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..... Editor's comment

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue. I welcome articles from all groups in Coromandel Town and surrounds. You don't need to consider yourself a "writer" to contribute. For help writing an article go to: www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/guidelines.html.

The local elections are coming up soon. Are you standing for council as Councillor or Community Board in the Coromandel-Colville Ward or for Mayor? If so then please contact me at corochronicle@gmail.com. I invite you to submit a piece up to 350 words about yourself and what you hope to achieve in council, plus a head and shoulders photo for the September issue (deadline Tuesday 19 August).

Debbie

..... Letters

Where's the rubbish picker-upper?

Hi Debbie,

Locals might have wondered what has happened to Neville who used to walk up and down the town keeping our streets clean. Some time ago he had a medical incident and was taken to Thames Hospital. I saw him several weeks ago and he was up and walking but missing the seagulls in Coromandel Town. He has since gone to Kingswood Care in Morrinsville. I for one have noticed that the streets reflect his absence. Rubbish is no longer being promptly cleared; but it shouldn't be there in the first place. So let us be thankful we had Neville for all those years and try to be a tidy kiwi in the future.

Regards

C. Sutherland, Coromandel Town

Moehau sunrise

Photo sent in by Reihana Robinson



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Museum

By Maureen Kimber

The Museum has enjoyed an exceptional year in terms of our visitor numbers, both local and from overseas. One of the highlights was the Anzac display organised by Alan Stewart and we hope to make this an annual attraction.

It was such a joy to have a visit by some 20 children from Coromandel Area School who were so interested in the display of photos and regalia of the "olden days", all of which was new to them and a wonderful history lesson. Thank you so much to the teachers and helpers who made this visit such an enjoyable experience for us all. We also hosted members of the MG Car Club who expressed their thanks for such an enjoyable visit in a very attractive and informative museum. It would appear that two of the gentlemen present enjoyed the bagatelle almost as much as any other display!

We will be busy over the winter months planning new displays, updating our retail section and getting ready for the next season. Please let us know if you wish to join our ever-increasing number of Museum members. The sub is \$20 per person due by 30 June each year and entitles you to 12 months free visits to the Museum, plus a monthly newsheet on our activities. Our AGM is on **Sunday 1 June** at 2pm in the Elizabeth Park Village Hall, all are welcome.

The Museum is closed from King's Birthday weekend so if you haven't had the opportunity to visit, that will be your last chance until the end of September when we re-open for the summer season.

We now are on Facebook and have our own website so we are not in total hibernation. We will always be available to open the Museum for group bookings. Also the Stamper Battery in Buffalo Road will be open during the winter months, so do support this attraction.



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Winter Market

By Abby Noire Mitchell

The Winter Market, held every Saturday at the Anglican Church Hall on Tiki Road is a community initiative to have a nice place to meet and enjoy locally made food and gift items on a Saturday morning over the winter months. We found that the community meeting up on Saturdays at the summer market has been so fun and pleasurable for us all that we really wanted to keep up the connections and enjoyment.

To that end you'll find a long table with chairs in the middle of the hall, the kitchen has coffee and tea and other warm and cool beverages for sale along with savoury and sweet snacks and cake. You'll find local honey, balms, crystal window hangings, beautiful earrings, jewellery, nicknacks, kombucha, chocolate, clothing, second hand goods, card readings, decorative pieces for the home, esoteric talismans, greeting cards, herbal tinctures and balms, magnesium chloride oil spray, homemade bread, fresh and dried flower arrangements, fresh cooked hot food and nourishment for the heart, mind and body. We will be there each Saturday from 9am until 1pm until the summer market starts again on the green in September. Space is limited inside so if you'd like a stall, either regular or a one off get in touch with Abby early in the week 021 352 486.

Stalls outside are also a great possibility, especially if you'd like to have things to sell from your car boot or lay a mat down with your shed's tools or something like that. Let's have fun and share some community spirit!

Silver Swans Adult Ballet Class

By Marilyn Swan

It's never too late to start ballet

Silver Swans classes are aimed at those aged 55+ but all ages are welcome, who are keen to try ballet in a safe and encouraging environment. There is always something to learn and appreciate about this beautiful art form.

Quote from, Anna, Silver Swan from Harpenden, 74, "I lived for dancing when I was young, but have done nothing for fifty plus years! I was thrilled to find Silver Swans and although I can't do things as I used to, or would like to, the sheer joy of moving to music is still there... such fun."

The benefits of ballet training are great. I know this first hand, that ballet fitness, Pilates exercise and walking the dog can be life saving and not for the first time has this been known. A young man who learnt ballet from age six to eighteen years was sky larking in the gym at school with his mates in his final year. He severed his neck and was flown from Hawkes Bay hospital to Christchurch Burwood Spinal unit August 2017. In December 2017 he was back on stage in an acting role for a full production. Medics said, his recovery was due to him having a slightly larger than usual spinal column, his ballet fitness, and having youth on his side. This boy is now a healthy young man with a University degree behind him from Otago and working in his field in Wellington.

Feeling heartened to say our local Silver Swans Ballet class which was established in October 2019 is open to new people at any time. All levels and experience are welcome.

Our new class, Silver Swans Whitianga, is in week seven at the time of writing. Like our Coromandel Town class it is a connected, interested and focused group of people.

Rose (Whitianga class) says, "...after each ballet lesson I come away feeling wonderful and elated. I think it must be partly due to the sense of gracefulness I feel, but also the flow of moving the whole body during class. I particularly enjoy the character work which is fun."

There is much on offer in communities in the way of dance for adults but let's not forget our young people. Ballet training for children opens the door to all that the theatre offers. It is character building and will improve a child's sport. Develops a child's creativity and fosters an awareness of good music. The courtesies and manners of the ballet studio training stays with the child for life and will help develop well rounded people.

So with children in mind, I would like to say, thank you, to Teuane Tibbo for keeping Colville Tuesday Ballet class going in the north, for approximately three terms. Maybe more will happen in the future.

A Ballet of Swans, illustrated by former Coromandel Ballet student, Rebekah Pearson, is based on the *Dance of The Cygnets* from the Ballet Swan Lake. It was dedicated on International Dance Day to her four teachers who continue to inspire her. This illustration is from a new book of collective nouns for Irish birds, which will be published later this year and available from her website www.rebekahpearson.com.

Coromandel Silver Swans Ballet class:
Wednesdays, Citizens' Hall, Kapanga Road,
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"A Ballet of Swans" by Rebekah Pearson



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Celebrating Coromandel's Volunteers!

CILT and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board are coming together to host a Volunteer Celebration during National Volunteer Week to show our appreciation for all the amazing volunteers in our community.

Join us on **Tuesday 17 June** from 12pm-1.30pm for some yummy kai and a guest speaker, as we take a moment to recognise the time, energy, and heart you bring to our rohe. No need to RSVP – just show up on the day! For more info, contact Josie at josie@cilt.org.nz.

The Bizarre's 60th Anniversary Celebration and Auction

Join us for a weekend of fun on **25–27 July** as we celebrate 60 years of strange and spectacular at The Bizarre!

Friday 25 July – Big Sale Day at The Bizarre.

Saturday 26 July – Old-School Gala Day and Volunteer Celebration (past and present volunteers – please register with Glenda at thebizarre@cilt.org.nz).

Sunday 27 July – The Big Auction Night (tickets on sale mid-June).

All funds raised support The Bizarre and our Community Grants Scheme.

Whānau Hauora Day

CILT was proud to support the latest launch of the Niho Ora ki Hauraki dental kaupapa by providing space for the delivery of services in Coromandel. The initiative marked the beginning of two weeks focused on oral health and denture fittings.

On 13 May, hauora service providers gathered at our premises to deliver a successful Whānau Hauora Day, offering tamariki oral health checks, breast and cervical screening, bowel screening, and maternity support from Taurima Te Pā Harakeke.

We would like to say a big thank you to the dedicated kaimahi who provided these essential services, and we were glad to contribute by making our space available to support this important kaupapa.



Every Bite Programme

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We had a great turnout for the opening event of our second Zero Food Waste programme! The room was full of energy as everyone came together to learn simple, practical ways to make the most of their food.

Chef Toni Calder kicked things off with a fantastic demo on how to whip up a tasty, no-fuss meal using ingredients that are close to going to waste, while Riyah took everyone on a tour of the Māra Kai and set up a seed sowing station for anyone keen to get their hands dirty, and take part in growing their own kai.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made the day a success. If you'd like to learn more about the Every Bite initiative, get in touch with Fee at operations@cilt.org.nz.

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A Taste of Matarangi



The recent A Taste of Matarangi festival held on 6 April turned out to be a fantastic day for all who attended. Despite lower ticket sales compared to previous years, the spirit of the day and the generosity of our community made it a memorable and meaningful event.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, sponsors, and attendees, we were able to raise a total of \$15,000 to be donated to our chosen charitable recipients. We are proud to announce the following contributions: Kuaotunu Search & Rescue (KSAR) \$7,000; Te Rerenga School \$4,000; Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust \$4,000.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all three groups for the essential work they do in our community and would like to acknowledge their support leading up to, during, and following the event. In particular, to KSAR for their assistance with logistics and event operations which was invaluable, and we quite simply could not have done it without them.

These donations support emergency services that protect and serve our entire region, as well as the local school where children will directly benefit from the funding.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who contributed—whether through attending, volunteering, sponsoring or donating. Your support ensures we can continue to give back to the community and help those who help us all.



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From the desk of Father Andy

On Camino

Greetings from somewhere in Northern Spain, well actually from a small town called Najera in the La Rioja region. John and I are into day 11 of our "Camino" or "The Way" to Santiago in the North West of the country. We are walking approximately 22 to 25 km each day through some stunning scenery enjoying for the most part pleasant weather conditions and enjoying pleasing views of mountains, meadows brimming with wild flowers and the sky full of birds singing their sweet songs to encourage us on our pilgrimage.

We've already walked nearly 160 km of the 800ish km trek passing through some ancient, delightful and characterful towns steeped in history. The Camino is hugely popular and has been a pilgrimage route to Santiago where the Apostle James is reputed to have been laid to rest. The Camino gives walkers time to pull themselves away from the routine of everyday life to think seriously about life and its meaning.

People from all walks of life make their Camino and we've met many people from all over the world so far in the short time since we began walking, many of whom we've chattered to and left only to find ourselves reunited and chattering once again later in the day at the next port of call. It struck me today that those who take on the Camino form a unique sort of community, one that is purposeful and dynamic, always on the move and constantly changing. Some find the walk easy enough whilst others find it more of a challenge and John and I have found that to be the case ... tiredness, blisters, muscle strains are common on the Camino.

Sharing our woes on the Camino as we gather with others during the day and especially at the end of the day as we gather around tables for supper and vino is very helpful, taking encouragement from others to face the next day with renewed energy.

I have come to see the Camino as a microcosm of what life is all about, some succeed and flourish whilst others struggle to keep up, it's just the way it is, but where do those who succeed and those who struggle meet, do we each take our own separate paths or do we seek to interact with each other in a meaningful way to make the journey through life better for each other? That's where community is important.

It's not just people of faith who walk the Camino, people from all walks of life, those of faith and those of none embark upon their own special journey to create for themselves a space where they can find a new vision for their life, a new world vision to inform how they interact with others, that they can carry with them to make a positive contribution to their community in the future. Walkers bring their varied experiences of life with them and are happy to share with others and there is much to learn as we meet each other in this way.

John Donne, a 16th century poet, scholar and priest wrote: "No one is an island entire of itself" which I think emphasises the human need for others, for community, for mutual support and respect. It's true to say that in recent years there has been a weakening of those structures which strengthens community and this is so obvious in today's world and on the global political scene and many as a result who struggle with life and its pressures are consequently are left in loneliness and isolation.

But no one seems to be left out on the Camino, all are together with a common purpose and all are encouraged to achieve the end goal and life itself should be just like that.

With my good wishes and prayer.



Narcotics Anonymous

Coromandel meeting of Narcotics Anonymous, Thursday nights, CILT building, 100 Pound Street, Coromandel Town 6.30-7.30pm.

All addictions welcome.

Library News

By Jasmine Strauss, Librarian

A big thank you to everyone who has generously donated books to the library recently. Any books we don't add to our collection are placed on our sale shelves, with all proceeds going towards helping the library continue to run and grow. These donations are always appreciated.

This month, we get to celebrate Volunteer Week – a perfect opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy to help keep the library running smoothly. We couldn't do it without them!

We've also recently introduced a Suggestions Box at the library. If you have any ideas on books we should get, changes you would like to see, or anything else, we would love to hear from you. Your feedback is always appreciated.

We are regularly adding new books to our shelves, so don't forget to pop in and check them out. There's always something fresh and exciting to read!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

New Books Spotlight

The Crash by Freida McFadden

In this chilling psychological thriller, eight-month-pregnant Tegan seeks refuge from a blizzard in rural Maine, only to find herself trapped in a perilous situation with a couple whose kindness masks dark intentions.

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

Violet Sorrengail, a chronically ill young woman, is thrust into the perilous world of Basgiath War College to train as a dragon rider. Amid deadly trials and political intrigue, she must navigate alliances and confront her own vulnerabilities to survive and uncover hidden truths.



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Thames Animal Rescue

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews for all donations and food donations. A huge blessing to us as we missed the last report due to being in hospital. A series of disasters hit camp catsville. Sunday the washing machine blew up – smoke pouring out of it, then Monday early morning I was admitted to hospital and ended up at Waikato, then Moda Leedah passed away, she was a precious girl who was loved by us, but she was besotted with and adored by our friend who had taken to feeding our outdoor rescue kitties. She had a good life here, she had her issues, but she adored our friend who like us was devastated she passed away. She had 14 or so years here. My hospital stay was five weeks as it was an unseen issue and had to have specialist surgery to correct heart issues. My arrival home was met in silence by all cats.

Financially we have little funds left now, but just getting by thanks to the donations gifted to the unit.

Wanted: cat food: tinned, salmon, sachets, sardines, pet milk, cat toys. Any financial blessings: Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01 with reference of where you would like us to spend the blessing.

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Ann's Good News Naturally

Minerals for best health

Food for thought – any living cell can only obtain its nutrition through plant life. No matter what type the food is, if it can be utilised by living cells, it has originated from plant life. Some cells may live on other cells, humans can live on meat, but the animal which supplied the meat lived on grass and herbage. Birds may live on insects, the insects fed on the plants. The birds may be eaten by other animals, but always, the origin is plant life for nutrition. For optimum health, humans need mineral rich plants, from ideally healthy soil, to supply mineral rich food. This creates and maintains healthy gut bacteria because the health of all our body cells, systems and organs stems from the digestive tract.

Minerals from foods you eat are your core base nutrient, that enable the other essential nutrients e.g., vitamins, good fats, carbohydrates and proteins, to be digested, assimilated and absorbed.

Today's over processed, nutrient depleted foods, high in toxic sugars and chemicals, cause slow forming preventable diseases.

Know your minerals

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Potassium

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More good news

- Growing pains: This 7-year-old boy got exceptional relief in just 3 weeks of taking his personalised mineral prescription.
- Anxiety, stress, insomnia: This lady had been taking the wrong magnesium for her stress and fatigue, as it was not helping. After three weeks taking her Active Elements personalised script, even her nighttime restless legs improved.
- Polymyalgia Rheumatica: This 68-year-old woman with severe and constant pain in her neck and shoulders completed her online questionnaire which provided her personalised mineral prescription. No more pain after adhering to her treatment programme.
- Lipoma: The fatty lumps on his back did not need surgery after all, which this 48-year-old man was on the waiting list for. His Mineral Prescription, Herbal tonic and improved eating plan enabled his cholesterol and blood pressure to normalise.
- Recurring infections: My tests showed this man had viral, bacterial and fungal infections all at once. Frequent chest, ear, nose, throat and covid infections after his covid booster were preventing this man getting back to work. His Live Blood screening revealed his immunity was depleted. After two months on his programme, he felt good enough to return to work.

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Sheana Goudie

Well, here we were already in May, which seemed to roll around very quickly and time for another AGM. A big thank you to all who attended the meeting. During the election of the 2025-2026 committee, we thanked Kath, Sue and Pat who were standing down from committee, after each giving many years of service and they were presented with beautiful bouquets created by Jeni. Thank you to Olwyn (Treasurer), Sandra (Membership) and Janine K (Raffles) who are our new committee members, although we have yet to decide who will be our Convenor. Our thanks must also go to those remaining on the committee (Lorraine L, Sharlene H, Joan C, Suzy T, Jeni M, Jan W, Denise S, Joan H and Sheana G). No club or organisation can function without amazing people who give their time so freely to do a great deal of the behind-the-scenes work, that makes our Club so successful. We consistently have between 30 and 40 members attend each month so please feel free to come and join us, meet and make new friends and learn a great deal from our amazing speakers who cover a wide range of topics – not just gardening. Subscriptions will remain at \$20 for most members and \$10 for our 80+ years of age.

During our May AGM we also acknowledge our yearly competition winners and once again the entries by all members have



Some of this month's category winning arrangements

been outstanding throughout the whole year, whether or not you were a trophy winner. The members in our club are so creative, so willing to share their knowledge and it is always great to see what is on display each month, no matter the season. You do not have to participate in the competitions if you prefer not to.

Jeni, Jan and Kath presented the trophy to our winners for 2024-2025 who were as follows:

- Most Points (Ngairé Aguirre Trophy) – Tracy Kendall
- Single Bloom (Celia Lude Memorial Trophy 1956) – Annette Stephenson
- Multi Bloom (McKenzie Memorial Trophy 1960) – Lorraine Lang
- Mini Bloom – Lorraine Lang
- Special (Kate Jacobsen Trophy) – Tracy Kendall
- Arrangement: (WDFD Deeble Cup 1950) – Sheana Goudie
- Try Hard Award – Medrina Judge

We have also introduced a new award for another category – Three of a Kind named the Natalie Blasco Memorial Trophy 2025 in honour of our dearly missed member Natalie, who passed away in January this year.

The May meeting followed and Jeni was our speaker who firstly talked about growing persimmons and how versatile this fruit is in a variety of ways. She then demonstrated how to create a special occasion wreath and a floral arrangement in a vase. Along the way she gave us tips and ideas from her time as a grower and exporter of persimmons and leucadendrons, how to use colour, height and levels in our creations and the use of shrubbery for fillers. Jeni makes it look so easy, that I am sure many of us will be trying these out at home

Our monthly competition results were as follows:

- Single Bloom – 1st Thelma, 2nd Tracy, 3rd Carol A
- Multi Bloom – 1st Jill, 2nd Lorraine, 3rd Medrina
- Mini Bloom – 1st Lorraine, 2nd Linda W, 3rd = Sheana/ Thelma/ Medrina
- Arrangement – Love you Mum – 1st Linda W, 2nd Sheana, 3rd Tracy
- Special – Colourful Foliage – 1st Linda W, 2nd = Sheana/Tracy, 3rd Medrina
- Attendance Draw – Sheana G

Next meeting: **Wednesday 11 June**

Venue: Meet in at The Clubrooms. Start time: 1pm. Activity: TBA. Arrangement: TBA. Special: TBA.

The incoming committee will meet in June so further details will be given after the new 2025-2026 programme has been created.

As always, our meetings are open to visitors and we welcome visitors or new members to join us.



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Mahamudra Centre



Winter Retreats, Community Practice, and Sacred Celebrations at Mahamudra Centre

As winter settles into the Coromandel, Mahamudra Centre in Colville opens its doors to offer a season of reflection, renewal, and deep spiritual nourishment. Nestled between hills and sea, the Centre invites locals and visitors alike to reconnect with body, mind, and heart through a series of special events and retreats designed to support personal transformation and inner peace.

This year's winter programme includes Venerable Thubten Khadro's three Dharma retreats, the Saka Dawa celebration on **Wednesday 11 June**, a Dorje Khadro Fire Puja on **Sunday 15 June**, and Hedwig Bakker's Matariki Qi Gong Retreat, all held in the peaceful and supportive environment of Mahamudra's blessed land.

Dharma Retreats with Venerable Thubten Khadro

Venerable Khadro, a longtime teacher and friend of Mahamudra Centre, returns this winter to guide three distinct retreats, each suited to both beginners and experienced practitioners on the spiritual path.

11–15 June: Vajrasattva & Shamatha Meditation Retreat – A perfect entry point for anyone seeking purification and peace. This retreat focuses on calming the mind through the foundational practice of Shamatha (calm

abiding) alongside Vajrasattva's purification techniques.

4–6 July: Chenrezig & Bodhicitta Retreat – A heart-opening weekend to develop compassion, cultivate loving-kindness, and explore the bodhisattva path. Ideal for those who seek emotional renewal and clarity.

28 July–3 August: Manjushri & Emptiness Retreat – A transformative week focused on wisdom and the nature of reality. This retreat also serves as a powerful collective offering for the swift return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche's unmistakable reincarnation, through the recitation of Manjushri's names.

Special local rates are available for Coromandel and Colville community members for the Manjushri & Emptiness Retreat. Each retreat is also accessible via Zoom for those unable to travel to the Centre.

Saka Dawa Celebration – 11 June

Saka Dawa marks the most sacred day in the Tibetan Buddhist calendar – celebrating the Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and parinirvana. Mahamudra will host a full day of community practice beginning with Mahayana precepts and prostrations at 5am, recitations of the Great Liberation Sutra, a community lunch, and concluding with Lama Chöpa Tsog at 7.30pm.

During the last years of his life, Lama Zopa Rinpoche emphasized the immense benefits of reciting the Great Liberation Sutra, particularly on Saka Dawa. We are honoured to uphold this tradition and warmly

invite the community to join any part of the day's programme.

Dorje Khadro Fire Puja – Sunday 15 June at 10.30am

This rare and special fire offering practice is a beautiful way to purify negative karma, remove obstacles, and offer heartfelt aspirations for oneself and others. Open to all, this ceremony will be guided by Venerable Khadro in a spirit of generosity and renewal. A unique chance to witness a sacred ritual rarely held in our region.

Matariki Qi Gong Retreat with Hedwig Bakker – 19–22 June

In celebration of Matariki and the Māori New Year, longtime teacher Hedwig Bakker leads a gentle, embodied retreat blending Qi Gong, meditation, and mindful movement. This weekend is perfect for those looking to recharge, realign, and invite new beginnings. No previous experience necessary – just a willingness to connect with breath, body, and spirit.

Mahamudra Centre, a member of the international FPMT network, has long been a sanctuary for spiritual seekers and curious beginners alike. With its open-hearted community, peaceful grounds, and experienced teachers, it offers a rare opportunity to retreat from the busyness of life and return to what truly matters.

For more information, registration, and Zoom details, visit www.mahamudra.org.nz or stop by the Centre in Colville



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Coromandel Car Club

By Bruce Finan

Our local Coromandel Car Club was a major contributor to donating to the Coromandel Youth Sailing Club the chase boat, and some servicing. This sailing club is run by a very dedicated team to help get young people sailing and build confidence on the water. Scott and Glenis Carr approached our RSA/Car Club for assistance in fundraising for a safety boat, after some discussing with our RSA welfare we decided to just purchase a suitable boat for them, not new, but very suited to the task for now and gets them on with teaching sailing and confidence on the water today

Our local Car Club is based with the RSA in "The Club" Coro Town, 2nd Wednesday of each month we meet here for our Happy Hour from 4pm. Contact Bruce 027 249 0878 show us your car, cheers



The new Youth Sailing Club chase boat – bought through donations including from the Coromandel RSA

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Cindy Dicks

Hi all, just filling in for Judy.

The 2nd challenge for the Summer Shield Vs Mercury Bay was played on 3 April with a great win to Coromandel, bringing the Shield home.

Dale Tegg from Mercury Bay presented the Shield to our President Jim. As usual it was a lovely day, enjoyed by all with lots of laughter.

Thursday 1 May the Ecclestone Cup was played on a very cold windy day with Gary James and Judy Haycock running out winners with Bruce Gawith and David Weatherley runners up.

The Thames Valley Mens Junior Champ of Champs Tournament was played on the 3 and 4 May at Coromandel with players from 12 clubs taking part. Some really great games were played culminating in Layke McNeil coming out the winner 21-20 over Adrian McGaughey from Waihi Beach after a great tussle.

Well done Layke, we are very proud of you.

With the closing of our season on the 8 May this season has gone so fast.

Our AGM will be on **Saturday 7 June** at 10am and we would ask members to please attend, also the CCC (Combined Clubs of Coromandel) AGM which will be on **Saturday 2 August** at 2.30pm, we need as many as possible to support us.

Cheers for now.



Coromandel RSA

By Gary Pettett and Annette James

Local News

ANZAC Day celebrations were held on Friday 25 April outside the TCDC Council buildings followed by a gathering at the Club Rooms on Woollams Ave. It was great to see so many people attending. Lyn, Barb and volunteers catered for the event, supplying a great feast. Thank you to them and all the other helpers on the day. Thank you to all those who attended and participated. It was a lovely remembrance day!

We are planning to have our Mid Winter Dinner on **Saturday 28 June** starting at 3pm. Meals will be \$10 each, and will include ham, lamb and wild pork, plus roast vegetables. We would be grateful if you could bring a dessert to share. Tickets will be available from Saturday 24 May. Places are limited, so be in quick.

Scott Carr of Coromandel Youth Sailing approached Coromandel RSA with a presentation about the work they do with the local youth. He then asked if we could help with some funding towards a chase boat. After discussion with our Welfare Committee, it was decided that we would like to help and we purchased an appropriate second hand boat. It was presented to them on Saturday 17 May.

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John Bertrand Collectables Buying in Coromandel Town Sunday 8th June

Once again, the gold and collectables buyers from Wellington company John Bertrand Collectables are visiting Coromandel Town next week. Mr Tony Grant from the company says, "If you are downsizing or wanting to dispose of things because they no longer serve any purpose to you or your family bring them in". "Next week will be a great opportunity to have any items you want to sell assessed by our buyers" said Mr Grant. Particularly wanted are Gold and Silver (in any of its forms) and Collectables such as Coins, Banknotes, War Medals, Old Wind-up Watches and other interesting Small Collectables.

"We are keen buyers, especially of the items in the list below" said Mr Grant. "Nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as happy buying 1 item as we are buying 1,000 items" he said. The buyers will be in Coromandel Town next week. (see details below). As Tony Grant points out "If you are in doubt about any items you may wish to sell, bring them along for an instant appraisal."



**Mr Anthony (Tony)
W. Grant**

Fellow of the Royal Numismatic
Society of New Zealand Incorporated
Director and Buyer
John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd
Author of the John Bertrand
NZ Coin & Banknote Catalogue

Gold & Silver At Near Record Prices

During these uncertain times we have seen a sharp increase in the price of precious metals. The gold price in New Zealand is at near record levels so gather up all your unwanted items and take them along to the buyers. Tony Grant says "We can buy old gold items in all forms, including Jewellery (Rings, Chains, Brooches etc), Coins (Sovereigns and the like), Alluvial (River Gold), virtually anything, even Gold Teeth! We also need all Sterling Silver including Cups, Tea Services, Cutlery and Old Coins" he said.



Some Big Dollars in Early Banknotes

Early New Zealand Banknotes dated before 1932 are currently fetching big money! This is according to Mr Tony Grant, author of the *John Bertrand New Zealand Coin & Banknote Catalogue*. Mr Grant is in Coromandel Town next week on a buying trip for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd and would be very keen to see any of these issues. "We will pay at least \$300 for any undamaged Ten Shilling or One Pound banknote

Interesting Small Collectables Wanted

The buyers from John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd, visiting Coromandel Town next week are happy to look at any interesting items, for example vintage pocket and wristwatches such as Rolex, Men's Omega, Breitling and gold watches etc. Also wanted, pre 1950's picture postcards, Maori and Pacific artefacts, old fountain pens and other small antique or historical items.

"If you have something unusual which you would like to sell, please bring it into one of our venues, we would like the chance to at least have a look at it" said Tony Grant, buyer for the Company. "We will consider anything which may be of interest to a collector" he said.

Collectors Need War Medals

Currently, throughout NZ and the world there is a big demand by collectors for war medals. These cover all wars right through from the New Zealand Land Wars and the Boer War, to the First and Second World Wars and the later Korea and Vietnam conflicts. New Zealand Servicemen and Women first served overseas in the Boer War in South Africa around 1900 and the war medals awarded for this service are needed by the buyers, as are any other Medals from early New Zealand and the New Zealand Wars.

General service medals from both the First and Second World Wars will also be purchased, but as can be imagined these were awarded in fairly large numbers. "If a group of medals has any special award for bravery such as the Military Medal, Military or Flying Cross or other medals for Distinguished Conduct or Meritorious Service, these can add great value to a group" stated Mr Tony Grant, buyer for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd. "Many families have old medals, some dating back to early Imperial days, that they are not sure what to do with. These are better off in the hands of collectors who will look after them. We will be happy to look at any war medals whatsoever, just bring them in to venues" he said.

Old Coins Can Toss Up a Rarity

Do you have a bunch of old coins sitting around in your drawers and cupboards? You just never know what rarities may be lurking there. The advice from Tony Grant from John Bertrand (Collectables) Limited is to "bring them in and let us have a look". "No need to sort anything out just bring them in 'as is' and please don't clean them! We can go through coin accumulations and collections fairly quickly" he said. The buyers are particularly keen to buy pre 1946 New Zealand Silver Coins for at least 20 times their face value (more for quantity). "In any event we will buy All Coins," said Mr Grant.

JOHN BERTRAND (COLLECTABLES) ARE BUYING NOW!!

OLD GOLD

- Unwanted Jewellery or Broken Rings
- Gold Chains
- Gold Watch Cases
- Alluvial (River) Gold
- Dental Gold
- Gold Coins
- Gold Racing & Trophy Cups



COINS

- All Gold & Silver Coins
- Gold Sovereigns
- Gold Half Sovereigns
- NZ Silver Coins 1946 & Before (at least 20 times face value)
- Also wanted NZ & World Coins after 1946
- Australian Silver Coins to 1963
- English Silver Coins to 1946
- NZ 1935 "Waitangi Crown"
- USA Coins up to 1964
- Old Collections & Accumulations of World Coins
- Modern Collector's Coins & Sets
- NZ Reserve Bank Sets



BANKNOTES

- NZ & Australian "Trading Bank" Notes pre 1932 (e.g. Bank of New South Wales, Bank of NZ etc)
- Reserve Bank of NZ Pre-Decimal Notes
- Any £20, £50 or £100 Notes
- Hong Kong & Malayan Banknotes
- Australian Pre Decimal Notes
- Australian "Star" Notes
- Early Fijian and Samoan Banknotes
- NZ Traders Promissory Notes (1840s)
- NZ Government Debentures
- NZ Banknotes overprinted for use in Fiji, Cook Islands etc
- Postal Notes
- All other World Banknotes



GOLD & SILVER

- Racing Cups
- A&P Show Cups
- Sports Cups
- Presentation Keys & Trowels
- Show Pieces
- Sterling Silver Tea Sets
- Sterling Silver Cutlery
- Scrap Gold & Silver

No EPNS or Silver Plated items Please

WRIST & POCKET WATCHES

- Gold & Silver Pocket Watches
- Any Rolex Watches
- Omega Gents Watches
- Any Breitling, Jaeger Le Coultre, Vacheron & Constantin, Patek Philippe, or IWC Watches
- Moon Phase Watches
- Chiming or Alarm Watches (Pocket or Wrist)
- Military Watches
- Divers Watches
- All other pre 1950s wind up watches (parts value only)

No Quartz or Battery Operated Watches Please



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TOKENS

- NZ & Australian "Tradesmen's" Tokens
- NZ Transportation Tokens
- Railway Passes
- Tram Tokens (not Dunedin Tramways)
- Presbyterian Church Communion Tokens
- Bread Tokens
- Theatre, Cafe, Discount Tokens etc
- Any other tokens relating to early New Zealand

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- Albums & Accumulations of Pre 1920s Postcards (used or unused)
- Old Fountain Pens
- Small Chinese & Japanese Antiques
- Maori & Pacific Artefacts



WAR MEDALS ETC

- The New Zealand Wars & Boer War Medals
- 1st World War Medals
- 2nd World War Medals, Stars etc
- Orders and Decorations
- Korea & Vietnam Medals
- Antarctic or other Polar Medals
- Fire Brigade Medals
- Lodge Medals
- Shooting Medals
- Military Badges and all other Military Medals
- Gold returning Fob Medals or "Tokens of Honour" from residents of small town New Zealand

HISTORICAL MEDALS

- A&P Show- Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals
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Patchwork & Quilters

By Sue Smith

It's feeling a bit more wintery these days. When the sun's not shining it's great to head to the sewing room. Have already had two classes this year tutored by our own members and more to come. We always have more than one project on the go.

Earlier in the year we decided to start a Mystery Quilt, or two. Star Burst by Susan Claire will be done by some in the group. Won't be a mystery as Gail, who is organizing it, revealed the finished quilt. We don't do well with mysteries. The other option, which is still a mystery, is by Sherri McConnell. A month by month handout, organized by Fiona. Option of either a full size quilt or a table runner. Some members are working on both quilts. Will be fun to see them finished.

We meet at the St John Ambulance Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Feel free to call in and see what we are up to.

Contact – President, Fiona Neal 027 373 6991 or Secretary, Michaela Green 021 028 71879



WIP (work in progress) showing some blocks for the mystery quilts

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sue Ngamane



With the end of our financial year fast approaching – **Monday 30 June** – we thought it may be of interest to you to see “behind the curtain” so to speak.

The Information Centre is run by a charitable trust – Thrive Coromandel – administered by a Board of Trustees who are all volunteers.

While we receive funding from the Thames Coromandel District Council, as a charitable trust, applying for funding is an ongoing exercise to ensure that we remain open and viable.

We have over 3,000 followers on Facebook and on average, over 4,000 visits have been logged on our website www.coromandeltown.nz per month, peaking in February with over 6,000 views, from all over the world.

We have spoken to and engaged with over 7,000 people through the Information Centre and that is excluding locals who often pop in for a chat, to purchase tickets to local shows or looking for local contacts, etc.

We have conducted over 70 Boom, Bust and Beyond tours during the year and the feedback from customers has been glowing – “friendly, informative, local tour guide. Not only talked but listened and answered our many questions” – Gill, NZ. “Was lovely to meet and have a local person guiding the tour. Made all the difference.” – Mark, USA

We have lost count of the number of activity packs – Beach, Bush & Beyond – handed out to children who may have been playing in the park or have visited the Centre. They have certainly been appreciated by parents and children alike.

Along with commission received on tickets sold for the many and varied activities in the area, including shows and events, we are very grateful to those tourist operators, service providers and small businesses that advertise with us through our website, Facebook and through word of mouth through the Info Centre – it is thanks to you we are able to keep functioning.

To any new ventures, businesses or activities that wish to know more about the access we can provide for you, please contact the Information Centre for our advertising package options info@coromandeltown.nz.

Remember, King's Birthday weekend this month and I am sure there are many activities planned in and around Coromandel Town for the last long weekend before October, including:

- Boot Sale first Saturday of the month at Woollams Ave carpark
- Winter markets at Christ Church Hall each Saturday.
- Quiz nights at the Combined Club every second Tuesday.
- Quiz nights commencing at the Star and Garter on **Wednesday 11 June**.
- Coromandel Fishing Competition Kings Birthday weekend.

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Coromandel Contact Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Winter is settling in, time to dig out our thermals. We have had two visitors join in with us, this has helped to boost our numbers, so good when we have two full tables, if you are in the area and would like to join in with us please let Jackie know before 3pm so she can fit you in. We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms. Contact Jackie if you would like to join our club.

Contact Jackie 021 061 6876

The Colville Project (TCP)

Positive Hui in Central Waikato

Representatives from three key community organisations – The Colville Project, Colville Junction, and Colville Community Health Trust – recently travelled to Hamilton/Kirikiroa to meet with a group of funders. Hosted by Raewyn Kirkman, CEO of DV Bryant Trust, the hui provided a valuable opportunity to share the vision and progress of these vital Northern Coromandel initiatives, with a number of influential funding bodies.

Our groups met with representatives from the Department of Internal Affairs (Lottery Grants Schemes), Len Reynolds Trust, Gallagher Trust, Trust Waikato, Braemar Charitable Trust and Community Waikato. The purpose of the visit was to give an overview of the distinct roles of each trust and outline our separate journeys; and to talk about the needs and aspirations of our communities. The Colville Project also updated funders about the progress of the development of TCP's Wellbeing & Education Centre (WEC).

The Colville Project team emphasised the significant need for facilities in our geographically isolated area, and detailed the evolution of the WEC concept plan, highlighting its improved functionality and cost-effectiveness. We outlined our current milestones and the estimated costs associated with bringing this vital community hub to fruition, and shared our strategies for achieving long-term financial sustainability for the WEC.

Funders actively engaged with the presentations, asking pertinent questions, particularly around the project's budget and the feasibility of a staged construction approach. The overall reception was positive, with funders offering valuable advice on navigating the funding landscape for a capital works project of this scale. TCP also met with some funders and stakeholders individually following the main hui.

This visit marks a significant step forward in engagement to secure the necessary support and resources for the Northern Coromandel communities. As highlighted during the discussions, community hubs in remote and rural areas are increasingly recognised worldwide as crucial for delivering essential services effectively and equitably. The Colville Project's vision for the WEC as a central point for assistance, support, and social connection resonated with the funders, who acknowledged the equity-based need for such a facility in our region, irrespective of population size.

The positive engagement and guidance received during this visit offer a strong sense of optimism as The Colville Project team moves forward in their efforts to build a brighter future for the entire Northern Coromandel community.

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Embroiderers' Guild

By Heather Arthur

Another good turnout of happy stitchers to our monthly meeting at St John rooms Coromandel.

Each year the Northern North Island (which is our area) have a special week of stitching called the Great Escape. Some of our ladies have just returned with delightful stitching from this years Great Escape so their planning is well advanced for next year!! A grand variety of options, from creative works to lace making is offered and the samples for 2026 were brought to us and presented by Kim Wood from North Auckland. Decisions on which class to aim to attend makes it easier to decide when they are brought to us as real samples not just pictures in a magazine...thanks Kim for bringing them to us.

Our class next month is a pretty and more delicate mat called Snutki with Vi King tutoring. Looking forward to that one.

We all love seeing what is presented on the Show and Tell table. This month our very own Queen of the 'Threads magazine', Marie Keeves, presented yet another beautiful piece to send to family overseas. And an interesting sampler from the Resources library that we can all look forward to doing in September was also presented. Two of our ladies brought their beautiful Stumpwork pieces from a class tutored by Margaret Burgess.

There was also another wall hanging which I omitted to photograph... sorry! It shows how popular Heather Constantine's monthly workstream has been. There were 3 finished pieces and we are only a few months into the year - A heavy doorstep and 2 lined zipped pouches. The theme is "leaves" with optional stitch choices suggested, each described on paper and offered for us to create what we wish as we wish. It does make us think though... but also shows how practical our stitching can be.

You too can see what is brought along on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/coromandelembroidersguild.

If you have a practical article in mind that you would like to do some nice stitching on, come along 1st Wednesday of the month 10am (morning tea is always scrumptious).

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Coromandel St John rooms at 10am. For more information you can contact Helen on (07) 866 8460 or email coromadelembroidery1@gmail.com



Real Estate Matters

Q. I would like to sell my property. My friends tell me not to sell until spring-summer? Is this true? Should I wait?

A. In short there are buyers at all times in all seasons for real estate.

You can pull statistics to prove what you want these days. Most people are selling and buying in the same market. There are always births, deaths, job changes, school requirements, retirement, family expansions etc. Any number of things that life brings into our paths that are not planned.

Due to some traditions you find people do wait for spring. Unfortunately this can mean you are listing your home during a period of more competition between sellers, less competition for buyers due to the increase in property coming into the market during usually a busy spring market.

Bringing your home into an autumn-winter market, buyers can feel the home is not damp, there are no leaks after the rain. Usually when viewings take place you have a fire box or heat pump operating giving that natural homely feeling and warmth of an invitation. On a colder day this means viewers may stay longer in the warm home and take more in than a quick walk through on a hot summer's day on their way to the beach.

In the autumn-winter months maybe a house needs a little more effort in the grounds to have colour in the gardens and be well presented. In any season, this is a really good "first impressions matter" exercise.

Ensure all the light bulbs work, again same as any time of the year. Aim for a bright, non cluttered presentation.

Some buyers will feel they have less competition in the autumn-winter market so are more active and assertive in their approach. Currently inquiry rates are good across our marketplace here in Coromandel. Yes there may be some cautious approaches, but people are most definitely inquiring and viewing.

As in any season, any market, being priced to the market and presented well along with good profiling of your property in the marketplace, being presented on and in the correct platforms, you will or should see activity.

So in short, the best time to sell is when you are ready to sell. This is mentally for you, and physically presenting the property. Often these are the two most important hurdles for a vendor prior to selling. Making the decision to action, the rest is a process.

Should you wish to discuss these or other real estate matters, contact Glenn Wells – Licensed Agent. Harcourts Coromandel (licensed REAA 2008) glenn.wells@harcourts.co.nz or 0800 735 788

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Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

It's been a busy few weeks in politics and we've announced several education initiatives which will help more students to reach their potential, both here in the Coromandel and across the country.



As the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, I was thrilled to be part of the Government's announcement that financial literacy will be added to the 2026 education curriculum for year 1 to 10 students. Parents have long called for financial education to be taught in schools so young New Zealanders can be equipped with the real-world skills they need before they embark on adulthood.

The new financial curriculum will cover basic financial skills, such as identifying needs versus wants and managing a bank account, through to more complex concepts, like budgeting, investment, interest, taxes, and insurance. This knowledge will help students become financially aware and make better financial decisions throughout their lives. It's a significant step for our education system and I look forward to seeing the positive impact that this will have on future generations.

We've also launched a new online Parent Portal which provides parents with a clear year by year guide into what their child is learning. It gives parents a better insight into the yearly curriculum, which makes it easier to monitor their child's progress. The portal can be accessed on any device and includes easy-to-use tools and activities to support learning at home.

Finally, there was a pre-Budget announcement that the Government will fund teacher registration and practising certificates which will save teachers up to \$550. This initiative begins from 1 July and will benefit around 40,000 fulltime and part time school and early learning teachers in the first year, growing to around 115,000 across three years.

By the time you read this column, Finance Minister Nicola Willis will have delivered the annual Budget. This is where the Government sets out how we'll invest taxpayers' dollars into the areas that matter most. The Budget isn't expected to be a lolly scramble of new spending initiatives; instead, it will continue our prudent approach to rebuilding the economy, cutting or redirecting wasteful spending, and supporting economic growth.

More details will be available once the Budget has been delivered on Thursday 22 May.



Grey Power Coromandel Inc.

By Patricia Whimp

Our Annual General Meeting was held today, with a fantastic turnout of 26 members – both familiar and new faces. Thank you to all who attended!

We were pleased to welcome Kim Mounsey from the Coromandel Library as our guest speaker. Her talk sparked a lively discussion from the floor about the library's origins, its building history, and what the space was used for before becoming a library. Kim brought along photo albums in celebration of the library's 40th anniversary last year – many of the people in the photos remain unnamed. If you have a moment to spare, please pop into the library and speak with Kim or the new librarian, Jasmine Strauss. They'd love your help identifying people in the photos.

Did you know? Our Coromandel Library is independent of the TCDC library network, as our Ward doesn't meet the ratable income requirements. However, we proudly own every single book on the shelves. For just \$25 per year, you can join the library and help ensure its survival and continued service to our community.

Constitution discussion

Although our new Constitution has been approved by the Federation, the incoming committee would like to take more time to review it. There are still concerns that some important elements may have been left out. This will be a key focus for the new team.

Your Committee for 2025

President – Brian Holmes (continuing until his move from the district), Vice-President – John Rabarts, Secretary – Nadine Wishnowsky, Treasurer & Membership Secretary – Patricia Whimp. Committee Members: Carol Carson, Gay Holmes, Bill Chadderton.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Carol Carson and Alan Smith for their contributions to the committee. Carol has kindly agreed to remain as Membership Secretary until the end of September while Patricia takes a leave of absence. We also acknowledge Loes Beaver, who couldn't attend today. Thank you, Loes, for always being such a dependable presence at the raffle table!

Welcome to our new members!

We're thrilled to announce that we've welcomed 35 new members this year – 11 more than the total for last year! We understand that 31 of these joined thanks to the Grey Power GoFuel Fuelcard. A warm welcome to you all – we're delighted to have you with us.

Next meeting

Mark your calendar! Wednesday 20 August, 10.30am at Combined Clubs of Coromandel. Meeting theme: "Getting to Know You!"

Share stories like: Who's the most famous person you've met? What's the furthest place you've travelled? Join us for a cuppa, some laughs, and great conversation.

President – Brian Holmes, 027 319 0172, beeandgee@hotmail.co.nz. Vice-President – John Rabarts, (07) 866 8068, john.rabarts@gmail.com. Secretary – Nadine Wishnowsky, (07) 866 8705, wishnadine@hotmail.com. Treasurer/Membership Secretary – Patricia Whimp, 027 498 5227 greypowercoro@gmail.com



Brian thanking Alan Smith



Kim Mounsey – Guest Speaker



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Community Garden

The gardens have shifted gear and are moving into a more hibernating period. However we still have winter crops coming on with new plants of turnip, carrot, Chinese greens and spinach and silverbeet providing some kai soon. We are also getting in some radish, bok choy, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage.

The fruit trees were in abundance this year with more fruit than we ever had thanks to Tim who came in and showed us how to prune properly last year. We will endeavor to follow his lead this winter. Soon the citrus will be producing so keep your eye out for mandarins and grapefruit and lemons in the community garden.

The Community gardens extension at CILT has done really well for our first year. Please come down during the week in business hours and have a look around and collect some kai. The Hauraki community garden is open all year round.

We are wanting to recruit some new members as two of our team have had to leave due to travel and work. So if you have time on a Friday morning for a few hours please come down. We are there between 9am and 11am at the Hauraki end then we go to the CILT gardens from 11am ish to 1pm. All help is greatly appreciated.

Our garden at CILT is in desperate need of plant mulch. If anyone knows of some mulch that is available could they please let us know. (We can't use pine or privet mulch).

Thanks to all of you who pop in for a chat, donate seedlings or plants, come in and give us some mahi tahi hours. We appreciate it all.

Rachel, Garden Coordinator, mobile 022 410 2772



Mana

Kia ora koutou, greetings to you all,

It has been a lively time at the Centre lately, with a diverse range of groups passing through our doors. We especially appreciated those of you who joined us for a day of mindful gardening. These community garden days offer a wonderful opportunity to connect with others while experiencing the meditative joy of working with the earth and spending time in nature.

In May, we hosted a few other special events, including an uplifting chanting session in the sanctuary and a beautiful concert by the talented father-daughter duo, Dylan Wade and Nur Peach. Thank you to all who came along and shared in these moments.

With the winter solstice approaching, there's a quiet magic in the air. We find ourselves soaking up the golden rays of sunlight and gently attuning to the slower, more reflective rhythm of the season.

Winter Working Bee

Our much-loved Winter Working Bee is just around the corner – happening on **Friday 20 to Sunday 22 June**. It's a cherished part of our seasonal rhythm, bringing the community together for a weekend of mindful, nourishing, and joy-filled work. Whether you're able to come for a day or the whole weekend, we'd love to have you with us. To register, please contact us on (07) 866 8972.

Open Floor Dance

Come move with us! Join in for a morning of movement, connection, and soulful expression. Open to all bodies and backgrounds – no experience needed, just a willingness to show up and move. Through guided, free-form dance, we create space to release, ground, and reconnect – with ourselves, each other, and the season.

When: **Tuesday 3 and Tuesday 10 June**. Time: 10-11.45am. Cost: \$15-\$20 (sliding scale).

Winter break

Mana will be closed for our winter break from **Monday 23 June to Monday 28 July**. During this time, we will not be receiving visitors, and our response times will be delayed. For urgent enquiries, you can reach us at be@manaretreat.com.

As we journey into the stillness of winter, may the season embrace you gently, filling your spirit with nourishment, peace, and connection.

"The winter solstice is a celebration of the resilience of the human spirit, which can find joy and wonder in the simple act of gathering together." – Brené Brown

Arohanui, the Mana Team

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JUNE 13 - 15	The Joy of Rest with Neal Ghoshal and Karla Brodie
JUNE 16 - 19	Thought Leaders Private Event
JUNE 20 - 22	Winter Solstice Working Bee
JUNE 23- JULY 28	Winter Rest Period (Centre CLOSED).
AUG 1 - 4	Mid Winter Relaxation Retreat with Jessica Dziwulska
AUG 8 - 10	August Relax and Wellness Weekend with the Mana Team
AUG 12 - 14	Hormonal Harmony Retreat: Understanding, Empowering, and Celebrating Change
AUG 15 - 17	Shiatsu Retreat
AUG 21 - 24	Release, Replenish, Restore with Fiona Liu

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Community Dance JUNE 3, 10 | TIME: 10:00-11:45AM

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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Colville Bay Preschool

By Maria Dove

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

We're all enjoying the still autumn days here at Colville Bay Preschool and we've been making the most of opportunities to visit and explore our nearby moana at Colville Bay. We welcome our new tamariki, Benny, Jahstye and Marlow – it's so good to have you join us and we are looking forward to getting to know you better.

It has been a busy month with the community and preschool whanau really supporting us with three fundraisers. A big thank you to all who contributed towards our Easter Hamper and Mother's Day raffles. Congratulations to the winners, Jo Pearsall and Sandra Dudson. Also, there was an amazing effort from our preschool parents, and others, to put on a delicious Vietnamese Pho dinner. A special thanks to Beth Pearsall for the awesome meal she created as Head Chef. High Five to all our local grocery suppliers for their generous donations of ingredients for the dinner. Without your support, we could not have created this community event.

We are actively working hard to increase the number of children attending here at Colville Bay Preschool and welcome any enquiries from Coromandel families who are looking for a small, close-knit community preschool. We offer high registered teacher to child ratios, with many outdoor adventures in an idyllic location and will arrange transport to and from Coromandel Town. We are currently offering a No childcare fee schedule up until the end of 2025, with just a small charge for travel costs.



In the past we have run a van from Coromandel Town and it has been a trip the tamariki really enjoyed. They like to sit next to their friends, we sing songs, play games and talk about all the things we see as we travel up and down the coast. The trip is no more than 30 minutes each way and is seen as a wonderful learning experience where close bonds are made.

If you are looking for something a little different give us a call on 022 645 3272 or email seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5–15yrs.

We provide a supervised, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play, play, play! To join, parents just fill out a membership form.

After school 5yrs+, play and activities, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm.

Closed for public holidays.

For 10yrs+

- Monthly Spotlight – next game is **Friday 6 June** 5.30pm – 7.30pm.
- Adventure Time – will be back next summer.
- Miniatures Game Club – Wednesdays 3-5pm, interactive D&D style games with no screens.

For more information, during open hours, call in, phone 027 217 9206 or contact us at 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

Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams, Principal

COROMANDEL
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Navigating the NZ education system

Education is often in the media, it is a political football that gets knocked around depending on the current agenda of the day. Schools are currently going through major change in regards to the New Zealand Curriculum and changes are being rolled out at a cracking pace. This includes changes in the primary space in terms of Mathematics, Reading and Writing primarily. The government is implementing a more “structured approach” in the hopes that having clear progressions and content will lift our achievement results as a nation. The balance is to ensure that while the political machine does its work, those of us in educational leadership are ensuring what already works isn't “a baby that is thrown out with the bathwater”.

NCEA is also going through major changes. NCEA was initially implemented in 2002 and replaced School Certificate, Sixth Form Certificate and the 7th Form University Entrance and Bursary structure. The intention at the time was to provide a qualification that recognised vocational skills and knowledge that previously hadn't been recognised by a system reliant on exams and academic knowledge. How this has played out has varied for different schools and different contexts. What many seem to think is that the more credits you get, the better. That is not the case. To pass, 60 credits are needed at each year level and more recently, alongside this is a further 20 credits which must be achieved once only. These 20 credits are made up by reading, writing and mathematics exams that show a student is functionally literate and numerate, these tests are known as the “co-requisite exams”.

What is important in the NCEA qualifications, is what the NCEA credits earned are for, and what pathway they lead towards.

The traditional academic pathways still exist and the qualifications gained through English, Te Reo, science, mathematics, the arts etc. are assessed using achievement standards. These are graded with achieved, merit or excellence depending on the standard of work submitted. There are also exam components for many of these. Achievement standards are offered in most subjects but generally require a lot of academic effort (often writing) to achieve. Unit standards are offered in many subjects and in particular through vocational pathways. These standards are not graded, a student will either pass or fail. Unit standards tend to recognise skills students have learned that will contribute to employment. Some common examples are standards attributed for first aid courses, health and safety work based learning, specific organisation qualifications (example coast guard), driving qualifications, trades based learning, cookery etc.

Students, usually at Year 11 begin to work toward an NCEA qualification. This will lead onto a vocation, or onto further training or education. What we are focusing on as a school currently is trying to help our students gain NCEA qualifications in ways that are meaningful to the pathway they are leaning towards. We have introduced careers surveys and are trying to find ways to expose the students to a range of careers and vocational pathways so that they can make good choices about what they do at school while they are here. For those who don't know, we are trying to keep doors open. This means keeping students in a broad and foundational curriculum for as long as possible and mentoring students to make choices based on their future. For this to work we need our young people to be goal focused and to know that hard work is necessary to achieve success. We may not enjoy climbing mountains, but when we get to the top the view makes the effort worthwhile and the pain becomes a distant memory!

So, talk with the young people in your lives, ask them questions about dreams and aspirations, and keep encouraging them to do the mahi. Education, learning and perseverance alongside some high expectations is a recipe for success, whatever that success looks like for each individual.

Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



June 2025

Works around the Ward

Road works to repair storm damage are underway at multiple sites on Port Jackson and Colville Roads throughout June, so remember to factor in extra time to your journey if you're heading that way.

There will be stop/go traffic management in place on Colville Road, about 6km before Colville village, as well as rolling closures at several sites along Port Jackson Road.

For locations and closure details, check tcdc.govt.nz/roads



Safety on our roads

If you're driving over King's Birthday weekend:

- Check your car is in good "health" before you head off
- Allow plenty of time to arrive safely so you don't need to rush
- Drive to the conditions
- Take regular breaks to stay alert
- Keep a safe following distance from vehicles in front
- Be patient and take care passing cyclists



King's BIRTHDAY WEEKEND



Kerbside collections

There are no kerbside collections on the King's Birthday public

holiday on Monday 2 June. Collections for that Yellow week (food, glass, recycling) will be a day later than usual. Check your local calendar at tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations:

Our Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations will be open as usual on the holiday Monday, from 8.30am-4.30pm. Find out where your nearest station is at tcdc.govt.nz/rts



Service centres

Our offices (and AA services) are closed on King's Birthday Monday. You can still contact us 24/7 at **07 868 0200** or customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

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Coromandel-Colville Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chair Gavin Jeffcoat -

"As we head into the three-month pre-election period, this will be last column from me before elections in October. A big thank you from the Board to all the community groups who've made time to share their goals, visions and challenges in our community networking sessions. We love how engaged our communities are. Their passion and energy is part of what makes our place special. On that note, we're celebrating our hard-working community volunteers in June as well - we look forward to sharing lunch with you at CILT on 17 June. See you then."

gavin.jeffcoat@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Networking news

At the last community networking session, the Board:

- Heard from Driving Creek Railway Charitable Trust about their present activities and future plans to support the local community
- Received an update on Treaty Settlements from Council's District Manager - find out more at whakatau.govt.nz
- Discussed walking and cycling trails
- Looked at discretionary grants to be considered at its June meeting.

The Board's next meeting is Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 9am, 355 Kapanga Road. Meeting agendas and the 2025 Council meeting schedule are at tcdc.govt.nz/agendas-reports-and-minutes

Celebrating our local volunteers

You're invited to a special event in your area to celebrate you and all the incredible mahi you do for our community. It's our way of saying thank you for everything you give.

Coromandel-Colville Volunteers Celebration
Tuesday 17 June - 12pm
Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT)
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For more information and to RSVP visit

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mahi toi ARTS

Loads to see at Art Expo

Whitianga Lions Club is gearing up to bring you an outstanding collection of local artworks in their annual Art Expo at King's Birthday Weekend (**Friday 30 May to Monday 2 June**).

This year the Lions are pleased to announce that Dayle Candy and David Frew of Harcourts Coromandel Beaches Realty have gotten in behind the Art Expo as the major sponsors making it possible to extend aspects of the Expo and add a greater visitor experience.

The Art Expo committee says as well as inviting existing artists and new artists to take part, there will be Artists in Show where visitors can watch ceramics, glasswork and painting as the artists work on their pieces.

"Secondary schools on the Coromandel have expressed lots of interest in the Secondary Schools Art Competition, which this year we've divided into two categories: photography and visual art. The first place winner in the photography category will receive mentorships with Ian Preece covering astrophotography and Peter Drury focusing on wildlife photography. The winner in the visual art category will spend time being mentored by Kay De Baauw and Souzie Speerstra. All of these artists have a wealth of knowledge and skills to share and aim to encourage the winners to continue on their learning path."

The public is invited to opening night, **Friday 30 May**, of the Whitianga Lions Art Expo presented by Dayle Candy and David Frew of Harcourts Coromandel Beaches Realty where the winners of the Secondary Schools Art Expo will be announced.



Kahu Kete
by Deborah Phillips



In Fur-suit of Happiness
by Jessie Macaw

The Whitianga Lions Art Expo will be held in the Whitianga Town Hall from opening night **Friday 30 May**, 5.30pm-8pm, **Saturday 31 May**, 10am-4pm and **Monday 2 June**, 10am-12pm.

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Apologies theatre goers for no news from the Players recently, but silence does not mean no activity!

Behind the scenes a group of women members have been hard at work on two award-winning plays, chosen from a six play compilation called "Charged". The plays were commissioned by Clean Break, an organisation devoted to theatre education for women in Britain for some 31 years.

Claire Johnson is directing the play "Fatal Light" by Chloe Moss ...Thanks Claire! "A tender depiction of a young mother's inability to cope with separation from her daughter. It tells the story of Jay, a vulnerable young single mother who's simply trying her best to bring up her daughter and is eventually sent to prison. The piece plays backwards in time and ends with Jay in a positive situation. Through this, the play examines the failures that lead to Jay's demise, highlighting issues such as mental health struggles and the impact of incarceration on women and their families."

I read the six play collection and really liked "Taken" by Winsome Pinnock. I volunteered to direct if we could find the cast of 3 who could carry off the emotional demands of the parts. Which we have...

The play has a deceptive simplicity. Three women of a family – grandmother, mother and granddaughter meeting after many years of separation. What can they have to say to each other? I liked the playwrights handling of the relationships through the ordinary language we are often reduced to in such emotional moments. But the key to my admiring the play, was the way the author left the apportionment of blame for the family breakup just hanging there for you, the audience, to draw your own conclusions. Tricky old concept "blame", as the Greek philosophers pointed out.

I'd like to finish by acknowledging the contribution (yet again) of Jan Autumn, who guided "Taken" when I was on holiday. Jan has been a friend, through the theatre, for over 40 years and takes on many jobs that are necessary but unheralded. Thank you Jan!

There will be only three performances of these plays, **Friday 6 June** and **Saturday 7 June** at 7.30pm, and **Sunday 8 June** at 2pm. Tickets at The Coromandel Town Information Centre.

I would encourage you to come along and be entertained and challenged and to talk after the performance.

Please tell all your friends who might be new to Coromandel theatre!

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Definition of art – an expression of an individuals thoughts and processes to create an original piece satisfying to that individual.

Sounds like our Art Group members!

We are a small bunch of cheerful arty friends who enjoy the artistic flair and creativity of each individual, creating opportunities to share and develop our skills.

Our group has a wealth of knowledge in our library through books and dvds for members to learn from.

If this sounds like you, or you have always thought you'd like to come along one day, then now's the time. We have vacancies for our art group, so grab a friend and pop in to see us for a cuppa and a chat to see what we are all up to.

We meet at the Aerodrome clubrooms on a Thursday morning 9am-12pm. It's warm, spacious and great views. It's flat with plenty of parking.

We offer \$5 days if you want to be a casual, or are here just at holiday time and would like to participate, or a small fee for a full member with more benefits.

We are looking at any form of art medium... oils, pastels, acrylics, pencil, inks or crafts... it's all art.

So come and join our happy bunch, we can help you along your artistic journey or if you are already an artist, your input shared could help the rest of the group.

What makes it interesting is the new ideas of each individual.. Come share yours.

If you would like more information, give me a call, Lindsay 027 494 9738



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Thames Music Group

Sunday Afternoon Concert features Nichola Genn Harris and Yi Ting Heng

Thames Music Group's June Sunday afternoon concert of 2025 on **Sunday 8 June** at 2pm, features Nichola Genn Harris (flute) and Yi Ting Heng (piano) and will be the first time



Nichola Genn Harris and Yi Ting Heng

Nichi and Ting have performed together as a duo.

Nichola Genn Harris is a relatively new import to the Thames area, where she is HOD Music at Thames High School. Nichi and Ting met when Nichi began conducting rehearsals of the local 2022 performance of Handel's Messiah, in which Ting made her debut as an accompanist. Ting has continued to support music locally, with her willingness to "give it a go" seeing her step into the role of concert pianist for both the Saint George's Community Choir and the Te Aroha Community Choir. In 2024 Ting and Nichi both performed with these choirs for their ANZAC concert – Ting on the piano and Nichi on the flute.

Ting and Nichi both started learning music – on the piano – at an early age. Nichi grew up in Nelson in a musical family at a time when music in the area was very strong, and performing on her flute as a soloist, in chamber music groups, community orchestras, music theatre, and recording as a Young Artist with Radio New Zealand.

Ting grew up in Cameron Highlands, Malaysia, where she enjoyed playing the piano the most when no one was listening. It was not until she arrived in New Zealand in 2010 that she played to elderly neighbours and at a rest home, and joined a local music muster, that she began to enjoy sharing music with others.

Details: Thames Music Group's Sunday Concert series presents Nichola Genn Harris and Yi Ting Heng, **Sunday 8 June** at 2pm, St George's Church, Mackay Street, Thames.

Tickets: \$20/Adult, \$15/TMG Member, free entry/under 18 yrs old.

Friday Lunchtime Concert features Manu Mātātahi

Thames Music Group's free Friday lunchtime concert this June is on the Matariki public holiday, **Friday 20 June**, and features youth-driven chorus, Manu Mātātahi.

Manu Mātātahi is passionate about revitalizing the barbershop style amongst young people in the Waikato. They're made up of a diverse mix of genders, ages, and backgrounds – the one thing that unites them is their love for singing barbershop music.

Even though they have only been singing together since the start of 2022, they have been awarded bronze medals at the Barbershop Harmony New Zealand national competitions in both 2023 and 2024. Manu Mātātahi always welcomes new members – you can find them in the Marian School Hall, Hamilton, on Thursdays from 7.15pm.

Don't miss this Matariki concert.

Details: Thames Music Group's Free Friday Concert series presents Manu Mātātahi,

Friday 20 June, at 12.15 pm, St George's Church, Thames. Free entry, koha/donation gratefully accepted.



Manu Matatahi

Contact: thamesmusicgroup@yahoo.co.nz

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

We have had a busy time in our Pastel Group.

This month we hosted Australian Master Pastel Artist, Tricia Taylor at Rose's Studio.

We learnt all about painting watercolour underpaintings and using the beautiful watercolour effects to enhance our pastel sea, coasts and waves. Everyone produced some exciting paintings. We also learnt all about the colour wheel and how we can mix and tone down our colours to make shadows that are more realistic than just plain grey or black.

Everyone is very keen to host more tutors and there were some good suggestions at our AGM.

Last month Rosemarie travelled down to Alexandra to the Pastel Artists Convention and National Exhibition. The Purely Pastel Exhibition is a National Exhibition with pastel paintings entered by artists from all over New Zealand. She had two paintings juried into the exhibition and was thrilled to receive a Merit for her painting "The Vice".

Pastel Artists Coromandel meets every Wednesday at Rose's Studio, 860 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town, from 9am until 12 noon. Come along for a cuppa. We welcome new members.

Contact Allan (07) 866 8053 or Saskia 027 296 2670



Rose, Allan, and Saskia with their sea, coast and waves paintings



Rosemarie, who received a Merit for her painting "The Vice"

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Driving Creek Pottery Doings No. 4

By Matilda Halley

Origins of The Artist Residency Programme

Driving Creek has been hosting artists since it was first established. When Barry bought the land at 380 Driving Creek Road in 1973, he had grand ambitions for his pottery and railway that his savings wouldn't quite cover:

"I applied for an Arts Council grant in order to help with building the potteries here and I thought that if I had students here to teach pottery to, they would look on my application more favourably. This is one of the reasons that I have had a number of students over the years learning here under my tuition, using my facilities, but I did not really want to teach pottery." *

It was a rather loose affair in the early days, with plenty of people coming and going, but there were always potters on site, helping with labour on both the railway and the pottery. Towards the end of the '70s, Barry became more selective about who he accepted and invited to work at the pottery: "I must try to encourage its use rather more for those who have specific projects or have a deep sense of commitment to their craft rather



Early residents help with labour

than just enjoying the lifestyle it provides. This enhanced criticality has more chance of reaching out in other ways into the community and it could also be a much needed starting point for cultural exchange." *

Driving Creek eventually became the hub for clay workers and creatives that Barry had envisioned. It has hosted and nurtured many of Aotearoa's most well-known clay artists, as well as potters and artists from all over the world.

While Barry had the final say on who was accepted to work in residence, his time was usually occupied by one of his many projects. It often fell to his supporters, like Wailin Elliott and Helen Mason, to ensure things were running smoothly in the studios.

After Barry's death in 2016, there were a few years of reconfiguration, with no clear direction for managing the residencies. During this time, Caitlin Moloney, then working as a collections assistant, saw a need to breathe new life into the pottery. Part of this work involved reinstating the residency programme. Caitlin helped set up the current iteration, which has been running since 2019. In next month's column, we'll look more closely at how the programme runs today, and what we hope to achieve.

In April, we had eight potters in residence, all working with clay in different ways. These included Wendelien Bakker (Auckland), Ben Pyne (Auckland), Isobel Thom (Auckland), Trevor Spohr (Queensland), Naomi Allen (Auckland), Andrea Gaskin (Auckland), Sam Dickenson (Auckland), and Ellie Woods (Leach Pottery, UK). For detailed profiles on these talented makers and to view their work, head to the Journal section on our website.

Our intensive pottery courses have been filling up fast. The next available course is the Two Week Pottery Experience in late September. Led by Callum Trudgeon, students will spend the first part of the course making pots on the wheel and learning special decorating techniques in preparation for a woodfiring in the Phoenix kiln. We still have spaces available for courses later in the year, so if you're keen to give it a go, head to our website for more information.

* Quotes by Barry Brickell from *A Head of Steam* (1996) by Christine Leov-Lealand



Resident potters from Vanuatu assist Barry with construction of the original Phoenix kiln, 1983

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Preserve New Chum for Everyone Inc revisits the High Court

By John Drummond, Chair

Preserve New Chum for Everyone (PNC4E) is back to the High Court in June to challenge the latest Environment Court decision to make no further changes to the Natural Character mapping at New Chum/Wainuiototo.

New Chum/Wainuiototo is a world class wilderness beach, pristine and free from development, on the East Coast of the Coromandel Peninsula. It has outstanding natural character, significant biodiversity values, magnificent landscapes and seascapes, and significant cultural and archaeological values for Maori.

All of these values are dependent on there being no houses close to or overlooking the beach. Houses that are visible and in earshot of the beach and bay would destroy these values. It's the last of the Coromandel wilderness beaches that is accessible to the public. Although the headland at the north end of the beach was publicly purchased to protect it from development in 2021, the battle to protect the land behind the middle of the beach continues.

A Structure Plan was promoted by Northern Land Property Ltd through the TCDC District Plan process that would allow 25 houses on their land behind New Chum / Wainuiototo.

Since 2013, PNC4E has participated at every stage of the TCDC District Plan process. Submissions, appearances at the local hearings, consideration of the decision, appeals, three years of drawn-out mediations, appearances at three separate Environment Court hearings, consideration of the decisions, a High Court appeal in 2023 and now a further appeal to the High Court in June 2025. We are the only party to appeal this decision.

We have had some successes with the earlier decisions of the Environment Court and the High Court. We have had to engage experts in Planning, Landscape, Ecology, and Law to speak for us at Environment Court and High Court hearings as well as during the mediations.

Local iwi, Ngati Huarere and Ngati Hei have provided Matauranga Maori evidence

at the Environment Court hearing under our appeal.

Our experts, Lawyer Rob Enright and Landscape Architect Di Lucas, have advised us that we have a strong case, and we are determined to pursue every available avenue to halt development at New Chum/Wainuiototo.

This is likely to be our last remaining chance to stop this proposed development, and we are determined to persevere.

Members and supporters of PNC4E have dug deep into their pockets and provided much needed funds at times when it has been needed. Our experts have gifted us some pro-bono work (free to us) as well as large discounts for their rates. The government funded Environmental Legal Assistance Fund has been wound up and so we are relying totally on the people to fund this appeal. We thank all our donors for their ongoing support and ask you to donate generously so we can participate at this level.

We remain resolute that significant



changes will be made to the Structure Plan, including the number and location of house sites, so that it protects the beach and the bay for future generations.

To continue the legal battle, Preserve New Chum for Everyone is seeking to raise \$50,000 for legal expenses. Every donation will support our efforts in securing a better future for New Chum/Wainuiototo, a unique and wilderness beach that is at risk of being irrevocably changed.

About Preserve New Chum for Everyone Inc.

We are the voice of the past, the present and the future, dedicated to the preservation of New Chum/Wainuiototo forever.

For more information on how to support our cause, visit www.preservenewchumforeveryone.org.nz/donate or www.givealittle.co.nz/org/preserve-new-chum-for-everyone-inc

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Free the Trees!

About twenty kilometres north of Coromandel Town lies a stunning little gem of a bay – Torehina. Torehina Beach, adjacent to the turn-off to Waitete Bay, is surrounded by a steep Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) Reserve.

Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel have been planting native plants, carrying out environmental weed control and setting pest animal traps in this council reserve for the past four years. To date we have planted approximately 2800 plants. This is a Forest & Bird project, partially funded by TCDC and Waikato Regional Council, which aims to increase the biodiversity of native fauna and flora, provide shade and shelter, protect the banks from erosion and generally beautify this special reserve, which is a popular summer destination. Our work, with the help of many other willing and wonderful volunteers, has already made a significant difference.

With so many plants here now it is essential to maintain the area and help keep the flaxes and trees free from overgrowth by kikuyu grass (and other weed species).

This month we are again having a working bee to “free the trees”. Put **Sunday 15 and Monday 16 June** into your diary and come and join us in this satisfying task. Just bring; a weeding tool, gardening gloves, a hat and a bottle of water. Any time between 10am and 2pm. See you there!

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Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA)

No 1080 poison for our sacred maunga, Moehau... as stated over the years

"The ever-increasing fixation to use vast amounts of highly toxic chemicals, particularly aerially spread 1080 with the intent to control pests, that has evolved within major administrative sectors in NZ during the past 60 years distinctly correlates with Rachel Carson's predictions over 55 years ago when in her book "Silent Spring" she warned of pesticides causing irrevocable damage to all living creatures and to the world. Those warning signs are in this country." – by Theodora Ward

"The Ngati Huarere ki Whangapoua Trust endorses the Coromandel-Colville Community Board's opposition to the use of residual poisons on the Coromandel Peninsula. In the Trust's view the use of such poison is not consistent with katiakitanga and the Trust holds concerns about the long-term consequences of such poisons. The Trust supports the use of hunting, trapping and cyanide only." – Secondly by Ngāti Huarere ki Whangapoua Trust Environmental Management Team

"Te Uringahu o Ngati Maru supports the Coromandel/Colville wards resolution regarding the issues of community concern."

We are a Hapu that has interests all over the Coromandel Peninsula and we do not support the use of 1080 poisons on any of the Tribal or Forest Parks throughout the Coromandel we have interest in. – Craig Solomon, representative for Te Uringahu o Ngati Maru

Our beloved maunga Moehau is to be assaulted again by aerial poison 1080. UCLA has consistently called for humane wild animal control, creating jobs for locals and a healthy native bush. But no, government after government and their funded proxy eco groups continue to push cruel toxins.

That New Zealand's unique and decades-long use of the powerful toxin 1080 has proven an expensive failure in safely and efficiently meeting conservation goals is increasingly clear. A risky environmental experiment – the programme of poisoning the environment to a state of health has simultaneously, but unsurprisingly, spawned a range of unanticipated problems and unintended adverse impacts.

In assessing the results of New Zealand's 60-year toxin campaign, one fact stands out among all the rest – there has been no sound scientific research whatsoever that conclusively demonstrates ecosystem improvement as a result of aerial 1080 operations.

Anecdotes abound, and studies by indus-

try-associated professionals are common. But scientific research that meets internationally recognised standards does not exist to show that poison use has either improved overall ecosystem health or directly resulted in long-term population benefits to any individual native species.

In respect of its main target, the possum has failed to eliminate, or even significantly reduce, the country's brushtail possum problem. Possum numbers were estimated in the tens of millions when 1080 poisoning began. After more than a half-century of toxin use, population estimates still range from 30 to 40 million individuals. And with repeated spreading of the toxin, bait shyness in possums has developed and is now generally recognised.

Lethal effects on non-target native species are documented – from tomtits and robins, to frogs, bats and eels, to kea, kaka and morepork, to insects and other invertebrates. In some cases, impact on local populations has been devastating.

Populations of rats, known predators of a wide range of indigenous species, have been found to dramatically increase within 24 months, following aerial applications of the toxin. And even more troubling, increasing resistance in rats to 1080 toxin is now suspected.



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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Saskia Wagner

Wagwan, Luke? Conservation legend swaps kiwi for cables

After three years of whispering to kiwi, guiding conservation tours, and growing our trap empire, Luke is officially swinging out of the Conservation Team.

Luke will still be part of the Driving Creek whānau – just at a slightly higher altitude. He's zipping (literally) into a new role as Team Leader with the Zipline crew!

From spotting Hochstetter's and Archey's frogs, and even Coromandel striped geckos by torchlight, to accidentally running into a kiwi while listening for them (classic Luke), he's made the forest at DCR come alive – in more ways than one.

We'll miss the conservation magic, the muddy boots, the untidy office, and the unmistakable presence of those well-worn socks. But most of all, we'll miss Luke's sharp wit and great sense of humour that kept us all laughing.

Good luck up in the treetops, Luke.



MEG

By Steph Parkyn

Quiz night and Sunday speakers

We are once again starting our Winter Lecture Series with a fabulous fundraising quiz night led by Vicki Sephton. Please join us **Sunday 8 June**, 5pm at the Pepper Tree Restaurant in Coromandel for a nature-based test of your knowledge! Bring your friends or make up a team on the night, \$5 per person. We'll have a raffle running throughout our lecture series for an NZ Autotraps AT220 self-resetting trap, an excellent prize for tackling possums, rats, and mice.

**MEG QUIZ
NIGHT
Sunday 8
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On **Sunday 6 July** (5pm, Pepper Tree Restaurant) we are thrilled to welcome John Innes, Research Associate at Maanaki Whenua Landcare Research, to give us the benefit of his long experience working in predator control research, "Predator control and conservation – a career retrospective". John has made a huge contribution to the recovery of kōkako by understanding the impacts of rats and possums.

Kākāriki sightings

Residents in Little Bay and Tuatēawa have recently heard the distinctive rapid ki ki ki calls and seen the flash of emerald green of a rare visitor. Kākāriki or red crowned parakeets were once common on the mainland but are now mostly found on predator free off-shore islands like Tiritiri Matangi or Ahuahu/Great Mercury Island. Encouraging news for Habitat Tuatēawa and landowner



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pest-control groups in Little Bay area. Let's hope all their mahi helps these birds nest here again! We'd love to know if you've seen or heard kākāriki where you live and if you're interested in backyard trapping, please get in touch and we can help you get started.

Volunteers are a gift

At our Volunteer Introduction night in March, Sue Swan spoke beautifully about her experience as a volunteer for MEG, and how the choice to give your time and energy to others is powerful. We are hugely grateful to Sue and all our volunteers who choose to give their time to walk traplines, weed wild ginger, sit in meetings, or go out on winter nights and listen for kiwi. This winter we are undertaking a MEGa survey of kiwi at over 50 sites. We need many hands to help protect our remaining native species and MEG would like to take this moment to celebrate your awesome generosity and give you all a huge cheer. Kia ora!

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**hākinakina SPORT****Pickleball**

The Pickleball Club is off to a great term two start with returning and new players coming to see what's it's all about.

This is a low impact sport helping us to keep fit with lots of laughs and banter, along with meeting new friends.

We meet on Thursday nights 6-8pm at Coromandel School gymnasium, term time, only \$3 per night. There is coaching for new players. Paddles and balls supplied.

See you there!

**Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club**

Kings Birthday Recreational Fishing Club Landbased Fishing Competition **Sunday 1 June**.

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Online entry: <https://form.jotform.com/251356233398865>.

Manual forms available at Salty Towers or The Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub)

**Coromandel Croquet Club**

By Rawyn McKinney

Unlike a lot of sports, croquet, in Coromandel anyway, is played all the year round.

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If you would like to try croquet, we meet at 9.45am on Tuesdays for "association croquet" and the same time on Fridays for "golf croquet".

We provide all the equipment and a period of coaching before you need to commit to joining the club. Casual players are welcome to come along for a payment of \$5 per day. If you would like to join us, contact Lyn on 027 466 2661 for more information.

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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 beginners class, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341	3-3.30pm
Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ...	3.30-4.15pm
Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds, Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650.....	5pm
Bridge, St John rooms.....	7pm
Taizé 4-part harmony singing, Sally 027 302 4245.....	7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet Club – Association Croquet, Woollams Ave, Lyn 027 466 2661 (winter hours)	9.45-12.15am
Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$3 Vickie 027 417 7077.....	10am
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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
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Every Wednesday

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Pastel Artists Coromandel, Rose's Studio, contact Allan (07) 866 8053.....	9am-12pm
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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 beginners class, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341	3-3.30pm
Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway 021 022 75341 ..	3.30-4.15pm
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4.30pm
Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20, Toni 020 4076 1526	5-6.15pm
Coromandel Pickleball, term time, Coromandel Area School gym.	6-8pm
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
Coromandel Bowling Club – Club Day. Runs until 1 May.....	9am

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, Wharf Rd (summer only).....	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
Coromandel Bowling Club – Club Afternoon. Runs until 27 April.....	1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Michaela Green 021 0287 1879	9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Michaela Green 021 0287 1879	9.30am-3.30pm

2nd Tues – Cancer Support Group, St John rooms

John Walker 027 482 0435 10am

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,

Helen Pearce (07) 866 8460. 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions dinner meeting (winter time), St John rooms.

Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm

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

1pm

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

4pm

3rd Wed – Lions business meeting (winter time), St John rooms.

Sue Hughes 021 142 1124 6pm

Last Wed – Coromandel-Colville Business Association networking meeting,

Combined Clubs, Woollams Avenue, everyone welcome (Feb-Nov)..... 5pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter

5pm

3rd Fri – Dances of Universal Peace, The Pyramid, Sue 022 159 1571 ..

10.30am

1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....

10am

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Calendar of events

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2 KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Whitianga Lions Club Art Expo ends (see pg 22) High tide 11.58am (2.6m) Low tide 5.48am (0.4m), 5.57pm (0.4m)	3 Quiz night at The Club Open Floor Dance at Mana (see pg 19) High tide 12.23am (2.7m), 12.50pm (2.5m) Low tide 6.42am (0.5m), 6.53pm (0.6m)	4 Movie night 7pm at Mahamudra High tide 1.16am (2.6m), 1.45pm (2.4m) Low tide 7.38am (0.6m), 7.51pm (0.7m)	5  High tide 2.09am (2.5m), 2.40pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.28am (0.6m), 8.49pm (0.7m)	6 Reported with Lisa O'Neill starts at Mana (see ad pg 19) Coromandel Players present two one act plays (see pg 22&23) High tide 2.59am (2.5m), 3.39pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.19am (0.6m), 9.43pm (0.7m)	7 Car boot sale Woollams Ave carpark Coromandel Bowling Club AGM (see pg 12) Coromandel Players present two one act plays (see pg 22&23) High tide 3.49am (2.5m), 4.30pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.09am (0.5m), 10.33pm (0.7m)	1 Kings Birthday Recreational Fishing Club Landbased Fishing Competition (see pg 27) Museum AGM (see pg 3) Whitianga Lions Club Art Expo continues (see pg 22) High tide 11.06am (2.7m), 11.30pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.52am (0.4m), 5.04pm (0.3m)
9 High tide 5.22am (2.4m), 6.05pm (2.5m) Low tide 11.41am (0.5m)	10 Open Floor Dance at Mana (see pg 19) High tide 6.07am (2.5m), 6.47pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.01am (0.6m), 12.23pm (0.5m)	11  Saka Dawa, Vajrasatva & Sharmata Retreat starts, and movie night 7pm at Mahamudra (see pg 11) Star & Garter Quiz nights start (see ad pg 11) High tide 6.51am (2.5m), 7.23pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.43am (0.6m), 1.04pm (0.4m)	12 High tide 7.35am (2.5m), 8.08pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.24am (0.6m), 1.44pm (0.4m)	13 The Joy of Rest starts at Mana (see ad pg 19) High tide 8.17am (2.5m), 8.47pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.06am (0.6m), 2.23pm (0.4m)	14 High tide 9am (2.5m), 9.29pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.49am (0.5m), 3.03pm (0.3m)	15 Forest & Bird working bee to "free the trees" (see pg 25) Dorje Khadro Fire Puja at Mahamudra (see pg 11) High tide 9.43am (2.6m), 10.11pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.33am (0.5m), 3.44pm (0.3m)
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23 Mana closes for winter rest (see pg 19) High tide 4.18am (2.8m), 4.59pm (2.8m) Low tide 10.35am (0.2m), 11.06pm (0.3m)	24 High tide 5.18am (2.8m), 5.57pm (2.9m) Low tide 11.33am (0.1m)	25  Movie night 7pm at Mahamudra High tide 6.17am (2.8m), 6.53pm (3.0m) Low tide 12.03am (0.3m), 12.29pm (0m)	26 High tide 7.15am (2.8m), 7.45pm (3.0m) Low tide 12.55am (0.2m), 1.22pm (0m)	27 High tide 8.10am (2.9m), 8.36pm (3.0m) Low tide 1.53am (0.2m), 2.13pm (0m)	28 Coromandel RSA Mid Winter Dinner (see pg 12) High tide 9.03am (2.8m), 9.26pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.46am (0.2m), 3.03pm (0.1m)	29 High tide 9.43am (2.8m), 10.15pm (2.9m) Low tide 3.38am (0.3m), 3.51pm (0.2m)
30 High tide 10.41am (2.7m), 11.03pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.29am (0.3m), 4.38pm (0.3m)	<div>KEY</div> <div> New moon</div> <div> Full moon</div> <div>Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -15m High and -18m Low.</div> <div>Rubbish and recycle collection for Coromandel Town, Te Kōura, Manaia, Coromandel Rural North, and Thames Coast</div> <div>Put red lid rubbish bin and food scrap bin out</div> <div>Put recycling bin (plastic 1, 2 & 5 tins, paper, card), glass recycling bin and food scrap bin out</div>					<div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION</div> <div>Daily 8.30am-4.30pm (winter hours)</div>



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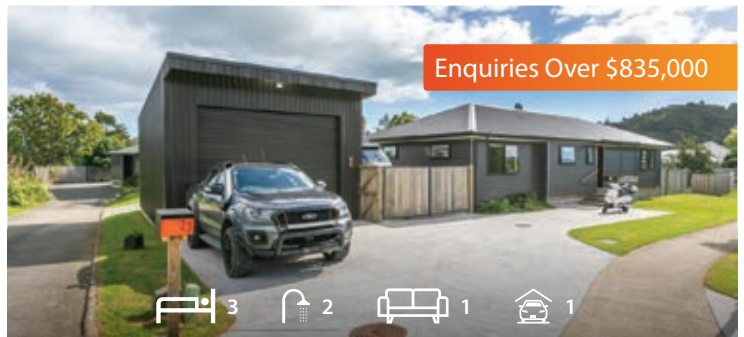


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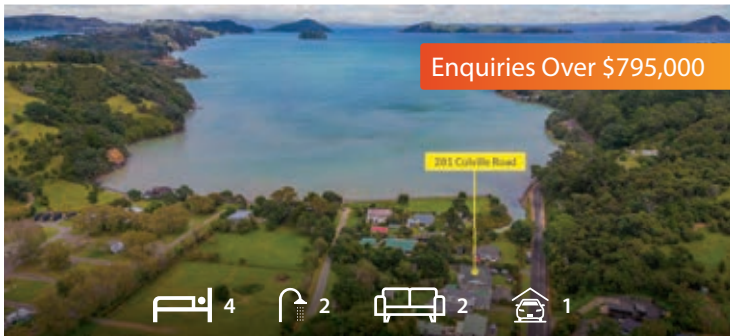


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