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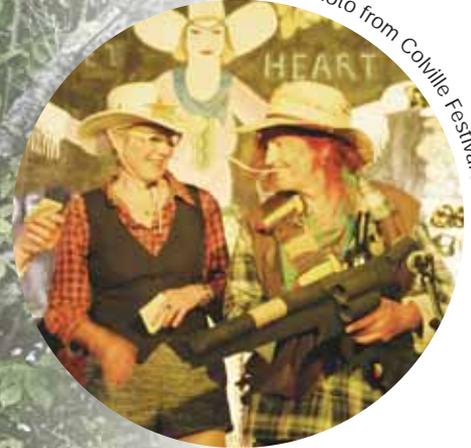
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Live Sound Workshop



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# Editor's comment

Haere mai.

October is here! Clocks have now gone forward and it is nice to enjoy a bit more sun later in the day. Things are busying up in town with two big art events on this month as well as other exhibitions and plays and a preschool fundraiser.

The main thing this month though is to VOTE in the local body elections – if you haven't already done so (see page 3 for details).

Please remember to tell the Chronicle about your events that are coming up – articles are free! It is a great place to get your event known in the community. I can add your email address to my mailing list if you wish to get notifications when a deadline is approaching. Or like the Coromandel Town Chronicle on Facebook to see posts.

Thanks to everyone who already remembers to send copy!

*Debbie*

# Letters

## Thank you to the Waikato Regional Council

We would like to acknowledge the support we received from the Waikato Regional Council for our conservation project at Tukituki Bay Farm in Colville.

We applied for and received a grant from the 2021 Small Scale Community Initiatives Fund.

We used the money to purchase 55 more Ka Mate rat trap door stations, which we used to extend our existing trap lines into areas on our "Tiller Block" which had had no trapping before.

As we experienced in previous years, rat catch numbers were initially high, and have now dropped off to very few. This winter mouse numbers were at unprecedented levels and it is great to have such an efficient trap for reducing them. Small Mammal Indexing in the last month showed nine out of 10 tunnels with no rodent prints at all and only one tunnel with mouse prints. Now we just have to wait a bit longer to see the tiny prints which show that wetas, invertebrates and lizards are coming back and are flourishing again.

The Moehau Environment Group and Kiwis for Kiwis conducted kiwi listening on and around our property in autumn/winter, and we know there are at least two kiwi living in the bush blocks on Tukituki. We feel like we're making progress!

And thanks again to Nicole McCauley, whose countless hours of toil on our steep hills makes all the difference.

Regards,  
Mark Struthers and Annette Windross

Recently visiting the Coromandel I became aware of controversy surrounding the Department of Conservation's proposed 1080 poison drop.

It's important to understand 1080's nature. Developed in the 1920s as an insecticide. It is an ecosystem poison killing anything and everything that ingests it. With 1080 drops, DOC will be killing insects and birds, in addition to the target animals – rats and possums. Each poisoned carcass retains poison. Any scavenger or predator (e.g., moreporks, falcons) will be poisoned too.

With insects poisoned, insectivorous birds like robins and fantails get poisoned plus the insect food supply for them is heavily reduced. Less food means fewer birds.

Possums are very slow breeders with invariably one "joey" a year. At a 1994 DOC possum workshop, Landcare Research scientist Graham Nugent explained DOC's 70 million national possum population estimate was highly exaggerated. He added even if the exaggerated 70 million figure was used, only 15% of the daily foliage production of forests would be browsed.

NZ's vegetation evolved under intense browsing over millions of years, by several moa species and other vegetarian birds like kokako, pigeon (kereru) and others. NZ's vegetation is well adapted to browsing.

Landcare Research in 2007 of possums autopsied from a podocarp/hardwood forest showed no evidence of meat or feathers. Another study of possum stomach contents in South Westland similarly showed no trace of birds.

Rats, of course, are super-efficient breeders. A Landcare Research study (2007, Ruscoe) examined a 1080 operation's impact.

About 10-20% of rats will survive a 1080 drop. Those survivors breed prolifically. The study found within 18 months, rat numbers ballooned to two to three times greater than before poisoning.

Then stoats, whose main prey is rats, suddenly have abundant food and likewise balloon in numbers.

All DOC's 1080 poison drops have done is to disrupt nature's predator-prey balances and food chain equilibrium, causing rat and stoat plagues.

Tony Orman, Spokesman Sporting Hunters Outdoor Trust, Blenheim

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**Local Election**

You should have received your voting papers by now. Please get your vote in before voting closes on **Saturday 8 October.**

Most profiles were published in the September issue of the Chronicle, so please see that. The following candidates have supplied copy for this issue.

**Kim Brett – Standing for Coromandel-Colville Community Board**



Having completed three terms as one of your Community Board members, I feel like I still have unfinished business and have thrown my hat in the ring once again.

Over the past three years, I was privileged to be part of the team working on the Shoreline Management Plans for our area. The Board partnered with a passionate group of local dog owners to establish a new dog walking park for our town. Footpaths through town have been finished, a new water treatment plant and dump station installed and many projects to beautify and make our ward more attractive for locals and tourists alike, have been completed.

The Board’s job is to be our community’s voice, even if that is in conflict with our own opinion. The board works for you.

I would be honored to be elected as your voice once again, I would work hard to represent you .

**Gavin Jeffcoat – Standing for Coromandel-Colville Community Board**



Hello again. I hope you are not all getting sick of hearing from me but the elections are just around the corner and I want to take one last opportunity to ask for your vote for the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. We had a big turnout at the meet the candidate meetings in both Coromandel and Colville. Each candidate gave a really great account of themselves, and no matter which way the voting goes we will have a strong Community Board. I emphasised my drive to leave the world in a better place than it was before I came along, and while accepting that we will not have all the answers and won’t always get our way, I pledged to listen, seek out information, and make decisions that achieve the best possible outcome. First things first, please vote for me if you think I can make a difference.

Positive and forward thinking. Inclusive and considerate. Working with you to achieve better outcomes.

**Coromandel Town Information Centre**



By Carolyn, Sue and Lynne

October is a great time to get out of doors, as winter has gone and the days are mostly sunny with longer daylight hours. It is a good time for locals to visit/enjoy their own backyard (The Coromandel), reminding us how lucky we are to live here before allop our family, friends, visitors arrive to enjoy our beautiful part of Aotearoa.

The Information Centre is a very busy hub over summer and to support our staff we need your help.

Volunteers add value to our Centre: any age welcome, a great listener with a happy disposition plus local knowledge is helpful. If you can spare a few hours each week and are keen to be part of a fun team, please call in; we would love to hear from you. Ask for Carolyn who is co-ordinating the volunteers for the Centre.

We are often called on for local contact information, from clubs, groups, JPs, to who does clothing alterations in town. We also know these contacts can change, so we would appreciate any contact changes to your business/organisation be given to us to update our local list.

If you are holding an event, please let us know so we can promote this for you.

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**COROMANDEL OPEN STUDIOS ARTS TOUR & EXHIBITION**

**Arts Tour:**  
1-2 & 8-9 October  
[www.coromandelartstour.co.nz](http://www.coromandelartstour.co.nz)

**Exhibition:**  
1-9 October  
Hauraki House  
10am-4pm daily  
**Opening night:**  
5pm 30 September



## Colville Festival – Labour Weekend

### Colville Sings Swing & Blues

**Friday 21 October, 7pm.** \$25, 12yrs and up. Nearly sold out! Coffee, tea, cakes available at half time – bring koha.

Art Deco dress up – prizes for the best effort: ebike, pottery, train ride, zipline. Thank you Hike & Bike and Driving Creek Railway (DCR).

### Play with Clay with Frederick Church and DCR crew

**Saturday 22 October, 10am-12pm.** Koha – all welcome. Kindly sponsored by DCR.

### Live Sound Workshop with Matt Sephton

**Saturday 22 October 12.15-2.15pm.** Plus 2.30-3.30pm stay for the sound checking of the bands. \$50pp (online ticket fee applies).

This two-hour practical workshop will cover the basics of live sound mixing and advanced techniques for getting a great sound. You'll learn about microphone placement, EQing and compression, getting the monitors sounding nice, tuning the PA, avoiding feedback, and adding effects such as delays and reverbs.

### The Big Music Night

**Saturday 22 October, 6pm.** \$25, under 16yrs free. First ever burritos night at the Colville Festival! Forager's Kitchen are cooking. Vegetarian option, desserts too. All food will be served in the hall. Cash only: \$15 meal, \$5 dessert. A low alcohol event – no boxes of beer or bottles of spirit are allowed in the hall – thanks.

The lineup:

- **The Solomon Cole Band** – A five-piece multi-gendered, multi-ethnic mix of musicians from Waiheke Island. Their music and stage show is a high energy burst of classic soul and blues music set to trance type backbeats, electrifying guitar, voodoo-like rhythms and multi-layered female vocals that comes wrapped up in one little rock'n'roll bundle of energy and style.

- **Krispy & The Pooch** – Kriston Batic (aka Krispy) and Simon Townsend (aka The Pooch) met in the squalor of a decaying student house in Auckland five years ago. To fend off the rats, the boys were forced to come together to produce wall-shaking old-school hip hop. Influenced by all types of music, what glues all this together is Krispy's vocal – a bluesy baritone who can belt and occasionally raps.

- **Silk Satin Suede** – aka Max Duncan, is an artist aiming to balance the beauty with the darkness in music, performance art, film



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and fashion; fusing them together in his emotive avant-garde style.

- **DJ Tiny Diva** – inspired by a global sound that traverses the funky to the bizarre. With beats to move your body and soul.

- **DJ Hi Boy Coop** – raised on disco, twisted by punk, slammed by hip hop, swung by samba and has been totally seduced by the sonic strains of breakbeat and thumping bass music.

**Candle Making Workshop with Josie Carson**  
**Sunday 23 October, 10am- 2pm.** \$30 adult, \$15 child (online tickets fee applies). All materials provided; under 10yrs, bring an adult.

You'll hear a little bit about the process of making a candle and everything we're doing as we make them. Candles take around 6-8 hours to cure so you will need to return some other time to collect them.

**Flax Weaving Workshop with Briar Van Dort**  
**Sunday 23 October, 1.30-3pm.** koha. We'll make a "Collaborative Rose Wall Panel". Under 9yrs, bring an adult.

### The Great Colville Re-Fashion Show

**Sunday 23rd October 7pm – SOLD OUT.**

### Matinee – A selection from the Re-Fashion Show & Colville Sings Swing & Blues

**Monday 24 October, 11am.** \$20 adult, under 16yrs free. A new addition to the festival lineup. Limited number of people are allowed in hall so make sure you get your tickets – they're selling fast!

Tickets for the nights and for the workshops available at Colville General Store (07) 866 6805 and online [www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz](http://www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz). For all enquiries call/text Steve 021 711 489 or Ella 027 487 5131



## Arts Tour

By Pete Sephton



Our very own Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour kicks off on **Friday 30 September** with a grand opening of an exhibition at Hauraki House Gallery at 5pm. The exhibition features artwork by all of the artists in the tour so this gives visitors a chance to sort out whom to see first. The exhibition is open every day from **Saturday 1 to Sunday 9 October.**

36 artists will be opening their studios to visitors on **Saturday and Sunday, 1, 2, 8 and 9 October** from 10am-4pm. They include sculptors, painters, printers, ceramic artists, potters, glass workers, jewellers, weavers and woodworkers. As well as some of our old hands we are very happy to welcome 12 new artists into the fold. This is a chance to meet the artists and get an insider's view of their processes and techniques. For some this will be the only time in the year that their studios will be open.

Tour guidebooks can be picked up at the exhibition, Info Centre, The Source, or Gallery 6. The guide can also be downloaded from our website at [www.coromandelartstour.co.nz/arts-tour](http://www.coromandelartstour.co.nz/arts-tour).

There is one change we have had to make, Kaye Anderson is no longer in the tour as she has moved closer to family in New Plymouth.

All of the studios will be marked with the distinctive Arts Tour flags so keep an eye out for them.

We hope you can get a chance to enjoy the experience and support our amazing local artists.



## Mahamudra Centre Update

By Beth Pearsall



It has been a long, wet winter and I am feeling grateful for the return of the warmth and the blossoms that come with spring. We planted 175 native trees on the property last month and I'm looking forward to seeing them grow and provide more homes and food for our birds, lizards and insects.

With the heat returning we are moving towards the summer and our wonderful summer Dharma Programme with Venerable Tony Beaumont. He will be offering a range of courses and retreats centred in the Mahayana Buddhist tradition. The Mahamudra Centre is part of a global network of centres and projects affiliated with the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT).

Venerable Tony first made contact with the Buddhadharmā in Nepal and India in 1976. Following that he trained and worked as a psychiatric nurse. In the 1980's he was based at Chenrezig Institute, a Buddhist centre in Australia, during which time he served as the cook, office worker and gardener. Following ordination, as a monk in 1991, he lived for seventeen years at Nalanda monastery, France and Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery, Bendigo. He has led retreats and

courses at various FPMT centres throughout the world as well as teaching in prisons and schools.

If you are curious about Buddhism or want to deepen your practice, these are wonderful opportunities to be taught by an experienced and warm teacher.

**Tuesday 27 December to Sunday 1 January 2023** – Chenrezig New Year Retreat – Chenrezig is the embodiment of all of Buddha's compassion, the wish for beings to be free from suffering. This retreat connects Christmas with the new year and offers an opportunity to relate to these days in the wisest and most healthy way so as to complete the year well and start the new year with an altruistic mind.

**Thursday 5 to Sunday 15 January 2023** – Lamrim Course and Retreat – The lamrim tradition of teaching is a graduated path to enlightenment in Tibetan Buddhism based on the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha. The course will cover many important topics

such as: Refuge in Buddha, Dharma, Sangha; rebirth and mental continuity; death; the Four Noble Truths; karma; compassion and bodhicitta.

We also have retreats with the wonderful Hedwig Bakker who masterfully weaves mindfulness and movement into her weekends at Mahamudra. **Friday 21 to Monday 24 October** – How to Meditate, and **Friday 18 to Sunday 20 November** – Waking Up to the Moments of Your Life.

We are offering weekly meditation on Wednesday mornings from 8.15-8.45am in the Gompa (meditation hall). This will be every Wednesday starting from **19 October**.

As always you are welcome to visit us anytime, walk around the Stupa and enjoy the gorgeous grounds or sit for a while in the Gompa.

To book any of our retreats or find out more about what we have going on, visit our website [www.mahamudra.org.nz](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz)

### Coromandel Homegrown Market

Our local market starts again on **Friday 7 October** with seasonal fruit and veg, homebaked bread and cakes, eggs, hand-crafted chocolates, preserves, plants and seedlings, spices and curries, natural remedies, crafts and more!

You will find us in Coromandel Town every Friday morning, 8.30am-12.30pm at Hike 'n' Bike lawn (opposite Four Square). Support the market by shopping locally!

If you are interested to book a stall, please contact Sabine on (07) 866 8932.

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Your Coromandel Homegrown Market team.

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## Sand Flats Salt Marsh and Wading Lagoon

By Julie Sargisson

The view over the greater wetland area is a clear revelation of the subtidal zone of sand flats, the intertidal zone of mangroves, and the high tidal zone, forest of reeds and salt marsh. Then there is the wading lagoon/lake behind the reeds.

All of these are rich with food for kotare and herons, pied stilts and spoonbills. These birds in their various numbers move from their sand flat feeding at high tide to the salt marshes and the lagoon. It is all a feasting ground. The long bills of heron and pied stilt and spoonbill sweep the water for the shoals of sprat or dig the mud for crabs and whelks. The paradise shelducks graze on the pelts of yellow button flower creeper that have spread and thickened with spring. With spring, the pied stilts are building nests around the lagoon and the herons in nearby tall trees.

The culmination of all of this is the remarkable wilderness area that it is becoming. Not only a blue carbon sink but a living, changing wild bird sanctuary.

I have visited Pokorokoro (Miranda) Shorebird Centre and walked the tracks through salt marsh to the shores along the bottom of the Hauraki Gulf.

I have been there at the right moment to see the thousands of kuaka (godwits) lift off in a great murmur in the sky with the incoming tide and then land in the close by lake. I have also seen the kotuku (native heron) stand alone in the salt marsh like a spirit in the mist.

The walks along the Kaiaua coast are white with broken shells from the rare geological formation of the chenier or shell bank. I am told that there was a chenier of shells or shingle here too which partly formed the causeway.

Perhaps as the high tides reclaim the wetland, we will see the kuaka flying from tidal flats to wading lagoon here.



## Library News

By Robynne Jones

We still need a secretary to make the library committee complete. Unfortunately, there were no nominations for this role at the AGM, but I'm sure that there is someone out there with the skills that we need who could help us out. The committee meets once every six to eight weeks. If you would like to know more about the role, please call in at the library or have a chat with our chairperson, Kim Mounsey.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at the desk. If you can spare a few hours once a fortnight and love books and recommending them to everyone, come in and talk to one of our volunteers at the desk. They can explain what's involved and why they enjoy volunteering at the library.

The latest new book releases we have on the shelf include some by old favourite authors like John Connolly, Brian Freeman, Kate Quin, Stella Rimington, Peter James, Steve Cavanagh, Ann Cleaves, J P Pomare, Daniel Silva, Jane Fallon, Sophie Green, Stephen Leather, Dean Koontz, Kathy Reichs and Karin Slaughter.

You may also like to read some new authors we have recently added to the shelves:

### Poor People with Money – Dominic Hoey

Dominic Hoey is a New Zealand author, award-winning poet and playwright who writes about the "other side of life" in New Zealand. His latest novel is no exception; it captures life on the poverty line in NZ. It features Monday, a fighter who works in a bar struggling to keep up with her life full of debt. She desperately needs another way to generate income – dealing drugs off the dark web with her flatmate.



### The Partisan – Patrick Worrall

For those of you who like thrillers try Patrick Worrall's first novel *The Partisan*. The novel is set in the summer of 1961 when the brutal Cold War between East and West is becoming ever more perilous. Two young prodigies from either side of the Iron Curtain, Yulia and Michael, meet at a chess tournament in London. They don't know it, but they are about to compete in the deadliest game ever played.



### The Long Road from Kandahar – Sara MacDonald

A story about war, love, loss and friendship across cultures, spanning across three countries: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Cornwall in the UK. The focus is on a friendship between Raza and Finn, two boys from impossibly different worlds, who meet and are united by their loneliness.



Thank you to everyone who donated books to us recently; a lot of people in the community have been very generous to us lately. Just a reminder that our annual fundraising book sale will be held on the long weekend in October – **Saturday 22 October**. We always hope that this sale will help us raise a few hundred dollars to buy some more new books to add to the collection. Please come and have browse, and let any of your long weekend visitors know.

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**Colville Junction**

By Larisa Webb



Manuka growing in Colville Harbour Care Nursery

Kia ora tātou.

Spring is a busy season here in Colville! In September, our project Moehau ki te Moana hosted two potting parties at the Colville Harbour Care Nursery. A huge thank you to everyone who came to these wonderful days and DJ Hi Boy Coop for providing the funky sounds at the first one! We now have one-and-a-half beds ready for planting with manuka and kanuka.

Nathan McCauley, our Pest Control Manager, is currently busy doing Small Mammal Indexing. This is one way we monitor environmental outcomes and the effectiveness our our trapping over time. Since 2017 we have used snap traps with a nontoxic cinnamon lure across the foreshore to trap rats and mice. These traps are suitable in our estuarine environment and were developed by the conservationist Bruce Thomas. We also monitor environmental outcomes with bird counts every May and November. These have highlighted an increase in mātātā/fernbirds, which are predated by rats and mice.

Coming up soon we have the Community Festival over Labour weekend with bands, workshops and a fashion show – you will see a full summary of the lineup on page 4 of the Chronicle. If you come on the Saturday big bands night do bring cash for dins – The Forager’s Kitchen are putting on yummy burritos!

On **Friday 25 November** we will be providing First Aid training. If interested please contact Anne at Colville Junction, [assistant@colvillejunction.co.nz](mailto:assistant@colvillejunction.co.nz) or phone (07) 866 6920.

Hope to see you soon in Colville and beyond.

**Yin Yoga**

By Toni

Kia ora.

My name is Toni. I am a Kiwi woman, originally from the deep south, now residing in the Coromandel for the past 2.5 years.

I am passionate about yoga, community and wellbeing. I’ve been practicing yoga for over 10 years and in 2020 I did my training to become a Yin Yoga facilitator. I also recently completed another training in Yin with a restorative and trauma informed approach.

Yin is a slower paced yoga that targets the deep connective tissues like fascia, tendons, ligaments, joints and bones. It is accessible for all bodies, supported by props, self-regulation and adaptation.

Holding the poses for a longer period of time encourages strengthening of these tissues and restoration of the flow of qi in the body.

Benefits of this type of yoga: increases flexibility, boosts circulation, reduces stress levels, increases wellbeing and mental health, elevates mindfulness, calms the nervous system, digestive system and immune system, and stimulates the body’s natural ability to heal and recover.

I am so excited to be opening my offer of a regular Yin session, every Tuesday from 5.30-6.45pm from **Tuesday 4 October** at the Waikato Event Centre. If you are interested or have any questions, please txt or call me on 020 4076 1526.

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**Coromandel Bowling Club**

By Linda Lindsay

The season got off to a bright start on 1 September with a great turnout for a triples competition and shared lunch. The greens were running true, a testament to the hard work put in over the off season, by our Greenkeeper David Weatherley. Our Patron, Maureen Kimber and Life Member Bruce Gawith, set the bowls rolling for the season and the competition began. Great to see our new members taking part and even better, one, Judy Campbell, playing in the winning team.



Lindsay, Danny and Belinda are the winners of our first open tournament of the season

At the formal opening, President Jim Dicks officially declared Eamonn Walsh a Life Member of our Club and thanked him for his service on so many different levels. Eamonn joined the Club in 1989 and has been a loyal servant of the Club in many guises, including bar manager 10 years, club house manager 5 years, greenkeeper 16 years. Eamonn has in-depth knowledge of the history of the Coromandel Bowling Club and many a tale about events and bowlers alike to entertain. While no longer on the Executive Committee, he continues his close association with the bowling community. Thank you Eamonn for your time, practical efforts and service for the betterment of all facets of Coromandel Bowling Club and our members.

Four hardy souls played at Thames Coast Bowling Club on a cold Saturday representing Coromandel at the Thames Valley Bowling Centre Opening Day, coming away with two wins. Well done for braving the less than ideal conditions.

Our first Open Triples Tournament has been played with the Coromandel Team of Danny and Belinda Goodall and Lindsay Nichols taking out the honours with four wins and sixty-four points from David Weatherley's Mercury Bay team who also had four wins but only sixty points.

The first of our Twilight Competitions begins on **Tuesday 25 October** so we hope you're all match fit and prepared, both supporters and players!

Hope to see you on the greens or in the Club soon.

**RSA Women's Section**

By Loes Beaver,  
Coromandel President



The Coromandel Women's Section have with much sadness decided to disband. We have been a group for some 77 years. Our main goals in the early days were to support the RSA wherever possible, with catering especially over the Anzac period, selling our poppies at our tables. We thank the many businesses who over the years have displayed our poppy boxes. It was a hard decision to make but we have a lack of members and those of us still together are ageing.

The photo is of our committee after our last meeting, a chat, and lovely afternoon tea at Umu.

I would thank all those who over the years have helped and contributed in some way.

**Coromandel Garden Circle**

By Natalie Blasco

The September meeting of Garden Circle had 33 of our members in the fortunate position of visiting the stunning and sizable gardens of two of our members, Anne and Linda. The diversity of what they grow, the layout of their properties and the effort needed for maintenance were all to be admired. Thanks to both of them for sharing their efforts with us.

We returned to The Club at 3pm for a brief meeting wherein we discussed a few garden problems, voted on competition flowers, chose raffle prizes, had afternoon tea... you know, the usual. We also had our scheduled dahlia swap and sale. Some members generously brought dahlia tubers from their gardens to share with the rest of us. Those who supplied tubers were the first ones able to do a swap, and then the rest were made available for sale at low, low cost to the remaining members. We were also joined by Rose. She's not a member, but is a dahlia enthusiast. She brought a great collection of tubers nicely packaged and labelled, and even had photos. Let the planting and growing begin!

First place winners in the September flower competitions were as follows: Linda/Single; Jill/Mini; Sherryn/Multi; Sheana/Arrangement; and Linda/Special (Herb Box). Cindy's "Blue and White" arrangement even included some surreal looking freesias she'd treated with blue food colouring as an experiment.

We're looking forward to our October getaway to Tirohanga/ Taupō to visit gardens and an art collection. Participating members got together after the meeting to discuss trip details. I know we'll hear about their visit at the October meeting. Rhodos should be stunning!

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 12 October**, 1pm, The Club. We will have a one-hour guided tour of Driving Creek Conservation Park. The Arrangement theme is "Decorate a garment with plants" and the Special is "Show us your veges". Visitors are always welcome to join us.

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

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

With the improvement in the weather, we can all start thinking about summer. The new season at the museum will start in October to coincide with the Arts Tour, and the school holidays. We look forward to a much busier year this year with the borders reopened. We thank those kind people who have volunteered to open the museum. Anyone else in the community who would like to help run the museum should contact a committee member or come to the museum on a Thursday morning between 9.30am and noon.

I decided to look at activities in Coromandel in October of years gone by, and found out that October 1898 was quite an eventful month, as shown in "New Zealand Herald" of 13 October:

**"Coromandel News By Telegraph. — Own Correspondent Coromandel, Wednesday. Coromandel Jockey Club**

At a meeting of the committee of the Coromandel Jockey Club the following tenders were received for the erection of a grandstand on the Tiki course: William Wilkinson, £250 10s; A. Waugh, £265; Johnson and Taylor £225; J C. Fraser, £229; C Fraser £219 6s. The tender of C. Fraser was accepted.

### Coromandel Hospital

The new hospital will be opened on Sunday next by Mrs. Capt. Hodge. A large gathering is anticipated, as it will afford everybody an opportunity of inspecting the new building prior to its being occupied by patients. During the past 12 months a relay of sisters has been in constant attendance as nurses at the hospital. Their services have been gratuitous and justly appreciated. I am informed by the mother superior that this staff will be reinforced by a sister who has been through a thorough course of training in a Sydney Hospital. Father Brodie, a native of Coromandel, is expected to be amongst

the speakers at the opening demonstration on Sunday next. A working bee of ladies is being organised to clean and put the new buildings in a fitting state for the new furniture."

An update appeared in the "Thames Advertiser" on 20 October 1898: **"The New Coromandel Hospital** The opening of the new Hospital at Coromandel, which had to be postponed last Sunday owing to the inclemency of the weather, is to take place, next Sunday. The new Hospital, although not seen to advantage from the road, presents an imposing appearance from the Lower Township, and is undoubtedly a most desirable acquisition both from an architectural and scenic point of view. The building has a frontage of 137ft with a depth of 24ft. The main building comprises - a men's ward, 25ft by 40ft; No 2 ward; 30ft x 24ft; dispensary, 14ft x 20ft; operating room, 18ft x 20ft; nurse's kitchen, 10ft x 14ft; nurse's room, 10ft x 10ft and three small store-rooms of about 10ft x 10ft. The north wing comprises - ladies' ward (at the back) 24ft x 24ft; kitchen, 20ft x 20ft; scullery, 8ft x 20ft. There are bathrooms and offices connected with each ward that, situated at angles, outwardly present the appearance of hexicon towers. A verandah occupies the whole frontage and is continued around the north, 'sunny', side. The architects are Messrs Ed. Mahony and Sons, and the



builder Mr Jas. Cunningham. The contract price of the building was £1,560; but with extras the total cost (including furniture) will probably amount to £1,700."

We all know the hospital building is still standing. I now want to find out whatever happened to the Coromandel Jockey Club's grandstand.

The museum will be open Thursday mornings from 9.30am to noon, weekends from 10am to 4pm and weekdays 1-4pm during October



## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer, president, Coromandel Lions



Hi guys, I'm hoping the issue finds you all well. I'm having technical issues so am keeping my fingers crossed that this article gets to the printer on time.

We have had a very busy month, having three really big working bees, mainly to haul, saw, chop and stack the wonderful gift of wood from Jeff from The Waterworks. Thank you so much; really appreciated. A big thank you goes out to all the members that worked so hard to make this happen.

We had a wonderful talk at our last dinner meeting from Hailey Bolton. She and nine other students from the Area School are off on an adventure aboard the Spirit of Adventure.

We pledged money to help them on their way and look forward to hearing all about the life skills I'm sure they will pick up from the time aboard.

Because of time restrictions getting this article in will leave the news there but be sure there will be more next month.

Wishing you all a happy and safe month.

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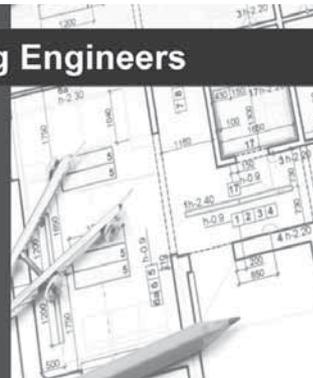
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## CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust

### Passing of Ora Guptill

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of Ora Guptill.

Ora has had a long association with CILT, commencing at the old Coromandel Hospital when she worked for Community Mental Health. She then moved with us to our current location – Tiki House – in 2000, and later went on to work for Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki-Coromandel. Ora moved back to Community Mental Health at CILT about 10 years ago and has always worked hard to find the best solutions for local people.

This is a sad loss to our community and to all of us at CILT. Our deepest sympathies to her whanau. He kōtuku rerenga tahi.

### Creative Acts of Kindness

Creative Waikato have launched their “Creative Acts of Kindness” project, which aims to combat online negativity with expressions of kindness in the community. This project includes a wonderful video produced by Lizzy Leckie and starring participants in our art programmes and from Te Mana Tangata. In this video, participants work with artist Moana Harrison to harvest harakeke and then create baskets which were filled with food and gifts. These gift baskets were given to residents of the Kapanga Kaumatua Flats.

It is a really heartwarming video and well worth watching. You can see this video and others here: [www.kotahitangallery.nz/creative-acts-of-kindness](http://www.kotahitangallery.nz/creative-acts-of-kindness).

### Staff Changes

We are delighted to have employed Fee Paine to the role of Operations Coordinator. Fee has been at the job for a few weeks and is fitting in brilliantly. Welcome to the team Fee!

As our Executive Trustee and CILT founder, Mike Noonan, is retiring at the end of this year, we are currently advertising for a general manager. You can find this role on [www.seek.co.nz](http://www.seek.co.nz).

### Free Family Court Information Service

Ministry of Justice Family Court Navigators/ Kaiārahi will be visiting Coromandel monthly until December. This is a confidential and free service, run by the Ministry of Justice, providing advice around navigating the Family Court system and any questions about issues such as child custody, Oranga Tamariki, divorce, legal aid and much more.

No appointment is necessary, just come on down to The Resource Centre between 11am-2pm on **Tuesday 25 October** or **Tuesday 22 November**.

### Coromandel Hub Update

Many of you will be aware of our Community Hub Project. It’s really starting to look close to being finished now so this is very exciting as it’s been a long journey to get here. This project began about five years ago, and since then we’ve been intensely planning and fundraising and now we’re

only a few months away from moving in. This space will be a home for all of our essential community services, including whānau support workers, budget advisors, the Coromandel Foodbank, hot-desking/ coworking spaces, our popular high quality printing and public computers and also including an amenity block with hot showers and toilets. If you want to find out more then head to our website: [www.cilt.org.nz/hub](http://www.cilt.org.nz/hub).

Ngā manaakitanga, the team at CILT.

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## Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

The Auckland Rescue Choppers carried out 17 missions to the Coromandel Peninsula in August. Seven of which were to our side of the hill.

### Missions for August

5.8.22 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 80’s suffering a medical complaint and in a serious condition. Transportation to hospital by helicopter wasn’t required and crew returned to base.

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

8.8.22 – Crew tasked to Kennedy Bay to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a critical condition.

17.8.22 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 70’s suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

28.8.22 - Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 80’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

28.8.22 – Crew tasked to Tapu to assist a motor vehicle accident. Crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

29.8.22 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist a female patient in her 30’s suffering a medical condition. She was flown to Middlemore Hospital in a critical condition.

Our Jet A1 fuel tank should be operational by 13 September. At the time of writing, only a final calibration test needs to be completed.

I said before that the new website would be ready and I was wrong. But this time, God, and a few others willing, it will be operational by the time you read this. The donations systems have been tested and is all operational, plus there are provisions to have other items of news attached. Check it out on [www.coromandelrescue.org.nz](http://www.coromandelrescue.org.nz).

Nationwide, there were over 9,500 rescues last year, an average of over 26 per day. What did we do before the rescue helicopter? Sorry to say, but a lot of folks didn’t make it. When I was serving as a volunteer on the local ambulance before buses, in the 1980’s, the helicopters couldn’t fly at night, or in the rain. They were limited but still a very valuable tool! Now, with night vision glasses, GPS, and better machines, they can fly in almost any conditions. We have much to be thankful for.

Donation to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust – 03-1578-0116338-001, with your name, address, “donation” as a reference. All donations gratefully received. Please remember donations are tax deductible and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required, or [www.coromandelrescue.org.nz](http://www.coromandelrescue.org.nz) if you would like to donate online.

Have a safe month.

Contact Nigel Strongman, 022 670 1549

## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



Like most people I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty has been a prominent figure in our lives for so long and has come to symbolise stability. It is difficult to imagine a world without her wisdom. We all knew the day would arrive but for me the intensity of her passing was much greater than I had expected.

So many people have told me they have been reflecting on her remarkable life of service, dedication, and commitment to her role as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth and Realm Countries.

It’s a bit overwhelming when you consider the world leaders she has met, the number of issues she has confronted, and the changes that have occurred over her lifetime. Through all of these changes, Her Majesty was a stable influence in our lives. She was our rock. Many of us felt we knew her well even though we may not have ever actually met her. She was, in a way, a personal presence in our lives.

As a child I remember my mother taking me and my siblings to sit on a footpath outside the Mercury Theatre in Auckland where The Queen was due to attend a performance. It seemed as though we had to wait for an eternity for the fleeting moment we saw her, but I still remember her arriving, getting out of the car, and giving everyone a quick wave as she made her way into the theatre.

Many New Zealanders will have their own similar stories and recollections of The Queen and what she has meant to them. For many, especially younger generations, she will be remembered as a constant presence in their households over Christmas, as they tuned in to hear her annual address. She provided great clarity, strength, and had an ability to bring people together.

My condolences to her family and all those who loved her. I am sure that in time they will take solace in knowing that she made a positive impact on so many people.

We now face a future unfamiliar to many of us as we pledge ourselves to our new Head of State, King Charles III. A few years ago, I briefly met the King and I rest assured knowing that he shares his mother’s dedication to service.

Long Live the King.

## Scott Simpson

MP for Coromandel

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The full list of candidates and the profiles they provided are on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/elections](https://tcdc.govt.nz/elections)

If you're not registered to vote, it's not too late. Enrol at [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) and contact our Council to request a special vote.

Own a property in the Coromandel but don't live here? Complete the ratepayer voter enrolment form on our website AND contact our Council to ask for a special vote.

Preliminary results will be posted on our website after voting closes on 8 October.



Final results will be announced between 14 and 19 October.

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A reminder that the new QR payment system has replaced the physical ramp permits. All your current permits will remain valid until they expire. For more information and a handy 'how to' video, visit [tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps](https://tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps)

### Calling all Art Lovers

The 2022 Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour returns from 1-9 October, with plenty of creative options including a self-driven tour of artist studios over the weekends of 1-2 and 8-9 October.

This year 36 artists are taking part. An exhibition of their work will be held at Hauraki House Gallery in Coromandel Town from 1-9 October. [coromandelartstour.co.nz](https://coromandelartstour.co.nz)



## OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

Our Community Service Awards are a way of giving some well-deserved recognition to unsung heroes of our communities. This year's Awards recipients for Coromandel-Colville can be viewed at [tcdc.govt.nz/csa](https://tcdc.govt.nz/csa)



## Labour Weekend

Don't forget that some rules, regulations and schedules change on long weekends.



### KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Rubbish and recycling collections are one day later following the Monday 24 October Labour Day public holiday. Check the Kerbside collection schedule for your area: [tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](https://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)

Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations are open on Labour Day Monday to their Sunday hours. [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](https://tcdc.govt.nz/rts) for locations and hours.



### DOG RULES

Dogs are restricted on the beach in some areas from 9am – 6pm on all holiday weekends.

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## Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Christina Page

When I retired to Coromandel I was asked by a friend to join the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild. Being only a knitter and sewer previously I was very apprehensive but years later I am very proud of what I've achieved. With the very knowledgeable, helpful, kind, understanding, experienced stitchers helping me, I have learnt a great deal. The patience these ladies have is amazing! A great learning experience.



Japanese Sashiko embroidery

Recently a few members met up with members from Whitianga to watch a movie called "A Stitch in Time", a story about a lady in Australia who was a stitcher. It was very enjoyable.

Recently a class for Japanese Sashiko embroidery was held; which the photo shows the finished articles.

We continue to stitch "An Italian Love Affair" monthly, a small project to learn new stitches from various parts of Italy, this month being Byzantine work.

Are there locals out there, young, old or in between, male or female, who would like to discuss options for learning more about embroidery?

We understand that not everyone can get to our mid-week gatherings, so maybe we could find an alternative.

Call Jill for a chat or send a message on 021 295 0770.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 5 October at 10am. Contact the Secretary Win McMinn 020 4047 0759

## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone for their awesome donations of food, bedding and financial blessing to help with bills.

We are again grateful to Coastal Bins as we get a bin in and have a good clear out. We have had to spend a little more this year for the bin to have an extra week, giving us two weeks to drag and biff all of the rubbish and junk accumulated throughout the last eight months. It's been hectic for us so it's one job that got left. With two humans that are not in great health, things take twice as long to get done or just left until we feel able to do them.

Squirt, the little black girl from Coromandel who came in almost a year ago, has always been so small and we had a feeling something wasn't right so desexing was just put aside until we felt comfortable to get her spayed. We recently booked her in and husband, who was her best mate, got her in her cage easily and I took her to the vets for desexing. Seemed so easy, so simple, yet an hour later we got the call to tell us she was not a well girl in any way, shape or form. Sadly she had tumours way at the back of her throat, something one wouldn't see or know as she appeared totally okay, eating well, no problems. So with a simple operation they found the answer to why she was so tiny. Sadly she was released to rainbow bridge and our hearts totally broke. Even in all of the years facing any animal at a vet's, putting to sleep is incredibly hard and heart wrenching. Also the cost of it is phenomenal now and that didn't help us either in any way. However, this is serving to show us that with such high costs that numbers here have to remain as stable as we can as the costs of basic care is pretty huge now.

Lincoln and his mate missed her terribly and had obviously formed a pretty special bond with her so we chose to get Cinders and let her go into unit three with the boys so she has company and she has friends to cruise with and they have the company of a lady friend.

All other rescue kitties are just fine.

We will try to get updated photos over the next few weeks as we have really got so terribly behind on all things.

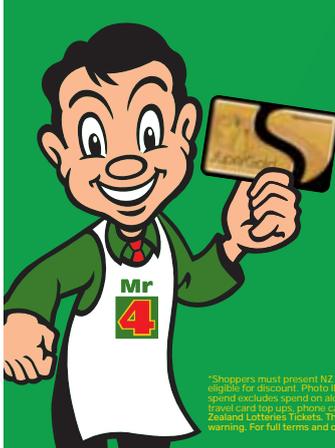
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## Patchwork and Quilters

By Raewyn Penrose

This month's featured member is Sue Smith, her mum, and recognition of all the things that most mums (and dads) did then, to give us the basic life skills to get us by.

Sue's mum, as many did in those days, sewed the family clothes through necessity. No Warehouse, Postie Plus and Ezibuy – it definitely was not a throwaway world then.

Sue, in those early stages, didn't have the same motivation as her mum to sew, and was more intrigued by her mum's typewriter. Typing went on to become Sue's vocation.

Remember when basic skills such as cooking, sewing, typing, woodwork and engineering were taught in virtually every school? Parents often topped this knowledge up with their own "home schooling". It kept families busy and doing things together. These (still) valuable skills tend to get lower priority today – for example, as a family, developing a love for good food and its preparation. It's one of life's great pleasures, plus of course the health and economic

benefits that go with it. Still a cornerstone of family life in much of the world.

Anyway, back to Sue. At intermediate school she started sewing her own clothes. When she left school, started work and had some money, "off the rack" was often her choice – sewing your own clothes was possibly not so "cool" then, but in spite of this Sue bought her very own sewing machine in 1978.

Marriage and kids followed, and her mum's sewing tradition continued with her own family.

One day, her mum bought a quilt as a gift from a craft fair, and that was the spark that first ignited Sue's keen interest in quilting.

Quilts are family things.

They involve a ridiculous amount of time and effort, but are often created for some significant family event – they become heirlooms for future generations.

Sue initially joined the Matarangi Quilters, but they disbanded, and after moving to Coromandel Town in 2014, setting up a business here with her husband, Sue joined our group.

Sue is a valued member and a fun person. She has lots of skill and knowledge that she loves sharing.

We welcome new members – please come along any day and see what we do. We meet at the St John Ambulance rooms on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. We look forward to seeing you.

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



Sue with her Stable Bag created at one of our recent workshops

## Community Gardening News

By Rachel Benmayor

We are in spring now and the perfect time for seed raising, planting seedlings and preparing for early summer crops. Hopefully no late frosts will surprise us.

Over the winter period we have just maintained the gardens, putting most of the garden beds to rest over the colder months after feeding and mulching them. The fruit trees have been pruned after some years of missing that vital trim and we look forward to a bumper crop.

We have lost four volunteers over winter to travel and relocations, so we are looking for new volunteers to help in the gardens. It would be wonderful to have new members!

We meet on Fridays between 8.30am and 11am so we welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand.

We also welcome seedlings, seeds and any other donations to our garden that you can spare.

The Community Gardens are next to Hauraki House behind the brightly painted gates. There is a community share box just inside the gates so we are hoping to fill that with free vegies for the community this year!

Contact Rachel on 022 410 7227 for any queries or hope to see you there on Fridays



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## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our Bridge Club competitions are coming to an end, as there are only a few more to go this year. Unfortunately I forgot to take note of the October and November competitions with me as I am on holiday. Numbers have been low with some on holiday and others who have been unwell. Hopefully the situation will improve in summer as it has been hard to scrape up enough players to make up two tables.

Contact Jan on (07) 866 8341 for information

## Taichi for health with Christina

The first of the ten taichi principles, the crown of head, is upright and as if suspended from above with the spirit raised. You have to feel the suspension in every move, like people with hair tied up in a top knot. You don't lean to the side or flex forward and extend backward. The whole body is agile and the footwork changes should synchronise with the body changes and turning, while maintaining the stillness of the head. This training requires you to relax muscles on your neck and keep your head centred and balanced without using force. Tension in the neck region often leads to health problems. Long term taichi practice can help you maintain an upright and relaxed posture and reduce the chance of developing neck and shoulder issues. Other benefits may include lower blood pressure, improvement of balance (so important for the elderly) and even a more relaxed attitude to life.

Christina's weekly taichi classes in Coromandel Town are on Wednesdays at 4pm at Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool); in Coville they are on Mondays at 4.10 pm at Colville Hall. We have a lovely bunch of people.

There is free taichi practice outdoors (weather permitting) for class members in Coromandel Town at 8.45 to 9.45am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Christina, with over 20 years' practice and ongoing learning from world renowned teacher Wee Kee Jin and with a true passion dedicated to this healing art, combined with her practice and background in Chinese medicine and acupuncture, aims to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Christina on 021 113 4768 or email [christinawu121@gmail.com](mailto:christinawu121@gmail.com)

## Grey Power Coromandel

By Patricia Whimp



Denis Tegg spoke at the August meeting

Our August meeting was a small group. The President was pleased to be able to introduce Denis Tegg (Thames Coromandel representative on Waikato Regional Council). He spoke primarily on the Regional Council's proposals for rural public transport and the possibilities of a bus linking the upper peninsula with Thames and further connections. Denis's hope is that Gold-Card holders will travel free, or at least at a reduced price, and looks for this service to be coming into operation in the very near future – possibly by the New Year.

A lively question and answer session followed, with one of the more important points raised being the importance of people using the service when it is offered – “use it or lose it”.

Alan Smith reported on NZTA/Waka Kotahi crash analysis. The agency reports that 60-plus drivers are more likely to be involved in crashes resulting in injury or fatalities, than those under 25. The proportion of accidents is increasing amongst the seniors.

With the support of Age Concern, they are offering free “Staying Safe Refresher Courses” for older drivers. To find out more, contact Age Concern/NZTA – MaryAnn Kerr covers the East Waikato Regions including Coromandel, email: [maryannmak@xtra.co.nz](mailto:maryannmak@xtra.co.nz). The AA also offer members, through their Driving School to over 75+, a free in-car coaching session to help maintain their independence with the aim of helping seniors prepare for a potential test. This is a one-hour session in your own car. Book online at AA Senior Driver or 0800 223 748. Thank you, Alan, for your contribution.

The Zone 3 meeting held in Matamata at the beginning of September, was attended by the President of the Grey Power Federation – Jan Pentecost, who reported on the AGM held in July. We also had the Grey Power Electricity representative speak to us on the history of GP Electricity and their future plans around solar power, etc. David Marshall, Zone 3 Board Member, has been working on a membership survey on NZ Super which was presented at the meeting. Once the survey has been developed into a presentation with feedback incorporated, it can be utilised nationwide. What we saw so far made interested viewing for our pensioners.

Membership for the year April 2022 to March 2023 is \$28 per two members living in same house, and \$15 per single member. Bank account is 38-9023-0537303-00. Carol Carson, our Membership Secretary, is more than happy to help you. We have had some members who have paid twice for this year, so please check which year you are paying for.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact John on 021 139 0189 ([johnngaffikincowan@hotmail.com](mailto:johnngaffikincowan@hotmail.com)) or Carol 021 081 66129 ([carolcarson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:carolcarson@xtra.co.nz)) or myself 0274 985 229 ([patricia@prosystems.co.nz](mailto:patricia@prosystems.co.nz))



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## Mana update

Written by Jade Ferriere

The idea of manifestation – or the laws of attraction – may be a concept you’re familiar with. The process was the focus of a 2006 bestselling book, *The Secret*, which sold more than 30 million copies – and it’s something that thought leaders, including Deepak Chopra, Eckhart Tolle, Gabrielle Bernstein, Iyanla Vanzant, and Oprah Winfrey, have spoken about (for the record, they all agree that we really can manifest things).

Although manifesting is about turning our dreams into reality, it is also about leaning into the greater forces of life and trusting in the timing of things. Whether we envision ourselves creating a career, building a family, or developing our sense of self, we instinctively know when the time has come for us to realise our dreams because all that is involved comes together harmoniously.

We have been holding a dream of creating a new cookbook at Mana for nearly a decade. Over that time there have been numerous people who have offered their culinary skills towards the vision, however, for one reason or another the timing wasn’t right. A long held dream like this has had its moments of hopefulness and frustration time and time again.

Despite wanting to push on and make progress, we have been humbled by the awareness that we are all guided by natural rhythms which in many ways cannot be altered by force of will alone. Being present to this evolutionary endeavour has been insightful. We have come to honour how multidimensional the creative process is and learn how to soften our ambition so that we can focus less on the fulfillment of our expectations and more on the simple joys that come from each step of the process.

We are excited to say that we are inching closer to seeing this dream come to reality. In fact, we now have the first draft of our cookbook in our hot little hands! For those of you interested in learning more about plant-based cooking, we invite you to reach out to us with a quick email (be@manaretreat.com) and we will add you to the list for our pre-sale launch!

As we rise into the energies of spring we hope that you too can take pleasure in your life’s unfolding and that the journey of manifesting and leaping from one pinnacle to the next comes with great learning and trust! With love from the team at Mana.

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| 17-19 OCT | Repotted Retreat with Lisa O’Neill  |
| 21-24 OCT | Spring Come Home To Yourself Retreat with Mana Team                                 |
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## Ann’s Good News, Naturally

**Weight management, exercise, gut health, for your best wellbeing**

Thinking of shedding a few kilos before summer?

Do you have “centripetal obesity”, or simply “winter acquired muffins”?

Do you understand the underlying mechanisms behind caloric regulation and exercise regime?

For optimum long-term wellness, do you know how to maintain “muscle quality”, while losing your “bad fat”?

How efficient is your liver function? If compromised, this makes it nearly impossible to reach your goal weight and maintain it.

For easy to make healthy, toxic free, tasty food choices, do you need help to change your mindset?

Gain a deeper understanding of the personalised weight management programme you need, and why. After all in knowledge there is strength.

### Myth #1 – Just cut down your calories and you will lose weight

Sounds good, and at a rudimentary level, it’s true. However, your body needs a specific number of calories to perform its metabolic, cellular functions. With insufficient caloric intake, your body is malnourished. Temporary intermittent fasting is fine for a while, but not if you need a coffee to kick start your day’s energy levels. Your brain and muscles need energy from real food for optimum performance. Losing muscle quality will eventually translate into low energy, weakness, loss of muscle tone and depression.

Yes, you will initially lose weight on a restrictive diet, but at the expense of your vital lean muscle tissue.

A personalised programme, with a combination of diet and exercise, is the main component of every weight loss programme. We are all unique.

### Myth #2 – It doesn’t matter what you eat, as long as it’s low calorie

Focus on your food’s nutritional value, not calories. Know about daily ratios of complex or unprocessed carbohydrates, proteins, and essential fats. This initiates an anabolic or building up of ideal muscle quality, preventing premature ageing and illness, due to a catabolic cellular breakdown. See “ingredients” listed on packet foods. Less is best.

### Myth #3 – The harder you exercise the better it is.

Nothing to do with “no pain, no gain”. Key considerations for fitness are:

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The primary cause for most cardiovascular diseases is simply lifestyle, and the food you choose, which trigger obesity, hypertension, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, and neurological imbalances and disorders.

**Myth #6 – When you hit middle age, it's too late to change your lifestyle**

Be consistent with your exercise regime, no matter what age. Prevent rebound fat gain.

**Myth #7 – One diet suits all**

Although your health and vitality are determined by many factors, real health starts with intelligent food and lifestyle choices and optimum gut microbiome.

Live blood screening – Before you can embark on any weight management programme, know your cellular health status. Remember that cellular age is more a function of cellular inactivity, than the actual ageing process.

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**Spring Refresh Retreat with Wild Stillness Retreats**

By Beth Pearsall & Vanessa Edelsten

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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

### CILT Nursery project

This year the Year 10's have been working with CILT to develop the nursery. So far the students have looked at investigating weeds in the green space and exploring native trees in the green space. Students then propagated tī kōuka seeds into grow pots to take with them and monitor growth, then they propagated and planted mānuka seeds into propagation pots. They then stayed in containers for approximately eight weeks to germinate. They also planted harakeke seeds into propagation trays whilst learning about what harakeke can be used for, how to access the fibre, and how to trim the harakeke plant correctly to maintain



the integrity of the plant.

They also planted fruit trees: dwarf mandarin, lemonade, nectarine, dwarf peach, pear and feijoa plants. Following on from that lesson they then looked at māra kai and vegetable seeds that were planted in the māra kai (broccoli, cauliflower, radish, tomato, basil, carrots, lettuce, onion, sage, rosemary) and companion plants (marigold, nasturtiums, lavender) were introduced.

The learning involved has been epic and we hope to continue this journey with CILT next term.

### Science

This term we have had a focus on science from Years 1-10!

We have had ice cream making, crystal making, medical science, investigating, biological material, sustainability science, planting seeds, geode exploration and so much more!

### Check out how to make a geode

By Martel Brown

What we needed:

- eggshells
- food colouring
- PVA glue
- Epsom salts
- boiling water

Step 1 – Coat inside of eggshell with thin layer of PVA glue.

Step 2 – Apply thin layer of Epsom salts.

Step 3 – Pour boiling water into a container, add Epsom salt. Stir more salt until the salt stops dissolving.

Step 4 – Add food colouring of your choice.

Step 5 – Pour into eggshells.

Step 6 – Wait patiently.

### Insulator experiment

Our Year 10's did an experiment to determine whether a ceramic cup, a drinking glass or a styrofoam cup is the best insulator.

*Method*

Pour 200ml of hot water into each cup.

Place one thermometer into each cup and

put a lid on each cup.

Record the initial temperature of the water in each cup.

Measure and record the water temperature in each cup every two minutes for the next fourteen minutes.

### What learning is happening here?

The styrofoam cup was clearly the best insulator!

Conductors and insulators both conduct heat, and the only difference is how fast they do it. Conductors conduct heat very quickly. An example of a conductor is most metals. Insulators conduct heat very slowly. Some common insulators include plastic, cloth, and rubber.

Conduction occurs when vibrating particles bump into each other and transfer heat. If the particles are far apart, they cannot bump into each other very easily, preventing them from transferring heat. This means that the best insulators are not very dense – think about the air pockets in the styrofoam!

### Ice cream

Rooms 1 and 4 made ice cream together. Check out some of the ice cream flavours they came up with:

It tastes amazing, like crunchy pieces of mixed berries and little chunks of meringue in your mouth! – Little Miss Mess – *By Phoebe*

Watermelon ice cream with watermelon sprinkles – *By Eddie Jade*

Cotton candy and vanilla ice cream – Fluffy Puffy – *By Tayzha*

We hope you have enjoyed some reading about some of the learning we have been doing this term.

### Key dates for Term 4

**Monday 17 October** – Day one of Term Four

**Monday 24 October** – Labour Day Holiday

**Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November** – Teacher Only days

**Friday 16 December** – Last day of Term Four (finish at 12.05pm).



Science – making a geode (left), insulator experiment (below)

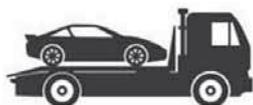


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### Project Generous Fundraiser Party

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Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a safe, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play, play, play! A healthy afternoon tea is provided, parents just fill out a membership form and please make a gold coin donation if able.

Adventure Time, for 10yrs and older, is an offsite activities group that explores the amazing outdoor opportunities that our community has on offer, meeting Mondays after school at Hauraki House, ready to leave by 3.20pm and return 5pm, unless otherwise informed. Permission slips must be filled in and returned to be able to participate.

For more information, during open hours call in or phone (07) 866 7061 or contact us at [coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz](mailto:coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz).

Along with kind donations, we are grateful for grants received from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Star & Garter Hotel, Four Square, TCDC Community Board Grants & Bizarre Community Grants

### Colville School

By Susie Sumner, Principal

Spring is just around the corner, and in Garden to Table our tamariki are buzzing. In anticipation of the warmer and brighter months ahead, our schools is eagerly preparing the gardens for spring planting. Through it all, these tamariki connect with Papatūānuku (Earth Mother), and gain the therapeutic and sensory benefits of being amongst nature. The warmer weather also means that bees and pollinators are coming out of their winter resting phase. Bees are clever creatures and play a vital role in our food chain. We will be learning lots of information about bees and how to attract them to our garden.

Kahu students (Y3-8) have been cooking up a beautiful feast of dahl, rice, raiata and garlic roti for our lunch. In addition to preparing the food they work as a team to present the menu and serve it to everyone. Every single student sampled the food and many surprised themselves by enjoying the new flavours. The dahl recipe was a hit and the kahu chefs plan to develop the recipe and then share it with other Garden to Table Schools.



When it was Kererū's (YO-3) turn to create some delicious kai they made nachos and vegetarian chilli for morning tea. They worked in three teams to prepare the food and set up the table ready for serving. Everyone had the opportunity to taste and there were lots of requests for more!

Diana Queenin is the Duffy Book Role Model who came to inspire the readers at Colville School. Diana has travelled the world and has a passion for learning. While in New York she worked as a guide in the Museum of Natural History specialising in dinosaurs and ocean life. Diana shared her collection of fossils, crystals, horseshoe crab skins and many other treasures! Colville akonga were highly engaged and enthusiastic. We would like to thank Diana, Duffy Books and our school sponsor The Lions Foundation for the beautiful books the students were presented.



COLVILLE BAY  
PRE-SCHOOL



### Colville Bay Pre-school Ko te Uumangawha o ngaa waka taku whare ako

By Esther Powell

Nau mai haere mai.

We welcome tamariki ages 0-6 to our vibrant, community owned early learning centre on the shores of Tikapa te moana, Cabbage Bay.

Open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-3pm, term break inclusive.

Highlights this term include lots of adventures in the ngahere and to the foreshore, collecting shells, wool and other interesting materials to collage and create with; thanks for the donations whaanau!

Science and discovery continue with lots of baking in the kitchen and also outside experiments with dye, baking soda, sand and water! We have started weekly school visits with our four-year-olds, joining the "Garden to Table" Programme at Colville School, helping harvest vegetables, study flowers with our magnifying glasses and looking for bees.

We have also been moving and revamping our gardens. Today the children planted out our spuds and onions which we have been sprouting for weeks, digging them into our raised garden beds, and Zara and Emilia made a bean teepee, tying together with harakeke stalks, then carefully poking runner-bean seeds all around the stalks. We can't wait to see what this looks like in a few weeks!

Professional Development: we are excited to be hosting Lynn Rupe, an early childhood educational leader in our centre on 17 October for a workshop on "Learning stories". Local ECE teachers and parents and whaanau are welcome to attend. Please get in touch if interested.

Pre-school mini-van transport for children from Coromandel - return, runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Limited places available.

20 free hours for over 3s and WINZ subsidies available.

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# mahi toi ARTS

## Keep music and theatre coming to Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

We did it!

Thanks to the generosity of our local community, we have reached our target!

Every donation ensured that we could bring the NZ String Quartet and Whirimako Black to Coromandel Town next year. Their fees are high. We needed \$2,500 to subsidise the concerts without increasing ticket prices.

It's not too late to donate any amount you can afford. It will give us extra funding for even more concerts. You can take your donation into the Coromandel Town Information Centre, or you can deposit any amount, small or large, into 0304 0041792 01 Thrive Coromandel Trust. Please mark your deposit AOTNZ donation and include your name unless you wish to remain anonymous.

Donations of \$150 or more entitle the donor to two tickets to an AOTNZ concert in 2023. (We're flexible too; you can use both tickets for one of the concerts, or one ticket for each of the concerts.)

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For further information, email Robin Münch on robinmunch24@gmail.com or phone Liz Cameron on 027 494 1188



## Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Spring has come and everything in the garden is bursting with new life. I think it must be affecting our artists, too, as they all seem to have a new lease of life, and are full of new ideas and painting as if there were no tomorrow. We have had some good meetings lately and it is lovely to see everyone so full of new beginnings.

I haven't enjoyed the wet winter but some things have really thrived on it. The magnolias, clivia and native clematis are just beautiful, good to draw or paint, and also the rhododendrons, but they are a bit more of a challenge.

Hopefully this summer, with things nearer to normal, we will see more visitors in Coromandel, and if these odd hot days turn into hot weeks I will have to get my shorts out of storage, and polish my knees ready for the visitor rush. The thing I look forward to most is painting out on location. I think because I'm working against the light and the weather I get more spontaneous results, apart from the time spent just sitting there enjoying the view and the company, and a good cup of tea or coffee.

The light evenings make a difference too, as I always like to paint in a good light, preferably daylight.

We welcome new members, just call in to St Andrew's hall on Rings Road on Thursday mornings, or ring Lindsay on (07) 866 7799



Tiana starting a new canvas



Tricia, Carey and Miriam

## Thames Music Group

### Sunday Afternoon Concert

**Sunday 9 October**, 2pm at St George's Church, Thames.

Michael Bell, organist and composer, will be playing on the beautiful historic pipe organ.

Michael Bell is resident organist, composer and music teacher at Kings School in Remuera, Auckland.

Masks are now optional

Tickets at the door, cash only \$20 or \$15 for TMG members.

### Free Friday Lunchtime Concert

**Friday 28 October** at 12.15pm at St George's Church, Thames – Thames Citizens Band.

Local talented musicians performing their latest works. Enjoy soup and a bun for \$5 after the concert. Masks are now optional. This will be our final Friday lunchtime concert for 2022.



## Rennie Pearson – Traditional Celtic Music

Tunes, songs and stories from Ireland, Scotland and Maritime Canada. At The Back Room, inside Lotus Realm, Thames. **Sunday 16 October** 7.30pm.

For tickets and more info see [www.renniepearsonmusic.com](http://www.renniepearsonmusic.com)

## The Far Out Folk Club

**Friday 7 October** at 7pm is the first event for the newly formed Far Out Folk Club, an open mic/open stage evening for all ages and abilities at The Back Room, Thames. All are welcome to attend as audience or performers. Microphones and a live sound system with some amplifiers and instruments will be set up for performers to use. \$5 entry fee and \$5 tasty food and drinks will be on sale. The Back Room is a no alcohol venue situated inside the Lotus Realm Music Store in Grahamstown Thames. We are planning on having some nonalcoholic beers, cocktails and some deliciously tasty plant-based morsels available.

The name Far Out Folk Club is a reference to the term "far out" a popular expression from the hipsters of the 1960's and 1970's when words like "cool" and "groovy" became popular and themes like peace, love, flower power and equal rights for everyone were all introduced into mainstream culture. Our Club is all about this and more with an emphasis on offering a space to come along either as an audience member or performer. Comedians, poets, magicians, dancers, storytellers, musicians and more are all welcome.

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**Coromandel Players**

By Don Hughes

In this month's Players' notes I must refer first to the wonderful performances from Angus Long and Jess Ghaemaghamy in our last production "Constellations" by Nick Payne. The play itself was clever, witty, and thought provoking but none of this would have been presented quite so well without the outstanding work from these two fine young actors. The constant repeat lines, with finally one word shifts, then, time shifts and oblique references and even more technical stuff! Congratulations to them and the whole team, who were obviously well guided by director Heather Long.

Just in case you are wondering... I am allowed to write this because I was just a member of the audience, having not attended so much as a rehearsal.

Our next production "Jungle Jane Does It Again", is something entirely different, being a laughable "spoof" on the serial plays for radio that were so popular from the 1930's to the 1950's. Those of you of a certain age will remember some of them I'm sure. They were the "steam wireless" equivalent of today's "Shortland Street" on television. Dates for "Jungle Jane" are **Friday 30 September, Saturday 1 October** at 7pm and **Sunday 2 October** at 2pm with tickets available from the Information Centre or at the door at the times given. You are encouraged to wear something in the style of the "Golden Era" of radio.

Then, at the end of October, we present a play written by the late Peter Tryon, a resident of Coromandel probably known to many readers and a

member of the Coromandel Players. The play deals with the effects of drug addiction not only on the individual but the whanau and the wider community. Peter died before he could see a performance of the play, which was based on his personal knowledge as a psychologist working in this field.

Coromandel Players members wanted an opportunity to fulfill his wish for a performance. But, given our limited numbers, particularly in certain roles, we cannot commit to a fully staged production. Hopefully, sometime in the future this can be done.

However, with the approval of Peter's family, we will present a fully rehearsed reading of the play at which members of Peter's family will be present. This will be on **Friday 28 October** at 7.30pm and preceded by our last rehearsal on **Thursday 27 October**, also at 7.30pm. Both evenings will be open to the public with the Thursday evening admission being \$10 and the Friday \$15.

Any takings from these two evenings will not be retained by the Players, but will be donated to a cause related to drug addiction, and approved by Peter. I urge you to attend.

Last, but not at all least, there will be an Arts on Tour visit from Helen Moulder on **Tuesday 25 October**, in a one woman performance, "The Bicycle and the Butcher's Daughter" – see article right.

Wow ...there is lots going on in our small town.

P.S. We have just learnt that former Coro Players member Pam Holt has died. Many people will remember Pam for the costume dramas she directed. We will include more details next month.

**The Bicycle and the Butcher's Daughter**

**Tuesday 25 October, 7.30pm** at Hauraki House Theatre. Tickets at the Coromandel Town Information Centre \$25.

A new solo play with Helen Moulder. A family, food and five surprising characters!

Olivia Paterson runs a big meat exporting company and wants to feed the world. Her daughter is a vegan. Her father wants things to stay as they are. And her sister is not sure what she wants. Only the mysterious Grace seems certain. A lively and entertaining solo work which addresses themes of women in leadership, the meat industry, veganism, global food issues and family relationships.

It is written by Sue Rider and Helen Moulder and directed by Sue Rider.

Contains some strong language. Recommended 15+.

# The Informers' Art Auction and Exhibition

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# mahi toi ARTS continued

## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Our Labour Weekend Exhibition will be held in Hauraki House, Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town from

**Friday 21 to Monday 24 October**

from 10am to 4pm. This year we will be displaying the works our members have been producing for the last two years. Please come and support us and you may find a piece of art that you cannot live without.

Entry is free.

Two of our members will be in attendance every day so anything about pastel art you wish to know, they will be able to help you.

In the meantime, we are continuing to hold our weekly meetings every Wednesday morning in Rose's Studio at 860 Tiki Rd. You are welcome to come join us for a coffee and see how we do what we do.

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



By Kyoko Yamiguchi



By Rose Dean

## Coromandel Town Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

### Change of name

The more observant amongst you will have noticed our change of name. From September this year the gallery will be operated by the newly formed Coromandel Town Arts Council Inc and not the Coromandel Community Arts Council Trust, which will be disestablished. We have done this to simplify the management processes and membership. It is not always easy to find people who are prepared to become official trustees. We will now operate the same as all Incorporated Societies with a paid up membership and committee members. The old Trust Committee and Executive have been appointed to the same positions on the new body so things will pretty much carry on as before.

### Hauraki House summer timetable

The timetable for upcoming season exhibitions is as follows; hopefully we will have a profitable and Covid-free summer.

**Fri 30 September-Sun 9 October** – Coromandel Arts Tour

**Fri 21-Mon 24 October** – Pastel Artists

**Wed 2-Sun 13 November** – Coromandel Embroiderer's

**Fri 18-Sun 20 November** – Information Centre

**Tue 22 November-Sun 4 December** – Watch This Space

**Mon 5-Thu 15 December** – Elam Grads

**Sun 18 December-Sun 15 January 2023** – Christmas Exhibition

**Mon 16 January-Wed 8 February 2023** – Lisa Corston

**Thu 9-Sun 26 February 2023** – Coromandel Art Group

**Thu 2-Sun 19 March 2023** – Diann Cade and Jan Linklater

**Fri 31 March-Mon 10 April 2023** – Easter Exhibition

**Barry Brickell**

We have been considering for some time the need for some sort of memorial art piece for Barry. It needs to be something appropriate. This could be a major and expensive undertaking if it was decided to do something in bronze. Most committee members feel this is too much for us to take on by ourselves. We would therefore be interested to hear from anyone who would be happy to join such a venture or have any ideas as to other options. Contact either Wailin Elliott or Pete Sephton if you think you can help.

Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery

# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## Corolandcare

By John Veysey

### Robins

It is 2022 and the Department of Conservation (DOC) has dropped 1080 poison baits over 4,600 ha of Moehau.

DOC tells us that the purpose of this poisoning is to protect vulnerable native species such as robins from predators.

Is poisoning really providing “protection”?

In 2010 DOC introduced robins to Moehau. There are no historical records of robins ever having inhabited the Moehau. All 19th century accounts of walking through the Moehau talk about the overwhelming sound of insects. No robin song is mentioned.

In order to prepare the ground for the introduced robins DOC and Moehau Environment Group drenched the area in 1080 baits.

A month after their release DOC brought in a team from Auckland University to monitor those robins. No robins were heard or seen in the poisoned area.

The robins had flown. They did not like the poison.

In 2011 DOC introduced another 30 robins. 60 or 70 birds should have produced a huge population 12 years later but this hasn't happened. These robins were “protected” with aerial 1080 drops in 2013 and 2017 and again in 2022. If the robins had been really “protected” the entire area would now be ringing with their loud song. Despite, or perhaps because of, all this “protection”, the robin is a rare presence on Moehau in 2022.

## Department of Conservation (DOC)

Reply to above by Nick Kelly, Coromandel Ops Manager

Robins/toutouwai were introduced to Moehau in 2010 by DOC: the mountain is a natural habitat for the birds. Introduced predators had significantly reduced robins in the area and they were among a number of species DOC wanted to bring back to Moehau.

A key aspect of robin protection for Moehau is ensuring rats – one of the birds' main predators – are down to a very low level. Once the rat population is reduced, this gives robins a greater chance for successful breeding.

When the robins your correspondent refers to were originally released, only ground bait stations were used. We identified the need for a greater level of protection for the entire indigenous ecosystem at Moehau – which includes robins – and so DOC subsequently introduced aerial 1080 operations which increased our ability to control rats and other predators.

Your correspondent incorrectly states Auckland University does the monitoring work for robins – it is in fact undertaken by DOC staff.

Our sustained predator control at Moehau – including aerial 1080 operations – has allowed us to “hold the line” on protection of the Moehau robin population, along with other critical species. Our monitoring shows young robins at Moehau are birds bred from the introduced population – this is a sign of success for us. Not using 1080 will significantly reduce our ability to protect the robins, and other bird species at Moehau benefit from this work as well.

Robins, like many forest birds, do not stay in the area where they are re-introduced. There is no evidence to suggest robins flee an area after aerial 1080 is applied to control pests. They will seek to “own” their own territory beyond where they are released. On average, robins will live only four to five years – a relatively long time for a small forest bird – but a shorter lifespan than other forest birds. With intensive predator control they may live into their teens

In the case of the Moehau birds, they have spread across the maunga, and they're regularly heard around the peninsula by DOC staff and contractors working on our behalf.

**Forest & Bird**

By Kate Donoghue



**Forest & Bird**  
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

**Problems accumulate for Coromandel Peninsula underground gold mine proposal**

Australian/Canadian mining giant Oceana Gold is proposing to open a massive underground gold mine beneath the Coromandel Forest Park at Wharekirauponga, near Whangamata, a popular destination that is one of the few remaining strongholds for one of the world’s rarest frogs. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) ranks Archey’s frog, pepeketua, as Critically Endangered on its Red List, which is recognised globally as the international standard. Forest & Bird is astonished that any government could even allow Oceana Gold’s proposal to go forward, but the company has a mining permit from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Enterprise, and under the current law is entitled to apply for resource consents. A few weeks ago, the company submitted its resource consent applications, consisting of many thousands of pages of highly technical material to Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council.

Environmental and community groups are hugely disadvantaged in this lopsided process. Oceana Gold has spent millions

of dollars commissioning consultants and companies to provide reports asserting that such a huge operation, blasting and moving millions of tonnes of rock and ore through underground tunnels and caverns, will not have any environmental impacts of any consequence. This is plainly not the case, but to provide the expert witnesses and lawyers to rebut the company’s case before the Environment Court will require a large sum of money – approaching \$100,000.

But things aren’t going Oceana’s way at the moment. We understand that both Councils are carefully reviewing the resource consent applications and have come back to the company requesting further information. And Greens MP and former Minister of Conservation, Eugenie Sage, has a bill before Parliament (to prohibit any new mines on conservation land) that could permanently protect Wharekirauponga from mining. The bill will be introduced for debate in the coming weeks.

Forest & Bird suggests urgently contacting members of parliament to urge them to support Eugenie’s bill prohibiting new mines on conservation land.

As well, we can all help to protect Coromandel’s precious biodiversity and wild places by helping with the funds to secure the expert witnesses that will be needed



Artist Stanley Palmer signing limited edition print of Waiaro Estuary

for the Environment Court hearings. And a fine way to do that would be to purchase one of the limited edition prints of Waiaro Estuary, north of Colville, personally signed by artist Stanley Palmer. Stanley was born near Thames and has gifted the use of these images in support of Ours Not Mines for a mine-free Coromandel Peninsula. These paintings have been reproduced as a limited run of 200 high quality prints. You can secure one by going to the website of Ours Not Mines: [www.oursnotmines.nz](http://www.oursnotmines.nz). **Save the date for Forest & Bird A.G.M. Saturday 3 December.** All welcome. Further details in next month’s Chronicle.

Or contact Kate Donoghue (027) 692 6494 for further information

**Driving Creek Conservation Park**

By Saskia Wagner

Spring has arrived and the birds are starting to nest. Unfortunately, pests such as rats, stoats and possums also get frisky at this time of year and their numbers rise.

To protect our nesting and baby birds, keep trapping those pests in your backyard and refresh your lure often! Depending on your targeted pest this could be peanut butter, apple or fresh meat.

If you want to make sure that our birds will have a great breeding season but you don’t know how to start trapping, get in touch with us via our Driving Creek Conservation Park via Facebook or email [conservation@dcrail.nz](mailto:conservation@dcrail.nz). We can advise you on what traps to use, where to buy them and where to place them for best results.



**CLAIM**

CLAIM is holding its AGM on **Saturday 26 November** in the St John rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town.

Catherine Delahunty is the guest speaker and will update us on the latest from the new mining proposal by Oceana Gold at Wharekirauponga, near Whangamata.

11am – Catherine Delahunty

12pm – AGM including election of office holders and formation of new committee.

All welcome.

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# te taiao ENVIRONMENT continued

## Moehau Environment Group

By Genevieve Morley



September was a busy month with MEG out and about.

### Winter Lecture series

This winter we once again had several highly regarded speakers travel to Coromandel Town for our annual Winter Lecture Series. The Winter Lecture Series is held at Pepper Tree Restaurant, Coromandel Town on a Sunday evening at 7pm. You can sit by the fire and listen to experts in their field.

First up we had Professor Bruce Clarkson, give a fascinating talk on bringing indigenous nature back to New Zealand cities and towns, along with interesting information on how to ensure restoration projects are successful (FYI – you have to stick with them for a long time!).

We were also privileged to have Dr Ian Stringer talk about the work that earned him a NZ Order of Merit earlier this year. Dr Stringer was part of the dedicated team that

worked on the Mercury Islands locating and ultimately saving the Tusked Wetā which was virtually extinct at the time. Thankfully the species is now thriving across many of the islands in the group.

We will have our final lecture on 25 September with Dr Brendan Dunphy talking about “What seabirds are telling us about our changing seas”. We want to thank our speakers, Pepper Tree and all who came out to listen and join in the korero. We hope to see you all again with another fascinating programme next year!

### Sponsors

Here at MEG we are extremely grateful for our wonderful sponsors who help us do more for the native wildlife in the rohe. This month we spent some time with some of our sponsors showing them first hand the mahi that their donations help with.

Staff from Fairview Windows in Thames were able to spend time learning about kiwi, and follow it up with a kiwi listening evening at Port Charles. They were able to hear kiwis calling in the forest and enjoyed the opportunity to learn interesting facts and information on the kiwi. Visitors on a tour

with Ride Holidays, who provide bike tours and holidays, sponsored 12 stoat traps and were treated to an information session at Tangiaro Kiwi retreat learning all about kiwi and their behaviours, habitat preferences, and characteristics. Thank you to Fairview Windows Thames ([www.fairviewwindows.co.nz](http://www.fairviewwindows.co.nz)) and Ride Holidays ([www.rideholidays.co.nz](http://www.rideholidays.co.nz)) for all of your support!

If you would like to make a donation to MEG, head to our website: [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz).

Have a great month everyone! Noho ora mai!

### MEG's new communications manager

I am Genevieve Morley, MEG's new communications manager. I am a Coromandel local and have been doing a lot of trapping over the last few years working for Project Kiwi Trust servicing hundreds of traps each month. I'm a mother, beekeeper, and all-round eco-enthusiast with a menagerie of pets and two hand-reared parakeets that I hang out with every day. I'm really excited to have this opportunity to engage with the community here in my hometown and I look forward to meeting and chatting with you all in the course of this new role.

## UCLA conservation report

By Reihana Robinson

To those individuals hoping to be on the local Community Board, UCLA request you give sincere attention to humane wild animal control without the proviso...“we don't want to use a cruel poison but until something better comes along we just have to”.

For those who say they wish to represent the “quiet voices” in the community, we say the quiet voices are the status quo who do not want to be seen in public demanding cruel deaths for sentient creatures.

Finally we can all read the ground-breaking international research from the Dr Jane Goodall Institute that condemns the poison focus of Predator Free NZ as “unrealistic, unnecessary and unethical”. This is a request to all elected Community Board members to read the paper which is available at [www.thejanegoodallinstitute.com/case-study-the-ethical-cost-of-predator-free-new-zealand-2050](http://www.thejanegoodallinstitute.com/case-study-the-ethical-cost-of-predator-free-new-zealand-2050). The link to the full paper is at the bottom of the article on this website.

### Dr Jane Goodall's position

During lectures in New Zealand, Dr. Jane Goodall was asked about her thoughts on the killing of introduced predators. While recognising the impact of introduced species, Dr. Goodall called for finding more humane ways than poisoning. Dr. Goodall comments:

“For many years I have been devastated by the cruel methods used to kill predators because of their supposed danger to livestock or human life – such as leg hold traps or poison baits. Only too often the targeted animals die slow deaths in extreme pain. Moreover,

other non-target animals are often killed in the same way.

“The campaign in New Zealand to exterminate all non-native animals in order to save the country's unique indigenous species from invasive species who were introduced, intentionally or unintentionally, relies on the use of poisons which are known to cause intense suffering and agonizing deaths. As I read more and more about this plan I became increasingly concerned. And I was deeply shocked when I learned that school children were told that possums were evil and taught to kill them in any number of cruel ways.

“Dr. Koen Margot is an independent scientist who I asked to sit on the Ethics Committee of the Jane Goodall Institute Global. And this paper is the result of his intensive research into the ethics of the New Zealand campaign, the impact of these poisons on the ecosystem if the strategy was likely to succeed, and alternative ways of controlling introduced species.”

Dr Koen Margot writes, “Unfortunately, the PF 2050 poisoning campaign has a one-sided focus on introduced species in order to conserve native species. The government of New Zealand has embarked on an unethical, unrealistic and unnecessary project by aiming to completely eradicate possums, stoats and rats from New Zealand by 2050. Their poison strategy creates intense and prolonged suffering for millions of animals. This suffering goes beyond the targeted animals and includes members of endangered species and companion animals, in particular dogs. The PF 2050 strategy fails because it does not manage to (i) to permanently remove the targeted animals; (ii) reinvasion from other areas; and (iii) the replacement of introduced species. Therefore, this strategy results in a neverending cycle of suffering of animals, high financial costs and environmental costs. The use of the insidious 1080 poison and its twin poison brodifacoum, must stop. I call for an immediate moratorium on these poisons.

“Instead, the New Zealand authorities should focus on defining key biodiversity areas for conserving endangered species. Research needs to be undertaken to determine what areas need to be conserved and where habitat needs to be protected or restored. The detrimental impact of humans, in particular through intensive farming, must be addressed.”

UCLA is grateful to all Coromandel-Colville Community Board members past and future. We thank you for your generous sharing of time and effort. The astute Peter Pritchard and his team will be missed. Arohanui ki a koutou.

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# hākinakina SPORT

## Ride Coromandel Bike Park

By Ally Davey



### Bike playground underway

We're excited to share the new bike playground area with visitors and locals to the Ride Coromandel Bike Park. After completing the pump track and mountain bike areas, the next stage, a fun beginner area incorporating local biodiversity and skills, is underway.

The area is situated close to the carpark, especially to allow little ones the chance to play and practice bike skills in a safe area. The concrete and wood surface allows all-weather use of the area and encourages tamariki and beginner riders to develop balance and body position whilst enjoying this space.

The wooden taniwha is based in the center of the area, surrounded by a giant weta obstacle, volcano poles that glow in the dark and striped gecko. A volunteer day helped spread mulch onto the area and our local riders Rome and Jon were happy to test the trail with a big thumbs up.

The bike park has been designed with progression in mind. Beginner riders can start on the smaller trails and as they gain confidence, progress to the pump track, the skills area, jumps trails and cross-country trails.

The jumps trails have been also getting a well deserved birthday with the Whangamata Trail Building team onsite to curate the berms and reinstate drains after the winter. The middle of October will see nearly 100 students from Colville, Whangamata and Coromandel schools at the park on a four-day skills and coaching week. We are hoping to offer more of these sessions in the future, as a school holiday programme.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages for more updates, and come down and try the new bike playground area.

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



Croquet is a wonderful game and presents a challenge that is both mental and physical. A perfect example of the classical Latin motto: "Mens sana in corpore sano", or "a healthy mind in a healthy body".

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start and provide all the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you decide to join. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.

If you're interested in trying out the game of croquet, call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information



## Coromandel Tennis Club

AGM 2022 at the club house at 2pm **Sunday 9 October**. All welcome.

Subs are now due: \$60 adult, \$80 family – all sizes. Please see Gayle at Coastway Cutters.

If you only play now and again drop in on a Friday at 4pm or on a Sunday afternoon at 2pm. There will be someone to hit a ball with. See you there.

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone



As conditions improve, matches become really tight!

Men: It's been a busy month with three competitions finalised – Neilson Cup (won by Ezy), Top Dog (won by Dave Sims and Chris Fielding) and Charity Shield (won by Paul Lawrence).

Huge thanks must go to Paul Lawrence for his outstanding efforts in organising the Charity Shield competition which turned out to be an amazing day. Even though there were only 19 players we managed to sell 100 raffle tickets at \$5 each. It was a fantastic job selling the tickets, by Ron Evans, Philippa Medlock and Les O'Leary. Thanks to everyone who donated great prizes. The tremendous catering on the day was provided by Mike from Pepper Tree,

charging only \$10/head. The final amount of donation to the "Foodbank" is yet to be finalised. Congratulations Paul Lawrence on your win!

The first round of the Prebble Cup was played at Paeroa against Morrinsville on Sunday 28 August. We lost four morning pairs matches but won the afternoon singles 51/2 31/2 which meant we lost overall so unfortunately we will not be going through to the next round. A couple of matches went down to the last hole so it was pretty close. Not a bad effort considering Kelvin Wirihana and Kevin O'Keefe had to play a couple of strokes under their handicaps and both won their singles.

The Golconda Cup, a Nett competition, being the best two rounds out of three, was closely fought with Bruce Fitzpatrick going into the third round in first spot. Ultimately, the third round ended with a draw between Kelvin Wirihana and Ross Mudgway, one point clear of Bruce. A beer or so later, it

was decided that there must be a winner so off they went to play some knockout holes. Kelvin went right, whereas Ross went left. It all came down to who had the best approach shot. Kelvin lucked out landing on the green and putted out to win. Congratulations Kelvin. It couldn't be any tighter!

Don't forget, Club Champs start on **Saturday 1 October**.

Ladies: The Gunn Trophy (Handicap Matchplay) final has been completed with Glenise Robertson defeating Janine Kerr in the final.

It was a successful day for the Coromandel ladies at Matarangi with Janine winning the overall Nett and Lynne Fenwick coming first in the Stableford competition.

Weekly competitions have now resumed.

The course is in really good order and it's good to see a bit more bounce and run. Thanks again to all volunteers as usual for the amazing job that they do week in and week out.

## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

First tournament for the 2022/2023 season!

Our postponed Three Species Tournament over two days is going ahead on **Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October** with some excellent cash prizes to be won so grab an entry form from Salty Towers, Coromandel Fish, Hunt and Dive or email coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

With all of the great weather we have been having on the weekends there have been plenty of boats out on the water and heaps of them bringing reports of big fish and workups are due to start which are always heaps of fun for casting and jigging.

Hope to see you all out on the water making the most of those cracking spring days!



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# Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

## Every Day

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

## Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, 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  
 Living Free – drug/alcohol recovery meeting, Elim Church, Liz 027 436 2800 ..... 11am  
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..... 3pm  
 Tai chi classes, Colville Hall, Christina 021 113 4768 ..... 4.10pm  
 Bridge, St John rooms ..... 7pm  
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245 ..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am  
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 ..... 10am  
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 10am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085 ..... 3.15-4.45pm  
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 ..... 5.30-6.45pm  
 Social badminton at Manaia School gym, term time only. Cost \$2. Lorraine 027 441 7017 ..... 6pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Meditation at Mahamudra – starts 19 October ..... 8.15-8.45am  
 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. Marilyn 027 336 5263 ..... 9.50-11.20am  
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 ..... 12.30pm  
 Tai chi classes, Waikato Events Centre, Christina 021 113 4768 ..... 4pm

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) ..... 10am  
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 ..... 10am  
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am  
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra ..... 7-8.30pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Coromandel Homegrown Market ..... 8.30am-12.30pm  
 Community Gardens volunteer day ..... 8.30-11am  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 ..... 9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.15am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club ..... 3.30-7pm  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4pm  
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome ..... 5.30pm

## Every Saturday

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

## Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service ..... 10am  
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 1pm

## Monthly

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

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

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

**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 ..... 7pm

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

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

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

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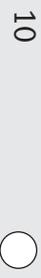
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High tide 12.57am (2.6m), 1.34pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 7.05am (0.4m), 7.44pm (0.6m)



School Term 4 starts (see pg 20)

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High tide 8.03am (2.9m), 8.23pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 1.44am (0.2m), 2.07pm (0.3m)



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Labour Day Public Holiday  
Colville Festival Matinee - A  
selection from the Re-Fashion  
Show & Colville Sings Swing &  
Blues (see pg 4)

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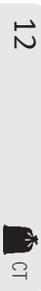
Twilight Bowls starts (see pg 8)  
The Bicycle and the Butcher's  
Daughter at Hauraki House  
Theatre (see pg 23)

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High tide 12.23pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 5.56am (0.3m), 6.32pm (0.4m)

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High tide 2.58am (2.5m), 3.45pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 9.13am (0.6m), 9.55pm (0.5m)



Weekly meditation on Wednesday  
mornings start at Mahamudra  
(see pg 5)

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High tide 9.33am (2.9m), 9.53pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 3.16am (0.2m), 3.35pm (0.3m)



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High tide 9.33am (2.9m), 9.53pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 3.16am (0.2m), 3.35pm (0.3m)

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High tide 4.06am (2.5m), 4.49pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 10.24am (0.6m), 10.59pm (0.5m)

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High tide 5.13am (2.5m), 5.49pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 11.29am (0.5m), 11.58pm (0.4m)

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High tide 10.56am (2.8m), 11.19pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 4.39am (0.3m), 5pm (0.5m)

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High tide 12.01am (2.5m), 12.20pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 6am (0.5m), 6.30pm (0.7m)

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High tide 11.37am (2.7m)  
Low tide 5.19am (0.4m), 5.43pm (0.6m)

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High tide 12.01am (2.5m), 12.20pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 6am (0.5m), 6.30pm (0.7m)

1 Coromandel Arts Tour (see pg 4)  
Club Champs start at Coromandel  
Golf Club (see pg 27)  
Radio Play "Jungle Jane" at  
Hauraki House (see pg 23)  
High tide 11.46am (2.8m)  
Low tide 5.25am (0.3m), 5.49pm (0.4m)

2 Coromandel Arts Tour (see pg 4)  
Radio Play "Jungle Jane" at  
Hauraki House  
(see pg 23)  
High tide 12.05am (2.7m), 12.36pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 6.13am (0.3m), 6.43pm (0.5m)

8 Local Election voting closes  
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Coromandel Recreational Fishing  
Club Three Species Tournament  
(see pg 27)

Coromandel Arts Tour (see pg 4)

High tide 6.16am (2.6m), 6.44pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 12.27pm (0.4m)

9 Coromandel Recreational  
Fishing Club Three Species  
Tournament (see pg 27)

Thames Music Group Concert in  
Thames (see pg 22)

Coromandel Tennis Club AGM  
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High tide 7.12am (2.8m), 7.35pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 12.53am (0.3m), 1.19pm (0.3m)

Project Generous Fundraiser  
Party - Coromandel Community  
Preschool Fundraiser (see pg 20)

Rennie Pearson - Traditional  
Celtic Music at The Back Room,  
Thames (see pg 22)

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Colville Festival Live Sound  
Workshop, Play with Clay, and The  
Big Music Night (see pg 4)  
Coromandel Library annual  
fundraising book sale (see pg 6)

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Colville Festival Candle Making  
Workshop, Flax Weaving  
Workshop, and The Great Colville  
Re-Fashion Show (see pg 4)

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High tide 10.41am (2.9m), 10.59pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 4.19am (0.1m), 4.44pm (0.3m)

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High tide 11.30am (2.9m), 11.51pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 5.06am (0.2m), 5.36pm (0.4m)

21 Pastel Artists Exhibition  
opens (see pga 24)  
Colville Festival starts with Colville  
Sings Swing & Blues  
(see pg 4)  
How to Meditate weekend starts  
at Mahamudra (see pg 5)

28 Thames Music Group  
Free Friday Lunchtime Concert  
at St George's Church, Thames  
(see pg 22)  
Fully rehearsed reading of Peter  
Tryon's play at Hauraki House  
Theatre (see pg 23)

High tide 9.54am (2.9m), 10.10pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 3.34am (0.2m), 3.55pm (0.3m)

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High tide 10.15am (2.9m), 10.36pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 3.58am (0.2m), 4.18pm (0.4m)

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Rehearsal of Peter Tryon's play at  
Hauraki House Theatre - open to  
the public (see pg 23)

High tide 9.09am (2.9m), 9.23pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 2.49am (0.2m), 3.09pm (0.3m)

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High tide 8.26am (2.8m), 8.37pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 2.06am (0.3m), 2.25pm (0.3m)

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New moon  
Full moon

Blue bin bags out  
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