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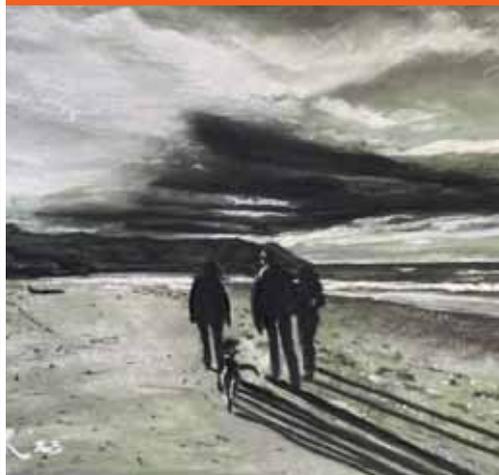
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..... Editor's comment .....

## Happy spring!

Town has been quiet over the winter, I expect spring will bring more visitors. It seems the aftermath of Covid and then the cyclone and the bad state of the roads has taken a long time to get over. So I thought I'd look back and see what was going on four years ago in the Chronicle in September 2019. Where that four years went I'm not quite sure! That month I had a photo of the Citizens' Hall on the front cover which was part way through it's renovation. The issue continued a warning about roadworks starting – Kapanga Road was dug up to flatten the camber – I remember taking photos all the way along the street of all the shops without cars in front.

Back to the present day – the elections are coming soon. So get yourself informed – meet the candidates on Thursday 21 September (see calendar page 34).

Have a good month,

*Debbie*



The Chronicle cover from four years ago

..... Letters .....

### Taiwanese Cherry

The invasive flowering trees, Taiwanese cherry, *Prunus campanulata*, are taking over bush reserves and unmaintained properties at an alarming rate.

Prolifically flowering over a short period of time, people believe they fill a gap when food is seemingly scarce. This is false.

Taiwanese cherries offer a quick and easy sugar fix for tui and korimako (bell birds), distracting them from the crucial job of consuming and dispersing native fruit through the bush, e.g seeds from lancewood and coprosma, whilst pollinating native fuchsia and puriri trees. Instead, they are down in town at the “dairy” gorging on sugary junk food and pollinating an invasive weed.

We need to change this guilty pleasure of watching hordes of tui getting drunk on nectar in these invasive trees. Wait until the prolific flowering of kowhai and flax to enjoy the flocks of tui and korimako busily chattering and pollinating our beautiful natives.

Unfortunately the problem doesn't stop there, as prolific flowering equals prolific fruiting. Masses of seeds are eaten by tui, korimako, kereru and blackbirds.

This invasive weed is being dispersed well beyond our property boundary lines and out into our native bush and reserves. Taiwanese cherries can adapt and grow in many different conditions where it forms dense monocultures, shading out native plants which support our unique biodiversity.

Some areas where these trees are really taking over in our community are behind the bike park and dump and at the beginning of the 309 Road. This sea of pink flowers is what the hills of Coromandel could look like if these trees are left to their own devices.

TCDC and Environment Waikato need to put more resources into eradicating these invasive weeds before it is too late.

Nelson Tasman District have already recognised the risk and have an eradication programme in place. The Nelson City Council offers a free service for the removal of these trees from your property.

Please consider the removal of this junk food from your garden. In doing so we can halt the spread of this invasive weed.

Ben Conway

### Better than alright on the night

Dear Debbie,

“It'll be alright on the night!” Last night Uli and I attended the opening night of Winding Up.

Better than alright, it was absolutely brilliant watching Don Hughes and Liz Cameron play out the complex lives of Barry and Genevieve.

As old codgers ourselves, it was interesting to see how Barry and Gen cope with the problems of senior age, including ill health and family problems.

Thank you Don and Liz for a really entertaining night out at the theatre.

Richard and Uli

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## Application to Operate an Industrial Complex in a Rural Setting

By Hector George, concerned citizen

I would like to bring the community of Coromandel up to date on the current situation regarding Gulf Mussel Farms's application to establish a mussel maintenance and fish farming facility at the start of the 309 Road. The proposed site is behind the Mussel Kitchen. See the following description:

Application number: RMA2021/421

Applicant: Bartrom Family Trust

Address: 50 The 309 Road, Coromandel

Proposed activity: To build utility sheds, each measuring 14.4m x 10.5m and operate a marine farm yard in the rural zone

Operating hours: Standard operating hours are between 6am and 10pm, however could operate outside these hours due to offshore operational requirements (restriction will apply)

The hearing will be heard by an Independent Commissioner (Alan Watson). The hearing will be held as follows:

Date: **Wednesday 11 October 2023**

Time: 10am

Venue: Coromandel Area Office, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel

At stake is the future of Coromandel Town. Like it or not, the town relies on tourism. The tourism industry brings employment and keeps shops open. Tourism in the past has afforded the town a bus. Something that in my mind is a basic necessity for any town. The question of the ferry, or more specifically no ferry to service Coromandel, is also a much talked about subject. Manning is supposedly the issue, however most things boil down to the bottom line. I don't know if there were contractual obligations in regards to 360's ferry, however without support it would have been impractical.

In the past I would catch that ferry to Auckland, meet a bus to the airport and fly to work. On my return, I would catch the bus to Thames and transfer to the bus heading to Coromandel Town. Round trip, less than \$100. The town was always busy. 10 years later, Aunt Ruth cannot get to Thames to see a dentist, browse the shops or visit relatives unless she can organise a ride.

We need to get people interested in our town; having a marine farm yard to meet you at the start of town is not the way to do it. There are tourist ventures planned for that area. These ventures hinge on the decision to be made on **Wednesday 11 October**. Two parties have decided to leave Coromandel Town if Gulf Mussel Farms get the go ahead. One will scale back to a B&B; just what we need, more competition for an already tight market.

To bring yourself up to speed, go to TCDC consent tracker, type in the address, 50 The 309 Rd, Coromandel and all documents pertaining to this venture are there for public viewing. The town needs support to stop this type of unnecessary development before it's too late.

TCDC Regulatory Administrator handling the case is Siobhan Flanigan.

## Recycling metal bottle tops

By Suzanne Taylor

Being a fairly typical household, I noticed when recycling glass after having friends around, how many metal bottle tops I was throwing away. I asked our local refuse centre's staff if they could be recycled and the obvious answer is yes. I started collecting ours and a few friends said they would bring me theirs. It made me think that the pubs, clubs and restaurants accumulate many more than a household, so I asked Mike Huitema if I supplied buckets would he allow the staff to put the tops in them and I would pick them up regularly. Being the obliging gentleman that he is, he said yes. The RSA and Bowling Club, Rugby Club, Fire Brigade and Umu all collect them. I have asked Stan from the Top Pub if I could collect his and he has said yes but I haven't gotten around to it yet. Many individuals collect them and contact me so I can take them for recycling. There are too many to name individually but you know who you are and I thank you so much.

Any metal bottle tops are recyclable. I sort them out before taking them to the dump; any with a large amount of plastic attached I try to separate. This is not a money-making project; I am doing it so the metal is not going into the landfill and can be reused.

The Cancer Society collects bottle tops but I have contacted them about this and they don't actually do this themselves. They ask people to collect and then sell them off to a scrap metal dealer and give that money to the Society. This is more than I want to do as I would need to accumulate a heap, then take it to Thames.

In just over a year 162 kgs has been recycled. We calculated that would have made \$80 but hopefully they will be melted down for reuse.

If you want to collect your bottle tops, that is wine tops and the metal on the neck of the bottle, beer, fizzy drinks, RTDs, etc., contact me 021 181 3419 or take them to the dump for metal recycling.

Please note: do not put any of these metal caps and tops in your recycling bin. They will end up in the landfill; they are not recycled.



A selection of bottle tops that can be recycled

## Car Boot Sale

Inaugural car boot sale **Saturday 2 September**, 9am to 12pm, Woollams Ave car park behind shops.

\$5 per car and all proceeds go to Coromandel Community Library.

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## The Colville Project

Kia ora,

Another busy couple of months here at The Colville Project. The Board and the Team continue to work towards our goal of being ready for resource consent. This has included working through both the surveyor report and the quantity surveyor report, which we have now received, as well as workshoping to finalise design and development principles for The Colville Project (TCP). These principles are based on information and approaches discussed throughout TCP's lifespan-to-date, including those discussed at community hui by both TCP and community. They are being collated into a formal, overarching and concise list to guide the Project in all aspects. We have also met with Gerard Dombroski (architect) and Michelle Wilson (CEO, Ngāti Tamatera Treaty Settlement Trust).

We have experienced some changes in personnel, farewelling Anne Mountjoy (Administrative Lead) and Nicole Turner (Communications, Marketing and Funding).



Big thanks go out to both Anne and Nicole for their dedication to TCP and the work they have carried out to keep us progressing. We have welcomed three new team members, Rick Lambourne (Technical Support), Katie Lowes (Board Support) and Suzie Rodgers (Finance Support). With induction completed, our new team members are making excellent contributions to project management and development.

Katie and Rick have both become familiar with our site. On her recent visit, Katie reported that she was delighted to see the range of regenerating indigenous seedlings and saplings. Of course, there were weeds too. To address these, we are in the process of embedding weed management into our short- and long-term planning. Of course, addressing the weeds in our area is not an individual task but a collective one, and we acknowledge our neighbours who are likewise working to address this issue.

Final thanks go to Karen Stockman, from Community Waikato, who came to Colville and ran a professional development workshop with the Board; to Rongomai Bailey for the mapping work he did for



Left to right: Bronwyn Blair, Katie Lowes, Janet Palmer

the Project recently, which has provided a different view of the site, in turn benefitting our planning; and, to those across our communities who contributed financially to last month's campaign to raise funds for resource consent.

If you'd like to contribute, please go to our website [www.thecolvilleproject.nz](http://www.thecolvilleproject.nz) to donate. If you don't already follow us go and check us out on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/thecolvilleproject](http://www.facebook.com/thecolvilleproject)

## CILT

Kia ora Coromandel.

Finally, some nice weather to dry things out and warm us up! As I write, CILT is gearing up for a visit from Mayor Len Salt and Deputy Prime Minister Carmel Sepuloni. It is awesome that they are taking time out of their schedule to make the trek to Coromandel Town to check out the awesome mahi that is going on in our community. They will be spending the afternoon at Te Whare Te Mana Tanagata (the orange building on Pound Street) seeing what we do at our Creative Spaces and Te Mana Tangata programmes, checking out our hub building and taking part in some planting at Te Puāwai.

### Acknowledging our volunteers

CILT would like to express our sincere thanks to the many volunteers who help in our various projects. Glenda and her team of volunteers at the Bizarre sift through the many donations from the community and make the shop such a warm and welcoming place to come and grab a bargain. Our volunteer drivers assist people with transport to Thames and Waikato hospital appointments and drive our Community Van to Thames once a week for shopping, appointments or just a day out!

### Te Mana Tangata and Creative Spaces Update

Our team at Te Mana Tangata have been changing things up a bit this month, getting off site and into the community. A trip to the museum with a scavenger hunt was a highlight, learning a little bit more about



our area and the history of Coromandel. They have also spent a few days out and about at various beaches around town doing rubbish clean-ups and finding neat natural objects to use in arts and crafts back at the whare. Te Mana Tangata is always keen to welcome new faces. This programme is great for learning skills and doing different activities, meeting friends, and getting out of the house. Te Mana Tangata runs from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday and includes free lunch! You can drop in anytime and stay as long as you like.

Creative Spaces also runs out of Te Whare Te Mana Tangata two days per week, Tuesday and Thursday. We currently have local artists coming in to run workshops in different mediums. Ceramics, screen printing and weaving are just some of the activities to try; every week is something different. Pop in and see what's happening, nau mai, haere mai. Te Mana Tanagata and Creative Spaces are located at 100 Pound Street.

### Support for our community

CILT has secured continued funding with the support the Ministry of Social Development to continue our Community Connector service. This funding was originally to support those self-isolating due to Covid but the scope has since been extended to include all those affected by Covid and the recent severe weather events. If you are struggling in any way in the wake of the weather or continuing effects of Covid and the lockdowns, come to see us; we will do our best to help.

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## Spring Reset Retreat with Wild Stillness Retreats

By Beth & Vanessa

Imagine the fresh ocean air on your face, sand between your toes, breath filling every corner of your body. Peel back the layers as you shed the heaviness of winter, and step into spring with a body that feels connected, a mind that is calm and a soul that has clarity. You feel alive, you are present and there is a deep sense of renewal throughout your being. Welcome, beloved woman, to our Spring Reset Retreat.

You will feel refreshed and clear with a carefully crafted programme of Hatha Flow and Yin Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Dance, Yoga Nidra, reflection and cleansing practices... and a chance to get creative!

Let go of blocked stale energy and the unneeded to make way for opportunity. Connect into the collective strength of like-minded women, feel a fuller heart and more relaxed way of being.

This Wild Stillness Retreat will be on **Friday 3 to Sunday 5 November** and includes two nights' accommodation in a shared room, divine vegetarian and organic food, morning meditation, morning Hatha Yoga classes, evening Yin Yoga class, daily Yoga Nidra or guided meditation, Open Dance with DJ Tiny Diva, Spring Cleanse Workshop to release and let go, beach walks and alone time in nature, and a Wild Stillness goodie bag.

Hosted right on the stunning shores of Opoutere Beach, at Sky River Sanctuary you will feel spirited away from the rushing world and free to explore the expansive horizon and soft dunes of the centre's grounds.

We have been hosting retreats in the Coromandel since 2021 and we are so grateful for the support from this community.



## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

A warm welcome to spring. Our Club is a small group of folk who meet up each Monday evening to play bridge. With the help of Whitianga we hope to make up two tables. New members would be most welcome, lessons or a refresher course can be given. Please let Jan know if you would like to join us and need a partner.

We play at the St John rooms and would dearly love to have a bigger attendance.

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

If you would like to join us for Spring Reset on 3-5 November please visit our website, where you can book directly [www.wildstillnessretreats.co.nz](http://www.wildstillnessretreats.co.nz) or send us an email at [wildstillnessretreats@gmail.com](mailto:wildstillnessretreats@gmail.com)

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## Mahamudra Centre

By Beth Pearsall



Mahamudra Centre is undergoing some changes. We are moving away from offering group retreats and will rather be focusing on providing a space for longer term solitary retreat. Our beautiful retreat cabins are fully self-contained and perfect for those wishing to deepen their practice.

### Solitary Retreat at Mahamudra

Retreats can be from one week to two years by application. While we are a Buddhist centre, we want to open this opportunity for retreat to those on all spiritual journeys and to artists as well.

We would really appreciate if you can spread the word to those you know who may be seeking a space to deepen their spiritual practice or wanting to focus their creativity in peaceful and beautiful surroundings.

There are still a few more opportunities to join us at Mahamudra before we switch to solitary retreats. You can find all of the information and book any of our retreats on our website [www.mahamudra.org.nz](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz).

The last of our group retreats:

**Friday 8 to Sunday 10 September** – “Breathe”. A silent meditation retreat with Hedwig Bakker.

**Wednesday 11 to Sunday 15 October** – How to Face Death Without Fear. The incomparable Venerable Robina will be here in person! This is a rare opportunity to receive teachings from a gifted and remarkable teacher.

**Friday 20 to Monday 23 October** (Labour Weekend) – Qi Gong for Everyone with Hedwig Bakker.

We have been continuing to explore the 16 guidelines for a happy life and this month’s focus is on honesty. One of the key benefits of honesty is the liberation it brings to our own conscience. When we live in alignment with our values and truthfully express ourselves, we experience a sense of inner freedom and integrity. Honesty empowers us to embrace our vulnerabilities, acknowledge our mistakes, and take responsibility for our actions.

When we are honest, we invite feedback and constructive criticism from others, which helps us recognize our blind spots and areas for development. Through honest self-reflection, we gain insights into our strengths and weaknesses, allowing us to make more informed decisions and strive for personal excellence.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to Susan Rogers for her time and energy given to the centre and wish her all the best for what comes next. We will introduce our new manager in the next edition.

Big love from the whole team at Mahamudra.

## Library news

By Paul Lawrence

The library will be running a car boot sale in the Woollams Ave carpark on the first Saturday of the month starting on **Saturday 2 September**. Anyone is welcome to sell from their car boot, ute or van. The cost will be \$5 per car, with all proceeds going to the library.

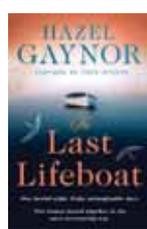
By the time this issue comes out, we will have had our AGM and have a new secretary and treasurer. The library, volunteers and the committee welcome their commitment to the cause.

Things get a bit slow at times, and we are blaming it on the weather. Now that we are having dry days, people are finding things to do outdoors. Things that have been put off. Luckily there are always books to fall back on.

Quote of the month – “The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” – Albert Einstein

This month’s reviews –

### *The Last Lifeboat* – Hazel Gaynor



Liverpool 1940. Inspired by a true story, this book tells the tale of Alice King escorting a group of children to Canada as wartime evacuees.

In London, during the blitz, Lily Nicholls waits, and counts the days for news of her son and daughter’s safe arrival.

The women are bonded together in unforgettable ways when disaster strikes in the mid-Atlantic.

A tale of love, courage, and survival.

### *The Spider* – Lars Kepler



Detective Saga Bauer receives a postcard describing a gun and nine white bullets. One meant for her partner, Detective Joona Linna.

Three years later, it’s basically forgotten about. Until a body is found hanging from a tree with a milky white bullet casing. Then more bodies start turning up, along with riddles about the next murders.

But the police seem to be one step behind. Danger lurks.

### *The Paris Agent* – Kelly Rimmer



Once again, a true story inspired by two remarkable women’s actions.

This is the story of Fleur and Chloe, who were called up to serve in France in 1943.

Double agents and a search for answers twenty-five years after the war by the daughter of a British Secret Service Agent looking for the woman who saved his life, all provide a brilliant story.

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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

### Love your lungs

Your lungs are normally clean and sterile.

However, organisms and inhaled toxins into your throat (nasopharynx) have potential to reach your lungs. Nature has provided you with a series of protective mechanisms to keep your lung parts (the trachea, bronchi and alveoli) free of these unwanted chemicals and microbes:



1) The epithelium or lining of your respiratory tract secretes a sticky mucus onto which the microorganisms attach. Certain microbes (e.g., influenza or other virus) are inactivated through contact with the mucus at the receptors, or gateways.

2) Microscopic filaments, or cilia, lining the cells of your air passages, beat upwards, constantly moving the mucus, and adherent microbes, to your throat's pharynx, where it is swallowed. This is a process which occurs constantly and subconsciously, a process termed the "mucociliary escalator".

3) Breathed in oxygen enters your bloodstream, and carbon dioxide is breathed out in the lungs' precious alveoli. It's also the site of very active phagocytosis, or ingestion of unwanted cells, by resident macrophages. These are white blood cells, as part of your immune system, which ingest any microbes that have escaped the "mucociliary escalator".

The respiratory system is beautifully engineered for its function. Its alveoli are flushed with new air more than 15,000 times a day and the alveoli walls are so indescribably thin, that red blood cells moving single file through the pulmonary capillaries, can make the gaseous "swaps" with the air-filled alveoli within a fraction of a second.

Although every cell in your body depends on this system for the oxygen it needs to live, your respiratory system interacts mainly with:

- Cardiovascular System – Without your heart pumping reoxygenated blood around the body via blood vessels, all efforts of the respiratory system delivering fresh air are useless.

- Muscular System – Muscles need oxygen to live and function. Your respiratory tract requires the action of muscles to cough and remove any build up of excess mucous or phlegm.

- Lymphatic System /Immune System – Only your respiratory system is completely exposed to the outside environment (the skin is different as its exposed parts are all dead). Potentially dangerous external agents from the air – bacteria, viruses, fungi, moulds, asbestos fibres, parasites, pesticides, fungicides, vapes and cigarette chemicals, etc. – make your respiratory system continually at risk for infection and damage. Lymphoid tissue helps protect your respiratory tract and enhance immune defences (cilia and mucous) which your respiratory system itself erects. At the entrance to your respiratory system at your oral-nasal pharynx are your tonsils. Their white blood cell macrophages engulf foreign antigens and provide sites where lymphocytes are sensitized to mount immune responses. Without tonsils, or adenoids, respiratory tract infections are much more frequent in people who have had them removed. Same principle applies to the digestive tract's appendix.

### Vaping & cigarettes

It is delusional and pointless to perceive vaping as a healthy substitute to cigarette smoking.

Bottom line – chemicals enter your lungs and restrict the tiny, microscopic cilia from cleansing the unwanted microbes and particles

from your lung walls.

Besides that, as with cigarettes, the many carcinogens including nicotine, flatten the cilia, block the gateways and enter your bloodstream, potentiating pain, misery and premature death.

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## Colville Festival

The Colville Festival will be on Labour Weekend **Friday 20 to Monday 23 October**. All is organised – just a few final arrangements to see to.

Once again we need to stress that for the Friday and Saturday night events, tickets in advance are essential. Both nights have sold out in the previous few years well before show time.

Tickets are available at the Colville Store now and online from mid September.

### The Programme

#### Friday 20 October – Colville Sings... The Beatles

Starts 7pm, 12 yrs and up only please. \$30. Supper at halftime – tea, coffee, cakes, etc., for koha.

Dress up Beatles style. Prizes for best dressed! Thank you Hike & Bike and Driving Creek Railway.

#### Saturday 21 October – The Big Music Night

Starts 6pm – all ages. \$30 for tickets and under 16 free.

#### Lineup:

- Maurice Jones – International Piano Accordion Impresario (not to be missed)
- Hans Pucket – Wellington Trio – in Rockfest final in September and just returned from South by Southwest in Austin Texas, USA
- Dr Reknaw – Wellington Reggae Band, fronted by Sisters Sophie and Julia Cooper
- Corrosive Moses – Whitianga Ska Punk Band
- DJ Sun Ray will finish the night.

Food available to purchase with cash/Eftpos. (Another low-alcohol event. No boxes or bottles of spirits allowed in the hall.)

#### Sunday 22 October – Variety Show

Starts 5pm – all ages. \$20, under 16 free.



The Twisty Twinz

- The Twisty Twinz – Identical twin acrobats, they are Guinness World Record holders and legends across Aotearoa and Europe.
- Colville School and Pre-school perform.
- Joana Simmons – Wellington Comedian performs her Banana Jolie Show –

wonderful!

- Tiny Diva – Colville's own Dance DJ. Kick your heels up to finish the evening.

Possibly more to be announced.

### Workshops over the weekend

#### Sample and Loop

#### Workshop with Nathan McCauley

Saturday 10am-12pm, \$25, up to 10 participants.

The workshop will be looking at using audio loops and samples in compositions and in a live performance situation.

#### Professional Face Painting

#### Workshop with Anna Molineux from Magical Masquerade

Saturday 1.30-4.30pm, \$25, up to 15 participants, teens up.

5-6pm – participants of the workshop will practice on festival goers. Be there if you'd like your face painted (free).

#### Macrame workshop with Yolanda Wills from Yo's Knots

Sunday 12-2pm, \$25, up to 10 participants, 10 yrs up.

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#### Acrobatic Workshop with The Twisty Twinz

Sunday 2-4pm, \$20 adults \$10 kids, up to 25 participants, all ages.

#### DJ BJ is facilitating Banana Boogie dance workshop (with Joana Simmons)

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#### Divine Intuition Workshop- yoga, cacao and meditation with Vanessa and Beth

Sunday 10am-12pm at Colville War Memorial Hall.

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Be sure to register at Colville Junction to ensure your place at any of the above workshops.

Slight changes may occur, we will let you know through Facebook, the Chronicle and Pānuī.

Any queries on the festival call Colville Junction: (07) 866 6920 or Steve 021 711 489/Ella 027 487 5131, [www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz](http://www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz), FB: Colville Festival



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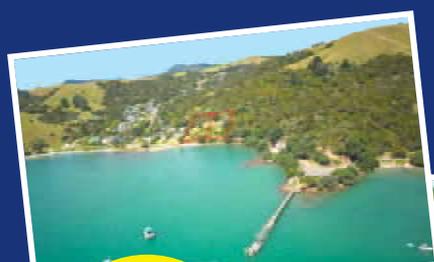
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## Coromandel Workers Council

By Benjamin Rudolph

If you work in a business that operates on shift work, such as a cafe, bar or packing house, then you may be wondering what to do if you suddenly find yourself with a shift cancellation.

When it comes to the cancellation of a shift, the Employment Act 2000 has some very specific rules in place to ensure that this is done in a fair manner. An employer is not allowed to simply cancel a shift without providing you prior warning that is in line with the employment agreement that you have with them. If you don't have an employment agreement with your employer, get one immediately.

Your employment agreement should include a section that covers shift cancellations. This section should stipulate the amount of notice your employer is required to give you before cancelling a shift. Furthermore, it should also outline the compensation you are entitled to if your employer cancels your shift without adequate notice. The amount of time varies from workplace to workplace and there is no standard put in place. However it is important to remember to refer to this section of your contract should a situation like this arise.

Consider a scenario: you've come into work to start a scheduled shift, but your employer informs you that it has been cancelled. If your employment agreement specifies that your employer must provide advance notice or compensate you monetarily, and they haven't provided you with adequate notice, then they are obligated to follow these rules. In the absence of such provisions, your employer is still obligated to compensate you for the time you were scheduled to work.

It's worth noting that even if you are already in the middle of your shift and your employer decides to cancel it, you are still entitled to receive payment for the entire shift. This approach ensures fairness by acknowledging the time and effort you've invested in your work. An employer can not contract out of this. Even if they have put this in a contract that you have signed, they are obligated to remunerate you what you would have earned if you had completed your scheduled shift. This is an important thing to remember and you can read more about it by looking up 67G Cancellation of shifts on your chosen internet search engine.

When it comes to the calculation of compensation, it relies on several factors. These include the notice period stipulated in your employment agreement, the earnings you would have accrued during the cancelled shift, and any expenses you may have incurred in preparation for work (but only in some cases for the latter). Additionally, the law mandates that your employer must consider specific factors when contemplating a shift cancellation. These factors encompass the nature of their business, their ability to foresee cancellations, and the impact of the cancellation on you. This should also include your job description and the agreed-upon work hours outlined in your contract.

If you find that you are constantly having your shifts cancelled without the proper notification or without the correct compensation, then please get in touch and we help you navigate this issue for a positive outcome. We can guide you through the steps that you need to take and advise on the best way to approach your employer about this issue.

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By Pete Sephton

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Moho pereru or banded rail is the poster bird of our own McGregor Bay Wetland. The mixture of mangroves and saltmarsh vegetation is a perfect environment for these secretive native species. They are described as being at risk so not critically low in numbers but from being widespread in Aotearoa they are now rarely found south of the Waikato. Because they are reluctant fliers they are often taken by cats, their main predators, although the birds' swampy habitat offers some protection from all but the most determined felines. Next time you are passing the wetland stop and spend some time seeing if you can spot one of these special inhabitants.

## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Carolyn, Sue and Lynne



Wonderful to see "Early Cheer" Daffodils flowering and baby lambs about; it really is springtime.

Tourists are returning, many calling in asking about our roads, yes still. We are thrilled to tell them our roads are open and have been for some time now, as are our shops, cafes, restaurants, accommodation and activity providers. It takes a while for this message to get around the world. Remember to spread the word to all of your friends and family, every little bit helps.

Thank you to the wonderful locals who have volunteered at our Centre. We still require another couple of "gems", plus it is very easy to talk about Coromandel, the place we love to live in.

Our Facebook page: If you would like us to post anything to our Facebook page, please email us. [info@coromandeltown.nz](mailto:info@coromandeltown.nz). This page is to support local community happenings. We love adding photos too, especially about our local history or nature pics.

If your group/charity is having their AGM or change of contact person, please also make contact with us, so we can keep our records up to date, at [info@coromandeltown.nz](mailto:info@coromandeltown.nz). We get many calls asking for this type of information, and we do like to give people the correct details.

We also have business and community listings on our website [www.coromandeltown.nz](http://www.coromandeltown.nz). Is your business, club or event listed and are the details up to date? What about that event you are holding? This is the best place to let our visitors know what's happening.

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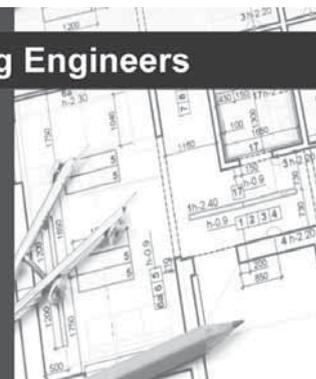
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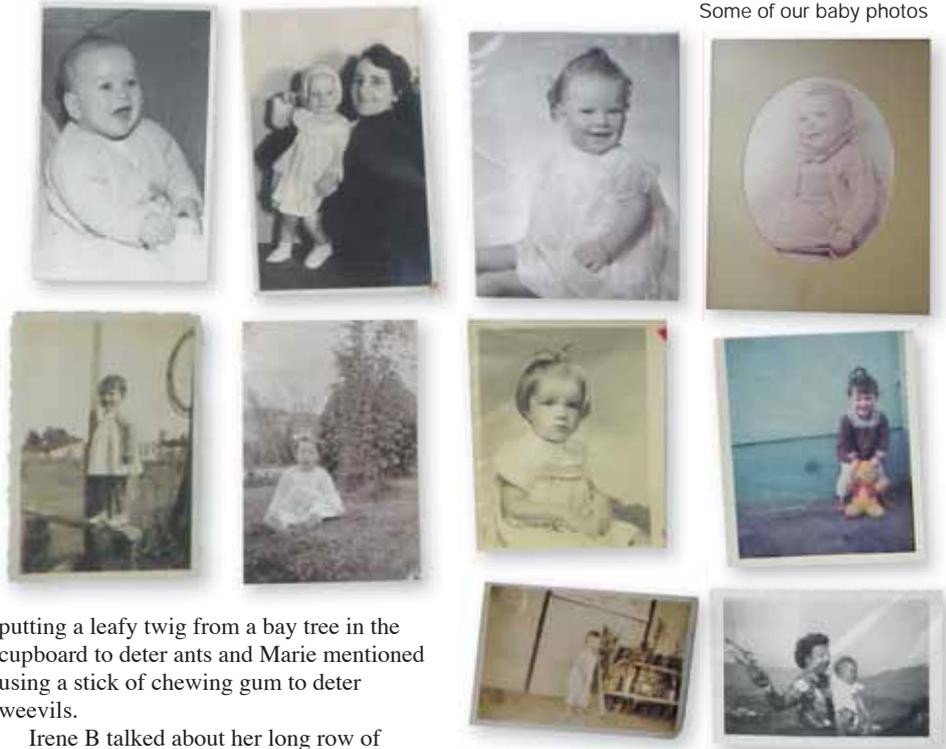
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Some of our baby photos



## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

Our baby photo competition was very challenging but it was wonderful to see that so many people still have these precious photos in their possession. There were 25 entries and two members made the most correct guesses: Irene D and Lorraine were able to successfully identify six members from the photos. Thanks go to Denise for the idea and especially to Cindy, who put this huge task together beautifully.

Our convenor, Kath, also gave us a quiz of ten gardening questions. It was a relief to be able to answer those questions much more successfully than most of us did with the baby photos, with everyone getting either eight or nine out of ten correct answers!

After a two-year hiatus, Kath is seeking ideas for us to again do a float in this year's Santa Parade, which will be on **Sunday 10 December**. Members should get their suggestions to Kath no later than the September meeting so that we can make a plan and have time to prepare.

We have an additional member in our group. Welcome to our third Annette!

First place floral competition winners in August were: Jeni – Single Bloom; Glenise – Mini Bloom; Lorraine – Multi Bloom; Sheana – Arrangement (Roadside Forage); and Joan C – Special (Focus on Freesias).

During our forum Jan W talked about

putting a leafy twig from a bay tree in the cupboard to deter ants and Marie mentioned using a stick of chewing gum to deter weevils.

Irene B talked about her long row of daffodils that have produced a lot of greenery but no flowers this year. She had hacked off all of last year's greenery in a fit of tidiness, not realizing how important the foliage is to feed the bulbs for the next year's flowers. Lesson learned! There can be other reasons so if you're having a similar problem, google blind daffodils.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13 September**. Meeting details are as follows:

Venue: The Club. Start time: 1pm  
 Activity: Garden Ramble on Hauraki Road  
 Arrangement: Shades of Yellow  
 Special: Vege Surprise

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

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**The Green Party**



**Free dental care: a huge help for all residents in the Coromandel electorate**

The Green Party has unveiled an ambitious policy to provide free dental care for all New Zealanders, ensuring access to essential oral health services.

Green Party Candidate for the Coromandel electorate, Pamela Grealey is a passionate advocate for this much-needed change- “Our health and wellbeing depend on healthy teeth and gums. Every individual should have access to the dental care they need to thrive and participate fully in society,” says Pamela. “This is especially important in rural areas like the Coromandel where access can be a costly burden.”

The policy addresses a long-standing issue which has seen successive governments exclude dental care from the public health system, resulting in 40% of people being unable to afford necessary treatment, with even worse disparities for Māori.

“This only further proves that come the 2023 election, we have a choice to make and the time is now for this to change. This is a political choice, and it’s time to make different choices,” says Pamela Grealey.

The Green Party’s policy aims to tackle the problem of costly dental care, which has led to millions of people postponing visits to the dentist. On average, a dental trip costs \$353, about 40% of the weekly income for minimum wage earners.

“Investing in preventive dental care is crucial. Delaying or avoiding dental treatment can have life-changing consequences,” warns Pamela Grealey. “Many issues can be prevented with timely visits to the dentist.”

The new policy aims to extend this care to all New Zealanders by establishing the New Zealand Dental Service. The policy states the Greens will offer free annual check-ups, cleanings, and basic dental care like fillings

and extractions to anyone in need. The plan includes funding for mobile dental vans and community dental clinics, making dental care easily accessible, even in remote areas like the Coromandel, including marae.

“We believe that everyone deserves access to excellent health care. By making dental care free for all, we can build a healthier, fairer New Zealand,” says Pamela Grealey.

The Green Party will also address the demand for dentists by lifting the cap on training placements and offering more support to get more Maori and Pacifica people into dentistry.

The funding for this policy has been fully costed through already announced reforms to achieve a fairer tax system, reflecting the Green Party’s dedication to ensuring comprehensive and inclusive healthcare for all New Zealanders.



Pamela Grealey – Green Party Candidate for the Coromandel electorate

**Chopper Chat**

By Nigel Strongman – Trustee of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust

Three missions for this side of the hill for the Auckland Rescue Helicopters, out of ten for the Peninsula for July 2023.

**Missions for July 2023**

16.7.23 Manaia – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 70’s suffering a medical complaint. Transport to hospital by helicopter wasn’t required and crew returned to base.

26.7.23 Tuataewa – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 60’s suffering a medical complaint. He was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition.

26.7.23 Thames – Crew tasked to assist a male patient in his 50’s involved in an accident. He was flown to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition.

To the end of July 2023, Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust has performed 26,178 total missions. For 2023 only, there have been 604 to date.

The AGM for the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust will be held at the base, Crosbie Field, Abrahamson Drive, Whitianga on 24 August.

If you wish to donate to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, go to the website – [www.coromandelrescue.org.nz](http://www.coromandelrescue.org.nz) or by internet banking 03-1578-0116338-001 with your name as reference. All donations are tax deductible, and a tax donation certificate will be sent if required. All donations are gratefully received to help keep this wonderful but expensive service going.

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## Mental Health Awareness Week

This year Mental Health Awareness Week on **Monday 18 to Sunday 24 September** has a theme of Five Ways, Five Days: Take Notice, Give, Be Active, Connect, and Keep Learning to improve your wellbeing throughout the week. These simple actions are backed by evidence and can be easily incorporated into anyone's life, at any time.

Shaun Robinson, Mental Health Foundation chief executive says: "Life has been a rollercoaster for us all lately. Over the last few years, we've faced uncertainty, unfamiliarity, and hardships that have left us with mixed emotions... We know that one in five of us will experience mental illness this year."

For more information and resources go to [www.mhaw.nz](http://www.mhaw.nz)

## Grey Power Coromandel Inc.



By Patricia Whimp

We had 21 replies to the survey from the Newsletter and the "casual" meeting. The outcome was mixed and what we noted was:

- Most wanted to be on a membership list so other members can reach out to others.
- Mixed response on being on a phone tree with mixed response on phoning or receiving phone calls.
- Half-and-half response to a coffee morning.
- We have some really skilled members but not many wanted to run a workshop!
- More information in the Newsletter of local trade services, local information, assistance for seniors, savings/discounts for seniors, Council matters, Dear Editor, garden tip, a quote, did you know..., technical hints and shortcuts, etc.

By the time this article is published, the 10-page July/September Newsletter will be distributed. In this Newsletter, we included a number of subjects that members requested, including the calendar for the balance of the year.

We will have also tested the waters with a coffee morning. This is a "drop in" meeting where members can perhaps share tips and tricks with their computers/iPads or mobile phones. Or we can discuss current discounts/offers for seniors, and also plan the subject for the next coffee morning.

Currently, our vice president has had to step up for the president. Brian Holmes can be reached on 027 319 0172 or [beeandgee@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:bееandgee@hotmail.co.nz).

The next Grey Power meeting will be on **Thursday 21 September** at 1.30pm in the St John rooms. Bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

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

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## Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer



Hello everyone, and as of today goodbye to all restrictions Covid style.

Good job everyone who did their bit to make this happen and I include in this our wonderful medical staff at all of the clinics that look after Coromandel and the outer reaches of our wonderful part of New Zealand.

The club had our change of officers last month as was shown in the photo in the last issue and at this meeting we welcomed officially two new members: Jodie McKinney and Melissa McLean (I do hope I've got the spelling correct; sorry if I haven't).

We have dubbed these two the terrible twins as they are much alike in nature and are fun-loving, so the club is looking forward to all these two can bring to the club; welcome ladies.

So really that's all for this month. We have a pop up fritter stall planned outside the library. May even have taken place by the time you read this issue if so I hope you all enjoyed your fritters.

So till next time stay safe, warm and happy.

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### Pestie Corner

By Amy English of Peninsula Pest Services

Love them or hate them, unfortunately rabbits are a pest and quite a significant one at that, both agriculturally and ecologically. They are cute and fluffy, but as many of you are aware they can make a mess of your land.

Rabbits were introduced to New Zealand in the early to mid-1800s, and quickly established themselves as pests, with no major predators to control numbers. Regrettably, this led to the introduction of stoats, ferrets and weasels to our shores in an attempt to curb numbers, which in turn have become a bigger threat to our native bird species. Over the years, a number of different techniques have been adopted in the management of rabbit populations including shooting, poisoning, trapping, fumigation, and more recently, the introduction of viruses. Each technique has its place and should only be employed with a proper plan and licensed or experienced personnel overseeing its use.

Though rabbits can live up to seven or eight years, most wild rabbits will not live longer than about 18 months to two years. Despite this being a fairly short life span, we have the saying "breeding like rabbits" for a reason. A female rabbit has the capability to have up to seven litters a year, with an average litter size of 5-6. They often become pregnant again within 12 hours of having a litter and can spend up to 70% of a year being pregnant! Rabbits are also nocturnal, spending most of the day in their underground burrows (which can be extensive and have multiple entrances), but become active in twilight hours.

If you are having an issue with rabbits on your residential property, please get in touch with us and we can recommend the best course of action. If you notice a significant rabbit problem on any public land, please get in touch with the landowner (local council/regional council/DOC) to report instead of taking matters into your own hands. These organisations will have their own pest management programmes in place to deal with such situations.



### Dense Breast Bun Day

By Cynthia Daly

How many women know if they have dense breasts and why does knowing matter?

**Wednesday 27 September** is World Dense Breast Day and while highlighting its significance in relation to breast cancer, Whitianga Lions Club also see it as a way of raising money towards Project Mammogram where we aim to purchase a 3D mammogram machine for the Eastern Coromandel region.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters at Four Square Coromandel, pink buns will be on sale on **Wednesday 27 September** and with each bun sold a donation will be made to Project Mammogram.

Now, back to dense breasts; I have to admit that I knew nothing about them despite having regular mammograms and I'm also wondering why I have never been told about the risks associated with dense breasts during my mammograms.

Dense breasts are normal and common. About 50% of women in their 40s have them; 40% in their 50s and 25% in their 60s.

Women's breasts are made of fat and glands that make milk, held together by fibrous tissue. The more glands and fibrous tissue compared to fatty tissue that a woman has, the denser her breast tissue.

Mammograms are effective at identifying breast cancers in the majority of cases in three of the four categories of breast denseness but in those, about 10% of women that have extremely dense breasts are at risk as the high amount of fibrous tissue shows up in a mammogram white, the same as a cancerous breast lump, so the cancers can remain hidden and in those cases cancers may not be detected until the cancer is larger and more advanced.

Dense breasts are also a risk factor for breast cancer. A woman's risk for breast cancer increases with the level of density in her breasts.

Surely then, every woman having a screening mammogram should have the right to know the density of her breasts. This is the case in a number of countries around the world including some states of America, large provinces of Canada, and most recently South Australia. Breast Screen SA has announced that from August 2023 in South Australia, women will be informed of their breast density category at all screening clinics. In New Zealand breast density for a breast screening mammogram is only reported on routinely in the private sector.

It's time for every New Zealand woman having a breast screen to ask, and expect an answer, about her breast density when having a mammogram. If you fall into the category of breast density that increases the risk of cancer not being detected, there are other tests including contrast-enhanced mammograms, ultrasounds and MRIs that can provide clearer information and better outcomes. Having dense breasts is normal; not knowing your density is putting your life at risk. Are you going to ask about your breast density at your next mammogram?

Why not buy a pink bun from Coromandel Four Square for Dense Breast Bun Day on **Wednesday 27 September** and help speed up the process of getting a permanent mammogram machine based in Whitianga and gaining better outcomes for your health?



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# Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

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September 2023

## Our Council endorses Recovery Plan

The plan to guide our district's recovery from the successive extreme weather events of January and February 2023 was endorsed by Council at its 8 August meeting.

It sets the scene for the recovery process to date and establishes pathways for navigating towards future plans and projects, in partnership with our



communities, iwi, regional and central government and other stakeholders. It will be adapted in response to the changing needs of our communities and future events.



### NEW RUBBISH SERVICES

- New rubbish and recycling services will start on Wednesday 6 September for Coromandel Town, Te Kōuma & Manaia, Coromandel Rural North, Thames Coast and Mercury Bay North. Household rubbish and food scraps will be collected fortnightly on red weeks, with mixed recycling, glass and food scraps on alternate yellow weeks. [tcdc.govt.nz/bindays](http://tcdc.govt.nz/bindays)
- There will be extended opening hours at our Council's seven Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations. [tcdc.govt.nz/newRTS](http://tcdc.govt.nz/newRTS)
- A leaflet explaining the new services can be found at [tcdc.govt.nz/newkerbside](http://tcdc.govt.nz/newkerbside)

### COROMANDEL FERRY SERVICE REMAINS ON HOLD

Fullers360 has announced that it is not yet able to reinstate the Coromandel ferry service, in the wake of severe weather events and the challenges of managing the industry-wide shortage of skilled maritime workers.



"Despite our ongoing dedication to build up to a full crew, in the short term we are still 12 crews short of a fully crewed workforce. Given the current crewing constraints, the Coromandel ferry service will remain on hold despite our eagerness to get it up and running again," says Fullers360 CEO, Mike Horne.

Mr Horne said that while international recruitment is ongoing, this process has a long lead time, and the company is focusing on accelerating training and development while it works to bolster its workforce.

"While this is disappointing news for us, we appreciate that Fullers360 are committed to returning to the Coromandel," says our Mayor Len Salt. "We'll continue to push for ongoing support for business recovery needs, and to work closely with Destination Hauraki Coromandel to ensure we remain in the spotlight as a great place to live and visit."



CCBA has been gifted boxes of lights from local residents Allan and Joy Green.

### CCBA up and running

Supporting events and business resilience is high on the agenda for the newly revived Coromandel-Colville Business Association (CCBA).

CCBA has been appointed to deliver a programme that will provide targeted support to registered businesses within the Ward, making use of \$75,000 in funding from the Ministry of Innovation, Business and Employment.

"We're here to be a strong voice all our businesses," says CCBA chairperson Jeni Ashman. "It's not just about making money; it's about business support, training and mentoring – the one-on-one stuff," says Jeni. "We'll be working closely with the other Business Associations as well."

CCBA is open to all businesses within Coromandel-Colville Ward. To join, please email [cbaacct@gmail.com](mailto:cbaacct@gmail.com)



Coromandel  
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Community Board  
UPDATE

#### A word from our Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat

"Spring is in the air and the days are getting longer as we look forward to the summer. While we've had disappointing news that Fullers360 won't be resuming the Coromandel ferry service just yet, I believe we are well prepared to make the best of this situation. Destination Hauraki Coromandel have been busy promoting Coromandel as a holiday destination to encourage people to return. Also busy is the newly reformed Coromandel Colville Business Association, supporting businesses and individuals impacted by the 2023 weather events. Events, networking and individual support is planned to get us summer ready. Support is also available through the TCDC Community Partnerships team. Check our Council's website, or contact me."



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## Moehau ki te Moana

By Vanessa & Cass

### Potting Parties!

Kia ora koutou, it has been wonderful to see some sunshine lately! The Moehau ki te Moana Project has been in full swing planting native trees alongside local waterways and wetlands in the Colville and Northern Coromandel this winter. Farmers have put in the hard yards, building sturdy, flood-resilient fencing to create space for species such as harakeke, mānuka, kānuka and tī kouka to be planted behind. These plants are all lovingly grown from eco-sourced (local) seed by our local community native plant nursery, Colville Harbour Care Nursery in Colville.

To support the good work that our nursery does, and the positive environmental impact of this mahi

on our local environment, the nursery sometimes needs our support. So here is your chance to join us! Each year we hold potting parties in September and October, to pot up and plant our seeds for next year's planting season. These events are always so much fun and make such a difference to this important community asset. Below we have dates for two events coming up – we would love it if you could make it to one (or both!).

When: **Saturday 9 September** and **Saturday 7 October**

Where: Colville Harbour Care Nursery, Wharf Rd, Colville

What to bring: Water bottle, hat, raincoat, sturdy boots. Free lunch provided!

Thank you for your support.

Contact Cass on [cass@colvillejunction.co.nz](mailto:cass@colvillejunction.co.nz)



## Colville Community Health Trust (CCHT)

**Manager (part time – 16 hours per week)**

**Financial Administrator (part time – 4 hours per week)**

The Trustees of CCHT have the following vacancies:

- Manager
- Financial Administrator

These roles assist the Trustees with the ongoing operational requirements of the Colville Community Health Trust.

Duties include:

- Tasks and activities that progress the work of the Colville Community Health Trust
- Fundraising activities and funding applications
- Financial oversight and financial administration tasks
- Networking and relationship building

We would really like to hear from a team player/s who are flexible, confident using technology, self-motivated and have an understanding of working in a rural community setting. If this appeals to you, please submit your CV along with a letter expressing your interest. (If you would like to apply for both roles combined in one role that is fine too).

For more information and/or a copy of the Job Description and application form, please email - [colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com](mailto:colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com)  
Applications close September 13th.

## Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mew to everyone who has donated sachets and tinned foods for our rescue kitties, also an awesome lady who donated kitty litter and dropped that in to us; this is all truly appreciated.

We also had a lady tell us where we can get free carpet, which is awesome.

Cattery mews – it is very quiet at rescue but this is the way it is over the winter months. Lizzy our youngest and Tutu our oldest have taken to playing silly games which is hilarious to watch as they bat ping pong balls around the floor and minor games of chasy.

Watching a ping pong ball bouncing up and down and their heads following its every motion is entertaining as the cats concentrate so hard on its every movement.

Winter is hard on the older cats who have arthritis just as we humans find the cold and wet brings about aches and pains. Lizzy has continued with mouse patrol and Wally the youngest, who is a big boy now, gets most excited to snatch the catch and parade it around the house, loudly proclaiming his mighty hunting skills.

The outdoor units are warm and cosy and we have still to locate marine grade plywood and lino.

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

Wanted – cat food – tinned, salmon, sachets, sardines, pet milk, cat toys. Also flanellette sheets which we use for both bedding and a fundraiser as we shred the sheets and crochet them into bath mats to sell to raise funds for the cats. Any financial blessings Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing.

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### Combined Clubs Coromandel

At the CCC Annual General Meeting the following executive committee was elected: President – Steve Walters, Vice President – Jim Dicks, Secretary – Maureen Kimber, Treasurer – Vi King, Club Manager – Kate Turner, Bar Manager – Paddy Donovan, RSA Reps – Gary Pettett and Bruce Finan, Bowling Club Reps – Linda Wright and Geoff Horton.

The Club Quiz nights have now ended but Rummikub is going strong every Monday afternoon from 1-4pm. Keen players and newcomers are welcome to come along and enjoy this popular board game based on the Rummy card game.

Our next Club function, Art Gecko, is on **Saturday 16 September**. Doors open at 6pm, show begins at 7pm. Tickets \$20 available at the bar and at the Coromandel Town Information Centre. Seat numbers are limited so don't miss out! Full bar facilities and nibbles available. Come and enjoy the amazing Art Gecko Band, one of whose players is our local resident and club member Stuart Bayes. The Club is extremely fortunate to have so many amazing musicians in our community and we are glad to have the opportunity of promoting their talents.



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### Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

By the time you read this article, our 2023-2024 Bowling Club season will have started. It's very exciting and I for one cannot believe how quickly the "winter" break has gone.

A few of our members have been enjoying the weekly coaching on offer at the Mercury Bay Club during the winter period and then on Sunday 13 August, two teams entered an Open Triples Tournament there, sponsored by Grace O'Malley's Irish Inn. Both teams enjoyed the day and the hospitality, with one team getting third overall.

Our Coromandel Club has a number of teams entered in the Surf & Turf tournament over the weekend of **26-27 August** at the Mercury Bay Bowling Club so that will be a warm up for some prior to the opening of our own bowling season again.

Everyone is ready to go, our Greens look great and following our working bee on **Thursday 31 August** everything else is will be up to scratch too.

The next article in the October Chronicle will have a report of our first day back at bowls being **Thursday 7 September** 9am and perhaps too from our added afternoon session being **Sunday 10 September** 1pm.

Twilight Bowls kicks off again in October so get your teams ready. Any enquiries to corobowls@yahoo.com please or see our treasurer, Linda Wright.

Remember, if you're keen to give bowls a go you are welcome to rock up on either the Thursday or Sunday or both days if you wish. We have bowls that you can use while giving the game a go. I know you'll enjoy it.



Val ready to deliver her bowl

### RSA

By Gary Pettett

Due to the horrible weather pattern we haven't had many social activities, and a lot of our members have had health issues over the past month. However, our Saturday socials from 3-7pm have enjoyed steady patronage, with many visitors and relatives calling in to meet our local members and enjoy a bevy and a chat.

Future Club functions for all members include another band evening and the Christmas lunch to look forward to.

### Car Club

By Bruce Finan

The Whitianga Car Club came over on Sunday 6 August and joined a large group of us to enjoy lunch at Pepper Tree Restaurant. We returned to the Club afterwards for further social chat and refreshments. A most enjoyable meet was had by all.

Our grateful thanks to our member Lindsay Hay who assisted with the concrete work on the driveway and car park area at the front of the Club rooms, and many thanks also for the tremendous help from Kate, John and others who gave their time and energy on this project.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 4pm at the Club – next one due **13 September**, so you are invited to come along and talk classic cars, etc. Look forward to seeing you there.

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## Real Estate Matters

By Glenn Wells, Licensed Agent

### Question – What is, and should I the vendor, supply a LIM report?

Answer – A LIM means Land Information Memorandum. Yes, it is a good idea to get a LIM before you put your property on the market.

Why? Because the LIM will provide a number of important facts about the property. Also as the owner you want to ensure that if you have done anything, the report is accurate and updated.

The LIM will have details about consents, permits, flood plains, drainage, any number of land restrictions, e.g., what zoning, any poisons in the ground and restrictions of use. It may even advise of proposed council plans for road changes, or change of land usage nearby.

A number of purchasers, or their legal advisers, will want to view the document. Having it available can speed up this process, and may enable someone to move quicker or make a cleaner offer.

As a number of local older dwellings have had, over the years, structural changes, garages added, ensuites, etc., the LIM is very important.

You as the vendor are better prepared if you know the status of your dwelling. You may need to have the council return and complete an inspection, for example. This is quite common with garages and carparks that the work has been completed but not had final inspection; an oversight?

Maybe a previous owner modified the home, especially around bathrooms, ensuites, changed the orientation of the kitchen or bedrooms?

Maybe get your builder to check the property against the documents.

Whilst some years ago LIMs were somewhat not utilised as much, they are very important now to banks and lawyers.

Missing information or nonconsented works could cost you

thousands in renegotiation of price. Or even a legal challenge later when the new owner approaches council at a later date to do work on the home. No one, neither the vendors nor purchasers, like unexpected challenges.

Unexpected matters can and do stop the progress of what should be a successful sale. All because of perception and sudden surprises.

Get a report from the TCDC, which is very good and available with ease. This is not a LIM, and may not contain the finer detail sought after in the LIM. It may well be a good starting point, but the documents should complement each other. The LIM may show signed consents and dates of such, the documents on TCDC reports may show activity, but not have the legal document or summary the lawyers want.

Talking over these documents with your licensed salesperson is a good starting point, however they are not lawyers. If there is outstanding information or a lack of consents, you will need to either rectify or advise purchasers. Transparency of such matters is expected today; in fact Licensed salespeople are required to disclose these matters.

Should you have any real estate questions, please contact me on 0800 735 788 or glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz

### Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



The New Zealand Transport Agency has decided to reduce speed limits in some areas around the Peninsula. Normally I criticise their efforts to slow down traffic across the country, but in this instance I'm supportive of the move.

It's a temporary measure to help our smaller coastal communities manage the increased traffic flows which have been caused by the continued closure of SH25A. We're seeing a lot more people travelling the coastal routes on SH25 and from Whangamata to Waihi. While local drivers are familiar with these narrow, winding roads, many of our visitors are not. We also have a lot of heavy trucks using these same roads.

Let's wait and see how it's implemented, but I'd much rather the trip takes a few extra minutes and everyone safely gets to where they need to be.

In other news, last month you may have received a survey in the mail from me asking how you, your family, your business, or your community has been affected by the heavy weather events which hit the region earlier this year.

I'm always looking for feedback, so if you have received the survey, please take five minutes to fill it out and send it back. I want to hear your story. Are you worried about being cut-off from essential services? Is your business at risk of closing? Have you received any government support?

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### Embroidery Guild

By Helen Pearce

At the end of July, 26 ladies attended our three-day biennial retreat at the Friary in Hillsborough.

We had Shirley Pygott from Warkworth tutor a class on crewel work which 10 attended. Shirley has a wealth of knowledge and all of the pupils had a great time. They achieved a lot in the two days of the class.

The rest of the ladies worked on their own projects.

What a wonderful three days, stitching, meals cooked for you, lots of chatting and laughter and playing board games in the evening.

The retreat is a great way to get to know fellow embroidery members.

Our Guild meets the first Wednesday of every month at St John rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town. Contact the secretary, Win McMinn at coromandelembroidery@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 7508



### Mana

**Embracing uncertainty and living in the moment**  
Greetings Coromandel community.

“We cannot change the tides that flow, the wind that blows or the rain that pours; but we can look for the beauty in each situation as it unfolds.”

Winter brought us unpredictable weather and circumstances. Like the rest of the community, we have been embracing the ever-changing environment. However, accepting the unexpected with grace and trust has allowed us to live in the present moment.

Now the days are slowly getting longer which is a welcoming sign of spring. Our gardens are already bursting with growth. This new life brings so much beauty; it is almost like nature is reminding us to look at our own growth and vitality. Is it time for you to blossom too?

We have two wonderful retreats in spring that support your wellness journey – our Spring Relax and Wellness Weekend **Friday 22 to Sunday 24 September** is an opportunity to rest and relax or the Spring Coming Home To Yourself Retreat **Friday 6 to Monday 9 October**, if you long to connect on a deeper level with yourself.

We continue to hold our weekly community classes. Open Floor Dance on Tuesday mornings or Qi Gong classes Wednesday afternoons. We will also be holding a full day workshop called “Love Heals”. This workshop will focus on self-healing and self-love through Qi Gong and Ki Meditation practices. Lastly, our next Working Bee will be in December. Bookings can be made via [www.manaretreat.com](http://www.manaretreat.com) or (07) 866 8972.

Our next community garden day is **Wednesday 20 September**. We will gather in the garden from 9am to celebrate the spring equinox and we invite you to stay for a few hours or all morning. Lunch will be offered to anyone who wishes to stay. Please bring along your favourite tools, gloves and all weather gear.

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22 - 24 SEP	Spring Relax and Wellness Retreat with the Mana Team
27 SEP	LOVE HEALS - A self love and healing full day workshop
29 SEP - 3 OCT	Soreya Kundalini
6 - 9 OCT	Spring Coming Home To Yourself Retreat
13 - 15 OCT	Yoga Retreat with Stella Goetz
15 - 20 OCT	A 5-day Mindful Self-Compassion Retreat with Anna Friis and Mara Elwood
20 - 23 OCT	Soul Revival Retreat with Kate McEwen

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Dance with Pippa	5, 12, 19, 26 SEP
Qi Gong with Hedwig	6, 13, 20 SEP
Community Garden Day	20 SEP
LOVE HEALS Workshop	27 SEP
Summer Working Bee	15-17 DEC



## Coromandel Quilters and Patchworkers

By Raewyn Penrose

Recently we were very fortunate to have Valda Sutton from Thames as our guest tutor. Valda is a fibre artist and patchworker who creates amazing fabric pictures. The technique she taught at the workshop was how to translate a photo image onto a picture on fabric. The techniques she demonstrated incorporated many different ways of finishing a picture image using a facing rather than a binding, the technique usually used in quilt-making.

It was a most enjoyable day. It is almost three years since we have had an outside tutor for our group. Outside tutors bring new enthusiasm and ideas for our projects, and the day was a great learning curve for all those involved in the workshop.

Our group has many "mini workshops" throughout the year, tutored by our own members. These are always keenly looked forward to and supported by members of our group.

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

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



## Haiku

By John Irvine

chilled winter air  
makes the nose run  
typing with only one finger

POETRY  
SPOT

## Taichi

By Christina Wu

The Song of Thirteen Chapters says: "Inside your abdomen, it must be emptied". That means you must strive for internal and external relaxation first which allows you to become light and agile. Once you can relax your abdomen, your internal qi (vital energy) can sink downward, then you will be able to progressively develop an expansion in your abdomen that will eventually produce internal Jing (relaxed force).

Relaxing and sinking are the two fundamental elements in taichi that students have to learn at the beginning. The real training for relaxing is letting go all tensions and loosen all of your body's tendons and bones; to be able to sink is to stabilise your entire body's weight. First, you must remain calm and collected; secondly you must allow qi to sink into the Dantian (lower abdomen), which is the centre of gravity; thirdly, use your intent and not brute force, then your intent can lead your qi and your blood can lead Jing to your entire body. You have to work on the subtle connection of intent and qi. Your intent can guide you so that you can allow slow, long, deep stillness and motion work together as one unit. This will help you to experience stability and equilibrium. "The tail bone is centred and squared to let your spirit be raised." The top of your head is where the spirit should be; once the spirit is filled, the qi can be collected into the bone, that means qi is collected by the central nervous system which can distribute to the limbs and the whole body, as calm, fast, heavy or as your intent wishes.

Beginners need to be practicing correctly from the start. Breathing has to be natural, intention and mind must be focused, spirit is raised and qi is sunk into the Dantian; keeping the centre of gravity stable, differentiating substantial and insubstantial weight distribution; the root is at the feet, qi is issued from the spine and transported to the finger tips; when intent arrives, qi arrives; when qi arrives, Jing arrives. After practicing in this way for a while, you can move according to your intent.

The taichi class is run every Wednesday at 4pm at the Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool). We have a bunch of lovely, spirited and committed people.

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

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

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Things are looking good at the museum in preparation for another busy summer. Thanks go to all those who have worked behind the scenes to repair the dairy building, fix fences, and renew and refresh the museum and the displays; in particular we thank Joanna, Patrick, Debbie, Richard, Judy and Jennie for all of their hard work. Thank you to those members of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society who have renewed their subscriptions. For the rest, please note payment of \$20 per person is now due and can be paid to the museum bank account: 020304031121100. Please remember to include your full name so our treasurer can update your details and send your receipt. New members can also pay direct to the bank account; please note that it is a new subscription and send your name, address, and contact details to us at [coromandelmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelmuseum@gmail.com).

With the upcoming election, we seem to be inundated with stories about crime in the country, so I decided to see what crimes were reported in past years during the month of September.



From "Thames Advertiser" of 28 September 1875:

### "Burglary at Coromandel

We learn that a robbery amounting, we understand, to burglary, was perpetrated at Coromandel on Sunday night. Intimation was received here yesterday morning to the effect

that during the night the Whakaroa battery, the property of the Tokatea G.M. Co had been entered, and an iron box or safe which was kept on the premises for the purpose of keeping the amalgam belonging to the company safely, was broken open and 330 ounces of amalgam were carried away. Mr. Inspector Bullen received early intimation of the theft, and at once despatched Detective Brennan to make inquiries. No details have yet reached us, but the robbery created considerable commotion in Coromandel yesterday. It is evident that the theft must have been committed by some person well acquainted with the battery, as well as with the fact that the amalgam was in the box instead of being placed in the bank for safe keeping, as it ought to have been, but we have no doubt the police will soon pick up some clue which will enable them to trace the robbery home to the perpetrator."

From "New Zealand Herald" 15 September 1896:

### "Robbery of Specimens

By Telegraph – own correspondent.

Specimens weighing about 160lb, and valued at about £700, were stolen from the Welcome Find safe last night, which was broken open. The specimens, which had been picked out by the manager during the past week from the various breakings down, were stowed away in three candle boxes and placed in the iron safe in the office, and everything locked up securely on Saturday night. This morning, on the resumption of work, the office door was found unlocked, the safe burst open, apparently by aid of strong chisels, and no trace of the specimens left. Some money belonging to the manager, Mr. Vivian, was also stolen. The general theory is that the specimens have been planted somewhere handy to the mine, and that diligent search will find them."

Of course, any burglars, robbers or other miscreants who happened to be apprehended were liable to find themselves spending a night or two in the Coromandel lockup. Anyone wondering what that might have been like can get an idea by visiting the relocated lockup when the museum reopens during the October Arts Tour.

During September the museum will be closed, apart from Thursday mornings. Visits by groups can be arranged by contacting the Coromandel Town Information Centre, or by emailing the museum

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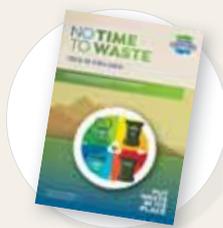
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## Coromandel Area School

## COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



By Jamie Brown

### Matariki celebrations

From the 18 to 28 July, we celebrated Matariki. We had a range of different activities that the children participated in during Week 1 of Term 3 such as Traditional Tākaro with Wiremu Sarich and Manu Tukutuku with Mereana Maika. Thank you Wiremu and Mereana for sharing your taonga with us. At the start of Week 2 we had a blessing for our new classroom, lanterns, a hangi and a talent quest!

We were meant to have our EPIC fireworks display on the first Friday of Term 3 however Tāwhirimātea brought high winds, Te Ihō-rangi brought rain, Te Ua Kōpiro brought drenching rain therefore our display happened in Week 2.... but it was worth the wait! Thanks everyone who came out to watch a super cool display of fireworks and to celebrate Matariki as a community.

For those that were able to make it to our Matariki celebrations we thank you for coming. We also thank our whānau and community members for their support and contributions of time so that we could pull off this awesome event, especially those that helped with the prep for the hangi and setup



of the dining hall, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

We thank all of our workers (staff, students and whānau) and everyone who donated food, decorative table pieces, and equipment for our hangi. We especially thank Mike and Karen from Pepper Tree. Coromandel Area School would also like to mihi ki “Te Ahi Kaa Trust o Ngāti Porou” for sponsoring our kura for this year’s Matariki.

### Matariki Writing

*By Reid*

Many stars  
Ancestors remembered  
The 9 star constellation  
A celebration for all Remembrance of our ancestors  
It’s the Māori New Year Kai in the early morning  
In the morning the stars shine

*By Ruby Wells*

Maori culture  
Aotearoa  
Tupu-ā-nuku Aroha  
Ranganui  
Iwa  
Kai

It’s Maori New Year

*By Tye*

Manu tukutuku  
Sending our wishes  
Flying our kites in the sky  
Soaring through the stars

*By Raymond and Trey*

Manu tutuku  
Kites high in the sky  
Wishes for Matariki  
Hiwaiteurangi

*By Adam*

I liked flying the kite with my friends.

*By Anika*

I liked the big kites.

*By Macy*

The kite was going high. It was cool.



Matariki celebration

### Kāhui Ako Cultural Festival

The yearly Coromandel Kāhui Ako Cultural Festival will take place on **Wednesday 20 September** at CAS, with students from nine schools across our kāhui gathering to share performances. Make sure you come down and watch some awesome performances.

Check out more images from our Matariki celebrations on our Facebook page.

## Colville Bay Pre-school Te koohungahunga o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka



By Esther Powell

*Ka whaangai, ka tupu, ka puaawai/ To nurture, to grow, to blossom.*

Kia ora koutou, it feels like an early spring in Colville with the sun out each day and the children bursting with energy. Our broad beans and radishes are two inches high, and we've been planting sunflowers and making more garden space for other seedlings on our wish-list. Our adventures into the ngahere have been full of hut-building, nest-making, water-colour painting, and "wild-boar" dramatic play; a flurry of teamwork and creativity.

Back at Pre-school the tamariki have been painting rocks and playing with modelling clay, and paper-mache as we visualise and experiment with what we might exhibit in the Colville spring art show/Spring Festival on Labour weekend. We are looking forward to our clay-bead-making workshop with Kay Ogilvie in Colville next week for our four-year-olds. Thanks to Briar Van-Dort for organising that.

On **Wednesday 20 September** we have the Cultural Festival in Coromandel Town. We are practicing two waiata, one of them a poi song, to perform with Colville School at this Peninsula-wide event. In September we also celebrate Taylor's 4th birthday!

Open hours: Tuesday to Friday, 8.45am-3pm, including term breaks. \*20 free hours for 3+ year-olds and WINZ subsidies available.

Pre-school transport provided for 3+ year-olds: Coromandel to Colville return; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Spaces limited; enquiries welcome.

For information and enrollments please contact Esther, Colville Bay Pre-school, 2391 Colville Bay Road, ph 022 645 3272, email [seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](mailto:seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz), [www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](http://www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz), [colvillebaypreschool.co.nz/donate](http://colvillebaypreschool.co.nz/donate) or use bank account 38-9005-0803508-02. Charity number: CC44715. NZBN number: 9429042923077



## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou katoa, fingers crossed the weather is starting to warm a little with the beginning of the spring season. Let us hope the warm and dry weather continues and we are in for a hot summer. Our children are enjoying their regular outings again, attending Music and Dance on Tuesdays, visiting parks, school, and other places of interest around the neighbourhood.

Our tamariki are busy practicing their waiata as they are performing at the Coromandel Cultural Festival the last week of term three. They are enjoying lots of baking and playdough activities and construction and adventure play outside.

We are also getting our gardens ready for the spring growing season planting lettuce, radishes, spinach, carrots and tomatoes. Many of these we are growing from seed as the children learn about where their food comes from and how to cultivate their own food.

We have celebrated birthdays for Athena, Coleson, Kahlo, and Tiale and wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Kiwa and we welcome Harper to the centre.

After many years we currently have some spaces available on our "Up to 2's side" so if you are interested in having your child at Preschool please call in and see us. We currently have no spaces available in the 2-6 years age group but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre, for your child to grow and learn in a caring environment with dedicated teachers, and you feel that this the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning, you can put your child's name on the waiting list. Check out our latest education review on the website: [www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/](http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/).

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

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## continued



### Colville School

By Susie Sumner



Colville has been a little quiet in the Chronicle for the past wee while but there has certainly been lots going on growing a lifelong love of moving and conservation! Alex Lukin from the Black Sticks hockey team has been sharing her expert skills with the Colville tamariki and they were able to teach her how to play Infinity Tag in return. We always love welcoming visitors from around the region.

We saw our tamariki and whānau shining at the Colville School Cross Country event. All of our “funsters” and runners displayed a great deal of preparedness, determination and resilience. With the support of their friends every entrant ended the course with a smile. Cam enjoyed it so much he did four laps of honor! A big thanks to all whānau and staff for supporting the event as course marshalls, supporters and competitors! We couldn't have done it without you. Our whānau have been training hard for our first Gumboot Gambol, a fun event showcasing the key life skill of running in gumboots!



#### Cross Country Placings 2023

Event 1 – 10-11 Years – Lockie, Millar and Natalia.

Event 2 – 5-7 Years – Gala, Eva and Jo, George, Cam and Spike.

Event 3 – 8-9 Years – Lani, Mara and Willow, Osborn, Charlie and Callan.

#### Gumboot Gambol

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### Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

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

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### Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Our members have been continuing to come along to Rose's Studio every Wednesday morning.

Saskia Riemersma entered her work in the Pastel Artists of New Zealand newsletter competition. The theme of the competition was grey tones. Saskia's lovely work "Walking with Friends" gained a merit.

The judge, Dylan Keys of New Zealand had this to say about Saskia's painting.

"I loved the nostalgic quality of this piece. The monochromatic palette has a hint of yellow tinge that evokes thoughts of old family photos discoloured over time. The clever composition stands out too, particularly the way the dark clouds are almost repeated in the shadows cast from the characters as they walk."

If you think that you would like to try pasteling please come along to 860 Tiki Road on Wednesday mornings 9am until 12 noon. We will be pleased to see you and might even make you a coffee.

Contact Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053

### Coromandel Players News

By Liz Cameron

We were thrilled to have our production of Winding Up by Roger Hall so well-received, with a number of wonderful reviews. Almost 170 people attended, not too bad for our little town! Thanks everyone!

Coming up soon is The Wedding Dress, a locally written musical play that tells the story of a family gathering to prepare for a wedding. As the dress, worn twice in a generation already, is tailored to suit the granddaughter, family secrets begin to unravel.

Under the direction of Brooke Dennehy Lakin, playwright and composer of this musical, the Coromandel Players with a cast of eight are to bring this production to the stage in October of this year. Four performances in the week of **Monday 9 October** are planned and tickets are expect to sell quickly, so keep your eye out for ticket selling dates in the near future.

We will be holding readings and auditions early October for our pantomime, Santa in Space, which we plan to have on stage early to mid December. Some fun to look forward to before Christmas! Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any way on 027 494 1188 or (07) 866 8885.

Also, keep a lookout for the shows planned by both Jess and Claire. It is wonderful to see our young people getting so involved. In case you didn't know, we have a Facebook page, Coromandel Town Theatre Group – Coromandel Players, where all of our upcoming events are advertised.

And lastly, don't miss Austen Found on **Sunday 8 October**, brought to us by AOTNZ.

**Open Studios**

By Julie Dann



**Fresh talent joins Open Studios tour**  
Three new artists have joined the growing group of creatives in Coromandel, boosting the town's pool of talent for Open Studios in October.

Photographer Jeremy Scott, and potters Callum Trudgeon and Yvonne Szabo, will all be showing their work for the arts tour over two weekends – **Saturday 7, Sunday 8, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October.**

**Jeremy Scott**

Jeremy discovered his passion for photography when he cycled 52,000km from London to New Zealand from 2011 to 2014.

He was born with a hole in his heart and had vital surgery as a child. As a result, Jeremy wanted to repay those who saved him by raising money for heart charities.

Along the way he began his lifelong love of landscape photography. Then he wrote a book about his travels called *The Long Road from a Broken Heart*.

His stunning photos of Whangapoua, Wyuna Bay, Castle Rock and Oamaru Bay, as well as beautiful prints of tui and kereru, will be on show.

All of his photographs are printed in New Zealand on canvases or cotton rag fine-art paper. The large panoramic canvases, 1,400mm x 500mm, are \$400. A3 matted prints of tui or local views on Hahnemuhle



cotton rag paper are \$180.

"I like to give the printing to a local firm," he says. "I am making less money but it's important and they do a good job."

Jeremy, who has been in town four years, works in environmental weed control, ridding Coromandel of such nasties as moth plant. He is also a trained architectural draughtsman, so hopes to return to that and open his studio on Tiki Road in the future.



**Callum Trudgeon**

Potter Callum hails from St Ives in Cornwall, England, and is on a three-year work visa working for Driving Creek Railway (DCR). His mission is to create a line of pottery to sell, combining his style with that of DCR founder Barry Brickell.

Callum honed his craft over eight years at Leach Pottery in Cornwall. He was recruited in December by DCR to create a production stream of functional pots to sell in the shop.

He's creating samples of 18 pieces, 50 of each shape, and from that will start to refine the range. Bowls are about \$65 but pricing is yet to be confirmed. On Open Studios's first weekend, there will be a wood firing. On the following weekend, there will be a kiln opening.

As well as working on special editions with other potters, such as Sarah Harrison, Callum is offering pot-throwing classes over five days from 10am-4pm for \$1,100 and wood-firing courses in October.

Callum is hoping his designs will stand the test of time. "If people buy high quality, chances are they can pass them on to their children unlike an Ikea mug they may not have an emotional attachment to."



**Yvonne Szabo**

Former midwife and current teacher's aid, Yvonne broke a 15-year hiatus in her art when she went on a Play with Clay Day in Coromandel Town. "That's how I got started again. I then went on a weekend workshop with Kay Ogilvie, who is now a good friend."

Yvonne is now creating sleek and organic objects, almost Hundertwasser-like, which are tactile and inspired by nature. "They remind me of beautiful river stones."

Not content with busy lives, Yvonne and husband Steve have just finished building their new home in Te Kouma. The couple and two teenage children moved here from Cambridge in 2021. During the build they lived in a caravan, which is now destined to be her temporary art studio.

Yvonne, who completed three years at The Learning Connexion in Wellington studying sculpture and ceramics, will share studio space with Kay Ogilvie on Wyuna Bay Road and has a Facebook page, 360 Ceramics.

As well as these new artists, others are returning after a break. They include Cindy Alger, Bob Drummond, Sally Tennent-Brown, Daniel Kirsch, Uli Christofferson, Richard Chrisp and Genevieve Morley, boosting the numbers to 34 artists taking part this year.

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Vocālis will perform on **Sunday 10 September** at 2pm, St George's Church, Thames.

\$20 at the door. TMG members \$15.

### Friday Free Lunchtime Concert

If you want a lunchtime of enjoyment, variety and surprises, Thames Citizens' Band's latest performance has all of that. You may laugh, you may cry, you will remember, you'll hear things like you've never heard them before and there'll be surprises too.

See you there. **Friday 22 September** at 12.15pm, St George's Church, Thames.

Free entry. Koha welcome.

Enjoy soup and a bun for \$5 after the concert.

[www.thamesmusicgroup.com](http://www.thamesmusicgroup.com)



Rob Fort demonstrating

## Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

The year is flying past. The shops will have Christmas lights for sale in no time at all! It's been lovely to see the sun, and even sit and sketch outside if you're out of the wind. I love all of the spring flowers and new growth, and the birds are getting excited already and searching out nesting places and mates.

On 10 August we had Rob Fort demonstrating air brushing. He is a master of his craft. It was really interesting and exciting if you've never seen it done before, which most of us hadn't. It showed us a whole new dimension of painting. So thank you Rob for a great morning, and for donating some paints. You may have started something.

Contrary to the "Chinese whispers" I've heard, I didn't fall off a ladder and break my leg, I was actually at ground level picking up oranges and slipped in the mud. But thanks to our fabulous hospital people and my even more fabulous driver, I'm on the mend and will soon be airing my paint brushes again.



Sharon practising



Some of our airbrush efforts

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# te taiao ENVIRONMENT

## Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Kate James

We say this every spring! So, here we go again... Some top tips for controlling pest animals this season thanks to Predator Free NZ – the full calendar can be found at [www.predatorfreenz.org](http://www.predatorfreenz.org).

Now is a busy time for native wildlife and for pests so it's time to start ramping up rodent control for spring. Rats are hungry as podocarp fruit disappears and will turn to birds' eggs and chicks for food. It's good to undertake possum control together with rodent control.

Possums are eating pine catkins (flower clusters) so target big old pines for possum control night shooting in open terrain or trapping in the bush. As kowhai start flowering it's a good time to target possums on kowhai trees – rebait and set kill traps. Intensive rabbit shooting will reduce the survival of spring juveniles, limiting mustelid and cat population increases – and you can save some rabbit meat to bait traps.



Also start increasing mustelid/stoat trap servicing to protect spring bird breeding. Now is a good time to clean and recalibrate your DOC200 traps; they should activate at about 80g plate trigger weight. September is when stoats start breeding; stoat kittens are in the den and lots of prey predated. This is also when the first clutch of kiwi chicks can begin to emerge from the nest and forest bird nesting ramps up for the next 4–5 months. Active trapping is essential to protect these young and vulnerable birds. Because eggs are common in the landscape, this is the best time to use fresh egg baits in stoat traps. Predator Free NZ recommends ensuring the egg is horizontal on the nails. While the weather is still cool there is low microbe and insect activity; this is also a time you can use fresh meat baits in DOC200s to mix things up a bit.

Now is the time to consider increased trap servicing, check your traps as often as you can, most kills happen within days of servicing a trap.

If you have any questions about pest control or would like advice on traps, baits, monitoring (or anything else) please get in touch with us at Driving Creek Conservation Park and we will do our best to help you. Let's work together to keep our wildlife safe. Email us at [conservation@dcrcrail.nz](mailto:conservation@dcrcrail.nz)

## McGregor Bay Wetland

By Julie Sargisson

### Wetland from Space

In this 2023 Google image you can see the present state of the wetlands. Salt marsh has replaced kikuyu and blackberry. NE of the reserve the Medlocks have a lagoon which is proving popular with birds such as pied stilts and paateke and over the winter months, roosting spoonbills. This is a brackish lagoon which suits their purposes with the reeds in the reserve giving birds cover when needed and nesting areas. (Note the driveway running alongside the reserve in the NE. This is the Medlock's driveway and the best access to view birdlife in the lagoon. The public are allowed along there for this purpose.)

There has been an increase of mangroves in the western parts of the wetland. This is where birds such as shags, kingfishers and herons can be seen feeding as more marine life is moving through the wetland. The shift in vegetation type, with saltmarsh moving SE and an increase in mangroves, closely matches the 2007 modelling done of a possible free-flowing tide into the wetlands. This is in a technical paper by coastal scientists Meg Graham and Jim Dahm written for the Regional Council at that time. 13-15 years later and we're seeing it come to fruition.

With the bird pond/lagoon and the rewilding in the NW, there is now a large salt marsh area of yellow button flower. There are seasonal changes but the overall pattern is for more visible bird life and fewer noxious weeds.



## Forest & Bird

By Kate James



This year Forest & Bird is celebrating 100 years of "being a voice for nature". Our founder Val Sanderson was passionate about saving the birds and the bush for future generations, especially children, to enjoy. In the 1920s and 30s, he and his fellow volunteers promoted science-based ideas and solutions that were well ahead of their time. This included campaigning to stop deer devastating New Zealand's ancient forests, warning that bush clearances would lead to land erosion and river pollution and educating his membership about the need to understand how Māori viewed nature and their role in conservation of our special wildlife and wild places.

And here we are 100 years later facing the same environmental issues, as well as now entering a phase where we have the dual crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss as we have never seen before. Now more than ever we need to look for new solutions, stronger regulations around environmental protection, and joining with our neighbours, our communities, and our friends to work together to look after our native environment. Let's be kind to each other as everyone working in conservation is driven by the same passion to leave our little piece of paradise in better shape than we found it.

For the next 100 years let's move away from just conserving nature and try to bring our environment back to a state where it is thriving.

As well as celebrating the contribution volunteers have made to nature protection over the past 100 years, we are using our 100th birthday year to help raise awareness of Forest & Bird's work, strengthen existing relationships, and make new ones.



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# te taiao ENVIRONMENT continued

## MEG

By Genevieve Morley

Kia ora tatou! I'm grateful for the members of the community who have come up to me in the last month to say how much they enjoy reading the MEG articles that I write here in the Chronicle. Since I started with MEG I have tried incredibly hard to work with integrity and diligence to help conservation in the Coromandel as does everyone who is associated with the organisation. MEG was formed in 2000 and even though it currently has funding to employ locals to do some of the mahi, the majority of MEG's work for many years has been carried out by a network of much appreciated volunteers who generously donate their time to try and create a safe habitat for our native species to thrive. Each month, 4,382 traps are serviced by our team and MEG is externally audited every year and maintains good record-keeping practices with standards of monitoring which meet the continuing requirements from large organisations such as Waikato Regional Council who currently support the MEG endeavors. Wildlife protection is required now more than ever and the benefits that MEG contributes to the fauna within the protected areas far outweighs it not being there at all.

MEG runs three main predator control projects which are mostly operated on private properties working with multiple landowners to work towards creating safe habitat for our native birds to breed. These projects are called the Kiwi Sanctuary which has 1,350 stoat traps and 50 ferret traps (326 of these traps create the Coromandel Kiwi Project); the Waikawau Wetland project has 200 rat traps, 5 cat traps and 12 AT 220's; and the MEGa Pest Attack Project now has 2,600 rat traps, 15 cat traps and 152 AT 220's and is effectively becoming a fenceless mainland sanctuary thanks to generous funding from the Lotteries Foundation and Waikato Regional Council. In the MEGa Pest Attack, 152 NZ AutoTraps AT220's have been installed since January this year. Our recent possum monitoring using wax tags showed a significant drop of about 70% from before and after trap placement. The total number



of possums caught so far is 450. The results from these automatic resetting traps are incredible and we want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the team who have created these traps which we hope will be a game changer for possum control.

Last month, MEG and the kids from Colville School planted 300 manuka and kanuka trees at the Children's Forest in Waikawau. We also had the privilege of getting to work with the Colville Youth Group where we explored rockpools, discovered fossils and counted birds. It is impressive to see how much the children already understand about our environment and it's awesome knowing that the next generation will continue to build on what has been achieved. In addition, Professor Dave Towns presented at Pepper Tree Restaurant as part of the Winter Lecture Series. He talked about his experience and knowledge of seabirds and lizards on Ahuahu (Great Mercury Island). Our last speaker of the year is Keith Woodley from Pūkorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre and he is presenting on **Sunday 3 September.**



We are only too willing to support the work of the diverse range of local conservationists and interested community members who are doing predator control in their own backyard. Organise a meeting with us; we'd love to discuss collaboration and our joint conservation goals.

Contact us at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz) if you would like to become involved as a volunteer or make a donation by visiting our website [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)

## UCLA conservation report

by Reihana Robinson, Spokesperson

### Rubbish collection—upgrade?

To quote Brian Easton: local governments were originally created to care for the three r's... roading, rats and rubbish.

New Local Government Amendments to the Act emasculated regional and local authorities so that our elected councillors have little to no power and now appointed panels take away what little currently exists.

Well rubbish has come up in the world and we are now Waste Management customers.

Who remembers being interviewed on the dramatic changes we now encounter? Do we imagine that profit is the main motivator for the offspring of a major multinational? (Waste Management is a subsidiary of IGNEO Infrastructure Partners based out of Australia and holding \$14.8 billion worth of assets worldwide and are ultimately owned by MitsubishiUFJ Financial Group.)

TCDC promotes the change as an upgrade... the upgrade is in the cost and the enormous plastic (un-recyclable plastic?) monuments decorating streets and front yards like genetically modified garden gnomes (apologies to gnomes).

Meanwhile, what happened to local business Smart Environmental?

UCLA supports bringing this business back in house. Of course we now have to wait 10 years!

### Ngāi tahu caged fish farm denied

Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Ltd were denied the opportunity to build an open ocean caged salmon farm in Foveaux Strait. The independent panel of experts (Clare Lenihan, Reginald Proffit, Sharon McGarry) said the benefits did not outweigh the environmental costs.

Sadly, for all of us, the already degraded Hauraki Gulf has a sprawling three-square-kilometre caged kingfish industry rubber-stamped.

### STOP PRESS: NIWA landbased kingfish farm success

NIWA and Northland Regional Council are set to commission a commercial landbased recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) where kingfish (haku) reach 3kgs within 12 months. Apparently worldwide landbased RAS Finfish farming is set to overtake traditional marine-based farming. Why didn't Hauraki iwi choose RAS?

UCLA may well have supported such a venture.

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## Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone



We're back!

It's been three months that most members would wish to forget. The unseasonal amount of rain made the golf course unplayable for considerable lengths of time and way too wet to mow without turning it into a ploughed field. I don't think anyone can remember a time when the course has had to be closed at all during the winter.

Thankfully, we have neighbouring golf courses in Matarangi, Thames and Mercury Bay who have welcomed our members to play at reduced rates. A huge thank you to those clubs. It meant that at least some members were able to carry on playing through the winter.

Happily, our course is now drying out nicely and is once again playable and looking surprisingly good. After being away abroad for three months and latterly with a debilitating virus, it was a pleasure to get back to playing golf and even more so to win on Saturday 12 August with 39 stableford points. I put it down to my high handicap. It certainly helped a lot.

Other results on the day are definitely worth mentioning.

Firstly, the Neilsen Cup, an accumulative stableford competition playing the best 2 of 3 rounds, was won convincingly by Ross Mudgway with 76 points. Congratulations Ross, you are on fire!

Secondly, one of the semi finals of the Coromandel Pairs knockout competition were played on Saturday which saw Bruce Fitzpatrick and Ron Brooking win through to the finals, 2 and 1, over Paul Lawrence and Shaun Hovell. The other semifinal is yet to be played at the time of writing.

By the time this is published, a number of competitions will have been played. An interclub competition on Wednesday 16 August at Matarangi, a charity tournament at Coromandel on 26 August and a Prebble Cup competition on 27 August. Good luck to all who play in them.

As the competition calendar hots up again let's hope the weather continues to play ball and we can put the horrendous storms behind us and enjoy an autumn of golf.

Happy golfing everyone.



Ron Brooking presenting the Neilsen Cup trophy to winner Ross Mudgway



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## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



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

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## 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

Coro Superstars, a Performing Arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650..... 5pm

Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm

Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 .....9am

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am

Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 .....10am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm

Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085..... 3.15-4.45pm

Yin Yoga with Toni, Waikato Event Center (above swimming pool), \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526 ..... 5.30-6.45pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym .....8am

Meditation at Mahamudra ..... 8.15-8.45am

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053..... 9am-12pm

Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am

Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am

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## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 .....9am

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Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool).....10am

Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$2 Vickie 027 417 7077.....10am

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Community Gardens volunteer day ..... 8.30-11am

Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 .....9.15am

Chess Club, Umu, Mike 027 304 9252.....9.30am

Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm

Coromandel Bowling Club social evening at the Club ..... 3.30-7pm

Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 4pm

Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome ..... 5.30pm

## Every Saturday

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## Every Sunday

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Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" ..... 1pm

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**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Sharon Currie 027 299 695 ..... 9.30am-3.30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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 New moon
  Full moon

Rubbish and recycling collection for Coromandel Town, Te Kura, Maraia, Coromandel Rural North, and Thames Coast



Put red lid rubbish bin and food scrap bin out



Put recycling bin (plastic 1, 2 & 5, tins, paper, card), glass recycling bin and food scrap bin out

4

Rummikub 1 pm at The Club  
*(see pg 17)*

High tide 10:08am (3.0m), 10:32am (3.0m)  
Low tide 3:50am (0.1m), 4:10pm (0.2m)

5

High tide 10:54am (2.9m), 11:22pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 4:39am (0.2m), 5:01pm (0.3m)

11

Rummikub 1 pm at The Club  
*(see pg 17)*

High tide 4am (2.3m), 4:36pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 10:14am (0.7m), 10:49pm (0.8m)

12

High tide 4:57am (2.3m), 5:26pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 11:08am (0.7m), 11:37pm (0.7m)

18

Mental Health Awareness Week starts *(see pg 13)*  
Rummikub 1 pm at The Club  
*(see pg 17)*

High tide 9:08am (2.7m), 9:17pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 2:50am (0.4m), 3:02pm (0.4m)

19

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High tide 9:42am (2.7m), 9:55pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 3:28am (0.4m), 3:40pm (0.5m)

25

Rummikub 1 pm at The Club  
*(see pg 17)*

High tide 3:05am (2.4m), 3:56pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 9:23am (0.6m), 9:06pm (0.7m)

26

High tide 4:13am (2.5m), 5:01pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 10:34am (0.6m), 11:10pm (0.5m)

6

High tide 11:45am (2.8m)  
Low tide 5:28am (0.3m), 5:54pm (0.5m)

13



High tide 5:49am (2.4m), 6:10pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 11:55am (0.6m)

7

Coromandel Bowling Club - opening day for the season *(see pg 17)*

High tide 12:13am (2.7m), 12:39pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 6:18am (0.4m), 6:52pm (0.7m)

14

High tide 6:35am (2.5m), 6:51pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 12:21am (0.7m), 12:39pm (0.4m)

20

Community garden day at Mana *(see pg 21)*  
Cultural Festival at CAS *(see pg 24 & 25)*

High tide 10:21am (2.6m), 10:56pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 4:04am (0.4m), 4:20pm (0.5m)

27



Dense Breast Bun Day *(see pg 14)*  
Love Heals workshop at Mana *(see pg 21)*

High tide 5:22am (2.6m), 6:01pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 11:39am (0.4m)

28

High tide 6:29am (2.7m), 6:56pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 12:09am (0.4m), 12:39pm (0.3m)

1

High tide 7:35am (3.0m), 8:02pm (3.2m)  
Low tide 1:18am (0.2m), 1:41pm (0.1m)

8

"Breathe" - a silent meditation retreat at Mahamudra *(see pg 6)*

High tide 1:05am (2.5m), 1:36pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 7:12am (0.6m), 7:53pm (0.8m)

15

High tide 7:16am (2.5m), 7:28pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 1:01am (0.6m), 1:14pm (0.5m)

22

Thames Music Group Friday Free Lunchtime Concert in Thames *(see pg 28)*  
Spring Relax and Wellness Weekend starts at Mana *(see pg 21)*

High tide 11:30am (2.5m)  
Low tide 5:27am (0.5m), 5:56pm (0.7m)

29



High tide 7:23am (2.9m), 7:49pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 1:05am (0.2m), 1:31pm (0.2m)

2

Car boot sale *(see pg 3 & pg 6)*

High tide 8:27am (3.1m), 8:52pm (3.2m)  
Low tide 2:10am (0.1m), 2:31pm (0.1m)

9

Moehau ki te Waana Potting Party *(see pg 6)*

High tide 2:01am (2.4m), 2:36pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 8:11am (0.7m), 8:56pm (0.8m)

16

Art Gecko Band at The Club  
*(see pg 17)*

High tide 7:54am (2.6m), 8:05pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 1:38am (0.5m), 1:50pm (0.5m)

23

High tide 12:08am (2.5m), 12:45pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 6:17am (0.6m), 6:55pm (0.7m)

30

High tide 8:17am (3.0m), 8:39pm (3.1m)  
Low tide 1:58am (0.1m), 2:29pm (0.1m)

3

MEG Winter Lecture Series Keith Woodley from Pihorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre *(see pg 30)*

High tide 9:17am (3.1m), 9:42pm (3.1m)  
Low tide 3:01am (0m), 3:20pm (0.1m)

10

Extra bowls session *(see pg 17)*  
Thames Music Group presents Vocals in Thames *(see pg 28)*

High tide 3am (2.3m), 3:39pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 9:14am (0.7m), 9:55pm (0.8m)

17

High tide 8:30am (2.7m), 8:41pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 2:14am (0.5m), 2:26pm (0.4m)

24

Daylight saving starts  
Clocks go forward 1 hour at 2am

High tide 1:02am (2.5m), 2:46pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 8:15am (0.6m), 9pm (0.7m)

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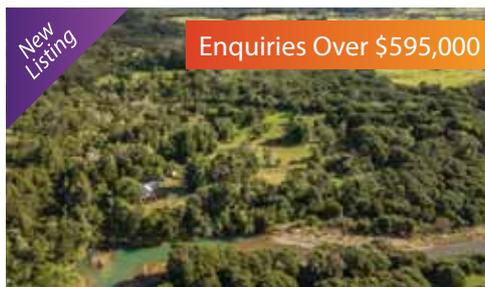


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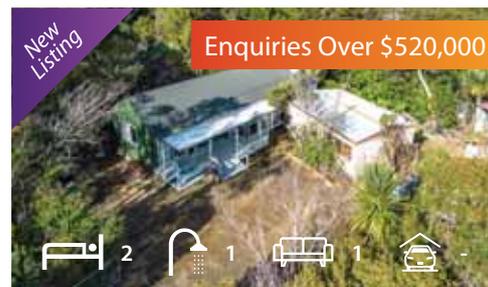


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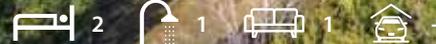


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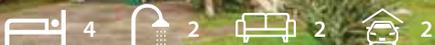
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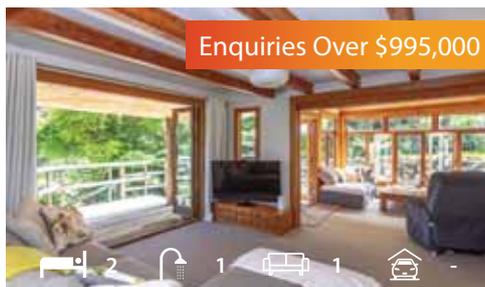
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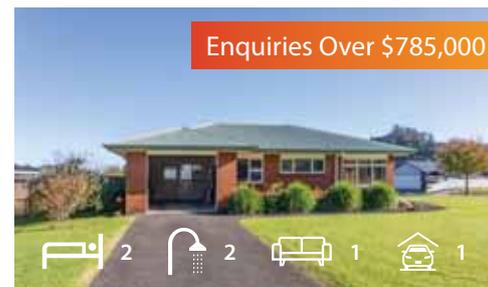
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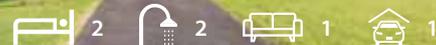
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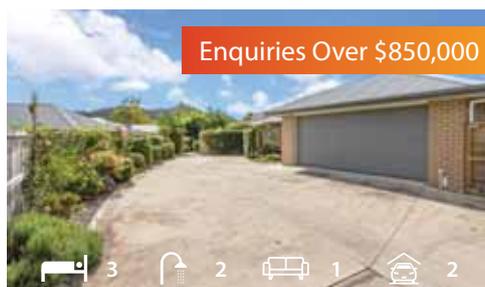
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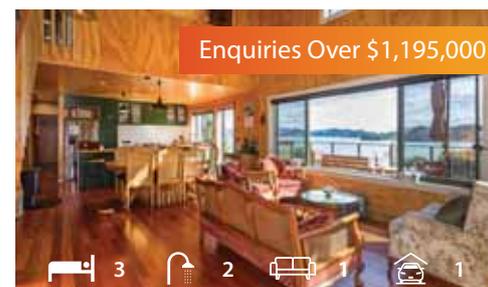
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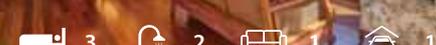
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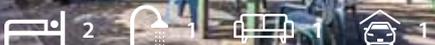


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