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..... Editor's comment

This issue is filled with Santa fun, so look through and enjoy all of the photos.

Now to sad news, as I was working on this issue I heard of the tragic incident on the 309 Road, and I can't finish this issue of the Chronicle without mentioning it.

While details are still unfolding, I acknowledge the courage and quick actions of those who responded immediately, providing first aid and support in extremely challenging circumstances. Their efforts reflect the strength and spirit of our community, even in the face of such tragedy. Despite their best efforts the man could not be saved, a second person was flown to Auckland Hospital with serious injuries.

My heart goes out to the families, friends, and community members affected by this tragedy. It's a heartbreaking situation that has deeply impacted both the families involved and the wider community.

Debbie

..... Letters

Farewell Mary Waling

On 7 December we farewelled Mary Waling who passed away at 91yrs on 10 November .

On behalf of myself and Mary's family I wish to thank the following for such a fabulous send off: Jan Autumn, celebrant who was wonderful; Combined Clubs for a great venue; Mel and Weta Cafe for the divine food; Debs of Coro Flowers for an absolutely stunning floral display; Nathan for his amazing technical expertise; Ella for her easygoing videography; Annette for the flowers she dropped off, and all of the friends and relatives who made the day so special. I would also like to say a special thank you to the nurses at Waikato Hospital who went above and beyond for Mary over the month she was there. Thanks too to Pat and Carol from Enliven and the Monday Rummikub Group which Mary attended and loved. Thanks to the neighbourhood for being our special onlookers. Mary is dancing off with her beloved Roy.

From Jules Noname

My letter of thanks

Last Friday (29/11) I had a nasty allergic reaction, intense itching of the scalp, very puffed up lips and tongue, tightening of the throat and loss of speech. I was at home alone. Just then a good friend Louie Davies came in to have a brew. I mumbled to him could he take me to the doctors, which he did. Thanks mate.

Hanna at reception flew right into gear, getting me into Crystal's treatment room, at the same time getting Sandy, Megan and Terry as well. They were all flat out with BPs, oxygen levels, giving me various pills and adrenalin. Alex spotted me and came in to put in an IV line. Then more adrenalin. Brian was observing and overseeing. What a team!

St John Ambos Neil and Sheryl took me to Thames.

Everyone please take a bow, I salute you all. I owe you one, maybe my life.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Bill Innis

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Santa Parade

By Shevana Davies,
Coromandel Playcentre

Well, another Santa Parade done! On behalf of myself, Rochele and Tara, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Parade – from sponsorship to being a part of a float. It was an awesome afternoon. Our sponsors were as follows: Coromandel-Colville Business Association, Coromandel Playcentre, GD Haulage, Kelsey Construction, Coromandel Four Square, Top Town Takeaways, Davies Diggers, Driving Creek Railway, Coromandel Takeaways, Coromandel BP, Coromandel Garden Centre, Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub), Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club.



I personally would also like to thank Rochele and Tara. Without these two helping me, we wouldn't have had a parade. Also, to the school for the use of the grounds, the band for the live music and Christmas Carols and of course to Santa for being able to make it.

Congratulations to the following:

- Best Business float was the “Snowball” Coro Gym
- Best Community Float was the Coro Lions Club
- Best Overall was Coro Garden Circle
- Runner-up Overall was “The kids of Coromandel, it’s all about giving” (combined

gingerbread house float from Coromandel Area School, Coromandel Preschool and Coromandel Playcentre).

Coloring competition winners were:
U5 – Meadow Mason and Damon Visser; 5-7 – Mack Visser and Daena Debenham; 8-10 – Hudson and Teagan; 11+ – Hughie and Ruby Williams.

Thanks again.



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The Junction girls at the festival

Colville Junction

By Anne Mountjoy, Community Worker at Colville Junction



A festival farewell to remember

As we look back on a wonderful year, we would like to particularly mention the Colville Community Festival. This has always been a highlight of our community calendar, and this year was no exception. Marking Steve and Ella’s 10th – and final – year leading the event, the festival was a heartwarming celebration of their incredible vision, determination, and tireless mahi.

We feel very fortunate to have been able to work with Steve and Ella as for a decade. Steve and Ella have poured their passion into coordinating a festival that brings our community together. Their leadership has left an indelible mark on Colville, and we are profoundly grateful for everything they’ve done. From coordinating stunning art displays to fostering a sense of togetherness, they have truly made the Colville Community Festival something special.

This year’s festival wouldn’t have been possible without the generous support of our Community Festival funders and local supporters. A heartfelt thank you to Trust Waikato, TCDC Creative Communities NZ, Tindall Events, and all of the incredible contributors, including Colville Fire Station, Colville Store, Colville Public Hall, Coromandel Four Square, Driving Creek Railway, Pak’nSave, Umu, Hereford ‘n’ a Pickle, Lothlorien, and Hike & Bike. We would also like to acknowledge Matt Sephton and Josh Frost for their wonderful sound and lighting and all of the amazing volunteers who gave their time so generously. Your contributions brought this festival to life and reminded us of the strength and generosity within our community.

As we bid farewell to Steve and Ella’s leadership, we look forward to the future of the festival, knowing the foundation they’ve built is strong and enduring. Thank you, Steve and Ella, for the years of dedication, joy, and creativity you’ve shared with us!

Summer notes from Colville Junction

The Colville Junction team will be taking a well-deserved break over the holiday season, closing from Wednesday 20 December, and reopening on **Tuesday 21 January**. On behalf of the entire team and our amazing Trustees, we wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer and Christmas.

We remind parents to keep an eye on children’s online activities and encourage partygoers to ensure two substance-free adults are present to care for kids – it’s a safer way to celebrate.

Exciting opportunities for Youth Coordinators

We’re hiring! Colville Junction has an exciting vacancy for a youth coordinator. See classified ad page 28.

Showcasing our environmental progress

We were thrilled to host the Waikato Regional Council in December as they filmed our recent efforts in environmental restoration. It was an opportunity to showcase the beautiful planting and fencing work around our waterways, as part of Moehau ki te Moana and the previous Colville Harbour Care project. Thanks to the Colville Harbour Care Nursery for providing beautiful eco-sourced plants, perfectly suited to our area. If you would like to support these changes to our waterways and wetlands, please donate to Colville Junction : 38-9009-0798558-00.

As we head into summer, it is wonderful to celebrate all we’ve achieved together. Here’s to a safe, happy, and vibrant holiday season for all. See you in the New Year!

Stay safe, stay kind, and stay connected.



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By John Irvine

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Boot Scootin Coromandel

We hope you have had a good Christmas break and a splendid start to the New Year, 2025 – we are now a quarter of the way into the 21st century.

Boot Scootin Coromandel is your local line dancing group which meets Mondays and Thursdays, 3pm, at the Anglican Church Hall on Tiki Road.

All up, there are about 20 of us, none of whom had any line dancing experience when we started in July 2022 and most of those who started then are still coming now. We love line dancing and so will you.

No experience is necessary as we start each class with a 30-minute beginner’s session and you will be amazed at how quickly you progress.

We now have a repertoire of about 40-50 dances which we rotate – some we love and some we do once or twice and we let them go; some we love and do most weeks. And as we have progressed, so have the dances, but we still do the basic favourites.

Line dancing is a fun way to get fit; it develops balance and coordination; the music is happy and catchy and nine times out of 10 you will leave feeling better than when you arrived.

If you think you would like to give it a go, or even come and have a look – you are welcome and we look forward to welcoming you, so please come and check us out – Mondays and Thursdays, 3pm, at the Anglican Church Hall on Tiki Road. The cost is \$5 per class and your second class is free.

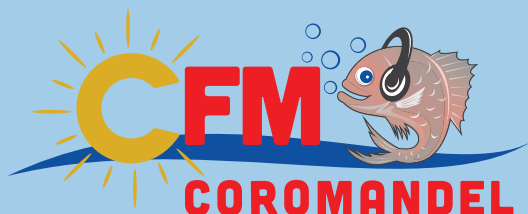
We also go for a drink after class; Monday at the Star and Garter and Thursday at the Top Pub.



Eight facts about line dancing

- Stimulates the brain
- Reduces stress
- Reduces risk of Alzheimer’s and dementia
- Improves posture and balance
- Tones body
- Strengthens bones and muscles
- Provides opportunity to socialise and meet people
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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Wow 2025! Let's hope it's a good year with plenty of opportunities to play bowls. We would love some new playing members too so if you've been thinking about coming down to have a game, then please do so. You would be most welcome.

The committee has been very busy over the past few months, making plans to upgrade our current grass bowling green to an artificial carpet-playing surface. This would give the club and the community as a whole, more opportunity to play bowls throughout the year. Imagine, more Twilight Bowls or more Tournaments that could bring people into our town over the quieter winter months. We currently have funding applications underway but are seeking support with other fundraising ideas.

Anyway, what's been happening...the final for Round One (5 weeks) of Twilight Bowls was played on 19 November, with Oyster Catchers the winners of the 5pm



Champ Pairs Pam Harris and Lindsay Nicholls



**Combined
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Coromandel**

session and Pride of Fleet the winners of the 6pm session. Well done to all those teams that entered and we look forward to Round Two (five weeks) commencing on **Tuesday 28 January**.

On Sunday 10 November we held our Men's & Women's Club Champ Triples. Seven men's teams entered with Colin Gawith, Jason Dickison and Ernie Groucott winning the men's competition overall and Shirley Stol, Dianne Burton and Vi King winning the women's competition.

Both teams subsequently played in the Thames Valley Champ of Champ Triples which our men's team of Colin, Jason and Ernie won. Well done you three and we now wish you well in the National competition that is being held in Auckland. We know you will do the Coromandel Bowling Club and community proud.

Our club Men's & Women's Champ Pairs was played over the weekend of 30 November/1 December. We got rained off on the Saturday but thankfully managed a full day of play on the Sunday, resulting in Lindsay Nicholls and Pamela Harris winning the Women's Champ pairs (see photo, left). They will now represent our club in the Thames Valley Champ Pairs Tournament on 21/22 December. The men have yet to play their final.

Also for December we had our Open Triples Ham Tournament with a Coromandel team comprising Colin Gawith, Jason Dickison and Lindsay Nicholls coming in



President Jim Dicks with Santa

third and taking home a lovely ham each.

Our Christmas Party on the 6th was very well attended and we all enjoyed a lovely meal, a Christmas quiz, Christmas music and a visit from Santa (see above).

Our Junior Under 5 Men & Women Champ Pairs and Singles were played over the weekend of the 14th/15th so I will follow up on that in the February issue.

For January, we have our usual Thursday club rollup starting at 9am and our Sunday rollup starting at 1pm. Friday coaching and rollup will commence on **Friday 3 January**. If you're here on holiday and would like to join us, then please come down to the club at least half an hour beforehand. We have bowls that you can use.

On **Wednesday 15 January** we have our annual Open Optional Triples Tournament sponsored by Twentymans Funeral Service. Members, if you haven't got a team in yet, then hurry, as this is a popular tournament.

There is always something to look forward to at the Coromandel Bowling Club and with our lovely setting, you are welcome to come and enjoy a social drink and chat with us from 3pm every Friday.

Car Club News

By Bruce Finan

Our big event is coming up on **Sunday 2 February**, Car Fair Day, Pete's Paddock, 3030 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town.

Classic Cars galore, last year 120 Classics, this year even more than that. BMW Auckland Club will have an impressive lineup of more than 20 classics from the 2002 to the M's. Chevrolet and Ford will be prominent from both our Coromandel Club and Whitianga Club.

Come along for a picnic day. The tide will be full in around 1pm – a beautiful park like area with an accessible creek flowing past.

There will be an ice cream truck, mussel fritters, build a burger, and coffee truck.

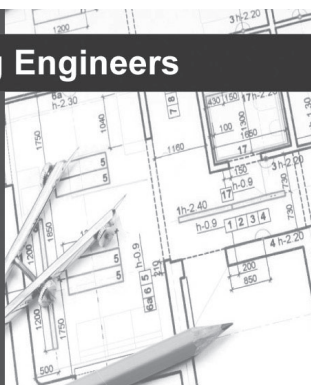
Gonna be a brilliant day, don't miss it. See you there.

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Fundraising for High-Quality Artificial Carpet Surface

The Coromandel Bowling Club (CBC) who come under the umbrella of the Combined Clubs of Coromandel (CCC) seek your support in any way possible, for an exciting project that will significantly improve its club’s facilities and benefit its members and the community as a whole.

As part of its long-term development plan, they are working towards upgrading their grass bowling green to a high-quality artificial carpet surface. This upgrade will offer several advantages, including extended playing seasons, reduced maintenance costs, and a more consistent playing experience for its members and visiting teams alike. It will also allow them to host more competitions and community events, broadening their reach and their engagement.

This project, however, represents a significant financial investment of approximately \$350k and they are reaching out to individuals, local businesses, and organizations for donations to help them realize this vision. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in creating a top-tier facility that will serve the Coromandel Community for many years to come.

The committee is looking at numerous ways to raise money, one of which is to hold a “luxury” raffle for high value prizes that would be reflected in the ticket price of \$10- \$15. If you are unable to make a cash donation but are able to offer a prize package e.g., 2/3 nights’ accommodation, a product, produce or experience, etc., that would be equally appreciated.

If you are interested in supporting this fundraising project with a cash donation, you can make that via the CCC Fundraising Acc. BNZ 02 0304 0038075 001. Acknowledgement of your generosity can be made (with your approval) through the Coromandel Bowling Club’s social media page, plaques around the club house/grounds, via local publications and/or at any events that are hosted as part of the project launch.

John Westray, Coromandel Bowling Club Committee Member and Funding Co-coordinator, can be contacted for any queries or for further information on 021 997 524, jw.jw@xtra.co.nz

Coromandel Community Gardens

By Rachel Benmayor

Hello. This January we are having a workshop in order to teach people different forms of earth building. We will be building garden beds and small walls for the community gardens but the principles can be modified for lots of uses. Everyone welcome!

Details

Earth Building Workshop with Henery Mackeson in conjunction with the Coromandel Community Gardens. Full instruction and practical hands-on training. Information sheets provided. **Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January** starting

9am at Coromandel Community Gardens, Pound Street.

Coromandel Community Gardens have two sites now, and this workshop will be held at the new site behind the CILT building on Pound Street.

Cost \$30. All local folk and visitors welcome. To book a place ring Rachel on 022 410 7227.



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Coromandel Lions

By Mary Farmer,
Vice President, Coromandel Lions



Hello everyone, here we are at the start of another year, I hope the last one was good for you all and you made fantastic memories; it's what life is all about.

The club were busy with fritters, Santa Parade and car boot sale selling Christmas trees (thanks bike park and Lion Logan) and we sold the last of the raffle tickets for the firewood, it was won by a local, so well done and many thanks for those who bought tickets.

As you can see from the pictures, we had a great Santa Parade. We were given first in our category and the "pride of Lions" enjoyed the afternoon. We had some cubs with us; "start 'em young," I say. Jean

and Logan received the prize on behalf of the club, well done everyone.

We had our Christmas party at the St John hall and we enjoyed the evening. Thanks

Weta once more for the beautiful food, and on that subject I personally want to thank Lion Robyn for baking me a beautiful birthday cake, so pretty, thanks Robyn.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Keltic Fair on **Thursday 2 January**. We are having a membership drive, and will look forward to chatting to anyone who would like to get to know just what we do, so if you are interested please come along and see if it's for you. We have fun helping the community and I'm sure you will too.

Now it just leaves me to once more remind you that wood orders are coming in thick and fast so if you need wood for next winter – I know it's scary but the months just keep rolling on – Sue's number is at the foot of the article as normal with Jean's, so chat to Sue and be warm .

It's been my pleasure chatting to everyone this last year and I look forward to continuing to make you smile.

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Logan and Jean receiving the Santa Parade prize



Mary Farmer with her birthday cake

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Staying healthy in a toxic world

Is toxicity the reason you feel unwell?

- Are you getting frequent recurring infections, or experiencing “post viral syndrome”?
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- Are you regularly suffering from muscle aches and pains?
- Do you suffer from depression, anxiety, mood swings and sleeplessness?
- Do you regularly suffer from bloating, diarrhoea, constipation or other digestive disturbances?
- Do you get recurrent headaches?
- Do you have poor short-term memory, poor retention or recall?
- Do you have allergies or hypersensitivities?

With more than 2000 new chemicals being produced every year, infiltrating our soil, air supply water and food chain, as well as unproven chemicals in new vaccines, exposure to toxicity is an unfortunate fact of modern life. A toxin is a substance that has the potential to interfere with cellular function and both our short-term and long-term health. It is anything that interferes with the billions of cellular reactions that occur throughout our body and mind every second. Toxins may enter your body through your skin (heavy metals, solvents), our lungs (cigarette smoke, vape fumes, traffic exhaust etc.) and particularly from food and water.

Our bodies are designed to be able to process and remove toxins, via key elimination channels, including our digestive system, liver and kidneys, however individuals may vary in how toxins may affect their health.

Individual variations may be due to:

- Toxic Burden. 1) Exotoxins – from the outside: This represents your level of exposure to various toxins, and may include dietary allergens such as gluten, food additives, and preservatives, as well as occupational and environmental or lifestyle related toxins such as cigarette smoke, vape fumes, exposure to hazardous chemicals, e.g., herbicides, pesticides, cleaning agents, and cosmetics. 2) Endotoxins – created within your body as part as the normal metabolic process, or breakdown of used up hormones, etc., or by bacteria in the digestive tract or recirculation of waste from your bowel.
- Toxic Resistance. This describes your ability to process and eliminate toxins effectively and refers to the impact they may be having on your overall health.

In the modern world, it is less common for health issues to arise



due to high levels of exposure to a single toxin. Rather, health challenges may arise because of the additive effects of low-level exposure to a broad range of dietary and environmental toxins.

The key goal to detoxifying is to reduce your toxic burden, while improving your toxic resistance to create balance

- 1) Reduce dietary toxins – common dietary toxins are gluten, dairy, alcohol, coffee, eggs. I can identify which of these you need to avoid.
- 2) Improve detox capacity – liver, gut, kidneys and cellular detox support.
- 3) Neutralise free radicals – toxins cause “oxidativestress” and damage your cells. Specific antioxidant protection is needed to reverse the damage, potentially preventing cancer.
- 4) Eliminate wastes – bowels are sluggish? Rid your rectal plug. This enables a healthy daily evacuation of wastes, carrying out unwanted toxins. This enables best liver detoxification pathways, bile production, gut and kidney function.

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To truly stay well, it is vital to help clear these toxins. The beneficial nutrients and phytochemicals in whole natural foods and in naturally derived, medicinal quality remedies combine to support your body during a detoxification programme.

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Library News

By Paul Lawrence

I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a joyous and prosperous new year.

It has been encouraging to receive some positive feedback concerning last month’s news about our funding. We endeavour to be here for you always.

Book sales are trucking along nicely, helped in no short measure by the number of visitors in our town. Currently our records stand at \$112 and \$86 in a day. Not bad when you consider the books are selling at \$2 each. Just a reminder that any donations of books for sale are gratefully accepted.

Due to the number of events in town at this time of year, there will be no car boot sale in January. The next one will be on **Saturday 1 February**.

We have just catalogued 42 new books for the library. I thought that this month I would just list some of the most popular authors: John Boyne, Louise Penny, Tony Park, David Baldacci, Nora Roberts, Fiona MacIntosh, Chris Hammer, Tricia Stringer, Lisa Jewell, Michael Connelly, Stephen Baxer, Mandy Magro, Simon Scarrow, Patricia Cornwell, Fleur McDonald, Lee Child, John Connolly, James Patterson, Jo Nesbo, Ian Rankin, Peter James, Clive Cussler and others.

Please be prepared to have to put the book on hold. They can be extremely popular.

Thanking all our readers who have been with us through the year. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2025.

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CILT

By Sam Ward

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Board of Trustees Vacancies

Coromandel Independent Living Trust is looking for people who want to use their skills and experience to join our trust board.

CILT is a registered charitable trust established almost 30 years ago to provide support to the people of the upper Coromandel. Our purpose is to work collectively to strengthen our community and enhance the wellbeing of all people in the upper Coromandel. We provide a range of services and projects in the disability, housing, education, and environmental sectors. We are seeking to add new members to our trust board to replace two members who have come to the end of their terms.

The ideal people will have:

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- a passion for community;

- an appreciation of Te Ao Māori and alignment with CILT’s commitment to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
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- strong relationship management and communication skills.

If you would like to know more or wish to submit an expression of interest, please email chair@cilt.org.nz.

2025 Reopening Dates

As we welcome the new year, we’re happy to remind everyone that Te Pūtahi Whaiora will reopen to the public on **Monday 13 January**, offering our full range of services and activities to support the community. One week later, **Monday 20 January**, Te Mana Tangata will reopen its doors, ready to provide a welcoming environment for all. We’re looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones as we kick off a fantastic year together.

Creative Spaces Art Exhibition

On 20-24 November, our awesome teams at Te Mana Tangata and Artists in the Making hosted the Creative Spaces Art Exhibition at Hauraki House Gallery, where they showcased the incredible art that participants have created over the last three years. The exhibition kicked off with a special morning tea to celebrate its official opening, followed by four days of engaging, drop-in-style



workshops. Each workshop was led by a talented artist, offering a variety of creative experiences: kawakawa painting with Emma Gustafson, foam printing with Elisabeth Carter, stiki-tiki making with our fantastic coordinators Lizzy and Santana, and painting with Vaughan Udall.

Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate the last three years of creativity and social connectivity, and we’d like to say a special thanks to Hamuera Maika for the beautiful welcoming, and Fiona Cameron from Creative Coromandel for opening the exhibition.

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

Nga mihi o te tau hou (Happy New Year) everyone.



Welcome to Coromandel Town to all of our visitors and holidaymakers.

There is plenty happening over January besides good weather, swimming in the sea and a good old-fashioned BBQ.

The School of Mines (local museum) Rings Road is open Thursday to Sunday over summer, 10am to 4pm, with Eftpos now available.

The Long Bay Walk is a great bush walk for young and old. It is one of the better bush walks on the Coromandel.

The Community Pool is open all summer. It is great to see how well utilised this facility is by locals.

We have a number of hidden “gems” in our area, for example Over the Fence and The Waterworks and much more. We have free maps available to pin point local “gems”.

For those keen on visiting northern Coromandel and walking the Coastal Walkway, Hike & Bike can take you there for a fabulous day out with stunning views.

We are pleased to welcome the reopening of the Coromandel Stamper Battery. An interesting part of our gold mining history.

Boom, Bust & Beyond guided walking heritage tours will be running throughout summer.

Visit us at the Information Centre for all up-to-date info on the above activities and more.

Enjoy your time in Coromandel Town and surrounding areas. We are open daily to support visitors and locals alike. No question is too silly. We are the “too much information centre”, we jokingly call ourselves. We encourage all who visit our centre to get out and about enjoy our special part of the Coromandel Peninsula. One of the best things that makes living or visiting is the community spirit. It is very inspiring to live in an area where so many locals give their free time to community groups. The willingness and desire to participate is significant, making Coromandel a little piece of paradise.

Enjoy your time in Coromandel Town and surrounding areas. We are here to help as much as we are able.

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Coromandel Museum

By Maureen Kimber

80 years have passed since the end of World War II – and how the world has moved on. Museums in all countries have preserved historical data and given an insight to following generations as to how each era leaves its footprint. A bold statement that the Coromandel Mining Museum can claim is that it has done its part in providing our community and visitors with the changes in our own backyard.

Mining and forestry have formed the basis of the town where we now love and live in, and our Museum attracts the attention of holidaymakers and overseas visitors who enjoy hearing our history.

As we know, the tourist industry is the mainstay of our survival in Coromandel Town and we encourage all visitors and tourists to visit us and enjoy the memorabilia of how we actually came to be here and how it came about.

Waitangi Day on **Thursday 6 February** is a celebration of the signing of a treaty to establish New Zealand as a nation and make it part of the British Empire. It was signed in 1840 by representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs and leaders. The Treaty guaranteed equal rights to all, Maori chieftains the ownership to their land, villages and cultural assets. The day is commemorated with such events as a powhiri, speech, kapa haka, flagstaffs and plaques at the Te Whare Runanga, the carved Maori meeting house in the Bay of Islands. The first Waitangi Day was celebrated in February 1934 and declared a public holiday in 1974 to resonate the gift of the Treaty. On **Thursday 6 February** we are offering a Free Day from 10am to 4pm to all visitors to the Museum. Do call in and enjoy our displays celebrating Waitangi and our own town history.

We are excited that our future expansion will include the Stamper Battery as part of a joint endeavour in the promotion of our town heritage.

Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery

By Ann-Marie Creech, Tourism Manager, Coromandel Gold Stamper Battery



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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Natalie Blasco

December was a busy month for Garden Circle members.

It started with the Santa Parade on Sunday 8 December, and for several days leading up to that. Our theme was Bee Happy and we got our bees from the December 2023 meeting back in service. Well, three of the originals plus one who was willing to step in as our fourth bee. Perhaps they were all the queen bees? And then other members, the worker bees, were part of the hive as we walked through town.

Of course, before that ever happened, we had a float to create, which takes quite a lot of effort! After locating a trailer and creating a structure underneath for attaching plant material on Friday, members brought and attached foliage on Saturday and flowers on Sunday. Bee hives and a fantastic pink beekeeping suit were loaned to us by a local beekeeper; The Bizarre let us use a mannequin for the bee suit; and all were secured to the float, with only one mishap to rectify during assembly. The partner of one member also kindly agreed to use his ute to tow the trailer, so of course that got decorated as well.

It was wonderful fun to be in the parade again, interacting with the spectators and handing out a few flowers here and there, as our last appearance was back in 2020. In the end, we felt honoured to be awarded Best Overall Float!

Then, three days later, it was time for our Christmas meeting, with a shared lunch, Secret Santa gift draw, donations for Foodbank, entertainment, a guest speaker, raffles, and the usual floral competitions.

Lunch was chocka with delicious food and the raffle table had gorgeous plants plus a special draw of the prize we'd won for our float. Congrats to Shirley, who won not only that prize but was selected by our speaker as "best dressed" for being dressed in a Santa suit!

Liz did a lively and enlightening talk about living in various countries, sewing, her lifelong interest in food and the challenges of running a café, her work with Rick Stein, and difficulties in finding suitable plays to put on in Hauraki House. The ability to share her love and passion via these activities has been very rewarding.

I talked about recently learning that the following plants can't be included in green-waste at our Rubbish Transfer Station: agapanthus, flax, cabbage tree, yucca, thistle, hemlock, ginger plant, gorse, ragwort,



Putting the finishing touches to the float



Some of our bee ladies

nightshade incl woolly and black, palm tree incl queen, banana, nikau, etc., ponga, box thorn, nasturtium, mile a minute, pampas, cactus, and bromeliad are shown on signage at the tip's office.

Then, member Jeni and her line dancing cohorts, GC members and nonmembers alike, put on a performance of line dancing to various songs. At the end, several brave members got up to join in on one last song.

Lastly, the meeting finished with raffle prizes and Secret Santa gifts. We all enjoyed this final meeting for the year and look forward to the upcoming holidays, enjoying our gardens, and moving into the new year. As is our tradition, we won't be meeting in January.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 12 February**

Venue: Meet in Woollams Ave carpark, north end, for carpooling – 1pm departure

Activity: Garden Ramble in Te Mata; no floral competitions

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

From Baby to Nanna with love

By Sue Philbin

My world is coming to life with light and colour and noise,
The shapes that passed in my waking dreams, are faces I recognise.
You pick me up I move my head so I can focus on your face
And in your eyes, I see your heart where I hold special place.

I'm practicing my expressions - wide eyed, astonished, a quizzical grin,
With a repertoire of sound your attention to win.
And it works every time as I gurgle and cry
So you come, lift me gently in your arms to lie.

The toys that you place, are just within reach
To grasp my attention, coordination to teach.
Obligingly, I stretch my hand to the toy
And see you light up, your face full of joy.
You acknowledge another attained milestone,
As I grow and develop at a pace of my own.

A proffered finger is grabbed and clamped between gums
Sucked and chomped on with dribble, it beats my own thumbs.

Black and white cards turn in front of my face
You show me the stars but I reach for a place
Filled with contrasting dots my attention to keep
Filling my time, before the next scheduled sleep.

My body is growing but my short arms instead
Seem to be 'go-slow' as they just reach my head.
Legs chubby or chunky or just plain fat
I use to lever myself off the mat.

I see right to your soul through my eyes of deep blue
I can feel your warm love, so strong, so true.
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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

2025 already, I trust that you all have had a happy holiday and Santa brought everything that was on your list ho ho. The bridge club will resume play on the first Monday in February. We had some new members join in with us last year and it was great to improve the numbers attending. Visitors to Coromandel are most welcome to join in with us as long as you have let Jan know and she can slot you in. We meet at the St John room each Monday evening. I am looking forward to catching up with members then.

Contacts Jan 027 478 8930, Jackie 021 061 6876

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No doubt everyone is enjoying the summer and holiday period on the Coromandel.

There's never a bad time to visit our region, but our communities really come alive when we're welcoming the annual influx of holiday-makers. People are drawn to the Peninsula for several reasons but front of mind is the chance to sample the lifestyle locals know so well. One minute you can be on a world-class beach, the next you're sampling the latest creation at our local cafes and restaurants, often made with fresh produce sourced right here on the Coromandel.



I'm also thrilled that the walking track to Cathedral Cove has reopened just in time for the holidays. A huge thank you to Conservation Minister Tama Potaka and DOC staff who followed through on their commitment to get the track open by Christmas. There's still more work to be done at the site, with a second stage of development planned to provide better resilience to withstand ongoing challenges from strong weather and land movement over the longterm.

Nevertheless, restoring public walking access to Cathedral Cove was a priority for our region and all of our communities will benefit from improving accessibility to this world-famous attraction.

The New Year is also a time for reflection and 2024 was a busy year in politics. The coalition government has been in office for just over a year and we've been focused on delivering real results to improve the lives of all New Zealanders. We've cut income taxes for the first time in 14 years, got inflation under control, and made a record investment in Pharmac, which has improved access to life-changing medicines.

Parliament's on a break until the end of January, but there's still plenty of work to do here in the Coromandel. If you see me around, don't hesitate to come over for a chat.



Grey Power Coromandel Inc.

By Patricia Whimp

Grey Power



Our November evening meeting went well considering the weather in the morning. We had 20 members (thank you to those who attended) with drinks in hand, heading to the bowling green to "have a go"! I would say 80% had never bowled, 15% had bowled 50 years ago and the balance had some recent bowling practise. The members had bowls going here there and everywhere – and all enjoyed themselves. Thank you, John and Paddy, for taking care of our drinks and sausages. We moved inside to have our sausages and onions, as there was a nippy wind.

Again, the Grey Power elves and fairies dressed the float before attending the Coromandel Christmas Parade – unfortunately, we didn't win – and all that were on the float enjoyed themselves.

Our last meeting was 19 December with a Christmas theme. Next meeting will be in February 2025.

If you are interested in utilising any of the partners, become a member of Grey Power Coromandel by contacting the below for information.

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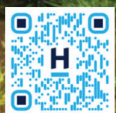
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From the desk of Father Andy



Happy New Year and wow, how time flies! It seems like only yesterday that we were saying this as 2024 happened.

I hope Christmas has been a fulfilling and joyous time for you. We prepare for it with lots of energy and excitement and enjoy it (for the most part) with those who we care for, I hope that was your experience.

Now we have begun a new year and that also is often marked with excitement and anticipation as the future lies open before us in a more focussed way. It's a time of opportunity, new starts and optimism.

We might make New Year's resolutions in preparation for the days ahead and it's always fun to see how successful we've been at keeping them by the end of January! Some of the future will be known to us, like the routine and the familiar rhythms of life which give structure and purpose to our days and which we can guarantee, but there are likely to be unexpected twists and turns that might take us by surprise ... some good, some not so good.

The Christian scriptures are full of hopefulness about the future and in Psalm 31 in the Bible we read, "My times and my future are in your hands O Lord" and in the book of Jeremiah God says to his people, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

The Bible speaks of a God who is overflowing with love and optimism for all the created order, who engages with people and seeks our fulfilment and happiness in life ... again from Jeremiah we read: "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord."

Many people find it very reassuring in these difficult days that the world finds itself in, where uncertainty about the future abounds to know that the God who brought all things into being is still fashioning the affairs of humankind for our good and our happiness.

It's my sincere hope that you may find this to be true in your own experience as the new year begins to unfold before you.

Holy Communion every Sunday at 10am; Morning Tea every Sunday at 11am; "Sacred Time in a Sacred Place" every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am.

Blessings on you all and our lovely town and we hope to see you in Christ Church, Tiki Road

Beating the heat this summer

By Chris Ogilvie

This summer is shaping up to be very hot, and with the world's inability to do enough to prevent climate change, there is every reason to believe that it is only going to get worse. There are many things that everyone can do to try to keep cool; no shortage of advice about keeping windows open, wearing cool white clothes, etc.

There is one very important thing to consider that really helps, and that is to paint roofs with paint that has the highest light and UV reflectance values. This makes more difference to the inside temperature of a building than is generally realised. To get a handle on this please do this little experiment. Next hot sunny day when you are in a carpark, try putting your hand on the roof of a number of different coloured cars. You will quickly find that the light, and particularly the white ones, are just a little warm to touch. But the dark ones will be so hot as to burn your hand.

Your house or shed, particularly the roof, will similarly absorb or reflect heat, according to the colour, and also whether the paint has a UV reflection agent in it. Modern house roofs have a layer of insulation underneath; this helps limit the amount of heat coming through, but by no means stops it. It also means that the cladding will get even hotter (less cooling effect on the underside) and that heat will cause the cladding to fail sooner than it would have if it was painted a lighter colour.

The usual response to the house getting hot inside is to turn on the air conditioning unit, which will use lots of electricity. The air conditioning unit will transfer some of the heat from inside the house to just outside of it. This heat has not actually "gone", just moved outside. Far better not to capture that heat in the first place. There is a lot of it.

On a nice, hot, sunny day, the sun's energy is about 1000 watts (or 1 kW) per square metre. So if you have, say, 150 square metres of roof (on your 140 sq metre house) it is subject to 150 kW of energy. (A typical electric heater puts out about 2.3 kW of heat.) The difference between your roof absorbing most of it or reflecting most of it is a lot of kilowatts. If it is reflected it is mostly "gone"; it goes back out into space. A little of it will be absorbed on the way by the increasing "greenhouse gases", which is what is causing climate change in the first place. But if it is absorbed by your roof, then that energy will be down there with you, making your house hotter, and all of the heat related problems worse. And this could be 100 kW (or 135 horsepower!) worth of unnecessary heat. For hours on end. It is known that the temperature in cities may be two or three degrees C hotter because of this. People who fly gliders find "thermals", being columns of hot air rising from built up areas, and they use these to gain altitude!

So I would ask: if you are building a new building of any sort, or repainting your roof, north or west facing walls, then please consider using at least UV reflective paint, and preferably a nice light colour. This will go a long way to keeping your house much cooler and more comfortable for you, it will save you a small fortune in power bills, and help your building to last longer. Wins all around. Remember that test you did on those cars.

And do consider putting some solar panels on the roof. Why not convert some of this energy to your own use? PV (photovoltaic) panels turn it into electricity, and hot water panels make lots of free hot water for you. You can even charge your electric vehicle with it; like having your own "free petrol" station on your roof!

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Christmas is said to be the time of giving. Giving, or generosity, is also the first of the six paramitas or six causes for archiving bodhicitta. Bodhicitta is the attitude which puts the welfare of others before self.

Generally, we may think of ourselves as caring people who want others to be happy. But when we investigate our motivation deeply, mostly this ideal is stained by self-interest. We put the welfare of our family and those close to us ahead of those who are unknown to us. And for the ones we consider unfriendly or enemies, we even wish them harm. Even others who are on a different spiritual path are considered not worthy of our kindness to the extent where we wish harm upon them and start wars to eliminate them. In this way our wish for the welfare of others is stained by self-interest.

So when we are practicing the paramita of giving this Christmas it is an opportunity to delve a bit deeper into our own mind and check our motivation. If we find thoughts such as thinking, "I gave them such a wonderful gift and this is all they gave in return", then we are not practicing true generosity. It is stained with self-interest. In fact, if we are unable to practice the same generosity to a stranger in the street and our closest loved one, then the paramita of giving is stained with self-interest. It is not dependent upon the item which is given; it is the attitude of the giver at the time of giving. The only place this can truly be observed is in your own mind.

Mahamudra Centre is open to guests over the holiday season with a variety of rooms and self-contained cabins for rent to people who want a restful environment to wind down with daily guided meditations at 8am and on Tuesdays, preceded by Qui Gong with Khongor at 7.30am.

Puja dates for January, all at 4pm, are: **Tuesday 7 January** – Tara Puja; **Thursday 9 January** – Guru Puja; **Monday 13 January** – Medicine Buddha Puja; **Friday 24 January** – Guru Puja. All welcome.



Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

Hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the holidays. We ended the year with a lovely Christmas Lunch catered by Solo Turkish Mediterranean Cuisine and followed by a few games. Many thanks to Raewyn for organising the day.

Our photo this month is of a quilt made by Gail. This has been a work in progress all year and will be gifted to her grandson. Obviously he is a fan of Minecraft. Well done Gail.

We recommence **Monday 3 February**, with our AGM on **Monday 17 February**. If you are considering joining our group, we welcome new members. Our exhibition at Hauraki House is planned for **Saturday 15 to Saturday 22 March**.



We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to.

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Mana

Dear Coromandel community,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Greetings for the new year.

We hope you had a delightful Christmas and it was filled with joy, laughter, and great company.

Our team is currently enjoying our break and the centre is closed until **Saturday 4 January**.

We will reopen with the Eyebody Retreat facilitated by Peter Grunwald, who lives locally in Wyuna Bay and travels internationally.

Peter has been leading retreats at Mana for almost three decades. In his words, “Mana was and is the ‘gold standard’ of how a Retreat Centre can be. In my view, it is one of the few Retreat Centres worldwide which combine beauty, care, love, trust, safety, being held, generosity, exquisite food and consciousness where embodied vision can expand effortlessly.”

We are so blessed to collaborate with some of the best local and international teachers! Our program in the new year is looking exciting and diverse. We also have the beautiful Rachel Hunter joined by her daughter Renee Stewart running their retreat at Mana on **Wednesday 15 to Sunday 19 January** to share yoga and meditation practices.

A big thank you to those who joined our summer solstice working bee! It was a lovely way to come together as a community to give back to the land and buildings.

Open Floor Community Dance

Our community dance will be back on **Tuesday 28 January** with Lisa Corston-Blanche. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

“It’s time to move, sweat, be, dance, to ride the music, to dive below, to soar above, or perhaps to simply just cruise with the beat. Whatever and however your dance practice is on the day, know it to be life sustaining medicine .. the open floor is ready for you to show up.” – Lisa

Join us most Tuesdays, 9.45-11.45am, sliding scale \$15-20, no experience required, just turn up on the day.

“May you awaken to the mystery of being here And enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.” – *John O’Donohue*
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JAN 10 - 12	Relax and Wellness Weekend with the Mana team
JAN 15 - 19	Your Inner Retreat with Rachel Hunter and Renee Stewart
JAN 21 - 26	DUPANZ Retreat - One World, One Heart
JAN 29	Vibrate Yoga and Ayurveda 1 Day Workshop
JAN 31 - FEB 2	Relax and Wellness Weekend with the Mana team
FEB 3 - 9	Mindfulness and Lifestyle Medicine with Vidyamala Burch and Dr Tonya Cruikshank

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Community Dance	JAN 28, FEB 11
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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Community Preschool



I hope everyone had a great time over Christmas spending time with their whānau and kicking back and relaxing. The Preschool is having a short break and we will reopen on **Monday 13 January**.

Our centre Christmas Party at Tuck’s Bay was well received with many children enjoying splashing around in the shallows, finding crabs under the rocks and just enjoying the beautiful fine day. Everyone eagerly awaiting the arrival of Hana Koko (Santa); thank you Des for bringing Santa over on the tractor. The children gathered listening out for their name to be called so they could collect a small gift. Families enjoyed a picnic as tamariki open their presents.

The Preschool tamariki then joined in with the tamariki from the CAS new entrant class to participate in the Santa Parade.

The Coromandel Community Preschool is a not-for-profit community-based centre providing education and care for up to 35 children. We have been operating within the community for 18 years. Our kaiako are all qualified and registered teachers with many years’ experience. Our supervision adult to child ratios of 1:3 for up to 2’s and 1:8 over 2’s is better than Ministry of Education requirements.

The centre has a philosophy of learning through play and works within the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whāriki. These guidelines have five strands and 20 different learning outcomes for our tamariki. The first two strands are Well-Being and Belonging. Looking at their corresponding learning outcomes, Te Whāriki states that, “Children experience an environment where, over time and with guidance and encouragement, children become increasingly capable of:

1. Well Being – Mana Atua

- Keeping themselves healthy and caring for themselves | te oranga nui.
- Managing themselves and expressing their feelings and needs | te whakahua whakairo.
- Keeping themselves and others safe from harm | te noho haumarau.

2. Belonging – Mana Whenua

- Making connections between people, places and things in their world | te waihanga hononga.
- Taking part in caring for this place | te manaaki i te taiao.
- Understanding how things work here and adapting to change | te mārama ki te āhua o ngā whakahaere me te mōhio ki te panoni.
- Showing respect for kaupapa, rules and the rights of others | te mahi whakaute.”

Next month we will look at the other three strands: Contribution, Communication and Exploration.

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

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

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Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams, Principal

Happy Holidays from the team at CAS.

From all of us here at Coromandel Area School, we hope you are enjoying the festive season and time with family. Whether you are locals and flat out working during the busy period, or whether you are visitors to our wee town, Coromandel is a beautiful place to be spending the summer and enjoying sand between your toes and lazy days on (or in) the water.

Summer in Coromandel can also bring rain. As I write this I'm crossing my fingers that the sun will shine and it will be sausages and BBQs day in and day out. In the case of a rainy day or two in tents, caravans, at home or in a bach, here are some tried and true, inside, device-free activities to try with the kids, using a pen and some paper, and maybe a pack of cards.

Dots and Boxes – start the game by drawing a grid of dots that's at least four dots wide by four dots tall. The bigger the grid, the longer the game will take to finish.

Players take turns drawing one horizontal or vertical line to connect any two adjacent dots on the grid. Eventually, enough line segments will be drawn to complete boxes between the dots. Whoever completes the fourth side of a box that connects four dots wins that box. The player writes their initials in the box to claim it and then takes another turn. The game ends when all of the dots are connected and there are no more lines to draw on the grid. The person with the most boxes wins.

Tic Tac Toe or Naughts and Crosses – draw a grid of three squares by three squares, each player picks a symbol to mark the squares on their turn. Usually an X and an O. Getting three in a row determines the winner.

Blind drawing – pick any object. It can be something visible to everyone or something people know about. Close your eyes and try to draw it without looking. Enjoy the laughs!

The tried and true card games, go fish, snap and last card. Or flip the cards over and play memory. If you want to get educational, take out picture cards and play memory

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with numbers that add to 10, (ace and 9, 8 and 2, 7 and 3, 6 and 4, 5 and 5). Teachers will thank you for this one; these number bonds underpin a whole lot of mathematical thinking.

Mirror Mirror – to get a bit of movement going, sit (or stand) facing each other. One person starts moving slowly and the person facing them has to mirror their movements. You can make rules to create a winner, but really it's just fun being able to get someone else to move how you want them to.

Word within a word – pick a long word and everyone sees how many smaller words they can make using the letters of the longer word. See who can come up with the most words.

Put on a raincoat and go for a walk. See if you can find five knuckle bone (about the size of a coin) size pebbles. Ask someone born in or before the 1980s to help you out with what to do next!

Just a few ideas, and no doubt they will spark other games and memories. Have a lovely summer everyone.

To our school whānau, the office will be open for any queries, new enrolments, etc., on **28, 29, 30 and 31 January**. School starts back on **Monday 3 February**. We will welcome our new whānau with a powhiri as soon as we are organised on Monday morning (by about 9.30am).

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

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

School Holiday Times – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday 11am-4pm.

For new attendees, fill in a membership form and bring a packed lunch.

Parents/caregivers, please make sure your children come inside and sign in upon arrival.

For more information: call in at Hauraki House or telephone us on 027 217 9206 during opening hours or email coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Closed until **Monday 6 January**. Closed public holidays.

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Filled with joy and exuberant energy, Mundi Trio has captured hearts across the land and far-flung seas, touring and performing extensively.

Mundi Trio comprises Brazilian percussionist Ricardo Stuani, guitarist and dancer Chris Dabinett and flautist/vocalist/percussionist/dancer and composer Tamara Smith.

Tamara Smith has travelled the world compiling inspiration for her compositions along the way – from performing in jazz clubs in Paris and recording an album in Sri Lanka, to learning traditional Indian flute by the Ganges and warding off alligators in the heart of the Amazon. She is a dedicated professional and her commitment to her craft shines through in her unique, polished and high energy performances.

With dances choreographed by Tamara intertwined, these exciting new compositions lure people into an ancient memory of the pulse of life and awaken our dancing selves lurking beneath.

“I don't think anyone wanted the music to end and thus an encore was demanded and happily delivered with as much energy, skill and joy as Mundi Trio had shown throughout.”

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Saturday 8 February 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) at Anglican Church Hall, Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town. \$25. Tickets available from Coromandel Town Information Centre, ph (07) 866 8598, email: info@coromandeltown.nz.

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

As we are nearing the end of 2024, we are finalising our exhibition details ready for the new year.

Each year, we present to the community our year's work, showing the new skills and works we have produced. We are grateful to have the support this year from NZ Creative Communities who help us out with funds so we can showcase our work and continue as a club and we will be running a raffle to help fund the club in future events.

We are also joining with the Garden Club this year, who will be doing our floral displays for our exhibition. Thank you, looking forward to your displays.

So book in our dates and make sure you pop in to see us.

In the meantime, we are finishing the year off in good spirits with a Xmas lunch at a local cafe.

Look forward to seeing you all next year. “Have an Arty Xmas.”

22nd Annual Art Exhibition

At the Hauraki House Galley **Saturday 25 January to Thursday 6 February** 10am-4pm daily. Free entry.

Barry Brickell Play With Clay Day

After an enforced two year absence due to bad weather The Barry Brickell Clay Day returns this summer. We have decided to hold it a little earlier on **Saturday 11 January** but everything else will be the same with expert ceramic artists helping, beautiful Driving Creek clay, potters wheels and live music by Soul Sax Plus. The event takes place on the Hauraki House grounds under the big marquee between 10am and 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to discover their inner creative self and the good thing is that it is all free. Bring the family, the kids will love it.

Painting and pottery exhibition

Ashley Thor – Pottery, and Genevieve Morley – Painting, will have an exhibition at CR Exhibit Space, Coromandel Town **Thursday 26 Deceember to Wednesday 8 January.**

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We are collaborating with Art Is Identity and are opening the exhibition at 5.30pm.

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Friday 17 January
5.30-7.30pm at Hauraki House Gallery, Coromandel Town.

Contact Fiona Cameron
021 759 120, info.creativecoromandel@gmail.com

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

A couple of our members had success with their entries in the Pastel Artists of New Zealand Newsletter bi-monthly competition for December.

Saskia Riemersma won a merit for her painting "Ben's Herbie Project" in the General Section. The judge was Tony Allain and his remarks were, "This is a fun painting with a huge amount of detail to keep the viewer occupied. I challenge everyone to study the complete painting from the garden foliage to the brightly coloured VW itself complete with the reflections in the windows down to the brick and the respirator on the concrete floor. All in all a splendid painting." Well done Saskia.

Rosemarie Murphy won first place in the Honourary Section for her painting "The Vice".

Tony Allain's comments were, "This painting is packed with details to keep the viewer's interest as we explore what could be everyone's shed. Congratulations to the artist. I think this would have scooped an award even if there had been more entries."

Kyoko Yamaguchi was one of three pastel artists in New Zealand to receive a PANZ Scholarship of \$500 worth of tutoring this year. Congratulations Kyoko!

Our Coromandel group held our last meeting for the year and finished off with a very yummy potluck lunch held at Rose Deane's house.

We will be starting up again on **Wednesday 12 February** at Rose's Studio at 860 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town. Come along to meet us and have a try with pastels on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 12 noon.

Contact: Allan Beaver ph (07) 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma ph 027 296 1670



Ben's Herbie Project



The Vice

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[creative conversations]



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Book review: *Environmental Defenders: Fighting for our Natural World*

Book review by Stephanie McKee

Environmental Defenders was launched at a recent meeting of the Coromandel Forest and Bird Society by the author, Raewyn Peart. She is a director of the Environmental Defence Society (EDS) and has been awarded the NZ Order of Merit for her services to conservation. Her book also deserves an award, in my opinion.

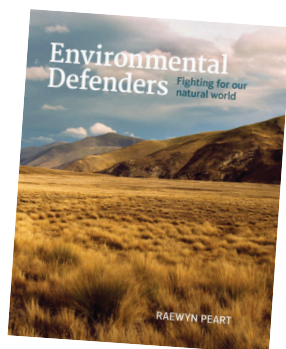
From the deep south to the far north, from the Clyde Dam to the Karikari Peninsula, from the geothermal areas of Rotorua to the iconic coastlines of the Coromandel, EDS has worked to protect what's left of our natural world.

The depth and breadth of this chronology is truly impressive. EDS has worked for half a century to rein in coastal development, to enhance freshwater quality and biodiversity and to protect our precious natural and cultural landscapes.

How many of us know the stories of the legal battles to save parts of the Coromandel Peninsula that today underpin the tourist marketing slogan "Coromandel – good for your soul"?

For example, in 1971, a 1500-house subdivision was proposed for Waikawau Bay with an airfield, golf course, caravan park, a shopping area with bar, restaurant, gymnasium, pool, tennis courts and a boat marina. I hazard a guess that most surfing, fishing or swimming locals and DOC campers alike have little idea of that history and how the EDS helped save that beach, and other Coromandel coastlines.

In 1975 EDS worked again in partnership with the Physical Environment Association of Coromandel to help protect Matarangi. They argued the case to establish a coastal conservation zone in the District Scheme. As a result, the houses in the second stage of that coastal subdivision were then set well back from the coast. The initial houses built closer to the sea are now facing serious erosion and flooding risks.



EDS also supported Coromandel Watchdog in the 1980s in the grassroots campaign to protect the Coromandel Peninsula from multinational gold mining, resulting in legislation which protected the Peninsula – until now.

Besides supporting local communities, iwi and farmers in their environmental protection work, EDS has contributed to public education with its many publications and conferences over 50 years. This adds up to a phenomenal body of knowledge accumulated and shared: 13 community guides, 18 environmental policy conferences, 15 climate change and business conferences and 53 policy reports.

The tragedy is that our current government appears to view this legal and scientific expertise as a threat to its fast-track development agenda. Gary Taylor, CEO of EDS, has alerted us recently that the government has cancelled the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund "in an attempt to starve public interest litigants of resources". Gary warns us that "over the next 12 months, the government is embarking on the most comprehensive and detailed reform of environmental policy in our history... and there will be powerful and well-resourced vested interests seeking to lower environmental standards, causing more biodiversity loss and pollution."

Alarmingly, EDS has also just learned that the Ministry for the Environment has now been instructed by Minister Simmonds to not sponsor the EDS conference scheduled for 12-14 May. The Ministry for the Environment has been a founding sponsor of the EDS conferences which have brought together many groups – businesses, scientists, farmers, iwi and government officials – in a truly collaborative spirit to forge common understandings about protecting our environment.

Raewyn Peart's book, *Environmental Defenders*, is therefore very timely and an important book to delve into. If we don't know history, we will repeat its mistakes.

With its stunning landscape photography, it would make a superb Christmas gift too!

Environmental Defenders: Fighting for our Natural World. Bateman's Books 2024. Copies are available from the EDS website: www.eds.org.nz

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

An unfortunate situation/all's well that ends well/not all dogs are created equal
Being Forest & Bird, we sometimes get calls about wildlife in peril. In December, I had a call from a concerned local about a kawau (shag) behaving unusually, potentially unwell, on Oamaru Bay beach. Maintaining a distance from the bird but acknowledging that it was clearly, at very least, disorientated, we called the DOC Hotline (0800 362 468). Carolyn and I spent time with the bird. It was unafraid of us, possibly a juvenile



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blown ashore, it was uncomfortable – constantly preening. And searching the sky with an open beak looking for its mother. We were able to sit quietly, very close by as he/she dozed and preened. The bird had been on the beach for at least a day when reported.

It wouldn't have stood a chance of survival had an untrained dog been in the vicinity.

A heron was part of the bird tribe this morning, keeping an eye on it all. Two

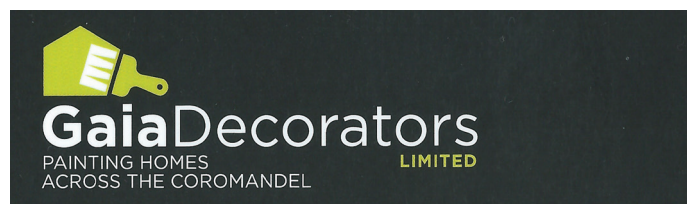
torea (oyster catchers) came to check on the patient. A tui flew straight across our line of vision, then a solitary seagull and as we began to count bird species, a swallow and some sparrows... Meantime the kawau dived into the sea just as Jamie the DOC ranger showed up and alerted us to a second breeding pair of torea at the northern end of Oamaru Bay. Not many people, but birds everywhere, doing their thing in their own environment.

Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel would ask that people refrain from driving vehicles onto beach areas and that all dogs are controlled on beaches this summer.



Kawau at sunset, taken by Saskia Wagner

After – back in the water



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OTHER

AGE CONCERN FALLS PREVENTION STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS for seniors. Coromandel Gym, Pottery Lane Tuesday and Thursday, 10am, \$2. Vickie (07) 866 7894.

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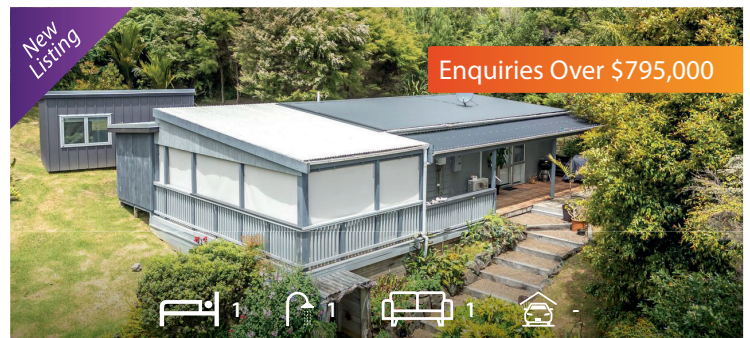
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