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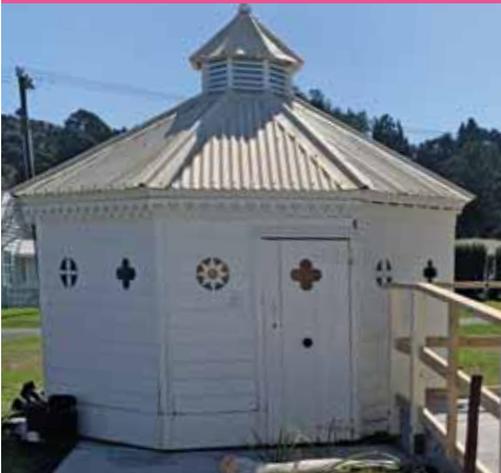
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Square, Coro Family Health, Bowling
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House. Although AED's are important,
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compressions/calling 111 takes priority.

..... Editor's comment

A public meeting was called by Scott Simpson
MP and National party's police spokesman Mark
Mitchell in Coromandel Town on Wednesday
20 September to discuss the problem of gangs,
following a gang presence in town a few days prior
and a video of violence circulating online.

Coromandel Colville Business Association vice
chair Anne Loudon says, "A good out-take of the meeting was that as a community, we
should continue to support our local police by recording and reporting any offending...
and everyone agreed that we need another police officer living in the police house."

On a positive note – the calendar is full for October! Get out and enjoy. See page 30.

Debbie

..... Letters

Error in article

I recently submitted an article that I hoped would bring the communities attention to a
development at the start of town behind the Mussel Kitchen. The article was reference to the
Resource Consent Application by Gulf Mussel Farms to develop some land behind the mussel
kitchen to be use as a base for their mussel and fin fish farm venture.

I mistakenly used the wrong dimensions to indicate the extent of the buildings in the last issue
of the Chronicle. Vastly under stated the actual size.

The actual dimensions are two buildings of 900m² each (45mLx20mWx7.01mH) and one office
building of 151m². These dimensions do not include the rest of the yards and parking spaces.

Another development has just come to light. The hearing scheduled for 11 October has been
postponed by six weeks at the request of Gulf Mussel Farms. So, the new date would be around
the end of November. I will confirm timings and date when they are locked in.

Ka Kite,
Hector George

Enjoying the land

Dear Editor,

Have you caught up with the new National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity? Strong
actions are in the pipeline for private property owners. One of the legal outputs is that regional and
local government will now implement further controls on private property activities with regard
to indigenous biodiversity. My issue with this development is the opaque relationship between
environmental groups controlled by entities pushing fundamentalist ideas and Statutory Agencies
who administer law (and fund the groups). These rules are derived from policy constructed
through process that landowners are unlikely to have been part of. Nationally Threatened or At
Risk species harmed on your property can result in prosecution. E.g., if pateke-brown teal are
killed or harmed on private title (even managed pasture), then action can be taken. Meanwhile,
environmentalists work to put more wildlife (everywhere) on our properties, thus exacerbating the
situation. DOC have previously prosecuted a private landowner on the peninsula over the death of
wildlife on their land. Breaches of the Wildlife Act 1953 by environmental groups are swept under
the mat (e.g., illegally keeping Nationally at Risk banded rail). These and other examples have
clearly signalled to the wider community that landowners who do not identify as environmentalists
will be punished. The wider community should be aware that there are other people, other options,
to protect taonga on private lands. There

are skilled practitioners
within the community
who can help in an
unbiased manner. We
don't need Eco Warlords
running our lives to look
after our biodiversity.
Let's protect our taonga,
preserve and enhance
our world in a balanced
manner.

Paddy Stewart

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Pink Ribbon Fundraiser

The Pink Ribbon Breakfast on Saturday 26 August at Umu raised \$1,700 for Breast Cancer Foundation. The cafe was filled with lovely ladies dressed in pink!



Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

Recent callouts: Motor vehicle accident, car fire, car vs bank, cardiac arrest (x 2), vehicle off road, river flooding house, alarm activation (x2), MVC over bank, assist ambulance (x 2), MVC, house fire persons reported, landing zone for helicopter Kennedy Bay.

As always, a wide variety of calls that test the training and skill of our team, hence they train weekly as one never knows what the siren will bring.

Twelve years ago, one of our senior firemen, John Bull, suggested the brigade attempt to run a fishing contest set up specifically for fire personal past and present and open to anyone who fits the criteria across the country. That was 13 years ago, and except for the Covid year this has become our annual fundraiser for the brigade. Once again **Friday 10 and Saturday 11 November** we will host this event bringing some 200 fire personal from across Aotearoa to enjoy the ambiance, hospitality and comradery that Coromandel Town offers. In addition, they will stay in local accommodation and enjoy what Coromandel town has to offer. Once again Hunting and Fishing Te Rapa has come on board, as they have in every past year, as our major sponsor. Not only do the owners support our Brigade but also take the time from their busy lives to present the prizes at weigh in.

Experts are predicting the weather is due to change shortly and suggest we are in for a long dry and very hot summer. If this is real, and we believe it could well be, then fire is a very real risk. For us to be to your place quickly please check your access, make sure its wide enough for a truck – a big red truck. We don't want to be called to your place only to find we can't get to the site safely.

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Members of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc have been very busy during the winter months, preparing the museum for what we hope will be a busy summer season. The museum has been cleaned, small maintenance jobs have been completed, and displays have been updated. Thanks everyone for all of your hard work.

After some two years of planning, applications for building permission and applications



for funding, followed by delays and setbacks caused often by the weather, the "Fir Lawn Creamery" building is finally settled into the museum

complex. We thank all those members of the Coromandel community who have helped us complete this project. Often such a project becomes much more complicated and time consuming than anticipated, and it can be easy to lose heart. However, thanks to your help, and the enthusiasm of our members, we have got to the end of the work. The building will be formally opened by Thames Coromandel District Council Mayor, Mr Len Salt, on **Sunday 22 October** at 2pm. The museum will be open to the public from 10am to 1pm on this day and will then close for the opening ceremony.

We welcome all interested parties to come along to see what's new at the museum and join us for the opening.

Here is news of events held in Coromandel from "Thames Star" of 16 October 1928:

"District News. Coromandel. Dances.

On Friday October 12, a dance, organised by members of the Oddfellows' Lodge, was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, about 50 members and friends being present. An enjoyable evening was spent, dancing on a smooth floor to the voluntary music supplied by Mrs. Bronlund, senior (accordion), Mrs. Wilson, Miss Belle Evans, and Mr. Martin Finan (piano). A game, in which Miss Ena Campbell won a prize, caused much amusement. During the evening Misses Zena and Donnie Wilson sang a duet, and Mr. Roy Jenkins a solo, those present joining in the choruses. Miss Olga Denize and Mr. Russell Smith won the prizes in the Monte Carlo waltz. Supper was served, by the ladies and dancing continued till nearly twelve o'clock.

On Saturday, October 13, an enjoyable dance, organised by the Coromandel Tennis Club was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, about 25 club members and friends being present. Dancing proceeded to the music of a gramophone kindly loaned by Mr. L. C. Wilson. During the evening Messrs. Cecil and Cliff Jackson (piano) each played for a dance. A set of Lancers provided some amusement. About 11 p.m. a dainty supper, supplied by the ladies, was served and dancing continued during the remainder of the evening.

On Monday, October 22, a garden fete, organised by the Methodist Ladies' Guild, is to be held at "Fir Lawn". All arrangements are well in hand and patrons are assured of an enjoyable afternoon. There will be produce stalls, competitions, etc., and music by the Coromandel Silver Band.

On Monday evening, October 22, the Rugby Union is holding a dance in the Foresters' Hall.

Dalgety and Company, Limited, hold their next stock sale here on October 29. Cream from the Colville suppliers is to be brought by Denize Bros.' motor lorry to the New Zealand Dairy Company's dump at Coromandel. The first load was brought up on Monday. In the past the cream has been transported by launch or shipped by steamer direct to Auckland."

During October the museum will be open on Thursday mornings. Weekend opening hours are 10am to 4pm during the Arts Tour, and over Labour Weekend, apart from the afternoon of 22 October for the Creamery opening

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CANDIDATE PROFILES – COROMANDEL ELECTORATE

Caleb Ansell

New Zealand First Party candidate for Coromandel electorate
Born in



1991, Caleb was raised initially in the Bay of Islands. He moved to Auckland as a child, where his parents sought a better life for their four children. After finishing his schooling, Caleb studied theology and Christian apologetics; wherein he developed his public speaking and debating passion.

In 2020, Caleb stood as a candidate for New Conservative in the Waikato electorate. He took to politics like a fish to water, managing to get the third most votes for any candidate fielded by New Conservative. He has remained active in politics, serving a district councillor in Matamata-Piako.

Caleb is driven to make New Zealand a place where people are not treated on anything other than the content of their character, and must stand accountable the choices they make. He is deeply passionate about making every New Zealander the same under the law and this was one of the big reasons he stands this election for New Zealand First.

Caleb is married to his wife Holly and they live in Manawaru.

Pamela Grealey

Green Party candidate for Coromandel electorate

I'm Pamela Grealey, the Green Party candidate for the Coromandel. I've been campaigning about injustice and environmental issues since I was a teenager and the Green Party policies have always resonated strongly with me. I live in Kapanga Coromandel Town where I run my own consulting business. We provide support and mentorship to local entrepreneurs to build and run sustainable and successful businesses. As a community service we also provide employment advocacy to those who need advice and support. We also support small businesses who may be unsure of their rights and responsibilities as an employer.

In every policy area, the Green Party's commitment remains resolute: to build an Aotearoa that thrives on inclusivity, sustainability, and justice. Our vision is one of unity, where the well-being of every citizen is paramount.

We have a raft of policies geared to lift people up while ensuring we remain within the planet's boundaries. By rebalancing the tax system to ensure it is more equitable we can help lift every family out of poverty and fund our dental policy guaranteeing that everyone gets free basic dental care, ensuring we're all going to be happier and healthier. And our renter's pledge will ensure everyone has a safe, healthy, and affordable place to make their own.

I'm particularly excited about the policies on climate action as they will help to mitigate catastrophic events such as Cyclone Gabrielle which impacted our roading network and damaged our businesses' ability to function at full capacity. Our policies will provide comprehensive support for communities and individuals affected both by the transition to a net zero emission economy and by the impacts of already unavoidable climate change.

In addition, our public transport policy will ensure that public and active transport networks are well-integrated in order to provide an alternative to a car. I will continue to advocate for this for our upper-peninsula residents.



With more Green MPs in government, we have an opportunity to protect the climate, restore nature, and build an Aotearoa that works for everyone, so: two ticks Green in this election!

Beryl Riley

Labour Party candidate for Coromandel electorate

I'm proud to be standing for Labour in the beautiful Coromandel electorate with its diverse communities and resilient, community-minded residents. Living in Thames near family, I'm part of a lively music scene and am a trustee for Thames Community Centre. My work takes me across Coromandel supporting people with mental health issues so I see the financial and other challenges families face daily.



Living in small communities or towns in a largely rural electorate means that some things city dwellers take for granted, like access to public transport and to health services, are just not so easy or available here. Rural people have to be more self-sufficient and adaptable. Being part of a community and helping to develop my community has always been important to me. So I bring my skills and experience as a community volunteer, businesswoman, teacher, psychologist, school principal, and senior public service manager to being an effective Member of Parliament for Coromandel.

I pledge to be a strong advocate for Coromandel's economic, social, creative, and environmental future.

- Helping families in need through this cost-of-living crisis
- Improving health and education outcomes for everybody and addressing child poverty
- Safeguarding our natural resources and tackling climate change, especially regarding adverse weather events
- Promoting best practice in Policing and Justice sectors
- Championing local tourism
- Developing job/business opportunities by promoting innovation and building infrastructure (e.g., roading, housing, and public projects).

I want my children and grandchildren to have a prosperous and sustainable future in Aotearoa/New Zealand. But I know that to create this positive future we must act courageously to stop the gap widening between rich and poor and to save our planet from the ravages of global warming.

I hope to meet you personally at your local weekend market soon. I want to hear what your concerns and issues are.

Please ring me on 027 7800 033 or email me on beryl.riley@labour.org.nz if you want me to come and meet with a group or attend a cottage meeting.

I'm in it for Coromandel – and I'm in it for you! Please vote 2 ticks for Labour on 14 October.

The Time is Now.

Party Vote Green

Pamela Grealey

for Coromandel

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CANDIDATE PROFILES CONTINUED

Scott Simpson

National Party candidate for Coromandel electorate

Only a party vote for National will get Coromandel and our country back on track.

Ours is a region impacted by heavy weather events earlier in the year. We're still a long way from recovering from those cyclones. The impacts of high inflation, crime in local communities, poor access to health services, a nation divided in ways I've never seen before in my lifetime, are only accentuated here locally in Coromandel.

This election is the most important in a generation. The options for voters are stark. More of the same lack of achievement, high taxes, high borrowing and a continued cost of living crisis, or a stable new, National-led government that will rebuild the economy, restore law and order, and improve our healthcare and schools.

While it's the party vote that determines the makeup of the next Parliament, your support for me here in Coromandel is as important as ever and is very much appreciated. Here in the Coromandel electorate, I'm running a "Two Ticks Blue" campaign just as National Party candidates are all around New Zealand.

Make no mistake, this election is all about the economy and who is best able to provide the financial and political leadership our country needs at a time of economic crisis, currently worse than it was even at the height of the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. Our current economic woes are simply down to poor management by Labour and Grant Robertson, massive wasteful spending and a total disrespect for taxpayers' hard-earned dollars.

I'm asking Coromandel voters to once again re-elect me as their voice and face in our Parliament in a new National-led government.

Here in Coromandel the choice is clear. A party vote for National and a vote for Scott Simpson are votes to support rebuilding the economy, reduce the cost of living, restore law and order and improve our schools and healthcare.

Only a party vote for National can change the government. Vote Scott Simpson for Coromandel.



National Gardening Week 16-23 October

With the cost of living crisis continuing to bite at the heels, National Gardening Week is shining a light on the multiple benefits of growing your own vegetables.

Homegrown vegies are cheaper, fresher, often have a higher nutritional value and provide a great sense of satisfaction at harvesting time.

Join the growing movement of people who are living off their land and growing more for less. Even if you've never planted peas or potatoes, peppers or pumpkins, there is never a better time to start. To help you get started Yates has listed some gardening hacks for beginners. Go to www.yates.co.nz/national-gardening-week/this-year/2023/.

Yates spokesperson, Fiona Arthur, says "Growing your own vegies is a never-ending learning process and so much fun. There is nothing better than picking your own vegies to pop in the pot – not to mention the massive savings that can be made."

Joanna Verburg

ACT Party candidate for Coromandel electorate

I strongly believe in equality, freedom of choice and personal responsibility for everyone.

During my 25-year career in corporate banking and foreign exchange, I developed a deep understanding of the domestic and global economy, working with organisations in the public and private sectors.

A key to growing our economy is to encourage growth in exports and small businesses, not stifling our No. 8 wire ingenuity as the current government is doing.

Owning a kiwifruit and avocado orchard in the Coromandel electorate, I have been a vocal advocate for solutions to the challenges confronting the horticulture industry.

I know what it's like raising a child as a single parent, to be made redundant, to support someone you love through mental illness, to lose a crop following a storm, to wonder how to pay the bills; as those are some of my life experiences.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to effect real change to our economy and to enable better outcomes in education and healthcare by representing our electorate.



Scott Simpson

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Spring is here and daylight saving will be here by the time you read this. The signs that summertime in Coromandel Town is fast approaching means holidays, bbqs, more time in the outdoors, swims at the beach, visitors and tourists, to name a few.

We are starting to notice that our visitors are coming in from all over the world again, and most making the trip right around the peninsula.

Our team all love painting the picture of what to do while they are here; that's the best part of our role, and we have plenty to tell.

While we still have some way to go with some of our walks and DOC sites to open, we are never short of things to offer our visitors.

We have three new volunteers joining our team, to help with the busy summer season ahead. If you are keen to find out about volunteering and what it involves, please call into the Info Centre and have a chat with our team. It's a fun place to work and you can add so much value to our visitors' holiday.

We have tickets for two fabulous shows on at Hauraki House this month:

- Austen Found: **Sunday 8 October** (one night only) \$25.
- The Wedding Dress: **Sunday 15, Monday 16, Tuesday 17, and Wednesday 18 October**, adults \$20, children \$10.

Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour: This fantastic art tour is on again this year over two weekends **7-8 October** and **14-15 October**. 34 Coromandel artists welcome you to their studios. Meet the artists, see the process, experience their creative spaces and purchase an artwork direct from a local artist.

Coming up on **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 November** Mercury Bay Lions are holding a Garden Ramble. We have tickets for sale here at the info centre. Will be a great day out for garden enthusiasts with one garden running a cafe and another a plant emporium. Proceeds to Project Mammogram, a very worthwhile cause.



Patchwork and Quilters

By Sue Smith

Recently we had Sharon take a ruler class which I believe went well. Those already with the rulers learnt a bit more about using them and now a couple of the ladies are keen to purchase these rulers to use for future projects.

We had a great day making inside out table runners. Normally a quilt or project has a binding but for these particular table runners we made them differently. Top and bottom, right sides together, turn through, no binding, just a top stitch. Some are still a work in progress. A fun day and great results.

We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to. Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Sharon Currie 027 299 6695

Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mew to everyone who has donated sachets and tinned foods for our rescue kitties.

Having spent three weeks in Rotorua I went to QE2 for the two-week programme which was hugely intense and most beneficial to me in managing pain and living with what I have. It took a further three days after that before I was able to drive back to Thames. Once home the cats knew I was back because they recognised my voice, but the look on their faces when they saw me was met with huge dislike and it was stranger-danger. Wally freaked out totally and the others, over the next four days slowly came to terms with the fact that the known voice and face was their beloved mum. They have all settled back down and being their usual furry selves. It was really hard to go away for three weeks. The cats are loving biscuits now, and Jimbos is now second ranking to that; they enjoy Oscar sachets as well. So we adapt as we can and manage on what funds we have.

Financially we are limiting purchasing, much as what we have right now is extremely limited and we have to cut back even further to ensure we get through the months ahead of us.

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

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

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries to Thames Animal Rescue, ph (07) 868 2907, afternoons best

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Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee for the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

Five missions for this side of the hill this month for the Auckland Rescue Helicopters, out of 16 for the month of August for the peninsula.

6.08.23 Thames – Crew tasked to assist with the interhospital transfer of a child. The child was flown from Thames Hospital to Starship Hospital.

24.08.23 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a female patient in her 20s suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

27.08.23 Port Charles – Crew tasked to Port Charles to assist a male patient in his 70s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

28.08.23 Kennedy Bay – Crew tasked to Kennedy Bay to assist a male patient in his 20s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital.

30.08.23 Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.



Grey Power coffee morning

Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp



So, we had our first inaugural Coffee Morning – not at the CCC as planned! They were under major carpark/roading maintenance, and it was decided that it was unfair for our members to put up with the noise from the trucks and diggers, let alone find a carpark. We apologise if you didn't make it to the Coffee Morning.

We had a total of eight (three missing from photo) members attend our Coffee Morning and a further five apologies. It was a lovely, sunny morning, sharing fresh scones and chit-chat. Two degrees of separation – one Army gent knew of workmates from the Air Force gent and vice versa, and three knew the local areas that they grew up in, and not Coromandel!

One member commented that a drop in for her was a relaxing get together with conversation, laughter, and relaxation. A lot of our seniors would, like me, enjoy the break from everyday things.

All in all, it was a success and the next one will be on **Tuesday 17 October** at the Combined Clubs of Coromandel (The Bowling Club) from 10am-12 noon.

We hope you all attended the "Meet the Politicians" in September and please remember to vote on **Saturday 14 October** at the Citizens' Hall.

By the time you read this Lynne Fenwick from the Coromandel Town Information Centre will have spoken at the General Meeting on 21 September.

If you would like to know more about Grey Power Coromandel, please don't hesitate to contact. We can email membership forms and past newsletters if this would interest you.

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Coromandel Home Grown Community Market

By Abby Noire - Gubay

It's October and that can only mean one thing! The Friday market starts again on **Friday 6 October**, 8.30am until 12.30pm. We will set up outside Hike and Bike every Friday for the season, with gazebos and tables of local homegrown and handmade wares. I'm excited to see some new faces and well known faces again, sharing the unique community spirit of the Coromandel Market. There will be an Italian food stall and hair braiding, baking, crafts, jewellery, pickles, spices, roti, curry and samosas, crystals, origami, wooden crafts, flowers, plants, veggies, fruit, seedlings, t-shirts, soaps, bath bombs, candles. We have honey, chocolate, kombucha, pretzels, bread, sushi, cake, gluten-free offerings, dried fruit, eggs, packaged micro greens, pies, both meat and vegetable, restored garden tools, magnesium spray, water charging plates, PC and electrical harmonisers, Positive life energy products for protection from EMF's for persons, pets and home. There will be a kids' corner and live music with the talented Brooke.

So from now until the end of April the market will be held each Friday morning with additional special occasion Saturday markets on Waitangi weekend, Matariki, Easter, and two weeks before Christmas. Come along on Friday morning and check it out!



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Library news

By Paul Lawrence

The car boot sale we held in the car park by the school was a success. There were 16 cars that participated. Their \$5 donations (\$80) plus our own book sales (\$39) and a kind donation from one of the participants (\$20) gave the library \$139 towards new books. It may not sound a great deal, but it pays for four or five new books. Over a year, depending on participation numbers, we could be able to buy an extra 60 or so new books. Two sellers were from Thames and another from Whitianga. Thanks to Jeni Mudgway for her work at promoting the event and talking on the radio to advertise it. The next one will be held on **Saturday 7 October** 9am-12pm.



Book issues are down on our usual numbers. It seems that with the fine weather we are having, people are finding more to do outside. Who can blame them?

The following books are new to the library and have received good reviews from a couple of readers.

Dice by Claire Bayliss

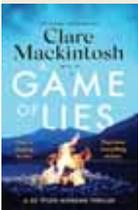
Four teenage boys invent a sex game based on a toss of the dice. They are charged with multiple offences and the case goes to trial. Told from the perspective of a group of ordinary people who must decide, as the jury, who is innocent and who is not.

Kill For Me, Kill For You by Steve Cavanagh

Two strangers meet by chance in New York City. Over drinks they realise they have a lot in common. They each want revenge against two men who ruined their lives and destroyed their families.

A Game Of Lies by Claire McIntosh

Seven reality show contestants are stranded in the Welsh mountains. Each contestant has a secret. The challenge is for other contestants to find out what the secret is. Then one of the contestants goes missing and a murderer strikes.



Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph

Personal grievance

A personal grievance is a claim that an employee can make against their employer if they believe that they have been treated unfairly or unreasonably. This can include things such as being unjustifiably dismissed or disadvantaged, facing discrimination or sexual harassment in the workplace and being placed under duress for belonging to a union.

Anyone who is classified as an employee has the right to make a personal grievance against their employer. An employee who is on a 90-day trial may also make a personal grievance claim, however it may not relate to an unjustified dismissal. Independent contractors also may not.

To raise a personal grievance you should first speak with your employer to try and resolve the issue informally. It's also a good idea to email your employer to arrange any meeting with them. Doing so by email enables you to provide proof of when you first spoke to your manager should it be required further down the track. It is important that the email contains enough information for your manager to respond.

If the matter is discussed verbally then it is important that both the manager and you take notes and follow up the meeting with an email outlining the notes that you took.

You and the manager may decide to resolve the matter between yourselves, however if this is not possible then you may want to seek mediation from an organisation such as Coromandel Workers Council.

If the matter is not resolved via mediation then the next step is to take the matter to the Employment Relations Authority (ERA). Your mediator can assist you with this. The ERA will help to find a solution by looking at all of the facts provided by both parties and making a decision based on the merits of the case. Note that you may go directly down the ERA route without first seeking a resolution through your employer or through mediation. You still have to tell your employer that there is an issue, however, within the 90-day timeframe from either the incident occurring or from the end of your employment with them.

After the 90-day notice period has elapsed, an employee has the option to raise a personal grievance, but this is dependent on the employer's agreement. Should the employer not consent to this course of action, the employee has the alternative of approaching the Employment Relations Authority (ERA) to seek permission for raising a personal grievance. However, it's important to note that an employee can only pursue this avenue if they can substantiate that the delay was a result of exceptional circumstances. Examples of such exceptional circumstances may encompass scenarios where the employee's representative failed to initiate the grievance within the designated timeframe, the employee's health issues stemming from the problem hindered their ability to raise a grievance, the employment agreement did not adequately explain the available services for conflict resolution, or the agreement inaccurately stated the 90-day notice period. Additionally, if the employer failed to provide a reason for dismissal when requested, this could also be considered an exceptional circumstance warranting the pursuit of a personal grievance.

To find out more head over to www.cwc.org.nz and enter personal grievance in the search tool.

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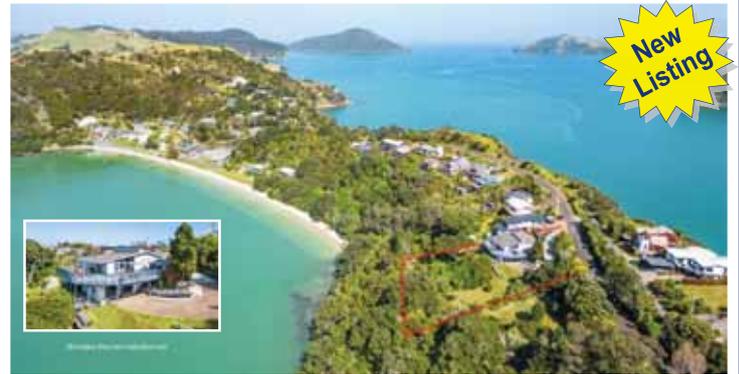
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Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services

Spring is officially upon us and with it, warmer weather and thankfully, more sunshine. However, warmth also brings out some of our more annoying insects – flies for one! Nobody likes flies buzzing around and leaving unsightly black dots all over their ceiling and walls, not to mention finding maggots (their larvae) in unexpected places. However, these are not the only reasons you don't want flies to become a problem in your home or business. Many types of flies (over 2000 species in NZ) are effective transmitters of disease to humans. They can harbour disease-carrying organisms on their hairy bodies and transfer them between decaying excrement or wastes and human foods and utensils. Also, because of their sponging mouthparts, flies often regurgitate some of their food while eating and fail to retrieve it all (leaving behind bits of said waste).

That said, flies are not all bad! Most adult flies are useful as pollinators, and they help to clean up dung and the remains of dead animals. In some parts of the world, flies and their larvae are used medicinally or even appreciated as food. Flies belong to the order Diptera, which translates to two wings. They are incredibly fast and agile fliers and can reach speeds of 300 or more wingbeats per second. Somewhat unsurprising, up to a third of a fly's body weight can be in its wing muscles.

So how do we minimise flies in our homes? Unfortunately, there is no silver bullet, but effective methods include excluding flies from the household by keeping windows and doors shut or fitting fly screens, although not a prevalent practice in most Kiwi households. It also helps to reduce their breeding grounds and food sources by covering food, keeping a tidy house and ensuring all waste containers have tightly sealed lids. A professionally applied insecticide spray can also help to minimise flies (as well as other bugs) in and around your house and spring is the most recommended time to have this done, before the populations explode. So, if you have been thinking about it, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer



Hello everyone, Mary here.

We will be well and truly into spring by the time you read this article. The clocks will have "sprung forward" and the afternoons will become lighter longer. Just as well with all of the jobs in the garden and around the house; my list to myself is getting longer by the day!

Our fritter stall at the library was a resounding success and we have another planned for **Saturday 7 October** outside James and Turner to celebrate the new owners' first year of trading in Coromandel.

Hope to see you all there and if you can't make it we have another planned for Labour Weeking outside Four Square. So much going on my diary is looking a little battle weary.

The club had our dinner meeting on 6 September and we welcomed Lion Logan's mum, dad and brother as it was his birthday, so my cake making was put to the test to get a cake for him showing his achievements for the town. As you will be aware Logan is a busy young man delivering papers and looking after the Bike Park, keeping it clean and tidy, so a bike-themed cake was on the cards.

Hopefully everyone had a great night.

As you will see we had a visit from Helen Clark at our fritter stall. He kept an eye on Kerry just in case he let anything slip. Bless you Helen.



Cat Helen Clark keeping a watch for fritters

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Community Christmas Lunch

It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas day. Why don't you join us at the Coromandel Town Community Christmas Lunch? Anyone can come along, the meal is free. In the November and December issues of the Town Chronicle you will be able to register, and all of the information you need will be in these issues. Register early to avoid missing out; seating is limited. If you find you cannot attend and have registered, please let us know so we can offer the space to someone else.



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Moehau ki te Moana

By Vanessa and Cass

Potting Parties 2023

Kia ora koutou.

As I write this it is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) and the whakatauki “Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai” (Nurture the seed and it will blossom) comes to mind. On Saturday 9 September the sun shone as over 20 people joined us to pot up and transplant native seedlings at our Colville Harbour Care Native Plant Nursery. It was a gorgeous day full of smiles, yummy kai, sunshine and an incredible amount of community spirit! A huge thank you to everyone who came to nurture the future seeds for our beloved Moehau and northern Coromandel – we will see them blossom along our waterways and wetlands soon! Our next potting party is **Saturday 7 October**, at Colville Native Plant Nursery from 10am-2pm. These events are so hugely important for our little community nursery and are such a happy event. Feel free to come for a short or a longer time; it all helps. The amount of mahi we can get done in only a few hours makes an incredible difference and we always make sure you are well fed! He



rau ringa e oti ai – Many hands make light work. We appreciate your support.

Saturday 7 October, 10am-2pm, at Colville Harbour Care Native Plant Nursery, Wharf Road, Colville.

Bring: Sunhat, warm clothes (layers), raincoat (just in case), gumboots/sturdy footwear, water bottle, sunscreen.

Free lunch, tea and coffee. Ngā mihi.

The Treasury

The Treasury Research Centre and Archive is launching its online archive catalogue. It opens the doors to a trove of historical records, including digitised images of the Coromandel Peninsula and Hauraki District. With the ability to search by names of individuals, organisations, and places, users can effortlessly explore whether we hold any records related to their interests.



The Treasury General Manager Katherine Quinn says, “Digital access is especially important in a region like ours... Now people can view many records from anywhere in the world.”

The realisation of this ambitious project owes gratitude to The Treasury’s partners and supporters. The acquisition of specialist archival software, which powers this platform, was made possible through funding from the Lottery Environment and Heritage grant and the unwavering commitment of our two district councils. Their support exemplifies the shared vision of preserving our heritage and making it accessible to all.

Visit www.thetreasury.org.nz

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We are now playing the Autumn system. Thanks to Jan drafting up a plan for six players, it is working well. We meet each Monday evening at the St John rooms and play for around 2½ to 3 hours. Please give Jan or myself a ring if you would like to join us.

Contacts Jan (07) 866 8341 or 027 478 8839, Judy 027 515 8306

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Art Gecko music night

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Hi everyone.

I had hoped to be able to share some photos of our Club's Opening Day but due to the greens being unplayable on the day, I have none! That's Mother Nature for you, but to those who did come in to celebrate our "Opening Day" shared lunch, we were welcomed to the 2023-2024 season by President Jim and all enjoyed a great catchup too.

Our Sunday afternoon bowls eventually did get underway, which was great. This is a new club afternoon to not just give current members extra playing time but to make an opportunity for potential new bowlers who work during the week, to join us too. Everyone is welcome. Arrive 12.30pm for 1pm start.

Since last writing, there have also been a few tournaments that club members have entered as well, which is great.

We had four teams playing at the Mercury Bay Surf 'n' Turf Tournament held over the weekend of 26/27 August, a team at the Thames Valley Centre Opening day held at the Thames Coast Club on 9 September and a number of teams also at our own club's Open Optional Triples (sponsored by the Top Pub Coromandel Hotel) held on 14 September.

October is a busy month of bowls for our club with a mix of Thursday Club days, Sunday Club afternoons, Open Optional Triples and a Cup Challenge.

October also sees the return of our very exciting Twilight Bowls for the season. This gets underway on **Tuesday 24 October** with sessions at both 5pm and 6pm. Come on down to the club and enjoy the social atmosphere, even if you're not in a team. I'm sure you will find someone to cheer for.



Sunday Bowls

Give our club Treasurer Linda Wright a call on 027 651 3477 if you have any enquiries about our Twilight Bowls.

Let's hope for a fine and sunny 2023-2024 season of bowls.

Combined Clubs

By Gary Pettett

Art Gecko

We enjoyed a fantastic night of music ranging from pop to blues to jazz and once again the Club was buzzing with members and friends enjoying a social evening and dancing the night away. Our Club member Stuart Bayes is a member of the band and it was great to see him in action and our Raewyn was invited to perform a solo with the group. All of the musicians are so talented and it is rewarding to have the opportunity to present live music at the club



New deck

The Hauraki District of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association will be in Coromandel on **Friday 3 to Saturday 4 November**. They will be staying in the Rugby grounds and will come over to the Club for drinks and possibly a game of bowls on the Friday night and visit again on the Saturday RSA social afternoon/evening. Please come along and make our visitors feel welcome.

Rummikub continues to be very popular on Monday afternoons 1-4pm.

RSA

By Gary Pettett

The RSA has been very busy over the last month.

Donations by the members at a recent Club evening raised \$140 for the Cancer Society Breast appeal and this generosity was much appreciated.

Money from the RSA Welfare Trust account has been used to repair the front deck of one of our loyal longstanding RSA members. (photo)

The Welfare Trust also helped a student from the Coromandel Area School with finance so that she could attend a football tournament as a team member of part of the Mercury Bay team competing in Whangarei.

The RSA Christmas Lunch will be held on **Sunday 26 November** from noon until late. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. We will be drawing our ham raffles during the afternoon – still time to get a ticket so don't delay.

Our Saturday social afternoons are as popular as ever, with increasing numbers as the weather improves and the lighter evenings are back again. Remember, these Saturdays are open to all Club members so do come along for a bevy and chat with friends and new friends. Here's to a great summer season.

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Hi all, our September meeting went well and we decided to go for a run and have lunch at the Matatoki Cheese Factory on 17 September – these outings are proving very popular with members.

Tuesday 7 to Wednesday 8 November is a drive to Sand Spit and a trip to Kawau Island. BYO for BBQ and drinks; self-contained cabins on the beach front. Contact Bruce direct as bookings are very limited.

We have been invited to participate in the Coromandel Town Christmas Parade on **Sunday 10 December**. We are open to ideas for a great turnout.

We are excited to announce our Car Fair date is set for **Sunday 4 February 2024**. I know that seems a long way off, but seeing how quickly this year has flown, this date will come around in no time!. Please give some thought to this event as it will be huge and volunteers are essential to the success of this venture.

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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



October 2023

Road to Recovery

Last month Mayor Len Salt visited Valley Educational Training & Enterprises Ltd (VETEL) in Kōpū to develop the second stage of a youth employment scheme as part of The Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Our Council is partnering with VETEL and Ngāti Maru ki Hauraki to extend the youth employment scheme which supported

16 people into employment in a pilot phase.

Extra funding has been approved to upgrade the programme, and our Council is aiming for over 40 placements in the coming year.

tcdc.govt.nz/youthjobs



BEHIND THE SCENES WITH OUR LTP 2024-34

Our Council has started on our next Long Term Plan (LTP) journey for 2024-34, creating a 'road map' for the coming 10 years to guide our long-term decision-making.

This vital planning document is reviewed every three years and sets out all the services and projects we're planning, what they're going to cost and how we'll fund them (including likely rates increases for the next 10 years).

Our Council and our Community Boards have already begun to discuss the projects and facilities that we see our communities needing.

We'll be seeking more of your informal involvement in the coming months and on our main proposals in March-April next year.

tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034



LABOUR WEEKEND

Some rules, regulations and schedules may change.



Kerbside collections Rubbish and recycling collections are one day later following Labour Day

Monday 23 October. Check your local kerbside collection schedule at:

tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

Our seven Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations are open every day during daylight savings from 8.30am-5.30pm. tcdc.govt.nz/rts



Alcohol Bans

Alcohol bans are in place over Labour weekend from 4pm Friday to 4pm Monday.

tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol



Dog Rules

Dog restrictions are in place on some beaches this Labour weekend. Look out for

Council's traffic light signage or go to our website to see what rules apply in your area.

tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide



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Closed on Monday 23 October. You can still

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ARTBEAT FESTIVAL



The new Coromandel Artbeat Spring Festival is encouraging visitors and locals alike to enjoy artistic experiences around the Coromandel including arts events, workshops, exhibitions, open studios and more.

Locally, the line-up of events includes the Colville Festival over Labour Weekend and Coromandel Open Studio Arts Tour in the first two weekends of October. To promote an event, as part of the festival, free of charge, email:

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WANTED: YOUR VIEWS

Our Significance and Engagement Policy helps us guide the appropriate types of community engagement to support robust decision-making. It sets out how and when we engage with you on Council decisions, and also lists our strategic assets.

We've reviewed the policy and are proposing some improvements that we'd like your feedback on.

Visit tcdc.govt.nz/significance to have your say until 23 October 2023.



Coromandel
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UPDATE

A word from our Board
Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"It's good to see our district benefitting from more settled weather as Labour Weekend approaches.



The Artbeat Spring Festival is doing a great job celebrating our creative communities around the Coromandel. If you'd like to promote an event as part of the festival, drop them a line at info@creativecoromandel.co.nz

Youth jobs are getting a boost with extra funding for new work placements. The Ministry of Social Development also presented to our local Business Association, sharing support on offer for businesses. At least two young people gained employment as a result. Great to see positive initiatives that will help local businesses access work-ready youth.

If you're joining us over Labour Weekend, we look forward to giving you a warm welcome."

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Allergies, digestive disorders and your gut immunity

Do you suffer from: hay fever, sinusitis, excessive coughing or sneezing, or sweating, rhinitis, itchy, red or runny eyes, nasal polyps, tinnitus, glue ear, swelling, heat or pain localised to an area, eczema, hives, psoriasis, asthma, muscle aches, headaches, behavioural issues or mood swing extremes?

Or experiencing any digestive disorders: heart burn, reflux, indigestion, bloating, unusual stools, haemorrhoids, IBS, coeliac disease, Crohn's disease?

Allergic diseases are rapidly increasing in developed countries. In all my many years of clinical experience, I have found these health issues to be easily preventable, and very treatable. The key to cure is that the treatment needs to be addressed in the right sequence, to create lasting results.

Allergies persist into adulthood

Allergy, or atopy, is a systemic disorder that can affect your nose, lungs, eyes, skin, and gastrointestinal tract, giving rise to atopic dermatitis, asthma, food allergies, allergic rhinitis and more. Not all children "outgrow" their allergies.

Hypersensitivities manifest as conditions that do not reflect the traditional allergic reaction, such as behavioural disorders, menstrual abnormalities and some autoimmune diseases. Thus, there is a fundamental defect underlying allergies that is not resolved over time.

In the beginning

Three months prior to conception, healthy

sperm and egg, via real food, and your lifestyle, is essential. We know also that allergies and hypersensitivities are a consequence of the quality of your digestive tract and microbiome's cellular structure and function.

Immune balance is achieved with two arms of your immune system that counterregulate each other. One arm of your T Helper (Th) white blood cells provides immune defence, while the other arm also limits the overreaction of the other. The reason why some children show a higher frequency of allergy is because we are all born with an immune system primed for allergy.

The Th2 cell dominance was important in utero to prevent a Th1 attack on the foetus.

The Th2 dominance will persist into childhood and then adolescence, when insufficient Th1 stimuli are not provided.

When your Th1 defensive system lacks practice fighting bacteria and viruses, your Th2 system may overreact – as an allergic reaction – to harmless substances like pollen or food antigens.

Your gut immune axis

Important and modifiable reasons why your immune system polarises into an immune state is the intricate link between digestive disorders and allergy. Also, psychological stress, dietary elements, dysbiosis (imbalance in essential bacteria), environmental pollutants, toxins, obesity and longterm pharmaceutical drug use.

Your Gut Wall

As the gateway into your body, the total mucosal surface of an adult human gastrointestinal tract is 300m², making it the largest body area interacting with the environment, and representing a large proportion of your immune system.

Inflammation of your digestive tract mucosa can cause intestinal permeability (leaky gut) and increase the number of allergens able to pass across the intestinal mucosa, leaking into the blood stream, affecting all body systems later in life.

Prevent longterm Issues

Without early intervention to correct Th1 and Th2 immune white blood cell balance, issues with allergies and hypersensitivities easily morph into more chronic adult health issues, including hard to control or reoccurring viral infections, and autoimmune diseases like arthritis, psoriasis, polymyalgia rheumatica, thyroid issues and more.

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Coromandel Community Gardens

By Rachel Benmayor, garden coordinator

Spring is showing up in the garden now with some good growth on the winter vegies and some shy blossoms occurring on the fruit trees. Currently ready in the garden we have silverbeet, spinach, spring onions, a few lettuces left and the last of the broccoli. We are trying to establish a new herb garden so we would love any cuttings of herbs you might have. At the moment we have sorrel, oregano, mint and lemon balm. It has been hard trying to raise seedlings from old, unviable seed donated some years ago so if you have spare seeds, seedlings or plants, please bring them down on Friday morning when we gather to work the gardens from 9.30 onwards. Also, we would really appreciate any garden tools you are not using; the current ones we use are very old and breaking now. Let's look forward to a good summer this coming season.

Hopefully our sharing shelf will be stocked well before Xmas. If you would like to join us, then we meet at the Community Gardens, next to Hauraki House on Friday mornings from 9.30am onwards.

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Our Money Month Winners

In August CILT celebrated Money Month with support from Te Ara Ahunga Ora and held a Top Tip competition where we asked the community to tell us their best budgeting tip. We had an amazing number of responses; thank you so much to all who participated. Thanks also to Te Korowai, Coromandel Family Health, Coromandel Takeaways, The Bizarre and Te Mana Tangata who allowed us to have our Tip Jars at their places of business. The winners are: \$300 Four Square voucher – Lysandra, 2x \$100 Warehouse vouchers – Erana and Deb

When we phoned Deb to let her know, she told us she was a visitor from Morrinsville and asked us to donate her voucher to a family in need. Ngā mihi Deb, such a thoughtful gesture.

Some of our favourite tips were:

- Use ChatGPT to make a menu from ingredients you have in your cupboard at home.
- Shop your local specials and plan weekly meals around what is on special that week.



Money Month winner Lysandra with our chair and acting GM Vicki Sephton

- Take your spending money out each week in cash and leave your card at home.
- Find a bank that allows multiple accounts for one fee, then

split your money for different bills into each account.

- Stick to online grocery shopping when possible. This makes it easier to stick to a list and saves gas. (Also make sure you never go grocery shopping with an empty puku!)
- Put your credit card in a cup of water in the freezer.
- Barter with your friends and family to swap fruit, veges and meat.

A visit from Carmel Sepuloni and Len Salt

CILT welcomed our Deputy Prime Minister Carmel Sepuloni and Thames-Coromandel Mayor Len Salt to Te Pūtahi Whaiora in late August. They were both interested to hear about the work that CILT does in our community and were able to see our Creative Spaces programme in action with a ceramics workshop being held with local artist Caitlin Moloney.



Nanny Peg with Deputy PM Carmel Sepuloni

Both of our manuhiri were presented with a beautiful print made by participants in our Creative Spaces programme.

Do you qualify for travel assistance?

CILT administers a community transport fund on behalf of Te Whatu Ora to help people who hold a community services card and live rurally access Te Whatu Ora services. Our coverage areas are Thames and Hamilton. If you have a hospital appointment and you need help getting there, contact the Resource Centre who will help you work out if you are eligible. 07 866 8358

Waste Management at Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station

On 1 September, management of the RTS switched over from Smart Environmental to Waste Management. CILT remains as a sub-contractor for Waste Management, supplying the staff to operate the RTS. Please remember that our staff have to adhere

to procedures and policies set by Waste Management. This includes costs for dumping and health and safety measures. We thank our RTS staff for their dedication over this changeover time.

Recruitment for a new General Manager

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Embroidery Guild

By Win McMinn

The Coromandel Embroidery Guild meetings each month provide a wonderful opportunity for members to get together to share what they've been working on, be inspired with new techniques or projects and to get help with stitching problems they may be having. There is so much creativity and diversity within the group, from traditional to the way out. Everything and anything goes. So much encouragement, lots of suggestions and always willing helpers.

We recently had a young woman join us – “lived here 30 years (all my life) and have just discovered this group”. So much enthusiasm and drive to inspire us all!

This month the “show and tell” table was heaving, from Marie’s wonderful native birds to Donna’s metal bird and so much more! It augurs well for our annual exhibition which is on from **Thursday 2 to Sunday 12 November** at Hauraki House. More on that next month!

Our membership is just over 50, with people coming from Tairua, Whitianga, Matarangi, Colville and even Maramarua and Pukekohe! Who said embroidery is dead? The variety and creativity in today’s work would surprise you. Coromandel Guild is held in high esteem throughout NZ. If you have any interest in stitching, come along or contact us.

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

Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

Q – I am buying a property, should I get a builder’s report? Or just the LIM report?

A – I am sure getting the builder’s report would be beneficial.

Usually regardless of the age of the building, it is appropriate and I would think your lawyer would encourage the builder’s report.

Why? The LIM will, or is giving to a degree, historical information about the home when the home was built, hopefully with council CCC (Code of Compliance Certificate), or Pre-1992 Permitted. Should the homeowner have made any alterations without council knowledge, your builder will more than likely find this.

Not only would an inspector find alterations, but also has the maintenance been kept up, both inside and outside? Has the condition of the home deteriorated and timber needing replacing? Is the roof fit for purpose? Or just had a coat of paint over the rust? Is it leaking in the ceiling cavity?

What about wet areas? This is a common place for issues, some from poor or hidden workmanship. Maybe the works were only done by a handyman and not through the legal channels. These things happen a lot, but are expensive things in a transaction if not discovered before settlement (for both parties).

Another common fault is a converted building into human habitat. This is where a garage, for example, is now converted into a minor dwelling, or mum’s cottage, or maybe these days a B&B premises.

This is where having counsel documents, builder’s reports and titles, etc., surveyed by your legal team is always very important.

You may be advised that certain improvements or maintenance needs to be done within a time frame to avoid leaks or damage. This may require unexpected or previously unthought of costs. Can you afford those improvements, does it alter the value of the property?

You may even, with older properties, want to consider if you should include electrical and plumbing inspections by qualified individuals.

Why? Again many things can be altered or interfered with over the years by well-intentioned people, but nonetheless unqualified individuals. Therefore the work may be illegal or simply dangerous.

How would you feel if someone were to turn on a light in the garage, only to be electrocuted because the wiring was not put in by an electrician, but by a previous untrained vendor or friend?

Inspections are done for all parties to be satisfied that the home is safe, that you are purchasing with knowledge, and can take steps to rectify – if needed.

Yes – if the salesperson is aware of structural damage or water leaks, unpermitted or illegal alterations, they are charged with an expectation to advise you. But they are not builders, they do not undertake a building survey as a builder will. Which means the salesperson may not be aware of hidden or undivulged issues.

This is why an independent qualified builder is the person to get in.

Remember, this is in many cases a lifelong commitment you are taking on, and very expensive. Surely full due diligence, moving with eyes wide open, is very important.

Especially if you are a first-time home buyer!

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Mercury Bay Aero Club Inc. 75th Anniversary

The Mercury Bay Aero Club Inc. was formally established 1 October 1948, and we intend celebrating the 75th anniversary in Whitianga on Labour Weekend.

Air Show

On **Sunday 22 October** 10am-12pm we are staging an Air Show over Mercury Bay (off Buffalo Beach) which will be free to the public. This will be professionally organized by NZ Warbirds under their NZ CAA approvals utilizing airspace some 200m-500m off the beachfront which will feature the NZ Warbirds Roaring Forty's Harvard formation aerobatic team, the YAK Formation Team and precision flying displays by several other Warbird, vintage, and Aero Club aircraft. The show will open with a mass parachute drop of skydivers from the DC3 onto Buffalo Beach.

Spectators at Buffalo and Brophy's beaches will have a chance to win a "lucky draw" for a flight in a Warbirds Harvard – free numbered programs will be distributed.

Open Day

The Buffalo Beach display will be followed by an Aero Show "Open Day" at the airfield from 12-4pm where all participating Airshow aircraft will be on static display, and many including some of the Warbird aircraft and DC3 will be available for joy rides. We are hoping to also have on display all of our Club Members' aircraft numbering in the order of 65+ aircraft.

Mana Retreat

Welcome to spring

Greetings Coromandel community,

Wow, just like that, spring is here. With the days becoming longer, it is a great time to get out in the garden and enjoy the fresh spring air. Thank you to those who joined us for our recent Community Garden Day. It was lovely to have visitors from the Coromandel community. Stay tuned for more events in the near future.

Coming up at Mana is our Coming Home To Yourself Retreat **Friday 6 to Monday 9 October**. This is a three-night retreat designed to support you in your journey to connect more deeply with yourself. Or join us for an affordable weekend away for our Relax and Wellness Weekend **Friday 10 to Sunday 12 November**. This is a light yet fun-filled weekend with optional daily activities to support your wellbeing and wellness.

If you are looking to try something new, keep an eye out on our website "Community Event" page for upcoming Open Floor Dance or Qi Gong classes, happening most weeks. These classes are accessible for all ages and abilities; bring a friend and simply show up on the day for some enjoyable movement practice.

Arohanui (big love) from the Mana Team.

Bookings for retreats can be made via www.manaretreat.com or phone (07) 866 8972

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

We have two new members in our group. Welcome to Vicky and Marie!

Our September meeting allowed us a fine day to visit two large, beautiful gardens located side-by-side on Hauraki Road. These were not gardens of our members and we really appreciated that the owners were willing to share the wonderful spaces they've created.

Kellie said the property that they've had for 20 years originally had a row of large macrocarpas that have since been removed, though the trunk of one was saved to create a lovely garden feature. She has collected many, many rocks (some very large!) to enhance her lovely and creative the garden.

Linda and Rex's garden had some wonderful, secluded dells that felt a world away from the adjacent roadway, a bridge over a creek, many vege beds (with some tempting asparagus just starting to emerge in one), and a very creative long drop.

Kath talked about ideas for our entry in the upcoming Santa Parade, in the afternoon on **Sunday 10 December**.

We had a spectacular display of arrangements this month, a large display of competition entries overall and Thelma's basket of veges was auctioned off for \$10. Spring has definitely sprung! First place floral competition winners in September were: Thelma – Single Bloom; Glenise – Mini Bloom; Rada - Multi Bloom; Marie M - Arrangement (Shades of Yellow); and Thelma – Special (Vege Surprise).

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 October**. Meeting details: Be in the Woollams Ave carpark before 1pm for carpooling and prompt departure to a garden ramble in Whangapoua. We will visit the garden of one nonmember and then finish at a member's garden. Bring your own lunch or snack for afternoon tea at Jill's. No competitions, no raffles, no sales table!

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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6 - 9 OCT	Spring Coming Home To Yourself Retreat
13 - 15 OCT	Yoga Retreat with Stella Goetz
15 - 20 OCT	A 5-day Mindful Self-Compassion Retreat with Anna Friis and Mara Elwood
20 - 23 OCT	Soul Revival Retreat with Kate McEwen
27 - 29 OCT	Humming – A weekend Yoga Retreat with Karla Brodie
3-5 NOV	Sing Your Heart Out with Tony Backhouse
10-12 NOV	Relax and Wellness Retreat with the Mana Team
16-19 NOV	3 Day Silent Meditation Retreat with with Amrit and Yogamurti Saraswati
21-23 NOV	Reputed Retreat with Lisa O'Neil

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Coromandel man takes part in Tour Divide, the world's longest off-road cycling event

By Caryl Sheffield

Imagine cycling 4,400km from Canada to Mexico, traversing terrain equivalent to summiting Mt Everest several times from sea level to peak, pedalling through mud, snow, hail, freezing rain, lightning storms, strong winds and relentless desert sun, with temperatures ranging from freezing to 40 degrees. Would that be a challenge? Ask Coromandel man, Richard Baty, who recently completed the Tour Divide, the world's longest off-road cycling event, criss-crossing the Rockies 30 times – a solo, self-supported test of extreme endurance, self-reliance and mental toughness.

There are no prizes, the finish line a nondescript fence between the US and Mexico, with nobody there to congratulate you. In late June 204 dedicated cyclists, including 25 Kiwis, began this gruelling challenge; 50% dropped out along the way. Motivation? For Richard, a desire to challenge himself physically and mentally leaving behind the comforts of air-con, Netflix and Uber-eats.

Days were long, 10-12 hours in the saddle, with one 18-hour day covering 320km. Riders may resupply their food and equipment, as well as service their bike, along the way but only with commercially



available services and nothing pre-arranged. Such services are essential. On one mountain pass, Richard's bike frame broke. Undeterred, he improvised, using cable ties to attach Allen keys, a spork and his toothbrush to hold the frame together, then pushed the bike out to a main road and hitched a ride to the nearest settlement. A new frame was air-freighted in and everything quickly stripped from old to new. Luckily Trek bikes have a lifetime warranty so the new frame came free but the enforced stop meant 48 hours of lost time.

So many memorable moments, including sneaking up to a remote camping hut late at night to recharge his GPS back-up battery. Surreptitiously unplugging a bait fridge on the veranda to use the socket, security lights blazed out, freezing him to the spot. First thought: this is America. Don't shoot! Nobody appeared so a quick catnap, then at 3am off pedalling once more, battery, if not body, recharged.

Fuelling the body was also a concern

which often meant pigging out on 2-3 big American diner breakfasts, then surviving on muesli bars, chocolate and snack foods, with frozen burritos defrosting along the way.

Many nights were spent camping out and on one he dreamt a bear was sniffing around his head. In the dream he casually shooped it away. Next morning he encountered his first bear, less than 1km away. Bears that could be seen were fine but more intimidating were fresh prints and scat, meaning something lurking nearby. Rocks and shadows could easily be mistaken for a bear, a snake or a mountain lion. Imagination runs riot and perhaps never more so than late one night when a large black shape materialised on the side of the road. Two gleaming eyes; time to wait and watch. A few minutes, then a plaintive moo! The heart stops pounding, breathing normalises and farewell stray calf.

Worst experience? Food poisoning in the desert and being completely wiped out for two days. The moment he nearly gave up.

Peak experience? Reaching New Mexico. No more freezing weather and, with "only" 700 km to go, realising he would make the finish.

Sitting quietly at Weta Cafe, playing chess with his Coro mates, Richard has regained the kilos lost, his face is no longer scorched by the sun and wind, the dry, blistered, sandpapery lips are healed and the nose bleeds brought on by altitude and harsh desert winds have stopped. But those numb feet and toes still remind him of that epic ride.



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Youth Group is for children 5-15yrs. To play, socialise, enjoy creating art and crafts or just relax and enjoy the fresh fruit supplied by Countdown.

School Holiday Times – Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs 11am-4pm Just fill in a membership form and bring a packed lunch.

School Term Times: Tues, Thurs and Fri 3pm-5pm.

For 10yrs+ - Adventure Time – Mondays 3-5pm and Miniature Game Club Wed 3-5pm.

All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

For more information: call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061 during opening hours or email coromandel youthgroup@gmail.com.

This programme is made possible with kind donations & grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust, AGT & NZCT. Local supporters: Star & Garter Hotel, CILT and TCDC

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Brown

Just in case you missed it, the Board of Trustees is delighted to announce they have appointed Tracey Adams as the successful candidate to the role of Principal for our kura.

Tracey started with us towards the end of Term 3. Tracey has been an educator for 26 years, ten of those as a Principal. Additional experience in leading the Ohinemuri Kahui Ako and working with the Education Review Office has given Tracey a broad perspective of the challenges faced by schools across our wider district and also an extensive knowledge of different ways challenges can be met/resolved. Being an ex-student and also a former member of staff here at CAS, Tracey is well-connected to our community and has an extensive support network of whanau and peers locally, regionally and within the wider educational community. We are excited to have Tracey join us for this next stage in our never ending journey of making Coromandel Area School the heart of our community.

Ata Titiro

Coromandel Area School has a unique program this year called Ata Titiro. It was created after four years of action research through the Coromandel Kahui Ako. Ata Titiro looks at recognising and developing students' dispositional and character strengths.

Some areas of focus for students are building strong leadership qualities, increasing feelings of self-worth, resilience, perseverance, learning goal-setting skills and reflecting on challenges or what went well. Through this program and working on these competencies or strengths and with self-management and confidence building, has resulted in students who are more responsive to

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



learning and likely to “give things a go”.

The students take part in a variety of activities both in and out of school. These activities offer students time and space to learn alongside each other, make mistakes, grow skills and have fun whilst doing so. We have been working alongside some community networks, which has also enabled the students to show gratitude by giving back to the community they live in.

Big thanks

We just want to take the time to say a big thank you to Driving Creek Zipline Tours for your extraordinary generosity taking Brooklyn and two of our staff members on the zipline tour in July. Here is what Brooklyn had to say about his experience:



“On Wednesday I went ziplining with Whaea Patricia and Whaea Heather at Driving Creek Railway. It was fun at the train station. I took the train to the top and I did eight ziplines. I wore a helmet and a harness. I went zooming down the zipline and I didn't fall out. I saw Whaea Heather's shed. It had a sliding door, it had harnesses and helmets and ropes inside. I love ziplining.”

Key dates for Term 4

Monday 9 October – Day One of Term Four

Thursday 12 October – Year 1-8 athletics

Monday 23 October – Labour Day Holiday

Friday 27 October – Market Day

Friday 17 November – Teacher Only Day

Thursday 14 December – End of Year Celebration of Learning

Friday 15 December – Last day of Term Four (finish at 12.05pm)

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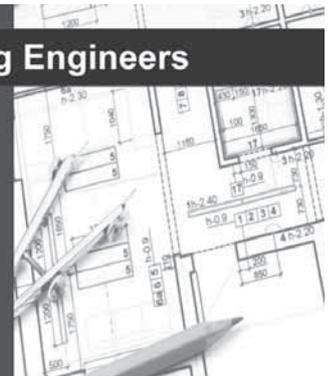
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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie



What an exciting term it has been, culminating in the dawn blessing and opening of our much needed double classroom block. It was great to have the Year 3 and 4 children move into their learning space for the last week of term.

The Te Rerenga School Kapa Haka rōpu performed at the Coromandel Schools' Kahui Ako Cultural Festival which was hosted by Coromandel Area School. As usual our tamariki represented our school with pride with not only their fabulous kapa haka performance but also by demonstrating impeccable behaviour.

It was a special day when we had Olympian Ambassador, George Muir visit us at school. George represented NZ at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics in men's hockey and also won Silver at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. As a NZ Olympic Ambassador, George shared his sporting, Olympic and life experiences, and delivered key messages and examples to inspire the students. It was awesome stuff and the children loved it.

We were very proud of our Associate Principal Shelley Corles who cooked for 60 people in the Dunes Mastercook Competition. Shelley's Asian style main of salmon with bok choy and carrots, and dessert of lemon tart, was delicious and we loved that Shelley's table theme was based on our school's whakatauki. The children in her new entrant class made and decorated placemats with a feather design and some of our senior girls helped and also made the feather centerpieces for the tables.

Coromandel Community Preschool



Kia ora koutou katoa. As I write this the sun is shining and the children are practicing their waiata and waiata-aa-ringa in preparation for their big performance at the Coromandel Cultural Festival. They are really looking forward to the event and we hope they are not too over-awed by the amount of people who will be watching.

It is good to be able to take our tamariki out into our community, joining in with community events, visiting places of interest and expanding their knowledge of our unique environment.

Our garden is progressing and we are nearly ready to plant out the seedlings that the children have sown a few weeks ago. The spinach, tomatoes and strawberries are growing well; we're ready to plant some more.

We thank everyone who supported the preschool by purchasing a ticket in our Father's Day raffle. It was won by Number 153 Max MacLean (Snr), a most deserved winner. The proceeds of the raffle are going towards our playground upgrade.

We have celebrated birthdays for Indianna, Tiikapa, Charlee-Rose, Charlie, Oakley, Beau, and Tucker; we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Indianna, Te Kanawaoporourangi, Charlee-Rose, Coleson, and Tiikapa and we welcome Tangaroa, Noah, and Dylan to the centre.

We still have a couple of spaces in our "up to 2's side" so if you are interested in having your child at preschool please call in and see us. We currently have no spaces available in the 2-6 years age group but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre, for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers and you feel that this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning, you can put your child's name on the waiting list.

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Spring in Val's garden

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

It seems like only yesterday that I was looking forward to winter, and sitting by the fire and catching up on reading all of the art magazines that I hadn't had time to read during summer. And here we are already into springtime and the long, lighter evenings, and more time to paint.

Now is a good time to get a visual diary and keep a record of the changing seasons. Try and draw or paint something every week or month, and you end up with a visual reminder of the year. We are really spoilt for choice here with places and subjects to record.

The group is busy now focusing on our combined painting for our annual exhibition in January 2024. It is a lovely joint project to do and great fun watching it evolve.

It seems to be the year for breaks, as I'm just getting over a broken ankle, and Jacquie, another of our members, has had a fall and broken her shoulder/collar bone. We wish her a speedy recovery, and thankfully it is her left arm so she is still able to paint.

We have probably all got a bit water-logged after this wet winter, so a bit of sun should dry things out, and we will be able to get out and paint on location again.

We welcome new members. Just ring Lindsay on (07) 866 7799, or call in to St Andrews Hall on a Thursday morning



Open Studios Arts Tour

By Julie Dann

Hopes are high that this year's Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour will give the town and surrounding area a colourful kick-start to summer.

The free, self-guided tour allows visitors to get a behind-the-scenes peek into the creative world of our artistic community. You can chat to artists, see them at work, pick up tips and techniques, and buy the very latest works.

The tour has its first weekend on **Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October**. It then continues on **Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October**. All of the artists have been working hard to produce work to show at their homes or in collective spaces.

The town is getting back on track after the cyclone and Covid, and our main roads are open, although the past two summers have required resilience from everyone.

Vaughan Udall, who has been in the tour from its early days, says: "We've been through hard times in the last two years and the artists have kept going through thick and thin, like the businesses.

"Coromandel has always been known as a place for alternative lifestyles and artists. I really hope this tour helps mark the turnaround, not just for the artists but for business as well."

One of the organisers, Pete Sephton, urges people to get out and support the artists, and visit their studios. "Local support is very important to us. We always appreciate how Coromandel people spend time visiting studios.



Potter Murray Rainey



Jeweller Louise Penberthy

"Many of the studios are only open for the two weekends of the tour, so grab the opportunity to see them while you can.

"Meeting people and chatting about art, or anything else, is more important than selling. Some artists will let you try an art technique for yourself."

Artist Fran Campbell, who is on the tour and shows work in Gallery 6, says: "You used to have to buy a ticket for this, but it's now free. I remember going to Vaughan's house nearly 20 years ago."

The Coromandel Arts Tour pre-dates Whitianga's arts tour, and 34 artists are taking part this year.

Tour stalwart Robyn Lewis, who is taking a break this year, says: "The early years were a boom time before the global financial crisis. People galvanised others to come from Auckland and we did very well. I hope that this year we can replicate that."

Check out the exhibition at Hauraki House from **Saturday 7 October**, and pick up a guide to plan your tour or just look out for the flags marking the locations of artists' studios. You can also download a guide on www.coromandelartstour.co.nz.

Soul Sax & Fi B

Soul Sax & Fi B will be playing blues, soul and jazz, at the Admiral Arms Garden Bar, weather permitting. 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 1.30-4pm, \$5 entry.

Thames Music Group

Soundscape Aotearoa

Thames Music Group Concert on **Sunday 8 October** at 2pm in St George's Church Thames. \$20, \$15 TMG members

This concert will be like no other yet performed in Thames.

Nichola Genn Harris, known as Dr Nichola Voice, HOD Music at Thames High School, will present "Soundscape Aotearoa" combining bass, alto, concert flutes and piccolo with taonga puoro and electro-acoustic backing tracks.

This will be a truly unique concert!

Free Friday Lunchtime concert

Waikato Uni Conservatorium Vocal Students. **Friday 27 October** at 12.15pm in St George's Church. Koha welcome. Soup and bun after concert for \$5.



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Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

A busy few weeks coming up for the Players with Brooke's "The Wedding Dress" (see article right) still in production when we have our first reading and rehearsal for "Santa in Space". These rehearsals will be on **Tuesday 3 October** and **Thursday 5 October**, at 7pm at the theatre or the Scout Den.

If you are interested in taking part please come along as it is a big cast and we will also need quite a bit of help with the set and costuming. The projected dates for the performances are **Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December**. Check the Coromandel Players Facebook page and/or next month's Chronicle for updates.

Whirimako Black

By Robin Munch

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

One of the key pioneers of the Māori music industry, Whirimako Black from the Tūhoe Nation, paved the way for Māori and te reo recording artists. She is a veteran of eight albums and has collaborated with numerous national and international musicians. Her awards' list includes Best Māori Album, Best Jazz Album, and a Silver Scroll award for Best Māori Composition.

On her nationwide tour, Whirimako will be joined on stage by the multi-instrumentalist Kim Halliday who perfectly complements Whirimako with her virtuosity, and Mahina Kauai who adds "out of this world" Taonga Puoro sounds and vocals.

Kim Halliday – Multi-instrumentalist Kim was the principal writer for Pacific Curls for 12 years. She has been involved in over 20 different groups, has 38 recorded works, has composed for three documentary film tracks, and has been awarded three commissioned projects in NZ and Fiji.

Mahina Kauai – Mahina is a talented recording artist, composer, and accomplished player of Nga Taonga Puoro (Maori instruments). She has featured on numerous projects and collaborations promoting the learning of te reo Maori and has presented many workshops that combine modern influences with traditional sounds, music, movement, and vocals.

Treat yourselves to a unique blending of folk, jazz and blues incorporating traditional Māori music forms in both English and te reo Māori.

Thursday 2 November 7.30pm, Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town. Tickets \$25 from Coromandel Town Information Centre, phone (07) 866 8598, email info@coromandeltown.nz.

<https://rattle.co.nz/artists/whirimako-black>



The Wedding Dress play

By Brooke Dennehy Lakin

The initial idea for The Wedding Dress came to me after watching the Coromandel Player's Murder Deferred in 2021. I loved the show, and it was inspiring to see so many people I knew on-stage creating such an entertaining and cunning piece of theatre. The subject matter, however, was heavy, and I could only imagine months of prolonged rehearsals spent on such gruelling scenes could be quite emotionally taxing for the cast involved.

The idea of writing something new, something that was intriguing and entertaining and mysterious, but also light, comedic and sweet in its nature came to mind. I began writing, and as two mysteries unfolded at the heart of the play, writing became effortless. Each of the characters walked onto the stage in my mind readily to express their suspicions, stories, and secrets surrounding the muddled history of the family wedding dress.

The play, which I was told had "fairytale-like qualities", soon inspired me to compose a soundtrack for the poignant moments in the characters' journeys. The Wedding Dress, A Mysterious History, Happily Never After, Reflections, and Through that Door were written over a few months in which all of my free time was spent at the piano, playing around with lyrics and melodies. Musicals have long been one of my great loves in life, and composing, playing, and eventually recording them in Colville with Nathan from Moehau Music, quickly became my favourite part of the creative process.

Putting on the play as a first-time director has been a different process altogether, and one I am enjoying immensely. Despite the bumpy beginning we had in casting the initial ten roles I wrote in this play (which soon became eight roles to fix this problem, with me filling a final role myself), rehearsing The Wedding Dress has been an absolute joy. I truly do leave each and every rehearsal with a smile on my face. The cast are just wonderful. Not only do we share many, many laughs across our rehearsal time, but each person has entirely brought my characters to life, making them even more intriguing, funny, meaningful, and heart-felt than they are on the page.

Hearing my songs sung back to me with so much integrity, resonance, and true feeling has been an overwhelmingly amazing experience. It seems even when I call for a break time, mentioning what song we shall be practising on return, the cast cannot help but burst into song, singing it whole-heartedly and with great feeling. It truly, truly warms my heart.

To bring this show to the stage is an absolute dream. I feel very blessed to live in Coromandel and to have the opportunity that a small town offers to follow my creative idea all the way through to becoming a collaborative creative project. From the very start, I wanted it to be a community event, one that inspires and uplifts and entertains all involved. With Donna Scatchard's artwork to the theme of the play on display in the gallery adjoining the theatre, a "design your own dress" competition running at the Four Square, and the dress tailoring and woodwork done right here in our community, it surely is turning out to be just that. I cannot wait to share this project with you all.

See advert page 11 for show dates

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Moehau Environment Group

By Genevieve Morley



It is with great delight and pride that I can announce that Predator Free NZ has come on board the new Pāteke Hot Spot Project! This means we can start a new backyard trapping project to catch those stoats hanging around at the bottom of town and at Hauraki Road. Thank you so much to Predator Free NZ Trust and everyone involved with this project so far. We are so grateful and excited to really be able to make some positive progress in this space. Thank you to Anna Sephton for letting us use some of her beautiful photos and for counting birds at the oxidation ponds. Thank you to Barry George Colmer and to all of the kids from Coromandel Area School who have already started building traps, placing them in position and catching rats. We look forward to updating you on this new and exciting project as it unfolds. If you would like to get behind this project and sponsor or donate a trap, please get in touch with us. Already, the traps placed have been catching huge and healthy Norwegian rats. Norwegian rats predate on pāteke, and a few weeks ago, four pāteke chicks were hatched at the oxidation

ponds.

On a different note, a new project is being created to collaborate with different people and groups on the peninsula. The New Zealand Penguin Initiative (NZPI) was created in 2019 to fill the void in data about kororā (little penguins). This new project aims to collaborate with as many different people and groups as possible, join the national monitoring programme NZPI provides, develop training and resources, create a team of volunteers, undertake monitoring and collect data as part of the national kororā monitoring programme. In Aotearoa, kororā have been, to a large extent, understudied when compared to the comprehensive research that has been attained in Australia. Their general distribution is known, but population numbers are somewhat hazy around most of the country. For instance, there is not much published academic research as to what type of fish they eat, so one thing that NZPI is looking to do is to collect food specimens that have been spilled while the parent kororā feed their chicks, and they also want to collect scat for DNA sampling so that there can be a nationwide diet study. Kororā can only dive 20m deep, so as the water temperature warms, their food supply may go into deeper, cooler water. In much of their range, populations appear

Paul and children from Coromandel Area School build a rat trap at Knox Cottage in Waikawau Bay. Their traps have now been placed around the oxidation ponds at Hauraki Road



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to have declined, but evidence is anecdotal or based on sporadic surveys conducted by individuals, providing insufficient data to implement conservation management actions. A comprehensive, investigative approach is essential to understand factors driving declines and identify and enact the management actions required to reverse declines of kororā. Come on board and get in touch with us to support this mahi.

Lastly, MEG would like to welcome the new trappers who are starting on the RAK, TOP/TSB and WES/HOV traplines. Congratulations to Ezra, the newest member of the field team who has completed his chainsaw training! The recent small mammal index completed in the MEGa Pest Attack has shown a great result of 0% rats tracking inside the project, while the tunnels outside of the project are showing 33%. Of course, just because the tunnels read zero rat prints does not mean that there will be zero rats within the area, but we might be getting close.

Ngā mihi nui.

Please support our work by becoming a member or sponsoring a trap!
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Wetland Spring

By Julie Sargisson

I think of this spring as the second spring of the unfettered, uncomplicated rewilding of the McGregor Bay Wetlands. The word “rewilding” suggests the active role of people in the process but it is largely just a stepping aside and allowing an area to revert to what is in its nature to be. Of course once there was a chenier, a bank of shells and stones, not a causeway for vehicles but compromises are possible and don’t have to be destructive. A complex system of mudflats, tidal aquatic life, mangroves and reeds have restored themselves. Behind that is a lagoon for the waders and a salt marsh now blazing with golden button flowers. Within the intertidal zones the mangroves have spread out and become lush and healthy, a perfect home for the small fish coming in on the tide. The reeds have a wash of green new growth, faithfully filtering the sediment coming down from the hills. The oioi growing in clumps among the button flower are particularly lovely. It’s early spring and all of the birds are busy and hyperactive. The poaka/pied stilts and motuku moana/heron are grazing the salt marshes with the ubiquitous kotare/kingfisher waiting on the power lines. These are only some of the comings and goings of wetland life.

Despite only 10% of our original wetlands remaining in this country, things are slowly changing. In 2020 wetlands were given strong legal protection with a commitment to education and research. Hopefully the restoring of this valuable treasure in a time of climate crisis will continue with this protection.



Golden button flowers at the wetlands

Forest & Bird

By Annette Steele, Secretary,
Upper Coromandel Branch



Dotterel breeding season is here

The endangered New Zealand dotterel/ tūturiwhatu is found only in this country, and its stronghold is on the beaches of the upper North Island. It was once widespread and common, but there are now only about 2,500 birds left, making dotterels more at risk than some species of kiwi. They can live to 20-25 years old.



Dotterel

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If you see a dotterel pretending to be injured, or come across eggs or chicks, please leave them alone.

Keep your dog on a leash on the beach during the breeding season.

Don't drive on the beach.

What do they look like?

New Zealand dotterels are small shorebirds, found on sandy beaches and sandspits or feeding in tidal estuaries. They are largely pale grey-brown on their head and back, with off-white underparts that flush rusty orange before and during the breeding season between September and February.

Their camouflaged colouration can make them difficult to see when standing still, but their habit of running quickly and pausing to feed makes them easy to spot. Their "chipchip" call is often heard before they are seen.

Breeding

Nests are difficult to see as they are just an unlined scrape in the sand, often near seaweed and the eggs are the colour of wet sand. Two to three eggs are laid and incubated by both parents for 28-32 days.

Typical breeding sites are sandspits, sandy beaches, shell banks, dunes, tidal estuaries and river mouths.

Once the chicks hatch they run around on the beach and feed themselves on invertebrates like sandhoppers, and sometimes small fish and crabs. It takes six to seven weeks before the chicks can fly, during which time they are attended to and protected by both parents.

Nests and eggs are easily trampled or disturbed by dogs or vehicles as they are so well camouflaged.

Eggs and chicks are easy prey for cats, dogs, mustelids and hedgehogs. Adult birds are also vulnerable, especially when they are sitting on their nests. They can also be attacked by blackbacked gulls and harrier hawks.

The adult birds show amazing behaviour to protect their young. To draw a predator away, the parent pretends to be injured, leading the intruder further from the nest. If you see a dotterel doing this, it has chicks or a nest nearby. Please move away from the area, being careful where you step, as the birds will not return to their nest until you are gone.

If the nest is left unattended, the eggs get cold or overheat in the strong sun. In both cases the chick inside the egg will die.

So please step lightly on the beach, and keep your dog on a lead.

Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Saskia Wagner and Kate James



Moth monitoring

Not long ago we had the opportunity to discover a little more about the mysterious world of moths. Tony Steer, a local moth enthusiast, visited our team at Driving Creek Conservation Park and shared some of his knowledge.



The team with Tony

The exact number of moth species in New Zealand is unknown as new species are still being discovered and taxonomic revisions occur regularly because they are very tricky to identify. We learned that identification of similar species can involve detailed inspection of the moth genitalia. We were unaware that there are approximately 1,700 described species of moths in New Zealand.

New Zealand's isolation and unique environment have led to the development of many moth species found nowhere else in the world (endemic). Moths play important roles in ecosystems as pollinators and as a food source for various predators, including lizards, birds and bats. Moths in New Zealand can be found in various habitats, from forests and grasslands to urban areas. While most moths are nocturnal, we also have some moth species which are active in the daytime. Some of our moths are host-specific and will only lay their eggs on one type of native plant, so understanding moth populations can also give us information about plant species in the area.

With Tony's assistance, we will soon be deploying special light traps to determine moth species diversity and abundance within Driving Creek Conservation Park. We thank Tony for his invaluable introduction to this captivating realm.

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Coromandel Community Swimming Pool

By Debra Attwood

Kia ora. The Community Pool is working towards opening for the season on Labour weekend, weather permitting. Hours during the school term will be: mornings Monday to Saturday 6-8am, weekday afternoons 3-5pm and weekends and public holidays 12-5pm.

We are currently looking to increase our team of lifeguards for the season. This would involve early morning, afternoons and weekend work on a roster system. This is a fixed-term, casual position. People need to be 18 years or over, be able to swim at least 200m and preferably have a first aid certificate. They would also need to either be willing to train as a pool lifeguard, or already have this qualification. So if you enjoy working with people and being out in the sun and think this could be the summer job for you, contact Debra on her mobile 027 348 2400.

We look forward to the upcoming season and hope the weather gods are in our favour this year.

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Norman Howard

Hi, I would like to introduce myself, I am Norman Howard, I moved to Coromandel about four years ago and it's an honour to be given the role as President of the Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club. I have had experience in this position before in Cambridge and I am a life member.

The 2023/2024 season has begun so subs are now due. We a great family club and we welcome all new members to the Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club. We have the fish of month competition prize \$100 (each month the fish changes from snapper, trevally, kahawai to gurnard, etc.). Our Facebook monthly photo comp prize is \$50. We have discounts to the fishing tournaments which run throughout the year (Take a Kid Fishing and Classy Chicks competitions), the awesome end of year Christmas Party, with free food and drink... and Santa does normally call in to see the kids. There is discounted membership for Gold Card uses.

We will be having a fishing competition in October the first weekend after Labour Weekend. Check our Facebook page or our supporting businesses for details.

Happy fishing, Norm.

Ride Coromandel

By Ally Davey

Calling all parents and kids! It's time to hit the trails and experience biking! Thanks to the big mahi from our volunteers, the bike park is getting ready for summer.

Join us at the Ride Coromandel Bike Park on Hauraki Road in Coromandel during the school holidays for some high-energy family fun which continues from **Monday 2 to Thursday 5 October**. Time 2-4.30pm.

We've got you covered with free bikes and helmets for all participants! All you need to bring are your covered shoes and, of course, your enthusiasm for adventure. Plus, make sure to have a parent or caregiver with you to supervise and share in the excitement!

This is the perfect opportunity to bond with your kids, enjoy the great outdoors, and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on this awesome adventure – come on down to Ride Coromandel Bike Park and let's ride together!

Spread the word, invite your friends, and get ready for a fantastic time on the trails. We can't wait to see you there!

Keep an eye on the Ride Coromandel Facebook page, or flick me an email ridecoromandel@gmail.com with your name and phone number



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

The Coromandel Croquet Club AGM was held on 19 September. The committee for the next year is: President – Raewyn McKinney; Secretary – Jan Linklater; Treasurer – Sandy Christensen; Club Captain – Lyn Robertson; Vice Captain Geoff Linklater.

The club is in a good position, with a great group of friendly members.

If you would like to try the game of croquet, call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15am and provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club.

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



Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey, Secretary

The Tennis Club AGM will be held on **Sunday 22 October**, 2pm at the club house. All welcome.

Subs are now due. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters: single \$60, family \$80.

See you on the court.

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Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone



Spring is sprung!

The frequency of heavy rain seems to be diminishing and the course is very slowly drying out sufficiently to allow play on all nine holes.

The greens volunteers are doing a great job keeping it well groomed under extremely difficult conditions. Your work does not go unnoticed and is hugely appreciated.

Charity Day Tournament

Saturday 19 August saw our annual Charity day tournament, with many prizes being fought for. The weather was kind to us and a great day was had by all.

The results were as follows:

Charity Shield – Best Nett – Les O’Leary

Best Gross – Chris Fielding

Senior Men – Nett – Mark Burcombe

Senior Men – Stableford – Ross Mudgway

Junior Men – Stableford – Craig Kerr

Ladies – Best Nett – Rangimarie Wirihana

Ladies – Stableford – Greta James

Closest to the pin: Senior Men – Chris Fielding, Junior Men – Paul

Lawrence, Ladies – Ruth Rennie

Longest drive: Senior Men – Calvyn Wilson, Junior Men – Gordon

Fell, Ladies – Ruth Rennie

The only two for the day – Chris Fielding

Once again, a huge thank you must go to our very generous sponsors and club members for their amazing and numerous donations.

All funds raised on the day went to Daffodil Day, Cancer Society and the Heart Foundation.

Thanks also to the greens team, the ladies for the wonderful meal (exceptional as usual), those manning the bar, running the office, selling raffles, cleaning up the kitchen and to Ron Brooking for organising the tournament.

Beaver Cup

The Beaver Cup handicap match play has been a drawn-out competition for 2023, but now we have a winner, yippie!

Winner of the Beaver Cup 2023 – Peter Richardson. Runner up – Norm Davies. The cup was presented by Ron Brooking, men’s club captain.



Beaver Cup 2023 Winner Peter Richardson (left) with Ron Brooking (right)

Ladies’ Club Champs

After several days of serious rain, you guessed it, our course got seriously wet. Fortunately our course management team put in the hard yards in to ensure our drainage systems are draining the course as quickly as possible to ensure golf continues with the least disruption.

On Saturday 9 September, the Ladies’ club champs senior division

semi-final was played, with Peg McLean taking the match play win on the 18th hole from Philippa Medlock after a hard-fought game. Well done ladies.

Quietly in the background, something else was afoot. One of our esteemed ladies once again put our club on the map. Monday 11 September was a stunning day at the Whakatane Golf Club for the Women’s Dorothy Garland event, with 60 ladies from throughout the BOP playing. The course was in incredible condition so thanks to Whakatane for hosting the event today.

The 18-hole winner for 2023 Dorothy Garland was our very own Glenise Robertson, with a whopping 45 points.

Wait, there’s more – Glenise and Ann Beston also won the National 36-hole home links competition. They will be presented with Golf New Zealand medals and prizes and have their names engraved on the Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes National Trophy. Congratulations from CGC.

Golconda Cup

Last but not least the Golconda Cup, a Nett competition with the best two out of three rounds to count, was comprehensively won by Ezy Kemp with a score of 141. Easy!

Don’t forget, Club Champ Finals for the men on **Sunday 15 October** and for the women on **Saturday 28 October**.

The AGM is fast approaching and there will be plenty of vacancies on the committee to fill. Start thinking about who you are going to nominate for key positions to take the club into the future.



Ron Brooking with Ezy Kemp, winner Golconda Cup

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OTHER

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

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 71379am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408.....9am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3pm
 Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 26619.15am
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 72469am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 315210am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5.30-6.45pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Meditation at Mahamudra 8.15-8.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 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 72469am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool).....10am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house), Liz 027 436 28006-7pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coromandel Homegrown Market (summer only) 8.30am-12.30pm
 Community Gardens volunteer day 8.30-11am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 26619.15am
 Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 9252.....9.30am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

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

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

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

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

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

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm

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

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KEY
 New moon
 Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.
 For Thames times - 5min High and -18min Low.

-  Rubbish and recycle collection for Coromandel Town, Te Kouma, Manara, Coromandel Rural North, and Thames Coast
-  Put red lid rubbish bin and food scrap bin out
-  Put recycling bin (plastic 1, 2 & 5 tins, paper, card, and Thames recycling bin and food scrap bin out)

COROMANDEL RUBBISH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION
 Monday to Sunday
 8:30am - 5:30pm

Make sure your event gets listed
 To get your event listed, email the details to Debbie at corochnicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.
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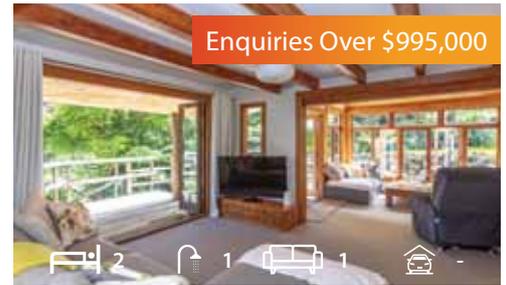
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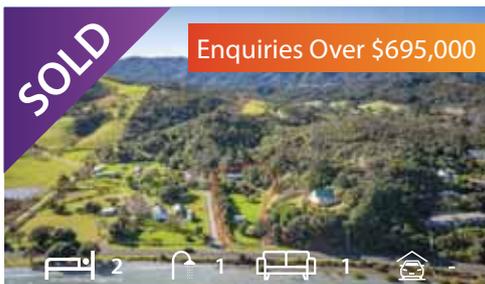
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