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Cover picture: Coromandel Four Square staff being thanked for working through lockdown.

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

Editor's comment

One thing I love about Coromandel Town and surrounds – is the community. It makes the place so special. Over lockdown, two lovely ladies organised separate, but similar, ways to thank our essential workers. Through Facebook, Robin Münch got locals to buy café vouchers for Four Square and pharmacy staff, and Ursula Walsh raised money for vouchers for health workers (see below). I'm sure these are not the only examples of the community coming together. On top of that of course, a huge amount of the community got tested and Coromandel escaped Covid. What a great effort. Kai pail

A lot of events have been unable to go ahead in September. The Coromandel Artstour have cancelled the Open Studios and are just having an exhibition. Colville are going ahead with their Art Show. This is presuming we don't go up Alert Levels again of course). The Coromandel Players are waiting for Level 1 to put on their latest play.

Debbie

Letters

Dear Editor,
Thank you to the people who so kindly gave me the firewood when I ran out.
Regards,
Sylvia Steel, Kowhai Drive, Te Kouma

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THANK YOU TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Staff at Coromandel Four Square say thank you for the thank you

Four Square and pharmacy staff

By Robin Münch

The town rallied 'round in response to an initiative to thank around 30 Four Square workers and five pharmacy staff.

Four Square staff worked 11-hour shifts to keep us fed and watered. In addition to their usual duties, frontline workers took turns to stand outside in the cold and wet to sign people in, make sure we were wearing masks and keep to government restrictions regarding numbers. Most customers were supportive, a few gave them a hard time. They smiled and handled everyone with diplomacy and tact.

At the same time as helping them, we were able to support local cafes and restaurants which responded to requests to register with SOS café, a Covid lockdown project that provides vouchers that can be used after lockdown.

SOS is a voluntary initiative and every cent raised goes to local businesses. Our community purchased \$1,365 worth of SOS vouchers that went directly to the cafés during a hard economic time. They have now been presented to staff at Four Square and the pharmacy to use whenever they like.

Health workers

By Ursula Walsh

I watched all of the health workers in lockdown testing us, vaccinating us, rain or shine. Some of them drove from Thames, Paeroa and Cooks Beach to help us. As a nurse myself I thought it would be nice to treat them to receive something special to thank them for their effortless work to keep us safe. So I decided to raise some money and get some vouchers for them from local cafés.

32 health workers benefited from \$1,245 raised. These health workers were from Coromandel Family Health, and Te Korowai Coromandel, Thames, Cooks Beach and Paeroa. After we closed the donation to the health workers a few more people donated and we had \$60 left, so we gave a voucher to the three local police to thank them for keeping us safe during lockdown.

Thank you to Jodi McKinney who helped me to set up the bank account.

Once this is over I hope the health workers will enjoy this gift from the heart that was given by this beautiful, caring and loving community.

Thank you Coromandel Town, I could not have done it without you.

Himalaya shop : Colville
The Himalaya shop has received new stock from our suppliers and the shop is open again for the summer months. During October month we will probably be only open at weekends. our times from about 10a.m. to 3p.m. For Labour day weekend we will be open from 10 a.m. to around 4.30 p.m. You can contact us on 07 8667 224 at the shop; 07 8666 865 at home.
Anette's mobile 021 139 7838; Rob 021 155 8559
Email robnnet@yahoo.com

Spring Seasonal Artisans & Growers Market

By Bine, Nalan, Benni

“Springtime... we give thanks for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheelbarrow.” – Michael Leunig

Our Spring Seasonal Growers & Artisans Market draws near. Come join us.

There will be music, homegrown produce, freshly baked bread, art, craft, handmade chocolates, hemp products, henna tattoos and many more delights.

In the Children’s Corner we plan to do some tipare weaving. Baskets of fresh garden flowers will be available so you can decorate your own “spring crown”. There will be a chance to feed baby goats or lambs or pat a pony!

Looking forward to seeing you there for a delightful and fun family and community day, to celebrate spring together.

Spring Market is on **Saturday 23 October** (Labour Weekend), 8am-2pm, at Hike & Bike Square, Coromandel Town.

Book your stall by 11 October.

coromandelmarket@gmail.com



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



As I write this month’s article we are currently in Level 2 due to Covid-19. Tomorrow we shall find out if we stay at level 2 or move down a level. We are all waiting with bated breath. Our office is open, with a table blocking the entrance during Level 2, so if you need our help, don’t hesitate to stop by or give us a call.

With the lockdowns and disruptions to our normal day-to-day life, we realise how unpredictable life can be. We cannot take anything for granted anymore. Moving forward, we are well, we are safe and I know we are all working together to keep it that way, and to support our local businesses.

Many events have been cancelled or postponed. We should know soon when the new dates for those postponed events will be, such as the Coro Players’ production of Murder Deferred. If you bought tickets to the play, once it’s rescheduled you’ll have the option for new tickets or a refund. So keep a lookout on our Facebook page and website or give us a call on (07) 866 8598.

One event I would like to talk about is our upcoming Informers Art Auction and Exhibition, which will run from **Friday 19-Sunday 21 November**. If you are interested in donating a piece for the exhibition, please contact Rita Stephenson on 027 210 3734 or arceventsrita@gmail.com. This is a major fundraising event for the Information Centre.

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Garden Market Day

by Lena MacLeod

23 October 9am-1pm at the iconic Colville Hall – mark the date and pray we get there!

What with space junk hurtling towards us, bonafide cataclysmic asteroids zooming by, the flamin’ Covid! and don’t forget about the random thugs erupting into sudden flash violence in clubs and supermarkets – well! Let’s just keep calm and carry on. The kitchen at the iconic Colville Hall will be pumping out an “all day morning tea” for those that require refreshments. We will have raffles for fabulous donated goods and all proceeds of these raffles go to Colville School.

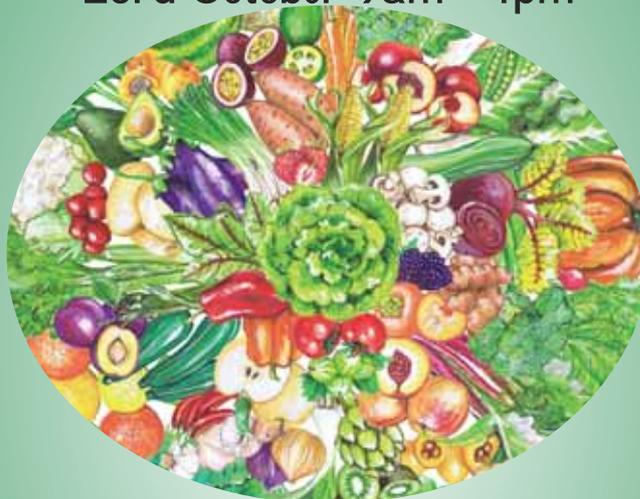
Are you interested in having a stall at Garden Market Day? Garden paraphernalia, arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, curios, anything goes.

Come to buy, come to sell, to browse, to have a cuppa with friends, to talk about the weather, to find out about the wonderful Colville School kitchen classroom and the “Garden to Table” programme – come along and help support our children learn garden and kitchen skills.

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Colville Market Day Garden Theme

23rd October 9am – 1pm



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Grey Power

By John Rabarts



Next Grey Power meeting is on **Thursday 4 November**, St John Rooms, Tiki Road at 1pm.

Benjamin Disraeli, one of Britain's finest prime ministers, put it this way: "The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own." Napoleon described leaders as "dealers in hope". He understood that hope is one of the greatest of all possessions. If you can be the person who bestows that gift on others, they'll be attracted to you, and forever grateful.

Pest control – Cockroaches detest the smell of bay leaves. Crumble up some bay leaves and then scatter around your house. If you know where the roaches have their nest, sprinkle bay leaves around there. They will most likely up and leave to find a new home without a bay leaf smell.

Make sticky tape traps: It's very simple, but also effective. Buy some quality sticky tape, like duct tape. Put pieces of the tape around the house sticky side up. Place them near openings the roaches use to enter the house (cracks, floorboards). Since cockroaches come out at night, it's best to do this before you go to bed.

Clean with ammonia: This smell is a bit less pleasant, perhaps, so you might want to try the other tricks first. If you don't mind the smell, you could try cleaning your countertops (and areas you know roaches travel around

your home) with ammonia. Mix two cups of ammonia with a bucket of water and use that as a cleaning solution. The roaches will hate it.

A natural antibiotic – Garlic is said to be one of the world's oldest, most effective natural antibiotics. Garlic's use as a natural healing remedy dates back at least 7,000 years. Given its natural antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral properties, garlic has been used to heal gangrene and respiratory diseases, and kill off harmful bacteria and pathogens in the gut. Studies have also shown that adding garlic to mouthwash can drastically reduce oral bacteria. Garlic is said to have such powerful healing properties because of a compound it contains called allicin. In addition to clearing up infections, allicin has been shown to lower LDL cholesterol (the bad kind of cholesterol), and it may even prevent the development of cognitive disorders (e.g., dementia). Garlic also contains a compound called sulfur, which assists with phase II liver detoxification which prepares the body to eliminate harmful substances. I think it's safe to say all of the health benefits of garlic far outweigh a few hours of garlic breath. Please buy NZ grown organic garlic. This article is not intended as medical advice. See your GP for specific medical issues.

Weeds absolutely detest acid. That's why so many chemical weed-killing products contain acid. You don't need all of the chemicals, though: you can just mix together two tablespoons of lemon juice and one cup of white vinegar to get the same effect. Spray this mixture onto the unwanted plants to kill them. This won't affect the soil, so you don't risk killing other plants and flowers.

Grey Power Coromandel is a volunteer organisation. No paid staff. No office. We give our time to handle all enquiries, advocacy, and administration tasks. To join or renew membership contact Carol Carson ph (07) 866 7172, or president John Rabarts on john.rabarts@gmail.com

Seasons Project

By Sue Gilmer

10 months ago, we were lucky enough to be asked by Dr Paul Schneider to be a creative aspect of an in-depth four-year study on Seasonal Change and how it affects our everyday life here in Coromandel. Since then, we have been meeting monthly to share our thoughts and writings with Paul. With last month's topic set as Climate Change, here is a poem by Sue Gilmer.

Climate Change

This planet of ours, we need to review.
To look at our actions, start thinking anew.

Weather bombs, rising seas, long hot summers.
Heat waves, hurricanes, fast vanishing species.
Are humans the cause. Are we the reason
why nature's confused, unsure of its seasons.

Realists, Dooms merchants,
Sceptics and Dreamers.
Researchers, Conspirators,
Children and Teachers.
We all play a part.
We all share the same breath.

Look to yourself. Am I part of the cause?
Is what I am doing affecting the shores
and the rivers, the seas and the land?
Am I doing enough? Where do I stand?

Listen to the facts then do your own
thinking
Search for the truth, then find your own
knowing
Look for the obvious, the subtle, the hidden.
Look for the learning, the wisdom, the loving

For I cannot change you,
but I can change me.
What You do affects Him.
What He does affects Me.

Wake up, wake up,
wake up, can't you see.
I cannot change You.
But I can change Me

Wake up, wake up.
We need to remember.

This planet of ours, we need to review
To look at our actions, start thinking anew.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

October, 2021

Sugarloaf Wharf consent plan nears completion

The consenting pathway for the construction of Te Ariki Tahī Sugarloaf wharf redevelopment is being finalised.



Preliminary concept design.

The project is thanks to \$19.5million from government's Provincial Growth Funding and \$2million from the Waikato Regional Council's regional economic development fund. The existing structure will be raised, to mitigate impacts of rising sea levels. There will be five new commercial berths, as well as catering to the existing recreational demand through a new,

separate boat ramp and parking facility, which will provide health and safety benefits to all users.

The new facility will be in ownership in thirds between our Council, the government and the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association. Alongside this, our

Council is working to widen and improve the entrance of Te Kouma Rd, onto SH25. Design is complete and we're currently working with Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on final details. tcdc.govt.nz/tearikitahi

Get your copy of Our Coromandel

We feature the blue revolution and riding the crest of the aquaculture wave in our annual edition of *Our Coromandel* Council magazine 2021-2022. We look at how

much the industry contributes to our district, what infrastructure builds are supporting it to help our local economy thrive, and its future potential while managing sustainability and kaitiakitanga principles. *Our Coromandel* is produced in-house by Council staff to let you know what we've been working on, where your ratepayer money is being spent and promoting local businesses and community groups. It arrives in the mailboxes of our out-of-district ratepayers in mid-October. Full-time residents can pick up a copy from our Council offices, district libraries or visitor information centres. Available online tcdc.govt.nz/ourcoromandel



Kerbside Collections



Please put your blue Council rubbish bags, recycling wheelie bins and glass recycling crates on the ground by the kerb on the morning of your collection day.

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection on Monday 25 October because of the Labour Day public holiday, so collections for the rest of the week will be one day later.

Check the schedule for your area at tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

If you're leaving before your Kerbside collection day, you can drop off your rubbish in our official blue rubbish bags and recycling free at any of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations. All of our transfer stations are open until 5:30pm over the long weekend, including Labour Day Monday. Check for hours and locations at www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts



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Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard



"A heartfelt thanks from our Community Board to our Coromandel-Colville people. Our area was the centre of national attention from the start of the outbreak, and it was a nervous time for us all. We had to come to grips with yet another unfortunate COVID lockdown. Thank you for doing your part, for staying home, for getting tested, getting vaccinated, for using the tracing app, and wearing masks to keep us all safe. On a separate note, I also want to congratulate CILT and Patukirikiri for their hard work in starting to develop the site at Pound Street for both a community hub and new plant nursery. You have our total support." peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz

Three Waters Reform –

A report on the Government's proposal on the three water reforms was taken to our Council in September. You can read the details at

tcdc.govt.nz/threewatersreform

The reforms look at how drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services will be delivered. The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is taking feedback at threewaters.govt.nz

We're also interested in listening to your views on how it could affect the Coromandel so email us at threewaters@tcdc.govt.nz which we'll share with our elected members.

Next Board meeting – 9am Tuesday 9 November at the Coromandel Town Area Office. You are welcome to speak at the public forum.

Meetings are recorded and copies of the agenda are on the website two days before the meeting.

Colville Rd dropout works continue –

Thanks for everyone's patience as we repaired the dropout on Colville Rd which will be completed this month.



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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Patricia Whimp

So here we are again under Covid-19 rules! It was decided that this month's meeting would be cancelled as we weren't sure when we would return to Level 1. As it is, we dropped to Level 2 on the day of our meeting. With rules of masks, distances, and maximum numbers – it was a safe bet that “our lady members” would end up breaking all of these rules! And we wanted them all to stay safe and well.

Spring has arrived and so has the strong SW winds and rains. Another disappointment was, no Daffodil Day. Our yellow-headed friends looked lovely in vases in our members' homes.

Wally Richards notes this week are – potato time – time to look at planting potatoes for Christmas eating. We might not have Santa this year, but we could have a bumper crop of potatoes ninety days from flowering, so don't wait too long to get them into the ground. I'm sure the Coromandel Garden Centre and James Turner will have stock to choose from.

Last week's notes were on tomatoes but be warned about the Tomato Potato Psyllid problem – spraying with neem oil or dusting the ground with neem Powder will assist with tomato plants lasting the distance. The psyllid loves warm temperatures and the first note that you have a problem is with the yellowing of the edges of young leaves. One female can lay 500 eggs and those 500 lay their eggs and end up with 250,000 in six to eight weeks. Yikes!

Also, don't forget to put your traps out for guava moth. Recipe was in last month's Chronicle – but if you need again, please call.

Spring Equinox is 23 September this year. So out with the last of winter crop and make way for the new planting. Blend compost and sheep pellets into garden beds for preparation. Then off to the garden center to pick up fresh seeds and plants. Enjoy your time in the garden!

Next meeting: **13 October**. We will be visiting a member's garden and her neighbours. Meet at the Coromandel Bowling Club at 1pm. Arrangement – Table arrangement with candle. Special – Citrus Bounty.

If you are interested in becoming a member or being a speaker for us, please contact Jeni, details below.

Convenor – Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341
Secretary – Trish Whimp 027 498 5227

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Our first run to meet Hamilton Car Club was cancelled. **2 October** is Te Aroha swap/show day; meet at the school car park about 9am for a joint run through to Te Aroha. I suggest going to the RSA for lunch but this is not pre-organised as they have food stands and specials on in town.

On **Sunday 3 October** we will host the Whitianga car club at the RSA BBQ lunch. Mix and mingle and bring your special car with you.

Bathurst day at the RSA sounds like it will be on **10 November** week. Sean Dent is organising it; he is also organising a logo for the Car Club. Soozy has Facebook up and running so please contact Soozy for photos and input. Our signage is coming along. We will instigate a “dip stick” award. Shed visits are coming up as the days get warmer.

Great to see so many come along to our happy hour Wednesday meetings.

Contact Bruce on 027 249 0878

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



News that Coromandel Town was initially the central focus linked to the latest Covid Delta outbreak came as a shock to us all. Fortunately our region avoided the worst health outcomes. It was great to see local health workers doing all that they could to get everyone tested under difficult and, at the time, uncertain circumstances. Thank you to everyone who came forward to get tested and vaccinated at a time of heightened anxiety for us all.

We each have responsibilities both as individuals and as members of our wider community. It takes a team effort to keep our community safe and it was very reassuring to see so many people rising to that sense of greater community good and doing their bit to get tested and vaccinated. I'm still encouraging anyone who has not been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible.

Now that we're past the initial shock of being at what seemed like the centre of the storm, it's really important that we support local businesses to get back on their feet. QR code scanning has been made mandatory to assist contact tracers manage any future outbreaks. Businesses will be responsible for ensuring customers follow the rules, but we all need to share the burden and take it upon ourselves to scan in without having to be asked. Employers and employees will be under enough pressure to get back on their feet as it is and we'll help them do that if they don't have to keep reminding us to scan as well.

In other news, lots of people have been sharing their concerns with me about the Government's plan to centralise water systems as part of their Three Waters policy. It's clear that local communities want to continue to have a say in how their water is managed. This is also reflected across the country with numerous councils pulling out of the reforms.

It's also clear that some change is necessary in some parts of New Zealand, but I am deeply opposed to the Government's plan to centralise water services into four massive regional water entities. The Government has touted that their reforms would result in huge cost savings, but these haven't been properly explained and rely on assumptions I think are unrealistic.

All I can see is the potential to create another level of bureaucracy that water users will have to fund. The other big risk is that areas with suitable water management systems will be subsidising those who haven't invested in their infrastructure and therefore effectively paying twice.

Both the loss of local control and the one-size-fits-all approach are the key reasons why I'm opposing this Three Waters reform plan. Improving the country's water infrastructure will be an ongoing issue, but the problem needs to be tackled on a local level because each region has different needs, different existing infrastructure and future challenges.

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Kauri Time

A story by Michael McKinlay

“You’ve got me up here under false pretences,” said Deb. “First that darned stream, now this climb, and not one of your precious kauri trees in sight.”

“Pardon me ma’am.” The words came in a drawn out whisper, from way above us. “Precious isn’t much of a compliment. Not everyone admires us, but surely you can do better than that?”

“Oh my golly,” said Deb. “What a wonderful sight. There must be at least seven kauri here and they just disappear into the sky. I have never seen anything like this before,” she said, shedding a small tear. “And they talk!”

“It’s real or pure magic and I can’t figure out which,” I said.

“Believe me, we are real,” came the reply. “Actually, after the carnage you humans have inflicted upon us over the past two centuries, perhaps we shouldn’t be talking to you at all.”

“We are really sorry about what happened,” I said.

“Don’t worry,” said the Kauri. “It’s history now. The fact is, we are going to be here forever and, to be honest, it gets lonely sometimes. When you are no longer here, it will be just birds and nature again, but no one to really appreciate us and tell us how beautiful we are, except ourselves.”

“Hang on,” said Deb. “What do you mean by us being no longer here?”

“I am really sorry. No offence meant,” said the Kauri. “But you haven’t got much of a track record, whereas we’ve been around forever.”

“Well, I suppose your record is better, but it’s surprising, since you make such a mess of procreation,” said Deb.

“I beg your pardon,” said the Kauri, somewhat indignantly.

“Well,” said Deb. “You have no way of spreading seeds. The birds won’t touch them. And when your seeds do manage to take hold, you have a really tough time competing with the other giants of the forest, and often end up having to make do with poorer soils. And there’s no encouragement for your offspring. Growing up in Daddy’s shadow just isn’t an option, because you poison the soil around you. How can a species that is so careless of the basics of life, do so well?”

“Phew,” said the Kauri. “Have you finished?”

“Sorry,” said Deb. “I got a bit carried away. It’s only because I care.”

“I understand. Thank you. Apart from the human episode, as we call it, we have been a remarkably successful species. It’s true, for example, that our seeds don’t propagate well. But we have legendary patience and eventually soil and climate conditions allow us to spring to life and, as you imply, sometimes in the most unlikely of places. We move gently along in Kauri Time solving all the problems that seem to bother you.”

“What about your offspring?” asked Deb.

“We love our children. We just encourage them to be independent and not grow up in our shadow. Makes for a much healthier and happy tree,” said the Kauri.

“Can I ask the elephant in the room question?” said Deb.

“Elephant?” asked the Kauri.

“It’s just an expression,” said Deb. “I mean Kauri dieback disease.”

“Well you humans are doing a terrific job of limiting the spread of it and we are all very grateful.”

“You don’t sound too fussed,” I said.

“We are very sorry to lose any of our family,” said the Kauri, “but pathogens come and go and, as a species, we do learn to live with them. As I said, just think in Kauri Time.”

“If you weren’t a tree, you’d make a pretty good philosopher,” said Deb.

“Why thank you ma’am. Very kind words. Anyway, all of this chat makes me tired. If you are still alive in another couple of decades, let’s talk again.”

A sudden stillness descended and Deb and I looked at each other.

“Don’t say anything,” said Deb. “It’s our wonderful secret... for always.”



Teacher Vacancy at Colville School

This is an exciting opportunity to have an enviable lifestyle and to teach highly engaged students within a supportive community. Colville is a well resourced school in a stunning rural setting.

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

Applications Close 4pm Monday October 18th. The role will start in Term 4 2021 or by negotiation. School visits are warmly welcome. The position qualifies for SIA and isolation allowances. A school house is available to rent. A contribution to relocation costs may also be available.





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Kia ora Coromandel.

We are feeling very relieved that Covid-19 didn't take hold in Coromandel, with many elderly and vulnerable people living here it could have been much worse. Seeing the community respond in such a positive and supportive way to the sudden lockdown, and how people looked out for each other, was really wonderful.

The lockdowns certainly cause us to take a look at how we operate and to make changes to our procedures to continue to deliver essential services aimed at improving people's lives. We're really proud of how adaptable our team is, and wish to acknowledge our staff who are so committed to providing support to people in need.

Jean Ashby, one of our much valued social support workers, says, "It is humbling to experience the camaraderie. It's a real credit to the strength of our community how everyone pulls together to help each other out in times of need. Just one example is the Coromandel Café, who surprised six families with hot dinners which was greatly appreciated."

With the requirement of close contacts to self-isolate, it meant that a lot of people couldn't get to the shops. So during the Level 4 lockdown we were able to work with the Four Square to deliver food orders to people who couldn't get to the shop themselves. Thank you to the Four Square for partnering with us on this. We felt it was a very successful and worthwhile initiative and if we need to go into sudden lockdown again, we'll be ready to go again!

Our Whanau Support Staff worked alongside the Coromandel Foodbank to deliver food parcels to people in need, During the Level 4 and 3 lockdowns they delivered over 30 parcels throughout the community. We also wish to acknowledge Trust Waikato and the Ministry of Social Development's Whanau Resilience Programme. Thanks to these two organisations we have been able to provide some families with essential supplies, including blankets, bedding and small appliances.

So thank you Coromandel! Stay safe and if you require any support then please do get in touch with us and we can direct you to someone who can help.

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Living Well

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith

New Zealand Aotearoa celebration Launch for the Ekam World Peace Festival

Greetings all. On Saturday 11 September the New Zealand launch of the online World Peace Festival was celebrated; beginning with a powhiri offered by tangata whenua.

At the dawn of each new day, our land receives the first rays of light casting their beauty, blessings and peace over our world. Holding this intention and honouring the dawn light the powhiri, offered by Pūoro Jerome Kavanagh, included pūtātara and karakia, a blessing. A karanga "Connecting the Spiritual and Physical Realms" – was offered by Cassandra Reid.

Cassandra Reid also offered the waiata "Te aroha: The uniting of all as we come together in prayer and love in peace". These words are so meaningful in our world that needs peace now more than ever before.

- Te aroha – With love
- Te whakapono – With prayer
- Me Te rangimarie – Bringing peace
- Tātou tātou e – To all of us

When we sit quietly with ourselves, there are so many things going on for us. We are suffering in so many ways, some obvious and many not so obvious. Peace is important in our lives and we all ache for peace when we become aware that we are not in peace. "See peace and immerse in peace" – each of us can practise this.

In our hearts, in our own way, we are all asking for peace for our World. When this is a collective voice, changes can happen quickly. Last year during the Ekam World Peace Festival day the focus was on our planet; the fires in the Amazon were burning out of control. During this collective meditation, rain fell over the Amazon and many of the fires were extinguished.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you want to see."

If you would like to experience peace and a beautiful offering from New Zealand to the world, there is a link below to the video of the New Zealand Peace launch. It is available to view on the O&O Academy Ekam the Coromandel Facebook page.

You are also welcome to register to join our "Ekam Circles", a weekly, 8-week series. The next series begins **6 October**. More information on this free offering can be found on Facebook at https://fb.watch/7_vgZDu84/ and on the Living Well Facebook page www.facebook.com/OandOAcademyEkamTheCoromandel.

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Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

In the current generation we are overwhelmed with information, overstimulated with possible activities and constantly interrupted by our electronic devices. All of these can keep us in the surface levels of our mind and our being. I read a line in a poem by Em Claire, "thoughts – lollipops for the mind". How easily we get addicted! Even the sourest or most troubling thoughts we can suck on for days without any real change or action or relief.

During lockdown at various levels we can practice the transitions between solitude and connecting, between a quiet mind and a mind full of ideas, trying to understand. As I write this, we are at Level 2 with Auckland at Level 4 – a sobering time. I am very grateful for the opportunity to meet with others in person.

My encouragement is to meet a few good friends to explore what these times ask of us. Come to our soup and sitting if that calls to you. We meet with the intention or really connecting, not just expressing ideas or views. After soup there is a time for quietening and settling all ideas and thoughts, so we can experience together opening to the spacious quiet presence that is always there beneath our busy minds.

Join us for soup at 6pm and sitting at 7pm, finish by 8.30pm. Wednesday nights **6, 13, 27 October**.

On **20 October** there is a community meditation evening at the beautiful Dharma Gaia Centre for Mindful Living in Manaia.

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

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Kera



Paw applause to some truly amazing people with financial blessings to food, vet, whatever – the cats are truly grateful to these people and the lady who came to our door – this has been a big relief to the unit and means food on table for the cats, and the kittens being desexed, which will mean they can be adopted. Thank mews also to those who have donated food to the bin at Pak 'n' Save, Thames. Our current supplies in tinned and sachets have dwindled very quickly through the lockdown, but donations still came in.

Our Labour Weekend garage sale has been cancelled. With Covid Delta being so unpredictable it was decided to postpone till December, which is yet another loss of funds for the unit, but we are doing internet sales which are slow, few and far between. Covid has knocked out so many charities' fundraisers, and affected thousands of business as well. For Animal Rescue, irrespective of what funds we do or don't have, the animals still need to be fed and cared for 24/7. There is no alternative, no funding packages from Government for animal rescue units. The donations are truly our blessings and lifeline right now.

Cattery mews – Tam Tam, the cerebral tabby from Coro, is a total delight. Her wonky back legs and wobbly gait do not stop her from running full speed around the house. Her tail serves both as a rudder and a propeller. It is absolutely hilarious to watch her and Kera play grand chasey games around the house and up and over stuff is nothing for either. They would be an awesome team together if someone wanted to take on two special tabbies, one of which is cerebral special needs, the other a classic tabby furrbrat.

All other furrbabies are doing what cats do best, annoy humans, run around on the house roof. They climb trees and watch the birds eating on the old avairy roof, they are so content to just sit and watch, doing nothing else, but this keeps them amused for ages.

We are seeking a rural farm home for the black mum cat and her tabby son as the boy kitten has refused to be sensible and his cattitude has never got better and is totally unpredicable. There has to be somewhere that needs two barn cats, as neither are lap sociable cats.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now. Donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk all appreciated. Items for garage sale, books, toys, clothes, shoes, linen, knickknacks, bric-a-brac, etc., clean and saleable purrlease ring us.

Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet / kai / etc.).

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The Chopper Chat – Westpac Rescue Helicopter

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT

Missions for August 2021 – Total 12 missions, only one to our side. Colville to assist male patient in his 30’s involved in a vehicle roll-over. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

The latter half of August prodded our town to ignominious fame with a weekend visit of a man from Devonport, Auckland who later tested positive to Covid Delta variant. Miraculously, we “dodged the bullet” with no Covid cases, and the ensuing lockdown, fewer vehicles on the road, etc., has meant quieter times for the Rescue Chopper. “Out of every bad thing, comes at least two good things.”

Since then, most of the townspeople have been tested or vaccinated, or both. The downside, Level 4 in Auckland is hindering the training of the new crews for our summer season.

Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust welcomes donations to help keep this wonderful service operational. You can donate online to their bank account no: 03-1578-0116338-001. Please put your name as a reference or phone to arrange collection. A receipt will be sent to you.

Have a safe month!

Nigel Strongman, mob: 022 670 1549

Mahamudra Centre

By Jennifer Coyne, Spiritual Program Coordinator

It is interesting, during lockdown, it seems like emotions are more intense – heightened anxiety, heightened irritation, heightened sadness. Very interesting. A great opportunity to watch how these emotions function – how they rise and fall. It seems like emotions – they put you in motion, they make you want to move. And in lockdown, of course, it isn’t possible to move. And that is when things can get intense. Maybe then we blame the situation, or the people around us. If we choose, we can also look at our mental habits, our thought patterns. Why we are reacting like this? Is it so black and white? What is really going on with us?

Sometimes people say: I wish I could go on retreat but I just don’t have the time, or the money, or the freedom. But lockdown, if we choose – is the perfect retreat. Retreat is not easy; actually, it is not a holiday. It is looking at the emotions, the thought patterns, and the mental habits. And then realising we have the power and the freedom (if we choose) to transform our thoughts, to work on our mind.

Why bother doing this? Because our thoughts create our reality. Everything starts as a thought. Even skyscrapers – once they were just a thought in someone’s mind – then it becomes reality. Our lives are like that – created and shaped by thoughts we have had throughout our lives. And changing those thoughts, eventually, it changes our lives.

So retreat is maybe not so blissful as you thought, and maybe writing this is not the best way for me to promote Mahamudra! But when you do manage to cut old mental habits, and you taste the power and strength of your own mind – the bliss from that, not dependent on anything external, is like pure magic. If you are reading this, if you are human, then I promise you: your mind is amazing. More amazing than you might ever imagine!

See calendar on page 30 for our events coming up.

Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

It’s great to have the library open again. If you have been in you will have noticed a few changes this time under Level 2. My apologies if you have had to wait outside; we have been trying to serve everyone as quickly as possible. If we are still under Level 2 restrictions, please remember that we can only have one person at the front counter at a time. To keep us all separated (2-meter rule) and safe we can only have five people in the library at any one time. That’s a volunteer, myself and three visitors. Unfortunately, this also means we can’t socialise like we usually do as there may be someone waiting at the door.

As we have already established with the new system, when you enter the library just pop your books back on the desk/table (on the left of the front counter) and then you are free to go and choose some new books while we process your returns.

The new books that were about to go out before Level 4 hit are now on the shelves. If you can’t find what you’re looking for, please ask. If the book is already out then we can put a hold on it for you.

Two of the new books on the shelf this month:

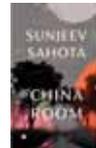
Catch Us the Foxes – Nicola West



This is Nicola West’s first novel. She is the daughter of a third-generation police officer and grew up in a coastal town in New South Wales.

An ambitious young journalist Marlowe “Lo” Robertson would do anything to escape the suffocating confines of her small hometown. While begrudgingly covering the annual show for the local newspaper, she is horrified to discover the mutilated corpse of her best friend – the town’s reigning showgirl, Lily Williams. Seven strange symbols have been ruthlessly carved into Lily’s back. But when she reports her grisly find to the town’s police chief, he makes her promise not to tell anyone about the symbols. Lo obliges, though it’s not like she has much of a choice – after all, he is also her father.

China Room – Sunjeev Sahota



Sunjeev Sahota also wrote *The Year of the Runaways*, which was shortlisted for the 2015 Booker Prize. This book has been described as a breath-taking novel of love, oppression and the pursuit of freedom that intertwines the stories of three women and a man that are separated by more than half a century but united by blood. It is 1929 and at a farm in Punjab, northern India, three girls are married to three brothers in one ceremony. For weeks afterwards, segregated from the men in the “China Room”, heavily veiled, and meeting their husbands only under cover of the darkest night, none of the girls is entirely sure which brother is hers. Then the story moves to 1999 and a young man arrives in northern India from the UK to spend the summer with distant relatives. He spends weeks under the merciless sun, in solitude, at the abandoned family farm, with its peeling paint and mysterious locked room.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Healthy Males

Men – do you suffer from reflux, indigestion, frequent infections, itchy bottom or are “shitty livered”?

How's your mental health – mood swings, irritability, nervousness, insomnia, depression?

High blood pressure, cholesterol issues or diabetes?

All of the above are naturally manageable or preventable. I have had years of clinical experience in supporting my clients to naturally manage or cure these health issues.

Are you on any pharmaceutical medication?

Are you taking pharmaceutical medication to address the side effects of pharmaceutical medication?

ADAM – Androgen Deficiency in Ageing Males – or andropause, relates to hormonal imbalance, e.g., testosterone and more, due to a high toxic load.

Suffering decreased libido, erectile dysfunction, weak muscles, centripetal obesity, sweating, hot flushes, enlarged prostate, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), hormonal cancer (prostate, testicular or breast), premature ageing?

Due to stimulation of female hormones, through workplace or environmental exposure of toxins or xeno-oestrogens, these hormone mimickers confuse the body's endocrine system, thus hormone production and balance. Workplace/environmental toxin exposure and absorption – from sprays, chemicals from air, water or food – also weakens the nervous and immune systems. Men who work in the

pharmaceutical industry, plastic factories, near incinerators, on farms, engineering, welding and paint fumes, etc., are vulnerable.

Treatment – My naturopathic treatment works. It's individualised and correctly sequenced for lasting results.

Boys – Are your sons a “skinny fat”? That is, appear normal weight, but are actually “blubbery” around their tummy. Kids that are overweight or have centripetal obesity, are predicably being set up for andropause later in life. This is because toxins lock into fat cells and should be excreted from the body via healthy excretory and detox pathways in the gut, liver and kidneys.

Baby boys – Need the right start, vaginal birth, breast feeding, best foods for healthy gut immunity and microbiome, for best long-term health, to prevent allergies, asthma, ADHD, Asperger's, behavioural issues, or digestive issues and hormonal imbalances.

More goods news

Born with faulty heart valve, this 72-year-old male was healthy and pharmacy medication free over the last 40 years. Six months ago, the faulty heart valve which he was born with, began failing. He was advised a replacement was required. Prior to operation, cardiology team were surprised he was so healthy and on no medication. They were also pleased he'd not had the “jab”. His healthy foods have been his medicine and prevented modern Western diseases, thus no pharmaceutical medication. Cardiology team amazed at his healthy, speedy recovery, so discharged him two weeks early.

Prostate inflammation – This 65-year-old man suffered frequent and burning urination, a high Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test, as well as itchy skin and low libido. All now cured after four months on his naturopathic programme.

Bladder tumours – Over two years, benign tumours kept growing back after painful removal via tubes up his penis, by his urologist. My investigative tests, and treatment of the test findings, cured him in six months.

Asperger's, anger issues – This nine-year-old boy is already showing signs of calm and better energy, no sugar cravings or sore stomach. After just three months on his treatment plan, the whole family are enjoying the positive results so far.

Strong healthy effective immunity and Covid-19

Cases I know of, not vaccinated, recovered well. Experienced mild fever, sore throat, headache, sweats.

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Wild things

By Pete Sephton

This silvereye was spotted in my garden enjoying newly emerged nikau flowers. In the following days the flowers were also visited by tui, kereru and kaka. Silvereyes are one of our smallest native birds and are common throughout New Zealand. They are also native to Australia.

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Coromandel RSA

By Pat Williams

Everything at a standstill yet again. I will resort to perusing back copies of our great little local magazine – the Coromandel Town Chronicle.

September 2019 – Upgrade of our lovely old Citizens’ Hall; fibre being installed around town; work which seemed to go on forever, was undertaken to improve the camber of Kapanga, Wharf and Tiki Roads. What a pain but worth it in the long run; local body elections

October 2019 – Zipline opened; cell tower protest; edible seaweed company launched; SH25 was closed to Whitianga at the Kuaotunu River bridge for five weeks!

August 2020 – TCDC/Coromandel Lions Club installed a BBQ, water bottle

filling station and gazebo at Hauraki House Reserve; nine new seats installed in the main street (they are great); Covid struck again.

September 2020 – Vietnam Commemoration and a trip to Whangamata RSA cancelled because of Covid.

October 2020 – On front cover Coromandel Lions President Sue Hughes and CCC Board Chairman Peter Pritchard officially opening the public BBQ; candidate profiles for elections.

Owing to lockdown, difficulties with supplies, etc., upgrades to the Club Rooms are not yet completed, but they’re still open on Saturday with lockdown rules in place.

On the front of the August NZRSA Women’s Section Newsletter: “We isolate now so when we gather again no one is missing.”

“Your grandparents were sent to war to save you. You’re being asked to sit on the couch to save them. The young can carry what kills the old; stop the spread.”

Last month I mentioned a NZ Navy vessel was to relieve a Canadian ship operating in the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

That Canadian ship, HMCS Calgary, visited Auckland 4-6 August. Bet the crew would rather have gone straight home!

An article in the August *Navy Today* magazine wrote about RNZN Pacific Vaccine Roll-Out on tokelau (three atolls) and the northern Cook Islands. One crew member, a Cook Islander, had been in the Navy for 19 years and 10 months, and this was the first time he had been on a ship which was going to his homeland!

Till next time, keep those horrid masks on! Cheers.



Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay

Well, we didn’t see that coming! Our Opening Day event was just one of many within the Coromandel district that have been affected by the dreaded Delta Covid-19 virus. However, the Club has received guidelines from Bowls NZ about opening under the different Level rules. Remembering that many of our bowling members fall into the more vulnerable group, we will endeavour to keep everyone safe.

After consultation the Executive Committee decided to have Open Day on Saturday 18 September. Surely by the time you are reading this we have managed to get some play in! We always welcome new members so come and see if lawn bowls is for you. Coaching is available and our Twilight Competition is lots of fun.

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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

As we move out of lockdown we're noticing a hint of resistance towards coming out of hermitage. We have been enjoying this time of solitude, where there's been less of a need to juggle our outer and inner worlds. And as we move into Level 2, there is a sense of activation and recoil.

We are reflecting on the similarities of this experience to the journey of coming out of a retreat. There is something poignant in that process of transition which is hard to capture with words. In essence, it is about vulnerability.

During retreat we lower our guards. There is less need to protect ourselves from the uncertainty, risk and emotional exposure of interacting with others.

As the retreat approaches its end, for many it is a time of contemplating a return to the world and responsibilities. With it comes the common worries and desires, personal problems or challenges, and increased self-consciousness.

This raised mental activity can be insightful as it helps to notice what we are clinging to and the ways we can open to more vulnerability in our day to day lives. It can also be overwhelming, and become a limitation in itself.

As we meet resistance our approach is one of ease and grace; viewing our thoughts and emotions with as much equanimity, acceptance and kindness as possible; choosing to digest the benefits, learnings and inspirations that have come from this journey in and out of lockdown. In the forefront, the enquiry – how do we open to more vulnerability in our lives?

In the words of Brene Brown, "In our culture we associate vulnerability with emotions we want to avoid such as fear, shame and uncertainty. Yet we too often lose sight of the fact that vulnerability is also the birthplace of joy, creativity, authenticity and love."

May we find more easeful ways to be with our vulnerability. With love from the Mana Team.

Rethink Rubbish

By Robynne Jones

Ban the Single-use Plastic Bottle

Come on Coromandel. We managed to ban single-use plastic bags in our town, now it's time to tackle the problem of single-use plastic bottles. If you would like to be part of the solution and not the source of the pollution, have your say and sign up at <https://petition.act.greenpeace.org.nz/plastics-banbottles>.

It is estimated that NZ throws away approximately one billion plastic bottles each year. For all of us living in a coastal paradise like the Coromandel, it is disturbing to realise that a lot of this plastic will be washed up on our coastlines and/or breakdown into tiny pieces that will float around in the seas and oceans around us, choking whales, dolphins and seabirds. Tiny plastic particles from broken-down plastic can even end up in the fish that we catch and eat.

Another great concern is that plastic bottles that don't end up in the sea still have to go somewhere. Approximately only 9% of these "recyclable" plastic bottles are recycled. Most of the plastic either ends up in our landfill sites or is packaged up and sent to sites overseas to be incinerated. Many of the countries that have been accepting our plastic waste, like Malaysia for example, are now beginning to reject waste, from overseas and who can blame them? The toxic smoke from incinerating our plastic is polluting their air and waterways and affecting their own citizens' health.

We can and should continue to reduce our own use of plastic bottles by doing things like using reusable water bottles instead of buying water in plastic bottles, or buying our beverages in glass bottles. But how many of us still have no alternative but to buy our milk in plastic bottles? Our individual actions are never going to have a big enough impact because society continues to produce and use single-use plastic bottles faster than we can manage the waste problem that they create.

It is time we all started thinking about and supporting better solutions to this massive problem. We need a national solution that focuses on reducing the amount of plastic that is being produced and eliminating single-use plastic bottles completely.

The only way forward is to ban single-use plastic bottles and mandate for reusable alternatives. You can help make this happen by joining the Greenpeace petition (link at start of article) to put the pressure on our government to introduce the legislation we need to move forward. Act now.

Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle



Our very warm thanks to the teams from Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, Coromandel Family Health and all others involved as the first line of defence against Covid-19 here in town. It's great to see our community show up for testing and vaccinating, and the smiling eyes above masks shopping in our essential stores and back into reduced capacity hospitality venues now in "Delta Level 2".

In light of this latest disruption our reunion event, initially scheduled for 6 October, may now happen on **Wednesday 3 November** (TBC). We are happy to have had interest from past Lions, including "out of towners" looking forward to coming "home" to celebrate. We'll have a great time when we can do so safely. If you would like to attend the event, please contact President Mary or Secretary Jean.

Regards to one of our Friends of the Lions, Keith Stevenson, out of hospital and back on deck helping us out with all sorts – thanks Keith. We still plan to hold a firewood raffle; it may be done by the time of publishing. If you want firewood from Lions next year, please register your interest early to avoid being left in the cold, as we do sell out.

Kia kaha Coromandel, let's keep that virus out so we can enjoy the coming sunny season.

Coromandel Lions Club: Mary Farmer (President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446, Rick Ward (Project Manager) (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664, Jean Smith (Secretary) (07) 866 6670 or 021 208 7576, Sue Hughes (Firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124

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Beth Pearsall & Vanessa Edelsten

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Our Spring Refresh Retreat is all about moving through the seasons, shedding our darkness and moving towards the light. Let go of blocked stale energy and the unneeded to make way for opportunity. Connecting into the collective strength of like-minded women, feel refreshed and clear with a fuller heart and more relaxed way of being. Embrace release as we nurture ourselves with cleansing yoga and breath practices, supportive restorative meditation and explorative dance, nourishing organic vegetarian food and ritualistic ceremony.

The Wild Stillness Retreat Programme includes: Daily sunrise yoga, evening yin yoga, guided meditations, feminine rituals, open dance, relaxing yoga nidra, nourishing vegetarian meals and snacks and wellness package on arrival.

Nestled in the lush valley of Colville, you will feel spirited away from the rushing world and immersed in the gorgeous gardens of our



local Buddhist retreat centre. The retreat will start at 5pm on the Friday evening and finish with a closing circle at 3pm on Sunday.

This retreat is open to women* 15 years and older. No previous experience of yoga or meditation necessary.

*All individuals identifying as female and/or non-binary welcomed.

About Wild Stillness Retreats

We create and hold space to deeply connect with self, each other and the natural world. Allow yourself to feel fully supported in the presence of these soul-sisters. We are here to facilitate the time, freedom and experiences to let you simply be.

Vanessa Edelsten

Vanessa is gracious and full of life's sparkle. She has an innate ability to intuit what others need and to give comfort and relief that empowers. She has practiced yoga for 17 years and taught it for 10 years, having completed her 500-hour yoga teacher training with Ashram Yoga. Her classes are crafted to flow in the rhythms of nature and delivered with honesty, warmth and humour.

Vanessa puts her students at the heart of every class, tuning into the group and creating a safe space for all to deeply connect, ground and open. Vanessa teaches yoga, meditation, yoga nidra, pranayama (breath techniques) and intuitive journaling practices on our retreats. She is a trained ecologist, passionate mother of two boys and a lifelong learner of all things yoga.

Beth Pearsall

The moment you meet Beth, you sense her genuine, joyful nature and feel instantly at ease. Her warmth with people and ability to create connection means she is a natural born facilitator. She expertly cultivates the space for women to feel connected and empowered – empowered to tune into their inner nature and find connection both within, and with other women, in a manner that is so completely comfortable.

Beth brings multiple talents to our retreats, with her passion for the natural world, music, creativity and cooking. Along with being a trained ecologist, Beth is a DJ, group facilitator and the head cook for our retreats.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

At this time, the country is still under Covid restrictions, though Coromandel has been very lucky and escaped an actual case of the virus.

We are hopeful that restrictions will soon ease, and it is planned to re-open the museum for three afternoons per week beginning **Friday 1 October**. Make a note of the dates and come along to investigate our new displays.

Members of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society, and those wishing to become members, are reminded that the annual subscription of \$15 per person per year is now due. Payment may be made to the museum bank account: BNZ 02 0304 0311211 00; please remember to include your name when making payment.

October is a significant month in Coromandel as it is the anniversary of the initial discovery of gold in 1852 by Charles Ring. The "Northern Advocate" of 4 October 1948, marks this anniversary:

**"News Of The Day
Coromandel Gold**

Ninety-six years ago this month gold was discovered by Mr Charles Ring on the Coromandel peninsula. He was the first to claim the £500 reward offered by the Goldfields Committee for the discovery of a payable goldfield. Mr Ring had had considerable experience in gold mining in California. This discovery paved the way for the profitable goldmining enterprises of the Thames Valley and Waihi, where the Martha Mine is still producing its quota of gold."

Wikipedia advises that, following Charles Ring's discovery, "a brief gold rush ensued around Coromandel township, but only £1,500 of gold was accessible in river silt, although more was in quartz veins where it was inaccessible to individual prospectors..."

A find near Collingwood in 1856 proved more successful, with 1,500 miners converging on the district and removing about £150,000 of gold over the next decade, after which the gold was exhausted...

Māori had long known of the existence of gold in Central Otago but had no use for the ore. For a precious material they relied on greenstone for weaponry and tools, and used greenstone, obsidian and bone carving for jewellery.

Gabriel Read, an Australian prospector, found gold in a creek bed at Gabriel's Gully, near Lawrence, on 20 May 1861... Within a year, the region's

population swelled greatly, growing by 400 per cent between 1861 and 1864... The number of miners reached its maximum of 18,000 in February 1864."

An item from "Auckland Star" of 13 October 1896, shows continued Government interest in furthering gold mining:

"Our Goldfields.

Goldfields' Report.

Visit By The Government Geologist.

Coromandel, this day.

Mr Alex. McKay, Government Mining Geologist, is now in this district for the purpose of making an exhaustive and comprehensive geological examination of the country. In view of this it behoves all those in a position here to render Mr McKay any assistance that lies in their power, as no doubt his deductions will prove invaluable for the future guidance of the mining community as to the different gold bearing strata, reefs and general geological construction of the peninsula. It must be gratifying to those interested in this end of the Coromandel Peninsula to know that Mr

Hauraki Mine



McKay has started his explorations here first, whereas it is considered that three years will be required to complete the work, and that this district proper will be finished this summer. A report on the same will no doubt be available to the public early next spring."

The museum will be open on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 12, and from 1pm to 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from the beginning of October

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Oooooohhh Covid! While Level 3 restrictions forced the cancellation of our September Guild Meeting, we are all breathing a big sigh of relief that our town has remained Covid-free and we are looking on track to be back together in October. The year so far has, however, been a nightmare for our two Education Officers, Jill and Helen, who organise our monthly workshops. Illness or unexpected medical appointments for tutors have this year played havoc with their carefully structured schedule and Covid has now made it impossible for our Auckland based tutors to travel. Perhaps the silver lining for members is that rather than new projects being started, the stack of unfinished ones is declining.

An article on Stuff recently caught my eye advising of a new exhibition celebrating heritage crafts in the New Year. In its introduction the article stated it appears there may have been a worldwide resurgence in knitting following those weeks watching British Olympic diver Tom Daley in the grandstands at Tokyo concentrating on his p1.k1. Who would have thought the Arts and Crafts would have a poster boy in an Olympic Gold medalist! Is knitting how Tom deals with the nerves and pressure of Olympic performance? It turns out that taking up a craft is a totally normal side effect of the current pandemic. The healing powers of picking up an old craft, or delving into a new one, has been lauded by experts as an effective way to manage Covid-related stresses. With stitching, be it knitting or embroidery, the positive outcomes are the same; I'm sure all of our members would concur. So if you have found a new interest in crafts and if Petone could be a small detour on a NZ roadie next year for you, keep an eye out on the Petone Settlers Museum website for dates and details.

The ANZEG Northern North Island Regional Exhibition at Estuary Arts in Orewa, which was to be held in September, has now been rescheduled for **18 November to 5 December**. We hope that Covid Alert Levels allow this to go ahead as our guild members will be well represented. It follows hot on the heels of our own exhibition here in Coromandel. More on that next month!

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 6 October**.

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



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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all, I hope everyone is doing well. Covid restrictions at the end of August and early September made for a busy couple of weeks. The Foodbank continued to operate in Level 4, and the need for parcels always increases immensely over these times. We are thankful for the support we receive when times get busy, donations received and offers of assistance. Thank you to the CILT social workers who delivered for us over this period, ensuring food parcels got to the people who are needed them.

As a service, we always looking at ways we can improve, and ensure we are putting our best foot forward to support the community we work for.

Our Mission is to support and educate individuals who seek help from the Coromandel Budget Advisory Service (CBAS) with their finances, to create and maintain their own living budget. This supports CBAS clients' needs while they are becoming financially independent by ensuring that they have access to the services they are entitled to. These services include social benefits, food parcels, health care and transport to the services they need.

One of our goals from our Strategic Plan is – Strengthen our organisation's capacity to provide an excellent service and ensure the future sustainability of the Budget Advisory Service and the Foodbank.

The continuation and ensuring the sustainability of the Budget Service and Foodbank in Coromandel is vital; these services provide much needed assistance to many individuals and their families every year. We are a very small team working onsite, and we rely on volunteers to make up our Governance team. We are financially sound, but our juggle is with the numbers we need to make up our team. We have had discussions of late regarding options for ensuring these services continue to operate into the future. As a team, we made the decision to approach CILT, to explore the idea of combining our services into their organisation. We already work closely with CILT, being in the same building, and are often supporting mutual clients. From these discussions, CILT has informed us they would like to move forward with this merger.

We are often already referred to as being part of CILT from people in the community, so the changes to come will not be apparent to many. We will still be in the same place, doing the same mahi. The Budget Service and Foodbank will now just be operated by CILT. This gives the services a much larger support base of staff, knowledge and skills. CILT has been providing community services to the upper Coromandel Peninsula for 28 years, and we believe we are providing the Budget Service and Foodbank ongoing sustainability in making this transition.

We have a tentative transition date of **1 October**. We will be working hard over the next three weeks to ensure everything is in place. I will post any updates on our Facebook page.

But, for now, it is business as usual

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

Opening hours are: Tuesday 9:30am-3pm, Wednesday 9:30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

If you need assistance with food, please contact us to book a time for Thursday afternoon. Appointments are made by contacting Coromandel Budget Advisory prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

The AGM for Coromandel Budget Advisory Service will be held at Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road, on **Saturday 9 October** at 10.00am.

Patchwork and Quilters

By Judy Russell

August started off with a full and very busy meeting. There was plenty to be viewed at Show 'n' Tell, with some lovely completed quilts on display.

Shirleen had the first of our Mystery quilts completed – all done in beautiful velvet fabrics. This is a stunner.

Jill showed a brightly coloured baby quilt featuring a cute teddy stencil, which she calls a "spew and poo" quilt. She posted it that afternoon to a friend; I'm sure she'll love it too.

Another fabulous quilt produced by Tina displayed colorful flying geese blocks set on a neutral script background fabric.

Pam and Sharon spent a day visiting a quilting exhibition in Pukekohe which was reported to be a great day out with lots of fabulous quilts on display. Maybe next year more of us can make the trip.

Raewyn reminded us all of the upcoming Peninsula Day, which unfortunately now has been postponed till next year due to Covid. So ladies, if you've already made your (pairs or pears) 12.5 blocks, put them away safely till next year.

Being in lockdown has stopped some of our meetings but I'm sure everyone is making the most of this time to carry on sewing at home. Our show 'n' tell table will be overflowing with great quilts when we get back together.

I've had a few messages and pics from some ladies sewing chenille projects. Their work in progress is looking very exciting.

We also have our Fabric Bucket/Basket and Hat Workshop coming up. This is tutored by Fiona and Tina; something else to look forward to. This will be such fun. I know just what I'm going to do with my fabric bucket. Best get looking into my fabric stash; I'm going to need a ½ metre of each fabric.

Feel free to pop in and visit us sometime.



Shirleen's beautiful velvets

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

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Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Last month I reported on the retiring of our long-standing Chief, John Walker. John’s successor has been named and Mike, Deputy Chief for many years, steps up to the new role. Mike, a local builder, has spent all of his working life in Coromandel and most of those years with the brigade, rising from a recruit to now the top local position. The brigade is fully supportive and wishes Mike well in his new role.

Other officers in the brigade are currently filling in the remaining senior leadership roles awaiting appointment. Rob Craw, Farm Manager, is filling the Deputy spot and builder/shopkeeper Darren Walker the Senior Station Officer role, supported by Station Officers Smiley Walker and Rob Chappell.

Covid-19 seems to be the way to quieten the siren; everyone stays home and town generally remains quiet. We have had just one callout in the past month to the PFA alarm at Hauraki House where technicians had failed to reset the alarm during routine testing; an easy fix.

Coromandel Town got off lightly this time but still it highlighted just how easily this contagious virus could have swept the country. Several of our firemen were at a place of interest in town at the same time as a reported case. We then had a full brigade meeting the following Monday and the following day a number of us travelled to various parts of NZ to attend meetings with a range of others from around Aotearoa. Thank goodness the virus gave Coromandel a miss.

Coromandel’s “Lizard Man” a conservation hero – 30 years on

He’s known as the “Lizard Man” and, after 30 years talking about lizards and geckos, Doug Ashby’s comfortable with the superhero-style moniker.

The retired teacher is a popular figure around the Coromandel and Hauraki districts, sharing his love and knowledge of New Zealand’s lizards and geckos with wide-eyed school children, as well as many of the wider Coromandel region’s community groups.

New Zealand has more than 100 species of lizards, including gecko and skink species found only in this country. They face threats from introduced predators, so Doug, with his wife Jane, work to raise awareness of the need to protect them.

The self-described amateur herpetologist is a conservation hero through his voluntary work, usually with Jane. He says the couple take fewer education and engagement sessions than in the past but it still gives them a great deal of joy.

“It’s slightly gimmicky to be the ‘Lizard Man’ but the primary school kids love it, and they’re the ones we focus on,” Doug Ashby says.

“The primary school kids are so spontaneous and it’s just delightful. It’s a bit of a biology lesson, and we try to knit it all in with what we’re doing with the lizards – it’s a hands-on episode, really!”

With a permit from the Department of Conservation to hold native lizards and geckos, they have gradually downsized their collection from a peak of about 100 specimens to 50 individuals across seven different species. Some individuals in the collection are more at ease in the public gaze, so get more frequent outings as part of the educational visits.

So, does Doug consider himself a conservation hero? “Oh look, no,” he says. “I’m a conservationist through and through... but we’re just trying to do our thing, and of course we really enjoy it.”

Conservation week was in September. See www.conservationweek.org.nz



Doug Ashby, with a female forest gecko named Puff

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown



Lockdown 2.0

We all know that teaching is a shared responsibility and we understand and appreciate that even more during lockdown. We would just like to say a huge thank you to our whānau and community for supporting our tamariki during lockdown by helping to teach our programmes and reinforce learning concepts. We understand that for some families it was a massive juggle with work and whānau and making sure everyone was getting what they needed all while supporting our family's wellbeing at home, so we thank you once again and appreciate your ongoing support!

During Level 3 we had 10 children return to school as their parents were essential workers. We had a small school bubble and supported the children to continue their online learning.

Now that we are back in Level 2 let's make the rest of this year an epic one!

Personal experience writing of this lockdown as an acrostic poem!

COVID 19 Feels like.....

By Dru Coleby

Contained to my home
Oooh, how bored I am
Vaccine time, not for me
I dislike lockdown
Driving my mother mad

17 days and counting
9 calls to grandma

Lots of yummy baking
Ollie learning
Cupcakes with buttercream icing
Kicking soccer balls on the deck
in the rain
Dayo(dad) working a lot
Ooh what is my next chore
Wild weather
Night time/tv time

Feels like a jail sentence
Excited to see my friends
Energy overload
Little brother annoying
Sleep ins

Learning online
I walked the Success Track
Kicking rugby balls through
homemade posts
Eating all day.

By Kyle Shaw
Covid sucks
Obesity eating so much
Veins
In doors only
Don't

15 showers so far
9 times thinking about my
friends and being sad

Logan being annoying
Obviously bored
Covid is soooooo boring
Kyle sitting in his room all day
Don't get scratched by the cat
(that's what I say to myself)
On my bed bored
Wind loud
No going outside

Feeling sad because I can't see
my friends
Enjoying playing video games
with Grayson
Eating baking
Laying down in bed
Singing while playing video
games

Logan making me laugh
Indoors
Kyle missing his friends
Excited for when this lockdown
is over.

By Cameron Evans

"Shhh. Listen! The prime minister is speaking."

Jacinda walked up to the podium and looked around the conference room.

She pulled a piece of paper out of her folder and placed it on the bench.

"Hello, welcome to the daily announcements for Covid-19 in New Zealand. In a second we will have Dr. Bloomfield speaking and then we will both answer questions. Any questions?" 152 hands shot up. Jacinda decided to ignore them.

"Good."

"So first order of business, today we have had two cases so I have decided to put the entire country into Alert Level 5."

152 thousand hands shot up.

The next day...

"So get this right? Alert Level 5 is the next Alert Level 4."

School Holidays

Thank you to all of our students and whānau for an interesting but also enjoyable Term Three. We hope you have a restful break, set to go for our final term of 2021, which we hope is less disruptive.

Colville Bay Pre-school



Te Uumangawhā o Ngāa Waka te whare ako

By Esther Powell

Haere mai! Welcome to Colville Bay Pre-school. Open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-3pm during school terms.

Malo e lelei. As I write this it is Tongan Language Week and we are so happy (and lucky) to have our tamariki back together at Colville Bay Pre-school at Covid Level 2.

The children noticed how the spinach they planted has grown since we were last at Pre-school, and so have all of the children! Nga tamariki shared with us some special

activities and events from "lockdown" time at home with their whānau:

Bodhi: "My birthday, with a Jaffa 5 on the cake."

Emile: "We went for a bike ride and dropped presents at Bodhi's."

Josephine told us how she missed all of her friends and recounted an old memory of having a sleepover at friends' was "so fun".

Clover watched "the magic school bus" and made an amazing shark, amongst other artworks.

Gala also made some great artworks, including painting a pink dolphin leaping out of the sea on a rock (see photo).

Kallem: "We saw a lot of pigs... pig-farming at Poppa's."

From parents we heard our little ones were...

Xavier:
"Eating."

Sebastian:
"Asking about Pre-school."

Zachary:
"Happy out on the farm with mum and dad."

August:
"Painting with dad."

Our teachers

also had some lockdown highlights to share:
Nichola: "Lots of work on the farm."

Esther: "Bike riding with my girls and our new chicks hatched."

Wilma:
"Collecting seaweed, weaving, pottery and gardening."

Ema-Jane had exciting news for us all: "I'm going to be a Grandma."

Bronnie: "How impressive to see our tamariki so techno-wise... Helping us wrinklies come to grips with Zoom."

Next week is te wiki o te reo Māori. We look forward to focusing on this kaupapa with our tamariki and learning some new waiata together.

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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie

Who would've thought at the beginning of Term Three that once again we were going back into lockdown and having to gear up our learning from home programmes at Alert Levels 3 & 4!

But as you know, at 11.59 pm on 17 August our country went into lockdown after the Prime Minister's early evening announcement. This meant our wonderful teachers without a lot of warning had to ramp up their remote learning programmes. We then had to wait a few days for permission from the Ministry of Education, to enter school to gather devices and to distribute them to families. A small number of staff went on site to do this under strict Covid conditions.

The support from our local community was wonderful and we were touched by the number of kind folk who have thought about our children and approached us offering ways they could help. Of course hats must have to go off to our amazing parents and caregivers for their effort in keeping Covid-19 at bay and supporting our learning-from-home programmes. It was often a juggling act for them having to do their own work from home and also keep their children happy and occupied. We tried for it to be as stress-free as possible.

Even though we were back at school on 9 September, but under Level 2 conditions, a number of planned events have been postponed such as our Year 7 & 8 camp to the Hillary Outdoor Centre in the Central Plateau, Book Week and Character Parade, and the PTA's Quiz and Curry Night fundraiser. We are hopeful that these planned events will be back on as soon as we are able to have large groups at school.



Colville School

By Susie Sumner, Principal



It's all smiles for Colville School!

Colville School has been focussing on wellbeing since returning to school in Level 2. Exploring Colville Bay, getting dirty in the garden and cooking up a rainbow of colours in the kitchen has been the perfect recipe for happy children. Our Garden to Table Programme provides students with these rich opportunities every week. Check out the Garden to Table section on our website to find out more! We are very pleased to welcome our new Garden Specialist Anna Davies and our Kitchen Coordinator Lorna Ebbs to the Colville School Team.

Ngā mihi.

Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody, Kiwi Can Coordinator

Kia ora koutou. Our theme/kaupapa this term is Resilience/Taikaha and our catchphrase for this Term is "Keeping calm and in control, helps us all to reach our goals!" This term explored Resilience by focusing on three modules: Understanding Emotions, Dealing with Challenges, and Self Control/Discipline. We teach resilience as a whole as bouncing back and coping with challenges, which is something we definitely practiced during the Level 4 lockdown! The creative Kiwi Can leaders adapted our lesson plans to suit being at home, and sent these out to the schools as well as posting them to Facebook. If you would like to keep up to date with Kiwi Can Coromandel, please like our page on Facebook! Search: Graeme Dingle Foundation Coromandel. Ngā mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

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



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School Holiday Times: Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs 11am-4pm \$2; just fill in a membership form and bring a packed lunch.

School Term Times: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm – if you can, please make a gold coin donation.

Every week: Friday Night Social (school yrs 6-10) 6.30-8.30pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival. For more information call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson

The exhibition is on!

Sadly, because of Covid-19 restrictions, the tour has been postponed until next year.

However, there will an exhibition running from **Saturday 2 October until Sunday 10 October**, open daily from 10am-4pm at Hauraki House.

Do take this opportunity to come along and see the artists' latest work.

Charlene Scott

My art is ever evolving, though almost always inspired by the divine feminine. I explore the sensuality, sexuality, fertility and wisdom of the feminine both in the human form and in nature.



I am deeply passionate about the protection of papatuanuku so I have started working with natural mediums as much as I can. You can find my work at www.charlenescottartist.com.

Kaye Anderson

Lately I have been exploring printmaking and collage as a way of expressing my thoughts, feelings and ideas. This piece is my response to the recent Covid-19 lockdown.

Like the other artists, I was looking forward to sharing the results of this year's artistic journey with Arts Tour visitors. But we'll just have to wait until 2022.



Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Here we are again; at the time of writing this we are back in lockdown. With the last lockdown I did lots of painting, but this time my mind is blank. I think it must be water-logged... I keep telling myself that spring is just around the corner, but I'm not sure which corner?

Maybe it is a good time to try something new, or something you've always been a bit scared to give a go. I tried horses once, but Stubbs doesn't need to worry, they either looked stuffed or wooden.

Another year I tried boats. Someone showed me how to draw a boat using a figure eight. I made myself paint boats, ships, barges, in fact anything that floated, for a whole year. I now like boats and all the bits that go with them, i.e., floats, rigging, craypots, buoys, etc. (see pic below).

If you're lucky enough to be where there is snow, then you can't miss the opportunity to paint it. It is magic doing a snow painting, a bit like negative painting.

You could polish up on your perspective, and try to sketch a complicated corner of your room, or open some of the kitchen cupboard doors and sketch the crocks and china stacked in there. Don't always think about a finished painting, sketch for the pure enjoyment of sketching. If you feel really brave you could have a go at the cat or dog, or even the old man asleep in the chair! Don't worry if you don't get it finished, it doesn't matter, it is all practice.

We were to have had a workshop with Barbara von Seida this month, but due to all of the hassles lately it has been postponed till next year. Barbara's colours bring the landscape to life.

So roll on to 2022 when I hope things will be more settled and she can come then. In the meantime... it's onwards and upwards. Practice might not make perfect, but it's better than housework!

New members are most welcome when we are back to Level 1. Ring Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or call in to St Andrews Hall in Rings Road on Thursday mornings to check us out.

Colville Art Show update

I am delighted to announce we have just added a new artist to the Colville Art Show in the Colville Hall, **2-10 October**. Michael Smither has given us three works to include. The Colville Art Show is a group show of rural Coromandel Creatives. Artists include: Lindsay

Dort, Louise Penberthy, Jane McAlister, Baerbel Schulze and more...



Rod MacLeod - Nikau



Michael Smither - Study for Spiral (koru)



Jane McAllister - Gourds



Lindsay Garmson - Kuaotunu

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Coromandel Players – Murder Deferred

By Don Hughes

There are estimates, guesstimates, projections and old fashioned crystal ball gazing and we have been applying these and other ways (short of reading the entrails of a chicken) of coming up with the dates for our current production.

One decision we have made that greatly affects the dates, is that, we will not stage “Murder Deferred” until the country outside Auckland is back to Level 1 Covid requirements. If at this time Auckland is at Level 2, friends and relations of the cast and, of course, the general visitor, will be able to travel here.

Importantly, for our longtime supporters, we will be able to offer our usual drinks and snacks and the opportunity for people to chat and meet up with friends. In other words a convivial night out at the theatre! Also, for the enjoyment of the cast and everyone connected with the production, it will hopefully be a “full house”, and not one where audience numbers are restricted and the evening’s reception of the play a bit of a pale shadow of the usual enthusiasm of our audiences.

Such has been the dedication of the cast during lock down that they have been “rehearsing” via laptop and iphone using Zoom. This meant that our first rehearsal in the theatre last Thursday went very well, with few glitches. The set is complete and Ezy is 90% there with sound and lighting. Thus, we are confident that within four weeks of actually moving to Level 1, we will be able to entertain with the deferred “Murder Deferred”.

Those four weeks will also include getting new posters printed with the new dates and also getting the local smoke signals puffing out.

Hopefully, fingers and toes crossed and knocking on wood, we will be able to announce dates for mid-October to Labour Weekend. Check our Facebook page for the latest.

P.S. We will, of course, honour all previous bookings to dates to suit you.



Bronnie Kennedy as the indomitable antiques dealer Minnie Akers in Murder Deferred

Cancelled shows

The two AOTNZ shows that were due to come to Hauraki House Theatre, My Mother the War Hero and Austen Found, have been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.



Where were you in '81? – rescheduled

by John McWilliam

Forty years ago, the country was spilt apart by the controversial Springboks Tour. For many it was the most divisive event they had ever seen, pitting those who opposed politics in sport against those who opposed apartheid. In spite of signing the Gleneagles Agreement, Prime Minister Muldoon’s decision to allow the tour to go ahead placed New Zealand on the wrong side of international opinion, while at home, friends, family and communities were divided. It radicalized the nation and the scars took years to heal.

It was a matter of being at the right place at the right time; Onslow Road Auckland, 12 September 1981, the day of the last test match. I was a young photographer at the time, eager to document what would prove to be one of the most important moments in New Zealand history. The protestors were determined to make a last ditch effort to stop the Tour and the Police were determined that they shall not. It was all out war but I called it the “The Battle of Onslow Road”.

To mark the 40th anniversary I am exhibiting the photographs I took that day. The exhibition at Hauraki House opens at 5pm on **Friday 15 October** and will run through the weekend. Come along and share where you were in 1981, or if you weren’t born then, learn a little Kiwi history. A book of photographs and memories will be available for sale.

(Originally planned for 10 September but postponed because of Covid.)

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Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Life has been getting in the way of our pastel group lately but we were still meeting every Wednesday morning until Delta forced us back into lockdown. Now we are in Level 2 we are hoping to start up again.

Our annual Labour Weekend Art Exhibition is coming up. Hopefully the exhibition will be held in Hauraki House on Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town from **Friday 22-Wednesday 27 October**, 10am-4pm. Fingers crossed.

The Pastel Artists Coromandel hold a weekly morning get together on Wednesdays 9.00am to 12 noon in the Aeroclub rooms on Tiki Road. We are a friendly, encouraging group so if you would like to pop in and have a cuppa with us please feel free to do so. You will be made most welcome.

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

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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

Staff and contractors at Driving Creek Conservation Park have been busy with spring work in the bush; carrying on with trapping and monitoring pest animals, monitoring our kiwi with trail cameras, and removing invasive weeds. It is important to get the weed control done before the weeds go to seed. Removing things like climbing asparagus, periwinkle, wild ginger, tree privet, and Taiwan cherry will help restore the ecological integrity of our block of bush and ensure the native plant and animal species can thrive. Pest plants can colonise vulnerable areas, suppress native vegetation, and may become ecosystem transformers. For example, large wild ginger infestations make it impossible for kiwi to probe the soil for food due to the large, impenetrable root systems of this plant.



Weed control work at DCR

Whilst checking our trail cameras we have seen several kiwi roaming in the upper



Conservation Park, and we want to do all we can to protect them. Of real concern is the fact that the trail cameras have also snapped pictures of several different cats in the upper Conservation Park, and even a roaming dog. Please remember to try and keep your cats inside at night and ensure that dogs do not roam through native bush on their own. It's also important to take your dog to a kiwi aversion training course and make sure the training is refreshed every year if possible. Go to the DOC or Kiwis for Kiwi website for training dates and locations. We know that dogs are the greatest threat to our kiwi and cats will kill a large variety of birds, frogs, and lizards when left to wander in the bush.

We look forward to welcoming visitors back for conservation tours around Labour Weekend and remember to follow us on Facebook for more updates.



Trail camera image of a kiwi in the bush at DCR



Trail camera image of a cat in the bush at DCR

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA)

By Reihana Robinson

Humane wild animal control

This month's offering strikes close to home for all of us. The column accompanies a photograph taken early September of a very dead stoat. The editor's sensitive email – "Thanks for the pic. A bit gruesome, but shows how the traps work I suppose" engendered UCLA's conservation update.

Debbie is correct. It does look "a bit gruesome", however the important detail



UCLA trappers at work. Peanut butter works – stoats hunt by smell and sounds such as chick squeaks

with regard to such traps is that this death is instantaneous.

UCLA supports such trapping in line with resolutions passed by TCDC and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. We support humane wild animal control. We especially want to see humane activities in our local communities and on Moehau. We do not support residual (on-killing) poisons.

UCLA believes our community deserves full transparency concerning the nature of conservation. "Conservation is all about killing things" – a quote by a NZ conservation volunteer (recorded by Elisabeth Kolbert in her New Yorker article).

So given that we are talking about killing animals we need to be clear about what poisons actually do to sentient creatures. You do not need to belong to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) or even SAFE (Save Animals From Exploitation) to oppose inhumane poisons. But those websites are a good place to source an understanding of how poisons kill.

The book, *The Killing Nation, New Zealand's State-Sponsored Addiction to Poison 1080*, published in 2017, documents experiments with poison 1080 carried out by well known scientists like Charlie Eason, on animals large (wallabies) and small (cats, ferrets). As an example of interest to all pig hunters, poisoned pigs (*Sus scrofa*) suffer vomiting, tremors, "increased excitability and/or increasing lethargy, followed later by violent convulsions leading to either respiratory depression or ventricular fibrillation and death."* Anticoagulants like brodifacoum help possums bleed internally which leads to dying over days, even weeks.

Animal cruelty is a grave concern to

most of us, both in the laboratory and in the forests. The reason words like "control" or "operation" go hand in hand with 1080 poisoning is because such euphemisms are less offensive in the public arena and make palatable the reality of death. You will not read the words killing, slaughter or inhumane poisoning in the promotional materials offered to newspapers by government-sanctioned purveyors of poison.

All conservation groups wish to kaitiaki our ngahere. When local groups use our taxes and rates to do the hard yakka of cutting tracks and laying and clearing traps, UCLA is in full support, and generally that is what is espoused in public statements. What is not stated is how much residual poison is being used or where. This is a health and safety issue for all neighbouring properties.

Transparency with regard to when and where residual poisons are to be used in our neighbourhoods is the least contribution poisoners can offer to assist creation of healthy communities. It should not be a condition of funding that applicants must commit to the use of residual poisons that our community clearly does not want.

Conflict only arises when one group wishes to use residual poisons. Let's subtract this ongoing conflict in our communities. Let's try to work together to use humane wild animal control. Just because the EPA approves all of these toxins does not make it right. Just check the government approval record on thalidomide or agent orange or glyphosate or chlorpyrifos. No thank you.

*McLeod L. Saunders G Pesticides used in the Management of Vertebrate Pests in Australia 2013

Moehau ki te Moana – freshwater restoration initiative

Kia ora koutou!

Our project coordinators, Vanessa Edelsten and Cassidy Connor, wanted to introduce themselves and Moehau ki te Moana, the newly established freshwater restoration initiative taking place in the northern Coromandel area.

Our project is one of nineteen initiatives across Aotearoa which was awarded funding at the end of 2020 by the Ministry for Environment’s Freshwater Improvement Fund. This exciting project is focused on the protection and revitalisation of the precious waterways of the Moehau and Colville regions. We are fortunate to be supported by our many partners including the Hauraki Collective, local landowners and Colville Harbour Care Nursery. The Moehau ki te Moana Project was initiated by a group of local landowners and operates as part of the Colville Social Services Collective (CSSC) team, where Cass and Vanessa can be contacted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Moehau ki te Moana is unique in its collaborative model which encourages an integrative approach to the restoration and management of our region’s freshwater resources. We are working in partnership with landowners, and in close collaboration with iwi partners, to integrate mātauranga Māori in delivering significant freshwater and ecological improvements.

Erosion and sedimentation are still major issues facing the Moehau and Colville catchments as they are dominated by steep slopes of pastoral land, many with little



vegetation cover. The steep hills become vulnerable to slips during high rainfall and major weather events, which are common in the area.

Our Project includes the protection of 12.8 ha of native wetland from grazing, and stock exclusions from over 16km of rivers and streams. The protection of native wetlands means the valuable services, such as flood protection and water quality improvements, they provide will be safeguarded for the future. A minimum of 75,000 native plants will be planted over the next five years through the project. Protecting the lower reaches of the streams flowing into the Tikapa Moana/Hauraki Gulf not only improves our local catchment’s health but also regenerates the entire Gulf and the ecosystems and species they sustain.

Some of the many benefits provided by riparian revegetation include streambank stabilisation, filtration of runoff, removal of nutrients from shallow groundwater, shading to reduce invasive weeds and lower water temperatures, and the provision of habitat for vertebrates and invertebrates both in-stream and on land. In addition to stream and wetland protection, the project includes 120ha of pest control which enables us to maintain the significant reduction to pest numbers achieved through the Colville

a robust environmental monitoring program which will similarly continue and expand on the monitoring efforts of the Colville Harbour Care team.

Moehau ki te Moana represents our region’s willingness and enthusiasm for finding integrated solutions to addressing the protection of our waterways, all the while supporting local businesses and acknowledging te ao Māori and mātauranga Māori. The project team are already busy with fencing, planting and water reticulation activities already taking place on a number of farms.

Our project aims to improve our collective understanding of freshwater interventions and their outcomes. We will be announcing a programme of exciting seminars soon, so stay tuned!

First working bee: **Saturday 2 October** in collaboration with Colville Harbour Care Nursery.

Join us for another fantastic potting party at Colville Harbour Care Nursery, 10am-2pm.

Please bring: closed shoes, water bottle, hat, warm clothing, jacket and any medication you need.

RSVP to Beth (Nursery Manager), Cass, or Vanessa for catering purposes (details below).

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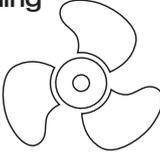
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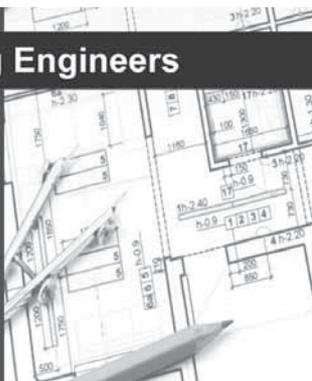
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MEG

By Amy Lendrum



Tracking tunnel success!

MEG's trappers were fortunate to have been able to complete the monthly rat trapping in the Port Charles Rat Attack before lockdown kicked in. And while many of us were at home keeping safe in our bubbles, we're happy to report that the rat numbers stayed low. Our tracking tunnels recorded some fantastic results for our native wildlife in the area. Our quarterly monitoring showed 0% rats recorded on cards within the area MEG currently has traps in, and 67% rats recorded on cards in the currently untrapped area.

And even better news: we will begin trapping that area with all of the rats soon and now we have baseline data for the future. It's a great result for all of our native species in the area and our thanks go to MEG's hardworking trapping team.

Tracking tunnels work by putting a dab of peanut butter at each end and the animals run through wet ink in the middle. Not only did we record rats but the tunnels also showed footprints from mice, weta and possum.

Sponsor a trap

Last month we reported an increasing issue with ferrets in the northern Coromandel. Unfortunately, the increasing activity of this pest comes the need to target them with ferret traps; specifically large boxes containing DOC 250 traps which are significantly more expensive than any other traps we use.

We are aiming to deploy 25 traps, which is a significant financial investment but one that is necessary. You can help us by Sponsoring a ferret trap at a yearly rate of \$100 per year, which will pay for ongoing trapping and

maintenance, and is a fabulous way to help us to protect native birdlife. For this you will get a map of your trap area, a sponsorship certificate and regular catch data sent to you, not to mention the feel-good factor that you are helping protect our patch of paradise! Or you can donate to help us cover trap purchase costs of \$145. Email moehauenvironment-group

@gmail.com for more information or check out our website www.meg.org.nz.

Time for a Ginger Bash

Now to a pest of the plant kind. Once again it's time to take on wild ginger with a good old Ginger Bash! Wild ginger is a large weed that can smother young plants, preventing native seedlings from growing, making it a serious threat to our native environment. Coromandel has some of the largest infestations of wild ginger and we are on a longterm quest to rid our area of this troublesome weed.

If you're keen to tag along and help us, our Ginger Bash is happening on **Saturday 9 October**. We will have a short walk to the site and plan to be weeding for approximately two hours.

Please email us at moehauenvironment-group@gmail.com to let us know if you can make it and see our Facebook page for more details.

Pizza Pizza Pizza!

Head down to the Star & Garter for their famous Give a Little Sundays, enjoy some pizza and support MEG in the process. The Star & Garter are giving MEG \$1 from every pizza sold every Sunday in October, so get on down there and try their famous



An example of a tracking tunnel in the bush



Ink cards from the tracking tunnels showing plenty of rat prints after being out in the untrapped area

Woolshed Bay pizza, or a Kapanga Road or opt for a tasty Hawaiian. Cheers, Mike and Karen, for your support!

Have a great month everyone!

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

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Pete Sephton

Activity in the wetland has been hampered by lockdowns once again, although our super trapper Graeme Hadfield managed to complete a trapping run last month and caught two small rodents. Over the last year Graeme has caught numerous rats and stoats. This is valuable and vital work, especially with the bird breeding season approaching. We are hoping for a good season for the endemic pateke (brown teal duck) and the native banded rail. Neither of these species have much road sense so please keep a close eye out when driving on the McGregor Bay causeway. As this is a popular exercise route it is likely that walkers or cyclists will be the first to spot new chicks. Please call me on 027 242 4090 if you see any of these youngsters so that we can continue to monitor the population.

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Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue



Kia ora koutou,

We missed out on having our AGM on the first Saturday of lockdown so this is a round-up of what Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel branch has been up to over the last year.

Our focus has been on protecting biodiversity and expanding the areas of pest-free spaces.

We were awarded a grant last year from Waikato Regional Council, for a three-year pest control project in the Long Bay/Tucks Bay reserve between Tucks Bay and Kikowhakarere Bay. The TCDC has supported this initiative and Remnant Restoration is undertaking this work. Regular updates are very positive and the returning birdsong in this special and significant area is wonderful.

To further enhance and protect this area at Long Bay, we were successful in a funding application to the Ministry of Primary Industries as part of their Kauri Dieback prevention strategy. This project is to develop new signage and to create a suitable entranceway to this amazing and fragile kauri reserve. Collaboration with the Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum and Te Patukirikiri has resulted in a successful grant from the TCDC Community Board fund to supplement this work for a waharoa (gateway) to be created as part of the planned entrance.

The protection of kauri is also the focus of an additional funding application from M.P.I. to consult with the community to inform the future management of the 240-hectare DOC-managed land at Jacks Point, the Kauri Block. This work involves collaboration with various stakeholders and is being supported by Te Patukirikiri. Feedback to date has been pleasing but if you would like to fill out the questionnaire to add to the community voice, you'll find it at www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCFJBNJ.

Last winter we worked with Coromandel Area School and Colville School and planted native plants at Torehina, Waitete Bay. We are pleased to have been successful in our application to the community board to enable more planting at Torehina and were grateful too to receive a grant from the Bizarre Trust via CILT. The next phase of the Torehina planting had been planned for earlier this month but sadly will now have to be postponed until next winter.

Most recently we have been successful in obtaining a grant from The Small Scale Community Initiatives Fund, administered by the Waikato Regional Council, to purchase traps for the 21-hectare block of TCDC reserve, in regenerating bush at the back of Waitete. Trapping in this reserve will add to the many hectares of surrounding land with effective pest control.

Helping to support efforts to restore biodiversity is central to the work we do. We were heartened that the Mayor has agreed that the council's biodiversity strategy will be considered in the decision-making for inclusion into the Long Term Plan.

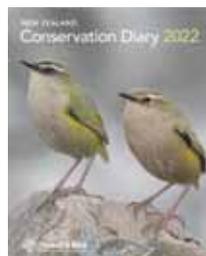
Since the removal of the floodgate at McGregor Bay it has become obvious how much of that area is naturally a wetland and we've been pleased to see the return of wildlife to this ecologically important area.

We hope to hold an AGM later in the year – Keith Woodley from Pukorokoro Miranda was to be our guest speaker so we sincerely hope this will happen in the future.

We have great calendars and diaries for sale. Please contact uppercoromandel.branch@forestandbird.org.nz. And include your contact details and quantities required. The calendars are \$17.99, diaries are \$24.99. We'll get back to you with payment details.

Kia tupato.

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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson



Members are delighted that we are back to Level 2 and can play croquet with few restrictions in place. It's not just the game we enjoy, but also each other's company and conversation.

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

Tennis Club

By John Veysey, Secretary

The Tennis Club AGM will be held on **Sunday 17 October**, 2.00 pm at the club house. All welcome.

Subs are now due.

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Halfway Through Isolation In Coromandel

By Ross Dixon, 24 August 2021

Covid-19 and I
 Do not see eye to eye
 Covid restrictions affect my brain
 Some days I think I am going insane
 Not sleeping very well
 Some nights can be hell
 To help the situation
 Will do some meditation
 As for this Delta variation
 It is a very different situation
 It spreads so fast
 How long will it last?
 Being "close contacts" numbers 1 & 2
 What the heck do you do?
 Told to isolate for 14 days
 The thought of it puts your mind in a haze
 Health authorities phone us every day to see how we are
 Our health is good with no symptoms so far
 Everyone must now stay in their bubble
 That way none of us will get into trouble
 After two negative tests we are feeling good
 And so we jolly well should
 But being housebound is no fun
 Unable to leave the property for walks or a run
 Going to the beach
 Is of course out of reach
 Deserted streets – no one in town
 You look around and frown
 Allowed out for essentials only
 No general shopping for the lonely
 Wearing a mask
 Is an uncomfortable task
 Living with Covid is not easy
 Some times it makes you queasy
 The Mayor says "we have knocked it out of the park"
 I do hope she didn't hit a lark!
 So far Coromandel is clear
 But we still live in fear
 After isolation comes lockdown Level 4
 With restrictions we have been in before
 But if people break the rules
 Getting through this will take a lot longer as they are fools
 Everyone must toe the line
 Then we will all be fine
 Looking forward to day 12 and test number 3
 Everything crossed we are negative then we're free!

P.S. I am over Covid!



Balancing the Population

By John Irvine

Thinking meditatively today
 about life
 it really has little serious clarity
 whatever
 whenever
 wherever
 who
 how
 and got to thinking
 about Solo my old doggie
 about how a dog's life span
 is governed by its weight/height
 in one-inch increments
 the more weight/inches it has
 the shorter it becomes.

I mean what
 if we introduce gauging
 the life span of humans
 similarly?
 Sounds fair to me.

 So if a man is designed to
 become six feet tall
 fully grown
 he'd have been dead before
 he was conceived!

 More dogs less people...



Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

- Every Day**
 Free meditation at Mahamudra (except during silent retreats) 8.30-9am
- Every Monday**
 Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth
 (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene
 021 157 8408 9am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
 Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768 4.10pm
 Bridge, St John rooms 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, contact Sally 027 302 4245 7.30pm
- Every Tuesday**
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms
 (07) 866 7220 9am-12pm
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Seniors' exercise class, St Andrews Church Hall (07) 866 7894 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10-15.
 Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Badminton, Manaia School gymnasium. \$2 per night,
 Lorraine 027 441 7017 6-8pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm
- Every Wednesday**
 Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.
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 Waikato Events Centre 4pm
 Taichi classes, Anglican Church Hall, contact Christina on
 021 113 4768 4pm
- Every Thursday**
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
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 Free Drop in Dharma Talk or Video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm
- Every Friday**
 Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm
- Every Saturday**
 RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy
 van available. President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576 3.30-7pm
- Every Sunday**
 Anglican Church Service 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm
- Monthly**
1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.
 President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 6pm
1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm
2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.
 President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 7pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road 10am

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TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN

KEY
 New moon
 Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -1.5min High and -1.8min Low. Unfortunately I was unable to acquire tide heights prior to print.

 Blue bin bags out
 Put recycling out (plastic 1& 2, tins, paper, cardboard)

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Day	Event	Time	Tide
MON 4			High tide 5.53am (2.4m), 6.18pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.02pm (0.6m)
MON 5	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 29)		High tide 6.46am (2.6m), 7.04pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.28am (0.6m), 12.51pm (0.4m)
MON 6	Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 10)		High tide 7.35am (2.7m), 7.51pm (2.9m) Low tide 1.16am (0.4m), 1.37pm (0.3m)
MON 7			High tide 8.22am (2.9m), 8.38pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.05am (0.2m), 2.23pm (0.2m)
MON 8	Silent Meditation & QIGong retreat with Hedwig starts at Mahamudra Centre		High tide 9.09am (3.0m), 9.25pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.50am (0.1m), 3.10pm (0.1m)
MON 9	Coromandel Budget Advisory Service AGM (see pg 18) MEG Ginger Bash (see pg 26)		High tide 9.56am (3.1m), 10.14pm (3.0m) Low tide 3.37am (0m), 3.57pm (0.1m)
MON 10	Colville Art Show finishes (see pg 22) Artstour exhibition finishes (see pg 22 & ad pg 23)		High tide 10.44am (3.1m), 11.04pm (3.0m) Low tide 4.24am (0m), 4.47pm (0.2m)
MON 11			High tide 11.35am (3.0m), 11.56pm (2.9m) Low tide 5.13am (0.1m), 5.39pm (0.3m)
MON 12	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 29)		High tide 12.28am (2.9m) Low tide 6.04am (0.2m), 6.36pm (0.4m)
MON 13	Special Tara Puja 10am at Mahamudra Centre Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 10)		High tide 12.51am (2.8m), 1.26pm (2.8m) Low tide 6.58am (0.3m), 7.37pm (0.5m)
MON 14			High tide 1.49am (2.6m), 2.29pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.59am (0.5m), 8.41pm (0.6m)
MON 15	Where were you in '81? - rescheduled exhibition opens (see pg 23) Guru Puja 4pm at Mahamudra Centre		High tide 2.51am (2.5m), 3.34pm (2.6m) Low tide 9.05am (0.5m), 9.46pm (0.6m)
MON 16			High tide 3.57am (2.5m), 4.36pm (2.6m) Low tide 10.14am (0.6m), 10.48pm (0.6m)
MON 17	Tennis Club AGM (see pg 27)		High tide 5.01am (2.5m), 5.34pm (2.7m) Low tide 11.18am (0.6m), 11.45pm (0.5m)
MON 18	DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle November issue		High tide 6.01am (2.5m), 6.27pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.14pm (0.5m)
MON 19	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 29)		High tide 6.55am (2.6m), 7.15pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.37am (0.5m), 1.03pm (0.5m)
MON 20	Medicine Buddha Puja 4pm at Mahamudra Centre		High tide 7.43am (2.7m), 8pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.24am (0.4m), 1.47pm (0.4m)
MON 21			High tide 8.26am (2.7m), 8.42pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.07am (0.4m), 2.27pm (0.4m)
MON 22	Pastel Artists annual Labour Weekend Art Exhibition opens (see pg 23) Intro to Buddhism Silent Retreat starts at Mahamudra Centre		High tide 9.06am (2.7m), 9.22pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.47am (0.3m), 3.06pm (0.4m)
MON 23	Spring Seasonal Artisans & Growers Market (see pg 3) Colville Market Day - garden theme, Colville Hall 9am-1pm (see pg 3)		High tide 9.43am (2.7m), 10.01pm (2.6m) Low tide 3.26am (0.4m), 3.43pm (0.5m)
MON 24			High tide 10.19am (2.7m), 10.39pm (m) Low tide 4.02am (0.4m), 4.27pm (0.5m)
MON 25	Labour Day Public Holiday		High tide 10.56am (2.6m), 11.17pm (2.5m) Low tide 4.39am (0.4m), 4.59pm (0.6m)
MON 26	Yoga with Becks (see classified pg 29)		High tide 11.33am (2.6m), 11.56pm (2.4m) Low tide 5.17am (0.5m), 5.40pm (0.7m)
MON 27	Pastel Artists annual exhibition finishes (see pg 23) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 10) Special Day of Prayers & Practices from 10am at Mahamudra Centre		High tide 12.15pm (2.5m) Low tide 5.56am (0.6m), 6.25pm (0.8m)
MON 28			High tide 12.39am (2.4m), 1.01pm (2.4m) Low tide 6.39am (0.6m), 7.15pm (0.8m)
MON 29			High tide 1.25am (2.3m), 1.53pm (2.4m) Low tide 7.28am (0.7m), 8.10pm (0.8m)
MON 30			High tide 2.17am (2.3m), 2.49pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.25am (0.8m), 9.07pm (0.8m)
MON 31	Guru Puja 4.30pm at Mahamudra Centre		High tide 3.15am (2.3m), 3.48pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.27am (0.8m), 10.05pm (0.8m)



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