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3 BIG events

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... and native tree planting PG 22



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.....Editor's comment

The spring/summer seasons are here, with three big events this month as per the cover. The calendar is full! However, I know there are other groups meeting in town and other events that the community need to know about – and that means I want to know too. If you are part of a community group, then tell me what you are up to! Anyone can write an article and I have some guidelines at www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/guidelines.html to help you get started.

Have a great month.

Debbie

.....Letters

Local 309 Postage

Hello Debbie,

Your last Coromandel Town Chronicle included an article about local mail services between Coromandel and Whitianga – return. The writer is in touch with me and trying to gather information on the services that were run. I am sure he will produce an interesting little book in time.

The lower item that was illustrated was from a parallel service between the towns run by Rev Bill Smith, the local Anglican minister at the time. The upper photos are “covers” of transported mail from The “309 Local” service which lasted over a few years with a number of issues of the philatelic labels. They were carried as envelopes for collectors. Those covers with ordinary postage stamps on them have those as they were then posted onwards on arrival in Whitianga. Parcels also were carried between the towns, as well as ordinary “mail” carried and delivered in the towns and did not have the additional postage for regular mail. The service was five days a week and various carriers assisted by taking the local mail over the 309 Road. The Coromandel base depot was at Coromandel Information Service, at that time at the business premises of Coroprint. Today the Coromandel Smoking Co. is located in the building

These envelopes are unusual and very much a niche collector area, but not unlike some hundreds of unusual “Local” and “Phantom” postal services from around the world going back to the 1890's. Not all of them genuinely carried

mail. But the “309” locals did provide a real service, and not just for collectors.

From John Rabarts



Frazer cars in town

On 4 August Fraser cars came through town (photo to the left). What a great sight!

From Coromandel Seaview Motel

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sue Ngamane

Signs of spring are everywhere, with the ducks at the James Reserve coming out with their ducklings being shown the places where there might be a morsel or two to be garnered from Weta or a quick steal from Helen’s food bowl before being unceremoniously herded from the café by the staff.

The hydrangeas have been removed from the garden on James Reserve and replaced with green foliage plantings. Although many tourists took selfies in front of the flowering hydrangeas, it is a reminder that the only constant thing in life is change and we have no doubt that as the plants become established it will be as picturesque, just different.

Many of our visitors take great delight in hearing what the locals do in the off-season, so we are able to give them a sneak peek at what we get up to when their backs are turned. There are the Pizza Sundays at the Star and Garter – \$1 from each pizza being donated to a community group. Quiz nights at the Garter, which this year has attracted no less than 14 teams, a record since they first started hosting these nights there – Wednesday night is a busy night. There was the Top Pub’s hunting competition at the end of September that proved to be extremely popular with the section for children being particularly well patronised.

The Coromandel Town Information Centre has been given a radio spot on CFM on a Tuesday afternoon where we discuss things that are on, coming up and tidbits from the past – so worth a listen at 3pm on Tuesday afternoons. CFM have also asked if we can put them in touch with any who may be holding an event, fundraiser, occasion in our town, so please send us your details and Coro FM will contact you directly.

Mark in your calendars the Coromandel Open Studio Arts Tour 2024 **Saturday 5, Sunday 6, Saturday 12, Sunday 13 October** – each year this event increases in numbers and it is well worth picking up a catalogue from the Information Centre and treating yourself to a unique opportunity to see the artists in their natural habitat. **Saturday 12 October** is the Colville Junction Potting Party, 10.30am-2.30pm, potting native seedlings for transplanting, Wharf Road, Colville. Get up there early to enjoy the French pastries from the Colville Café – make a day of it.

We are soon to welcome a new recruit to the team – Viv will be the new face (and voice) at the Centre. Please pop in and make yourself known.

Coromandel Town Information Centre, 74 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town, (07) 866 8598, info@coromandeltown.nz, www.coromandeltown.nz. Opening hours 10am-3pm daily

Coro Kai

By Abby and Joss

Expanding on the theme of the previous and successful Coromandel Town Seafood Fest, this event will be a celebration of local producers, food, market stalls with demonstrations, and some fun activities.

To be held on the bottom field of Coromandel Area School on **Saturday 5 October**. Funds raised from the gate taking will go to the school to support Coromandel Area School fundraising.

Rapaura Watergardens

Whilst the Watergardens emerge from winter hibernation, there is a flurry of activity to prepare for the upcoming season beginning in October. The waterlilies are not flowering yet (they flower November to March) but there is lots of colour from other flora. It is not yet known if the cafe will be opening on a daily basis (please check out website for any updates), however, the gardens are open from 9am-5pm daily and the accommodation, which has been freshened up during winter, is once again available. Bookings are being taken for group visits and weddings.

For any queries, please contact Sacha on 021 423 129 or info@rapaura.com

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The Bizarre by Sam Ward

Got things you don't use or need anymore? Feel like helping people? Want to get rid of things belonging to your ex? Then there is a place in Coromandel Town called The Bizarre. They have been open for years and all the staff help each other keep The Bizarre moving and in tip-top shape! They take all your stuff, like toys, books, plates and other things, and clean them up to sell to the fair people of Coromandel and beyond. If you want to give to others in need (or stick it to your ex), then The Bizarre is the place for you!

Te Mana Tangata

We're looking for more participants to join our awesome group at Te Mana Tangata! Te



Mana Tangata, located at 100 Pound Street, Coromandel, is a welcoming place where people can socialise, have fun and learn new skills. This programme supports all residents of our township and surrounding



areas, as well as youth transitioning from school into employment and training. Additionally, Te Mana Tangata offers art workshops every Tuesday and Thursday, providing a creative outlet for our participants.

What do we do?

At Te Mana Tangata there is always something happening! Our activities include:

- Learning new digital skills
- Creating art and exploring creatively
- Engaging in community gardening projects
- Participating in various activities within the Coromandel community
- Cooking and eating lunch together

Get Involved

We're always open to new activities. If there is something you are passionate about or would like to try, let us know!

Pick up a schedule of what we're up to at Te Pūtahi Whaiora, located at 150 Pound Street, or contact operations@cilt.org.nz for more information!

InZone Career Kiosk

Have you been in and tried out our InZone Career Kiosk yet? The InZone Kiosk is your go-to spot for career exploration! Dive into a treasure trove of career videos, each showcasing real-life professionals sharing their stories. Just log in with your mobile number or email address, explore careers, and hit the "I'm Interested" button on anything that catches your eye.

After your session, you'll get a message with all the careers you picked.

Pop in to Te Pūtahi Whaiora located at 150 Pound Street, Coromandel and explore the catalogue of videos.



Fruit Tree Planting

Our team got their hands dirty last Friday planting new fruit trees outside of Te Pūtahi Whaiora! This initiative is all about increasing access to fresh, healthy produce for everyone in our community. By growing our own fruit, we're not only fostering a greener environment but also supporting local health and well-being. Once the trees are producing, those in our community are welcome to help themselves to the fruit! A big thank you to the Thames-Coromandel District Council for the donation of the fruit trees.



Coromandel Cancer Support Group

By John Walker

Coromandel Cancer Support Group volunteers collected \$1,600 on Daffodil Day in Coromandel Town on 30 August. I wish to thank the volunteers and the public for the work and donations, which supports the Cancer Society to provide services for the many cancer patients. Many local people have enjoyed the comfort and support staying at the Lions Lodge in Hamilton while undergoing treatment. We were fortunate this year to get fresh daffodils from Cambridge. We also gathered some from kind people in Coromandel Town. Our thanks also to Coromandel Four Square, with Chris and Leanne both providing raffles on the day, plus the James and Turner and the Medical Centre collections.

Our group continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month at the ambulance station. We welcome new cancer patients and support people to join us for morning tea. We have seen good attendances with new people bringing new ideas and personal experiences. We want to reach out to members who have to travel to Coromandel Town from further north. I plan to meet up with the Whitianga group who are active in the community.

John Walker, cancer volunteer Coromandel, phone 027 482 0435

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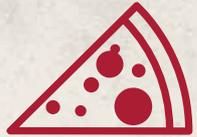
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Embroiderers' Guild

By Heather Arthur

Another great gathering of ladies at our monthly meeting in the St John rooms, with a lovely display on the show 'n tell table again. Several pots from Ailie Snow's class held in late August were on show. The class was a real hit with the eight ladies attending and has produced a wonderful variety of little bowls with all sorts of finishes and stitching.

All of our "show 'n tell" work is now on our Facebook www.facebook.com/coromandelembroiderersguild.

The Aemilia Ars class was a treasure for the traditional embroiderers and a challenge for most. I'm sure some of our ladies will finish their pieces and show them at our annual exhibition in November or maybe even for next month's show 'n tell. I can't wait to see them.

Our Coromandel Guild is part of the Northern North Island region of the ANZEG and each Guild in the area has a turn to host the other Guilds in their region. In early October Warkworth & Hibiscus Coast Guilds



will put on speakers and morning tea at a venue at Dairy Flat. It's a great time to hear how and what other Guilds are doing from a report by each President, as well as see a smaller exhibition of each others' work and of course catch up with other Guilds' members.

If you would like to give embroidery



at go we would be so pleased to hear from you. Come along, and although our year has nearly ended it's a great time to give yourself a new challenge for next year.

Contact Helen Pearce, ph (07) 866 8460, coromandelembroidery1@gmail.com

Richard Crisp's 80th Birthday

To celebrate his 80th birthday Richard, Uli and Bruno invite friends to join them 10am-3pm on **Sunday 3 November** at Driving Creek Railway, Coromandel Town. Theme: Tropical, sort of Brazilian/Tahitian!

Bring your own wine. No prezzies, but flowers and/or a bottle of wine would be welcome.

Catering by Giovanna Asulea. Koha \$5pp.

Supper 6-8pm Faré Tahihi 130 Pagitt Street. Dogs welcome on leash. Children, too. Music by Miles Watson. Info 027 373 4848.

11am Champagne Breakfast at the Eyefull Tower – all aboard! Haere mai!

Visit the exhibition on the day at DCR galley and of course take a train ride.

Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food for the rescue kitties; this is truly appreciated. Also thank you for the towels and bedding donated.

Our rescue kitties have become supersensitive to any suitcase being packed, large or overnight. We realised this as another three-day trip to Waikato for her indoors came up, but they are incredible really and care deeply for us humans when not well. These bag pack sessions mean the cats go on high alert and deeply mindful and watchful of said humans, and then the cats get worse when one arrives home from the hospital. But we love them.

Things are very quiet here, with one human in longterm recovery and the other trying to cope with it all, our funds diminishing quickly and lots of things around here needing doing inclusive of getting a bin in to do another clean up. Funding not in that area right now, we have issues with lights in house and have that to sort as well and just lots of things to be sorted and done. Thankfully the cats are behaving and are doing their thing around here. The luxury for most is to just go and enjoy the outdoor world. The trio down bottom are also in their routine and happy.

Wanted – cat food: tinned, salmon, sachets, sardines, pet milk, also cat toys.

Any financial blessings to 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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As a small, self-funded charity, we urgently need donations to sustain and grow our work across the Hauraki Coromandel. Every dollar makes a difference—please donate today to help us continue supporting our community's well-being! Or perhaps you would like to become a member? It is only \$15 per year for a single person, or \$20 a couple.

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- Receiving the quarterly newsletter in the post. Or you can choose to have this emailed.
- Receiving email updates and information on local events or news that may be of interest.
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- You will be invited to our AGM and have voting and nomination rights.

To donate or become a member via our secure gateway on our website, please visit: www.achc.org.nz



Patchwork and Quilters

By Sue Smith

Our recent show and tell produced three finished quilts. The Crazy Quilt As You Go was started a couple of years ago by Fi. She is delighted to have it finished, although a little shy to show us.

The other two were made by Pauline: one for her latest grandson and the other "Chandelier" for her daughter who is turning 40 in the coming year. Good to be organised for these special events.

Well done ladies.

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, Tina Hvidberg Pedersen 021 594 706



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Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

Rescue helicopter trust checks in for another year

It's been 12 years since the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust took off. Now after its recent annual general meeting, chairman John Stephenson and his trustees are looking at what lies ahead.

With a focus on providing ground facilities to support rescue helicopter operations, the trust is also in the business of raising money to ensure ongoing rescue helicopter operations into the Coromandel Peninsula.

Significant local funding support over the past 12 years has enabled the trust to provide a hangar and crew accommodation facilities at the Whitianga airfield.

The facility was further enhanced this year to assist helicopter operations and patient handling, the trust achieving this with assistance from Pub Charity and the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust which is the primary provider of the rescue helicopter service.

John describes the trust over the past 12 months as being quite lucky when it comes to funding, mentioning the support of key sponsors and the many people from local communities who make a regular flow of unsolicited donations.

The rescue helicopter does not receive direct government funding, missions are part paid by the Accident Compensation Commission, the other half requires funding raised by the rescue helicopter trusts.

And a quick reality check: the average cost for an hour-long mission for the helicopter and crew is around \$8,000, which does not include all of the support costs behind that.

Average annual mission numbers for the Coromandel Peninsula are around 180 which means the annual helicopter airtime is nearly \$1.5 million.

The establishment of the Whitianga base has meant that crews and a machine are based on the Coromandel Peninsula during peak holiday periods – this year involved a six-week period.

A further positive attraction is the location of a 30,000-litre fuel storage area alongside the hangar, thus ensuring long distance flights can be operated off the Coromandel Peninsula coast knowing there is an available fuel source.

Details regarding the Trust and funding can be found at the website www.coromandelrescue.org.nz.

August Coromandel statistics

01.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a female patient in her 50's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Thames Hospital in a serious condition.

06.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Kauaeranga Valley to assist with a motor vehicle accident. Crew were stood down enroute and returned to base.

07.08.2024 – Crew tasked to assist with the interhospital transfer

of a male patient in his 70's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown from Thames Hospital to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

14.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist a female patient in her 80's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a moderate condition.

15.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in his 80's suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

15.08.2024 – Crew tasked to assist with the interhospital transfer of a female patient in her 80's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown from Thames Hospital to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

27.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames alongside our emergency partners to assist a female patient in her 30's involved in a motor vehicle rollover accident. Transportation to hospital by helicopter was not required and crew returned to base.

30.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist a female patient in her 70's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Waikato Hospital in a critical condition.

30.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Whangamata to assist a male patient in his 50's involved in a chainsaw accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

30.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Whitianga to assist a female patient in her 70's suffering a medical complaint. She was flown to Thames Hospital in a serious condition.

31.08.2024 – Crew tasked to Thames to assist a child suffering a medical complaint. The child was flown to Starship Hospital in a critical condition.

For more information, please contact John Stephenson 027 437 5321



Inspired by meeting you

By Sue Philbin

I saw you walking down the beach, gold sand, blue sea, and into view.
 I felt inspired to write this verse, inspired by meeting you.
 "My dog has taste," I thought to myself, as he ran up to your feet.
 A handsome man with twinkling eyes behind tinted glass and beard so neat.
 Buddy introduced himself, so I stopped to say, "hello".
 You stopped to stroke his sand-filled coat, in no great rush to go.
 And in that brief encounter, you said the "pick-up" line,
 That I should take your number
 For a house sitter, I may need – in time .
 You're heading west the following week, it's travelling north for me
 We'll stay in touch and maybe meet, for a coffee or cup of tea.
 You said you'd come to visit my home, if coffee I will make,
 "I'm more than happy," I replied and thought, "I'll bake a cake."
 You turned and walked on down the beach but looked back once I note,
 I continued with my dog, towards the distant shore remote.
 I tried to follow your sandy prints but the tide washed them away,
 A brief encounter that enlightened a bracing, bright and sunny day.
 So much information in one very brief exchange.
 I saw you walking down the beach and wondered if my life would change!

I saw you walking down the beach, gold sand, blue sea, and out of view.
 I felt inspired to write this verse, inspired by meeting you

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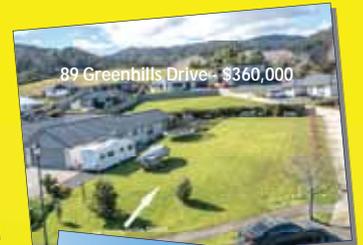


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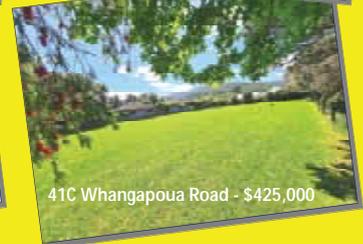
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Elizabeth Park village - sunny 2brm home with open-plan living and garage/studio. **\$475,000**

**Hon Scott Simpson
MP for
Coromandel**



During September I visited the new solar farm which is being developed just south of Whitianga. The project is part of Lodestone

Energy's plans to build five large solar facilities around New Zealand. When the solar farm in our region is up and running next year, it's expected to generate enough power for 6,800 homes.

Importantly, the solar panels are two metres up off the ground, which allows the land to be sheep farmed. It's exciting to see how this development mixes conventional farming and solar renewable energy. All in all, I can't wait for this project to come online as it will make our region more resilient.

Last month also saw the confirmation of the 2024-2027 National Land Transport Programme which will create a more reliable and efficient transport network that boosts economic growth and productivity.

The package is underpinned by a record investment of \$32.9 billion over three years but just spending more money doesn't necessarily deliver better results. We are committed to making sure that every dollar is spent wisely on projects that enable Kiwis to get to where they want to go, quickly and safely.

Locally, the NLTP confirmed the replacement of three bridges in our region which had previously been announced, notably the Pepe Stream Bridge at Tairua. There's also more funding for pothole repairs and road maintenance across the Waikato region.

Finally, I'm thrilled that Pharmac has decided to fund insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitors for those suffering from type 1 diabetes, starting from **Tuesday 1 October**.

I have heard from many people who have raised their concerns about the affordability of these products. This announcement will come as a relief to those living with type 1 diabetes, and it will make a real difference in our region and across the country.

Earlier in the year the government significantly increased Pharmac's funding, which enabled greater access to life-changing cancer drugs and other treatments. It's terrific to see this positive momentum continuing with the provision of insulin pumps and CGMs.



Coromandel Town Adult Ballet class

By Marilyn Swan



Celebrate International Day of the Older Person on **Tuesday 1 October**.

Our first Coromandel Ballet class for adult learners was held in October 2019. It seems a fitting stretch to speak about our class some five years on and continuing strongly with the introduction of Silver Swans, a Royal Academy of Dance initiative worldwide in 2017 with Australia and NZ in 2019.

The 2024 WHO theme is Powered by Connection, which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being.

On Wednesday mornings our Powered by Connection class is ballet. We keep each other going. Whether you're 5 or 85, there's always something to learn and appreciate about this beautiful art form.

Silver Swans® Licensees are trained specifically to teach ballet to adults with a range of abilities. Earlier this year, I decided to become Royal Academy of Dance Silver Swan's Licensed.

Silver Swans® classes have been designed for the over-55s, but whatever your age, this class provides wonderful benefits with elegant exercise to beautiful music, developing, good posture, self-esteem and the chance to make new friends in a safe and encouraging environment.

Whether you've never danced before or want to get back into the swing of it, this class has something for everyone.

The benefits of dance are well documented and research often puts dance ahead of other physical activities for the variety of health and social benefits that it brings. Dance classes can be great places to meet new people with a shared passion and joy for life.

It is never too late to experience the benefits of ballet. If you are someone who used to learn, or have always wanted to, come and join our weekly class. All levels and experience are welcome.

Our weekly Ballet Class is a connected and committed group who would love to welcome new people. The class is held in the Citizens' Hall on Wednesdays from 10-11.15am. The fee is \$15 per class.

There is a professional and friendly approach to the traditional class format consisting of a gentle warm up, barre, followed by centre practice incorporating various music, styles and arrangements to maintain interest.

You can start or reintegrate ballet into your life at any age. With careful tuition, participants have found that they have improved posture, mobility, memory, balance, strength, flexibility and mental and spiritual wellbeing through moving to the music.

Marilyn Swan – professional teacher of dance for 48 years. Life Registered Teacher of the Royal Academy of Dance. Silver Swans Licensee. Approved through Live Stronger For Longer initiative.

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By Patricia Whimp

Today we had a coffee morning with 16 of our lovely Grey Power members. The discussions of the day were around mobile phones, ipads and computers – how to keep them running, clearing out old files on your computers, learning about spam and junk emails – what to look for, blocking email senders and blocking nuisance callers, etc. We all learnt something new, and a couple of members have a problem or two that need more research.

The October meeting is on **Thursday 17 October** at St John Rooms, 1.30pm with a member from Kiwibank as the speaker. We hope the weather will be warmer and less windy by the time of our next meeting – guess it is spring and this is typical weather for this time of year.

November meeting is planned as a 5pm meeting to encourage our “younger” members to join in – more details next month.

Stay safe and warm and if you would like more information regarding Grey Power, please be in touch with anyone below.

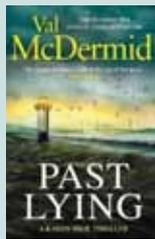
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Library News

By Paul Lawrence

Our community library is trucking along as it should. No major problems and no issues, (apart from the odd computer glitch). These are in the process of being addressed, and soon, all should be well.

Our car boot sale is always a delight for those who attend. We will be having some competition from the weekly market day, but hopefully our once-a-month effort will still be supported. Next car boot sale is **Saturday 5 October** 9am to 12 noon, Woollams Avenue Carpark. As we are a community library, and therefore self-funded, we rely on that income for the purchase of new books.



This week’s reviews are a mixed bag, but come recommended by other readers.

The Lost Letters of Rose Carey – by Julie Bennett

Sydney, 1923 and Rose Carey is in the middle of another scandal. After nearly dying, facing bankruptcy, and romantic rumours, Rose decides she must take matters into her own hands.

She discovers that her accident may not have actually been an accident.

In 2024, while working on a documentary, videographer Emma Quinn discovers a box of handwritten letters belonging to Rose Carey. Deciding to read them, Emma discovers a deadly secret.

Past Lying by Val McDermid

Another in the DCI Karen Pirie series that finds our protagonist realising that a writer’s manuscript is the blueprint of an actual crime. The plot has chilling similarities to the disappearance of an Edinburgh University student. Will the manuscript unravel the mystery?

Murray Ball, A Cartoonist's Life – by Mason Ball

Written by Murray’s son, this tells the story of the long years of hard graft that went into creating “The Dog”.

See the real-life backstory to all the characters created and read about the family history. A true Kiwi story. For all those who enjoyed the cartoons, this is an insightful story. Well worth the read.

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Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph



Constructive Dismissal

Constructive dismissal refers to any situation where you, the employee, feel compelled to resign from your position because of intolerable working conditions as a result of the actions or inactions of your employer.

Constructive dismissal occurs when your employer makes your workplace so unbearable that you have no other choice but to resign. Constructive dismissals can be categorised in the following three ways:

- **Forced Resignation:** Your employer asks you to resign or face dismissal.
- **Coerced to Resign:** Your employer engages in deliberate behavior with the sole purpose of pressuring you into resigning.
- **Breach of Duty:** Your employer breaches your employment contract, violating their duty of good faith, which leads to your resignation.

In each of these cases, it does not matter whether your employer set out to make you resign, but rather whether their actions and conduct made your resignation reasonably foreseeable.

A constructive dismissal claim can be complex, and the evidence for the claim rests on you, the employee, to produce. Therefore, in order to have a successful claim, you must be able to demonstrate that your employer's conduct was sufficiently serious to cause you to resign. The kind of evidence you may need to produce could include:

- **Clear breaches of your employment contract:** Such as unpaid wages or a reduction in your contracted hours without your agreement.
- **Failing to address your grievances:** If you have raised concerns with your employer in the past and they have ignored them, this could very likely indicate that they are acting in bad faith with you.

It's important to remember that a claim of constructive dismissal does not have to result from one type of event; it could be due to numerous situations in your workplace or inactions by your employer. For example:

- Repeatedly being assigned unproductive or degrading tasks not outlined as part of your normal duties.
- Working excessively under significant stress and without any support.

- Having your employment terms altered without your consent.

It should be noted that there will be situations in your working life that are considered normal and cannot form part of a constructive dismissal claim, such as being asked to perform tasks outside of your normal scope or facing performance management for valid reasons.

As with all employment issues, communication is key. You must allow your employer an opportunity to address any issues that you have before you resign for constructive dismissal reasons. This also means that you should keep clear records of all of the issues that you have with your employer. A record of when each issue was raised is critical in order to have a good chance when taking a claim for constructive dismissal further. This is why we always recommend that you use emails with a read receipt when communicating with your employer. If you plan to take a case to the Employment Relations Authority (ERA), they will dismiss your claim if you cannot provide sufficient proof that you have been in communication with your employer about this matter.

Of course, there are exceptions to this rule where you would not be required to notify

your employer. These are cases where the conduct of your employer is so serious that all trust and confidence inherent in a usual employer/employee relationship has been completely destroyed. In cases of blatant breaches – such as any form of abuse or withholding pay – the requirement for prior notification is reduced.

Keep in mind also that if you resign before your employer has a chance to correct the matter, it may appear as though you have resigned of your own free will and without cause on your employer's part. It's likely that your employer would argue that your resignation was premature, given that they were actively seeking a resolution.

For a constructive dismissal claim to be successful, it is up to you to show that your employer's conduct was the primary cause of your resignation. If there is more than one reason for your resignation, the deciding factor must still be attributed to your employer.

If you think you may have grounds for a constructive dismissal but are unsure, please get in touch with us to see how we can help.

Ngā mini.

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Dream big in small gardens

National Gardening Week: 21-28 October

Forget the quarter-acre section. With just a patio or small balcony, you can still have a thriving food and flower garden. This National Gardening Week, think about embracing your small space.

A well-organised little garden can yield a variety of fresh vegetables, flowers and fruit trees, maximising productivity, even in limited areas.

Go potty – big pots, small pots – vegetables such as lettuce, cherry tomatoes, capsicum; leafy greens such as spinach, silverbeet and choy sum; and root vegetables like carrots, radishes, beetroot and shallots all grow happily in containers.

Berries are a great choice for pots – blueberries, dwarf raspberries, blackberries and of course strawberries.

Fruit trees in pots are a brilliant addition to a tiny garden. Not just pretty but productive too. Citrus, apple, nectarine or fig trees are all excellent choices.

Think vertical – trellis, wire or mesh fixed against walls makes an ideal frame for climbers such as beans, tomatoes, grapes or roses.

Go for no-fuss flowers that provide bursts of colour and attract bees – marigolds, pansies, petunias, lobelia and alyssum. Don't forget spring bulbs.

Fragrant plants like lavender, freesias, daphne or night-scented stock and star jasmine will simply transport you. A water feature in a tiny space has a big impact.

Established in 2015, National Gardening Week aims to foster a love of gardening with a focus on growing not only plants but friendships, good health, strong communities and closer connections with nature



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October 2024

New Māori Ward for 2025

Our Council decided at its 3 September meeting to establish a new Māori ward, reaffirming our earlier decision from last October. That means we'll be welcoming a new Māori Ward Councillor at the next local body elections in October 2025.

The decision to establish Te Tara o Te Ika Māori Ward was passed with seven councillors for, one abstention, and one vote against. The new ward will cover the



whole district and have one councillor elected from the Māori electoral roll. Our other wards, community boards and councillor numbers remain unchanged.

A referendum will be held at the same time as the 2025 local elections to determine if our district continues to have a Māori ward.

tcdc.govt.nz/maori-ward

CONGRATULATIONS



Kudos to our local Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards finalists. Excellence Finalists: Pahi Coastal Walk, Te

Kouma Heights Glamping and Shelly Beach Top 10 Coromandel. Category Excellence Finalists: The Waterworks and Buffalo Lodge. Service to Business Award: Jennifer Ashman of Coromandel Business Association. Winners will be announced at the gala dinner in Thames on Thursday, 23 October.



Manaia garden grows resilience

Community members, students at Te Wharekura o Manaia, kuia and kaumātua gathered recently to share kai and a blessing to mark the opening of Manaia's new community garden, Te Pikorua o Rongo.

Manaia community members, Ally and Andy Brown, have played a guiding role in bringing Te Pikorua o Rongo to fruition, with the help of Cyclone Recovery funding of \$10,500. The Tupu Kai (grow the food) initiative is designed to help smaller, rural communities like Manaia become more resilient when isolated by emergency events.

TLC FOR HISTORIC TROUGH

Some of you have been wondering why the historic trough on Rings Road has been emptied. The old concrete trough was originally built to water stock and horses and, more recently, held some plantings. Due to cracking, we've put an end to plantings to keep our trough around for a while longer.



Coromandel - Colville Community Board UPDATE

A word from our Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat



"Last month was a key moment for our district's representation arrangements. I believe we've taken a positive step forward to include Māori and iwi in our district's decision-making process. Congratulations to all our local business finalists too – proof that our businesses can punch above their weight despite the challenges of our more remote location. And if you're visiting over Labour Weekend, remember to drive safely and come and see us in Coromandel-Colville."

gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz

News in brief

At its last meeting on 17 September, the Board:

- Discussed the issue of reducing speed limits in the Little Bay Area. Our Council is waiting on central government for clearer guidance.
- Received an Emergency Management Unit update from Council staff. To date, cyclone recovery costs have exceeded \$170 million with much of this secured from government funding.
- Received an update on the carpark area at the back of Hauraki House. It is budgeted to receive a full refurbish in the 2025/26 financial year.

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 29 October 2024, at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road.

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

There will be no kerbside collections on Labour Day public holiday on Monday 28 October. The Red week collections (rubbish and food scraps) will take place a day later than usual. Check out tcdc.govt.nz/bindays



RTS will be open on Labour Day Monday to summer hours: 8.30am-5.30pm. tcdc.govt.nz/rts

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The Colville Project

Like gardeners with the energy of spring around us, The Colville Project (TCP) team has been busy preparing for future growth. The last month has been a very strategically future-focused period. This has included: the finalisation of our 2025-2027 Strategic Plan (more about this later in the year), the submission of a number of funding applications and accountability reports, the updating of our project milestones/timeline and budgets, and continuation of work on our TCP Housing Strategy.



At the time of writing, we are meeting with our architect Gerard, who is visiting again to walk the land and get a feel for our Site Development Plan from a “grassroots” perspective. We’ll also be firming up our concept planning, continuing with a focus on design that supports functionality, flexibility, sustainability and collaboration. This is part of our preparation for Resource Consent in the first quarter of 2025.

Our thanks go out to Simon Webb for the support with the water tanks on-site. Apologies Simon for missing you in our previous acknowledgement. We are thrilled to have this infrastructure in place and it energises our project for the stages ahead. We’re also inspired by our governance team who have collectively given 3,500 volunteer hours to the advancement of TCP over the past financial year.

The Colville Project is looking for volunteers to support our team in the following areas:

- **Media Team** – We’re looking to get some quality photographic and video imaging, including for use in our website revamp and newsletters. Are you a photographer or video maker? Then, we can picture you on our team!
- **Website Development** – Our website will be going through some design and content updates. If you have experience with CMS’s (we use WIX) and have some hours to be able to contribute, then please contact us for more information.
- **Weed Management Warriors** – We have a programme of weed management work planned to commence in October. A small volunteer team would be a great asset to this restoration project. Happy to occasionally help with manual weed management? We’d really dig it if you would!

Please register your interest with Katie: admin@thecolvilleproject.nz

The Colville Project is more than just a project; it’s a testament to community resilience, innovation, and a shared vision for a thriving future.

Mahamudra

By Roy Fraser, Centre Director



My usual annual migration sees me spending summer working in Mongolia and summer in Colville; definitely over airports and airplanes, but rewarding work.

I am developing two centres, one for teaching Buddhist Philosophy in Kharkhorin, the ancient capital of Mongolia, named by Lama Zopa Rinpoche as Potala Centre for Developing Compassion and Wisdom, and the other a Wellness Retreat Centre by some hot springs. The area is called Tsagaan Zum (White Monastery) after the monastery which was located there but destroyed by the communists during the 1937 purges. The Retreat Centre is called Crystal Springs. Normally I come back to Colville mid-October to mid-November when it starts to get too cold, with temperatures plunging to below minus 30°C.

As many of you know I, along with my partner Sally, founded the Mahamudra Centre in 1980. Every action starts with the thought and the thought of Mahamudra Centre started with a thought while I was retreating with Lama Zopa Rinpoche at Lauwdo in the Himalayas near Mt Everest. I felt Buddhism had so much to offer the west and in order to bring authentic teachers of the Tibetan Mahayana Vajrayana tradition for all interested. So Mahamudra Centre is my baby and recently has been on life support while going through a period of change. So I returned earlier this year and have been appointed Centre Director to get the Centre open and flourishing again. It will be a while before we have accommodation available but we have started doing the four monthly Pujas Lama Zopa Rinpoche recommended to keep the Centre in harmony and flourishing. A Puja is a ceremony lasting between 45 minutes to one-and-a-half hours, depending on the specific Puja, invoking a particular energy to help things run smoother.

Upcoming Puja at 4pm on these dates:

Tara Puja – **Thursday 10 October** (gives power to get things happening)

Tsog Offering to the Guru – **Saturday 12 October**

Medicine Buddha Puja – **Thursday 17 October** (to help mental and physical healing)

These Pujas are traditionally held on the 8th, 10th, 15th, 25th of the Lunar Calander.

We have Geshe Wangchen teaching Foundation of All Good Qualities **Friday 18 to Sunday 20 October**.

Hedwig Bakker teaching Qi Gong – **Friday 25 to Monday 28 October**.

We look forward to seeing you at Mahamudra Centre.

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Our September meeting began with a garden ramble in Greenhills, as we strolled in the lovely sunshine and visited the immaculate gardens of four of our members: Marie M, Vi, Cindy and Carol. Colourful flowers were abundant, as one might expect at the start of spring. But even when we expect it, it's quite amazing and rewarding to experience this feast for the senses. Also present were various bits of art and humour, showing the individual styles of each gardener. I'm sure everyone is happy for the change of seasons.

First-place competition winners: Single – Pauline; Multi – Sheana; Mini – Tracy; Arrangement (Belated Father's Day) – Annette S; Special (Clashing Colours) – Sheana.

Two years ago, we were able to purchase pheromone sticks as another way of trying to reduce the damage done by guava moths, which go after all kinds of fruits and nuts throughout the year. Alas, those sticks are no longer available.

Therefore, with all of our fruit trees currently or soon to be flowering and fruiting, it's a good time to remember to make up some guava moth recipe. Put it in small plastic bottles with a small hole in the upper half and hang on every second fruit tree at around head height. Mix together ¼

C apple cider vinegar, ¼ C golden syrup or brown sugar, 1 tbsp bleach, and 5 C water. Dump and refresh monthly. This formula is indiscriminate and will catch other insects, even wetas, so keep the hole small.

Our convenor, Kath, noted that September is Bee Aware Month, so do what you can to take care of our lovely bees! "About Bee Aware Month -- This annual education campaign, run by Apiculture New Zealand, is all about sharing with New Zealanders some basic things everyone can do to help improve bee health. We want to encourage Kiwis to plant more trees for bees, to use garden sprays safely, or not at all, and to buy local honey." <https://apinz.org.nz/bee-aware-month/>

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

Next meeting: **Wednesday 9 October** at Kuaotunu Hall.

Activity: The Kuaotunu Garden Club will host our meeting. Meet in the north end of Woollams Ave carpark by 9.45am and carpool to Kuaotunu Hall for coffee at 10.30am. Meeting begins at 11am; speaker will be local photographer Ian Preece;



market table will have heaps of treats and plants for sale.

Arrangement: Must include a fruit or vege. All invited to enter the competition.

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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Moehau ki te Moana – Colville Harbour Care

By Beth and Clare



Potting Parties 2024!

It's that time of year again when we gather at the Colville Harbour Care Nursery to fill pots, eat delicious food, see our friends or make new ones, and all to the sweet sounds of one of our local DJ's. We have two Saturdays booked this spring.



When: **Saturday 12 October** and **Saturday 30 November**.

Where: Colville Harbour Care Nursery, Wharf Rd, Colville.

What to bring: Water bottle, hat, raincoat, sturdy boots. Free lunch provided! Thank you for your support.

Save the dates!

Staff change

We've also had a change of staff here at Moehau ki te Moana.

We farewelled our amazing project coordinators Cassidy and Vanessa, and wish them all the best in their new endeavours! Thank you so much for all of the love and passion you brought to this project.

Our new team is headed by Clare who moved to the Colville area in 2021. Clare has a background in environmental management and restoration and is passionate about gardening, permaculture and photography. Beth is in a supporting role taking care of events and environmental monitoring. Nathan is continuing his role as the pest management coordinator. The awesome team at Colville Junction continue to support and oversee the project.

We are looking forward to continuing our work with the wonderful landowners in our area, building fences and planting native plants to protect waterways and wetlands.

Contact Beth on beth@colvillejunction.co.nz

Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells - Licensed Agent

Q. What should I expect if I am intending to list my property to sell?

A. There are a number of things the salesperson is required to do for you before they list your property for sale.

The Real Estate Authority has placed a number of protocols in place in the process of listing your property to protect you, the vendor, and the public. This is to ensure you are given accurate information.

We are seeing a much more transparent approach and expectations now in the industry along with more and more freely available information in the public arena.

The first thing to happen is the salesperson is required to give you a written appraisal prior to listing your home. This appraisal is expected to have the salesperson's pricing of your home based on evidence such as other sales and current listings near or appropriate to your home. It explains why they place that value on the property, e.g., better, or not as good as the property used in the example and why that may be the case.

There are a number of platforms that use algorithms to work out this information. However the salesperson must give their estimation, which may be higher or lower or the same as this information. But they must give you the evidence of how they came to this conclusion.

Once you have this Current Market Analysis information and you have chosen your salesperson and wish to list the home, the salesperson is still required to ensure certain things happen.

It is important that you give the salesperson honest information about the property, e.g., leaks, illegal works or if the neighbours are making significant changes that affect your property, etc. This is for your protection as the law is quite powerful over misleading information and false advertising.

You are entitled to seek advice from your lawyer prior to signing the Agency Agreement.

This agreement should display a number of legal matters including the breakdown of the commission you may be expected to pay. You should clearly understand the terms you are signing up for along with how long for. If marketing or a portion of marketing is being paid by you, how much. If the company pays for marketing, what are their terms? Ensure these matters are in writing and you are agreeable to them.

If you are moving from one company/agency to another for whatever reason, ensure the previous agency has been cancelled in writing.

Should you be unsure of anything, seek advice from a lawyer. It is very necessary that you understand what is happening or should be happening. There is information available from info@rea.govt.nz or online at www.rea.govt.nz.

You do have a full business day after signing to cancel in writing the agency agreement if you so wish, with no explanation necessary.

Before the property can legally be shown to anyone, or marketed, the agency is required to complete AML due diligence (Anti Money Laundering) on all of the title owners. This usually is very quick, though if in a trust it may take a little more research. This can feel intrusive. The agency is required to do this; your personal information should be destroyed by the agency once the process is completed.

Should you be paying for marketing you need an invoice from the agency, not the salesperson. All marketing must go through the agency. You are entitled to a breakdown of where the money was used. If any rebates or marketing is not done, you can and should request the refund of unspent funds. I would suggest you do this if the company is marketing on your behalf and you reimburse on sale. The breakdown is important.

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Opening day

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Our Opening Day was held on Thursday 5 September with a very good turnout of 34 bowlers. We played “Top Town” vs “Bottom Town”, with the latter winning 11 – 4 games quite convincingly. Next year “Top Town” will win the trophy back!

Sunday afternoon rollups have started up again so if you’re keen to give lawn bowls a go, then you are most welcome to join us. Get your name in at the club by 12:30pm; we play two games, starting at 1pm.

Our coaching sessions have kicked off with a hiss and a roar as well on Friday afternoons, 3pm start. It is great to see bowlers (junior and senior) making the most of the drills that Colin Gawith sets up and to have our club president Jim Dicks also assisting with the coaching.

The Junior Pairs team of Pamela Harris and John Westray played very well at the Short Form Bowls “qualifying event” held for Thames Valley Junior Bowlers on 18 August in Whangamata, coming 5th overall.

On Saturday 7 September, four of our bowlers represented the club at Thames Valley Opening Day, playing Optional Fours.

Sue McNeil skipped the team of Layke McNeil, John Westray and Vi King to 5th overall, with some very good bowls being played throughout the day.

We have a busy October of bowls with the Open Junior Optional Triples (sponsored by Coromandel Pipeline Hose Shop) on **Wednesday 2 October**, our club’s Ecclestone Cup on **Thursday 10 October**, Open Optional Triples (sponsored by Coromandel 4 Square) on **Wednesday 16 October**, and Twilight Bowls commencing. Twilight Bowls is a very popular community event run by our bowling club with round one played Tuesdays 5pm from **Tuesday 22 October to Tuesday 19 November**. Round two runs from **Tuesday 28 January 2025 through to Tuesday 25 February 2025**.

Spaces for teams are at a premium but if you have an inquiry about our Twilight Bowls or want to confirm your team for the first round, then contact Judy Haycock (committee member) on 022 519 5421.



Colin Gawith holding the Opening Day Trophy alongside the club president, Jim Dicks

With some beautiful spring days and summer just around the corner, our club is a lovely setting for a social catchup, with the bar open on Fridays at 3pm. You are welcome to join us.



RSA

By Gary Pettett

Man of action

15 September 2024 commemorated the historic Battle of Britain which took place on 15 September 1940. This significant event saw thousands of aircraft take to the skies to defend Britain in a fight against the German Luftwaffe, who were attempting to destroy large areas of London. The bombing raids resulted in the loss of many lives and had a lasting impact on the lives of countless families.



Keith Park

Sir Keith Park, who was born in Thames on 15 June 1892, saw service in the First World War as a fighter ace. Soon after the outbreak of WWII, he was appointed Commander in Chief of No. 11 Group, which was assigned to the defence from enemy attack of the southern coast of Britain and S.E. England, including London. His first experience of enemy action in WWII came when he was in charge of organising the air protection for the allied evacuation of Dunkirk in May 1940. Park’s temperament meant that he was never confined behind a desk in some sheltered headquarters. His willingness to take to the air himself and forcefully state his opinions regardless of rank meant that his colleagues found Park fearless in words and deeds. The tall lean NZer displayed the unusual combination of intense, individual activity and initiative with a capacity for teamwork and co-ordination.

After the war an opportunity arose to return to NZ as the Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Company’s Pacific representative. He came home to Auckland until retirement, when he played a prominent part in the Auckland City Council and other local body affairs. He died in 1975 aged 82, and his legacy is remembered by the monument erected outside the Thames Civic Centre in his memory and also the replica Hurricane which resides in Thames airfield, now renamed as the Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield.

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Hi all. Car Club meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Club from 4pm onward. At the last meeting about 30 members attended and our group is growing with new members joining through the RSA every month. Members and friends are all welcome to come along any Saturday afternoon from 3pm onward to enjoy the social community gathering.

A committee has been formed to help with the February Car Fair. Anybody who would like to have a stall or display there, please contact me on 027 249 0878.

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Coromandel Hato Hone St John Area Committee

Since our last article our Area Committee members have been around the northern peninsula and checked on the community AED's around and about. If your AED needs batteries or pads please contact AED@stjohn.org.nz.



This month we would to thank Kurt Richardson from Flooring Xtra for his help replacing the carpet edging in the hall and eliminating the trip hazard. Thank you Kurt.

Coromandel ambulance station hall is available for a meeting venue. We have a projector with a large screen, full kitchen facilities and seating for up to 50 people. Any booking enquiries to coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz or phone our landline and leave a message (07) 866 8279. We will reply within a day or so.

Currently we are looking for someone to paint the roof of the station. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to submit a quote for this job.

Thank you to all in our area who continue to support our valued community service that our volunteers provide.

Nigel Strongman, 022 670 1549, Area Committee Chair, Hato Hone St John, Coromandel

Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer, Vice President



Hi everyone, I hope this article finds you all well. Just experiencing a power outage. Haven't had one for a while. Let's hope the power guys get it back on soon.

So spring has sprung. Let's hope that from 29 September when the clocks "spring forward" we start to get better lasting warm weather for our outside work, I know my garden is in need of some TLC.

About the weather, now is the time to think about next year's firewood. I say it every issue, but please get those orders in as we work on a first come, first served basis. Sue Hughes is our firewood coordinator this year and is eagerly awaiting your call. Her number is listed at the bottom of the article so please give her a call.

I have an apology to make to Jean Smith, our secretary. Last month I announced the long service clips for our members and I forgot to give Jean's name as being awarded one for 15 years' service. Jean has been a big part in the club, lots of different positions and just always there when needed, so I congratulate you Jean on your award and once more sorry for the late acknowledgement.

We have had a few very busy working bees this past month. At one of them we celebrated Lion Logan's birthday with cakes shared by all of the members. Logan is another hard worker of the club. Keep it up Logan, you are a credit to your family and the club.

Deliveries were made on each of the working bees, and we welcomed Lion Robyn to our "distribution team" taking on some of the delivery tasks. Well done too; look forward to having you in the driver's seat a lot more.

We have been asked to sell our mussel fritters at the Coromandel Kai gathering on **Saturday 5 October**, and also outside Four Square on **Saturday 26 October** to celebrate Labour weekend. Hope to see you at both events. We do "doggie bags" for those who want to share with family at home, Eftpos will be on hand. We, too, are being dragged into the technology era, and are enjoying the challenge.

So it just leaves me to wish you all a safe and happy month ahead. At the time of writing this article it's just 100 days to Christmas! I'll leave you with that scary thought.

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Dances of Universal Peace

By Sue Gilmer



Our dance circle last month was small and beautiful, ending with smiles and hugs all 'round. It's such a special feeling when the dances take us into a place where we can leave behind all of that day-to-day "stuff" and into a place of gratitude and deep acceptance.

I have been involved with these dances for many years and yet still find it difficult to describe what they are. On the intellectual level, the dances are gathered from many traditions of the world. Some are joyous and energetic, others are gentle and meditative. They are multicultural and sacred, yet nonsecular, belonging to no religion. They are often likened to a meditation in motion and with their simple movements, are suitable for people of all ages. But these are words and they can only touch a certain level of understanding. If we allow them, the dances touch much more than that.

For me the dances give me a sense of getting out of the head and into the heart. Into connection. Connection with those I dance with, and also into a deeper level of connection with myself. The energetic dances bring me into the present moment. The more meditative dances take me into stillness. For me, in these times of business, it feels important to connect with that stillness. And, as the name implies, we dance for peace. Peace for all beings, peace for all nations. And so we dance for peace for ourselves, inner peace, Peace in our own hearts. And from the Buddhist tradition, "May all beings be well".

We dance in The Pyramid on the 3rd Friday of the month starting at 10.30am. Our next dance is **Friday 18 October**. If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome.

Obituary Sharon Whittle

By Anthea Whittle

On 24 May my mum, Sharon Whittle, passed away at home in Papa Aroha after being diagnosed only three months earlier with advanced linitus plastica (stomach cancer).

Many locals knew mum as the former dental nurse from Coromandel Area School, where she served from 1976 for 36 years. At the end of her career she was treating

the grandchildren of some of her earliest patients, and so had a unique perspective of the Coromandel community. We often meet mum's former patients around town (and all over the world!) who tell us how kind and comforting mum was, easing kids' fears and supporting parents to care for their tamariki. In a country where dental care is a challenge and (to some) a fear, we are proud that mum helped so many people.

After retirement, mum invested herself in her creative pursuits and joined the Coromandel Art Group and Pastel Artists Coromandel to connect with, and learn alongside, other artists. She absolutely loved being an artist. She also had a lot of fun being a member of the Coromandel Croquet Club. Whenever I see a croquet club in another town I think of the welcoming crew mum loved to hit a ball around with.

Mum spent most of her life in Coromandel – in Kennedy Bay, where her grandparents and parents settled, then in Papa Aroha after she partnered with my dad, Kerry. She has an extensive whānau and a broad network in Coromandel, and we have been touched by the many ways that so very many people have shared in our grief during her illness and since her passing. Thank you.

Ever caring, Mum wished for her story to help others. So, if you notice unexplained weight loss, tummy pain, frequent or persistent indigestion, loss of appetite and especially tiredness in yourself or your loved ones, seek medical support. The sooner any cancer is detected, the better chance a person has of a prolonged life.

My grandmother Marie, dad Kerry, sister Donna, brother-in-law James, nephew Mason and I feel huge gratitude to the community for supporting us through this challenging time. We also wish to acknowledge the other families in the community who have been navigating grief – an enormous burden which life "after" must grow around. Sometimes it's easier to carry than others, sometimes it needs to be shared. Thank you to those who have shared their experiences to help us with ours.

Thank you for the volume of cards, letters, koha, condolences and support that we've received. We wish this message to acknowledge everyone who has reached out to us – please pass it on.

We have had requests for copies of Mum's eulogy and "Sharon's Words" (which she wrote to be read at her funeral). You can find them on her website at www.maku.co.nz/memorial.

Ngā mihi.



Sharon Whittle at the art exhibition at the Old Papa Aroha Fire Shed, Labour weekend 2021



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Coromandel Museum

By Maureen Kimber

Although the Museum has been closed during the winter months, our committee members and friends have been very busy planning and updating displays for the coming summer season with our official opening day on **Thursday 3 October**. We will be open from 10am to 4pm on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas, when we will be open 7 days a week.

Apart from all of the other attractions such as the jail, the creamery, the mine display itself, plus the hundreds of local artifacts on show all relevant to our community, we will be having rolling monthly displays of local interest – the first of which features “Items of the 1950s”.

How the younger generations will be amazed (and probably amused) at seeing a depiction of a lifestyle from 70 years ago. Iconic household items from that era plus photographs (albeit slightly faded now!) will also certainly bring back memories to a lot of our older residents, so do pop in and indulge in a little reminiscence.

Just for the ladies

The 1950’s fashion shopping list – a few essentials: pencil skirt, crew neck cardigan, petticoat, circle skirt, halter and boatneck dress, bullet bra and waist knickers.



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As we emerge from the darkness of winter, we welcome the energy of spring. Like many of you, we have been busy planting seedlings and looking forward to the lighter and longer days ahead.

Spring is such a wonderful time of renewal and transformation as nature awakens once again, bringing us the beauty of new life. It can also be a time of shedding old layers to make way for fresh beginnings.

This month we highlight some of our upcoming workshops and community events that might interest you.

Sing Your Heart Out Workshop with Tony Backhouse, Friday 29 November to Sunday 1 December.

For those who love singing, join Tony Backhouse for a weekend filled with uplifting and heartfelt gospel and a cappella singing that is guaranteed to leave you feeling inspired. This is a very popular workshop. Bookings via www.manaretreat.com.

Handpan Concert with Taylor Sol, Tuesday 1 October 7-8pm

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Monthly Group Meditation

Join Amrit each month for Community Group Meditation. Sessions including simple meditation techniques supported by yoga asanas (postures) and pranayama (breathing exercises). Upcoming Tuesdays: **1 October, 5 November and 3 December, 5-6pm** by koha, no bookings required and all are welcome.

Open Floor Dance

Open Floor is a lively dance and movement practice that energises the body and opens the heart. We simply show up and move with whatever is present. Most Tuesdays, 9.45-11.45am, sliding scale \$15-20, no experience required, just turn up on the day.

“The beautiful spring came; and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.”

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OCT 25-28	Coming Home To Yourself Retreat with The Mana Team
NOV 1-3	Humming Retreat with Karla Brodie
NOV 8-10	Spring Relax and Wellness with The Mana Team
NOV 15-18	A Perceptual Journey in Osteopathy: Where is the Power for Change?
NOV 22-25	A Perceptual Journey in Osteopathy: Wholeness, Flow and Form
NOV 29-DEC 1	Sing Your Heart Out Retreat with Tony Backhouse

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Community Dance	1,8,15,29 Oct
Community Meditation	1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec
Inspiring Handpan Concert with Taylor Sol	1st Oct,
Tara School Reunion	9th Oct - please RSVP

rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

Native Tree Planting By Jess Fisher

Coromandel Area School is a Trees for Survival School. Trees for Survival is a Charitable Trust project initiated by Rotary. Schools are provided with growing units that have built-in irrigation systems. Plants are supplied to the school as seedlings and then planted out into pots. The seedlings are then grown and looked after by the school until they are ready to plant out. Schools then identify areas within the community to partner with to plant the small plants out. There are now over 230 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand who grow and plant native trees along waterways and environmentally at-risk sites supported by the TFS trust. On 23 August Coromandel Area School had its second planting day. You may have noticed the area off Pound Street if you've been along to CILT lately.

The planting was sponsored by Powerco and involved students from Years 1-8 who planted a small area on Pound Street that was previously overgrown with woolly nightshade, wild ginger, pampas, arum lily, wattle and a



very thick matting of kikuyu. The area has a small waterway running through it which the school wants to protect and care for within a native tree area. Students worked in pairs to do the planting, with older students helping our younger ones. To make it more fun, it was Crazy Hair Day!

Students planted a total of 630 grasses, trees and shrubs. They included 80 x mānuka, 95 x kānuka, 39 x karamū, 110 x māhoe, 73 x tī kōuka, 110 x harakeke, 59 x upoko tangata, 4 x pukio and 60 x toetoe. It was a great day and due to the children's hard work, it was all done within a couple of hours. All had an enjoyable morning planting.

Through hands-on learning, our environmental education programme provides the opportunity for students to have a positive impact on their local environment.

Can you help us? By Tracey Adams

We have a very well-equipped wood tech room here at school that is very under utilised. We are looking for a way to staff the room next year to work alongside

students doing projects that contribute to the school environment. You don't need to be a teacher, you do need to be able to relate to young people and have good knowledge of how to use the equipment safely. If you have a bit of time on your hands, experience and are willing to give something different a go, give me (Tracey) a call at school (07) 866 8893. Come and have a look around and a talk. We might come up with something awesome.

Work Experience Update By Tracey Adams

We now have 11 students out in the community doing work experience. A big thank you to all of the organisations who have taken students on and are supporting them to learn successfully in the workplace. A big part of keeping students motivated and connected with school is creating a curriculum that is relevant to them. For many who are interested in finding work sooner rather than later, work experience is a great way to understand the opportunities and learning they need to make the most of while they are still at school. Learning to be on time, listen, have a good attitude and relate well to others are all very valuable lessons that can be taught in partnership between the school and employers. If you think you could support a young person with work experience, please contact either Yvette, Tracey or Joan at school.



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For more information, call in, phone 027 217 9206 during open hours or contact us at coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Jenna James



Kia ora koutou.

Spring has arrived with a burst of sunshine, and we're thrilled to welcome back our trusty sunshade to the playground! To keep our tamariki safe and sound, we'll be reminding everyone to sport their hats and sunscreen. It's all about fun in the sun while staying sun-smart!

Our 5-year-olds had a thrilling opportunity to visit Coromandel Area School in the first week of September. Jocelyn led an enthusiastic group of preschoolers to check out the new entrants' class and get a sneak peek into the world of big school. These exciting visits will be a regular Friday morning affair!

The tamariki are still enjoying their regular visits to Music & Dance every week, where they get to experience dance with abandon and rhythm.

We also go exploring around the rohe spending time in the ngahere and at the moana at Long Bay and other local spots.

Back at the centre, there are now a lot more water activities with children building ngaa roto lakes and ngaa awa rivers. Physical play is also a favourite with lots of duck-duck-duck, hide and seek, bear hunts, and taarere swings.

This month, we're celebrating some very special birthdays. A big shout-out to Oakley, our transformer extraordinaire; Beau, our rope-climbing ace; Tucker, our water baby; Marama, our eagle-eyed helper; Ollie, James, and Mareikura. It's been a joy marking these milestones with you all!

We're also excited to introduce some new friends to our centre. Welcome Delaney, Harrison, and Denzel. We're looking forward to

exploring, learning, and growing together with you. Here's to making wonderful new friendships and embarking on fantastic learning adventures.

At the end of last month, we bid a fond farewell to Nia, Ngawai, and Hazel with a shared morning tea. We wish them all the best on their new journeys. We'll miss you and send our warmest wishes – kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui!

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

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

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

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

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By John Irvine

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Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour

The Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour is on this month! This is the 18th year of the Arts Tour, which happens on the first two weekends of October every year. This year it falls on **Saturday 5, Sunday 6, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October**, with an exhibition

running the full duration of the nine days at Hauraki House Gallery on Kapanga Road. Over these two weekends local artists will open up their studios to the public so art lovers can go along, view the work, chat to the artists and see the working environment. There are 36 artists taking part with a wide range of mediums including painting, ceramics, glass, screen-printing, textiles, sculpture, jewellery, creative woodwork, photography and everything in between. Seven of these artists are new to the Tour this year.

This is a free, self-guided tour and artist guides are now available from the Coromandel Town Information Centre, The Source, and various outlets across the peninsula. Or a digital version can be downloaded from www.coromandelartstour.co.nz.

The Tour "boundaries" are the Kerata hill to the south, Colville to the north and the Whangapoua hill to the east, however most of the artists are within an easy 10-minute drive of each other. A lot of the



studios can even be reached on foot or by bike from Coromandel Town centre.

The exhibition, held at Hauraki House Gallery on Kapanga Road, is the perfect place to start. Each artist has at least one artwork on display, so visitors can pick up a guide and get a feel for who they would like to visit before starting out. It runs right the way through from **Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 October** and is open from 10am-4pm each day. There will be an opening night for the tour and exhibition on **Friday 4 October** from 5.30pm with a special guest speaker to kick off the event. All are welcome!

For many of the artists the Tour is the highlight of their creative year and they work extremely hard in the months leading up to it. If visitors are unable to make it during one of these two weekends, some artists are open for the full nine days (look for the flags), and others are happy to receive visitors year-round. Just look for their "open" signs or grab a Coromandel Open Studios artist guide and give them a call.

The 36 artists participating this year are: Allan Beaver (pastel), Amelia Smith – NEW (mixed media), Ashley Thor – NEW (ceramic), Barbara von Seida (paint), Caitlin Moloney (ceramics), Cindy Alger (paint/sculpture), Debra Dickson (jewellery/mixed media), Diann Cade (paint/drawing), Donna Scatchard (paint), Elisabeth Carter (paint and also music! – she may play you a song if requested), Fran Campbell (paint/print/textile/mixed media), Genevieve Morley (paint), Gini Collin – NEW (jewellery/resin), Glenn Benmayor – NEW (stone/ceramics/digital art), Greg Taylor (wood), Jacquie Ellis (paint/mixed media), Jeremy Scott (photography), Kay Ogilvie (ceramics), Kevin Brett (woodwork), Kim Brett (glass/jewellery), Lettecia Williams (textile), Lynne Fenwick (textile), Murray Rainey (ceramics), Natasha Hunter (paint/sculpture/ceramic), Paul Cornwell (paint/drawing), Pete Sephton (printmaking), Petra Meyboden (ceramics), Raewyn Penrose (textiles), Riccardo Scott (ceramics), Rose Dean (paint/mixed media/drawing), Rosemarie Murphy (pastel), Sally Tennent-Brown (textile/jewellery/mixed media), Saskia Riemersma (pastel/paint/drawing), Tony Calsaferrri (paint), Vaughan Udall (paint/mixed media), Yvonne Szabo (ceramics/jewellery).

If you would like any further information about the Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour or any of the featured artists please visit www.coromandelartstour.co.nz or like the Facebook page, Coromandel ArtsTour, for regular updates. We look forward to seeing you!



Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

The Art Group would like to welcome another new member, Gaylene.



Acrylic painting – Wellington Outlook by Lindsay

It was lovely to see your enthusiasm and excitement when you were shown or told something you didn't know.

It will be great to see where your art journey takes you.

We had both of our tutors cancel but Vaughan has now reinstated his acrylics workshop to a new date of **Thursday 17 October**.

We still have a couple of vacancies if anyone is interested in this whole-day course with shared lunch. Feel free to contact me regarding details.

Some exciting pieces are being produced by the Art Group gearing up for our annual exhibition in January.

With spring here, the colours around us are also changing, with different hues in the blues. Goodbye winter!

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Thames Music Group

Free Friday Concert

Friday 25 October at 12.15pm. "Irihāpeti" Harpsichord with Nichola Genn Harris and friends.

Irihāpeti and friends brings together community and school musicians to share the Thames High School harpsichord. Named for its donor Liz Butterfield, Irihāpeti arrived at the school in 2023 and is a favourite in the Music Room, where she presides over the main room and is enjoyed by many a student who sits to "tinker" and enjoy this special instrument on their way past.

This recital features experienced musicians from within our community, playing alongside primary and secondary students. The programme is mostly baroque music of course, but we also feature an original composition written specifically for Irihāpeti, and some folk music that was scored for harpsichord.

Koha appreciated.

www.thamesmusicgroup.com



Colville Festival 2024

Labour Weekend **Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 October.**

Colville Sings Disco and you can dance Saturday 26 October 7pm Colville Hall \$30. 12yrs and up.

Coffee/tea/cakes available at halftime – decorated by the youth at the cake decorating workshop. Bring \$5 for coffee/tea and a cake.

Tickets are essential as this night sells out quickly. Dress up disco style – prizes for the best effort.

The Big Music Night

Sunday 27 October 6pm Colville Hall \$35, under 16yrs free.

Food will be available to purchase for \$15. Bring cash.

Lineup: Rhombus, The Madeleines, Radio Rebelde, Thee Golden Geese and Matt Pike & Co.

Rhombus – Original Te Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington) Rhombus will perform a special DJ set for the first time in Coromandel at Colville Festival, with their tried-and-true formula audiences have come to love: a south Pacific musical style with combinations of funk, soul, reggae and electronic dub Wobbly bass, frenetic drum lines, and echoed synth. Rhombus are still the masters of their distinctive and unique sound. With Thomas and Koa at the controls, and longtime vocalist Lisa Tomlins on vocals, Rhombus soundsystem will be dropping their original sound, along with exclusive, unreleased studio mixes.



Madeleines

The Madeleines are a vintage vocal trio specialising in jazz, swing and Old Hollywood Glamour! with stunning costuming, slick choreography, and toe-tapping tunes. Let us transport you to the golden era of jazz, swing and glamour.

Radio Rebelde is a 10-piece LatinSka band based on Waiheke Island, NZ, featuring musicians from Aotearoa, Argentina, Colombia, Israel, France, Portugal and USA.

This eclectic combo mixes an explosive musical Molotov cocktail of Caribbean rhythms, dub, reggae, ska and cumbia, blended with the wild energy of punk rock. The result... a party that



Radio Rebelde

makes everybody (literally anyone from two years old to 80 years old) dance their socks off!

Thee Golden Geese – Tāmaki Makaurau party quartet Thee Golden Geese are the ridiculous rock'n'roll band you never knew you needed in your life. Infamous for their unpredictable live shows, catchy punk and garage rock anthems, and for being some of the funniest idiots you'll see live any time soon. Their album "Bird of the Year 2023" ruffled feathers and saw them hit the #1 spot on 95bFM with their song about being #1 on 95bFM. They also sing about Georgie Pie, punk nuns, solving murders in bed, and never stopping rocking!

Matthew Pike has a few colourful decades of professional performance behind him, ranging from an international career in musical theatre (Jesus Christ Superstar; Blood Brothers; Cabaret; Cats; Miss Saigon; Phantom of the Opera; Mamma Mia, etc.) to many varied bands (Whole Lotta Led - Zeppelin tribute; The Pink Floyd Experience; Life in the Fast Lane – Eagles tribute) and now focuses on meditative medicine music.

The Boy with Wings

Puppetry and Music by Birdlife Productions for ages 5 to 95! **Sunday 27 October.** 11-11.45am Colville War Memorial Hall free for 5-9yrs, \$5 10yrs and up.

A comic, touching and environmental story using the ageless wonder of puppetry, live music and exquisite hand-crafted sets that magically unfold out of boxes, telling an epic fable of one young man's life-altering journey set against the backdrop of the miracle of the great migration of kuaka (bar-tailed godwits).

As these fragile birds set out on their extraordinary journey from New Zealand to Alaska, watching them take to the sky in awe is Jack-the Everyman,

who is contemplating a journey of his own to seek the "treasure" that will save his dying orchard.

Award-winning theatre company "Birdlife Productions" promise laughter, tears and thrilling adventure, enticing us to ask the question; "how do we trust our inner map – how do we find our wings"?

Suitable for ages 5 to 95!

Workshops

Please be sure to register for the workshops. Most are limited numbers. Colville Junction (07) 866 6920 or Ella 027 487 5131.

Mosaic With Natasha Norton

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October

10am-4pm, Colville Hall Ground \$30 pp – up to 10 participants.

A communal project. You will mosaic a picnic table that will serve the community.

Puppet-making Fun!

With Birdlife Productions **Sunday 27**

October 1.30-2.30pm Colville War

Memorial Hall, free for 5-9yrs – up to

30 participants (parents, please stay to supervise).

Come and build a playful puppet from simple materials to take home and use in your own stories.

Materials list (please bring if you can): glue guns and glue, scissors, buttons, coloured paper and coloured felt pieces.

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 Opening Night 5.30pm 4 October
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te taiao ENVIRONMENT

MEG

By Steph Parkyn

Wetland Wonders

With the recent visit of our winter lecture series speaker, Carolyn King (Emeritus Prof, University of Waikato)

we were able to show her around some of our special northern Coromandel wildlife habitats.

She was thrilled to see tūturiwhatu/dotterels pairing up on Little Bay beach, a flock of around 40 pāteke ducks in the branches of a pōhutukawa tree over a stream in Waikawau and this magnificent kōtuku (see photo) in Harataunga estuary.

This kōtuku is a regular visitor to the estuary during the year, but it will be about to fly south for breeding. Kōtuku breed in one location only in Aotearoa between

September and February, in tall kahikatea-dominated swamp forest near Whataroa, South Westland.

Good luck for the coming journey!

Ferrets

One of the major threats to our native birds is feral ferrets. These introduced predators can attack even adult kiwi, not only chicks, so they have the potential to

decimate populations. When we started finding ferrets caught in our traps around Coromandel Town a few years back, then later Colville and Waikawau, we became very concerned, making a special effort to purchase and install the larger DOC 250 ferret traps. While we haven't captured ferrets for some time now, that doesn't mean they still aren't out there. Our winter lecture series speaker, Carolyn King,



made it clear how wily and “trap-shy” some of these predators can be. Despite the challenge ferrets and other mustelids pose, she was very encouraging of our trappers' work. “We must continue,” she says, “We must hold the line and preserve what species we have so that one day, if the tools become available to completely eradicate mustelids from NZ, we will still have our unique, endemic species to save.” Thank you, Carolyn, for an inspiring talk and sharing your wisdom from decades of mustelid research.

Matuku Muster

This October and November, MEG are participating in the great Matuku Muster, a nationwide survey to count the number of breeding male matuku-hūrepo Australasian bittern (a surprisingly big wetland bird you may never have seen which is now nationally critically endangered) by listening to them “booming”. The survey will occur all on the same dates and we are coordinating volunteer listeners for the Harataunga, Waikawau and Colville wetlands where we have heard and seen matuku before. Would you like to be involved? The dates are **Friday-Sunday 18, 19, 20 October** and **Friday-Sunday 15, 16, 17 November**. The listening period will be 1 hour from 15 mins before sunset to 45 mins after sunset. Contact us info@meg.org.nz to be part of the team!

Wetlands are one of New Zealand's most modified and degraded habitats with less than 10% of the original extent remaining, but our local wetlands are home to a suite of species that are reliant on them, not only the matuku-hūrepo/Australasian bittern, but also mātātā/fernbird and moho pererū/banded rail, both at risk and declining. Predator control in these wetlands is crucial to protect the bird species still remaining. We are hoping this survey will identify important breeding areas for matuku where we need to focus new or add more predator control efforts. Ngā mihi nui.

Want to volunteer, become a member or find out more about MEG? See our website www.meg.org.nz or email info@meg.org.nz

Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

Learning about rescuing birds

A little while ago our team attended a WildWays bird rescue workshop in Colville.

Moehau ki te Moana organised this one-day intense training opportunity with international bird rescue expert Dr Lynn Miller.

Lynn shared her expertise in the care of injured, ill or orphaned wild birds with our small group so that we can confidently assess and respond to a bird rescue situation safely and make informed decisions. There was a presentation and a practical component.

The course covered a lot of information



about things like:

- Human health and safety in responding to wild birds in need (birds often carry diseases we can catch);
- Recognising illegal activity and evidence gathering if a native species has been intentionally hurt or killed;
- Handling and housing to reduce stress, preserve feathers and physical damage;
- Nutritional considerations for injured birds.

The key messages we learnt were that most injured birds sadly do not survive – even when we try our very best to help them. What we can do is ensure birds are carefully removed from situations where they are in danger (e.g., an injured bird is where a cat or dog might attack it), place the bird in a dark, well-ventilated box and put it in a quiet place until help can be accessed.

Depending on the species or issue there are different helplines to call. For native or protected wildlife and cases where you suspect illegal activity has occurred (intentional harm to birds) call the Department of Conservation on 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468); for welfare issues



Learning about handling injured birds



Our team at the bird rescue workshop

involving wildlife call MPI on 0800 008 333; if you are concerned there is a disease killing wild birds (three or more birds sick or deceased) call MPI on 0800 809 966.

When you call any of these numbers it is good to have as much information as you can. Take photographs, note the location where the bird or birds are (or were collected) and any unusual things about the area. This might be things like signs of poison or contaminants, storm debris, or algal blooms.

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Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

2024 AGM

Coromandel Forest & Bird is pleased to announce that Raewyn

Peart from the Environmental Defence Society has kindly agreed to be the guest speaker at our AGM in October.

Raewyn will profile 50 years of environmental advocacy by the Environmental Defence Society and others, which she has recorded in her recent book *Environmental Defenders*. Starting in the early 1970s EDS has been involved in numerous cases on the Coromandel Peninsula and elsewhere, with a focus on coastal development and mining. Raewyn will describe how the law has been mobilised to protect some of the Peninsula's most precious places. With the government rolling back many environmental protections, these past experiences provide invaluable insights into responses to environmental controversies of today.

Raewyn will be bringing copies of her her book *Environmental Defenders*, which will be available for sale after her talk.

We extend an invitation to those in the community who are interested in protecting and enhancing the local environment around Coromandel.

Saturday 12 October, St John Ambulance Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town. AGM begins at 11.30am, shared lunch 12-1pm (please bring something to share). Guest speaker, Raewyn Peart 1-2pm. All welcome.

If any members of the community are interested in joining the Forest & Bird committee, please contact Kate James, (021 240 6442) or Kate Donoghue, (027 692 6494) before the meeting



Raewyn Peart

hākinakina SPORT

Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie, Secretary



The Golconda Cup's third round and final took place on Saturday 7 September, featuring a Net Medal competition and the best 2 of 3 rounds, successfully completed despite threatening weather conditions.

Ross Harper emerged victorious with a net score of 136, followed by Dawson Hansen as runner-up with a score of 139.

Our Men's Club Captain, Richard Neal, presented the cup.

We are grateful to members who joined our special dinner on Thursday 12 September, which aimed to convey our heartfelt appreciation for Ross Mudgway's unwavering commitment to our course's upkeep, especially the greens, and his leadership of the green team for over five years.

We also recognized Malcolm Stone's proficiency in securing grants for our club, appreciating the considerable time he invested in each application.

Our thanks was also extended to the Top Pub for an outstanding dinner.

Monday – Our After School Junior Golf Programme is back from **Monday 14 October** 3.30-4.30pm. All under-19 years are welcome to attend. Course closed during Junior Golf Programme.

Tuesday – Ladies' Club Day 9.30am Tee Off

Wednesday – Men's Midweek Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off, Meatpack last Wednesday of the month.

Saturday – Members' Club Day 12.30pm Tee Off

Affiliated visitors welcomed to all club days.

Happy golfing.

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



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



We are so lucky to have such a lovely setting for playing croquet. The outlook from the club is wonderful at every time of the year. Spring weather is notoriously changeable, but we do not often have to cancel our game days. The greens drain very well, so even after a day of heavy rain it is usually still possible to play.

We meet on Tuesdays for "association croquet" and Fridays for "golf croquet", both days at 9.45am. We provide all of the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day.

Anyone who would like to try one or both forms of croquet can call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Shevana Davies, CRFC president

Fishing Report

Fishing is starting to pick up. One of our club members caught a decent sized kingfish in close and another member caught his limit from his kayak out of Tuatēawa – so that's awesome!

Fish of the Month

Eliza Dance weighed the only fish in for the month, a Piper weighing 0.055 kg. Well done Eliza. No adults weighed in fish. Fingers crossed the warmer weather brings in the bigger fish. Fish of the Month for October is kahawai for all members and yellowtail for Juniors.

Next competition

Our next competition is on Labour Weekend **Sunday 27 October**.

Entry forms can be found at Fish, Dive and Hunt or Salty Towers. You can also find us on Facebook "Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club".

Remember to get your subs in ASAP.

Tight lines as always.

Coromandel Tennis Club

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at 1.30pm in the club rooms on **Sunday 20 October**.

Anyone who imagines that they might come and hit a tennis ball one day, please come along and have your say.

We have a very small membership but can guarantee that you will have someone to play with at 4pm on Thursdays after work, and at 2pm on Sunday afternoons.

Everyone is welcome at all times.



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

Every Tuesday

Croquet Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave,
 Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall,
 Anita 027 259 1085.....3.15-4.45pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
 Christina 021 113 4768 4pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Meditation at Mahamudra..... 8.15-8.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio,
 contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$15 per class.
 Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm
 Kung Fu, Coromandel Hospital..... 5-7pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 35459am
 Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799..... 9am-12pm
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2
 Vickie 027 417 7077..... 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class,
 contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm
 Line dancing beginners class, Anglican Church Hall,
 Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3-3.30pm
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .. 3.30-4.15pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
 Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 5-6.15pm
 Recova 12-step addiction recovery meeting, 100 Pound St (orange house),
 Liz 027 436 2800 6-7pm
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Community Gardens volunteer day..... 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 9.45am-12.15pm
 Chess Club, Weta Cafe, Mike 027 304 92529.30am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Wharf Rd (summer only)..... 9am-1pm
 RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave.
 President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576..... 3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

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

Monthly

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

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 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,
 Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm
 1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm
 2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 1pm
 2nd Wed – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878..... 4pm
 3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.
 Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm
 Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
 Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm
 3rd Fri – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 ..10.30am
 1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road..... 10am

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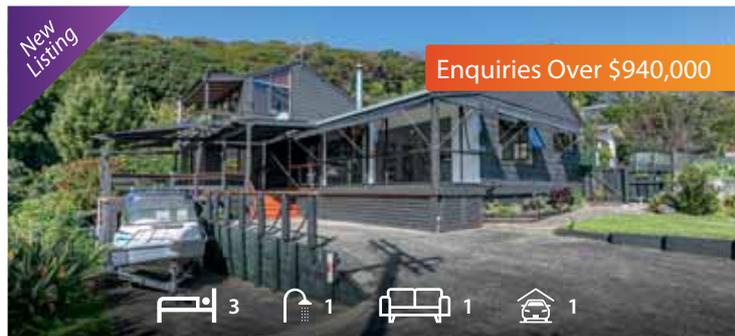


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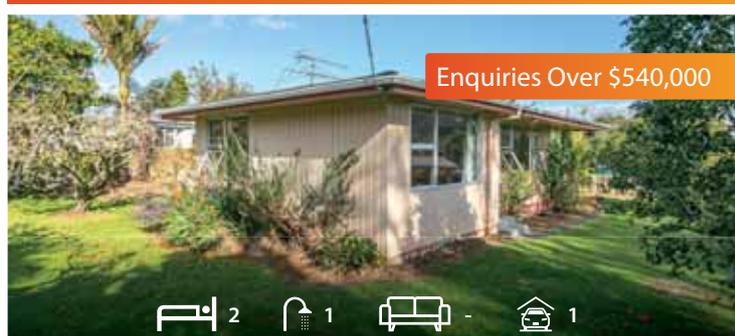
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