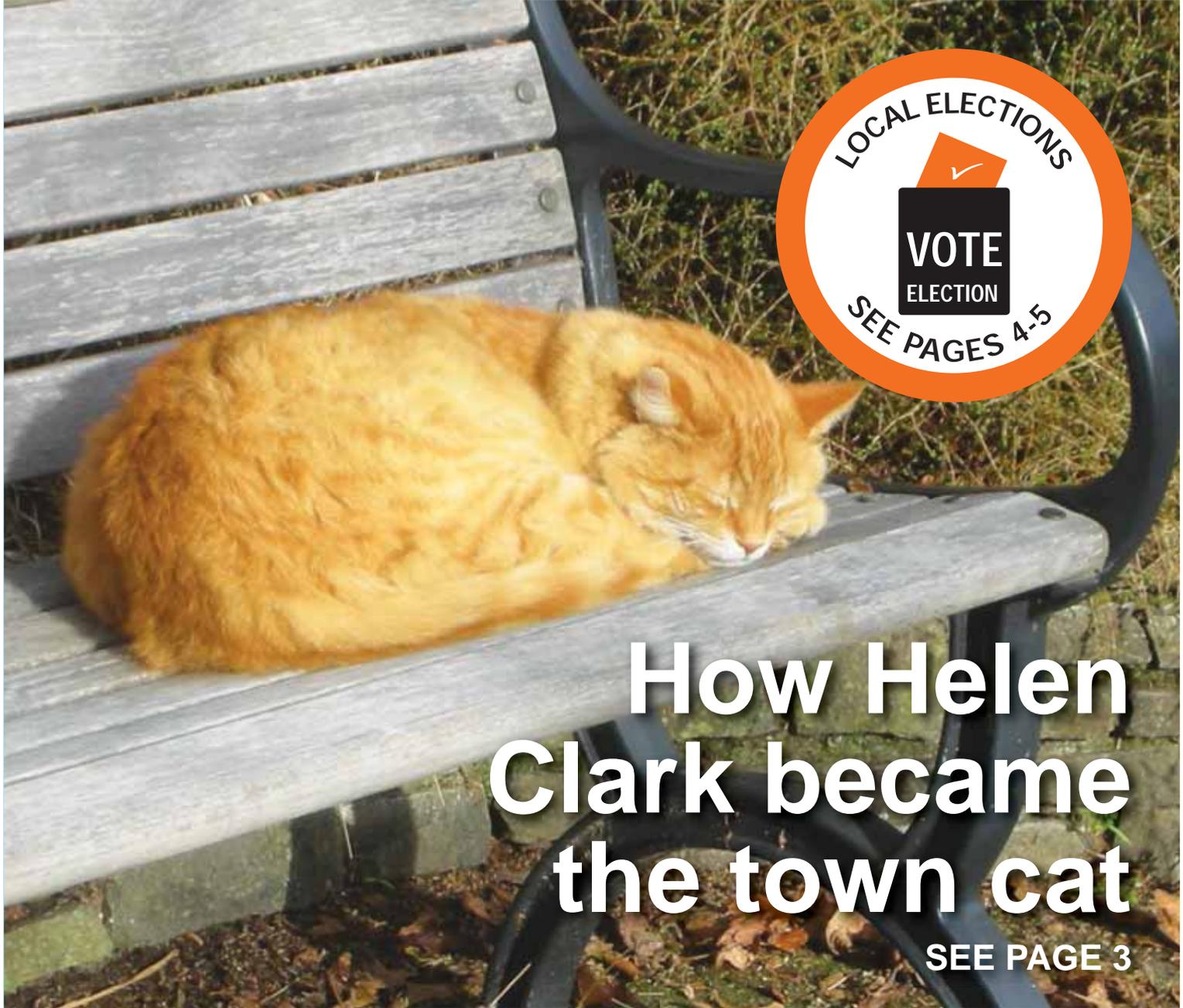


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Call 111. AED's in Coromandel Town: Fire Station, Ambulance Station, Four Square, Coro Family Health, Bowling Club/RSA, Te Korowai and Phoenix House. Although AED's are important, St John say performing continuous chest compressions/calling 111 takes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

Editor's comment

September means spring is here!

I spotted these lovely pops of colour of daffodil outside the Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park on 30 July when out delivering August Chronicles. They put a smile on my face.

I would like to apologise to Patricia Whimp and Grey Power about putting the wrong day of the week on their meeting date in the August issue. They supplied a date on 18 August for their meeting and I added "Monday" to it (was looking at wrong month). It was actually supposed to be Thursday. I hope that didn't confuse too many people and that you referred to the correct day of the week on the August calendar.

Debbie



Letters

Collection of native birds

Dear Debbie,

Re page 20 in August Chronicle, I well remember the day that the collection of native birds were presented to the "Coromandel Public School". The collection had belonged to a Mr E Preece (or maybe Priest), who had recently died. They were in an oblong wooden case with a glass door on the front. They were later displayed on the wall of the corridor leading to the headmasters office, for all to see, admire and learn.

The headmaster was Mr CH McKenzie. The year would have been 1941 or close to it. Coromandel Public School is now Hauraki House.

Kind regards,
Dulcie Pepper



Photo of birds from August issue

Recommending a classified advertiser

We would like to make recommendation for Roof King who is a classified advertiser in the Chronicle.

Eli was very prompt with a quote and then very professional in reroofing our bach in Colville.

Upon completion of the job he neatly stacked the old roofing iron and bagged the old batts for removal.

We are very happy with the finished job which he completed most efficiently and are happy to recommend Roof King.
John and Jill Roberts

Amazing care from nursing staff

Dear Debbie,

Following a recent visit to Hamilton to look after two of our grand daughters while their parents enjoyed their 21st wedding anniversary, I became very ill with Covid-19. As an elderly man I suffered badly, despite being fully vaccinated, but the help and care of the nursing staff at Coromandel Family Health care was amazing and I am on the way to recovery. My wife Glenys has now caught the illness and has also had assistance for the wonderful nursing staff for whom nothing seems to be too much bother.

The team at Coromandel Pharmacy have also gone out of their way to help us during our period of isolation and Glenys and I appreciate their kindness.

Finally a shout out the CILT for their support and help.

What a wonderful town we live in – thank you all.

Kind regards,
Bill and Glenys Chadderton

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Cat lover? Please check out page 32 classified ad for a couple of cats who need retirement homes.



Helen Clark, Town Cat

By Elspeth Campbell and Natalie Blasco

The cat that nobody owns and almost everyone loves.



Helen snoozing in James Reserve

Helen Clark, Coromandel Town's cat, is a well-known figure in town. He is the big ginger cat that potters about the main street, visiting various businesses or strolling across the pedestrian crossing. He snoozes in the Laundromat, sleeps in the park and sprawls out on table one at Weta. Tourists stroke and photograph him and sometimes give him food. Dogs may be less enthused.

Helen was born in Australia, a three-week-old rescue kitten fostered out to Jodi France's brother. He'd been told the cat was female, so decided to call her Helen Clark, later learning that she is a he. Helen later came to live with Jodi who eventually brought him and her Maine Coon kitten to New Zealand in 2018.

Helen soon made himself known around town. During the first week he went to a funeral at St John's. Jodi often spotted him sitting in the ambulance bay, even snoozing in the back of the ambulance. When Jodi moved into the main part of town, the resourceful Helen immediately made a few arrangements, visiting the butcher first thing in the morning for his first meal, then arriving at 6am to spend the day with Jeni and Ross. Promptly at 5pm he would leave for his evening rounds.

Jeni attended to most of his needs, eventually finding out his owner was just over her back fence! When Jodi moved near Furey's Creek, Helen didn't want a bar of it! By then he had developed a daily routine of visiting the butcher and various eateries; a sort of progressive dinner. No wonder he was portly.

For about four years Helen, now about 14 years old, has been successfully living as the "Town Cat" on the streets of Coromandel, helped out by a succession of generous people who assist Helen to live the life he has chosen and enjoy his company.

Mel and Sally at Weta now tend to his feeding, grooming and vet care during the day; at night he sleeps with Dave from Pepper Tree. In December some cancerous lumps were found on Helen's neck. They needed \$875 for the operation plus dental care. Mel asked the community for donations and the money came pouring in, only \$5 short of the amount needed.

These are some of the things people told us about him: He is quiet, polite and good-mannered; it is a pleasure to have his company; he doesn't like to be picked up (Dave, Mel and Sally have permission); he's empathetic, knows when people are sick or sad and keeps them company – Dave calls him a "healing" cat; he hates dogs, attacked a blind man's dog, leapt off a table onto a tall Irish terrier; threatens tiny dogs who come to his café; shares his breakfast of raw prawns

side-by-side with a blackbird; loves his food and eats about four breakfasts, mostly prawns and chicken.

Our thanks go to everyone who told us their stories, especially Jodi, Dave, Mel and Jeni. We were struck by the way everyone had smiles in their eyes, speaking of Helen with respect and affection, just accepting that this is the way he wants to live and that's okay.

Helen has his own Facebook page, Where's Helen Clark. He has often been nominated to stand in local body elections, so far without success. Now he has taken up some fundraising of his own via T-shirts, with his portrait by Rebekah Pearson and the caption "Helen for Mayor", being sold to raise money for the local museum's dairy-moving project. Helen is again giving back.



Helen on table one at Weta

Waikato election candidates invited to show up and listen to the arts

Local government elections are on the horizon and Creative Waikato has a plan to ensure the arts sector is at the front of candidate minds.



The non-profit organisation's Election Connection Roadshow will hit 10 towns in 10 Waikato districts, from 12 September to 4 October. It will come to Thames on **Monday 12 September**.

We're inviting councillors, candidates and local community to come along and actively listen to a live, 15-minute presentation exploring the connection between local government and the creative community, and the vital role arts has to all sectors of society.

"There is real value in local government as a pathway for meaningful change in our local communities, as well as being an essential part of addressing local issues, services, needs and priorities," shares CEO Dr Jeremy Mayall.

To fully understand where candidate views sit when it comes to the arts, each candidate will be sent the same three questions pertaining to the arts, and answers will be shared with media, and published across the Creative Waikato social channels and website.

Follow @creativewaikato on social media for announcements and updates, and check out www.creativewaikato.co.nz for more info on Creative Waikato, The Waikato Arts Navigator and other exciting initiatives they have in the works

The Town Cat

By Elspeth Campbell

He's Coromandel Town's cat, his name is Helen Clark You'll see him by the butcher shop, and often in the park He frequents Weta Café, where they brush his ginger fur He tolerates admirers, and sometimes they hear him purr The tourists take his photo as he saunters up and down WE know he's always welcome, HE knows he OWNS this town!

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Gavin Jeffcoat – Standing for Coromandel-Colville Community Board

Who am I? I have lived at Wharf Road, Colville, with Leanne for five years, on a property that I have visited all my life and has been in our family since 1880. I worked for the NZ Police for 14 years and then for Fonterra, PGG Wrightson, and in our own businesses growing flowers, to now showing visitors our beautiful Peninsula, hiking and biking. My formal education includes an MBA from the University of Waikato.



Why am I standing for the Community Board? To contribute to the community in a way that I think I can add the most value. My education and experience help me to consider issues with a clear head, listen to and consider differing opinions and facts, and make actionable decisions and recommendations.

What do I stand for? Making the Coromandel an even better place tomorrow than what it is today. The challenge is that we all have different ideas of what “better” looks like in terms of our communities and air, land, and water ecosystems. Input from diverse voices, backed by sound research, considered with an open mind, will lead to the best outcomes. Bullying in social media and spreading misinformation are not part of that process. I understand people’s views, often strongly held and passionately argued, must not be discounted without consideration, but we also have an obligation to listen to the quiet voices and our plant and animal friends who do not have a voice. This leads to decisions that do not please everyone but we need to be courageous and remain focused on the wider good and the future we will leave behind.

Why should you vote for me? You shouldn’t, unless you think I will be more effective than other candidates in leading the northern Peninsula forward. Please get enrolled, consider which candidates share your view of what “better” looks like and will effectively move us towards that vision and give them the tick. Remember to get your papers in before **Saturday 8 October**. Thanks for caring.

Local Election

Voting in local elections will open on **Friday 16 September** and closes on **Saturday 8 October**.

Candidates 2022

The following people are standing for election for Thames Coromandel District Council.

Mayoral Candidates

- Eric Carter
- John Freer
- Steve Hart
- Ron Julian
- Peter Pinkham
- Len Salt
- Cherie Staples

Councillor Candidates – Coromandel-Colville Ward
John Morrissey

Coromandel-Colville Community Board Candidates

(Four community board members will be elected for this ward)

- Jean Ashby
- Kim Brett
- James Davis
- Pamela Grealey
- Gavin Jeffcoat
- Alasdair Macdonald
- Shirley Mangakahia
- Abby Morgan

Please read these candidate bios that were sent in.

Pamela Grealey – Standing for Coromandel-Colville Community Board

Kia ora, I’m Pamela Grealey and I’m a candidate for the community board in the upcoming local election.



I run a local consulting and mentoring business, alongside The Coromandel Workers Collective, which provides employment advice and support to both workers and employers. You may also have seen me covering a shift or two at the Refuse Transfer station.

So why should you vote for me, what do I bring to the table?

A focus on a thriving local economy: we can’t provide for ourselves if we don’t have a strong financial footing. This means we need to have the right infrastructure, including roading, public transportation, buses and ferries and technology, to support current and attract future business.

We must look after our environment: we have an amazingly diverse region but we should not exploit it for short-term gain. I believe environmental and business interests can collaborate so we can all prosper in a sustainable way.

And most importantly we must look after our people. With a strong sustainable economy and a healthy natural environment we can ensure our community thrives and we are able to support those who need it.

I have lived in both big cities and small communities, and without hesitation a small community is the place to be. Knowing your neighbours, understanding local issues, and focusing on the future all mean that one person can make a difference.

Let me support you to make that difference.

Abby Morgan – Standing for Coromandel-Colville Community Board

Tena koutou katoa,

I am standing for a position on our Community Board as my permanent place of residence is in the Coromandel-Colville area. My interests are education and community wellbeing and resilience which are demonstrated in my longterm commitments with our local Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees and the Coromandel St John Area Committee.



Being on the school Board of Trustees for 11 years with the last five years as Chairperson has given me a solid grounding in a governance role with a strong focus on communication, strategic planning, policy and process and being the voice of the community we represent to Government and other organisations.

This experience I can contribute will be beneficial to ensure our Coromandel-Colville residents have a strong voice and I am looking forward to the opportunity to be your representative at this level.

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Jean Ashby – Standing for Coromandel-Colville Community Board



My place of residence is in the Coromandel-Colville Community Board area. I have been associated with Coromandel and a resident for 28 years. In the last 25 years I have worked with individuals, community groups and government to help deliver services to people of this area, for our kaumātua and those in need, more recently whanau who have been isolating due to Covid-19.

Valuing my whanau and the well-being of the community have always been my core values.

Refer to other issues of the Chronicle for bios from Len Salt (August 2022 issue), and John Freer (April 2022 issue).

Cherie Staples – Standing for Mayor



A wealth of experience in central and local government during a 15-year career working with the people of Thames-Coromandel is why Mayoral candidate, Cherie Staples, says she is the right person to lead the district.

Cherie and her husband Richard have been living in the Coromandel for 34 years.

Cherie is promising an open-door policy where the welfare and success of residents and ratepayers will sit at the heart of Council decision-making.

The Thames coast resident and Justice of the Peace is also Parliamentary Community Engagement & Communications Advisor/Senior Manager in the Thames office of Coromandel MP Scott Simpson. She says 15 years of learning the complexities of how Government operates, while at the same time being immersed daily in the issues Thames-Coromandel people care about is the ideal grounding for the job of Mayor.

“Over that time I’ve gained a vast amount of knowledge about everything from government process and funding streams, to legislation and regulation. I understand the relationship between government and local council. I have built strong, respectful, relationships with government departments, community groups and other agencies. Most importantly, I have been working every day with local people and communities, including those from the Coromandel Ward.”

Cherie says she is conscious of the many challenges local councils across the country are facing. “Equally our unique communities have their own challenges and I believe Council has a role in empowering those communities and supporting them to address the issues that are important to residents. The Sugar Loaf Wharf upgrade is an example of what is possible when Council listens to, backs and supports a community-driven initiative and I want to see us continuing to work in this way.”

Cherie noted that the Coromandel Town bypass has been on the agenda for a very long time. “The traffic build up on Tiki Rd and the heavy vehicle use along Kapanga Rd certainly support the case for an alternative route. Less congestion in the main shopping centre in Coromandel would allow not only locals but our visitors the ability to relax and enjoy everything that Coromandel Town has on offer. The stumbling block of course is funding, but as a Council I think we need to continue making this case and seeking a solution in collaboration with the local community.”

Over the coming weeks, Cherie is aiming to meet as many residents as possible and in particular those who may not know her very well. “I am asking people to put a huge amount of trust and faith in me and my abilities. I don’t do that lightly and I invite anyone who would like to meet me to get in touch. I’m not naive enough to think I have all the answers. We have wonderfully smart, creative and innovative people here in the Coromandel and I welcome their input and ideas.”

VOTE - Len Salt - A New Mayor for Thames-Coromandel

THE CHALLENGE:

- Our council and ratepayers are facing enormous pressure on services and works programmes.
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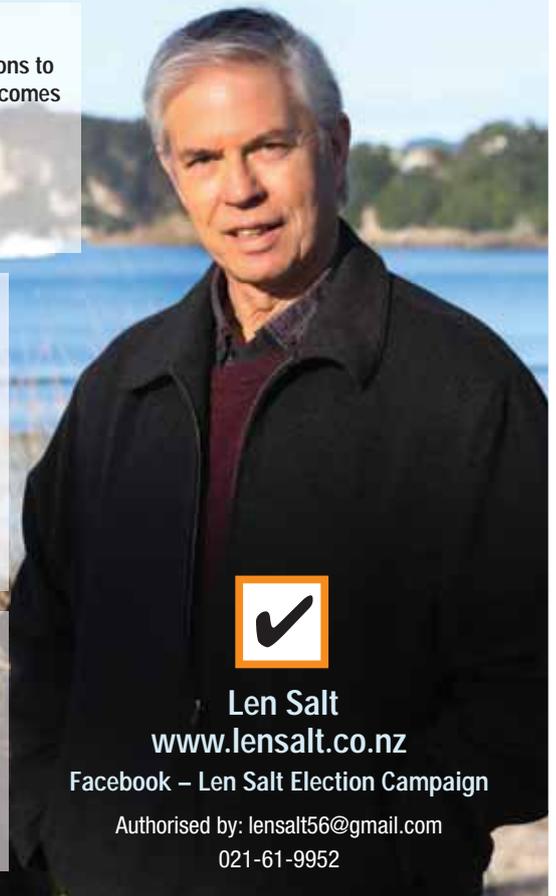
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- Financial management that targets cost reductions without compromising services
- Infrastructure security – building for tomorrow
- Solid waste management that achieves measurable reductions in costs and volumes
- Community based solutions with council engagement and support
- Emissions reduction and innovative environmental management
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- Roading and footpaths – make it happen (instead of waiting another 30 years)

THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY:

We will develop a “Centre of Excellence” model to attract leaders in tech innovation to relocate to the Coromandel. We’ll start with Thames, which is perfectly located for easy access to Auckland, Waikato and BOP, and we’ll grow from there. We want young, brilliant minds living and working in Thames, Whitianga, Coromandel, Whangamata, Tairua.

Areas include: Digital marketing; Environmental and agricultural innovation; Educational software; Social media; Computer gaming; Waste management innovation and resource recovery.



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Harray Track

By Andy Reid and Rita Stephenson

The Harray Track between Harbour View Road and Rings Road was originally developed and maintained by CILT. In those days the land was owned by the Golf Club and the Harray family. CILT had a ten-year lease with the golf club and a verbal agreement with the Harray family. When the lease with the golf club expired CILT passed on the maintenance of the Harray track to the Spirit of Coromandel Trust (SCT).

The golf club has subsequently sold a parcel of land which includes the western side of the Harray Track to the Medlock family. The Medlock family has also recently acquired the Harray Block. The Golf Club have retained a small section of the track in the middle.

Our understanding is that the Medlock family and the Golf Club are happy for the community to continue using the track.

SCT is a small, not-for-profit, charitable trust that relies on grant funding and local volunteers. In order to maintain the Harray track into the future, ideally some form of enduring access or other long-term agreement would be required. This would enable SCT to secure the appropriate funding to keep the track clear for community use. In the meantime, SCT cannot be responsible for maintaining the Harray Track.

Library News

By Robynne Jones

At the AGM held in August the new Committee was elected and a proposal to increase the membership fee from \$10 to \$20 was passed. We also have a new Constitution that brings us up to date with the requirements of the Incorporated Society Rules. All members of the library are able to view the Constitution; if you are interested just ask at the desk for a copy.

Explained below are some answers to some of the more frequently asked questions we are asked at the desk.

How do I know if I have read a book?

For any book that you may have read prior to the new system being in place, we have kept the old paper card in the back of the book where you can look for your name. From now on you are welcome to record your initials on the due date slip in the back of the old books or on the bright green slip in the back of the new books.

The other way you can see what you have read is to log into your Coromandel Community Library account on the libraries' website and look at your checkout history. If you would like someone to show you how to do this just ask at the desk; it only takes a few minutes. If you don't have a computer, or access to the internet at home, we have a computer at the library where you can log in and check your library account or look for a book on the catalogue.

Do I need my card when I'm bringing a book back?

No, you don't need your card to return your books. The barcode we scan into your account on the front of the book links your name to the book.

As you come into the library you can just drop your books at the "returns" area, to your left of the front desk. We can then enter these books as returned on your account before you

come back to the desk with some new ones to check out.

In addition, you don't need to put your name in the back of the book if you are returning a book in the after-hours slot through the front door.

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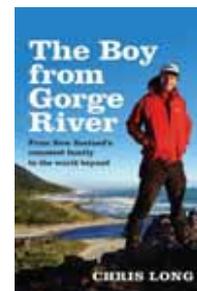
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You may also like to read this new non-fiction book, recently requested by one of our members, that is now on the shelf:

The Boy from George River – By Chris Long

Chris Long spent the first seventeen years of his life, two days' hike from the nearest road on the West Coast of the South Island, past deep fiords, glassy lakes, forested valleys and snow-capped mountains in the Long family cabin. Chris describes childhood with nature on his doorstep: helping his father catch crayfish and his mother grow vegetables, dreaming of helicopter visits, playing with toys crafted from driftwood and jade, and learning to survive in the wild.

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to us lately. For our next fundraiser, we are planning a book sale on the Saturday of Labour weekend in October, so all book donations are most welcome.



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Animal Rescue Thames

By Ailice and John Parris

Firstly our furry grates to those who have donated tins, sachets, and biscuits for the rescue kitties. Also the special financial blessings and a blessing that had a note stating to spoil them with something nice! I went out to Matatoki to the Tame Wolf shop, which is a new business for raw pet food, and I was impressed with the large range of raw meats for cats and dogs, and we chose the fish 'n' chicks which was a chicken/hoki mince and a raw beef one and the cats totally adored both of these. The price was really good, not expensive, of a premium quality and a shop we fully recommend. They also have big range of dog bones, briskets, so worth going out of Thames about 15 minutes to Matatoki to stock up on quality pet food. This was a luxury treat for our rescue cats and being affordable something we can look at getting once a month for them knowing we are getting premium quality that is good for them and one they will enjoy.

Kera – we had an enquiry from a lady wanting to adopt a kitten or young cat. We discussed Kera, that she was a young cat, classic tabby however has been with us since six weeks of age and will be a wee bit aloof and weary of any new person. This was accepted by the lady, who came out to meet madam Kera. Kera had completely different views as to where home is and the lady was treated with such disrespect. I was totally appalled, embarrassed and was not happy that Kera turned into an evil furrbrat that obviously has made her decision that she has a home and is not going to accept anything else thanks so much. I was most apologetic to the lady who was not impressed and asked if I had anything that was tame, friendly and I said well Kera has an attitude and I had told her that this might happen and she as a rule is very friendly given time. The lady said she held no interest in a cat with that sort of attitude. I gave her several other places she could go to and she left, but this really left me wondering who had the

worst attitude – madam Kera or the lady? I had gone to great lengths to explain cats' attitudes to being longterm cared animals in one place with one set of human slaves, and sorry if instant loveable cat was not going to be in the mix that particular day. Kera is lovable, loves to smooch, play, gets on with the others most of the time. However if she and Lizzy cross paths – two very strong-minded cats with cattitudes that they are top cat – it almost gets out of hand and unholy war breaks loose. But we accept this as part of multi-cat household where everyone has their place and we humans are at the beck and call and bottom of the places held.

For all others in our care they are rugged up warm at night, enjoy the sunshine and freedoms during day. Tutu, one of our oldest longtermers, has spent a week being "nurse" to a sick human. Curled up in bed by heater, ensuring human is comfy, warm and being watched by one cat. This works fine until 2am when Tutu has a dream and has little spasms and twitches, which startles human, which freaks cat out and then is up and moving fast so entire household is wide awake amidst yelps from both humans and kitty swear words from Tutu. At that ungodly hour it was not funny at the time, but in hindsight we can have some giggles. Dreaming cats should never sleep on humans and twitch at the same time.

We are still doing very minor internet fundraising and just quietly ticking along slowly, enjoying our rescue felines. They are well loved and enjoying new treats.

Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now, donations of tinned cat food, sachets, sardines, salmon, pet milk and kitty litter all appreciated. Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 (reference where you want funds spent – vet/kai etc.).

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Museum News

One of the most popular items in the museum is the display of models of gold nuggets. Although these nuggets were discovered in Australia, they do represent the dream of many goldminers. These models were made for the Auckland Industrial and Mining Exhibition on December 1, 1898.



Models of gold nuggets in the museum

Here is a report of other exhibits planned, from "Thames Star" 21 September 1898:

"The Auckland Exhibition

What is Being Done at Coromandel
Coromandel, September 19.

At a meeting of the Committee interested in securing the proper representation of Coromandel at the forthcoming Auckland Mining and Industrial Exhibition, Mr J. Malcolm McLaren, Director of the School of Mines, submitted the following report: "Re rock and mineral collection. During the vacation I have visited Port Charles and adjacent districts, Cabbage Bay, Amodeo Bay, Kennedy Bay, Opitonui, Kuaotunu, and Mercury Bay, and secured in these places the cooperation of residents in the collection of rocks and minerals. Arrangements were made to have the collections forwarded to Coromandel at the expense of the Committee. I have already received two boxes of rocks and fossils from Torehine, comprising types of all the sedimentary fossiliferous strata of the peninsula. Further contributions are expected from Mr Nairn, of Port Charles, and Mr Jamieson, of Cabbage Bay, who may be relied on to furnish thoroughly typical collections. Mr Montgomery, of the Kauri Gold Estates, has kindly promised to forward a type collection from Opitonui. From Kuaotunu, Messrs J Goldsworthy and Home have undertaken to collect and forward characteristic rocks and minerals. The students of the Kuaotunu School of Mines are constructing a working model of a cyanide plant, with leaching vats, vacuum cylinder, pipes, etc. The latter, I need hardly

say, will make a splendid mining exhibit. It was resolved that a grinding wheel for facing minerals be purchased, and that mode of underground timbering in various forms be made."

Exhibitions were very popular in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This is no doubt due partly to the great success of the "Great Exhibition" held in Hyde Park, London from 1 May to 15 October 1851.

Another was held in Dunedin, as reported in "Thames Star" of 29 September 1925:

"School of Mines

Exhibit For Dunedin
Many Valuable Specimens
Relics Of The Past

The Director of the School of Mines Mr. Hugh Crawford is now supervising the despatch to the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition of what is considered the most valuable and comprehensive collection of mineralogical specimens that has left the Thames goldfields.

In all eleven cases will be sent. One case contains 124 pieces of kauri gum, lent by Mr.

T W Rhodes. Most of the gold specimens have been cut by old Thames residents, and number many souvenirs of famous finds in the early days when the gold mining industry was at its zenith...

The gold exhibit is particularly valuable. It includes gold from Coromandel and Moanatairi and some beautiful specimens of free gold from some well-known Thames claims of other days ... The value of the exhibit cannot be estimated owing to the fact that it could not be replaced in the event of losses."

Members, and intending members, of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc are reminded that subscriptions are now due for the 2022/2023 year. These remain at \$15 per person per year and can be paid to the museum's bank account: 02 0304 0311211 00. We thank all those who have already paid.

The museum is now closed for the winter, apart from Thursday mornings from 9.30am to noon, and will re-open in October

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Lynne Fenwick, Manager

It's a trickle but they are coming to Coromandel Town.

International tourists are heading our way, along with New Zealanders who are seeing what's in their own back yard. Over the last few weeks, we have been able to add International back on the statistics sheet we keep with numbers of people that come through the Information Centre.

Most are travelling by car which means accommodation nights in town for our providers. They come to the Information Centre to ask about our hidden gems, walks, road conditions, driving distances and weather and road closures of recent.

Looking forward to **Sunday 16 and Monday 17 October**, when we have a convoy of large trucks arriving in town for a one- or two-night stop. More details closer to the time but the trucks will be parking up on the Sunday for everyone to have a wander around and they will be taking a gold coin collection for a local charity here in town. We hope to see the local market set up and some entertainment for the children. This all comes about as a direct result of your Information Centre working with this group to help make this happen.

We have a new addition to our team at the Information Centre, with Carolyn joining Sue and myself. If you haven't been in recently, please call in and meet us. You might have a "Hidden Gem" that you know about in Coromandel that we don't, and you can update us on contacts of the clubs and organizations that you belong to.

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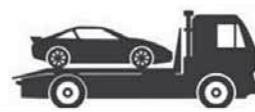


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Patchwork & Quilters

By Raewyn Penrose

This month we feature Sharon Currie, another stalwart of our Patchwork and Quilting Group.

Sewing and an interest in fabric has been a lifelong hobby and passion for Sharon, since she acquired her very first sewing machine at age 16 in the last century. Her interest in machine quilting began in the early 90s, at the popular Raglan retreats – workshops which launched many on their patchwork journey. Since then, she has regularly attended many workshops and retreats, and has accumulated extensive skill and knowledge in the craft which she is generous in sharing with others.

Sharon and Dave moved from Lichfield to Coromandel in 2010, and Sharon joined our group in 2011. Since then she has served on our committee almost continually. She's been our Secretary for many years. Her working career included 11 years in Hamilton working at the Bernina Sewing Centre. She gained a great deal of experience in the intricacies of sewing machines, their operation, care and maintenance. Sharon's our "go-to" person. She is also a machine embroidery enthusiast and guru.

"What's the point of people still sewing?" we asked. Sharon pointed out that over the lockdown periods, many returned to machine sewing. Just as you can ask "why paint, when we've all got cameras?", it's all about creativity and the satisfaction of creating a unique, quality, one-off item. The patchworking process can be accurately described as "painting with fabric" – it's an art form.

Sharon is also a book and reading enthusiast, volunteers at our great little local library, and is well respected for her input in book selection and the like. Again, another person who's an important part of the glue that keeps our community the great little place that it is.



One of Sharon's early pieces

CILT - Coromandel Independent Living Trust



Weekly van to Thames

Every Thursday (depending on numbers) we take the Coromandel Community Services Trust van to Thames and back. The trip is for anyone who wants to go to Thames for the day, for shopping, appointments, or just visiting friends. We have very friendly and helpful drivers, and it only costs \$15 return. The van departs Coromandel at 9am and then returns at 2pm – leaving from Pak 'n Save.

There is just one condition, and that is it will only depart if there are at least three passengers, so if you want to go to Thames for the day then please join us! To book, call The Resource Centre on the number below. The driver will either pick you up from your home if you live within Coromandel Town, or you can catch it from The Resource Centre.

Creative Acts of Kindness

Creative Waikato – a fantastic organisation supporting creatives throughout the region – recently called for submissions for a new project called "Creative Acts of Kindness". The brief was: "Through the lens of your arts practice – What does kindness mean to you? Individually. Culturally. Socially. How do you interpret kindness and how does kindness show up in your life?"

So Lizzy and the clever participants at Te Mana Tangata – The Work Coop – came up with the idea of making a short video based around making small harakeke food baskets, filling them up and gifting these to people in the community. It was a really neat project to be a part of, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page as we'll post the finished video as soon as we can.

Coromandel Native Plant Nursery

Our School to Work Transition Programme is based around a new native plant nursery which we are creating on the old Broadpectrum depot site on Pound Street. The vision of the nursery education programme is to provide young people with meaningful, place-based experiences that develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills required to think and take action to address local and national environmental issues and challenges, in partnership with whanau, iwi and community groups.

The nursery is looking pretty great these days. Tia and Te Raana have been working hard building gardens, spreading soil and mulch, planting the Rongoā Beds and more. We've started running classes with the Coromandel Area School and the place is humming with life!

We wish to acknowledge and send a huge thank you Russel and Jayson who constructed a large propagation house. Thanks fellas!

Thank you and Goodbye to Brianna

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Brianna – our wonderful Operations Coordinator, Health and Safety expert and general troubleshooter across our various projects. Brianna has been with us since 2018. She started out working for Kiwi Can and since then has had numerous roles in the team. Brianna has been great to work with; we've valued her positivity and her dedication to her team and the organisation. Go well Brianna, we'll miss you here at CILT, and we wish you all the best for your next adventure.

As always, check out our website for info on our various projects improving lives and supporting people in the northern Coromandel. Ngā manaakitanga, the Team at CILT

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Memories of Ukraine

By Kaye Anderson

When I first saw the news of Russia invading Ukraine, I felt the tears pricking my eyes. I knew from my experience of two years working there 26 years ago that the Ukrainians had worked very hard to be independent of Russia. And now their dreams looked set to crumble, to be blown to smithereens.

I wondered how different it might be to live there now. When I told my students at Coromandel Area School in 1998 that I was going to Lviv in Ukraine as the Director of Studies in an English School, the first question was “Where’s that?” Mingus Ritchie knew though and immediately warned me about the potential dangers of being anywhere near Chernobyl.

That, fortunately, did not prove to be a problem. But there were plenty of other challenges, not least the freezing cold winter months and icy footpaths. After my first fall I was obliged to sleep on my right side and after the second, I was forced to sleep on my back until the bruises healed.

My boss was very kind and helpful, ensuring that my life would be as comfortable as possible. On one occasion she took me shopping to a huge outdoor market to look for a frypan – the ones in my apartment were too disgusting to use – and to buy a mink fur hat. I was unsure about the political correctness of

this but she assured me it was for my health and that when temperatures reached minus 17 degrees Celsius I would be very grateful for it. She was right. I needed the frypan to make toast, because I couldn’t find a toaster to buy. This shopping expedition entailed the driver of the school taking us there and providing a bodyguard for us as well as carrying the shopping bags. My task was to look and not speak, so as not to affect the prices quoted.

My apartment was what I called “Soviet brown”. For heating there was a “pichka”, a square ceramic chimney lined with bricks which were heated by gas. I think I was only slightly more terrified of gas going wrong than the locals. I had heard stories about people in the villages stealing gas by plumbing in illegal lines to their houses. Every winter there were horrendous deaths caused by gas explosions. So I couldn’t leave my pichka on during the day while I was at work. My boss told me to turn all the gas elements on the stove on to warm up the kitchen when I got home at night, while I waited for pichka to put out some heat. I was horrified but in the end being warm won over my fears.

I was cleaning out some drawers recently and found some letters I’d written to a dear friend here in Coromandel during this time. Here are a couple of excerpts:

“Current economic events are in fact not good. The value of the hryvnia keeps dropping against the dollar and since much



of the food and other goods are imported, prices are rising. It suggests a hard winter for those on pensions and those on fixed, or no, incomes. Fortunately my salary is pegged to the dollar. And cigarettes, you’ll be pleased to know, are very cheap here at about \$1US a packet.”

“Apart from the Senior Teacher, Alex, all the teachers are young, female, very attractive and quite inexperienced as English Language teachers, but keen to develop their skills. They wear the most outrageous clothes – short mini-skirts, see-through blouses, the most elegant underwear, and high-heeled shoes. How they teach dressed like that I can’t imagine. I was amused rather than annoyed when they removed the year planner from the wall and replaced it with a mirror!”

I suppose they are all married with children now, either surviving the vicissitudes of their post-communist war-torn country or living “the good life” in Canada, a popular destination for internet brides.



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Margaret Burgess

A few weeks ago several of our members attended the Embroiderers' Conference in Tauranga. The BGM was held over the weekend and the new committee was introduced. We also attended the exhibition held at the Historic Village where embroiderers from all over New Zealand showcased their work. On the following week we attended classes at the embroidery school and a very enjoyable week was had by all.

Wednesday this week was our usual Guild day and was very well supported with about thirty members in attendance. On display was the show and tell table and I am proud to say that the Coromandel Guild has a wonderful group of very talented stitchers.

For our usual class day last month we spent two days stitching items for our sales table to be sold at our exhibition held in November. Although our girls couldn't get through from Whitianga because of the road closures, they too stitched on the other side of the hill and we now have a great selection of items to sell.

The Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild meets at the St John rooms on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10am. For enquiries please contact the Secretary, Win McMinn on (07) 866 7508



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Taichi for health with Christina

Peter Wayne in his *Harvard Medical Guide to Taichi* listed a number of active ingredients of taichi that have great impact on the body's physiological and psychological level.

- Awareness (mindfulness and focus): the most fundamental feature of taichi.
- Intention: imagery and visualization, contribute significantly to the therapeutic and physiological effects of taichi. Biomechanically efficient shapes and patterns of movement have functional consequences across systems such as nervous, respiratory, endocrine and immune and cardiovascular system.
- Active Relaxation: taichi's round, circular, flowing motion helps shift the body and mind into deeper levels of relaxation, and is a form of meditation in motion.
- Strengthening and Flexibility: The integrated movements result in less strain, greater power with effortless movement, and better balance. The slowness of the taichi movements, in combination with slightly flexed stances and placing weight on one leg at a time for sustained periods, leads to significant lower extremity strength training and increased loading on the skeleton, which promotes strong bones. In addition, slow, continuous, relaxed, and repetitive movement also results in dynamic stretching, which enhances overall flexibility. Natural, more efficient breathing improves oxygen exchange, massages body tissues and internal organs, helps regulate the nervous system, improves mood, and balances and moves qi within the body and between the body and the environment.

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

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

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

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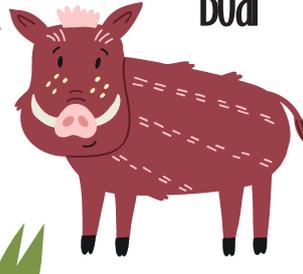
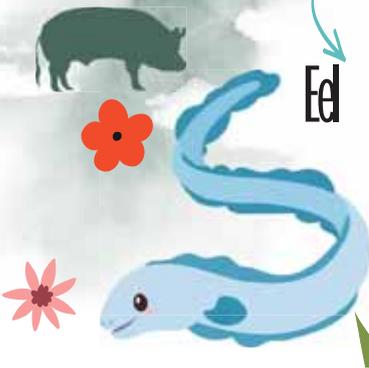
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Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Callouts for July

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Seatbelts, a crazy observation – sitting in my vehicle this last week in the Coromandel Four Square carpark watching life pass by there was one very scary element evident, the number of young people in the front of cars without a seatbelt on.

There is a very valid reason for seatbelts. They stop you disappearing under the dash in an accident. It's not cool to have your legs busted up, and we certainly do not want to be the ones to try and extract you should this occur.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Your gut health, allergies and reactivity

We are constantly exposed to foreign bodies from our environment, with our respiratory system, digestive system and skin all providing a barrier to protect us from the outside world.

Ordinarily, our immune system does an amazing job detecting these foreign bodies and neutralising them so that they do not cause harm to our body. However, in some people, their immune system has an abnormal response that causes unwanted symptoms.

When this happens, we refer to these substances as “allergens”. Fortunately, with targeted treatment, the allergic process can be modified helping you to become less reactive to substances you've always found to be problematic.

Allergies versus reactivity

Allergy – An allergic reaction usually occurs quickly after exposure to a food or substance and is a combination of an abnormal immune response and the subsequent release of histamine, which may result in some, as a serious anaphylactic response, to what should be a harmless substance in the environment, such as a pollen or food item, like shellfish or strawberry.

Reactivity – also known as a Hypersensitivity or an Intolerance, is different to an allergy.

It may occur up to weeks after exposure, common triggers are:

- Mould spores, dust: How dusty or mouldy is your mattress, bed base or bedroom furniture? Recent clients with mis-diagnosed “asthma”, have experienced total healing after spring cleaning the mould spores from their bedroom furniture, windowsills and skirting boards, and enjoying my Naturopathic Programme. How ventilated is your bathroom? Do you have CIRS (Chronic Inflammatory Respiratory Response)? Do you have certain fungal DNA within your house dust?

- Certain foods: Dairy, wheat, nuts, seeds, sugar, overly processed foods
 - Invaders: Bacteria, virus, parasite, fungi, toxins.
- Intolerances tend to be more chronic, and have less obvious



symptoms, making it harder to directly associate what you have eaten or been exposed to as a cause of your symptoms.

Let me help you identify your “trigger” foods or chemicals.

Reducing allergic reactivity

We know that there is a strong connection between the health of your gut (mouth to bottom), and immune reactivity, as foods you eat can alter microbes (good bacteria) in the gut which regulate immune function. Foods you eat can also cause inflammation to the digestive tract lining. This can cause gastrointestinal symptoms and trigger reactions in other areas of your body, e.g., your respiratory system, nervous system or skin.

To reduce allergic reactivity, your gut lining must be repaired, while simultaneously allowing your immune system to rest by avoiding the substances that are causing you to react. Your immune system can then be “reset” by addressing some of the underlying factors that cause it to be overactive. This process must be done in the correct sequence to expect lasting results.

Live Blood Screening – How healthy is your gut wall? Seeing is believing.

Which symptom picture are you?

- Head: Itchy throat, watery/itchy eyes, blocked ears, mouth ulcers, headaches, “panda” eyes.
- Respiratory: Sinus congestion, postnasal drip, sneezing, itchy/runny nose, tight chest, wheezing, asthma “attacks”, coughing.
- Cardiovascular – Blood pressure, palpitations, thumping heart, varicose veins.
- Nervous system/mood – Poor concentration, brain fog, anxious, jittery, low mood, aggressive/short tempered.
- Digestive: Bad breath, bloating, nausea, flatulence, cramping, lower gut pain, constipation, diarrhoea, variable bowel motions.
- Skin: Itchy/dry skin, flushing, rash, rosacea, eczema, psoriasis, hives.
- Mood: Poor concentration, brain fog, anxious, jittery, low mood, aggressive/short tempered.
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Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

A very quiet July for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter, only eight missions to the Coromandel Peninsula, of which two were to our area, and two from Thames – inter-hospital transfers.

Missions for July

6.7.22 – Coromandel – Crew tasked to Coromandel to assist a male patient in her 60’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

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

On Monday 22 August at 10am, we will be holding our AGM. This will be at the accommodation at the Base, Abrahamson Drive, Whitianga.

Scientists have discovered a new mutation of Covid. This is the one that causes “can’t supply”, “there has been a delay”, “out of stock”, etc. Our new website has suffered, only needing a number from the Bank to activate the donation system. For over a month, we have been “tooting and froing” with emails etc., so far without success. Covid’s to blame! The bank shall remain nameless, but they are the major sponsors of the Rescue Choppers around the country.

That same Covid mutation has struck regarding the commissioning of our new 30,000 litre Jet A1 fuel tank. The fuel is in it, but it can’t be pumped out! I think that the cheese will be ready well before either of the above.

The Shelby Car Raffle recently run by the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust raised over \$800,000 – enough to fund more than 150 missions. The prize which was worth in excess of \$250,000 was sponsored by Ford, Shelby NZ and Repco, and was won by a lady from Ashburton.

And that is the end of the news. In the meantime, you can donate to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust – 03-1578-0116338-001, with your name, address, “donation” as a reference. All donations gratefully received. Please remember donations are tax deductible and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required.

Have a safe month – Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT - Mob: 022 670 1549

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By Pete Sephton

The korimako or NZ bellbird is an endemic bird of the honeyeater family. It is abundant throughout Aotearoa with the exception of Northland where it is quite rare. Due to its small size and olive green colour it is hard to spot in the bush but its loud call gives it away. As well as having a bell-like song it will grunt and squawk much like a tui.

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Combined Clubs of Coromandel (CCC)

By Gary Pettett

The RSA Midwinter Christmas Dinner in July was a resounding success with over 80 members enjoying a great meal and dancing the night away to the White Goat Band. What a way to forget the woes of Covid and the flu and have some fun!

The quiz nights have just finished another very successful winter season with teams braving the cold and wet weather. Thank you to everyone for the support and sharing the fun we have all hopefully enjoyed! We have run raffles and reduced the winners' prizes enabling us to support the Museum in their quest to raise \$20,000 to re-site the dairy (cool store originally owned by Colin Turner's father) from its present resting place at Colonial Cottages. This will be another heritage listed building preserved for future generations.

The next attraction at the Club is the concert on **Saturday 3 September** featuring the Art Gecko seven-piece band. This event was due to be held late last year, but once again Covid reared its ugly head! Tickets are available at the Club or the Information Centre. Book early for another great night out at the Club.

AGM

At the recent CCC Annual General Meeting the following officers were nominated and duly elected: President – John Gaffikin-Cowan, Vice President – Kevin Stone, Secretary – Patricia Whimp, Treasurer – Vi King, Bar Manager – Paddy Donovan, Club Manager – Kate Turner, RSA Reps – Bruce Finan and Gary Pettett, Bowling Club Reps – Jim Dicks and Linda Lindsay.

RSA

By Gary Pettett

A bit of Coromandel History

Walter Callaway (Wata te Wahahuia) is credited with being the first Maori to serve in the South African War from 1899. He was born in Kikowhakarere in 1873 to a Cornish father, John Callaway, and a Maori mother Huihana te Arawaere and raised in Coromandel.

He was a member of the Coromandel Volunteer Rifles and he was chosen to join the remaining volunteers from the Auckland military district. Arriving in South Africa with the First Contingent he served as a despatch rider and scout and was recognised for "Meritorious Service". During his time there he took part in advances into the Orange Free State and the Transvaal and was promoted to Lance Corporal.

Back in NZ in late 1900 he applied to return to South Africa and was assigned to the Seventh Contingent as Regimental Sergeant-Major, but Callaway was wounded rescuing two fellow soldiers, then developed malaria and returned home.

Still wishing to advance his career, he once again returned to the battle scene, serving the Ninth during peacekeeping processes and was promoted to Lieutenant. He finally returned home and contracted smallpox, leaving him weakened from his wounds and effects of illness for the rest of his life. Walter died at the age of 53 in 1926.

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Communications

Winter Cup

The second, and final, round of the Winter Cup was hotly contested on the Mercury Bay Greens on Thursday 4 August after some false starts due to weather. As Mercury Bay were three games up before play started, we were prepared for some close games and this was truly the case. By lunch Coromandel held the narrowest of leads, with the afternoon promising to be a series of hard fought games and this turned out to be the case. After the final games were entered on the scoreboard Coromandel had the winning honours secured two games up, trophy back in the cabinet!

As is the norm in these matches each game was played in good spirit with plenty of banter and the bonus of a very warm winter day and a hearty lunch. We all look forward to the Summer Cup and demonstrating our prowess on the home greens of the Coromandel Bowling Club in the new season.

We look forward to our Opening Day on **Thursday 1 September** with two games in the morning, a shared lunch and optional game in the afternoon; names in by 8.30am, play starts 9am. We welcome new members and old to our friendly club and greens in Woollams Ave.



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Grey Power Coromandel Inc

By Patricia Whimp

Close off for the Chronicle is two days before our August meeting, therefore I am unable to report on the outcome of our meeting.

Our newsletter was sent out on 11 August. If you didn't receive a copy, let us know and a copy will be sent to you. If there is something you would like to know about the Grey Power Coromandel group, please contact one of us from below.

One of the perks of joining Grey Power, is the Grey Power Electricity and Broadband. Grey Power Electricity is a partnership between Pulse Energy and the Grey Power Federation. The Grey Power Plan provides Grey Power members with lower electricity prices and better services. You do need to be a member of Grey Power before being connected to the electricity and broadband. Currently, Coromandel has no gas service. There are two levels of electricity – Standard and Low User. Standard pricing is for the members who use more than 8,000 kWh per year at your primary residence. Low User pricing is for those who use less than 8,000 kWh annually at your primary residence (666 kWh a month). There is no cancellation fee if notice of 30 days is given. And there is no mark-up on network services. Grey Power Electrical are happy to assist to transfer you from your current supplier to them.

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Grey Power New Zealand Federation is a volunteer organisation (www.greypower.co.nz) which lobbies government for benefits for New Zealanders over 50, so if you have an issue that you would like to have lobbied to government, please come and join us at our next meeting.

Membership is \$28 per two members living in same house, and \$15 per single member. Bank account is 38-9023-0537303-00. Carol Carson our Membership Secretary is more than happy to help you.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact John on 021 139 0189 (johncaffikincowan@hotmail.com) or Carol 021 081 66129 (carolcarson@xtra.co.nz) or myself 027 498 5229 (patricia@prosystems.co.nz)



SCAM ALERT

Waka Kotahi is encouraging people to be vigilant, because of a number of online scams targeting vehicle owners. They included scammers pretending to be Waka Kotahi representatives and asking drivers to urgently renew their licences, another saying the driver had overdue toll payments, and another claiming the driver was owed a refund. A link in the emails then transfers drivers to a fraudulent website

Waka Kotahi only sends emails if a person has contacted it first, or if a person had signed up to receive email notifications and reminders. People who might have fallen victim to the scam should contact their bank immediately and ask it to stop the suspicious payments.

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Under a threatening, but ultimately dry, sky, the August meeting of Garden Circle allowed 20 of our members to walk or drive from The Club and visit various nearby gardens, including the Community Garden, several gardens in the Village, and former convenor Jeni's garden at the north end of town. You don't need a large space to create beautiful and productive gardens -- just some imagination and effort. So if you haven't tried, just make a start and see where it takes you.

Irene said she's had great success with using flour plus baking soda to deter slugs and snails in her garden and Thelma reminded all of us to keep refreshing our guava moth recipe in bottles hanging in our fruit trees. If everyone does this, we will hopefully put a dent in the destructive guava moth population. If you need details, give us a ring. We also discussed making a mild seaweed tea for the garden by using a 200L barrel with seaweed and rainwater. Alternatively, there are bokashi containers available with a tap at the base. They can be filled with seaweed instead of bokashi bits and as it slowly decomposes, you will get concentrated "tea" from the tap. Dilute it in a watering can with rainwater at about 20:1 rainwater to tea and water onto your plants. Kelp contains 70+ nutrients. You can add other ingredients you'd like (e.g., chook poo) to the watering can as well.

We're looking forward to our October getaway to Tirohanga/Taupou to visit gardens and an art collection. Members should contact Jeni if they'd like to participate.

First place winners in the August flower competitions were as follows: Cindy and Pat W for Single; Lorraine for Mini; Pat W for Multi; Irene for Arrangement; Lorraine for Special. We really enjoyed



August competition winners

listening to members tell the sentimental stories of their favourite vases.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 14 September**, 1pm, The Club. We will visit Anne's and Linda's gardens and have a dahlia tuber swap. The Arrangement theme is Blue and White and the Special is Herb Box. Visitors are welcome to join us.

Lastly, Glenise read the following, very sensible poem to our group.

My Wife the Gardener

She dug the plot on Monday, the soil was rich and fine.
 She forgot to thaw out dinner, so we went out to dine.
 She planted the roses on Tuesday, she says they are a must.
 They really were quite lovely, but she forgot to dust...
 On Wednesday it was daisies, they opened with the sun.
 All whites and pink and yellows, but laundry wasn't done!
 The poppies came on Thursday, a bright and cheery red.
 I guess she was engrossed – she never made the bed.
 It was dahlias on Friday, in colours she adores.
 It never bothered her at all, all the crumbs upon the floors.
 I hired a maid on Saturday, my week is now complete.
 My wife can garden all she wants, the house will still be neat!
 It's nearly lunchtime Sunday, and I can't find the maid.
 Oh, no! I don't believe it! She's out there with a spade!

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



Garden Circle members at the Village vege garden

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Congratulations to Lyn and David as they were the winners of the Whangapoua Pairs competition.

September is the start of the Joan Van O pairs competition. We play the St John rooms every Monday evening; visiting bridge players are most welcome to join us.

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Mana update

Written by Jade Ferriere

When someone says the word limitless, we often think about it purely in three-dimensional terms. We see the energies, attitudes, and behaviors that got us where the world is today: over-harvested, over-grazed, polluted, burned-out, exploited, and numb.

Because we were told we could have it all, and having it all meant having more. And more. And more.

It doesn't always mean more stuff. It could be more knowledge. More certifications. More courses. Something else to make us feel complete. Because the idea of limitlessness, in the three-dimensional world, is, frankly, absurd.

The physical world we live in has edges and boundaries. It has carrying capacities. Your physical body has boundaries. And limitlessness is boundless. So what then, exactly, is a limitless life?

A limitless life is beyond three-dimensions. It's quantum. It's knowing that energy and vibration are the gifts we've been given to work with and channel in this lifetime. It's knowing that the body you were given in this lifetime, with all of its unique challenges, has the ability and desire to connect fully to your soul, expand its capacity to hold energy, and embody ever more light.

In many ways, a limitless life is actually less.

Less seeking. Less numbing. Less platitudes. Less spinning in circles. Less doubting yourself and your own capabilities. Less talking yourself out of what you want. Less looking around. Less settling.

In other ways, it's more.

More support. More quietude. More guided introspection. More depth. More breath. More foundational restructuring. More nurturing. More joy. More embodiment.

As we explore the quantum realms of limitlessness within ourselves and our lives, we invite you to join us. Our contemplation this month is how can we move beyond our perceived limitations to fully embody and express our soul gifts? And how can we uplift others to do the same?

Cultivating a daily practice can help to support this endeavor. Check out our schedule of upcoming retreats and weekly classes for more resources to support your journey.

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23-25 SEP Spring Relax and Wellness Retreat with Mana Team

27-29 SEP Private Gathering – Aku Huia Kaimanawa

30 - 2 OCT Bodylight Retreat with Edna Levy



Line Dancing

Line dancing is alive and well in Coromandel Town

A few local girls got their heads together a year ago to advertise for a line dancing tutor; nothing!

Again we tried this year and again, nothing!

I decided to ask Vicki Macrae, who teaches at the gym, if she knew anyone in Coro who might give it a go?

To my delight she said she would! The rest is history.

We have now been dancing for the last seven weeks and have had a great response. Line dancing really makes the brain work not to mention the body, and we all really love the music. The fabulous music really gets you hooked! Everyone is really positive and loving it!

Everyone is welcome so come join us every Monday 3pm at the Anglican Church Hall, Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town. \$5 per session.

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

88,324 public submissions have been presented to Parliament over the Government's proposed Three Waters reforms. Despite this response, it's unlikely that Labour will use the submission process as anything more than a rubber-stamp exercise. They remain intent on pushing through these reforms as quickly as possible.



National has serious concerns about the accountability of the proposed water entities. This has been echoed by the Auditor-General who advised that the governance structure makes it unclear how the entities would be held accountable. Labour needs to listen to the submissions and admit that these reforms have been broken from the start.

If they push through this legislation against overwhelming opposition, the next National government will repeal the changes and ensure water assets remain in local ownership.

I'm also hearing from people who are concerned about the direction we're heading in as a country. These concerns are reflected in the net migration numbers. In the last year 11,000 more people left New Zealand than arrived. They left for a variety of reasons. No doubt some of them will be young people going on an OE and they will return in time, but there will be others who have left in search of a brighter future overseas.

This brain drain has a huge impact on local employers as it becomes harder to find reliable and talented staff. We have a shortage of workers across the country and it's the main constraint facing local businesses. Yet, we still have large numbers of young Kiwis stuck on the path of welfare dependency.

National will get young people off welfare and into work with extra support and incentives but will end the free ride for those that don't engage. The Welfare that Works programme will provide a more targeted approach to the problem by contracting community providers to assign jobseekers with a dedicated job coach. After the individual has been assessed they must follow their plan or face sanctions, such as benefit reductions. For those young people who get off the benefit and stay in a job for 12 months, they get a financial reward of \$1000.

Scott Simpson

MP for Coromandel

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Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer, President
Coromandel Lions



Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you all well and you enjoyed the last month of winter.

Our last dinner meeting taking place two weeks later than normal for the reasons you will understand further in this article, was enjoyable and relaxing. We had our change of officers and this was overseen by John Peddersen and his wife Muriel, and our District governor Peter Henderson and his wife Carol.

As these lovely people made special journeys to attend, we thought a Coromandel Lions supper was called for. Our wonderful club members never let us down; food was delicious and plentiful.

The members committing to another year of work on the club's behalf (and in the photo) are as follows: Jean Smith, secretary; Joan Knudsen, treasurer; myself Mary Farmer, president; Paul McKenzie, vice president; and Sue Hughes, project supervisor, tail twister and taker of wood orders.

Kerry and Rick were unable to attend. Kerry is taking on the role of co-project manager with Rick.

At the meeting we welcomed Nolene Martin to the club, having joined us from the Cambridge club. Welcome Nolene, I'm



L-R: Jean Smith, Joan Knudsen, Peter Henderson, Mary Farmer, Paul McKenzie, Sue Hughes and John Peddersen

sure we will make use of your ideas and knowledge.

We had a very good working bee at the storage yard. 40+ bags were filled ready for the Four Square, the grass was beaten into submission and the chainsaws saw a lot of work as well. Shrubs and small trees were being trimmed and loading bays tidied ready for the next influx of firewood for next year (remember order now for next year).

With the help of our many friends and supporters we are looking forward to a busy spring, sawing, chopping, splitting and delivering.

So if you want to lend a hand ring any of the numbers below and we will put you to work, cake and tea/coffee supplied.

Before I say goodbye for this month, stay warm, safe and remember a chat with your neighbors is never a bad thing.

Saying for this month "may your glass always be half full and never half empty".

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Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Munch



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What soft plastics can be collected and recycled?

Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, plastic wrappers of products such as biscuits, chips, anything you buy that has a soft plastic sheath.

What can't be collected?

- compostable bags
- bags which are contaminated with food or liquid
- PVC plastic wrap
- biscuit or meat trays
- cellophane

Empty, clean and dry

Soft plastic items for recycling should be "empty, clean and dry". If you want to recycle bags and wrapping that contains the remains of food or drink, give the bag a quick rinse, then turn it inside out to air dry overnight.

What is it used for?

Future Post, a New Zealand based company, blends soft plastic with other plastics to make fence posts, vegetable gardens and parking bumpers.

SaveBoard in Hamilton uses the plastic to manufacture sustainable building materials including insulation board.

More Information About Recycling

To find out more go to <https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/>.

Confused about what you can recycle in Coromandel Town? The Rethink Rubbish team are here to help you understand how it all works. Come along to Four Square on **Friday 30 September** from 9am-1pm to find out more. There will be spot prizes for some lucky locals.

A Wetland Waking Up

By Julie Sargisson

As the high tides pool through the wetland, the transformation is more and more evident to the eye.

A lush and expanding belt of mangroves bunch along the intertidal zone by the causeway. This small forest is rich with life, a nursery for tiny fish and aquatic creatures evident in the queue of kingfishers/kotare along the power lines above.

The high tidal zone further up is covered in a nobbly sea rush (*Juncus kraussii/maritimus*), forming a du-coloured field. Now, with the salt water freely moving through and spring coming, it is flecked and streaked with green from a distance and up close the reeds are sprouting new growth at last.

The salt water is doing its work eliminating plant life and weeds not salt adapted. A small grove of casuarina trees are dying off, as has manuka, not happy to have their roots in salt water. Pampas grass, blackberry, honeysuckle and kikuyu are being replaced by oioi and rushes, home to the shy, banded rail and nesting ground for the high-flying harrier hawks.

These zones are on the move. Mangrove seeds are being washed further along the wetlands. The salt rushes are spreading on the high tide zone. Already the path of the king tide is covered in the yellow button flower creeper that will be a gold mass in spring. The aquatic life is evident by the wading herons with their long legs and beaks and the spoonbills fishing there the other day, swinging their long flat beaks from side to side.

It is both an incremental process to be watched every day and a remarkably rapidly changing scene as spring approaches. Already causeway walkers have remarked on the many kingfishers on watch along the power lines.



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Coromandel Car Club



COROMANDEL CAR CLUB

By Bruce Finan

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Come and talk cars, mix and mingle, join the Car Club (RSA). We have American classics to English/Euro and don't forget Australian. We would love to see that precious metal out and about, especially as summer is just around the corner.

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By Susie Sumner, Principal

Ako, to teach and to learn.

At Colville School we know authentic learning opportunities for our students make all the difference for our students. Kereru class have been integrating their literacy and maths learning into problem solving around the new chicken coop. The chickens have clucked their way from their old home in the teacher's house to the new



coop in the orchard. We have been making some prototype ramps for the chickens and writing persuasive text about the name for the new chicken mansion. Here are some of our ideas:

I think the chicken coop should be called Chicken Lair because it's a nice hiding place for the chickens to make plans and to lay their eggs. – *By Spike*

I think it should be called Feathery Mansion because chickens are feathery and the coop is big! – *By Tui*

I think the chicken coop should be called Rainbow Coop because chickens have many coloured feathers. – *By Violet*

Which name would you choose? Watch out for the sign unveiling soon!

Thank you to everyone who

supported our Garden to Table Bake Sale. It was an amazing success and gave our (Y5-8) students some real life experiences of using money, interacting with their wider community and working as a team. The Garden to Table Team supported our akonga to realise their fundraising plans and put on a very professional service!

For the last few years Beth Pearsall from the Colville Harbour Trust has been working with the students from Kahu class to collect the data for the Metre Squared project monitoring the health of Colville Bay. From the most recent sample the Colville foreshore is looking good with an increase in the sea life found in the samples taken. We will be working towards our students taking responsibility for collecting and monitoring the data throughout the year. This is the perfect opportunity for them to observe, measure and analyse over time the health of their local environment and be active participants in making a positive impact.

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie, Principal

Enrolment at Te Rerenga School

In May 2022 the Board of Trustees entered into an enrolment scheme with the Ministry of Education to manage our roll growth. To be eligible to enrol at Te Rerenga children must reside in our home zone, which is the area between the top of the Kuaotunu hill and the top of the Whangapoua hill. A home zone map is below, and also on the school website www.tererenga.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-scheme.



The board invites applications from parents who live outside the home zone and wish to enrol their child(ren) at Te Rerenga for placements in 2023. Applications can be made electronically via our school website <https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/2021>.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 15 October.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The board has determined that four places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in Year 7, and four places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in Year 8 next year. There are no places at other year levels.

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

If a ballot for Year 7 applications is required it will be held on 30 October.

If a ballot for Year 8 applications is required it will also be held on 30 October.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu – Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.



Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Activities, play and socialise.

Term time hours

Monday – Adventure Time, offsite activities group, school years 6-10, 3-5pm. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, for 5yrs and up 3-5pm. Sunday 1-3pm. Please make a gold coin donation if you can.

For more info please contact us during open hours: phone (07) 866 7061, drop in at Hauraki House or email coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

If you would like to help Coromandel Youth Group with operating costs and activities you can make donations to our bank account: Coromandel Youth Support Inc. BNZ 02-0304-0316506-00.

This programme is made possible with kind donations received & grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, D V Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, TCDC Community Grants, Bizarre Community Grants, Star & Garter Give a Little Pizza Sundays. Thank you!



Te Rerenga School Enrolment Scheme Home Zone

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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN continued

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

COLVILLE BAY
PRE-SCHOOL



By Esther Powell

Nau mai haere mai children ages 0-6 to our vibrant, community-owned, early learning centre on the shores of Tikapa te moana.

A warm welcome to our new tamariki Oaklan, Beau and Mack. We are enjoying getting to know you and your whaanau.

Spring is nearly here and everything is sprouting and sending out shoots. We've been watering and watching as our onions grow roots and shoots and our kumara tipu are growing strong too. The children are inspired to play baby-animals as they notice the lambs popping up opposite school and we are expecting a pet lamb to visit Pre-school soon.

We've been enjoying the warmer weather for lots of bike-riding and outdoor play at Pre-school.

We have finally gathered our new fencing materials from the Colville Mill, with local fundraising and help from Trust Waikato so we can improve our backyard. Working bee coming up!

Bush or Beach Kura on Wednesdays; parents, volunteers please sign up to accompany us for the day.

Te reo, tikanga, kapa haka classes for adults are going very well. We are so appreciative of this opportunity to learn together; thank you Brandon! 5pm Mondays at Colville School.

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

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

Open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-3pm. Term breaks inclusive.

Colville Bay Pre-school, 2391 Colville Road (behind Colville School),
Phone: 022 645 3272, Email: seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz,
Website: www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz



Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown

COROMANDEL
AREA SCHOOL



New Classroom

By the end of this year we will have a brand new classroom! This space will be dedicated to Te Ao Māori. The classroom will be situated on the edge of the top field, running parallel to the Art Room (senior block). It will have a full length deck and stairs off the front, and open towards the moana. It is currently being built in Auckland and will arrive in three separate modules, and put together onsite. How exciting!

Yummy Apple Stickers

We are collecting Yummy apple stickers. If you have some at home then we would absolutely love to add them to our collection! The more Yummy apple stickers we collect, then the more sports gear we will be able to get! These can be dropped off at the school office or sent to school with your child. Thanks whānau.

AIMS Games

This year we have a group of students going away to represent Coromandel Area School at the AIMS Games. AIMS Games is a sports tournament for Y7/8 students. Since it started in 2004 these games have grown from 760 competitors representing 17 schools and four sporting codes to over 11,500 competitors representing 365+ schools from throughout New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific. Coromandel Area School attended our first ever AIMS Games in 2019. This year we are returning with a Rippa Rugby, Netball and Bowls Team, consisting of 24 Y7-8 students. We would like to say a huge thank you to our whānau and community for supporting and sponsoring our students to attend this EPIC event!

We wish all of our participants the best of luck.

Student writing

The giant is bigger than the volcano. The giant is eating the volcano. The giant then stopped because the volcano erupted. – *By Tai, age 5*

Yesterday it was cold and today it was sunny. I like the sun because we can go swimming and it is warm. – *By Tyler-Rose, age 5*

Jack went up the beanstalk because he sold a cow. It is not a true story. – *By Olivia, age 5*

The whale explode water out. – *By Lukaia, age 5*

On the weekend I went to a shelly beach. I got some purple shells. – *By Talia, age 6 y*

My Fish writing by Room 2

My fish is scary. The fish eats sand. The fish is in the sea. My fish is blue, red, green, yellow and pink. – *By Honour*

My fish lives in the deep sea. My fish eats seaweed. My fish is rainbow colours. – *By Marley*

I like the fish. My fish lives in the water. My fish eats chicken. – *By Kees*

My fish lives in a pile of rocks because it doesn't want anybody to see it. My fish eats mackerel. My fish does front flips. My fish is yellow, white, blue, orange and pink. – *By Lucy*

My pink, red, green fish lives in a big house in the water. – *By Ceejay*

My fish lives in the seaweed. – *By Isaiah*

My fish lives in the sea. My fish eats baby fish. My fish is rainbow coloured. My fish likes to swim. – *By Amira*

My fish lives in Bikini Bottom. It swims lots. My fish eats mackerel. My fish is orange, blue, red and yellow. – *By James*

My fish lives in the seaweed. It likes Sponge Bob. It eats seeds. My fish likes flipping. My fish is rainbow. – *By Remmi*

To keep up-to-date with all the latest announcements and notices make sure you like us on Facebook and regularly check our website: www.coroarea.school.nz

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Colville Festival - Labour Weekend - 21-24 October

By Ella, Steve and The Colville Junction (CSSC)

We are going ahead with the Festival. Yay!

THE PROGRAMME

Colville Sings Swing & Blues

Friday 21 October 7pm – \$25 – 12yrs up, please. Coffee/tea/cakes available at half time – bring koha. Tickets are essential as this night sells out quickly.

The Big Music Night

Saturday 22 October 6pm – \$25 – under 16yrs free. Two great bands and two entertaining DJs. Food available to purchase – cash only. This is a low alcohol event. No boxes of beer or bottles of spirit are allowed in the hall.

The Great Colville Re-Fashion Show

Sunday 23 October 7pm. A fundraiser for the Colville Project. **SOLD OUT.**

Festival Matinee

Monday 24 October 11am – \$20 adult/\$10 12-16yrs/under 12yrs free. This will be a matinee for The Re-Fashion Show plus Colville Sings, especially for those of you who missed out on tickets for either night.

Workshops

Play with Clay with Frederick Church and DCR Crew – **Saturday 22 October** 10am-12pm. This has become a tradition, great fun for all ages. Koha.

Sound Engineering with Matt Sephton – **Saturday 22 October** 12.15-2.15pm. Plus 2.30-3.30pm sound checking the bands for that night. \$50 pp, 8-10 places only, so be quick.

Candle Making with Josie Carson – **Sunday 23 October** 10am-12pm. \$30 adult \$15 kids. 10 places only, so be quick.

More info to be announced in the October issue. We can't wait to see you all having fun with us.



Maybell by Steve Carson

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

Keep Music and Theatre Coming to Coromandel Town!

We need to raise \$2,500 towards 2023 concerts and plays in Coromandel Town.

We really want to bring The NZ String Quartet (www.nzsq.org.nz/) and Whirimako Black (<https://rattle.co.nz/artists/whirimako-black>) to Coromandel but we can't risk booking them unless we have funds in hand. Ticket sales do not cover all of our expenses.

Are you willing/able to contribute to this important cause?

Every dollar counts whether it's \$10, \$20 or \$200.

Donations of \$150 or more will entitle the donor to two free tickets to the performance of their choice. All donors will be entered into a draw for two tickets to Driving Creek Railway. Donations over \$5 are eligible for tax rebates.

For the past few years, Robin Münch and the Coromandel Players have voluntarily organised events for the community and have carried costs. Any profits have been put towards future events.

Until now, Robin has broken even, but because of low numbers during Covid times, the Players have lost a substantial amount. We are reluctant to lose money in the future. Consequently, we are looking for new ways to cover any shortfall without increasing ticket prices in these tough economic times.

Your contribution will be administered by Thrive Coromandel Trust trading as The Coromandel Town Information Centre and will be tagged for AOTNZ performances.

If we don't raise enough for both events, we'll book just one of them. If there are insufficient funds for one, we'll put the money towards future performing arts events.

Should we be fortunate enough to raise more than we need, we will use the money for future performances. And we'll keep you updated!

Once you have donated, if you would like it to be publicly acknowledged please email robinmunch24@gmail.com.

Our deadline is **Thursday 8 September** to meet the Arts on Tour NZ cutoff date.

Bank details – 02 0304 0041792 01, Thrive Coromandel Trust. Please mark your deposit AOTNZ donation and include your name unless you wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your support towards keeping the performing arts alive and well in our small community. We're delighted that the Information Centre is partnering with us on this initiative.

Liz Cameron ph: 0274 941 188 and Robin Münch
email: robinmunch24@gmail.com

Coromandel Town Arts Council Inc

Notice of a Special General Meeting to form the committee for the newly Incorporated Society – Coromandel Town Arts Council Inc.

Meeting will be held on **Monday 12 September** at 3pm in the Hauraki House Gallery.

Coromandel Players present

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Radio Play

The 1920s and 30s were the Golden Age of radio and during this time new forms of entertainment were created for the new medium including radio plays, mystery, adventure and detective serials.

Now it's your chance to relive this era. Cheer the hero, boo the villain and get ready as you may become the next star of the radio.

Laughter, fun and audience interaction guaranteed!

Hauraki House Theatre
30 September 7pm,
1 October 7pm, 2 October 2pm

Tickets \$20 from Coromandel Town Information Centre.

Dressing for the era is encouraged.

mahi toi ARTS continued

Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

I am writing this a week before the opening night of Nick Payne’s beautiful play, *Constellations*, which explores how even the smallest change in our lives can dramatically alter the course we take. A two hander, the parts will be played by Angus Long and Jess Ghaemaghamy, and very ably directed by Heather Long.

These are some audience comments from preview night, so I think we are in for a theatrical treat!

“Intelligent, thought provoking, sometimes shocking and sometimes funny and the acting was compelling. This was the best amateur dramatics I have ever seen.”

“The acting is superb!”

“Well done Coromandel Players, a world class production.”

Now, in a completely different vein, the Coromandel Players have decided to reprise their radio play *Jungle Jane*, a light and fun comedy production. See our advert (page 25), and get tickets for this show on **Friday 30 September, Saturday 1 October** at 7.30pm, and **Sunday 2 October** at 2pm.

Don’t miss *Across the Great Divide* on **Friday 23 September**, a wild toe-tapping night of traditional, contemporary and original tunes from Celtic and Americana roots.

Then on the last weekend of October, we are very hopeful of being able to cast and present a play written by the late Peter Tryon, former Coromandel resident and a member of the Coromandel Players. Peter, in his professional life, had observed the effects of drug abuse and, via the downfall of one man in particular, wished to show the widespread effects of this abuse.

Watch our for further news in the October issue of the Chronicle.

Lots happening!



Radio Play



Across the Great Divide

From soulful Celtic airs, wild jigs and reels, to Americana and Swedish compositions, *Across the Great Divide* bring a new fusion of artists and instruments not normally gracing the same stage.

Fusing elements of traditional and contemporary Scottish, Celtic and Americana, they have created a beautifully unique and often ethereal sound which combines haunting melodies, mesmerizing songs, and dance embracing jigs and reels to transcend the sands of time.

Join Karen, Tony and Hanna as they explore musical diversity with a unique expression that reflects their diversity with a love and respect for the music.

On in Hauraki House, **Friday 23 September**, 7.30pm.

Tickets on sale at Coromandel Town Information Centre from **Thursday 1 September**.

WTS (Watch this Space) Coromandel

The Process 2022 – opens 5pm **Friday 16 September**, then every day 10am-4pm until **Sunday 25 September**.



Art and Exhibition News

Doesn’t time travel fast! We are already nearing the end of our winter “Shared Studios” programme, and preparing for its associated “The Process” exhibition (see above).

Shared Studios is in its seventh year, offering 17 Coromandel artists time and space to play, to explore, to find inspiration, and to develop and share their creativity. This year, as well as working in pairs and small groups, we have enjoyed creativity workshops, art exhibition visits, and life drawing sessions. As this issue of *Coromandel Town Chronicle* goes to print we are about to visit two established nationally and internationally respected Coromandel artists in their studios.

The WTS Shared Studios winter programme is generously supported by TCDC/Creative New Zealand’s Creative Communities Scheme, and is open (and affordable) to all artists in any medium or genre with a significant visual component. Expressions of interest in joining the programme in 2023 should be emailed to info@wtscoromandel.org



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Creative Communities Scheme



Funding available for local arts groups and projects
Local art groups and creative projects across the Coromandel are being offered a helping hand with funding from the Creative Communities Scheme.

This funding round is for projects and activities that will take place between 1 November 2022 and 1 November 2023.

Applications open on **Monday 5 September** and close on **Friday 30 September**. The Committee will assess the applications on **Tuesday 25 October**.

The scheme, backed by Creative New Zealand, aims to increase participation in the arts, broaden the range and diversity of the arts available to communities, enhance and strengthen the local arts sector.

Funding is awarded to projects rather than people undertaking the project and applications must meet one or more of the scheme's criteria:

- Broad community involvement – The project will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- Diversity – The project will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- Young people – The project will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Our Council administers the funding based on decisions made by the He Mana Toi Moehau Trust/Creative Coromandel Board, made up of representatives from across our district.

Applications forms and more information can be found at www.tcdc.govt.nz/ccs

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Spring is on us with some beautiful days, when I was torn between painting and gardening. So I did a bit of both.

We have at last had our workshop with Vaughan Udall, and as always it didn't disappoint. Lots of twigs, ink and textures, and as always some interesting results – who needs brushes!

We have another workshop to look forward to, with Bernadette Parsons and water-colour sunsets. Now there's a challenge!

One sunny day does not a summer make, but it certainly gets the brain into gear and thinking about all things exhibition. This will be our next big thing on the agenda.

We are always happy for any prospective new members to contact us, or come and check us out at St Andrews hall on Thursday mornings. Also we are now having "day members". This is for those who would like to have a go, but can't commit to a regular attendance. You can join us on Thursdays for a nominal fee.

Contact Lindsay on (07) 866 7799 for more information



Vaughan's workshop



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CONDITIONS APPLY

mahi toi ARTS continued

Thames Music Group

Sunday afternoon concert

Sunday 11 September at 2pm, St George's Church, Thames.

Piano duets by the nationally acclaimed pianists, Katherine Austin and Maria Mo.

Tickets: at the door on the day, cash only, entry \$20. TMG members \$15. Face masks are required to be worn in the Covid-19 orange setting.

Katherine Austin

Katherine Austin is one of New Zealand's leading pianists and performs regularly around NZ and overseas, touring frequently for Chamber Music New Zealand, and broadcasting regularly on Radio New Zealand Concert. Her work with the New Zealand Chamber Soloists now occupies a large portion of her performing and concert life, with regular tours around the world.



Katherine graduated Master of Music with First Class Honours in Piano Performance from Auckland University. Seven years of study and performance in London and Europe followed, included a full scholarship to the Royal College of Music London.

Maria Mo

Maria Mo has performed in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, and across Europe as both solo recitalist and chamber musician. She was associate artist at the 2014 Australian Cello Awards (Sydney, Australia) and guest artist at the 2010 Semaine Internationale de Piano festival (Blonay, Switzerland), as well as the Gesellschaft für Musiktheater in Vienna.



Maria studied with Katherine Austin as a Sir Edmund Hillary Music Scholar at the University of Waikato and graduated with a Master of Music with First Class Honours in 2009. In 2013 she graduated with Excellence under Professor Doris Adam at the Vienna Conservatory, and received further training from Professor Christopher Hinterhuber at the University for Music and Performing Arts Vienna. She returned to her alma mater at the University of Waikato to commence a Doctor of Musical Arts degree with Katherine Austin in 2018.

Friday Free Lunchtime Concert

Friday 23 September at 12.15pm, St George's Church, Thames.

UoW Conservatorium of Music:

Vocal students singing a range of classical songs.

Face masks are required to be worn in the Covid-19 orange setting.



Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour 2022

By Charlene Scott



The Coromandel Open Studios Arts

Tour is back on this year with 36 artists involved. The tour runs over the first two weekends of **October (1st-2nd and 8th-9th)**, when participating artists open up their studios to the public. With the tour having been cancelled last year there should be lots of exciting new artwork to see. For a sneak preview, check out our website www.coromandelarts.tour.co.nz.

Jacquie Ellis

Jacquie is our newest addition to the Arts Tour having only just moved to Coromandel last month. She is a self-taught visual artist, tutor and mentor who has been living in the Karangahake for the last seven years. Prior to then she had been teaching, painting and exhibiting in the Auckland region since the early 1990s. After a much desired move to Coromandel, she will be opening her new Oaks Gallery and studio in time for The Open Studios Coromandel Art Tour 2022 on **1 October**.



Jacquie's work is inspired by colours and seasons, drawing from the local environs as inspiration for her works. She uses acrylics, oils, pastel and resin as her mediums of choice. With her subject matter always changing, Jacquie's work offers a wide range of genres giving her work a fresh and original approach her audience continues to enjoy.

Over the last four years, Jacquie's work has been published in popular New Zealand Art, Artists of New Zealand and Contemporary Art of New Zealand calendars, sold each year nationally and internationally. Her work continues to be held in private collections in many countries.

For this year's tour she will be opening her new gallery and studio, "The Oaks Gallery", at 30 Driving Creek Road.

To see her work, visit her during the Arts Tour or check out her page on the website www.coromandelartstour.co.nz

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

It is nearly time for our Annual Labour Weekend Exhibition. This is when our members bring out all of their latest pastel paintings for the public to look at and maybe purchase. It will be held in Hauraki House on Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town from **Friday 21 October** until **Tuesday 25 October** from 10am-4pm. Our members have been working hard to produce some beautiful paintings for you to see so keep those dates free in October.

We are now meeting every Wednesday in Rose's studio on 860 Tiki Rd from 9am to 12 noon so if you are interested call in for a cuppa and have a go with some pastels.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

September, 2022

Local Elections 2022

The candidate nomination period has closed and you can check out who the candidates are for Mayor, Councillors, and Community Board Members on our website at tcdc.govt.nz/election

Keep your eye out on that page for any 'meet the candidate' sessions coming up, for your chance to quiz the candidates on their policies and values.

Live in Thames-Coromandel District? Make sure you're registered on the Parliamentary Roll to vote if you're eligible. If you're registered already and didn't receive a letter from the Electoral

Commission, you can go to their website, vote.nz to double check your details. If you're not already registered to vote, you'll have to come into one of our Council offices to apply for a special vote.

Own a property here but don't live here? You can enrol to vote as a Ratepayer Elector if you're on the Parliamentary Roll. Fill out the Ratepayer Electoral Enrolment Form and return it to Election Services by email or post by 7 October. You'll still have to come into one of our Council offices to apply for a special vote.

Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available on our website at tcdc.govt.nz/election at our Council offices, or phone the electoral office on 0800 922 822.



Our Mayor Sandra Goudie, our new Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie and Ōpōtiki District Mayor Lyn Riesterer.

Welcome to our new CE, Aileen Lawrie

Our Council's new Chief Executive, Aileen Lawrie, was welcomed to the district in a pōwhiri on 8 August.

Aileen comes to the Coromandel after 12 years as Chief Executive of Ōpōtiki District Council where she drove forward large-scale projects in aquaculture, housing and cycleway developments – work that aligns well with initiatives we have underway in those sectors.

FREEDOM CAMPING

Allowed? Restricted? Prohibited?

We're reassessing what Council managed and owned areas around the Coromandel can support freedom camping, and we want your feedback on it.

Our Council welcomes responsible freedom campers who are here to explore all the wonderful things the Coromandel has to offer.

To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to enjoy the scenery and amenities such as car parking at popular locations, we need to make sure we have some practical rules in place.

That's why we'd like you to have your say on the draft Freedom Camping bylaw. Our consultation runs from 29 July to 2 September.



One of the proposals we're making for the Coromandel-Colville area is to prohibit freedom camping on the Colville Foreshore to protect the

adjacent wāhi tapu area and because of the risk to safety from coastal erosion.

Go to tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw to find out more and have your say online, or pick up a submission form at one of our Council offices.

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te taiao ENVIRONMENT

Forest & Bird

By Kate James

For the last three years Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel have been using funding from the Waikato Regional Council Environmental Initiatives Fund to support animal pest and environmental weed control work in the Long Bay Kauri Reserve and the Long Bay Esplanade Reserve North (Kikowhakarere). These are public reserves owned by TCDC. With permission and support confirmed from TCDC, a network of traps and pest monitoring lines was added to the area to complement the stoat lines in place (looked after by Moehau Environment Group). Traps were added to target possums, rats, and mustelids. Nine traps and ten monitoring stations went into the esplanade, 36 traps and 40 monitoring stations were placed in the kauri reserve. A small team of volunteers have spent many hundreds of hours servicing these traps. Since work began in 2019, at least 580 pest animals have been caught in the esplanade and the main kauri reserve block. The removal of these pests has seen the birdlife and the native forest thrive. Possum numbers were particularly high in the area and causing significant damage to many of the mature



F&B Possums under A12 trap

puriri, kohekohe and other trees. As well as removing pest animals, the grant money, and some additional funds from TCDC, has been used to start the treatment of environmental weeds such as climbing asparagus, moth plant, ginger, and elaeagnus. Removing these species releases native plants and allows the forest understory to regenerate. The success achieved to date encourages us to continue this vital work to keep our native forests healthy and teeming with native species for generations to come.



Kauri

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

McGregor Bay Wetland Society AGM is on **Sunday 18 September**, 12.30pm St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town.

Agenda: 12.30pm AGM business, 1pm shared lunch, 1.30pm speaker (TBA), 3pm close.

We're looking for new committee members, office holders and general members, so come along and join the fun.

Email: mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

Waiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary

By John Veysey

A drop of 1080 scheduled for Moehau mountain area is to control the rats. The possums are not much of a problem but the rats have escalated to 50% and if the rat numbers exceed 10% then things are going backwards – precious native species start declining in numbers, you know, long-tailed bats and native frogs, tiny, helpless little creatures.

On Moehau it may be that the rat numbers have exceeded the 10% limit for a very long time, bringing the effectiveness of four-yearly operations into question. If the rat numbers are up and over 10% one year after a poison drop, then three years out of four, the precious native species will be in decline.

I asked the Auckland regional council why they were dropping 1080 over the Hunua ranges into Auckland city's water supply and they told me it was to protect native species just like on Moehau, you know, long-tailed bats and little native frogs. The reason they were dropping 1080 was in response to their monitoring results, rats and possums. The threshold for possums is 5%. This means that any possum monitoring result above 5% means a 1080 drop. Auckland Council has no possum reading above 4%, in other words they have no possum problem. A year after their 2018 1080 drop Auckland Council found 79.5% rats; rat numbers were already seven times the danger level and Auckland Council did nothing about it for another three years.

Because rat numbers can increase so quickly it is clear that, if we are to expect any genuine protection to our endangered native species, we have to keep the rat numbers down all the time, not just once every four years.

Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm

Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe

- Keep 30 metres** from working mussel barges at all times
- Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
- Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
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Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

The fishing club held its AGM on 14 August, with a great turnout. Thanks to everyone who came down and showed your support and thanks to all of the committee for the 2021/2022 season.

We have a couple of new committee members to welcome aboard and a big welcome back to Shevana, our new president!

Membership fees are now due for the 2022/2023 season; it is gearing up to be a good one with our three species over two days competition set to happen soon, so pick up a slip and come join us.

If you want to keep up with what we are up to, join our Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club Group page on Facebook.

Lastly a massive thank you to Jan who has been our president for the last season!

With winter officially over hopefully we will be seeing more of you all out there.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney

An intrepid group met at the Croquet Club recently to farewell Kaye, who has now left town. Although it was an inclement day, the company was great and the scones were delicious, thanks to Lyn and Sharon. Kaye will be greatly missed at the club, as she has been the president and also a great coach for new players. We thank her for all of her hard work and wish her all the best for her future in New Plymouth.

If you're interested in trying out the game of croquet, call Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start and provide all of the equipment and a six-week period of coaching before you decide to join. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone

Despite the frequent storms of late, the course has held out well and continues to present extremely well thanks to our intrepid team of volunteers.

Although numbers have been down at times, there have always been a group of die-hard players turning out on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, sometimes just to keep the bar sales ticking over.

Seriously though, there was the "Neilson Cup" being fought for over 3 rounds - best 2 rounds out of 3, Stableford format. Considering the conditions, the winner, Ian Kemp (Ezy), carded some excellent scores. The origins of the cup are actually quite interesting. Jim Neilson, a block layer from Thames, did all of the foundation block work for the new Club House built in 1979, completely free of charge. He never ate all day but was a chain smoker. He used to arrive every day from Thames about 6am and worked until 3pm, went to the pub, had 4 -5 jugs then back to Thames. He then presented a cup (Neilson Trophy) when his job was complete, free of charge. What a legend!

Another ancient trophy recently competed for despite rain delays was the "Top Dog Trophy". This trophy, which takes the form of twin Pewter Tankards, has been fought over since the club's inception. Story tells that the winners could tap anyone on the shoulder with their tankard and demand that they fill it up with whatever beverage they desired. Not always a very savoury option considering the condition the tankards may have been in, especially as it would inevitably be passed around the assembled golfers. Probably not a good idea in today's climate! Anyway, the competition is now played in pairs, knockout handicap match play. Perhaps it should be renamed "Top Dogs"? The final was a hard fought match between Norm Gilbert/Richie Neal and Dave Sims/Chris Fielding, eventually won by Dave Sims and Chris Fielding. Congratulations!

The ladies were delighted to get back on the course after so much rain for a highly contested Foursomes match. All are looking forward to some spring sunshine and firmer conditions.

Thanks must go to NZCT (NZ Community Trust) for their very generous grant of \$10,000 that will go towards the cost of the construction of a new golf cart shed. Our club is so fortunate to have amazing volunteers such as Ron Brooking and his team who are already cracking on with the build.

It is still hoped to have the rest of the carpark resealed during Sept /Oct, weather permitting.

By the time you read this our Charity Golf Tournament will have been held on Saturday 20 August and the proceeds this year will have gone to the Coromandel Food Bank. A big "thank you" to everyone who contributed to raffle prizes etc.

At the time of writing this, the next Inter Club competition is due to be held at Matarangi on Wednesday 17 August weather permitting. It's great to see this collaboration between local clubs continue and hopefully it will become a permanent fixture. Happy golfing!



Ezy holding the Neilson Cup



Top Dog 2022

Coro Trails

By Ally Davey



The winter has kept us busy keeping the tracks clear and thanks to our trail volunteers we are ready to go at the bike park preparing for summer. There will be some changes to the carpark and this will be happening through September. Sorry for any inconvenience that may be caused; we are looking forward to creating the next phase of the park.

During winter we had the local youth group spend an after school session at the pump track with lots of fun by all. We'd love to have more volunteers help us out with our Tuesday Trail Tune-up days.

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



Volunteers (L-R): Glen Beattie, Logan Nicholls, Jan Kocian, Christina Wu, Jodie Olsen

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

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

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408..... 9am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 3pm
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, Christina 021 113 4768.....4.10pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Na Ihoua Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 10853.15-4.45pm
 Social badminton at Manaia School gym, term time only. Cost \$2. Lorraine 027 441 7017..... 6pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 .. 9am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 9.50-11.20am
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 12.30pm
 Taichi classes, Waikato Events Centre, Christina 021 113 4768 4pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Lindsay (07) 866 7799 9am-12pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) 10am
 Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077 10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Community Gardens volunteer day8.30-11am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club 3.30-7pm
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Kath Denize (07) 866 7441, 022 413 6573 ... 1pm
2nd Wed – Car Club meeting at The Club, Bruce 027 249 0878 4pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446 7pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
Last Thurs – DCR Music and Art Night 6.30pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road 10am

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 New moon
 Full moon

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For Thames times -1.5min High and -1.9min Low.

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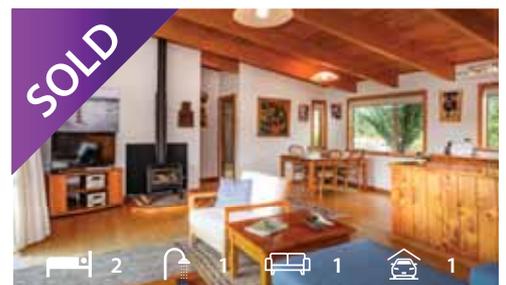
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