber, Coromandel Four Square for supplying produce and to Emma King for coordinating the deliveries.

We invite the Colville community to take what they need and give what you can!

For the last few months Colville School has been



Special visitors on Pet Day

busy learning in Colville and beyond!

Some of the highlights include: The Annual Garden to Table Bake Sale at the Colville Cafe, run by the students and supported by our community; some special visitors joining us for face painting and cupcake decorating on Pet Day; performing at the Coromandel Cultural Festival in Whangamata; dancing with the Royal New Zealand Ballet.



Opening at our Pātaka Kai



Coromandel Cultural Festival

Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams

Implementing KiVa at CAS

As part of our school's strategic goal to build a strongly inclusive and safe learning culture at CAS, we are in the beginning stages of implementing the KiVa bullying prevention programme. Currently New Zealand ranks second worst in the OECD for bullying statistics, it is a part of our culture in New Zealand and we want to do our part at CAS to reverse this statistic. "KiVa" is a programme developed in Finland and there is strong evidence and research to show its effect when implemented successfully. It provides a structured and proven approach to teaching students skills and strategies that will equip them for life. The programme has been adapted for New Zealand schools and for our context.

So why this programme?

KiVa's point of difference is that it very deliberately singles out bullying behaviour from other negative behaviours. In this way it provides clarity for all involved as to what is, and what is not, bullying, and what to do when bullying occurs.

KiVa is a longterm preventative approach that works to change the group culture around recognising and not tolerating bullying behaviour. The program provides students and the wider school community with knowledge and skills to identify and respond to bullying situations.

The two key aspects of the KiVa programme are:

- Developing an anti-bullying climate through classroom lessons.
- Screening reported behaviours and then responding through the KiVa team to identify continued bullying behaviour.

Why have we chosen KiVa for our school?

To provide clarity of process and procedure for our community as we all support our tamariki and rangatahi to learn about and live up to our school and community values. To ensure our students feel safe

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and know how to stand up for each other and how to treat others with respect. These skills and behaviours are often lacking when bullying occurs. These are skills to be taken from school and our community, into adult life.

KiVa provides the opportunity to track progress and student voice through an annual student survey that asks tamariki and rangatahi about their recent experiences with bullying. The data produced from this survey is broken down into year levels so schools can see where improvements are being made and where more attention may be required.

Key to the programme is teaching. The programme supplies comprehensive lessons that can be taught as part of several learning areas, or as part of a values-based learning programme. At CAS primary teachers will incorporate the learning in their term planning and in the secondary it will become an essential part of the mentoring programme.

What will my tamaiti/child be taught through the bullying prevention programme?

KiVa is a comprehensive program designed to combat bullying and cultivate a positive school environment. Through classroom lessons delivered throughout the year, KiVa instils empathy and encourages positive interactions among students. It's not a temporary initiative; it's a longterm commitment to preventing and addressing bullying.

KiVa will teach students to: value diversity and be inclusive, build resilience, grow leadership skills, have empathy, intervene (safely) rather than be a bystander, resolve conflict, be safe digital citizens.

Students will learn what bullying is, and what it isn't.

The KiVa definition of bullying is harmful behaviour which is: deliberate, repeated, a power imbalance.

Bullying is not... a conflict, an argument, a fight.

We look forward to implementing this programme at the school and making it a part of our culture. We'll share some information around town as we move through the programme and let you know how we are going as we gather information about our progress.

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Jenna James

Kia ora koutou.

As the warmer weather rolls in, our tamariki have been making the most of the sunshine! With hats on and sunscreen applied, we've enjoyed more outdoor adventures, from visits to the bike park and skate park, to walking the scenic Kauri Track with Shelley and exploring the CAS playground. The children have embraced these outdoor experiences with enthusiasm, which not only supports their physical wellbeing but also strengthens their connection with the natural world – a key aspect of Te Whāriki, New Zealand's early childhood curriculum.

Our regular music and dance sessions will also resume as the school term begins, providing more opportunities for our children to connect with their community, express themselves creatively while building confidence and coordination.

Jocelyn has continued her wonderful school visits with our 5-year-olds, who are eager and excited to begin their school journey. These visits play a crucial role in transitioning our tamariki to school life, giving them a positive, supported start to this next chapter. A group of our four year olds also join in with the Coromandel Area School Athletics Day, further supporting their transitions.

We recently celebrated Grandparents' Day at the preschool, and it was heartwarming to see so many of our tamariki whānau in attendance. Nanas, poppas, great aunts and uncles all came to see their little ones in action, creating a beautiful moment of connection between home and preschool life. These relationships are essential to children's sense of belonging, and it was wonderful for our kaiako to meet the special people who support our tamariki.

We are currently fundraising to replace our ukuleles, which have been well loved and desperately in need of replacement. In fact many of them are no longer usable, so we are running a fundraiser by selling Surti Samosas. You can purchase a box of 10 for \$26 and a portion of the payment will go to the preschool. There are four delicious flavours to choose from; Vegetable, Butter Chicken, Lamb and Spiced Chicken. We are taking orders up until **Saturday 2 November**, with delivery on **Wednesday 13 November**. For more information check out this: <https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/coromandel-community-preschool>.

At the end of October and the beginning of November, we said goodbye to some truly epic 5-year-olds, Karamana, Ollie, Eliza, and Kora, and Avalynn left us to continue her journey outside of Coromandel. It's always bittersweet to say farewell to our tuakana, but we know they are ready and prepared for all of the adventures ahead.

We also want to give a big shoutout to all of the children who have celebrated birthdays since our last update! Happy birthday to Isla, Levi, Eliza, Kora, and Amelia. We love celebrating these special milestones with our tamariki, as they continue to grow and develop their own unique strengths.

We're thrilled to welcome our newest members to the preschool whānau: Emily, KJ, and Rongo! It's wonderful to see them settling in and exploring all of the exciting activities our centre has to offer. We can't wait to watch them grow and learn alongside their peers as they become part of our vibrant learning community.

We still have some limited spaces available on our "Over 2's" side. Please either call in or contact the office on (07) 866 7570, to speak to us about securing a place for your child.

Looking forward you can also call if you are looking for a quality Early Childhood Education Centre for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers. If you feel that this could be the right place for you and your child, we can place you on the waiting list.

Check out our latest Education review on the website: <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/30295/coromandel-community-preschool>.

The centre operates Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-3.30pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



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

By Esther Powell

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

What a beautiful start to spring we've had. Our fruit trees from TCDC are blossoming happily in our backyard at Preschool. We had a fun visit to Colville School Pet Day to meet piglets, lambs and many other well-loved animals. We had a great trip to the Colville Fire Station where the tamariki got to squirt the hoses and ride in the firetruck; thanks to Fire Chief Bazza for this experience!

We welcome our new Pepi Naava, who is settling in happily, and we also extend a warm welcome to our new family from the Hillary Outdoor Centre at Port Charles, whose little ones will be joining us at Preschool this month. Hari huri tau ki a Kauri who has just turned three, and Happy Birthday Eloise, who will be two this month!

As our centre inquiry this term we are looking at the ways our curriculum maximises potential for play, learning and participation for all mokopuna. For example, as we are renewing our outdoor playground we think about how we can improve our space and resources to promote inclusiveness, creativity, spark learning and foster free-play. I am interested to see the questions and changes that arise from this review, and our upcoming strategic planning whānau hui too. "The layout of the environment can promote relationships, communication, collaboration, and exploration through play. Resources are thoughtfully added to the environment to promote creativity, thinking and problem-solving skills, questions, experimentation, and open-ended play. This kind of environment becomes the "third teacher". Ref: <https://tewhariki.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/he-taiao-ako-arouni---responsive-learning-environments>.

We currently have spaces for new enrolments for 2-5-year-olds, and we can help provide limited transport from Coromandel Town. 20 hours free ECE for 3+ year olds, WINZ subsidies, and FamilyBoost available for those eligible. Open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-3pm.

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mahi toi ARTS

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

I hope you all got to see as many of the artists in the Open Studios as you could. At Rose Deane's Studio and Gallery we had a great mix of people coming in, all with very favourable comments.

Three of our members, Rose Deane, Saskia Riemersma and Rosemarie Murphy filled up Rose's new Gallery with over 60 paintings, most of them done in the pastel medium.

Well done Rose.

The latest PANZ newsletter competition was "Heavenly Skies". Rosemarie Murphy was awarded second prize in the Honorary Section for her work "Celestial".



"Celestial" by Rosemarie Murphy

The judges comments were: "What gave Celestial the edge, as second place winner, was the composition of the piece – which I felt worked well and led the eye through the work with harmonious use of colours."

By the time you read this Pastel Artists will have held their Annual Labour Weekend Exhibition in Hauraki House. All of our members participate in this exhibition so I hope many of you were able pop along for a look.

We meet every Wednesday from 9am until 12.00noon to draw, paint and chat. If you are interested call in for a coffee and a nosy at Rose Deane's Studio and Gallery at 860 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town.



Rose Deane's Gallery



Saskia, Rose and Rosemarie



Thames Music Group

Thames Music Group presents our final Sunday Concert for 2024.

NZ Chamber Soloists

"Echoes Across Time: Piano Quartets of Passion and Contrast". Katherine Austin, James Tennant, Lara Hall and Dimitri Atanasov. **Sunday 3 November** at 2pm at St George's Church, Thames.

Admission \$20, TMG Members \$15, under 18yrs free. Cash only at the door on the day.

Since 2006, the New Zealand Chamber Soloists have undertaken a diverse spectrum of work across the fields of performance and recording, undertaking national tours under the auspices of Chamber Music New Zealand, several tours in Europe and the USA, as well as performing in China, Singapore, South America and Australia.

In 2012 the ensemble gave the world premiere of two works written for them by John Psathas, Corybas and Aegean, and the European premieres of a number of compositions written for them by NZ composers Gareth Farr, Martin Lodge, Mike Williams and David Griffiths, in the Casa dei Mezzo summer music festival in Crete. In the same tour they performed in Italy's Festival Pontino, Rome's Teatro de Marcello and at four concerts in Greece's Festival of the Aegean.

The New Zealand Chamber Soloists have released two CDs of New Zealand works, Ahi (2008), and Corybas (2014), and a CD of trios by Rachmaninoff, Babajanian and Shostakovich entitled Elegy (2010), to international critical acclaim.

Joining the NZCS for this concert is Bulgarian-born and New Zealand-based violinist, Dimitri Atanasov who has had a prominent and varied career since arriving in New Zealand in 1995. He served as a concert-master of the Auckland Philharmonia as well as teaching at the university of Waikato, adding to his teaching and performing resume. Dimitri is a renowned violin maker, selling his instruments throughout the world.

Programme

- Mozart – Quartet No.2 in E flat major K.493
- Anthony Ritchie – Oppositions for Piano Quartet Op.116
- Interval
- Brahms – Quartet No.1 in C minor Op.60

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Well it's been a busy month for us all with medical appointments and the like... dealing with what life issues us.

We still manage to come on a Thursday with a smile on our dial ready to greet the day with our artistic ability.

There's still colour in the world even though it may not be as bright in our personal world.

So paint we must and the world is a better place for art.

One of our ladies is interesting to see as each week she ventures in with a new product or technique she's learnt or a product she's bought online. Another has recently participated in the local Arts Tour, so we are a diverse lot.

We have the art knowledge to help anyone needing advice or ideas.

We are a happy bunch, making lots lovely coloured artwork.

Unfortunately, our tutor was cancelled again so we will try again next year.

We have the lovely open space to offer, plein air work for those who enjoy that too and with the warmer weather coming, it's something else to look forward to.

We still meet on Thursdays at Airfield rooms 9am to 12 noon for any new members.

Our exhibition is held on January/February next year, so we'll be having a short Xmas break before full-on again.

Exhibition time is exciting for us as a group. Love to see you there too starting on **Friday 17 January 2025.**



Lynne – our keen online shopper!

Coromandel Arts Tour

By Charlene Scott



Arts Tour a success

Despite poor forecasts, the sun shone for the artists taking part in The Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour, which ran over the first two weekends of October. It was a great success according to Tour organiser Pete Sephton, with visitor numbers between 400-500 people. They came from as far afield as Australia, with many from across the Waikato Region, Tauranga, Auckland and Wellington.

The opening night was one of the busiest yet with over 100 people in attendance. A heartfelt and well-received speech was given by Fiona Cameron, Chair of Creative Coromandel, who had been invited to kick off the event. This year we had a People's Choice award which was won by Natasha Hunter for her painting "Fishing at Otautu", 2nd place went to Paul Cornwell with his eye-catching piece "Light Fuse - Go Feral", and 3rd went to Jacque Ellis with her work "The Masterpiece". Each winner took away a Four

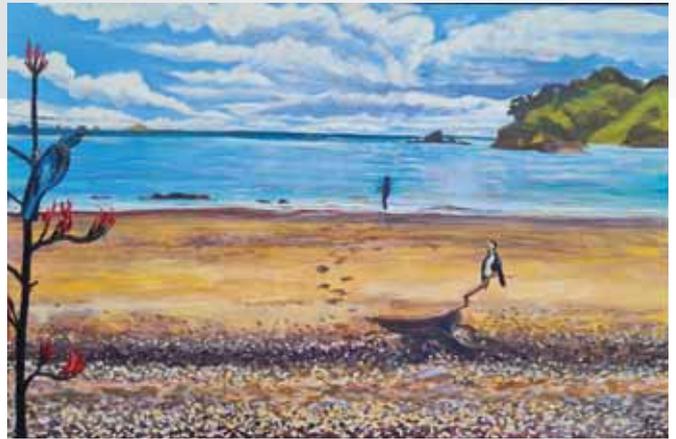
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Thank you to all of the talented artists who took part and worked hard to be ready for the Arts Tour. Thank you too, to all those who came and supported the artists over the two weekends. And a huge thank you to all of our sponsors without whom this event could not take place: Richardsons Real Estate, James & Turner, Driving Creek Railway, Mei's Café & Bakery, Coromandel Four Square, Coro Pies, Coromandel ITM, Coromandel Oyster Co., Shelly Beach Top 10, Naughty Bean, Papa Aroha Gallery, Pepper Tree, The Source, Star & Garter Hotel, Tara's Jewellery & Beads, Umu Café.

And lastly a special thank you to our committee members who volunteer many hours of their time to make it all happen; Pete Sephton, Kim Brett, Charlene Scott,

Jacque Ellis, Raewyn Penrose and Vaughan Udall.

We hope to see you all again next year.



Natasha Hunter – fishing at Otautu



Paul Cornwell holding "Light Fuse Go Feral"



Opening night





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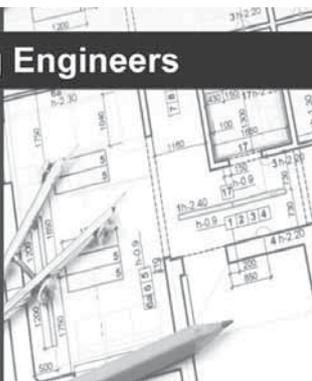
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te taiao ENVIRONMENT

Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Saskia Wagner

Spotted a ferret?

Recent ferret sightings in upper Coromandel Town and Colville have raised concerns among conservationists due to their negative impact on native wildlife.

Ferrets have a significant negative impact on the kiwi population in New Zealand. Kiwi are particularly vulnerable to predation by ferrets. The introduction of ferrets has contributed to the decline of kiwi numbers, as they prey on kiwi eggs and chicks, which are especially susceptible during the nesting and early life stages.

How ferrets impact kiwi:

- **Predation:** Ferrets can attack and kill adult kiwi, particularly in vulnerable situations or if the birds are nesting.
- **Nest raiding:** Ferrets can also raid kiwi nests, preying on eggs and chicks, which significantly affects kiwi population recovery.
- **Disruption of breeding:** The presence of ferrets can lead to stress and disruption in breeding behaviours, further impacting kiwi populations.

Driving Creek Conservation Park and other conservation groups on the Coromandel Peninsula are actively working on catching ferrets by setting traps (live traps and kill traps) and report sightings and catches to keep track of the ferret population.

Ferrets were introduced to New Zealand from Europe in the 1880s, along with stoats and weasels, to manage the rapidly increasing rabbit population. By 1900, ferrets had become well established in the wild and had a significant impact on the decline of native bird species such as the kiwi, weka, and blue duck, as well as contributing to the extinction of the kākāpō on the mainland.

If you see any ferrets around Coromandel Town, please get in touch with us: saskia@drivingcreek.nz



Trail cam image



Ferret

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MEG

By Bronnie Kennedy

I am very happy to introduce myself as MEG Communications and Community Engagement Manager. What a privilege to be part of this wonderful team working to restore and protect the unique native biodiversity of Coromandel North. I moved to Papa Aroha just over eight years ago having lived mostly in the UK, but originally from Australia. My background is in education and I have enjoyed teaching in Australia, the USA, the United Kingdom, and also here in Aotearoa. I became a volunteer trapper for MEG around six years ago, maintaining a trapline high in the hills above Papa Aroha. Being part of MEG has taught me so much about our essential conservation responsibility. I still remember the first time I saw a giant kauri tree. I felt like I was in the presence of a live dinosaur. It was humbling to look upon and tragic to realise its potential demise from the risk of kauri disease and decimation from previous logging. We all need to be warriors when it comes to the protection of our incredible, diverse environment. I am looking forward to working with local schools, mana whenua, community groups, and volunteers to promote a variety of conservation initiatives across the northern Hauraki/Coromandel Peninsula.



Bronnie Kennedy checking the traps

Matuku Muster

It's not too late to join MEG to be part of the second weekend of the Matuku Muster to survey the number of breeding males of this critically endangered wetland bird, also known as the Australasian bittern.

Friday 15 to Sunday 17 November. The listening period will be from 15 minutes before sunset to 45 minutes after sunset at the Harataunga, Waikawau and Colville Wetlands. You will be listening for their "booming" call. Contact us to be part of the team at info@meg.org.nz.

The ideal Christmas gift!

Looking for a truly unique gift for your Secret Santa this year, or for that person who has everything? Why not "Give a Trap" on their behalf? Forest and Bird are running this wonderful initiative where you can provide a predator trap for us to position and maintain. Visit <https://giveatrap.org.nz/groups/moehau-environment-group>. You will receive an e-certificate to present to them. Christmas gift dilemma solved!

Santa Parade

MEG would like Koro the kiwi and some little friends to join the Coromandel Town Santa Parade on **Sunday 8 December**. Watch our website and Facebook pages for details of a workshop to help give Koro the kiwi a facelift (and body lift!) and create some little friends for him. Meanwhile, start saving recycled brown clothing and fabric, felt, etc. If you can sew or glue or inspire, please join us.

Become a member

Your membership will contribute to vital conservation mahi in our region and we will keep you up-to-date with our newsletters, and opportunities to get involved in our projects. A variety of membership options are available from individual \$20 per year, family \$30 per year or corporate membership of \$250 per year. We would really like your continued support so please consider subscribing on our website.

AGM

MEG AGM will be held on **Saturday 30 November** at Colville Community Hall from 2pm. All welcome.

Summer Holiday Programme

I will have details about our exciting Summer Holiday Programme in the December issue of the Chronicle. We have some wonderful activities planned for all ages for a variety of sites in northern Coromandel.

Remember to keep up with us on Facebook and Instagram and on our website www.meg.org.nz

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Ride Coromandel Bike Park

By Ally Davey

Ready for summer fun

As summer approaches, Ride Coromandel Bike Park on Hauraki Road is ready to offer another season of exhilarating mountain biking for riders of all ages and abilities. Thanks to the dedicated work of our volunteers, and Super Steve, the park's trails have been groomed and prepped and are ready to ride!

Whether you're seeking the thrill of downhill tracks, pump track with mates, or looking for a more leisurely ride, the park offers a variety of trails to suit every preference. Ride Coromandel is a perfect destination for solo adventures, family outings, or a day out with friends, and it's now fully open and ready for your summer rides.

This year, the park is also embracing a new sustainability initiative that reflects our commitment to conserving the natural beauty that makes this area so special. As part of the Forever Good for Your Soul programme, we are focusing on projects such as native planting to help protect the environment and enhance the natural landscapes around the park. You can learn more about our sustainability efforts here: <https://thecoromandel.com/industry/forever-good-for-your-soul-sustainable-programme/donate/>.

For those looking to explore more than just the bike park, we encourage riders to use the carpark and connect to nearby trails like the scenic Kauri Block Track or the Medlock Hurray Trail, which offer even more opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the Coromandel Peninsula.

And don't forget— your four-legged friends are welcome too! Feel free to bring your pooch along for the adventure, just be sure to pick up after them and keep them under control while enjoying the park.

So, pack your gear, bring your bike, and come enjoy the Ride Coromandel Bike Park this summer. It's the perfect spot for outdoor fun, with top-notch trails and a focus on preserving the stunning environment we're all proud to be a part of.

See you on the trails at Ride Coromandel!

www.ridecoromandel.com



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Shevana Lee Davies, CRFC president

Fishing has definitely picked up! Some huge fish have been caught in close and some decent sizes weighed in for the year too.

We also have some exciting news... we've listened to the locals and we have extended our boundaries to include Port Charles, Kennedy Bay, Whanagapoua and Matarangi! Looking forward to having you join our club and be able to fish from your side! How exciting! Subs are due now – join our club and get amongst the fun.

Fish of the Month

There were two sprat weighed in for junior fish of the month, but unfortunately caught out of boundaries (before the boundary change). James Henderson (Jimmy) weighed in the heaviest trevally for the month weighing 0.800kg. Congratulations; \$100 coming your way. November fish of the month is piper for Juniors and John Dory for all members.

Next competition

The next competition is a members only competition so join our club ASAP to be a part of that! You can find us on Facebook "Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club".

Remember to get your subs in ASAP. Tight lines as always.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



The Croquet Club has recently held its AGM.

Committee members for the forthcoming year are: President – Darryl Smith; Vice President – Andrew Bell; Secretary – Raewyn McKinney; Treasurer – Sandy Christensen; Club Captain – Lyn Robertson; Vice Captain – Darryl Smith.

We are a small, friendly and supportive group.

We meet on Tuesdays for "association croquet" and Fridays for "golf croquet", both days at 9.45am. We provide all of the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day. If you would enjoy a morning of friendly competition, light exercise and good company in beautiful surroundings, then contact any member of the committee or Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie

The 2024 annual charity recipient was our local Coromandel Fire Brigade. We were delighted by our members' overwhelming response to this worthy cause. This year's entry fees and prizes were thoughtfully managed to maximize charitable contributions. Members generously contributed a diverse array of food to share, and donations for the prize table far exceeded expectations. Paul Lawrence took home the Charity Shield Net Competition, while Bruce Fitzpatrick secured the Stableford competition. We extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who supported our charity tournament, participated in raffles, our lucky dip, and made donations, including those unable to join us. Special thanks to Richy and Fi for their tireless efforts in organizing and executing this year's charity event.

Champagne moment for Janine Kerr, our 2024 Ladies' Junior Champion! Fantastic achievement!

Glenise Robertson, Ladies Club Captain, handed over the silverware.



Monday's After School Junior Golf Programme 3.30-4.30pm. All under 19 years are welcome to attend. Course closed during Junior Golf programme.

Tuesday Ladies' Club Day 9.30am Tee Off
Wednesday Men's Midweek Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off Meatpack last Wednesday of the month.

Saturday Members' Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off

Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days. Happy golfing.

For more information phone Marilyn 027 253 7882 or email coromandelgolfclub@gmail.com



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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602....9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,
 Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 47229am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Rummikub at The Club..... 1-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341... 3.30-4.15pm
 Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact
 Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave,
 Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,
 Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768 5pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 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, \$15 per class.
 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm
 Kung Fu, Coromandel Hospital..... 5-7pm

Every Thursday

Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077 10am
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 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
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Every Friday

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 Community Gardens volunteer day 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Chess Club, Weta Cafe, Mike 027 304 92529.30am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only).....9am-1pm
 RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.
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Every Sunday

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

Monthly

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

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
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2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms
 John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 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.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

3rd Fri – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 ..10.30am

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

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting" or txt/ph 021 235 6648. Please include contact name and phone number.

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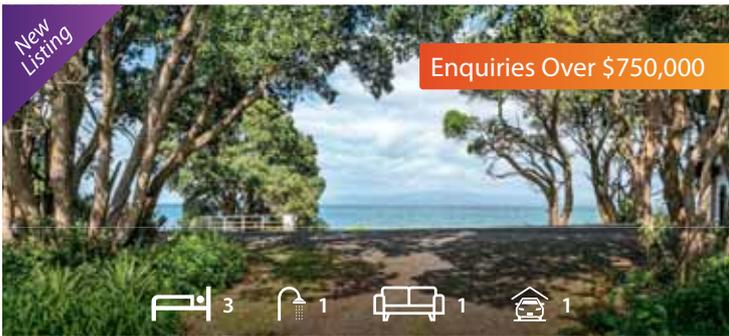


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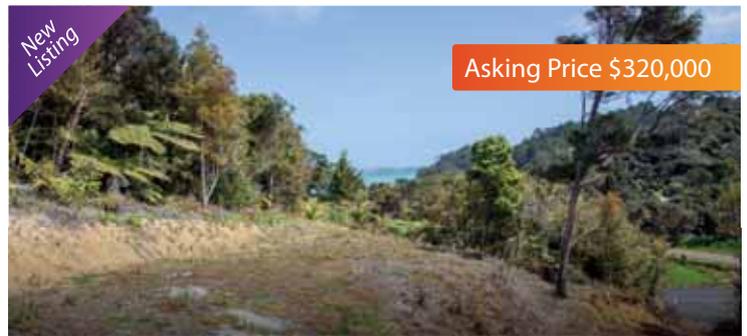


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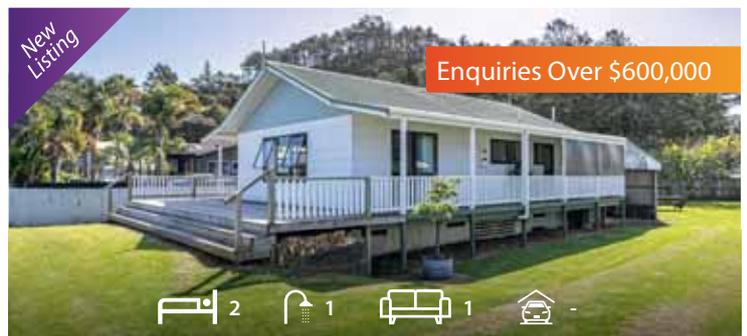


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