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

I have been putting together this issue of the Chronicle while the rain has been beating down endlessly and my garden and the road has been filling up with water. Over 300mm fell on Castle Rock in a 24hr period, and that isn't counting all the rain we have had leading up to this. As I write this editorial, roads are still closed around the peninsula, including Whangapoua hill with a large slip.

My thoughts go out to those who have been flooded or been stuck because of road closures.

With some events on the peninsula postponed due to weather it was good to see the Barry Brickell Play with Clay Day was able to go ahead (see cover).

Hopefully we are over the worst of the rain and summer can now resume!

*Debbie*

## ..... Letters .....

### **Thanks John Veysey**

Yes, John is well known for his anti-1080 stance, but very few know of his involvement in one of New Zealand's great success stories; TV's "Country Calendar".

In an article about the 60 years of the popular show that featured in last Saturdays NZ Herald, John's name was mentioned along with Tony Trotter as the ones that chose the very distinctive theme tune "Hillbilly Child" by UK composer Alan Moorhouse. However, his involvement in the early days of the program was much, much more than that, and I'd like to say "Thanks John" for your input to one of the greatest dinkum, down to earth TV shows of all time. Your contribution to a great NZ icon is not forgotten.

Nigel Strongman, Coromandel Town

### **Flooding at Colville**



Thanks to the person who sent in photos of the flooding in Colville on 21 January – *Editor*

### **Fabulous work**

All the weather updates are so helpful.

A total improvement over previous seasons.

Thank you TCDC from Port Charles.

An outstanding TCDC communication effort.

Kia kaha  
Reihana Robinson

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## Coromandel Lions Club

By Logan Nicholls

Hi everyone, and welcome to our February issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. This year's February edition comes around quickly, as it is only four weeks after our previous issue.



Lion Mary Farmer

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Lion Mary Farmer, our vice-president, former President and amazing Lion on 28.12.2025.

Firstly, a recap from our December 2025 minutes. We welcomed Kailia Fenton, who will be undertaking training at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Education Training Camp in Tūrangi. Kailia has already done an amazing job fundraising on her own, but with the course cost being so much for the year, she approached us for additional support. After discussion, members agreed to contribute further towards her training.

In our January 2026 issue, we mentioned that we would be attending the Keltic Fair. This has now been completed, and we are pleased to report that we had a great day



as we sold out – our biggest mussel fritter fundraiser of the year. A huge thank you to all the locals and visitors who supported us.

We are also scheduled to run another mussel fritter stall over Auckland Anniversary Weekend. At the time of writing, this event has not yet taken place, so we will provide a full summary in a future issue of the Chronicle.

Looking ahead, by the time you read this February issue, we will have completed our Anniversary Weekend fundraiser. We would also like to remind everyone that firewood orders are now being taken. Please ensure your order includes your name, contact number, address, and how many truckloads of wood you would like (each load is approximately two cubic metres). Thank you for

your continued support of the Coromandel Lions Club and the work we do in our community.

“Where there's a need, there's a Lion.”

Coromandel Lions Club contacts: Sue Hughes (President) – 021 142 1124, Jean Smith (Secretary) – 021 208 7576, Kerry Whittle (Projects Manager) – 027 474 2850, Firewood Orders: Sue Hughes – 021 142 1124

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## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Carolyn MacKenzie

It is fantastic to see so many Liwis plus international visitors in our area this summer. It is great to welcome first time Kiwis to Coromandel Town. We have had a few in our door saying "Why didn't we come here for a holiday years ago, what a great place to live, so friendly and such a cool vibe".

The Explore Group Cruises operating the ferry service from Auckland to Coromandel Town and return each Friday, Saturday & Sunday is a great success, plus a real positive for our town. We can book the ferry for you so please call in to see us. Remember the ferry has a 90 minute stopover at Man O' War Vineyard, Waiheke if you catch the Saturday crossing from Coromandel to Auckland, a chance to relax, enjoy the beautiful surroundings with a good cuppa or a nice glass of local Waiheke wine.

We are keen supporters of local groups/charities so if you have a brochure you think we could display on behalf of your group or we could advertise your group/events call in to see one of us.

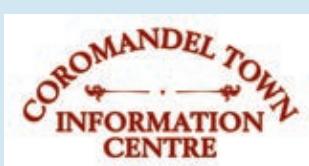
Tickets on sale now at the Information Centre for Arts on Tour "Prima Facie" Tickets selling fast for this electrifying unmissable theatrical experience.

PS: Please default to kindness when dealing with those working in the hospitality, tourist and retail businesses around town – it has been a long and busy time for them.

### Coming up in February

- Artisan Market every Saturday 9am to 1pm Village Green, Wharf Road
- Coromandel Car Fair **1 February** at the Coromandel Rugby Club grounds
- Louisa Nicklin with Family Band **7 February** 6pm Anglican Church Hall
- Car Boot Sale **Saturday 7 February** 9am to 12pm car park Woollams Ave
- Coromandel Art Group 10am to 4pm at Hauraki House until **8 February**

Find events coming up on [www.coromandeltown.nz/events](http://www.coromandeltown.nz/events)



## Museum

By Maureen Kimber

It has always been believed that the only place to visit on a rainy day is a local Museum, just to keep dry for a while! That theory has been disproved during the whole of January 2026, when Coromandel Town escaped the worst of the wet weather forecasts and enjoyed a great percentage of lovely warm and dry days.

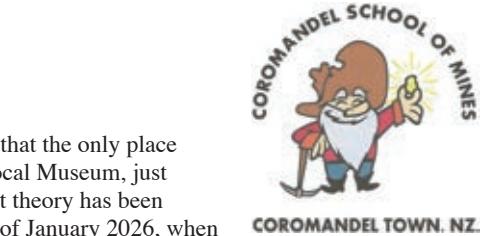
Our visitor count, both before and since Christmas, has shown a dramatic increase over past seasons, this year setting a new record. We have been able to open the Museum doors every day of the week, and offer our grateful thanks to John, Delwyn and Melva for their voluntary work at reception. We are only a six member committee and there are seven days a week to man the desk, so without them the extra hours would not have been possible. Further thank you to them, as we are also able to open seven days a week during the month of February.

It has been lovely to greet visitors from England, Germany, France, the USA, etc. and from all part of Aotearoa, who all showed great interest in our Granite Quarry display. We are privileged that Lindsay Garmson has left the models and photos in our safe-keeping for the next few months. The Marj Moore Room, splendidly dressed-up for Christmas, was also a drawcard especially to the younger visitors, who were intrigued by the commode, the sink with wash boards, the old cooking stove, old radio and telephone. Most of the questions were "where is the microwave, the computer, the fridge, the TV..."!

Our new February display is "A Stitch in Time" featuring knitting, crocheting, sewing, and embroidery showing some of the essential skills by Coromandel housewives of the past. Do come in and enjoy a little nostalgia - have a look at our retail section as you finish your tour.

Finally, a reminder to everyone that **Friday 6 February** is Waitangi Day, first celebrated in 1934 and one of NZ's most important days. If you cannot visit the Treaty Grounds, pop into the Museum (entry by gold coin donation) and glean further knowledge of the signing of our founding document.

The School of Mines and Historical Society Committee look forward to seeing you during February, and thank you for taking the time to read about our intent to involve our community and visitors alike.



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New February display at the museum

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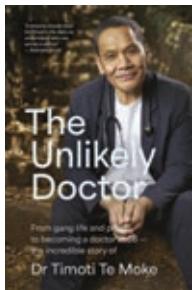
By Dee Beavan, Library Manager

Things have been ticking along nicely at our Library. I am happy to announce a new feature for the Library's Chronicle article, a local reader review of a book of their choice. I'm sure you will all be positive with the support of the reviewers. If the interest is there, I'd like to post reader reviews on our Facebook page too. If you're interested in doing a review, pop in and see me.

The next car boot sale, supporting our Coromandel Community Library, is on **Saturday 7 February**. We hope to see you there shopping, or bring your car and sell a few things yourself. It's only \$5 per car to sell your wares and is always a bit of fun.

In December the Coromandel Community Library fundraising raffle was won by Trina, congrats. Once again thanks to all who support the raffle, buying tickets or generous donations.

### Reader review – *The Unlikely Doctor, the story of Dr. Timoti Te*



#### **Moko**

We often hear our country referred to as "a great place to bring up children". Yes, for some. However, Dr. Timoti Te Moko's story reminds us that there are many for whom this is not so. Reading this story brings up many issues. It is not just the story of an exceptional person who overcomes barriers and obstacles to become someone who is determined to make the world a better place, to be a good ancestor. This story reflects our society and the pain of many of our

own children who are denied the opportunities that are the right of every child.

Aged 56, Timoti Te Moko graduated from med school, having transformed his life. His early life with loving grandparents was happy and secure. He attributes his ability to have compassion for people to this time and thanks his nan for reading stories, instilling in him a love of reading. When Timoti was 6, his situation changed and he became the target of torment and abuse mainly from his stepfather. By the time he was a teenager, he felt worthless, not knowing what it was to be happy.

So began a life on the streets with violence, crime, drugs, leading inevitably to gangs and jail. At 21, Timoti had 40 convictions. He tells us that during that time he was "never seen by the police as a vulnerable child or a victim of child abuse".

Timoti's account does not hold back from his immersion and roles in the criminal world but he makes it clear what made a difference.

He tells how, in jail, he looked up to a window behind bars and gazed at the sky, "stunning and wondrous", moving him to realise that "life didn't have to be endless crime and punishment". There was the support and somewhere to live from a teacher, the memories of his early life and his love for his grandmother. Rehab helped. When Timoti was 40, a cousin opened a door to connect him with whakapapa and tikanga, "incredibly important" to him and inspiring him to strive for the good of "those who will follow".

Roimata Small's endorsement urges everyone to read Dr Timoti's life story. There are issues we all need to think about and consider how we can care for our young people, the future of our country.

Reviewer: Susan F

## Embroiderers' Guild

By Marilyn Jessen

Well Christmas has been, and we're well into the New Year already and as things start to quieten down I'm starting to look ahead to the coming year. What would I like to make? What new stitches do I want to learn? What can I use up in my fabric and thread stash? What can I add to my stash? That's always fun. I love playing with thread and fabric and textures and colours. The possibilities are endless.

Looking ahead to our Embroiderers' Guild year there's so much to look forward to.

Our monthly Embroiderers' Guild meetings are a highlight for sure, as are our many workshops throughout the year. The first workshop in February is Wessex



embroidery, which is a counted thread technique using simple stitches combined to make beautiful patterns. The workshops have a good balance between traditional and contemporary styles so there's something for everyone.

I'm also looking forward to seeing what Heather Constantine has for us with her monthly projects where each meeting we are given a wonderful set of instructions and options to complete a new part of a pattern. She is very clever at making them open ended so they can be cushions or book covers or bags or whatever takes your fancy.

Later in the year there is the "Threads of Connection" national conference and exhibition to be held in Palmerston North, which I know a number of our members will be attending.

The thing which I am most looking forward to is catching up with everyone. Coming together

with others who enjoy the same love as you makes for such interesting conversations and I'm sure the "show and tell" table will be a treat to see after the holidays as well.

Perhaps you'd like to join our friendly group. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the St John's building from 10am-3pm. Or if you would like more information phone Sandy on 021815667. We'd love to see you there.



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## Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

As always, the summer has brought out the best in our region, and it has been great to see so many people enjoying themselves in our part of the world. No doubt there will be people already making plans to visit us again next summer, if not sooner.



I also want to shout out to everyone who has been working over this busy period, especially those in the tourism and hospitality sectors. You do a terrific job welcoming people to our region and making them feel at home during their stay. Your efforts are an essential part of why we are seen as the place to spend the summer and I'm sure that you've helped to create some lasting memories.

While we may be out of the festive season, there's still plenty of time and warmer weather on the way to enjoy the summer months on the Coromandel. Whether you're a local or a visitor, get out there and experience everything our region has to offer.

Looking forward to the year ahead in politics, the Government is progressing with a rates cap to ensure councils are focused on delivering the basics and are accountable to their communities.

Under the proposal, rates increases would be limited to a maximum of four percent per year and will apply to all sources of rates but will exclude water charges and other non-rates revenue. This proposal is currently undergoing targeted consultation to finalise the implementation, with relevant legislation to be enacted this year.

The Government has also introduced the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill to Parliament. These Bills make up the Government's new planning system, which will replace the much maligned RMA. The new system will be simpler, faster, and result in far fewer activities requiring consents.

Officials estimate the new system will reduce consents by between 15,000 and 22,000 per year through fewer activity categories and removing the need for consent for low-impact activities.

The Government aims to pass both the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill into law in 2026 and the public will have an opportunity to have their say through the Select Committee process.



## Chopper Chat

By Nigel Strongman, Trustee;  
Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust



A busy time for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter, with six inter-hospital transfers from Thames, as well as winching a patient from a walking track near Thames and taking to Thames Hospital. During the month, they were tasked to Coromandel three times, but were stood down and returned to base each time. On 31 December, they were called to Waikawau to take a female patient in her teens, who had suffered moderate injuries on a trampoline, to Starship Hospital.

Earlier in the month, the Philips Waikato Chopper took an ill child to Waikato Hospital from Coromandel Town (see photo).

Enjoy a safe summer; in between storms!

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

**Monday 2 February** will be our first evening back at the St John rooms for the start of our bridge playing year. Our AGM was changed to this date so we will meet at 6.30pm for the meeting then we will play bridge. Please let Jackie know if you are coming, her number is 021 061 6876.

## Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

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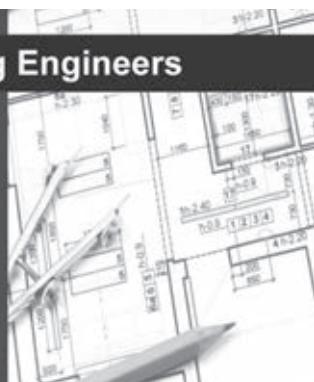


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## Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Our 2026 season was to start with a challenge from campers at the Shelly Beach Top 10 Holiday Park but unfortunately that had to be cancelled.

Maybe next year though, we could have a Holiday Park vs Holiday Park tournament.

Over the weekend of the 10/11 January we held our Men's and Women's Club Champ Fours. The winners overall were Ernie Groucott, Colin Gawith, Jason Dickson & Bruno Lourie for the men and Pam Harris, Lindsay Nicholls, Judy Campbell & Judy Haycock for the women. They will now play in the Thames Valley tournament being held over the weekend of **11/12 April**.

Twilight Bowls Round two started up again on Tuesday 27 January and goes through until the **24 February**.



Our Junior bowlers (years 1-5) will play in the Mens and Womens Junior Club Champ pairs and singles over the weekend of **7/8 February** and on **Thursday 12 February** we have an Open Classic Fours Tournament, sponsored by Tide Water Motel & Tourist Park.

On **Thursday 19 February** we will play for the Kolondyke Cup, over 4 x 1 hour games.

Planning is underway for our popular annual Seafood Fours Tournament which will be held over the weekend of **7/8 March**. Mark that date on your calendar as you are welcome to come down and watch over the weekend, with some great games of bowls on the cards.

Don't forget, our Social Sunday bowls starting 11am is available to anyone who would like to join us with one game before lunch and two after. Our club bar is also open to members and visitors every Friday from 3.30-7pm. Any queries, feel free to call the club on 07 866 8813.





## RSA

By Annette James

### Purple Poppy Day

This month on **Tuesday 24 February** will commemorate Purple Poppy Day. This is to honour all the animals who served, often losing their lives, during the various wars. New Zealand sent over 10,000 horses to the war zones during World War One, but only one returned. Those horses that didn't die fighting died of foot and mouth disease.

Horses weren't the only animals that served. There were dogs, pigeons, donkeys, seals, dolphins, etc. The Purple Poppy commemoration means we recognize the crucial roles they played, such as: messengers, equipment carriers, fighters, companions, etc.

As an example, First Aid dogs went out into the fields, locating dead or injured, providing first aid where they could, or just keeping seriously wounded or dying soldiers company.

On 27 May 2019 a bulldog named Caesar was the first animal to be awarded a Blue Cross medal for his bravery during the 1st World War. He and thousands of other New Zealand animals served or were mascots, and all these animals were recognized by the installation of a memorial at the National Army Museum which was unveiled in 2018.

We mustn't ever underestimate the amount of bravery and support these animals provide to this very day.

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### Celebration

On 19 December, our participants enjoyed a special end of year party to celebrate all of their amazing work in 2025. Despite the weather, our team managed to get a few games of bowls in, have an amazing lunch and enjoy some gift giving and prizes. This day was made possible by everyone who purchased items at our fundraiser sale and all of the incredible local businesses below that donated goods/prizes for our participants.

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Four Square Coromandel; Hauraki Māori Trust Board; Aotearoa Disaster and Community Resources (Thames Food Rescue); Coromandel Community Garden; Driving Creek Railway; Richardsons Real Estate Coromandel; Unichem Coromandel Pharmacy; Coromandel FM; Moana New Zealand

### Sip n' Scoop at The Bizarre!

We're serving up all the cool treats to get you through the warmer season – ice creams with a range of toppings, refreshing smoothies, creamy milkshakes, and iced coffees.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of volunteers, Michelle and Dawn, who have used their incredible artistic skills to beautify the building and surrounding decor. Pop in, check out our volunteers designs, enjoy a treat, and support our rangatahi as they gain valuable work experience – every visit also helps fund The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme.

### Need a ride to Thames? We've got you covered!

Every Thursday the Coromandel Community Van departs Coromandel town for Thames at 9am, with the return trip leaving from Pak 'n Save at 2pm. Pick-ups and drop-offs are



Sip n' Scoop

available at addresses within Coromandel Town. Seats fill fast, so if you would like to book your spot on one of our Thursday trips, please contact Te Pūtahi Whaiora on (07) 866 8358, or pop in and see Daina at reception.

If you require a volunteer driver to take you to a hospital appointment and hold a valid Community Services Card, we may be able to assist you. Please bring in your appointment letter and Community Services Card, and we'll do our best to help!

### The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme

Applications are now open for The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme.

The Bizarre Community Grants Scheme is for not-for-profit groups and organisations delivering projects, activities and services that benefit the Coromandel-Colville community and make a positive difference to people's lives. If your organisation or project is interested in applying for a grant, please check out [www.cilt.org.nz/cgs](http://www.cilt.org.nz/cgs) for more information.

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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

### Leaky digestive tract (gut)

As a pioneer in gut and immune health, I have observed and successfully treated, for nearly three decades, the causes and consequences of leaky gut, or intestinal permeability.



### Signs and symptoms of Leaky Gut

Allergies, asthma, bloating, brain fog, chronic and recurrent headaches, irritable bowel, diverticulitis, coeliac, Crohn's diseases, constipation, diarrhea, haemorrhoids, fatty liver, liver or kidney issues, pancreas and gallbladder issues, weight issues, low libido, erectile dysfunction, excess sweating, fluid retention, gas, heartburn/reflux, increased belly fat, itchy bottom, joint pain, migraine, muscle pain, thrush, skin rashes, ulcers-stomach or leg, compromised leg and feet health due to poor cardiovascular circulation and much more.

Over a lifetime, in tiny increments, cellular malabsorption and malnutrition occur, causing the above.

### What is Leaky Gut?

In a healthy gut, as the food you eat moves down your digestive tract, it must eventually get broken down by mechanical and chemical processes, into smaller particles, for best absorption for your optimum vitality, longevity and anti-aging.

Once the food particle has been sufficiently broken down into ideally single or double molecules, and at the correct part of your digestive tract, they can fit through the very tightly joined gaps (called tight junctions), between the cells lining your small intestine, or through the cells themselves. Once through to the other side of the intestinal cell's wall, are parts of your immune and detox systems, where the blood capillaries take up the nutrients, travel to the liver, then on to the part of your body where they are needed.

If, however, your gut is leaky, the gaps between the cells lining your intestine get wider, enabling much bigger compounds from partially digested foods to microbes and toxins, to pass prematurely

through.

This then alerts and activates your immune system's white blood cells and, to attack, and overwork, as they identify these larger molecules as invaders. An inflammatory response is triggered, resulting in systemic inflammation, and eventually autoimmune and other chronic preventable diseases.

### Possible causes

It is common in babies born by caesarian or not breast fed, and / or post vaccination, as these set them up with a different and compromised immunity. This triggers in children mild to severe allergies or hypersensitivities, potential low energy or behavioural problems.

Diets high in sugars, fizzy drinks, and processed starches such as cereals, grain bars and biscuits disrupt your gut bugs, suppressing the good ones and feeding the bad. When there is an over proliferation of the opportunistic bad bugs, the integrity of your gut wall is compromised.

Not enough essential minerals, protein, or good fats and insufficient fresh vegetables (complex carbohydrates) daily is a big cause.

Stress, lack of sleep, overwork, toxins, pharmaceutical medications, or too much exercise all can cause leaky gut. All age groups are prone to it – I observe it when I do Live Blood Screening.

Intestinal permeability has been more prevalent in the last five years since the introduction of the Covid jab.

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## The Colville Project

### From challenge to opportunity: The Colville Project's age-friendly community solutions

The Coromandel has the fastest ageing population in New Zealand. Over one in three residents (34%) are already aged 65 or older. This trend is accelerating rapidly with this figure projected to reach nearly half our population by 2038.

This demographic shift creates an urgent housing problem. Nationally, home ownership among people over 65 has dropped from 82% in 2001 and is projected to hit 50% by 2040. In rural areas like the Northern Coromandel where rental properties are scarce, this represents a critical shortage. Making matters worse, approximately 42% of our residents (particularly those aged 65+) live on low incomes – one of the highest rates in the Waikato Region. This leaves many with an impossible choice: leave the community or remain in unsuitable housing.

The strain extends beyond housing. Nationally, we face a shortfall of 12,000 aged care beds by 2032, with healthcare costs for people aged over 85 running sixteen times higher than younger adults. This puts enormous pressure on our health system.

However, communities with integrated services – healthcare, housing, and social support in one place – enable older residents to remain healthy, independent, and engaged.

#### The Colville Project's solution

In-line with community consultation, The Colville Project has developed a Wellbeing and Education Centre (WEC) blueprint that brings together a range of services (health, community, education, etc), alongside affordable housing for both older residents and families. Elder housing will be delivered through partnerships with specialist third-party providers, with The Colville Project providing land and infrastructure.

This approach reduces pressure on the health system through preventive care, fosters intergenerational connections, supports economic and community sustainability, and creates a replicable model for other communities.

If you would like to get involved with The Colville Project, please contact us to learn how you can support this essential initiative: [admin@thecolvilleproject.nz](mailto:admin@thecolvilleproject.nz)



## Chess Club

By Mike Mann

The Coro chess club currently meeting at KM cafe (Ex Umu) Fridays 9.30am.

Great to see cafe staff joining in.

Casual players very welcome.

We currently have seven players in the club.

Annual challenge from Whitianga club in the wings.

A good way to keep the brain active while having fun.

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## Christ Church

From the desk of Father Andy

There's a lovely verse by the American writer Rossiter Worthington Raymond that I use when I conduct a funeral, it reads:

"Life is eternal and love is immortal; and death is only an horizon and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight."

I think these are profound words which are especially comforting when we have lost someone we love but the thought behind them have a much greater significance if we ponder them further.

Essentially they convey hope in death but they serve to remind us that as human beings we will always have limited sight and we cannot hope to know everything. The human mind is ever on the search for something new, for information, for answers to questions and some questions that we never thought existed ... each discovery throws up new questions and as we solve one conundrum another presents itself. We have seen such wonderful advances in many aspects of life over the past two hundred years especially in the field of science, medicine and engineering to name just three and we owe so much to those creative and innovative people who have brought their intellect, reasoning and skill to the table for the benefit of us all.

I found myself exclaiming "eureka" the other day when I was rummaging about in the garage for some thing I thought was lost; eureka is Greek for "I have found it" and was famously attributed to Archimedes when he discovered that an object submerged in a fluid experiences an upward buoyant force equal to the weight of the fluid it displaces which explains why things float or sink and helps in calculating volume and density in the field of physics!

At Christ Church we've been reading from the Bible recently about moments of revelation or the eureka moments when our forebears in faith had that experience when the truth about God hit them square in the face for the first time. We're currently in the season called "Epiphany". Epiphany is another Greek word that means revelation or manifestation and just last Sunday I spoke about those mentioned in the New Testament of the Bible who walked and talked and touched Jesus and wrote about their experience so that others could read of it and come to share what they knew of this man who changed the course of history.

There are those who think that Christians are a bunch of naive fools with a misplaced allegiance to an imaginary friend somewhere up in the clouds. I can understand that because the reality is that we cannot see God, we cannot see Jesus with our human sight, but the Christian people are those who have had a "eureka" moment and whose sight has extended beyond the horizon to see what we didn't know because we've taken a simple step of faith. That's a wonderful step to take in life and opens our eyes to a new way of understanding what life is all about, about daily living and about the relationships we enjoy with others.

The author of the fourth Gospel (John's Gospel) writes: "These things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that through believing you may have life in his name." (chapter 20 verse 31)

We've had three or four new members at Christ Church over recent months but there's always room for more and it's ever my hope that you may be tempted to join us one Sunday at 10am to see what this eureka experience is all about for yourself. I hope to see you there sometime.

With my prayers and good wishes.



## Grey Power Coromandel Inc

Hello Grey Power members, families and friends to 2026!

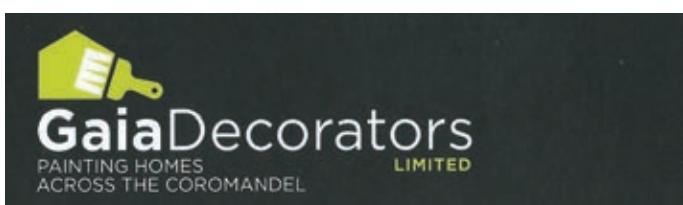
Hope you all had a great break with family and friends and looking forward to our first meeting on **Wednesday 18 February** at the Coromandel Bowling Club for a Twilight of bowls and sausage sizzle. If you still have family or friends with you, please bring them along. We do need to have RSVP by the 13 February to ensure we have enough to go around. Start time is 5pm for all those still working!

Remember that the Age Concern are rerunning the Safer Driver course on **Wednesday 4 February** at the Coromandel Bowling Club from 9.45am until 2pm. Grey Power members who would like to attend, need to register with the coordinator@achc.org.nz or 07 868 9790.

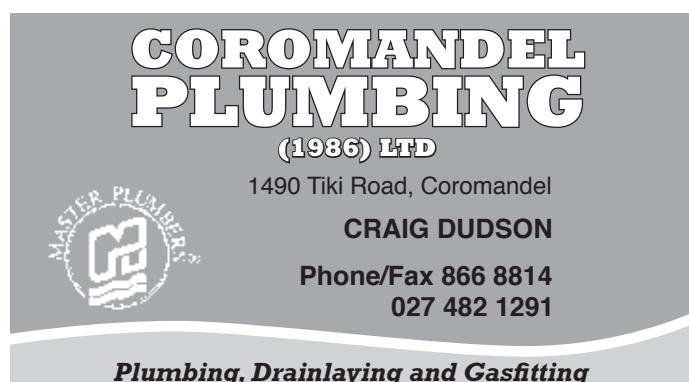
We hope you all received our Newsletter – December 2025 to February 2026. If you didn't receive by mail or email, and would like one, please let us know. We will arrange for a copy. We also delivered the Grey Power Magazine to a number of locals.

Thanks everyone and we look forward to seeing you all on 18 February!

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## Mahamudra Centre

### Returning to study, retreat, and compassion in action



As summer begins to soften and the year settles into rhythm, Mahamudra Centre in Colville is delighted to welcome people back to study, retreat, and reflection. February marks the return of several much-loved offerings, inviting both new and returning visitors to reconnect with Buddhist wisdom in a supportive and peaceful setting.

On **Wednesday 4 February**, our online Discovering Buddhism program resumes with Module Four: The Spiritual Teacher, taught by Venerable Thubten Khadro. This module explores the essential role of the teacher on the spiritual path – why guidance is needed, the qualities of both teacher and student, and how to cultivate a healthy, respectful, and meaningful relationship that supports inner growth. Clear, practical, and deeply relevant, this module offers valuable insight for anyone interested in Buddhist study, whether new to the path or continuing their journey.

February also brings the next retreat in our summer program with Venerable Tony Beaumont, whose teachings are known for their warmth, clarity, and down-to-earth wisdom.

From **5-8 February**, Mahamudra will host the Tara Retreat: Cultivating Courage, Wisdom & Compassion. Tara, the embodiment of enlightened activity, represents fearlessness and compassionate

action in the world. Through meditation, mantra, and reflection, participants are invited to develop inner strength and confidence, learning how to respond to life with clarity and kindness.

Looking ahead to autumn, two further retreats with Ven. Tony offer opportunities for deeper practice. The White Tara Retreat (**13-15 March**) focuses on healing, longevity, and inner renewal, providing space for rest and gentle transformation. From **2-6 April**, the Chenrezig Retreat explores compassion through the lens of the Eight Verses of Mind Training, offering practical tools for transforming everyday challenges into the path of awakening.

In addition to these guided retreats, private retreat stays are available at Mahamudra Centre for those seeking quiet time for personal practice. Individuals are welcome to stay in simple accommodation, follow their own retreat schedule, and make use of the temple, meditation spaces, and peaceful gardens. Whether for a few days or longer, private retreat offers a rare opportunity to step back from daily busyness and reconnect with what truly matters.

Set among native bush and just a few minutes away from the ocean, Mahamudra Centre continues to be a place of refuge, learning, and community on the Coromandel Peninsula. Everyone is welcome — whether to join an online course, attend a retreat, or simply spend time in stillness and reflection.

For more information about Discovering Buddhism, retreats with Venerable Tony Beaumont, or private retreat stays, visit [www.mahamudra.org.nz](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz) or get in touch with the Centre directly



### Green Party – candidate announced

The Green Party is delighted to announce Pamela Grealey as their Coromandel electorate candidate for a third election campaign.

Pamela, a permanent Coromandel resident, says she believes this election will see many people embracing the benefits that Green Party policies will bring to their family and whānau.

“There is a lot of wealth in this electorate but there is also a lot of poverty. There are a lot of families who are doing it hard. There are a lot of elderly people who are struggling. By voting for real change people can make a difference to the problems they face,” says Pamela.

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## Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Well hello there! And a warm welcome to 2026.

It seems that at the end of last year I agreed to write the regular Chronicle blurb for our Patchwork & Quilters group. Many, many thanks to Sue Smith for her years of great regular write-ups.

There is not much to say as we do not meet again until **2 February**, so it will no doubt be a bubble of excitement and chatter on our first day back.

Even though we are named the Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters that is not actually all that we do.

Our members can do whatever they like... we have several knitters, crafters, hand-sewers, machinists, lots of light chatter & of course, some of our members really only come to eat their lunch!

So please call in and see what we are about. We are a friendly group and we have lots of laughs and there is lots of room for new people to join us.

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 9.30am



## Age Concern

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## Real Estate Matters

### A Market of Choice!

Driving around the Coromandel Peninsula at present there is clear evidence of a major increase in property for sale. Buyers are somewhat spoilt for choice. And sellers on the other hand are wondering what they can do to stand out in the crowd.

The good thing about having choice is that as a buyer you can take your time to do good due diligence. Ensure you check everything out well. You can be somewhat picky about the property and the issues that may be with the property. In fact you will be able to negotiate better with this knowledge, asking for fixes or reduction in price in order to fix yourself?

For sellers, finding the difference in the crowd may mean they have to be more price sensitive? Or they may find it is better to provide more details of inspections, provide LIM reports, builders reports, electrical reports to show their property is in sound conditions with no defects or a least notified defects.

If there are defects that require attention, provide repair quotes from tradespeople. Anticipate and be proactive rather than reactive.

Making your sale as less of a hassle as possible. Streamline any issues so the purchaser sees things in a positive light rather than one of obstacles.

In this age people feel they do not have time to waste, they like to see things set out and very transparent. Issues solved rather than hidden.

Being transparent allows buyers to be well informed. To make a sound purchase within their means to take on the property. No one wants nasty surprises.

So sellers, be proactive, transparent with answers at the ready. Be the stand out in the crowd - not the lost in the crowd. Make your transaction simple, streamlined, no sudden surprises. This should set you apart and once interest is registered the lack of pauses, the lack of issues, means your viewers stay on track.

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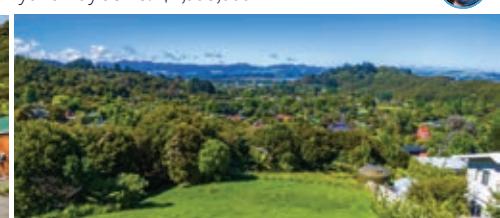
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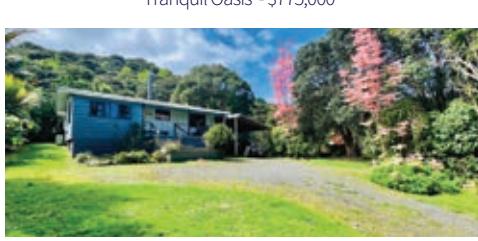
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## Mana Retreat Centre

Dear Coromandel Community,

Summer is in full bloom. Our arms opened to the visitors we share this beautiful place with in the warmer months. Harvests are abundant in our gardens and hearts are full after time with loved ones over the holidays.

Here at Mana, the new year has been lively with the first events of the year, Peter Grunwald's Eyebody Retreat, the Sufi Retreat and the Dances of Universal Peace Summer of the Soul, all week-long events, with Mana beautifully busy and at capacity.

*"Mana is balm for heart, mind, body and soul. Whatever brings me to Mana, it is always an enriching, amazing experience. Thank you!" – From an Eyebody Retreat participant*

This month we welcome Sacred Earth to Mana for the first time. Coming to us from Australia to lead their four-day Into Your Heart Retreat, Jethro and Penny will explore the inspirations behind the music of Sacred Earth and share the practices and music that have grounded and nourished many thousands of others through the years.

*"When we gather in the spirit of peace and share our hearts through sacred music, all distractions fade away; only silence remains. In this sacred silence, we can hear our hearts singing in harmony with all of creation." - Sacred Earth*

February also brings the return of Uli Brell's popular Reiki Retreat. Rachel Hunter and Renee Stewart host their sold out retreat of yoga, breathwork, and meditation for the second time at Mana, and we are looking ahead to the March Relax & Wellness Weekend.

Tuesday Community Open Floor Dance is a gentle fun way to connect into the people and place of Mana. Opportunities to join us this month are on **3, 10, 17 and 24 February**. 10-11.45am. Come for a relaxed expressive morning of movement. No experience needed, just come as you are.

Mana is looking for a gardener who enjoys working with volunteers. Please see the classified section for the job advertisement.

Whether it be for a class, mahi or event, we look forward to welcoming you to Mana. May the year ahead be bright.

Ngā mihi, The Mana Team

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FEB 12-15	Reiki Retreat with Uli Brell
FEB 20-22	Yummy Yoga Retreat
FEB 26-1 MAR	Into Your Heart Retreat with Sacred Earth
MAR 6-8	Relax & Wellness Weekend with the Mana Team
MAR 10-12	Into The Green - A Herbal Medicine Retreat with Clio Meyer
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MAR 20-24	Point of Balance - An Autumn Equinox Dance of Light & Dark
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Donation entry, of which, proceeds will go to the local RSA Welfare Fund.

The move to town means it will be easier for people to walk to and enjoy all the sights and sounds the car fair has to offer. Public entry will be via Pound St.

Various car clubs from throughout the peninsula and North Island will be on display, as will the many treasured classic, vintage, and just plain awesome cars, trucks and bikes.

Live music, sausage sizzle, the fair's famous mussel fritters and ice cream trucks will be on offer with the Rugby Club helping to run the bar.

## Coromandel Community Christmas Lunch

By Lynne, Rita and all the Elves

Thanks to all that contributed in some way to help make our Community Christmas lunch another magical occasion. Those that helped prepare food, cook, wash dishes, assist on the day, monetary donations, decorate and the cleaning up afterwards. One person we need to thank for their ongoing support and generosity is Chris from Four Square. Chris has donated goods and supported us for a number of years. It really is a true community event, which the people of Coromandel have totally taken ownership of. Without this support we wouldn't be able to offer a lunch.

There seems to be a bit of confusion about "Who should / could attend" the lunch, just to clarify Coromandel Community Christmas lunch is for "all", it doesn't matter your financial status, or social circumstances, everyone is welcome. Another misconception is that you need to pay – this is incorrect, if you wish to make a koha we are very appreciative, but it's not a requirement, or an expectation.

We look forward to hosting our 8th Community Christmas lunch again 25 December 2026.

We hope you have a wonderful year.

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## Coromandel Area School

### What's new at CAS in 2026?

School's back in business for the students from **Monday 2 February** this year. It's always an exciting time of the year with students seeing their friends and reconnecting after time apart. Changes of teachers, classrooms and everything fresh, organised and ready to go sees everyone in great spirits and the positive energy in the school invigorates and motivates everyone.

This year we welcome a few new staff:

Mark Irwin – Mark came and spent a bit of time with us in 2025 getting to know some of our students. In 2026 he is joining our team in the secondary school. He will be teaching financial literacy and business to students in Years 7-13. Mark will also be one of our secondary mentor teachers.

Barry George Colmer – BG is a familiar face, he spent 2025 working part time at Te Rerenga and is now returning in 2026 to review and develop our education outside the classroom schoolwide, review and develop our Outdoor Education procedures, and also to further develop our curriculum around the local environment and how we incorporate this with our learning. BG will be working across the whole school and will work with various teachers to develop programmes, camps etc.

Barry Hotene – BJ is well known to us, he drives our Kennedy Bay bus and did some part time work with us supporting our Y10 students, and Year 9 and 10 PE in 2025. BJ has agreed to pick up some more hours in 2026 and will be working with our Year 11 students across all subjects and continuing to support Y 9 and 10 PE.

Audrey Caris, a well known Coromandel identity, has decided to slow down a bit, step away from the leadership demands of her previous role, and is joining us to support the Year 5 and 6 students in Room 4. We are very excited to have Audrey coming on board with the various strengths and talents she brings.

Weroia Richards – Wero is a mum at the school and has been working with the Te Puritanga class on a casual basis to support our students with Kapa Haka. Weroia is picking up regular hours in 2026 and will be based in Te Puritanga to support students in the Ao Māori space.

The school has had a bit going on with property as we try to make the most of the spaces we have ensuring they are inviting and functional. We've had two classrooms refurbished late in the 2025 year, Room 8 and 18 for those of you familiar with the school. They were well overdue and are now looking fabulous! This has meant a bit of shifting around of staff and spaces, the rooms are looking amazing and fresh for the new year. We've also done a bit of work to the library to create an extra classroom space by putting in some flexible dividers and large external French doors. This is making great use of what was an underutilised space.

There are further external works in the pipeline over the next couple of years to get the property up to scratch, we're working on this with the Ministry of Education. We're also chipping away at board funded projects that are priorities. Next on the radar is doing some upgrading of the technology spaces to bring them out of the 1970s (a great decade!) and into something a bit more reflective of modern times. These spaces need to connect with the demands of work opportunities in our local community, and also foster creativity and innovation. We have some exciting ideas in the pipeline!

Onwards and upwards. Bring on 2026!



## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Shivawn Elliott

Kia ora kotou.

We had a great but quiet start to the year with many tamariki still enjoying the school holidays with their older siblings. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back this month.

In January we celebrated birthdays for Cian and Tommy. We farewelled Tommy who is now off to start his school journey. Haere rā Tommy. We wish you all the best for the next part of your learning journey and we will miss having you here at Preschool. We also welcomed Aria to the centre. Nau mai haere mai Aria. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your whānau.

A massive congratulations to our Christmas Raffle winner Karen McMillan and thank you once again to everyone who supported us with this, whether you donated items or purchased tickets. We are pleased to have raised \$1000 and all funds will be going towards upgrading resources for the tamariki at Preschool.

Is there anyone in the community who would be willing to volunteer some of their time to pop in and get involved in the centre activities with the tamariki? Or perhaps bring in their own? For example, playing an instrument, teaching carpentry, or any other interests, we would love to hear from you!

We still have some limited spaces available on our "Over two's" side. Please feel free to pop in, pick up an enrolment pack and see if the centre is the right fit for you and your whānau. We offer 20 ECE hours for our 3+ year olds and we also have WINZ subsidies available. Alternatively, you can email us at [coropreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coropreschool@xtra.co.nz) and we can email an enrolment pack through to you.

Check out our latest education review at <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool>.

The centre operates Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-3:30pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane (Behind the Four Square) Please feel free to call in at any time for a visit

## Coromandel Youth Group

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. Held at Hauraki House. We provide a supervised, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends and participate in a wide variety of free choice activities. Parents just fill out a membership form.

### After School Times:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3-5pm

Friday Night, 10yrs+, **Friday 13 February** 5.30-7.30pm.

Closed public holidays.

For more information, during open hours, call in, phone 027 217 9206 or contact us at [coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz](mailto:coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.co.nz)

Thank you! Alongside kind donations received, we are grateful for grants from: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, NZ Community Trust, Star & Garter Hotel's Give a Little Pizza Sundays.



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# mahi toi ARTS



## Barry Brickell Play with Clay Day

By Pete Sephton

Every year in January we remember Barry Brickell, the famous Coromandel potter and reluctant entrepreneur, with The Barry Brickell Play With Clay Day. This year on 10 January more than one hundred people took the chance to work with beautiful clay from Driving Creek Pottery to produce treasured pieces under the guidance of expert tutors. The event took place in brilliant weather under a marquee on the grounds of Hauraki House with live music on the Barry Brickell Memorial Stage provided by Soul Sax. We are very grateful to Callum and Matilda from Driving Creek Pottery for providing the clay, electric wheels and resident potters to make the day go off without a hitch. They even organised a really good raffle to raise funds for next year.

Thanks also to Tim Fuller, Petra, Ian Webster and Kay Ogilvie for helping out the budding potters with your vast knowledge. All of these people are local heroes without whom the Clay Day would not happen.

Thanks also go to Creative Coromandel who have always been very generous in support of the event and to TCDC for granting us consent to use Hauraki House grounds.

## Making Friends

An exhibition of work by Robyn Lewis and Sally Tennent-Brown

This exhibition, as suggested by the title, brings together the ideas of creative process and relationship.

A focus on creative process as we understand it, brings the 'How' into rightful balance with the 'What', with crucial space allowed for the 'Don't Know (but I'll find out by doing it)'. Robyn and I share this approach to our work.

Robyn describes herself as a frustrated painter; her soft dolls are an offshoot of her sculptural clay figure work and a love of portraiture. She says they are 'what happens' instead of painting – "its about doing what you can, not what you want." Her recent fascination with drawing, however, would seem to belie this, although she describes this practice also as building and very much in process; a physical process, still with 3-D aspects... "I don't know what I'm doing", she says. "Its just about doing the next step as it arrives."

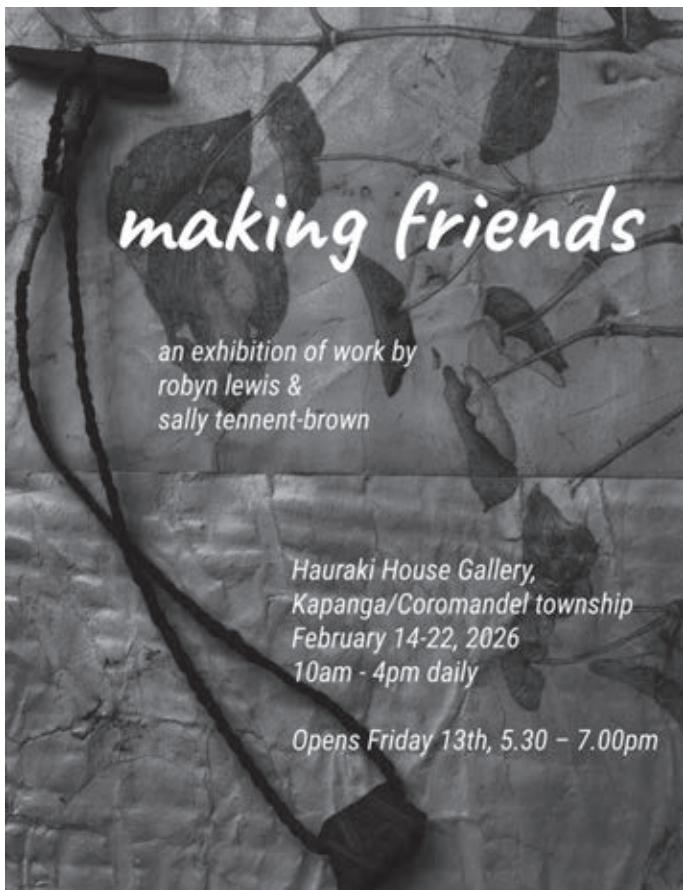
We have seen this considerably understated outline of her practice also in her highly experienced and successful eco-dyeing, feltmaking, stitching and ceramics.

My work is evoked by themes, imagery and feelings from the inner life, that require expression or a response. My approach is playful, and experimental, and I enjoy working with slightly unexpected materials; old sailcloth, sliced up tins, paper packaging... The relationship with these chosen materials is also an important part of the making process. I experience my art practice as non-linear and highly intuitive.

Together, we share a deep love of textiles and an aesthetic that whispers of the 'other' – other realms, other realities, dreams, liminal spaces.

We are friends who make. We are Making Friends.

Exhibition **Friday 13 to Sunday 22 February**, Hauraki House, Coromandel.



Artwork by Robyn Lewis



Artwork by Sally Tennent-Brown

## Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

Over the summer, several Coromandel Players members have been researching plays, and we do have a few possibilities in the pipeline for the coming year. Meanwhile we are very excited to be able to welcome to our theatre Cassandra Woodhouse, who some of you will remember brought the play *Hanna* to us last year.

### Prima Facie

Acclaimed Oliver and Tony award-winning play, Suzie Miller's *Prima Facie* is an unforgettable story and one-woman tour de force that has the power to question the structure of the legal system and takes us to the heart of where emotion and experience conflict within the system as we know it.

The play: Tessa Ensler loves her job. She's worked her way up from a working-class background to being a top criminal defence barrister at the top of her game - prosecuting, cross-examining and winning in the courtroom with her quick wit and intelligence. Fighting to defend those pleading not guilty - including securing freedom for men accused of rape and sexual assault.

An unexpected event forces Tessa to confront the very system she has spent her life believing and working within - a system where the lines of patriarchal power and burden of proof are not set up to accommodate the lived experience of sexual assault survivors.

Directed by NZ acting royalty Michael Hurst and performed by Cassandra Woodhouse, the Coromandel Players, AOTNZ, and the NZ Theatre Company are honoured to bring '*Prima Facie*' to the New Zealand stage and continue the call to action that this story is demanding worldwide. Don't miss it! **Wednesday 4 March**, 7.30pm, Hauraki House Theatre, Coromandel. Tickets on sale at our Coromandel Town Information Centre from Monday 2 February.

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## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel will be meeting again this year. The first day back will be **Wednesday 4**

**February**, 9am until 12 noon at Rose's

Studio, 860 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town.



France Passion – by Saskia Riemersma

We will be meeting every Wednesday. Same place, same time. We would love to see you there.

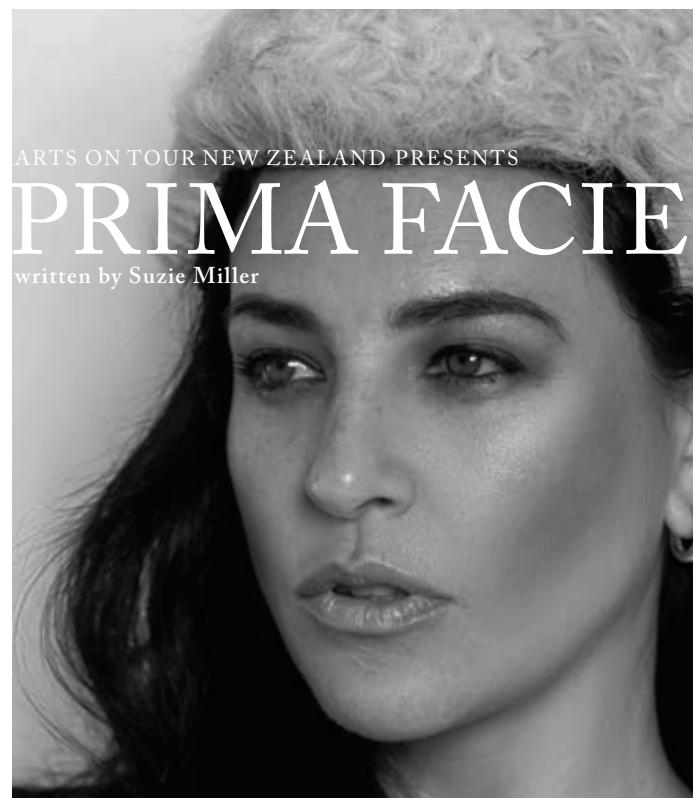
Congratulations to Saskia Riemersma for her winning entry "France Passion" in the PANZ newsletter competition "From Your Travels".

The judge was Suzanne Godbout and her comments were: "This little scene portrays the quiet feeling of an overcast day and it is well rendered. The composition puts the focus on the further end of the alley with its perspective lines converging towards the red houses."

Well done Saskia.

Maxine Thompson, master pastelist from Tauranga is coming back on **14/15 March** to tutor a workshop in pastel. This will be held in Rose's Studio in Coromandel Town. This workshop is suitable for beginners and more experienced artists. Contact Rosemarie Murphy 027 833 1237 if you are interested.

Contacts for Pastel Artists Coromandel are: Allan Beaver 07 866 8053, Saskia Riemersma 027 296 2670



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# PRIMA FACIE

written by Suzie Miller



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# mahi toi ARTS continued

## Driving Creek Pottery Doings No. 12

By Matilda Halley

### Otago Polytech Students at DCR

This month we'd like to say a huge thank you to our summer pottery staff, Brianna Shaw (Taranaki) and Aurelia Pfaff (Tāmaki Makaurau). The pair joined us in mid-December and have been working alongside our regular pottery tutors to teach extra classes over the busy summer months.

Brie and Aurelia are students in the ceramics programme run through Otago Polytechnic. They have come as part of a long-running collaboration we have with the polytech. Each summer, the polytech recommends outstanding students to join our pottery team. We hope to give the students a well-rounded experience of life in a busy studio. As well as teaching daily pottery classes, the pair have been helping to pug clay, trim and glaze pots, and load and fire the electric kilns. They have also been mucking in and making their own work in their free time.

Brie says of her time here: "Teaching at Driving Creek has been an invaluable experience, which has strengthened my confidence as both a potter and a teacher. I'm loving having seven weeks fully immersed in clay!" Be sure to look out for these two up and coming potters!

In December we hosted artists in residence Taarn Scott (Tāmaki), Hana Pera Aoake (Kawerau), and Angu Chen and Fleur van Eyndhoven (Twizel). You can read more about the residents and their work at [www.drivingcreek.nz/journal](http://www.drivingcreek.nz/journal).

The Ahi Kaa exhibition closes on **8 February**. The exhibition is open in the Driving Creek Gallery from 11am to 3pm, Tuesday to Sunday, with free entry. This is the final week to view this outstanding collection of work by Ngā Kaihangā Uku and friends.

We still have plenty of spaces left on our upcoming production throwing, jug-making and hand-building workshops. Head to [www.drivingcreek.nz/](http://www.drivingcreek.nz/) workshops for more information and bookings.



Summer pottery tutor Aurelia Pfaff teaching students in the daily classes. PHOTO BY JESS LOVIE



Brie Shaw making pots in her free time in Wailin's old studio. PHOTO BY BRIE SHAW

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Scan for more info or visit [drivingcreek.nz/workshops](http://drivingcreek.nz/workshops)

## Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Well it's that time of year again when we hold our annual exhibition at Hauraki House. It started on Saturday 24 January and runs through to **Sunday 8 February**.

Open daily 10am-4pm with free entry.

Parking is on grass while they seal the carpark area. Foot traffic is via a walkway.

Cards and raffles are available.

Please come to visit our years work, it's our only chance to show what we do all year.

We are only a small group who love art and gather weekly with our different skills.

Remember to come and see our exhibition before 8 February.



Paintings by Lynne and Tiana

## Himalaya shop : Colville

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# Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



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## Council workshops made public

**Council workshops will now be open to the public to promote greater transparency.**

Previously, these non-decision-making workshops for briefings or exploring issues have been closed to members of the public.

Workshop dates and topics will now be



published in advance on our website so that people can attend in-person or online. Notes of what was discussed will be published online afterwards.

Check out our 2026 Council and Community Board meetings at [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](http://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### WATER DELIVERY PLAN

Council has approved an updated operating expenditure budget of \$234,000 for the 2025/26 year to help implement our Water Services Delivery Plan under the Local Water Done Well reform. This is \$400,000 less than the initial forecast for going into partnership with nearby councils.

We're progressing an internal business unit to deliver our future water services while continuing to explore partnership opportunities with Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

#### EVERY DROP COUNTS

Over summer we're asking you to be careful with water use – particularly outside with sprinklers, paddling pools or hoses. Drier weather and more visitors put more pressure on



our water supply systems. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any water restrictions and check out water conservation tips at [tcdc.govt.nz/savewater](http://tcdc.govt.nz/savewater)

#### FIRE RESTRICTIONS

A reminder that we're in a restricted fire season. This means a fire permit is required for any open-air fires across the district. Private fireworks are also banned. Check if it's allowed and apply for a permit at [checkitsalright.nz](http://checkitsalright.nz) or call 0800 658 628.



#### REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Northern Coromandel holiday visitors: Please take your refuse and recycling with you when you leave our northern campsites and drop it to Coromandel Transfer Station, 525 Hauraki Road.



#### Hauraki House Carpark Reseal

Work is underway to reseal the Hauraki House carpark in Coromandel Town and should be finished by mid-February. During this time, cars won't have access but we're providing a marked pedestrian access to the gallery, youth group area and Scout Hall.



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#### What's happening over Waitangi weekend?



#### KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS AND TRANSFER STATIONS

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Our seven refuse and recycling transfer stations are open daily over summer from 8.30am–5.30pm, including Waitangi Day. [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rts)



#### OFFICES | DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Our offices (including AA services) and district libraries will be closed on Waitangi Day, Friday 6 February. You can still reach us 24/7 at 07 868 0200 or [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)



#### DOG RESTRICTIONS

Many of our beaches have summer restrictions on dogs. Look out for Council's traffic light signage and check the rules in your area at [tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide](http://tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide)



#### ALCOHOL BANS

Alcohol bans are in place over the Waitangi long weekend. Check out [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](http://tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)

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# te taiao ENVIRONMENTAL

## MEG

By Steph Parkyn

Wow what an amazing summer we had meeting so many of you and our visitors to northern Coromandel. We enjoyed visits from Doug Ashby and his geckos, met conservation dogs trained to sniff out rats and mice thanks to Richard Johnston, made lots of art with the help of Lena MacLeod and Annemieke Kregting. And if you didn't get a chance to try the Virtual Reality Kauri Experience created by Waikato Regional Council, look out for it again next year at our summer holiday programme, it truly is magical. A special shout out to volunteers Bronnie Kennedy, Vicki Sephton, Lettecia Williams and Katharina Hecht who enabled us to bring so many events to you. And also to our partners Driving Creek for brilliant tours and clay supplies, and Shelly Beach Top 10 Holiday Park and DOC Waikawau Campground for happily hosting some of our events!

One of the amazing success stories of our summer was this champion trapper, Eliza, who painted a rat trap box at one of our events and put it out at the Waikawau campground afterwards to see what she would



catch. She baited it with peanut butter as a standard rat trapping lure. That night she also went on one of our nocturnal walks where she learned to tell the difference between stoats and weasels, both introduced predators who cause major damage to our native species. And guess what she found the next morning? Not a rat, but a weasel!

Weasels are the smallest and least common of the mustelids that have been introduced to New Zealand, but they can still have a big impact on our lizards, geckos, and birds (often by targeting eggs/chicks). They hunt during the day and night. Weasels have 4-6 young and baby weasels can be efficient hunters at only 8 weeks old.

We are super grateful to this young trapper who has given our native wildlife a fighting chance at survival and saved the lives of our geckos and birds. It's a sad necessity, but introduced mustelids and rats have no natural predators here, so we humans have to be the predators that control their numbers. Great work Eliza! And when she went home, that same trap caught a rat in their backyard trapping in Coromandel! Must be the amazing artwork attracting them in.

And if you're curious, the way to tell



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the difference between stoats and weasels is the stoat tail is larger and with a black tip, and the tan belly line of a weasel is wiggly not straight like a stoat.

Contact us if you want to learn more about backyard trapping or to purchase your own trap at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz).

And good news, another chance to get your dog Kiwi Avoidance Trained on **7 February** in Waikawau, northern Coromandel. Please book through [www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz](http://www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz).

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to see all the events of our summer and keep informed for next time! [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)

Ngā mihi nui.

## Forest & Bird

By Nicholas Conland

### A night visitor from the forest: pūriri moth at Papa Aroha

On the evening of 6 January, a striking visitor appeared on a timber beam at Papa Aroha: a pūriri moth, New Zealand's largest native moth, fresh from its emergence. Encounters like this are becoming rarer, making the moment both a gift and a reminder.

The pūriri moth plays a quiet but important role in the upper Coromandel ecosystem. As caterpillars, they spend years living within native trees such as pūriri and kohekohe, helping shape forest dynamics and providing food for birds and other species. Their sudden adult emergence, often after rain, signals healthy forest connections that have endured for generations.

For mana whenua, species like pepetuna, the pūriri moth are part of a wider whakapapa linking land, water, people and forest. Their presence speaks to mauri still holding in places where ngahere remains intact. When such taonga appear close to homes and sheds, it is a reminder that Papa Aroha is not separate from the bush, but woven into it.

Pūriri moths face growing threats from habitat loss, light pollution, and forest fragmentation. Seeing one here invites both wonder and responsibility: to protect the dark skies, native trees, and quiet places that allow these ancient lives to continue.

### AGM

We will hold our AGM in March and are pleased to announce that Annemieke Kregting, previously from Kuaotunu Bird Rescue and now working for DOC in a similar capacity, will be our guest speaker. All welcome, date and time to follow.



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Champion trapper – Eliza

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## CLAIM

By Pamela Grealey

### Fast-Tracked Mining Approval Raises Serious Concerns

The Government's decision to approve the Waihi North Mines project on December 18 is deeply concerning for the future of Hauraki Coromandel. As the first private-profit mining project approved under the Fast Track process, it legitimises more toxic waste, more biodiversity loss, and more long-term risk to our environment, while profits are likely to flow offshore.

The project includes the first proposed underground mine on conservation land at Wharekirauponga. Blasting and vibration beneath sensitive land and species creates serious risk, including potential subsidence and dewatering impacts that could harm forest health and freshwater systems.

The company has acknowledged it has around nine more years of exploratory drilling before mining begins at Wharekirauponga. That admission alone raises a major question: why was Fast Track approval used now, before the impacts are properly understood?

Under the Fast Track process, Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki and tangata whenua were explicitly asked to comment. However, the process did not allow us to properly challenge the full range of risks. The Panel appears to have given little weight to concerns, assuming the applicant's extensive documentation is evidence of strong environmental protections.

Many key assumptions around water, land stability, biodiversity impacts, and economic returns are based on weak data. Conditions rely heavily on offsetting damage rather than preventing it. We have no confidence in claims that harm to rare species can be compensated for elsewhere, or that freshwater can be protected without proper baselines.

The risks of toxic tailings and long-term failure cannot be dismissed, especially given the potential threat to Tikapa Moana, the Hauraki Gulf.

This decision is a disaster for the region and its future. We must keep pushing back against this growing gold rush of greed.

Pamela Grealey is Chair - Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining (CLAIM), Committee Member - Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki



## Driving Creek Conservation Park

### New Lizard Monitoring Programme

Last November, Pearl Barry helped establish a new lizard monitoring programme at Driving Creek. Pearl is a graduate herpetology student, who recently completed her Master's thesis at the University of Otago researching the Otago green skink (Oligosoma aff. chloronoton "eastern Otago").

The new monitoring programme uses artificial cover objects (ACOs) to survey lizards inside and outside Driving Creek's predator-proof wildlife sanctuary. The ACOs will allow the team to collect baseline data, helping us understand

which lizard species are present on site, how abundant they are, and how they respond to ongoing predator control efforts.

Lizards are highly vulnerable to predation by mustelids, rats, mice, and cats. Most endemic lizards give birth to live young and reproduce slowly, so populations take a long time to recover from losses. This means they need protection. Predator-proof sanctuaries can provide important refuges, while intensive predator control in non-fenced areas also offers protection. Monitoring at Driving Creek is happening inside the predator-proof sanctuary and in ngahere outside the sanctuary, hopefully allowing the team to better understand the benefits of each approach.

The ground-based ACOs are made of roofing material, which create a warm, sheltered space that attracts lizards seeking cover. The Driving Creek Conservation team will check the ACOs monthly, recording the species present and the number of individuals observed.

Early results have been encouraging. Multiple copper skinks (Oligosoma aeneum) have already been recorded, including a pregnant adult and a juvenile, both seen on more than one occasion since monitoring began in December 2025. Copper skinks are classified as At Risk – Declining under the New Zealand Threat Classification System, making these sightings particularly significant. Thanks to Pearl for helping us start this exciting new monitoring programme.



Pearl Barry setting up an artificial cover object for the new lizard monitoring programme

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# Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

## Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Murray Brown (07) 866 8602.....	9am
Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 4722.....	9am
Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am
Rummikub at The Club.....	1-4pm
Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341.....	3-4.30pm
Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650.....	5pm
Bridge, St John rooms.....	7pm

## Every Tuesday

Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre, Ruth 027 338 3545 .....	8.30am
Croquet Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 (winter hours) .....	9.45-12.15am
Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$3 Vickie 027 417 7077 .....	10am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 .....	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	10.30am-1pm
Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only), Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085.....	3.15-4.45pm
Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool), Christina 021 113 4768 .....	5-6.15pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053.....	9am-12pm
Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am
Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$15 per class. Marilyn 027 336 5263.....	10-11am
Coromandel Home-school group, Julene 020 4060 8102 .....	12.30pm
Kung Fu, Coromandel Hospital.....	5-7pm

## Every Thursday

Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay (07) 866 7799.....	9am-12pm
Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$3 Vickie 027 417 7077 .....	10am
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid .....	10-11am
Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 .....	3-4pm
Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 .....	3-4.30pm
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" .....	4.30pm
Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, limited spaces please txt to book a space, Toni 020 4076 1526 .....	5.30pm
Coromandel Narcotics Anonymous 12 step addiction recovery meeting, at 100 Pound St (orange house). Contact Rosie 027 577 7716 .....	6.30-7.30pm
Free drop-in Dharma talk or video at Mahamudra .....	7-8.30pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Community Gardens volunteer day .....	9am-12pm
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 .....	9am
Croquet Club – Golf Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 (winter hours) .....	9.45-12.15am
Chess Club, Weta Cafe, 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 Flying Club social gathering, all welcome .....	5.30pm

## Every Saturday

Coromandel Homegrown Market, Anglican Church Hall, 1170 Tiki Rd ....	9am-1pm
RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. President Gary Pettett 021 061 0852 .....	3.30-7pm

## Every Sunday

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

## Monthly

<b>1st Mon</b> – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Michaela Green 021 0287 1879 .....	9.30am-3.30pm
<b>3rd Mon</b> – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Michaela Green 021 0287 1879 .....	9.30am-3.30pm
<b>2nd Tues</b> – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms John Walker 027 482 0435 .....	10am
<b>1st Wed</b> – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Sandy Morris Ph 021 815 667 .....	10am-3pm
<b>1st Wed</b> – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms. Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 .....	6pm

<b>1st &amp; 3rd Wed</b> – Car Club meeting at Club Rooms, Woollams Ave, Bruce 027 249 0878 .....	4pm
<b>2nd Wed</b> – Garden Circle, Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 .....	1pm
<b>3rd Wed</b> – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms. Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 .....	6pm
<b>Last Wed</b> – Coromandel-Colville Business Association networking meeting, Combined Clubs, Woollams Avenue, everyone welcome (Feb-Nov) .....	5pm
<b>Last Thurs</b> – Green Drinks at Star & Garter .....	5pm
<b>3rd Fri</b> – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 .....	10.30am
<b>Last Friday</b> – Quiz night at the Club, from Friday 26 September until next April .....	7-9pm
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Sun</b> – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road .....	10am

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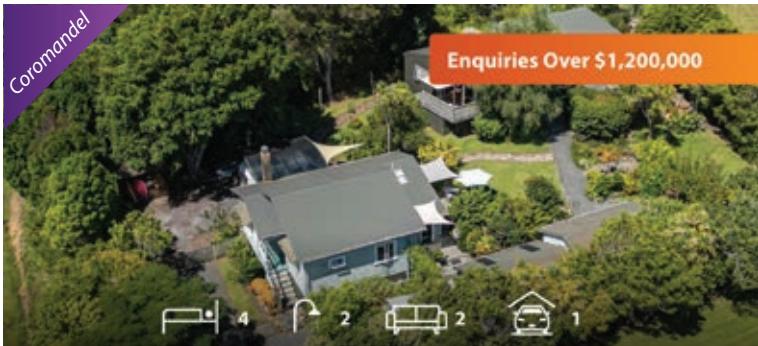


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Coromandel Area School Term 1 starts Coromandel Contract Bridge Club AGM (see pg 6)	Open Floor Conscious Dance with Pippa at Mana Retreat (see pg 16)	TC MN Age Concern Staying Safe - a refresher course for older drivers (see pg 14) Online Discovering Buddhism resumes at Mahamudra (see pg 15)	Tara Retreat: Cultivating Courage, Wisdom & Compassion starts at Mahamudra (see pg 13) Your Inner Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 16)	Waitangi Day	Car Boot Sale (see pg 5) Louisa Nicklin with Family Band at Anglican Church Hall (see pg 4) Junior Club Champ pairs at Coronadel Bowling Club (see pg 7) Kiwi Avoidance training for dogs (see pg 22)
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