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It's a bumper issue this month with all but two candidates in the local elections sending in a piece about themselves to the Chronicle. That is a record! We have lots of candidates standing, so lots to read and help you make up your mind on who to vote for. You should receive voting papers in the mail in September.

Also, don't forget there is also a referendum on whether or not TCDC continue having a Maori Ward or not.

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Remember, if you don't get a copy of the Chronicle, or have friends or family that have moved away, then it is available to read online.

September is the start of spring, and clocks go back on Sunday 28 September. Happy spring days to you all!

Debbie

..... Letters and opinion

Missing Coromandel

I receive the monthly Chronicle from my great grandmother who resides in Coromandel Town. I grew up in Port Charles and now live in Loburn (North Canterbury). I thoroughly enjoy receiving updates about my home town from the Chronicle as I miss the beautiful beaches and my family. I think of them often and I am grateful for her correspondence.

I have a poem just for her:

A smile from you can light the way,
A warm hug that never fades away.
Your love and wisdom guide us through,
A shining star, forever true.
Though days may be tough, and nights be cold,
Your heart remains young, your spirit bold.
You live a life full of laughter and fears,
And through it all, you've dried so many tears.
Your family's love for you will never fade,
You're a treasure, a precious shade.
A wonderful great grandma, in every way.
All my love x
Bridie

From Bridie Caldwell

Deliveries

Kia ora Coromandel Town,
Just a quick update from me!

The weekly newspaper I was delivering stopped publishing last year, and now my regular pamphlet delivery job has also ceased, so now I have no more paid jobs, so you won't be seeing me around so much now. However, I'd still love to help local businesses get their word out. If you have a new business, have new menu items or hours, or got new products etc. – I can deliver your pamphlets or promotional material around town still, or I can do electrical testing and tagging – just get hold of me. Otherwise I will see you at The Bizarre or the bike park where I volunteer.
Cheers,
Logan Nicholls

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..... Letters and opinion

Replies to Peter Morton's letter in last issue of the Chronicle

There are two sides to every story so I'll tell the other side as I live onsite and worked many years for DOC. A successful Taskforce Green project with local labour and tremendous support was started in mid nineties and over 10,000 opossums were trapped and poisoned in hotspots. This is what knocked numbers back, but before it was finished DOC wanted to poison. This practically wiped out all the moreporks in my backyard, which adjoins the DOC estate, brodifacoum that time. Fact.

When 1080 was introduced the juvenile kiwi count actually went down, the kiwi survey people have this data, I've seen it, wonder if Peter has. Juvenile and big adult kiwi have been killed by trained kiwi dogs with their handlers on Moehau, who has seen that data

He talks about vital protection for the Archey frogs, while his very own dept DOC killed them in pitfall traps filled with toxin on Moehau Mountain as well as hundreds of wetas and kauri snails etc. I tried very hard to stop this when I heard four Archey frogs had been killed as they were the most endangered amphibians on the planet at the time, but they went on to wipe out a whole colony killing 26 all up and I got branded a troublemaker. I wonder if Peter has seen this data.

A few years later they published a big article on the front-page of the local newspaper that said 30 dead Archey frogs killed by a fungus had been recovered. They were sent to Canterbury University who tested them and said it wasn't the fungus but more likely poison residual. Peter says nature in NZ is in trouble, I say NZ is in trouble and could say much more. Bit over conservation politics these days. The continuous poisoning of the Land is saturating it and this is very disturbing.

Regards K Mouritsen,
Former Waiaro Sanctuary spokesman

Peter Morton's letter in last month's Chronicle brimmed with disinformation.

Spreading herbal baits to kill carnivores is just one absurdity among a host of absurdities in DOC's "scientific" justification for poisoning our environment.

DOC published pictures of long dead tree spars which they told us was the result of possum damage. These trees had died long before possums arrived on the peninsula.

Those of us who lived here before DOC arrived knew a vibrant wild life which has long vanished under the onslaught of poison.

Before the poisoning there was no predator problem; weasels and ferrets were unheard of, frogs abounded as did a wide range of native insects and invertebrates which have now become rarities.

The first poisonings wiped out over 90% of some species such as morepork and falcon. Their populations have never recovered. No one started to record animal and bird numbers on the Coromandel until their numbers had already been drastically reduced through poison. Any supposed 'increases' are only relative to an already depleted count.

Since DOC's poisoning began in 1991 the number of predators on the peninsula has steadily increased not only in number but also in the variety of species. Rat explosions are now common and rat poison has enjoyed increasing sales in our shops, rat poison made by the same government factory which makes the 1080 baits. These are just some of the facts which have led us to a point where the local eco-system is in its most depleted state in living memory, a state which Morton calls "improved health".

Anyone interested in the real effects of DOC's animal poisoning in the Coromandel can read Reihana Robinson's detailed accounts which are available in the library.

A scientific study of NZ's 1080 science by Pat and Quinn Whiting O'Keefe found not a scrap of beneficial evidence from 1080 poisoning.

John Veysey



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Local Election 2025

You will receive your voting documents in the mail in September. Last day to post your vote is **Tuesday 7 October**, with voting closing on **Sunday 11 October** at 12 noon.

TCDC Candidates

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

Mayoral Candidates

HART, Steve
KERR, Patrick
MESSITER, Denise
REVELL, Peter
SALT, Len
SUBRITZKY, James

Councillor Candidates – Coromandel-Colville Ward
(One will be elected)
ASHMAN, Robert Barry
MORRISSEY, John Reginald

Coromandel-Colville Community Board

Candidates (4 will be elected)

ASHBY, Jean
BORGSTEDT, Susanna
BRETT, Kim
CASTLE, James
DAVIS, James
JAMES, Kate
JEFFCOAT, Gavin
MCDERMOTT, Alexei
TOPIA, Danny

Te Tara o Te Ika Māori Ward

BARLOW, Michael
Meet the candidates for the local elections
Wednesday 24 September, 5pm at the Combined Clubs, Woollams Avenue, Coromandel Town.

Candidates for Waikato Regional Council Thames-Coromandel Ward
Jason Roxburgh
Warren Maher

Mayoral Candidates

Steve Hart

A true people and community person. Of the six mayoral candidates Steve Hart is by far the most qualified and talented in everything that matters. A highly skilled designer and visionary, being an ecology architect fusing together architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, systems ecology and planning. Steve is frank, blunt and honest who gets the job done, who stands up and delivers.

Working for several City Councils and corporates at high level, leading teams. A focus in policy, stormwater, sewage, solid waste, planning, landscape architecture, urban design and building knowing we can save millions through smart, intelligent, creative design.

I have steered a number of community based NGOs involving myself in many political issues from a community standpoint, instigating and facilitating workshops and conferences.

I will draw out the abundance of expertise, experience, wisdom, intellect and skill sets from our people of Coromandel through weekly brainstorming, public forums open to all. The people will govern. Taking community driven initiatives and building them. We will collectively build a vision for Coromandel for our children and children's children. Driven and facilitated in design workshops by Steve as a true visionary having the most appropriate creative skill sets.

Business enterprise will follow similar workshops bringing in highly skilled intellect and experience to not only visualise opportunities but to create and maintain them with long term sustainable resilience.

The system is broken, we will fix it together as a community. The building, development and planning consent processes will be overhauled to ensure maximum efficiency. All accounts, will undergo full open public audits for absolute transparent accountability.

My immediate priorities becoming mayor will be reversing rates by strict fiscal management in eliminating the severe abuse by consultants in clipping the ticket and milking it, along with dramatically reducing costs of infrastructure and utilities gross overspending. This will save millions.

One way bridges and pot holes will become extinct. Our roading arteries will become tree lined boulevards, with pull over bays and picnic waysides with toilets and bbqs.

As Mayor I will create a "Mayoral Fund" putting \$20,000 annually from my salary into community projects.



Patrick Kerr

I am Patrick Kerr. I'm running for Mayor of the Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) in this year's Local Government Elections.

I have been a resident of Whangamata for nearly 10 years. I am standing for the Mayoralty.

I am a retired businessman, having run and owned a number of successful multi-faceted enterprises during my commercial career.

For the past three years I have chaired Enterprise Whangamata Inc., our local Business Association.

I believe the TCDC must undergo fundamental changes to become more accessible and accountable to residents and ratepayers.

We face significant challenges. TCDC is overdue for a reset. Too many decisions are driven by political agendas that do not reflect the real needs of us, the residents and ratepayers. I want to be part of the solution, focusing on revitalising our Council in cost-effective, practical ways, getting back to basics, and ensuring our core services are fit for purpose.

I am committed to cutting wasteful council spending, minimising rates, and tackling the Council's ever increasing debt.

I am determined to restore financial health to TCDC and revitalise our district that has been languishing under the current leadership.

Over the next three years, I'll focus Council on five key areas:

1. Back to basics. A relentless focus on Council's core business and spending.
2. Fiscal responsibility. I'll cap rates increases at the lower of CPI or 3% per year (unless in extraordinary circumstances).
3. Community Board empowerment. Community-led, cost-benefit-based services funded by local, targeted rates.
4. Real transparency. Open meetings, rotating council meetings through all wards, and bi-annual reporting on where your money is spent.
5. Economic development. Moving from "more to better" with a strong tourism focus. We have 50% of New Zealand's population within 2.5 hours of our doorstep – let's use that advantage!

I know finance and I'm not tainted by sitting at the council table agreeing to an average +36% rates increase over the last three years and skyrocketing debt.

We can't afford more of the same. It's not sustainable.

Your decision: real change or more mediocracy?

Vote Patrick Kerr for Mayor.



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Denise Messiter

Mayoral candidate
Denise Messiter says Thames-Coromandel deserves leadership that listens to every part of the community, not just the loudest voices.



At the recent Whitianga meet-the-candidates event, more than half the audience were older women with important questions, yet limited time meant not everyone could be heard. For Denise, this highlighted the need for more inclusive formats that give space to all voices.

"I want to create spaces where people feel welcome to share their views and know they will be listened to. Older women, our rainbow and takatāpui whānau, tangata whaikaha, and others whose voices are sometimes missing from public debates will be at the centre of these conversations," says Denise.

Alongside her Auntie Betty Williams and other whānau involved in the Coromandel Watchdog movement, Denise has stood against mining on the peninsula for decades. That commitment to protecting the whenua continues to influence her vision today.

Key Campaign Commitments

- Fair infrastructure and storm recovery prioritising rural and flood-affected communities, with transparent project updates and climate resilience built into every decision.
- Housing affordability and community-led development supporting local housing trusts, Māori-led builds, papakāinga, and multi-generational housing.
- Te Tiriti partnership and Māori representation through genuine co-design with mana whenua on all major projects.
- Rates and funding reform ensuring fairness for permanent residents and Māori landowners, with greater transparency about spending.
- Youth, digital and transport access including youth forums, public Wi-Fi expansion, and better transport links between towns.
- Community voice and democratic accountability with council decisions explained in plain language and councillors regularly present in every town.

Denise has co-founded Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, leads Te Whāriki Manawāhine o Hauraki, and built partnerships creating local jobs, improving housing, and strengthening resilience. She's an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) and Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

"Everyone deserves to be heard, and everyone should see their priorities reflected in council work. That is the kind of leadership I will bring."

The campaign invites anyone interested in helping or hosting community conversations to get in touch. Denise will announce meet-and-greet events across the district soon.

Peter Revell

I am standing to provide a "new beginning" for our entire district – experienced leadership of Thames-Coromandel, to ensure that this district regains, and retains, its status as the premier place in New Zealand for people to live or visit. Our history, our beaches, our natural environment, our people and culture deserve the benefits of firm but compassionate and fair leadership.

I am unique among the mayoral candidates having served the people and communities of this district as a community board member, and now as a district councillor.

With years of executive management experience, an MSc (Hons) in mathematics, and proven leadership skills, I am equipped to lead Thames-Coromandel to a better future. My six years as an elected member gives me an understanding of our district's needs, and insights of our council – its strengths and its short-comings.

My wife Keri and I have lived in the Coromandel Peninsula in the beautiful Kauaeranga Valley for over 13 years. I am a member of the Thames Business



Association, am active in our local Baptist church and with Keri run Kauaeranga Music.

My priorities as your mayor will be to work purposefully and transparently with community stakeholders, iwi, and our Chief Executive to deliver better services that put people first, while maintaining financial discipline.

I will shape Council to:

- practise financial discipline and so control our rate increases to affordable and sustainable levels
- prioritise core services
 - Roading – footpaths need to be safe for all; build an efficient, effective roading network
 - Water – establishing our own in-house water services business unit; review and change our rating policy for water charges
 - Waste – sort out the issues with solid waste, including collections on a logical day for our holiday communities.
- guarantee community input in shaping council decisions
- protect our environment and prepare for future challenges

All this work is right in my wheelhouse. I will provide leadership you can count on, and together with you and your support, lead our council to make our district better, for all.

PATRICK KERR For Mayor

My commitment to you:

1. Back to Basics
2. Fiscal Prudence
3. Community Board Empowerment
4. Real Transparency
5. Economic Development



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Len Salt

“Being elected Mayor was a privilege – and it quickly became a baptism by fire... or flood,” said Mayor Len, referring to the storms that battered the district in late 2022 and throughout 2023. “These events fast-tracked my understanding of how local and central government must collaborate to deliver timely, effective solutions for our communities.”

Listening to the concerns of local businesses was a top priority during the recovery, with Mayor Len holding regular meetings with business organisations and owners. His council’s advocacy led to \$13 million in Government support, including \$8 million in direct Mayoral Relief funding for affected businesses.

Before entering politics Mayor Len was a founding member of the Mercury Bay Resource Recovery Centre (Wahi Tukurua), which is now working in partnership with Council on a new purpose-built facility – delivering on a core campaign promise.

Looking ahead to a second term, Mayor Len has outlined a series of objectives:

- Improve engagement between Council and communities, ensuring operational teams and elected members work closely together on local projects.
- Work with our solid waste contractors to shift transfer stations to Council or community-led management.
- Continue to explore options for resuming a ferry service to Coromandel.
- Continue advocating for long-term investment in the Coromandel Resilience Program and roading network, including SH25 and local roads.
- Partner with Hauraki Coromandel iwi on economic development and post-settlement initiatives.
- Advance district-wide planning to support both community and Council operated aquatic facilities in Thames, Whangamatā, Coromandel, and Whitianga.
- Guide the transition of local water services to the new Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) under the “Local Water Done Well” legislation.
- Ensure future water infrastructure investment is strategic, efficient, sustainable, and community-focused.

“I’m standing again because there’s still work to do,” Mayor Len said. “Our communities have shown incredible resilience, and together, we can continue building a future that works for everyone in the Coromandel.”

**James Subritzky**

My plan:

1. Environmental sciences and engaging the next generation.

All environmental matters are at the core of this initiative. We need to think more about the future we are leaving for our children and reform waste and recycling programmes coast to coast. “Luca’s initiative” – a private-public partnership between Council and school children – financial incentives as rewards for children through recycling, learning through practice. What you give your kids for Christmas this year, next year they’ll be taking it to school to break it down and learn about its chemical components, how it’s manufactured and the damage to the environment if not correctly recycled.

2. Department of Efficiency (DoE).

The Councils’ handbrake on expenditure with pressure applied or released by the ratepayers.

Utilizing AI for select council audits, branch audits and new insights on how to save on existing service costs such as waste, water, roading and infrastructure.

New pathways for Council to consider such as grass roots business incentives at basic community levels.

I acknowledge that DoE cannot fully protect ratepayers from future rate increases and that recycling alone cannot solve the challenges posed by the growing volume of plastic being imported and the waste it generates, but by empowering the youngest to be involved it’s possible new solutions can be found.

The initiative of a private public partnership between the governors of the community and the youngest members of our community and the financial strategies of DoE represent proactive steps, towards urgently needed solutions to problems we created.

3. The Mayors choice. No more deaths on my watch! The intersection at State Highway 25 and Hauraki Rd Orongo needs urgent re-engineering.

The qualities of my leadership:

- Simple Logic. Prioritising people first. Government second.
- Acknowledgement – I am not the smartest in the room and am prepared to ask others for input.
- No fake arguments to support reason.
- Complete openness and truth.
- Utilizing any tools to solve problems
- Desire to change attitudes within Council & Communities
- Having kahunas to speak up.
- My 30/30/30/10 rule. 30% dissident 30% business 30% humor leaving 10% for privacy.



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Councillor Candidates – Coromandel-Colville Ward

Rob Ashman

I am a local resident, ratepayer and businessman and I live and work in Coromandel with my wife Jeni. We own two iconic local businesses, James & Turner, that includes the NZ Post agency, and Coromandel Fish, Dive & Hunt.

I am standing for Council as I want to make a difference to how our ward is viewed by the rest of the peninsula. We should be viewed as a ward that has its own beauty and charm with a unique vibe full of untapped potential. I want to work with all councillors to ensure that this is valued so that we can contribute to the health and wealth of our area and the peninsula.

I am a registered electrician and worked for many years within the high voltage industry. I came up through the ranks to executive management positions within large electricity contracting companies before venturing into the retail trade. I have been comfortable dealing with budgets and planning throughout my career and understand and acknowledge the difference between governance and management. During my career I have served on many committees including as union delegate, and I know what it is like to sit on both sides of the negotiating table.

I am honest, open, transparent, a good communicator and collaborator. I am a team player and know how to make hard decisions. I am accountable for my actions and believe in doing the basics well. I will act responsibly and in the best interests of both the community that I represent, and the Coromandel Peninsula.

I will work as a councillor within a council focussed on delivering core services. Council focus must be on improving its roading, water and wastewater services; improving our rubbish removal system; and maintaining our parks and reserves.

I want our council (and that is everyone employed by TCDC) to understand that they work for you, the ratepayer. I will be visible in the community I serve, and I am always up for a debate or discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to work for you.



John Morrissey

Hi, I am standing for the councillor's role representing the Coromandel Colville Ward at Thames Coromandel District Council.

I have been a resident of Coromandel for the last 33 years twenty-seven of those years as the officer in charge of the Coromandel Police

I retired from the police six years ago and stood for Council where I was elected and have just completed two terms in that role. This was not a new experience for me as while I was a serving Police Officer I did one term on the Community Board followed by two terms as Councillor.

I like being involved in the community and in addition to my Councillor role have previously been on the Board of Trustees at the Area School for three terms. I recently stood again for the school's Board of Trustees and am again back on it.

During my terms on Council we have seen a number of improvements in this ward the following are but a few.

The widening of Rings Road and associated piping of the drains, new larger reservoir for the towns water, new water treatment plant, tar sealing of Woollams Avenue car park, bike and pump track for our youth, clearing and beautification of roadside on Hauraki Road along with dog walking/exercise areas, the recent new playground at Hauraki reserve and stage two of that is coming, the acquisition of the land around Hauraki House reserve from the Ministry of Education which will allow us to reseat that area in the next few months.

The list goes on it really does and its worth reminding people that we do make progress in the town all be it at a slower pace than some other areas due to our smaller population and financial limitations

I am again asking for your support in returning to council. If re-elected I promise fiscal responsibility, integrity and experience coupled with a real desire to achieve the best outcomes for our ward.



Coromandel-Colville Community Board Candidates

Jean Ashby

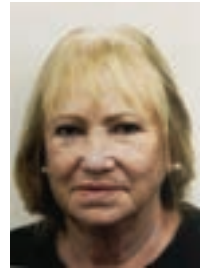
For over three decades, I've had the privilege of both living and working within this vibrant community. This extensive experience has equipped me with valuable skills and insights that I am confident will greatly benefit the Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

My professional background includes serving as a support person and social worker with the Coromandel Independent Living Trust. In this role, I was deeply involved in crucial community services, including housing provisions for the elderly, emergency accommodation, and comprehensive disability support.

More recently, I was honored to be invited by Oranga Tamariki to join their panel. This significant role involves guiding other social workers as they address concerns and provide support to local families at risk, leveraging my understanding of our community's unique dynamics.

My passion for this community runs deep; I am incredibly grateful for its safety and distinctive character. Throughout the past 30 years, I have consistently dedicated my support and expertise to both Coromandel Town and its wider surrounding communities.

I genuinely believe that my accumulated skills and experience will be a significant asset to the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. For me, witnessing positive transformations in whānau and individuals provides a profound sense of purpose and fulfillment.



Susanna Borgstede

Hello, I'm Susanna, resident of Coromandel Town, organiser of the local community market, and aspiring member of your local Community Board.

I believe that change needs to happen from grassroots level upwards. Listening, respecting and advocating the voice of the people is the only way to uphold fairness and democracy. It is my view that elected members are there to serve their communities. Too often, tight regulations and standards, not of our choosing, are imposed on us, affecting our daily lives and limiting our choices and opportunities. If elected, I vow to represent the Coromandel-Colville Ward fairly and honestly, and to amplify the voices of our people.

I see many areas of improvement needing to be addressed and worked on in our ward; some of the priorities I see as urgent are:

- A safer community with less crime
- Accessible and affordable public transport
- A lowering and fairer distribution of our rates

I believe a fairer share of our rates would enable our community to focus on badly needed services such as safety, clean water and accessible public transport instead of supporting ambitious and costly projects that are causing more rates rises which are no longer sustainable.

As the organiser of the local "Coromandel Growers and Artisans Market", I see much importance in supporting community initiative,

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Susanna Borgstede continued from p7
not only as a way towards more self-reliance, but also for networking, to encourage small enterprise and support our many local talents.

Having raised a family, run a small business and worked in both public and private sectors, I feel well equipped for this role and would welcome the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity.

If I'm elected, I will bring with me a great deal of energy, drive and determination to be a strong advocate for the people of the Coromandel-Colville Ward.

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Kim Brett

I am married to Kevin, I am a mum and a Nana and have lived in Coromandel for the past 49 years.

I love living in Coromandel. I think its people, environment and its lifestyle are things that need to be cared for. Our future for Coromandel/Colville and its surrounding villages, needs careful-controlled development.

Having been brought up in the seafood industry, working in the building industry, catering industry and then running and owning several successful businesses here in town, I feel I have a reasonably good grasp of our special town's wants and needs.

For the past 12 years it's been my privilege to represent you and will do my best if elected again.

I want to be there as your voice of the community, to build what we need, manage what we already have, at a price we can afford.



James Castle

I'm proud to stand as a candidate for the Coromandel Town Community Board. As a committed resident who values our town's character, independence, and natural beauty, I believe we can build a safer, more prosperous, and self-reliant future – together.

I'm passionate about reviving and expanding local events – markets, festivals, and youth programmes – that bring people together, celebrate our culture, and attract visitors. These initiatives don't just build pride – they boost our economy.

We must grow local enterprise by supporting small businesses, artisans, and hospitality operators. By streamlining local processes and advocating for fair regulations, we can reduce costs, create opportunity, and help keep our talented young people here.

I believe in practical, common-sense governance – not ideological agendas. Our focus should be on unity, not division. We don't need "woke" policies; we need working solutions: lower rates, efficient services, and transparency in decision-making. Every dollar saved is a dollar earned back by hardworking families.

Protecting our environment is non-negotiable. The Coromandel's land and waterways are taonga. I oppose the use of harmful sprays on public land and will advocate for natural, sustainable alternatives that safeguard our forests, rivers, and marine life for future generations.

I also strongly support local, organic agriculture. Our fertile soils and clean water offer a unique opportunity to grow healthy, chemical-free food right here at home. I'll work to strengthen farm-to-table networks, support community gardens, and promote local produce at markets and schools – boosting food resilience and rewarding sustainable growers.

Additionally, I believe the legal cannabis industry presents real economic potential for Coromandel. As part of a responsible, regulated economy, hemp farming and medicinal cannabis cultivation can provide sustainable income for local growers, create green jobs, and position our region as a leader in ethical, small-scale production. I support exploring pathways for local participation that prioritise environmental care and community benefit.

Coromandel has a spirit like no other – resilient, independent, and grounded in place. I'm running to ensure our community voice is heard loud and clear at the local table.

With your support, we can make Coromandel safer, stronger, and more self-sufficient.

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Dr Kate James

I know I can fairly represent and act as an advocate for the interests of our community, with a life-long connection to Kapanga/

Coromandel and over 20 years work experience in marine science, conservation, tourism, governance, and communication. I also have a long-standing commitment to volunteering in the local community in a range of capacities.

I strongly believe we can leverage our beautiful location to build the social, economic, and cultural well-being of communities for today and for the future. My community focus is on placemaking and environmental projects, including a wide range of commercial ventures.

I have a broad network across our community and an ability to effectively listen to community organisations, special interest groups and others in the community who want their voices heard by council.

Over the last ten years I have contributed to council meetings and policy consultations and believe that when local councils act with integrity and prioritise community input, they can genuinely improve people's lives.



Gavin Jeffcoat

Firstly, thanks to Debbie and the Coromandel Town Chronicle for the opportunity to write about my nomination for the Community Board.

It has been a privilege to spend the last three years as Chair of the Community Board. Being new to local government, I have learnt a lot about how Council operates and have a greater understanding of the



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constraints, particularly ever-changing requirements from central government and funding availability that impact what we can achieve. Our Board has a very positive relationship with staff and as a result, I believe we get more support than might otherwise be the case.

About me – I live in Colville with my wife Leanne and together we run Hike and Bike, taking people hiking and biking (funny that) around the northern peninsula. We were previously operating out of Coromandel but relocated to Colville after Covid to reduce the cost of travelling every day. I have previously been a Police Officer and worked for Fonterra managing tanker drivers and milk collection routes as well as PGG Wrightson overseeing saleyards.

I am seeking re-election to the Community Board after being elected for the first time three years ago. I have enjoyed the role of Chair for those three years attending every meeting except two. I have led meetings positively, often with a bit of humour and often receive feedback about how positive, efficient, and good to work with our board is. I have carefully considered matters coming before the Board and encouraged open discussion and debate prior to votes being taken. I believe that my leadership, together with support from our awesome local and district staff, has helped the Board to effectively carry out its roles. These include supporting many community groups, providing input into the Council's long term plan and maintaining an overview of Council operations in our area, for example park improvements, roading repairs, and the request for service system. If re-elected I will continue this work and believe that the experience I have gained over this previous term will make me more effective.

Alexei McDermott

Hello Coromandel-Colville Community,

As a long-term resident and a father raising a young family here, I am deeply committed to the well-being of our unique communities.

From the bush tracks I hike to the coastal waters where I freedive, this place is my home, and I want to ensure it thrives for all of us. I am asking for your vote to represent you on the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. I bring a practical, collaborative, and creative approach to problem-solving.

My background in health and the rural sector has shown me that a resilient community is a self-sufficient one. I am therefore eager to support initiatives that promote local food sovereignty and I will champion community-led initiatives and skill-sharing. To that end, I am committed to helping establish night classes and a menzshed; To empower residents to build a stronger community by sharing their skills and expertise.

My goal is to create a safe, vibrant community for our children by empowering residents to protect one another. I'll champion strategies like establishing a Neighbourhood Watch and improving communication to help us quickly rally together to prevent crime and assist with civil matters. I am also dedicated to revitalising our local economy. A key part of this is my desire to advocate for bringing back the ferry and connecting services to help tourism and local businesses thrive. I would also love to see more events like the current Keltic Fair and the Colville Festival driven by locals, and to facilitate and develop events like the past Coro Fest and Illume Light Festival, to put both Colville and Coromandel firmly on the map of great places to be.

My passion for our beautiful surroundings drives my commitment to seeing meaningful improvements to our tracks and reserves, ensuring these special places are maintained for everyone to enjoy. I will bring determination, resilience, and a persistent drive to strengthen our community spirit. I will be your voice, working to achieve fiscally responsible governance, support our farmers, and build a thriving Coromandel that is resilient, safe, and collaborative.



I'd like to hear the Council say. Good Governance of the community is far more important than compliance with Central Governments demands. because:

- I want to live in a town and community that has a good community spirit. With clean water, clean streets and streetlights that work.
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- And the people we employ to deliver the services we need to be the very best we can afford. And those services to be regular & reliable.
- Where families can live safely without fear of intimidation or hostile behaviour from others.
- With the Health professionals I rely on, are living in my community and not 100 miles away
- I want to be sure my rates are being used wisely and council is not wasting a single cent. Only A.I. can give me the assurance.
- I don't want any more fake arguments.
- I want a simple monthly invoice from council. I might even want to pay my rates weekly and if council can get me a better deal on power and broadband then I switch, what about House and contents insurance that would be good.
- I want to see more Public Private partnerships between council and the community. A council that is proactive, pro-business pro-assistive, willing to give almost anything a go. To provide support in many more ways, employ more locals. And stop calling it a fine or a fee. Call it an invoice.

That's a good place to start. Relax, I got this. Subritzky J.

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election special • election special • election special**Waikato Regional Council Thames-Coromandel ward****Warren Maher**

Over the past three years, I have chaired key Waikato Regional Council committees, including strategy and policy, submissions sub-committee and the hearing committee for dams. I also serve on the risk and assurance, integrated catchment management, and chief executive employment and remuneration committees, and contribute to three District Council working groups focused on community adaptation and future planning. I am also a team member for the Rates Control Team, which consists of six existing Councillors and two new candidates – our goal being to keep rates at or below inflation. If elected we will also return the \$2.5 million rates surplus back to ratepayers in the form of lower rates.

I hold a New Zealand Commissioners Accreditation and bring extensive governance experience beyond WRC Council; leading the NZ Sports Fishing Council Youth Committee and co-chairing the Hauraki Gulf Forum to address critical ocean and coastline issues, such as the invasive exotic caulerpa seaweed.

As a trustee of the Youth Ocean Trust, I am committed to empowering young people to protect our environment and ocean.

My leadership is results-driven, guided by strong local knowledge and grounded in a commitment to fiscal responsibility and sustainable progress for our region. I believe economic, social and cultural values can all be balanced to enhance our unique diverse part of the Waikato.

Our Peninsula environment, both on land and sea is our greatest asset, so we must prioritise its future protection. This is why I have championed initiatives to improve our water quality, enhance bio-diversity and bio-security. I will continue to advocate for resources to our many community based environmental protection groups, working both on land and sea. As your Councillor, I will ensure we deliver accountable transparent decision making and deliver practical value to our rate payers.

Your voice for the Coromandel Peninsula

Authorised by Warren Maher – w.maher@xtra.co.nz

**Jason Roxburgh**

I'm a committed and concerned community member who wants to support Council in its important work, and ensure decisions are made with the long-term wellbeing of our communities and environment at heart.

I think the biggest challenge facing our region is how to affordably and effectively protect and restore our natural environment while adapting to climate change and supporting sustainable growth. The future prosperity of Thames-Coromandel depends on the health of our rivers, forests, harbours, and coasts. These landscapes are not only treasures we value – they are the foundation of our economy, supporting farming, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, and tourism. We must safeguard these natural assets so that communities and industries remain resilient for generations to come.

I have lived, worked, and volunteered in Thames-Coromandel since 1998, with deep involvement in community-led initiatives. I currently serve as the Hauraki-Coromandel regional representative for the QEII National Trust. My professional background also includes roles with the Department of Conservation, environmental consulting, and tour guiding, and I have served as Waikato Regional Council's Waihou-Piako Zone Manager. These experiences have given me extensive knowledge of this area, and Council's work in catchment and river management, flood protection and drainage, biodiversity, biosecurity, and resource management.

I understand the real challenges faced by landowners, iwi, and communities – from invasive pests and the increasing risks of climate change, to increasing compliance costs and extreme weather. I have seen first-hand the determination and innovation of local groups already working hard to protect and restore our environment. As a councillor, I will support and strengthen these efforts.

I bring experience, commitment, and a collaborative approach. I want to see genuine partnership with tangata whenua, will listen closely to community voices, and make decisions guided by science, local knowledge, and transparency. I will be a strong, approachable advocate for Thames-Coromandel, and am committed to practical, balanced solutions that protect our environment, sustain our economy, and build resilient communities. Together, we can shape a future where both people and nature thrive.

**Patchwork & Quilters**

By Sue Smith

Peninsula Day this year was hosted by Beach Quilters at Waihi Beach. Seven from our group went along. A great turnout of 106 ladies all from groups around the peninsula. We had "show and tell" from each group and as always great to see what everyone has been up to over the past year. Melanie Martin, a fabric artist, spoke about her journey and inspiration for each piece she brought along to show us.

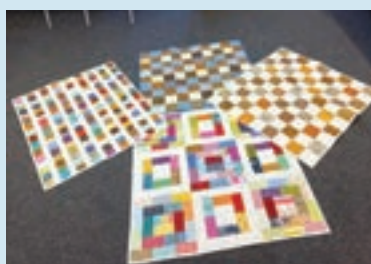
Sometimes embroidery spills over into our patchwork craft which is lovely to see.

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



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We are the only Information Centre on the Peninsula open seven days a week over the winter season so its no surprise that we get calls during the weekend from people asking questions about the Coromandel Peninsula.

Recently overseas visitors mostly are from Australia and the UK. Sometimes visitors arrive on wet days with most saying we don't mind a bit of rain, we are on holiday – after all it's winter. On the weekends we've seen plenty of Aucklanders with a few first timers to the Coromandel. No question is too silly but sometimes we do raise our eyebrows. For example, a couple recently called in to say, "We want to leave via a straight road without winding corners and not near a cliff edge," as she throws her arm up pointing at the Whangapoua Hill. Another couple recently called in to tell us that Hot Water Beach is only a half hour drive from Coromandel Town in a camper van on a very wet day with an orange rain warning in place, ummm. We always explain the roads, times and conditions the best way we can to the person standing in front of us. We do find these type of visitors need to take a moment to breathe, clear their minds, relax and look at the map on our wall to get their bearings, understand our contour and often showing them the weather conditions online so we are all on the same page. We are always pleased these visitors call in so we can make sure their time on the Coromandel is a great experience. Luckily 99 percent of our visitors are the loveliest of people keen to see and do as much as possible.

Behind the scenes, we're busy making sure our advertising contacts for retailers, accommodation providers, activities and community contacts/listings are up to date. We regularly receive queries from both locals and holiday home owners seeking contact information for local services – including tradespeople, community groups and retailers. Please check out our website www.coromandeltown.nz. If you see any details that need updating give us a call or pop in to see us. We also maintain a database for those who prefer calling local businesses by phone. We try our best to keep this information current though we don't know everything, so we do appreciate being given updated info. We also offer a photocopying service at reasonable prices. If you need anything printed, you can email it to info@coromandeltown.nz then pick it up later the same day. We can scan documents and email back to you if required. CILT also provides photocopying with a public computer available. If you have any pamphlets/posters advertising an upcoming event feel free to drop them in or email them to us for promotion.

Happenings

Car Boot Sale, **Saturday 6 September**, Woollams Avenue Car Park 9am-12pm.

Winter Market, Anglican Church Hall, Tiki Road 9am-1pm every Saturday.

New Zealand String Quartet in Concert. **Friday 12 September**, 7.30pm, Hauraki House.

Waiting for Gertie! **Friday 19 September** 7.30pm Hauraki House.

Tickets for both shows available from the Information Centre.



Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Heather Arthur:

Oh winter... perhaps the perfect time to have a little getaway. Our Guild's Biennial Retreat is not a tropical island but a very convenient place and location for four days away, with two full days of stitching at the Hillsborough Friary with friends and some guests. With meals and coffee breaks well catered for we enjoyed our third visit. The evenings are full of fun around the fire with games of Mexican trains disturbing the peace.

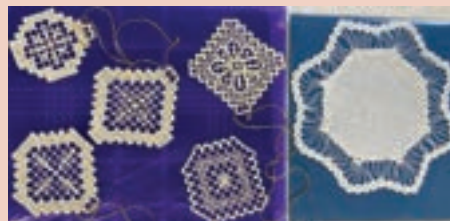
A full quota were prepared for class with Jenni Hunter teaching "Knots Tufts Twists & Twirls". A wonderful array of creations and gorgeous stitches and threads presented at the end of two days stitching but in the end they will all be individual creations. We hope some will be on display at our annual exhibition to be held in November. But in the meantime you may catch some on our monthly Facebook contributions.

For our President's Challenge for this year's exhibition, the theme is "Inspired by William Morris", a favourite of our President Lesley Inger.

Our monthly workstream with Heather Constantine has been very popular and many finished pieces have already been displayed and a lot of new stitches learned or refreshed in our memories.

As well, every month we have offered classes with a variety of techniques. We are so privileged to have such skilled, knowledgeable, and willing tutors within our guild.

We love that stitching brings like-minded people together and often the simplest creations will bring joy.



Photos from our August Guild meeting



Coromandel Summer Market

The Coromandel "Growers & Artisans Market" will restart on **Saturday 13 September** for the upcoming summer season and run at the usual time from 9am to 1pm.

We've had a busy last season, with old and new stallholders joining us, providing the market with a plethora of produce, honey, plants and flowers, preserves and baking, delicious beverages, even quail eggs, health care products and many beautiful artisans' crafts, all enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

We were super lucky with the weather as well, with bright sunshine and dry conditions most of the season.

Our motto is to provide home grown and home-made food and crafts, we do not retail, import or sell cheap imported wares. This makes us an authentic producer market, supporting and growing local enterprise and talents. We also aim for plastic free packaging and encourage the use of cash.

Our market provides a venue for community to get together, enjoy what's on offer and catch up with friends. It's as much a social event as a supply of local goods and outlet for creativity, it is an asset to Coromandel Town, facilitated and supported by the local community.

A separate winter market is being held this year at the Anglican Church Hall, which has proven to be a well-positioned and cosy venue for the weather turbulent winter season.

Anyone who is interested in joining our market community, please contact Susanna on 0211 596 487.

We are looking forward to another colourful market season, with treats and music and fun to be had.

See you there!



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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Sheana Goudie

It was great to be able to attend this month's meeting with the sun shining at last, although it was still cold. It was our annual Soup and Bun Meeting. We could choose from five different delicious soups and big thanks to those committee members who were responsible for making them.

Jan Steele, who was our guest speaker, is currently a nurse at Phoenix House and one of Coromandel's own, having done her schooling in Coromandel before becoming a nurse. She spent 34 years as a nurse and head nurse at the Middlemore National Burns Centre. She was extremely interesting to listen to and covered a variety of burn treatments interspersed with anecdotes of her time at Middlemore. She said nurses in the Burn's Unit wore many different hats and became very close to patients and their families as patients were often in hospital long term.

Jan went on to talk about burn care and treatment that was very relevant to us, such as water and gladwrap being two of the most essential items for your first aid kit. Wet towels will help to cool the burn and gladwrap helps keep air off the burn which is what causes the pain and infection and more importantly, "Water, water, water!" This can be bath, kitchen sink, shower, stream, cow trough or whatever the nearest source of water is. She emphasised the first four important steps to start the burn treatment process: (1) Remove any clothing and



jewellery from the area which isn't stuck to the skin. (2) Take note of the time you start water treatment – cool burns under running water for at least 20 minutes. (3) Cover the area with a wet towel and gladwrap (but do not gladwrap over the facial area). (4) Call for 111 ambulance or for medical advice if the area burnt is bigger than a \$2 coin, blisters or if the burn is on the face, hands, feet or groin areas.

Jan then gave an overview of the many different types of burns, the treatments needed for them depending on the severity of the burn, and other snippets of valuable information e.g. did you know that children have an exceptionally sensitive skin when it comes to burns, so cups of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, 2 minute noodles etc are still hot enough to burn a child's skin 15 minutes after being made.

She also brought our attention to the Burns Charitable Trust (www.burns.org.nz) which is a non-profit organisation that provides support in a number of ways for burn victims and their families.



The results of our competitions were as follows:

Single Bloom: 1st Sue O, 2nd Carol A, 3rd Linda W

Multi Bloom: 1st Thelma N, 2nd Lorraine L, 3rd Kelera K

Mini Bloom: 1st Lorraine L, 2nd Sheana G, 3rd Sue O

Three of a Kind: 1st Linda W, 2nd Lorraine L, 3rd Sheana G

Arrangement – Around a circle or square: 1st Sheana G, 2nd Wendy M, 3rd Linda W

Special – Sassy Succulents: 1st Sheana G/ Cindy D, 2nd Wendy M, 3rd Jeni M

Next meeting: **Wednesday 10 September**, 1pm. Venue: Meet at The Club and to organise car-pooling for our two Garden Rambles. Arrangement: Fabulous Flax. Special: Colour it Yellow.

We love to welcome new members to our monthly meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at The Coromandel Combined Clubrooms at 1pm. Ph Jeni 021 0277 5341

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Christ Church

From the desk of Father Andy

Some of you who are dog owners may have bumped into me in the street as I've approached you to make a fuss of your pooch. I'm a great dog lover myself and during our life in the UK had a mini schnauzer for 15 years and a standard schnauzer for seven years; we're currently having a "semi" creative discussion about having another dog. Dogs are such lovely animals with whom we can enjoy loyal and meaningful relationships and it's no wonder they have become known as our best friends. I should go further and say that I am on the whole a total animal lover and daily feed the steers in the field across the road from our house and often went to see the pigs on the 309 when they were there.



During the month of October the church remembers St. Francis of Assisi whose special day falls on the 4th. Francis is perhaps one of the most well-known of the saints. His story is fascinating and he's known for being an animal lover too, and there's also a legend about him taming the wolf at Gubbio. Indeed he was a lover of the whole of creation and saw the hand of the loving creator in all things; his "Canticle of the Sun" and his "Peace Prayer" (see below) are famous across the world among both Christian and non-Christian communities. He's the patron saint of Italy and although born into a wealthy family turned his back on material riches and lived a modest lifestyle preferring to live and work among the poor and serve those who society had rejected.

On **Sunday 5 October** at Christ Church on Tiki Road we will be celebrating the life of Francis at 10am with a 'Blessing of the Animals' service. These occasions have become very popular over recent years and I invite you to come along with the kids and a pet or pets to thank God for the wonder of creation and the joy that animals bring to our lives. I'm anticipating a big turnout and a fine, warm, sunny day for this event and it may be necessary to hold it outside ... and of course there will be a morning tea to follow at 11am. Please come and join us.

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one receives,

it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in forgiving that one is forgiven,

it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.



CILT

Kia ora Coromandel.

As we say goodbye to winter and look forward to the warmer months ahead, our team reflects on the busy past few months. We were excited to take part in the recent career expos at Te Wharekura o Manaia and Coromandel Area School, sharing pathways

to support with local rangatahi. We also welcomed our new General Manager, Kevin, who brings fresh energy and a deep connection to our community. We're looking forward to the season ahead and all the ways we can continue working together to support our town.

A heartfelt thank you from our general manager

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa – thank you to the entire Coromandel community for the incredibly warm welcome on Monday last week and for making my first week at CILT so memorable.

From the moment I stepped into this role, I've felt the strength of our community's spirit. It's been a joy to meet with volunteers and staff across our vibrant spaces – The Goldmine & Refuse Transfer Station, The Bizarre, Te Mana Tangata, and even those outside of our organisation, such as the Colville Junction – and to begin building relationships that I know will shape the future of our mahi together.

Ngā tāngata, ngā tāngata – it's the people

There's a whakataukī that resonates deeply with me: "He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata." What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

This truth sits at the heart of everything we do at CILT. Our strength lies in our people – in their stories, their contributions, and their unwavering commitment to making a difference. Thank you again for such an awesome first week. I'm honoured to be part of this journey with you all, and I look forward to the future we'll shape together.

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Did you know that CILT has kaiārahi who can support you on your career journey? Whether you're working towards your driver's licence, brushing up your CV, getting ready for interviews, or looking for local training and volunteering opportunities, our kaiārahi are here to make the process easier (and a little less daunting!). From sorting your ID and lessons right through to sitting your test, to building confidence for that big interview, they've got your back.

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What's on at Te Mana Tangata

Te Mana Tangata is a community hub in Coromandel that offers support, connection, and opportunities for people to get involved in meaningful activities. It's a welcoming space where you can learn new skills, meet others, and have some fun during the week. These activities are open to people aged 16–64 who are current MSD clients with a valid client number and who face a barrier to participation. Here's what's on:

Monday – Art with Beth Carter, Tuesday – Arts & Crafts, Wednesday – Games Day, Thursday – Ceramic Fun, Friday – Excursion Day.

For more information, phone us on 07 866 8358 or email santana@cilt.org.nz.

Employee Spotlight: Daina Brown

By Sam Ward

At CILT, we have our lovely Daina who watches the front desk. Daina has been a part of our CILT family for a few years now. She helps those who want to print things, offers travel aid and helps with general enquiries. Daina is a kind, friendly and caring person, and she helps keep us on our toes. She's always a great help at CILT. Thank you very much, Daina!



The three winners of our Careers Expo competition at Te Wharekura o Manaia

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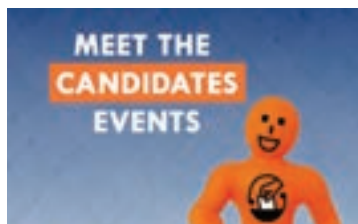
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Special votes will be available from Tuesday 9 September to Saturday 11 October 2025, and can be delivered to or cast at any of our Council's district offices.

To view standing candidates, videos, profiles and election events, visit **tcdc.govt.nz/elections**



Get to know your local candidates in person at the Coromandel-Colville Business Association's Meet the Candidates event on Wednesday 24 September, at the Combined Clubs, 190 Woollams Avenue, from 5-7pm.



Boundary Creek Bridge

NZTA will start work to replace the Boundary Creek Bridge deck on SH25 Thames Coast in early October. A new, safer two-lane bridge and slow traffic passing bay will be in place well ahead of summer holiday traffic.

The road will be closed for up to seven days, starting after Labour Weekend, but expect business as usual across the peninsula. You'll still be able to get to where you need to go, just plan ahead and allow extra time.

If you need to get to locations north of the bridge, use SH25A and the eastern section of SH25 via Tairua and Whitianga. For those heading south from northern Coromandel, it will be the reverse. Those towing, and heavy vehicles, please avoid the 309 and Tapu-Coroglen Rds.

For more info, visit **nzta.govt.nz** and search 'Boundary Creek'.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LOCAL WATERS DONE WELL

Our Council is submitting its Water Services Delivery Plan to the Department of Internal Affairs for approval on 3 September, outlining how we will deliver the district's future water services. For the latest updates, check out **tcdc.govt.nz/lwdw**



CLIMATE CHANGE

Our Council adopted two key documents in August:

- 1) The Climate Change Strategy is the key document for directing our organisational response to climate change, setting out what our Council will do to adapt and protect its assets and services, and our approach to working with communities.
- 2) The Greenhouse Gases Emissions Reductions Plan identifies our current emission volumes and how much we need to reduce them to achieve Council's long-term emission reduction goals.



NETWORKING NEWS

At its last community networking session, the Coromandel-Colville Community Board heard the latest on Coromandel Town Visitor Information Centre, Colville School, Buffalo Cemetery and upcoming local events, along with a presentation on the SH25 Boundary Creek Bridge.

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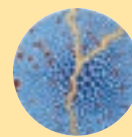
Our Council has agreed for the Carey Road Reserve, Port Charles, to be used by Moehau Environment Group (MEG) for its Pā Harakeke project to build an intergenerational resource for weavers. Enthusiastic local volunteers and MEG members recently moved a truckload of mulch and planted harakeke (flax) and hebe plants gifted by Auckland Botanical Gardens.



EVENTS IN THE HOOD

Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour:

Take a free, self-guided tour over 4-5 and 11-12 October to see the studios of more than 30 talented artists. Stop at Hauraki House Gallery to pick up a guide and itinerary. **coromandelartstour.co.nz**



Game's On: Thames Valley tackle Ngāti Porou East Coast in the Heartland Championship on 20 September, 2pm at the Coromandel RFC.



Our final Coromandel-Colville Community Board meeting for the year is on 2 September at 9am at our service centre, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town.



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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Innate immunity and auto immune diseases – cause and effect

Are you suffering with an "auto immune"

disease, such as rheumatoid arthritis, polymyalgia rheumatica, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, lupis, fibromyalgia, hashimoto thyroiditis, inflammatory bowel disease – or any of the 70 other diseases in this category?

Fact – your immune system works with your body's nervous system and is governed by "Innate Intelligence".

Innate intelligence is what nature intended – it's natural, simple and perfect.

It is what your body intuitively knows, how to function and repair. It was what took you from a sperm and an egg and made you what you are.

Given the right conditions, it's what makes your heart beat, your lungs breathe, your digestive tract break down food, absorb the nutrients, and have a bowel motion daily. Nature has been designed to keep you functioning without mistakes or disease.

Why would you suddenly, or eventually, get auto immune disease?

You innately don't attack yourself.

However, we are told that the immune system adapts (e.g. Adaptive immunity as opposed to innate immunity), and mistakenly attacks your own healthy cells, tissues and organs, treating them as foreign.

So why would your body attack itself? It doesn't. Your immune system attacks the foreign invader, that has attached to any organ or cell.

Its job is to attack and kill foreign invaders, along with cell damage. Cell damage is a response from foreign invaders attacking your cells.

Most times, given the right conditions, without medication, your innate immune system can kill the invader, so cells can repair naturally.

Strong medications with compromising side effects are used to treat symptoms of auto immune diseases. These diseases don't just happen because you've lived all your life without steroid medication etc. The primary cause is your immune system responding to foreign invaders in your body.

Foreign Invaders:

1) Vaccines – contain unnatural chemicals, which aggravate your immune



system to eventually attack the organ the chemical has locked into e.g., your heart, brain, muscles, bladder, kidneys, or reproductive systems ovaries or prostate. Toxins eventually lock into your fat cells and struggle to leave your body, burdening your detox organ, the liver, and excretory organs, kidneys, bowels and skin.

2) Genetically modified foods – These crops are sprayed with the carcinogenic glyphosate, which acts by exploding the stomachs of insects, to kill them. Glyphosate remaining on your food aggravates and creates microscopic holes in your digestive tract wall. This allows large, undigested foods and proteins to leak through into the bloodstream. Your smart immune system will recognize them as foreign, triggering long term inflammatory chronic health issues.

3) Skin exposure from pollutants – skin should protect us from external exposure to environmental toxins and pollutants. As well as seasonal pollen, like pine, we now have atmospheric fallout from the pollution of the modern clouds, overworking your immunity and ultimately invading and disrupting all body systems.

4) Everyday toxins – household chemicals, food flavorings colorings and preservatives.

5) Viruses, parasites, bacteria, fungi, bacteria, protozoa – I've seen and treated them all.

Your immune system's white blood cells are constantly on surveillance, recognising anything foreign, and attacking it, wherever it may be hiding. Eventually becoming over or under reactive and inefficient.

Solution

Be wise about what you put into your body.

Live, eat and love well, to maintain your most protective, balanced immune system.

I can help:

Live Blood Screening – Foreign invaders in your blood? Liver damage? Malnourished? Leaky gut?

Mineral Deficiencies? www.activeelements.com, username 259077, password-579819.

Body work/massage – liberate release of locked in toxins

Detox – only succeeds when done in correct sequence, and with a functional liver.

Identify your foreign invaders, prevent auto immune diseases and cancer. Heal your body.

Phone or text for an appointment
021 046 1647

Grey Power

By Carol Carson

Whilst locally things have been quiet recently, Federation has been very busy lobbying Government regarding:

- Senior Driving Licence Renewals. They have achieved some progress with the ongoing lack of consistency in GP evaluations of senior drivers for a licence renewal.

NZTA has reduced long waiting times to secure On Road Safety tests and have clarified that it is free to all drivers 75 or older. Seniors may now start to renew their licence up to six months prior to their eligible birthday.

Auckland University is to do a review of the evidence supporting cognitive tests to assess driving ability of seniors. Grey Power has always been concerned that diagnostic tests for early stage dementia did not appear to have any credible published clinical evidence.

NZTA Safety Drivers Team will continue to engage with GPs on medical aspects for fitness to drive.

- GOFUEL Fuel Cards – Federation has supplied a Go Fuel application flow chart outlining the entire process clearly and simply from visiting the Grey Power website to receiving your fuel cards. Full details will be sent out to members in our next newsletter.
- National Emergency Sirens – Grey Power has questioned the legality of removing civil defence sirens and has called for the re-establishment of next generation, all hazards alerting devices. With the decommissioning of outdated fire sirens, particularly on the North Island's eastern coast, local authorities justified the removals by citing limitations of older sirens, confusing signals, lack of voice communication and patchy coverage. However, rather than using this as an opportunity to deploy state of the art replacements, most regions simply eliminated the sirens altogether.



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Open Floor Dance with Lisa in Coromandel Town

By Lisa Corston-Blanche

Dancing is hardwired in our DNA, deeply embedded within human evolution.

Just like our ancestors our bodies love to dance, to move in a way that feels good, experiencing pleasure through simply allowing the body to move in its own natural and creative way.

Every body, within every culture, has its own genetic make-up, no two bodies naturally move in exactly the same way, we all really do have our own unique movement vocabulary, our own way of dancing.

As a community we are all so diverse, how we live, what we believe, where we come from, how we look, how we move through and interact with the world, our politics, our creativity, our disabilities and abilities, our music likes and dislikes, the way different music lands in our bones and invites us into movement. It is this collective human experience of living that makes our community full of vibrancy and life.

It is this feeling of inclusivity I wish to cultivate on our collective dance floor, creating a community space where every body is welcome, however you are, however your body moves.

A space where at the end of the day it's all

about telling the truth. About being brave enough to be messy or unpolished as truth find its way out of us. We all have moments

where we silence ourselves. Afraid that our dance may be awkward or too big, our artwork clumsy, our words fumbling or too close to the bone, we hold back the very things that might be the most interesting and healing of all. What gems await us when we stop playing it safe with our self-expression?

Can we allow ourselves to be the infinitely fascinating, tender, silly, serious and creative creatures we're meant to be?

Our ancestors danced in normal daily life, in celebration, in grief, in joy, in war, in peace, in dedication to life's cycles and life itself, within all bloodlines there was and is a call to dance.

And so I put out the call to you, come feel alive in the human body you inhabit, the body born from your ancestors ... move, sweat, be, dance ... the dance floor welcomes you, just as you are.

Tuesday classes in September: **Tuesday 2, Tuesday 9 September** (with Pippa @ pranadance), **Tuesday 23 September** with Lisa at Mana Retreat Centre, 10am-11.45am, \$25 to \$20 sliding scale, choose as you can



sustain ... and if this is not possible pay as you can.

Monthly Sunday morning "just dance" with Lisa begins **Sunday 19 October** at Coromandel Citizens Hall, 10.45am-12.15pm, minimal instruction. Great opportunity to shake off your week, to press "refresh" on the routine and chaos of daily life, to gift yourself the "time-out" we often don't offer ourselves because we are so busy with our list of doings.

Oh! And your first ever "Dancing w/ Lisa" class is free whether it be a Tuesday or Sunday, simply come up and say hi at the beginning of class. Dance with you soon, Lisa

Go to wildbonesopenfloor.co.nz for all other info. My contacts: wildbonesopenfloor@gmail.com, facebook: [wildbonesopenfloor](https://www.facebook.com/wildbonesopenfloor), txt 021 175 4741 for more info on Pippa's Open Floor ~ Pranadance classes check out www.pranadance.co.nz

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Coromandel Museum

By Maureen Kimber

You may remember our very successful 70th birthday celebration in September last year, and the committee have decided that we will once again invite our local community to join us at the Museum on **Saturday 27 September** 2-4pm for tea, cake and entertainment. Lindsay Garmson will be our guest and will be there to answer questions on our October feature display "The Granite Quarry, helping to build New Zealand". There will also be a working model on display, provided by Liz Hoskin, the owner of the property. Entry by donation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our official opening for the summer season will be the weekend of **Saturday 4 October**, coinciding with the Arts Tour.

We are holding a "Volunteers Day" on **Thursday 11 September** 10am-noon. As we all know, no organisation can survive without a band of volunteers, and we would like to thank ours personally over a cup of tea and a chat. This event is not only to thank our present volunteers, but to encourage new would-be volunteers to come and see what goes on behind the scenes. If you have a free hour or two once a week we would love to have you join our hard working band. We



also have a strong membership list, and if you haven't yet paid your \$20 annual fee please feel free to do so at any time!

We were thrilled with the local interest shown for our Anzac Day exhibition, held in collaboration with the RSA, and will continue offering monthly featured exhibits of local interest. Another amazing day was when a young group of our local school children came for a visit, and we are continuing with this contact for further involvement with the year 3 Coro Area School pupils, and also all local groups and businesses for further showcasing.

Our opening display for the month of October will feature the "Granite Quarry, Helping to Build New Zealand", as mentioned left, which in itself has contributed so much not just to NZ, but also to overseas constructions. A visit to the museum during the month of October is a must for your calendar.

The famous Marj Moore display has been given a complete overhaul, and the farming shed is a constant work in progress. Further attractions to be discovered about our local history.

Our merchandising display has proved to be a great boost to our income, and further items from T shirts, caps,

bottle holders, quartz necklaces, books and many other goodies are constantly being added to the cabinets, so remember family birthdays and Christmas presents when you are stuck for choice.

You may have seen the "Mystery at the Museum" article in the August edition of the Chronicle – in the genre of all good mysteries, the outcome will be resolved in a later chapter. The subject is yet another example of how so many items are safely stored in the Museum, awaiting for their turn to be shown and enjoyed by the public. Again this has been a great example of the Museum working together with our local community groups and individuals to promote our fascinating Coromandel story.

We are working closely with the Stamper Battery over the summer season to promote both places that are historically linked so very closely. This local attraction, along with the Museum, deserves a wide audience, so encourage family and visitors alike to add them to the list of "must visits".

Roll on the summer season.

Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle



Our sincere condolences go to the Strongman whānau on the passing of Lion Cyril. He was a steady hand on the wood splitter and if we were treated to after dinner mint biscuits, we knew Cyril was in attendance. He will be sorely missed by us all.

Can you help? Arising circumstances have necessitated our Club having to look for a new storage area. Ideally we would like a secure building about the size of a single car garage, with a power point for our freezer and access to clean drinkable water. We can pay koha to cover expenses. If you know of somewhere that might suit, please contact one of our members.

Following on from last month, we are in desperate need of someone to take on the treasurer's role (1-2hrs per month). They don't have to be a member or take part in any other activities, most of the role is online, and we have members who can show you the ropes.

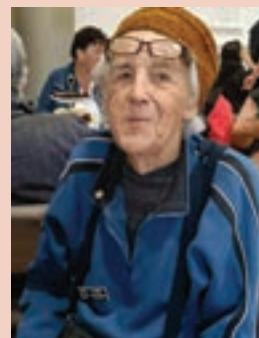
The Club would like to thank Darius Visser from Coromandel Garage for the donation of ear muffs for our noisier working bees. Also thanks to Pete from Paddy Bull Ltd for donating the red onion bags we use to sell split wood at Coromandel Four Square, where Chris sells the wood and channels all the profit back to the Lions – much appreciated.

The "Lion Rock" (which is passed each month from the holder to another member, celebrating their contribution) is now in Pam's hard working hands for the month. Well deserved Pam.

On the wood front, we still have a few truckloads left to sell and are easing into preparing for next year – just waiting for spring to bring some dry weather. Hot tip – there is a discount on firewood if you take your load off the wood splitter, just talk about it with Sue when you put your order in.

Supporting the Lions supports the community, we welcome new members, friends and enquiries.

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



We fondly remember Lion Cyril Strongman

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

Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe

- Keep 30 metres from working mussel barges at all times
- Don't tie-up to a line being worked on
- Never cast your line towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- No anchors. Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- Minimise your speed and wake
- Never drive across the lines

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The Colville Project

Strengthening our communities: the vital role of community hubs in building thriving rural areas

A two-part series by the TCP team.

In the heart of every thriving community sits a beating pulse, a place where neighbours meet, families gather, and essential services come together under one roof. As The Colville Project moves forward with our vision for a Wellbeing and Education Centre, it's worth reflecting on why these spaces are crucial to our collective wellbeing.

Addressing rural isolation and health challenges

For rural communities like ours in Northern Coromandel, the challenges are acute. Rural residents face numerous barriers to accessing all services, including long travel distances, higher costs, and the impacts of isolation often result in lower annual incomes.

New Zealand's Rural Health Strategy 2023 acknowledges these challenges, and acknowledges that rural communities have often been overlooked in health system planning and delivery.

The Colville Project aims to provide facilities that support the break down of such barriers and provide long-term opportunities to access services locally.

Building social capital and community resilience

Community hubs excel at creating what researchers call "social capital", the networks of relationships that enable communities to function effectively. Evidence shows that community hubs promote social cohesion by bringing together different social and generational groups, increase trust between community members, and expand social networks.

Facilities in use by current service providers such as Colville Junction are not fit for purpose and limit how organisations can respond to community needs and aspirations. The Colville Project will provide facilities to support development of "social capital" and community resilience.

Youth engagement and community sustainability

Engaging young people is essential for community sustainability. Rural youth face unique challenges, including limited employment opportunities, educational constraints, and social isolation. Effective youth engagement programmes in rural areas focus on meaningful participation in decision-making, skill-building opportunities, and creating connections with mentors and peers. The Colville Project is about youth having spaces and opportunities to benefit them and enrich their lives.

The Colville Project represents our commitment to ensuring that living in rural New Zealand doesn't mean accepting second-class services or opportunities. Together, we're building something extraordinary.

Follow our journey Facebook: @thecolvilleproject



Library News

By Jasmine Strauss, Librarian

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our car boot sale last month. It was great to see so many people finding treasures and supporting the library. We hold this event on the first Saturday of each month in the Woollams Avenue carpark, with the next one being on **Saturday 6 September** 9am-12pm. It's \$5 per car to join.

Just a reminder that we purchase new books every month, ensuring there's always something fresh for our members to enjoy. Be sure to stop by regularly to check out our latest additions.

We've been doing a bit of a reshuffle around the library to tidy things up and make it easier for you to find the books you love. Our goal is to create a more organised space, any feedback is always welcome.

If you haven't yet joined the library, we would love to welcome you. You can pop in anytime between 10am-1pm Monday to Friday, or 10am-12pm on Saturdays. Adult memberships are just \$25, and kids memberships are free. Thank you so much for your continued support!

New Books Spotlight

Different Kind of Power by Jacinda Ardern

In her powerful new book, former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern reflects on the challenges and opportunities of leadership. With personal stories and insights, she offers a thoughtful exploration of what it means to lead with empathy and integrity in today's world.

The River is Waiting by Wally Lamb

Corby Ledbetter's life unravels after job loss, addiction, and a tragedy that shatters his family. In prison, he faces brutality but also moments of kindness, giving him hope for redemption. Can he ever earn forgiveness from those he loves?



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Uepu-a-Hine

By Shelly Hunter, secretary

We are a group of Māori wahine from Harataunga Marae in Kennedy Bay who came together to wananga karanga. Our community had become overly reliant on one or two

of our wahine to always perform the kaikaranga function, with little support or "back up". There was a clear need to encourage, nurture and transition new talent to better support our community and each other. Our series of wananga taught not only the art of the karanga itself, but its historical context, its place in modern society, our place as tuku whenua and surrounding tikanga.

These wananga went much further than just Karanga however, covering our whakapapa, encouraging self-confidence and self-respect, our importance as women within the community, on the Marae and within our family units, Maori spirituality, personal healing and coping strategies, deciphering moko kauae, Marae Atea and the inside layout of the wharehau – and so much more. The experience was far more profound and extensive than we had expected when we signed up! Nga mihi nui to our whanaunga Rhonda Tibble for sharing your vast knowledge, wisdom and experience with us and inspiring us to elevate, grow and expand so exponentially.

As a result, we went on to research the ancestors represented by the pou inside our wharehau and put together a booklet for future generations as well as began researching and presenting atua wahine. Often only atua tane are discussed and acknowledged, but Maoridom has a foundation of polarity and balance, given it is whakapapa based (requiring a man and a woman equally), and part of our research was to encourage a more balanced Maori world view by learning more about our atua wahine. This turned out to be incredibly empowering for our wahine and particularly for me personally.

As wahine of Ngati Porou ki Hauraki, our next learning adventure is to journey to our ancestral home of Te Tairāwhiti and hikoi to the top of Hikurangi to watch the sunrise and listen to the stories about our ancestors and the Pou that reside there. Not only will this strengthen our ancestral ties but will undoubtedly be an unforgettable experience both spiritually and educationally. We are currently fundraising for this haerenga and are running a raffle. The prize is valued at over \$800 and includes: 1st Prize – 1x family pass for the Driving Creek Railway, 1x family pass for the Zipline adventure, 1x night accommodation for a family at Tui Lodge, 1x \$100 voucher fish and chips at Coromandel Oyster Company. 2nd Prize – 1x \$50 voucher fish and chips at

Coromandel Oyster Company, 1x family pass to The Waterworks.

There are 250 tickets at \$10 each. If you would like to tautoko our wahine and purchase a ticket or two please contact Shelly Hunter on 027 518 8485 or shelly.hunter@outlook.co.nz for numbers 1-100 and Lisa Harrison on 021 165 7702 or lisa.harrison09@icloud.com for numbers 101-250.

Thanks so much to Driving Creek Railway, The Waterworks, Coromandel Oyster Company and Tui Lodge for supporting our roopu! Nga mihi.



Real Estate Matters

Q: I have been watching on television how people get their homes made over prior to going to the market. I do not have any spare cash to do this. I feel my property will not be viewed by buyers if I can not spend thousands getting it right. Is it a waste of my time putting my home on the market?

This is an interesting question and one we get asked often. It is easy to see why people feel the need to head down to the local DIY outlet. In fact, this is why DIY centers sponsor these shows. Often the materials used are discounted in order to be mentioned on the show.

When the market is moving along well and prices are heading up, we feel we have great and growing equity in our homes, so we find it easier to justify doing these dream jobs. But in a flat tough market, is the cost justified, are you going to get \$1.50 for every \$1 spent? Most likely not unless you have a very good or trained eye.

One may consider having the property staged. This may give you a better return in a tough market.

So what are vendors trying to do by having these makeovers done? They are creating an illusion of space, more light, modern colours. Trying to create easy flow or perception of easy flow through the home.

Physically altering walls and putting new kitchen and bathrooms in, is not a cheap exercise. Yes they sell homes, they modernise the home. But at what real cost?

Are you gaining more than you spend? Can you actually afford the extra cash, or are you borrowing the cash and then putting more pressure on yourself to meet the market's offers?

If you have to borrow tens of thousands of dollars to try and get that higher price, how much of that higher price do you retain after you pay the borrowed money back? Yes it is nice to have bragging rights over the sale price, but hang on, how much of this is actually yours? Maybe marketing the home at the market value and selling, and moving on without the stress, might leave you better off. When you have the added pressure of having to repay the loaned money, before you get to sell, that gives the buying market an added advantage in the negotiations.

Think of first impressions, by looking at creating space by moving things around or massively decluttering. Put your time and energy into this, maybe a little paint here and there. List at a "market" value, not at an "I want" value. It will actually give better returns and a whole lot less stress.

With a fresh coat of paint and new handles on the kitchen cupboards you may be very surprised by the change it makes, and you likely can do it yourself. Cleaning the front yard and ensuring the access to the front door is clear and inviting, maybe a weekend in the garden sorts this out, again likely do this yourself or with family. Do you really need a landscaper? Washing down decks, or restaining them. These things are a little of our time, but so much more cost effective.

Then maybe invest in targeted marketing. Ensure you are attracting the right viewers. A thousand dollars spent on marketing and creating competition by attracting more buyers, may actually give a better return than having the builders in to revamp the kitchen and bathroom.

Maybe talk with a stager. Maybe change furniture for the photos and open homes, again creating the illusion of light and space.

Many a time when you watch the programmes, the return viewers regularly say how much bigger the room looks, Yet it is the same room, just different colour, or more light in with a change of curtains, moved furniture etc., or removing shrubbery outside the window.

What amazes me is how often they still only get what they originally wanted, by essentially spending the difference between what they were being offered and what they wanted.

Think through your finances and act accordingly, be realistic with the price expectations. Listen to the market – you will sell.

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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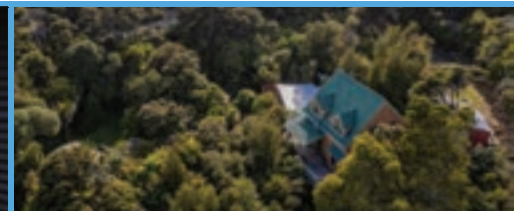
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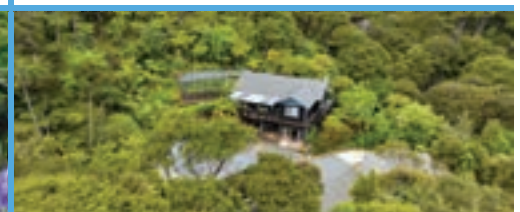
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Birdsong & Bush - \$1,550,000

Combined Clubs of Coromandel

By The CCC Committee

Sports pavilion

The Committee for the Combined Clubs of Coromandel (CCC) would like to clarify the situation around the proposed Sports pavilion.

This is only a proposal and has not been confirmed as feasible. Any support (e.g. TCDC) is in principle only. The proposal has not been taken to our members for a vote, and the next step of funding options will not be considered unless a positive vote is returned. The CCC has no requirement for an indoor bowling facility.

The CCC is currently in excellent financial health, and we can see no reason why this would not continue to be the case.

RSA

By Gary Pettett and Annette James

The Battle of Long Tan

The Vietnam War started in 1960 and went on until 1975. Over 3,000 New Zealanders served between 1963 and 1975, with 37 men dying and 187 wounded. Two Red Cross civilians were amongst those who lost their lives.

Vietnam Veterans Day is commemorated on 18 August every year by New Zealand and Australia, because on this day in 1966 New Zealand's Battery gunners and Australian infantrymen fought in the battle of Long Tan.

The Battle of Long Tan was fought close to Long Tan village in the Province of Phuoc Tuy, South Vietnam. The D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, including 108 Australians and 3 New Zealanders, fought against a large enemy (approximately 1,500 to 2,500 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese). In spite of being severely outnumbered the Australians held their position in a rubber plantation, during a heavy rain fall until they received artillery support from 161 Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery, which allowed them to win the battle. However, there were heavy losses on both sides, with 18 Australians killed and 24 wounded and over 245 Vietnamese killed and around 350 wounded.



Coromandel Bowling Club

By Judy Campbell

Another season is about to start with our opening day being **Thursday 4 September**. We will play four games and have a shared lunch in between and maybe even a

social drink together when the club bar opens afterwards. The greens are looking good so now we just have to hope the weather gods shine down on us so play can get underway for the 2025-2026 season.

Our first Social Sunday Rollup will be **Sunday 7 September**. We will now be playing three games on Sundays (due to popular demand) so names are to be in for the draw by 10.30am for an 11am start. BYO lunch for a bite in between the first two games and once again, the club bar will be open afterwards to enjoy a sunny Sunday social drink and catch up. If you'd like to have a try at lawn bowls or want to hone up your skills for Twilight Bowls which starts in October, then Sunday Rollups are a great opportunity for you. Don't worry if you don't have any lawn bowls as the club has a few sets that you are welcome to use.

On **Thursday 18 September** we have the first of our seasons Open Optional Triples Tournament sponsored by the Top Pub Coromandel Hotel and on **Thursday 25 September** we have the Presidents Cup which consists of 4 x 1 hour games.

On **Wednesday 1 October** we are having for the first time, an Open Junior Triples Tournament that is sponsored by the Pipeline Hose Shop Coromandel.

To keep our hand in prior to our season opening, a few of our club members have been entering tournaments held each fortnight at the Mercury Bay Bowling club with play on their new carpet green. At a recent tournament held there we fielded four teams, with the Coromandel team consisting of Reg Wright, Vi King and Elaine Appleton winning overall and the team of Lindsay Nicholls, John Westray and Pam Harris coming third. Well done to everyone who played and it was yet another great day of bowls with many teams from around the Thames Valley entering.

Once our season is underway we will get back into coaching every Friday afternoon from 3.30pm and depending on numbers, this will be followed by a game. The opportunity to have a social drink and catch up afterwards is there as well so you are welcome to come along and join us for that too. Here's to a great 2025-2026 season Bowls, not just to our current club bowlers but to anyone in our community who would like to give it a go. You are welcome anytime.



Elaine Appleton, Reg Wright and Vi King



Lindsay Nicholls, John Westray and Pam Harris

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

The National Car Rallies were all over the Coromandel the end of August so we had our fair share of car activities, Meeting Wednesday 13th was a good turnout and as a result we travelled to Whitianga Hotel for a great lunch and Shed visit afterwards

We are still getting new members every month with some great ideas and suggestions keep it up, thanks

We have a great range of cars in the club including Classic American, Australian, European, Drag and Race cars, join our very social club, Happy Hour second Wednesday of every month, you're welcome, make yourself known and show us your car.

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Mahamudra

Exploring wisdom at Mahamudra Centre: retreats, teachings, and new resources

August has been a month of inspiration at Mahamudra Centre in Colville, as our vibrant community gathered for a week-long retreat with Venerable Thubten Khadro. Dedicated to the wisdom deity Manjushri, this retreat drew participants from across Aotearoa, all eager to deepen their practice and understanding of wisdom in daily life.

Over seven days, Ven. Khadro skilfully wove together guided meditations, practical teachings, and lively discussions, creating a space where ancient Buddhist wisdom felt alive, relevant, and deeply transformative. Many retreatants shared that they left not only refreshed, but with practical tools to cultivate clarity and compassion amidst the busyness of everyday life.

For those who missed this retreat – or who would like to continue learning with Ven. Khadro – the opportunity doesn't end here. Beginning in September, she will be leading Module One of Discovering Buddhism online, an accessible yet profound introduction to the foundations of the Buddhist path. Module One, Mind and Its Potential, explores the incredible capacity of the mind, introducing participants to meditation and the methods for transforming negative emotions. Whether you are completely new to Buddhism or already familiar, this course provides a supportive and structured way to explore the teachings at your own pace, with the added benefit of Ven. Khadro's warmth, humour, and clarity as a teacher.

Looking further ahead, Mahamudra is delighted to welcome Venerable Robina Courtin in November for a very special retreat: The Psychology of Tantra. Robina is well known internationally for her dynamic, no-nonsense teaching style and her ability to make the deepest Buddhist principles immediately relevant. This retreat will focus on the tantric perspective of self-transformation – how we can learn to shift our habits and ways of being at the very root, using the extraordinary methods of tantra to uncover the mind's natural potential for freedom and joy. It's a rare opportunity not to be missed.

In addition to retreats and online teachings, Mahamudra Centre is delighted to share the arrival of new free Dharma books from the Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive. Among the recent additions are two very special titles:

Rinpoche's Animal Friends, a beautifully illustrated book for children (and the young at heart), filled with gentle lessons from Lama Zopa Rinpoche about kindness to animals.

Clean Clear: Collected Teachings of Lama Yeshe, Volume 2 – continuing the series of Lama Yeshe's profound yet practical teachings, which continue to inspire students worldwide.

These books are offered freely as part of the Archive's mission to make authentic Buddhist teachings accessible to all. More titles will be arriving soon, and everyone is welcome to visit Mahamudra to collect a copy, explore the library, or simply enjoy a peaceful moment in the gardens and temple grounds.

Alongside retreats and study opportunities, Mahamudra also hosts regular community activities:

Daily morning meditations: Monday to Saturday 8-8.30am, Sundays 10-10.30am.

Wednesday Movie Nights: 7pm every week – a chance to come together for inspiring films, connection, and discussion.

Mahamudra Centre remains a place of retreat, learning, and community for all who wish to connect with the timeless wisdom of the Buddha. Whether through in-person retreats, online teachings, or simply picking up a book, there are many ways to take part.

For more information about upcoming events, courses, or to explore the resources available, visit www.mahamudra.org.nz or drop by when you are in Colville. Everyone is warmly welcome



Bridge

By Judy Bronlund

I am looking forward to spring. Our bridge evenings have been well attended despite the cold weather. We play each Monday evening, visitors to the area are most welcome to come along and join us, ring Jackie for details. We play at the St John rooms.

Contact Jackie 021 061 6876



DAYLIGHT SAVING

Clocks go back on **Sunday 28 September**.

Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Many readers of the Coromandel Town Chronicle will have seen the news that the Government is banning in-store payment surcharges. That means those pesky notes on EFTPOS machines across the country which warn customers that their payment could incur a surcharge will soon be a thing of the past.

As the Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister, I announced that the Retail Payment System (Ban on Surcharges) Amendment Bill will be introduced to Parliament by the end of 2025, with the changes expected to come into force by May 2026, at the latest.

Surcharges are more than just an annoyance for customers, those little fees add up. The Commerce Commission estimates New Zealanders pay around \$150 million annually in surcharges, including \$45–\$65 million in excessive charges. That's a hefty amount which has been added onto your morning coffee bill for too long.

The removal of in-store surcharges is a practical change, because it shouldn't be up to the customer to choose the most cost-efficient way of making a payment at the till.

In other news, the Government is also proposing to scrap NCEA and replace it with a new national qualification that ensures young people have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

That will be welcome news to parents, teachers and students who have grown more and more concerned that NCEA isn't a reliable measure of achievement and its ability to get students ready for work and higher education.

The new national qualification will build a stronger foundation for students to have future success. The key changes include returning to marking assessments and subjects clearly out of 100, requiring students to take English and Mathematics at Year 11, and working with industry to develop better vocational pathways so students get the skills relevant to certain career pathways.

These changes will be phased in from next year, beginning with the new national curriculum in 2026, the Foundational Skills Award in 2028 for Year 11, and the new Certificates of Education in 2029 and 2030 for Years 12 and 13.

Consultation is open until **Monday 15 September** and more information about this process can be found online at: <https://www.education.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultation-proposal-replace-ncea/details>.



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Mana

A sanctuary for the soul: welcoming you to spring!

It's the season of renewal, the perfect time to plant new intentions, release what's no longer needed, and open our hearts to the abundance ahead. At Mana, this spirit of transformation is reflected in many ways – in the privilege of welcoming new guests, and through the ever-changing rhythm of volunteers bringing fresh energy to our team – each of us, on our own journey of growth and awakening

With each moment bringing a fresh start, we have much to look forward to – whether we're seeking deeper personal growth or hoping to connect with others through local events. With Father's Day just around the corner, it's a powerful reminder of how important it is for men to have space to pause, reflect, and reconnect. If you've been looking for that kind of experience, you might be drawn to ReWild, a new men's retreat happening at Mana **5-7 September**.

Here's what else is coming up for you:

- Open Floor Dance Classes dates: **Tuesday 2 and Tuesday 9 September**. Join us for a fun and expressive morning of movement. No experience needed – just come as you are and dance with us! Time: 10-11.45am. Cost: \$25-\$20 (sliding scale).
- Sing Your Heart Out with Tony Backhouse **Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October**. We're excited that Tony Backhouse will be returning for his much-loved annual singing retreat. Known for his infectious energy and soulful harmonies, Tony brings together singers of all levels to explore the magic of voice in community. For those who live nearby and wish to be placed on the waiting list, please get in touch with our team.

Arohanui, the Mana Team

For all bookings and enquiries, please contact us at www.manaretreat.com, 07 866 8972, be@manaretreat.com, 608 Manaia Road, Coromandel



Remember the Jacaranda

By Indie Kee (15)

In the heart of Coromandel, the jacaranda tree stands tall and strong. The last breath of winter has passed, giving way to warmer days. Peaks of purple blush push through fresh green leaves, like quiet thoughts. Each delicate flower begins to bloom, vibrant, soft and new, like bright memories.

Dappled sunlight filters down onto Nana's silver curls, framing her face in a gentle halo. Her purple eyeshadow, like the jacaranda blossom, lights up her eyes, which twinkle with laughter. Wrinkles trace gentle paths across her skin. The familiar scent of rose petal soap clings to her as she leans in to tickle under the chubby arms and the soft chins of her loving grandbabies.

Her lap is warm and pillowy, like freshly baked bread and the warmth of home.

As the days grow hotter and the heat sets in, the jacaranda thrives. Its roots are anchored deep in the earth, steady and unshaken by the wind or passage of time. The once delicate flowers bloom into lush lavender clouds. Leafy branches stretch across a vivid blue sky, offering shelter from the harsh sun for the children to play. The vibrant sounds of life and laughter carry on the breeze.

The light breeze softly touches Nana's favourite floral dress, as she sits in the shade, with a purple scarf tied neatly around her neck. Her grandbabies, now too big for her lap, crowd around, pleading for her adventurous stories. Nana's eyes gleam as she recalls riding bareback across the ridges of Colville, the wind in her hair, the hills beneath her. They listen wide-eyed, their excitement building. They try to sit still but they begin to jostle and jump around. Nana watches them, her own little wild horses, and a frown begins. "What are you little monkeys doing?". Her scolding gently turns to laughter, warm with love and patience.

As the warmth fades and the days grow colder, the jacaranda begins to wither. Its branches once proud and reaching above, now bare and bent towards the earth. Fallen leaves gather thickly around its base, like a worn carpet of faded memories. Wilted petals, bruised golden brown, lie scattered across the muddy ground. The light has shifted and colours now blur into muted tones.

Nana's eyes are no longer brown, but pale blue, clouded and distant. She paces in the garden, confused, "Where have my grandbabies gone?" she wonders aloud. The grandchildren, now grown, gently guide her inside for tea. Her frail body is lost in a soft flannel nightgown. "What day is it today, love?" she asks again, and again, before the kettle finishes boiling. Her eyes search the room for names she used to know. The grandchildren sit near Nana and her tea, gently retelling her the stories she no longer remembers. Sometimes a shadow of a knowing smile briefly passes over her face before the light is gone again.

In the heart of Coromandel, the jacaranda tree stands bare against a grey wintry sky. The last breath of summer is long gone, autumn has passed into silence. Its once glorious canopy has faded into sepia and swept away like a life of memories. The jacaranda sleeps but will bloom again. And so will the memories, carried from heart to heart, across seasons and generations. Remember the Jacaranda.

Indie Kee attends Coromandel Area School. This story was her NCEA written submission and has been awarded academic Excellence for it

UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

Bookings: www.manaretreat.com

SEP 5 - 7	ReWILD for Men Retreat with Jaime Howell
SEP 12 - 14	Yoga Retreat with Juliet Forch
SEP 15 - 20	Mindful Self Compassion with Anna Friis and Mara Elwood
SEP 26-28	September Relax and Wellness Weekend with the Mana Team
SEP 28 - OCT 3	Auslansoul Yoga Retreat with Irene Holub
OCT 3 - 5	Tony Backhouse Sing Your Heart Out retreat
OCT 10 - 12	Release, Rest & Rejuvenate with Stella Goetz
OCT 13 - 19	Cosmic Doorway
OCT 22 - 24	Medical Mindfulness – Private Event
OCT 24 - 27	Spring Coming Home To Yourself with the Mana Team

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open Floor Community Dance SEP 2nd & 9th | TIME: 10:00-11:45AM

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Hot Spot – Notes from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Recent callouts: medical, car fire Kennedy Bay, assist person trapped, alarm activation, two car mvc, alarm, power lines arcing, power box on fire.

Quiet thank goodness. While it's great that we get called out, it's also nice to know people are looking after themselves and we continue to train. While training may sound repetitive, and at times it likely is, every call we receive is ever so slightly different and all the training in the world doesn't necessarily cover every scenario.

With luck the rain will ease for a while, but remember come spring everything starts growing again, and that means the vegetation over hanging your driveways. Check and if an issue please remove so the big red truck has access.

John Bertrand Collectables Buying in Coromandel Town Friday 12th September

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.



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.

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

from a New Zealand trading bank dated 1932 or before.

Denominations of five pounds and higher would be worth from \$700. "Any banknote dated prior to 1900 would be worth at least \$1000" said Mr Grant.

Also purchased are any Reserve Bank of New Zealand pre-decimal issues, especially 50 Pound notes. All overseas banknotes are also wanted, especially early Pacific Island issues.

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!!

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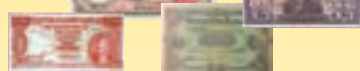
COINS

- All Gold & Silver Coins
- Gold Sovereigns
- Gold Half Sovereigns
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- Also wanted NZ & World Coins after 1946
- Australian Silver Coins to 1963
- English Silver Coins to 1946
- NZ 1935 "Waitangi Crown"
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- Modern Collector's Coins & Sets
- NZ Reserve Bank Sets
- *No Pennies or Halfpennies Please*



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- 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 & Malaysian 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



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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
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rangatahi OUR CHILDREN

Colville Bay Preschool

By Maria Dove



Tena koutou. Here we are half way through the third term and we are enjoying more sunshine and outside time with our tamariki. It's been time to start preparing for spring planting and we are looking forward to an upcoming farm visit and beach day. We recently joined with Colville School on a tsunami drill and we all made our way up to the 20 metre mark above sea level, in our local ngahere. Hopefully we will never be needing to do this – but we will all be prepared if we do!

We are continuing fundraising efforts and have a Fathers Day raffle coming up and a sausage sizzle at the Whitianga Car Rally. A big thank you to our amazing team of parents and whanau for their continuing support. We are happy to say that our roll is growing and we are now offering a van pick-up service for tamariki from Coromandel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week.

Please feel free to come and visit to see if our Preschool is the place for you and your whanau. We

are open Tuesday to Friday 8.45am to 3pm, including term breaks. We offer 20 free hours for children aged three and over and the WINZ subsidies and Family Boost are also available.

Haere mai – we would love to meet you and have you join our vibrant and caring preschool whanau.



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Shivawn Elliott

Spaces available

Kia ora kotou.

For the first time in a very long time, we currently do not have a waiting list on our over two's side, which means that we have some full-time spaces available. Please feel free to pop and visit the centre and pick up an enrolment pack, or alternatively send us an email: coropreschool@xtra.co.nz.

The year is flying by so quickly. We have had another great month at Preschool. The children have been fortunate enough to get back to Music & Dance which is now located at the new C3 church on Tiki Road – it has been loads of fun.

In August we celebrated birthdays for Kahlo, Greyson, Tiale, Debbie, Freyja, Ezra and Maiara. We farewelled Kahlo, Tiale and Ezra who are now off to start their school journey. We wish them all the best for the future and we will miss having them at Preschool. We also welcomed Āwha and Haere to the centre. We are looking forward to sharing your learning journey and getting to know you both.

We would like to take the time to thank everyone who supported our recent Father's Day Raffle and a special thanks to our local sponsors: Wharf Road Variety Store – Coromandel Town, Salty Towers – Bait & Tackle Shop, Coromandel Oyster Company Limited, Art of Fishing – Coromandel Fish & Kayak, Harbour View Motel Coromandel and The Waterworks, Coromandel. We will be using all funds raised to go towards the next phase of our playground upgrade, so watch this space!

Due to popular demand, we will be looking at doing another Samosa Fundraiser soon. More details to follow.

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

The centre operates Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-3.30pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane (behind the Four Square). Please feel free to call in at any time for a visit.



Music & Dance



Preschool playground

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

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

Spotlight, 10yrs+, last one of the year, Friday 12 September 5.30 -7.30pm.

Tabletop Miniature Games: 10yrs+ Wednesday (term time only) 3-5pm.

School holidays: Monday to Thursday 11am-4pm.

For more info please contact us during open hours by phone or text 027 217 9206, drop in at Hauraki House or email coromandelyouthgroup@gmail.com.

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Coromandel Area School

By Tracey Adams

Contributing to Future Generations

1 August was a rare day of sunshine in what has been a very grey and wet winter. A perfect day for a group of students from Coromandel Area School, to take part in tree planting on a local farm, doing their part in ecological restoration. Their mission: to plant 600 native trees, grown with care in the school's own Trees for Survival Unit. This annual initiative is part of the school's environmental program, aimed at restoring local habitats for native birds, wildlife and contributing to the health of the community's ecosystems.

The 20 students, ranging in age from 8-17 worked together as tuakana teina and completed the planting in just over two hours. Some of the younger students took great joy in squelching through the swamp and covering themselves in as much mud as possible! The planting took place around the edge of a swampy patch of land, on the farm previously owned by the Davies family (Jim and Coralie's farm), adding to various plantings that have been completed by other community groups and the land owners. Many community members have commented



to the Elliotts (new owners) that they are enjoying seeing the positive changes recently made to the land, particularly in and around the wet areas.

The students' hard work was generously rewarded with a sausage sizzle, baking, and the warm hospitality of the landowners. An added bonus for the younger students was the opportunity to do a bit of hill rolling in the sunshine. Special thanks for the support for the project from Jayne from Trees for Survival, the Elliotts (owners), and to Giox, one of our dads, who all pitched in to help. The day was a positive reminder of how community action can create a legacy for generations to come.

Reinstating a rugby field at the school

With building excitement around the big rugby games being hosted in Coromandel on **Saturday 20 September**, our sports coordinator extraordinaire Bubbies (Rangimarie Wirihana) has been working on a project to remove the disused concrete cricket pitch in the middle of the school's top field and get it back to being a rugby field. Many of us past students have vivid

memories of rugby battles taking place on the field, the pride of Top Town or Bottom Town on the line! In those days the wooden goal posts sported a healthy crop of lichen and the kicker had to contend with the posts swaying in a brisk breeze!

In a moment of fine August weather, a crew of parents and community members managed to cut up the concrete from the pitch and get it all removed from the field. Top soil has been organised by Jake Bartrom and ready lawn is lined up to finish it all off. An application has been submitted for a grant to purchase some new goal posts and with any luck, it will all come together by 20 September to support the community and Rugby Club in hosting the games in September.

A big thank you to all who have helped Bubbies to make this project happen. We're looking forward to seeing our students out there playing rugby, practising their kicking with the goal posts, being able to host games as a school, and supporting the rugby club with the use of a second field.



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The Open Studios Arts Tour

Taking part in The Open Studios Arts Tour every year does not always work for all artists so it is often a good idea to take a break to refresh and recharge. This year these artists are returning with new energy and exciting new work to this year's Art Tour on the first two weekends of October

Nigel Sparrow

I am a multi media artist. While I still specialise in producing individual fabric lengths of watercolour marbled fabrics, in recent times I have been increasingly exploring the realms of digital printing on materials like cotton, silk and wool.

I have a practice, often done in front of the fire in winter, of creating unique digital prints based on my own photographs. The original shots can be taken anytime and anywhere (just like any photo) but the re-working usually takes a bit longer than the original shot and needs some quiet time just looking at things.

I currently produce a small range of things based on these images – some images on T shirts, some images are digitally printed with archival inks on archival paper (and largely framed as prints) and I have the beginnings of some fabric printed with some of these altered images. I also have a great selection of handmade cards available in the Source.

Printing on fabric has turned out to be way more complicated than I originally thought and, sadly, has to mostly be done overseas. I am learning more than I ever thought I would need about things like sublimation and acid printing. However I am persevering and hope to have some of the first scarves ready for this year's Arts Tour.

As an artist it's good to have some new projects to stir the imagination and stimulate the flow of ideas. This winter it's been a combination of this digital printing and also marbling on 3D surfaces, creating some unique lights/lamps. These will also be on show this year.

Charlene Scott

Art has always been Charlene's "thing". Right from a very young age all she wanted to "be" was an artist. However, when it came time to decide on post-school education, well-meaning parents told her not to go to art school as "you can't make money doing art". Now, thirty years later she's come full circle and back to creating art... as much as possible with a two year old!

Formerly primarily a painter, she discovered clay several years ago after attending one of Kay Ogilvie's workshops and this suited her growing desire to create with more natural materials. Almost all of her work is inspired by "the feminine" whether that be archetypes, Goddesses, the land or the female form itself. Her recent journey with pregnancy, birth and motherhood has inspired a whole new range of work. For the arts tour she will be joining Kim and Kevin Brett at their Workshop Gallery 5 mins south of Coromandel Town.



Bob Drummond

I was born and grew up here in New Zealand, but I spent decades in Europe before Pamela and I settled in Coromandel almost ten years ago. It's a place that keeps feeding my creativity – the quiet pace, the history, and the people.

I paint mainly in acrylic on canvas. I love how immediate it is – bold colour, fast drying, no excuses. It suits the way I work. My style is usually described as "cartoony". I'm not sure this is a complement but it fits; back in Europe, I drew a regular comic strip that was published for a few years

I'm also known for my pen-and-wash travel sketchbooks or visual journals – typically sketches of urban scenes, architecture and people from places I visit. I sketch these for myself really; sitting down to sketch helps me slow down and fight against the urge to try see as much as possible in a new city. It helps me connect with a place, and sometimes sparks conversations with curious locals.

My latest obsession is building tiny facades of historic Coromandel buildings. It's an outlet for my love of architecture, history, creativity and just building stuff. I'll use or repurpose whatever materials I can get my hands on – wood, card, packaging – and turn them into something that feels alive again. I call the project "Shrinking Coromandel", and the Colville Store is my next target.

Art is my way of paying attention. Whether it's a sketch in a back street café in a city somewhere far away or building a miniature Colville Store, it's really about noticing what's around me and giving it back in a different form I guess.

This year's Arts Tour is a chance to show the whole range – paintings, sketchbooks, and these new miniatures. I'm opening the doors to my workshop and saying: yeah so here's what I've been up to.

For more information go to www.coromandelartstour.co.nz



Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel are meeting every Monday morning at the moment. We meet in Rose's Studio at 860 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town from 9.00am until 12noon.

Last month Rosemarie Murphy won second prize in the Honorary Section of the Pastel Artists of New Zealand newsletter competition with her painting 'Ten Green bottles'. The subject was kitchen utensils, so basically anything that can hold liquid. The judge was Deborah Bays, a Master Pastellist from America.

Her comments were: "The textures in this painting are beautiful. One can feel the dusty surface, the worn paper labels and the frosted glass. The eye follows the line of bottles across the ochre labels and then rests on the reflections of the small green bottle. The choice of worn wood and the old stencil in the background add interest without competing with the bottles. The painting is well crafted and a fine example of a simple idea, bottles on a shelf, well and imaginatively done."

We have welcomed a couple more members lately but would love a few more so if you are interested please come along on Monday morning and have a go.

Contact Allan Beaver 07 866 8053



Ten Green Bottles

Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

First, the bad news. Unfortunately we have had to postpone our performances of our Radio Play, due to this nasty bug which seems to be making its way around town!

Now the good news. It's Radio Play Time! Our new dates are **17, 18 and 19 October**. Prepare to step back in time to the golden age of wireless with a live evening of classic radio theatre. Get your outfits together, dress up and come and have some fun with us! Tickets will be on sale at the Information Centre from the beginning of October.

A reminder of two events happening in our theatre in September.

We are extremely privileged to have the highly respected and treasured NZ String Quartet with us on **12 September**. Discover the joy of chamber music in a season designed for everyone! Tickets are already selling well.

Then a week later, on **19 September**, we will have a performance of "Waiting for Gertie", brought to us by the fabulous Helen Moulder, see article below.

I am looking forward to seeing you all!

Helen Moulder returns to Coromandel Town

The magnificent travelling opera singer, Miss Cynthia Fortitude, played by Helen Moulder, will be arriving in Coromandel Town in mid-September to present her show, *Waiting for Gertie!*



The show, directed by Jeff Kingsford-Brown and originally titled *Cynthia & Gertie Ride Again!*, started life in the Nelson Fringe 2023 and last year had a season at Circa Theatre in Wellington. "I'm so happy to be coming back to Coromandel," Helen says. "I've brought a number of my shows here, the last one being *The Bicycle & the Butcher's Daughter* in 2022."

Waiting for Gertie! is a very light and funny show with a variety of music and contemporary humour and has been described as "a concoction of delicate whimsy". The Coromandel Town performance is part of a 30 venue tour around the North Island and the top of the South and will be on **Friday 19 September** at 7.30pm in the Hauraki House Theatre.

Advance bookings are \$25 from the Coromandel Town Information Centre, Tel: 07 866 8598. Door Sales: \$30. Further information at: www.willowproductions.co.nz

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The world-class quartet comprises founding member Gillian Ansell (Viola) and newly appointed Peter Clark (Violin). For this concert Gillian and Peter will be joined by two acclaimed guest artists: violinist Anna Lee and cellist Dominic Lee.

For the detailed background of each member of the quartet and their outstanding achievements, see www.nzsqa.org.nz.

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Driving Creek Pottery Doings No. 7

By Matilda Halley, with support from Ngā Kaihanga Uku and Chantel Matthews



Ahi Kaa: Ngā Kaihanga Uku and Friends Return to Driving Creek this November

We are excited to announce that Ngā Kaihanga Uku (the Māori Clay Artists Collective) and friends will be returning to Kapanga to rekindle their long-standing relationship with Driving Creek.

The rōpū will be at Driving Creek from **2-9 November**, hosting a series of public workshops and talks and opening a major exhibition.

Born out of Ngā Puna Waihangā (the Māori Writers and Artists Society), Ngā Kaihanga Uku (NKU) initially came together between 1987-1991. Founding members Baye Riddell, Manos Nathan, Colleen Waata-Urlich, Paerau Corneal, and Wi Taepa are collectively known as Ngā Tokorima.

Without a ceramic (fired clay) tradition in Aotearoa, NKU sought to “awaken and raise a Māori ceramic tradition,” in the words of founding member Baye Riddell.* Inspiration was close at hand: “Māori clay stories are intertwined with our creation narratives.”* The NKU kaupapa is to “work with clay from a Māori perspective, share resources and knowledge and connect with other indigenous clay artists.”*

NKU members come together to learn and share in wānanga. Through these gatherings, Ngā Tokorima have passed their knowledge and skills on to the next generation of uku (clay) artists and NKU members. They have also formed connections with indigenous clay artists throughout the Pacific, the Americas and around the world.

The relationship between NKU and DCR began with a friendship between Barry and Baye. In the late 1970s, Baye joined the infamous pottery “Dos” at DCR – making pots, building kilns and helping on the railway. Baye acknowledges Barry’s influence on his own creative journey:

“His ‘Kiwi’ approach to pottery using local materials and exploring iconic New Zealand themes in his work, such as the freezing works and the New Zealand Railways, was for me an inspiring departure from the Euro-Asian influences I had



Left to right: Boronia Riddell, Blue Corn (San Ildefonso Pueblo potter) and Helen Mason riding the train during an NKU visit, May 1991. Driving Creek Collections

previously experienced. This approach helped articulate and ratify my emerging Māori clay perspective.”

Baye and the NKU rōpū were regular visitors to DCR over the years. Oloa Ora, an exhibition of Māori and Pasifika art (including pieces by NKU members), was showing in the Driving Creek Gallery in 2016 at the time of Barry’s death. Soon after, NKU returned to hold a wānanga in Barry’s honour. Pieces made by Baye, Carla Ruka, and Mike O’Donnell were installed at “Hoki Mai” station, overlooking the entrance to Barry’s burial site.

When DCR lost Barry, it also lost many of the relationships he had formed. We hope that together we can reignite this precious connection.

NKU members and friends will return to DCR from **2-9 November** for a wānanga.



Barry and Baye, with two of Baye’s sculptures, Driving Creek Gallery, 2015. Photo courtesy of Baye Riddell

Alongside their gathering, members will host daily public workshops and talks. These will cover a range of making and decorating techniques – from using shellac resist and water etching to create textured surfaces, to making ipu whenua and ipu puehu (ritual vessels for placenta and ashes). Details and bookings at www.drivingcreek.nz/ngākaihangauku.

Ahi Kaa, an exhibition of work by NKU members and friends, will open on 8 November in the Driving Creek Gallery. Curator Chantel Matthews is bringing together a group show to “pay tribute to Driving Creek’s ethos, pioneered by Barry Brickell. Inspired by what it means to keep the fires burning as a potter/uku artist, we consider the hard work, determination, and love for the land and art that continue to burn today.”

* Quotes by Baye Riddell from his book Ngā Kaihanga Uku (Te Papa Press, 2023).

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We all look forward to our morning group. We leave going away inspired and full of new ideas and enthusiasm for our next piece of art whether it a painting, sketch or a craft of mixed media creations.

It’s always fun to try new products and how we can incorporate them into our work. As it starts to warm up, we hope to open our large doors onto the view we get from the Flying Clubrooms. Sometimes we take out our tables and paint outside for the morning..

Open to all artists, come and join us. Every Thursday mornings 9am to 12pm.

We have an extensive range of reference books and dvds as well as our own artist knowledge to help any one who enjoys art.



Some of the girls working hard at morning tea

NGĀ KAIHANGA UKU & FRIENDS DRIVING CREEK 2-9 NOV 2025

A special 8-day event by Ngā Kaihanga Uku (the Māori Clay Artists Collective) and friends. Event includes: workshops, artist talks and group exhibition at Driving Creek Gallery

drivingcreek.nz/ngākaihangauku/



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Suitable for children over the age of 6, and for adults, The Orange Box is a visually captivating story featuring handmade puppets, mesmerising juggling, and enchanting circus artistry.

At the end of the show, there will be a short Q&A session where the audience can get up close to some of the puppets and ask questions about the creative process and the company's journey.

Naranjarte is a Spanish puppet theatre and circus company founded by Ana Lorite and Sergio Aguilar in 2011. They toured globally from 2017 to 2020, performing over 250 shows in 14 countries.

Based in Aotearoa New Zealand since 2020, they continue to share their work with audiences and learners across the country and to tour internationally.

Their productions blend puppetry, juggling, and theatrical illusion, exploring themes of transformation, creativity, and the pursuit of dreams.

The local organisers are raising funds for the show so that no child misses out – entry fee will be koha.

We are delighted to announce that we have received funding from Creative New Zealand, and the Star & Garter Hotel are dedicating their September "Give a Little Sundays" to the performance. That means that \$1 from every pizza sold at Star & Garter on a Sunday in September is donated to the show. Please support this great cause.

Date: **Thursday 2 October** at 11am

Venue: Coromandel Area School Hall

Entry: Gold coin koha

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To help us set up the hall, please register your name and the number of children you're bringing by phoning the Coromandel Town Information Centre 07 866 8598.



Thames Music Group

Auckland City Brass

Thames Music Group's September Sunday afternoon concert on **Sunday 7 September** at 2pm, features Auckland City Brass.

Auckland City Brass was founded (as the Balmoral Boys' Silver Band) in 1938 and evolved over the decades to officially become Auckland City Brass in 1993. Auckland City Brass brings brass band music to life through regular concerts and competitions. They have a strong community presence, performing for a variety of community events, and a vibrant youth program, which nurtures the next generation of brass musicians.

Auckland City Brass "couldn't be more chuffed" with their performances at the 2025 New Zealand Brass Band Championships, at which they made their A Grade debut and performed well in the large ensemble category, garnering some individual and ensemble accolades.

It is three years since Auckland City Brass last performed for Thames Music Group and we're thrilled to welcome them back. Don't miss this opportunity to experience one of New Zealand's premier brass ensembles with their diverse repertoire ranging from classical brass to modern arrangements.

Details: Thames Music Group's Sunday Concert series presents Auckland City Brass, **Sunday 7 September** at 2pm, St George's Church, Mackay Street, Thames.

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Driving Creek Conservation Park

By Sophie Whittall

Sanctuaries of New Zealand conference

Driving Creek Conservation Park was recently represented at the annual Sanctuaries of New Zealand (SONZi) conference, held in Whanganui.

SONZi is a network of biodiversity sanctuaries (ecosanctuaries) that share similar goals and approaches in their efforts to restore Aotearoa's special biodiversity. The conference brought together conservation projects from across the country to share research, stories, and ideas. Presentations ranged from kiwi survival in a changing climate and the use of genomics in invasive species management, to new technology for wildlife monitoring and precision pest control. Attendees also visited Te Ao Hou marae and toured Bushy Park Tarapurui, a forest sanctuary near Whanganui that is home to hihi (stitchbirds), tieke (North Island saddleback), and toutouwai (North Island robin).

Here at Driving Creek, our own sanctuary established in 2007 may be small, 1.6 hectares, but it plays an important role in making conservation accessible to the public. Within its predator-proof fence, visitors can see a breeding pair of pāteke (brown teal) and several native gecko species up close. These animals can be tricky to spot in the wild, so the sanctuary provides a rare opportunity for education and advocacy to learn about our native flora and fauna and the challenges our wildlife faces. There was a lot to be learnt at the conference about how we can keep growing our conservation education activities in our own sanctuary.

The Driving Creek space also features Barry Brickell's nine-metre terracotta kauri tree and other pottery installations. Close to the sanctuary is a nature trail that includes an old gold mine with cave wētā and glow worms. From this summer, we'll be offering guided conservation tours, giving visitors the chance



Barry Brickell and friends building the predator-proof fence at Driving Creek in 2007

to learn more about the sanctuary and the wider conservation work happening around Coromandel and the rest of the country.

Conferences like SONZI highlight that while each sanctuary is unique in scale and focus, together they strengthen New Zealand's collective effort to protect and restore Aotearoa's biodiversity.



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

Waihi North fast-track proposal: our forest, our future at risk

Across the Coromandel, people are speaking out in alarm at OceanaGold's plan to push ahead with a massive new underground mine under the government's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

The proposal would carve a 7 kilometre tunnel from Waihi to Wharekīraponga (WKP), burrowing directly beneath the Coromandel Forest Park and surfacing just three kilometres from Tairua. For shareholders, it promises a "gold bonanza". But for those of us who live here, who walk these tracks, who care for our rivers and forests, the cost is simply too high.

A process weighted against communities

Residents and community groups have been asked to wade through 11,000 pages of technical documentation. Forest & Bird and Coromandel Watchdog were given just 20 working days to respond – barely enough time to read, let alone analyse, the potential impacts.

Under the fast-track process, three government-appointed panellists will review submissions and pass recommendations to Ministers Shane Jones, Chris Bishop, and Simeon Brown. Few locals believe the odds of rejection are in our favour. The very purpose of the Act is to speed up approvals for projects deemed of "significant national or regional benefit – but where in this does the survival of rare species, or the wellbeing of future generations, fit in?

Risks to water, forest, and freddy

Perhaps the gravest concern is dewatering – the draining of underground aquifers as tunnels are excavated. Scientists warn that this could strip streams and wetlands of the lifeblood they rely on, devastating ecosystems that have taken millennia to form.

Wharekīraponga is no ordinary bush block. It is Public Conservation Land, home to some of New Zealand's most threatened species. Among them is Archey's frog (Leiopelma archeyi), the rarest frog in the world and of deep cultural significance to tangata whenua. Streams, waterfalls, and old-growth forest cloak the ranges here – the very landscapes visitors travel from around the globe to experience.

For the past 18 months, the area has been closed to trampers, and even placed under a no-fly zone, effectively shielding OceanaGold's operations from public scrutiny.

More than a local issue

Some may ask: "But isn't this mine on the other side of the ranges, near Waihi?" The answer is yes – but it is also deep in our shared conservation estate, and mining licences already pepper the Peninsula. If this project goes ahead, it sets a precedent. Today it is Wharekīraponga. Tomorrow, it could be closer to home.

A call to action

This is a pivotal moment for our region. Do we choose short-term extraction, enriching overseas investors while leaving scars on our land and water? Or do we stand for a future grounded in eco-tourism, biodiversity protection, and sustainable livelihoods that align with the values of the Coromandel?

We urge every reader: talk to your neighbours. Share this story. Put up a sign. Write to your representatives. Maintain vigilance.

The future of Wharekīraponga – and the integrity of our Peninsula – is in all of our hands. Coromandel No Mining.



Wharekīraponga, mature native trees and rivers



Archey's frog, "pepeketua"

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MEG

By Steph Parkyn

Spring planting

The MEG team have been busy with two community planting days last month. We had a beautiful sunny day to continue planting at the Waikawau Children's Forest with Colville School, funded by Trees That Count with plants lovingly raised by Colville Harbour Care Nursery. The kids did a wonderful job learning to use spades and competing to plant the tallest trees (some taller than themselves) and we are so pleased to continue this tradition that has been going for twenty years!

We have also started an exciting new planting project in Tangiaro/Port Charles – establishing a Pā harakeke – in association with locals, landowners, TCDC, Auckland Botanic Gardens and sponsorship from PowerCo. The Harakeke Collection, gifted by the Auckland Botanic Garden, is mainly from their Rene Orchiston Collection which commenced in the 1950s when there was (as is now) an extreme shortage of special cultivars for various types of weaving. Plants in the collection come from many parts of New Zealand, with each cultivar having unique properties deeming them



appropriate for particular uses e.g. kākahu, korowai (garments), kete (kits), taura (rope), whāriki (matting) and rourou (food baskets).

We are thrilled to be able to help bring examples of this collection to northern Coromandel. The plants won't be ready for use for several years and will be carefully looked after so that they don't seed and the specific properties of each harakeke type is preserved. Over time we will develop signage and story boards for each of the plants making the site into a valuable intergenerational resource. Predator control is an integral part of the project and the wider reserve area where we hope to continue planting. Huge thanks to everyone for the mahi so far and watch this space for more opportunities to be involved!

Spring flowers

Flowers to look out for this month in the bush: rangiora. We've been seeing the fabulous abundance of small creamy yellow blooms along roadsides. Its name means rangi (sky) and ora (health or vitality), and it's one of the pioneer plants that can establish and heal the land after slips. Rangiora is notable for its broad leaves with pale, soft undersides useful for healing wounds and infamous as "bushman's toilet



paper". Take a look at our Facebook page if you want to see what other spring flowers our team are encountering this month.

Last winter lecture

Our final winter lecture for the year is on **Sunday 14 September** and we are delighted to welcome one of our local conservation advocates to the Pepper Tree. Sara Smerdon is from Mahakirau Forest Sanctuary on the 309 Road, and the research work on the stomach contents of predators has revealed some shocking findings for the survival of endangered native frogs, featured recently in NZ Geographic and RNZ. Come meet a local conservation legend! 5pm, **Sunday 14 September**, Pepper Tree Restaurant. We'll also be drawing the raffle for the NZAutotraps AT220 multi-species trap, not too late to be in to win.

Happy spring everyone! We'll be listening out for the pīpīwharau shining cuckoo arrival, harbinger of spring.

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Coromandel Golf Club

By Marilyn MacKenzie

Top Dog – Combined Stableford

The pinnacle of men's combined match play saw the 2025 final contested between Tony Edgar and Ross Harper; and Guy MacIndoe and Chris May. Following a closely fought battle, Tony and Ross proved their superiority, securing the title. The clubhouse buzzed with celebration as members marked this notable achievement.

Men's Neilson Cup

Congratulations to Ross Harper, winner of the 2025 Men's Neilson Cup, with the best two Stableford rounds out of three.

Ladies Thames Valley Handicap Match Play

Our ladies' team proudly claimed third place in the 2025 competition. Despite weather challenges, our small but dedicated team rose to the occasion, with special thanks to Jenny Coatsworth for her key role in ensuring our participation. Congratulations to Whangamata on their win, and our thanks to the organisers for their hard work.

Waikato Men's Prebble Cup

A big thank you to the eight men who represented our club at the Waikato Men's Pebble Cup in Waihi. While a win wasn't on the cards, it was a valuable opportunity to compete at this level and gain valuable experience

Club Days:

- Tuesday Club Day – 9.30am tee-off – 9 or 18 holes, ladies and men. New to golf? Never played before? Come along, this is your chance to give golf a go! We're here to help, support, and make sure you have fun on the course.
- Wednesday Mens Midweek Club Day – 12:30pm tee-off (MeatPack last Wednesday of the month)
- Saturday Mixed Members Club Day – 12.30pm tee-off
Affiliated visitors are welcome on all club days.
Club carts available for hire. Bookings essential – call or text Marilyn: 027 253 7882

Happy golfing.



Mens Club Captain Paul Lawrence presenting the mugs to Ross and Tony



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Raewyn McKinney



Over the past few weeks we had a good group of people coming along for golf croquet on a Friday morning.

As I have mentioned in the past, golf croquet is very easy to learn, and most people pick up the basics in only a few minutes. However, it can still be a challenge, even for an experienced player. It has become so popular that some clubs play only golf croquet these days, due to the simplicity of the game and the fact that a game takes far less time to complete than with traditional croquet.

Croquet is a perfect combination of a physical and mental challenge and is suitable for men and women of all ages and skill levels.

If you would like to try croquet, we meet at 9.45 am 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 027-4662661 for more information.

The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club



American Football

Ever wanted to play American Football?

Join the Peninsula Pirates Flag Football team for the 2025/26 season!

Whether you're a seasoned player or just getting started, we welcome all skill levels to come play with us.

Our team focuses on teamwork, sportsmanship and having fun.

The 2025 season kicks off on **30 August** and we're looking for new players to help us build a strong, competitive squad.

Don't miss out on the action – sign up today and be part of the Peninsula Pirates family!

Training Tuesday and Thursday 4-6pm on the CAS field, opposite CILT

Ride Coromandel Bike Park

By Ally Davey

It's a busy month at the Ride Coromandel Bike Park with several exciting upgrades underway.

The long-awaited public toilet will be installed in the first week of September, thanks to funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund and support from the Thames-Coromandel District Council Economic Development team. Alongside this, new recycled plastic bollards supplied by Future Post will be installed to improve safety and protect the car park area. Please be mindful of some short-term disruption while this work takes place.

On **Saturday 20 September**, we'll be hosting a community planting day from 10am–1pm, as part of Destination Hauraki Coromandel's Good for Your Soul Kaitiaki's regional project. Come along and help us plant our donated native trees and enhance the park environment – bring your gumboots, friends, and whānau.

We've also been giving the park lawns a big lift. Thanks to funding support from the Coromandel-Colville Community Board, we were able to purchase a second-hand Kubota mower. A huge thank you goes to Wayne Brooks and Coromandel Contractors, who for the past three years have generously lent us their tractor to keep the lawns tidy. With our own mower now in action, we'll be out more often keeping the grounds looking sharp and perfect for a dog walk, picnic, or rest stop.

Last year we had over 13,000 journeys through the park – from dog walkers, to riders, were really proud to see our little park being utilised by locals and visitors. We recently hosted families travelling in region from Germany, Netherlands and Utah USA and stopping over to ride the park.

As the park continues to grow, we'd love to hear from the community – what facilities would you like to see added to Ride Coromandel?

Get in touch and share your ideas. Were also interested to know what the community would like to see over the holiday period at the park – do you have visitors over the holidays who would like to use our facilities?

Contact us via our social pages on ridecoromandel@gmail.com



Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

July's Fish of the Month winners were: Layke McNeil 11.65kg snapper, Eliza Dance 0.055kg yellowtail. August Fish of the Month are: Senior – trevally, Junior – parore

Colder water in the winter sees the smaller snapper move to the deep (warmer) water.

Larger snapper, trevally, gurnard, kahawai (river mouths on the whitebait) are still inshore and in good condition for eating.

Next Competition is **Sunday 26 October** (Labour Weekend), this coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Fishing Club, so we will be following what they did on the day, more details will follow soon.

Our first meet and greet "Social Night" went well. We had a few members turn up on the cold winter's evening. Also a handful of new members joined. Thank you to everyone who came.

Our next "Social Night" will be held on **Monday 15 September** 6pm at the Top Pub, come and have a drink with us.

A few ideas we had, maybe have someone filleting fish in competitions for those who need it?

A night of showing how to tie different rigs for different species.

We are open to new ideas.

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am
Coro Walking Group, meet outside The Bizarre,
Ruth 027 338 3545 8.30am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
Murray Brown (07) 866 8602 9am
Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end,
Tracy and Peter Kendall 027 333 4722 9am
Gold Fit at Coro Gym..... 9.30am
Rummikub at The Club..... 1-4pm
Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway
021 022 75341 3-4.30pm
Coro Superstars, a performing arts group for 6-13-yr-olds,
Anglican Hall, contact Claire 021 653 650 5pm
Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
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
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
Na Ihowa Ahau after-school kids club (term time only),
Anglican Hall, Anita 027 259 1085 3.15-4.45pm
Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool),
Christina 021 113 4768 4.30-5.45pm

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

Coro Art Group, Coro Flying Club, Lindsay
(07) 866 7799 9am-12pm
Age Concern seniors' exercise class, Coromandel Gym. \$3
Vickie 027 417 7077 10am
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
Movement for Equanimity (MFE), a well-being fascia movement
class, contact Judy 021 0200 7550 3-4pm
Line dancing, Anglican Church Hall, Jeni Mudgway
021 022 75341 3-4.30pm
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4.30pm
Yin Yoga with Toni, Event Centre, \$10-\$20,
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

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

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. Jeni Mudgway 021 0277 5341 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
Last Friday – Quiz night at the Club,
from Friday 26 September until next April 7-9pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church,
Rings Road 10am

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ALUMINIUM JOINERY MAINTENANCE Locks, handles, hinges, wheels. Call or text Mike, Coromandel Glass 027 661 0190.

BALLET CLASS Silver Swans for Adults. Venue: Coromandel Citizens' Hall, Wednesdays, 10am to 11.15am. \$15. Phone Marilyn Swan 027 336 5263. Royal Academy of Dance - Life Registered Teacher. Silver Swans licensee. Visitors are welcome.

BLINDS, CURTAINS, SCREENS, AWNINGS & SHUTTERS. Please phone or email Whitianga Flooring Xtra for your free in-home consultation (07) 866 2836 or sales. whitianga@flooringxtra.co.nz.

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NEED A PAINTER? Quality work for a fair price, no bullshit quotes and I can do your garden too. Ring Thomas on 028 400 4120.

NEED SUPPORT AT HOME? My name is Maria and I am an ex registered nurse and I live in Tuateta, Monday-Friday. I'm a kind, helpful and mentally strong person who can do personal care and support work for people in their home. Daytime and/or nighttime. Maria Utting: mariautting@gmail.com 021 677 239.

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WEBSITEGUY – STEPHEN HUTTON – for new websites, updates, hosting and domain names. Call: 027 585 3311. Email: steve@websiteguy.co.nz; Web: websiteguy.co.nz.

FOR RENT

AIRBNB HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION available at Abby's Healing Haven, sleeps five in a separate three-bedroom house, walking distance to Coromandel Town, private, charming cottage with everything provided and a new spa bath on the back deck. Details, photos and AirBnB booking link on www.abbyshealinghaven.com.

BOAT HIRAGE 5m Ramco Getaway. Suitable 2 persons. Day skippers certificate required. Enquire for further details. Mark 021 295 5532.

FOR SALE

COROMANDEL FLOWERS. For all of your fresh flower needs contact Elisabeth 021 211 9556.

FIREWOOD DRY! Delivered Coromandel Town and surrounding areas, good rates, phone/text 022 635 2841.

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GRISELINIA HEDGE. Various sizes. Phone Ed 027 623 6205.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HARATAUNGA MARAE TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11am Sunday, 4 October 2025. Nau mai haere mai e ngā uri o Te Aowera, Te Aitanga-a-Mate, me Rakairoa. AGENDA: Mihi/whakatau; Apologies, Previous minutes, Reporting - Annual & Financial, General Business, Election of new Trustees, Kai. For all enquiries, email: kaihaupotiki@gmail.com.

WANTED

VEHICLES WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE. Cars, vans, utes, Trucks. Call 0800 333 398 or text 021 344 449.

WORK WANTED

ARBORIST - PROFESSIONAL, EQUIPPED & INSURED for quality tree work. Dynamic Tree Care 027 451 2224.

TREE SERVICE. Dismantling or pruning. Free quotes. Call Jeremy Haszard 027 421 0603.

OTHER

AGE CONCERN Falls Prevention Strength and Balance exercise class for seniors. Coromandel Gym, Pottery Lane Tuesday and Thursday, 10am, \$2. Vickie (07) 866 7894.

PINK DRINKS two hour bi-monthly lesbian and gay social gatherings. For further information phone Jules 027 392 3221

SITUATIONS VACANT

PART TIME POSITION: BOARD SUPPORT. Organisation: The Colville Project Charitable Trust. Part-time, fixed term. Can work remotely. Details and application cover sheet at: www.thecolvilleproject.nz. Applications close: 4pm, Friday 20 September 2025. Contact: admin@thecolvilleproject.nz.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering ads are free to place in the Chronicle classifieds (subject to space)!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED, come along and see what goes on behind scenes at the Museum – phone 021 160 2351.

Protecting native species from introduced predators in Moehau

The Department of Conservation (DOC) in Whitianga is going to control stoats, rats, and possums over 4,6274ha of the forest on Moehau. This is scheduled for clear weather between July and November 2025 (weather depending).

Native wildlife and forests need protection

Native species are fighting for survival due to predation from rats, stoats and possums. Without protection, we risk losing the unique natural heritage and biodiversity within the Moehau conservation area.

Native species living in the forest include Coromandel striped gecko, Coromandel kiwi and Archey's frog, North Island robin/Toutouwai, kākā and kererū.

Our plan to protect native species

Through sustained predator control using 1080, there is a big increase in breeding success for native birds, their food source is more abundant, and the forest canopy is healthier.

The safest and most effective method we have to control possums, rats and stoats over large areas is to use biodegradable cereal bait pellets containing 1080. This bait targets rodents and possums. Stoats are also controlled through secondary poisoning as they feed on the carcasses of the dead rodents.

Helicopters distribute bait pellets across the forest area along pre-determined and monitored flight paths using technology that enables accurate placement. This is the only viable method to control predators in Moehau due to the vast and rugged terrain.

This operation begins with the distribution of non-toxic pre-feed bait pellets (sandy coloured). This prepares possums and rodents to eat the toxic bait (dyed green) that is applied afterwards. Both baits are about 16 mm in diameter and cylindrical shaped.

Consultation and permissions

DOC has consulted with hapū, iwi and key stakeholders including landowners adjacent to the treatment area.

DOC is delegated authority by the Environmental Protection Agency to decide applications for permission to use 1080 on land administered or managed by DOC. Permission has been granted for this operation. Permission has been granted from the Ministry of Health. DOC ensures that all legal and policy requirements are met, and that any potential risks of the operation are managed.

Managing risk

1080 is poisonous to humans, domestic and game animals. In areas where the toxin has been applied, dogs are highly at risk until poisoned carcasses have disintegrated. This takes four-to-eight months or longer.

There will be warning signs placed at entrances to the treatment area immediately prior to the operation.

Risks can be eliminated by following these rules:

- DO NOT touch bait
- WATCH children at all times
- DO NOT EAT animals from this area or within the buffer zone outside the treatment boundary. The buffer zone is 2 km for deer and pigs, 200 m for rabbits, and 1 km for hares, tahr, wallabies and possums.
- Poison baits or carcasses are DEADLY to DOGS

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about pesticides. These signs indicate pesticide residues may be still present in baits and poisoned carcasses. When signs are removed, normal activities can resume. If in doubt, check with your local DOC office. Please report suspected vandalism or unauthorised removal of signs.



If you suspect poisoning, please contact:

- Your local doctor or hospital OR The National Poisons Centre: 0800 764 766 (urgent calls) or 03 479 7248 OR dial 111
- Seek veterinary advice for suspected poisoning of domestic animals.

For more information

Please contact: Operational planner, Department of Conservation, Whitianga office, PO Box 276, Whitianga 3542, phone 0800 362 468.

OR EcoFX, Aerial Operations Manager, phone 07 873 8130.

Visit the DOC website: More information about DOC's National Predator Control Programme is available on our website www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/national-predator-control-programme

Map of predator control area within Moehau

This map shows the area we are controlling predators to protect native species. You can also see operational updates and detailed maps of predator control on public conservation land on the DOC website. www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries.

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Calendar of events

Coromandel Town September 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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<div>8</div> <div></div>	<div>9</div> <div>Open Floor Community Dance with Pippa at Mana (see pg 17 & 24)</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div>	<div>11</div> <div>Museum Volunteers Day (see pg 18)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Yoga retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 24) New Zealand String Quartet in Concert at Hauraki House Theatre (see pg 29)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Coromandel Growers & Artisans Market restarts for summer 9am- 1pm (see pg 12)</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Last MEG winter lecture for the winter (see pg 33)</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Mindful Self Compassion retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 24) Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club Social Night (see pg 35)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle October issue</div>	<div>17</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div>Open Optional Triples Tournament at Coromandel Bowling Club (see pg 22)</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Last day of school Term 3 Waiting for Gentiel at Hauraki House Theatre (see pg 29)</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Bike Park community planting day (see pg 34)</div>	<div>21</div> <div></div>
<div>22</div> <div></div>	<div>23</div> <div>Open Floor Community Dance with Lisa at Mana (see pg 17)</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>Meet the candidates for the local elections in Coromandel Town (see pg 4)</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Presidents Cup at Coromandel Bowling Club (see pg 22)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Quiz night at the Club 7-9 pm Relax and Wellness weekend starts at Mana (see ad pg 24)</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Museum Community Day (see pg 18) Aislaunsoul Yoga Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 24)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Daylight saving starts – put your clocks back one hour at 3am</div>
<div>29</div> <div></div>	<div>30</div> <div></div>	<div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION</div> <div>Daily 8.30am-4.30pm (winter) Summer hours start on 28 September (then open till 5.30pm).</div>				

Make sure your event gets listed

To get your event listed, email the details to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.
Regular meetings aren't included here – please see weekly and monthly meetings on page 35.

KEY

 New moon

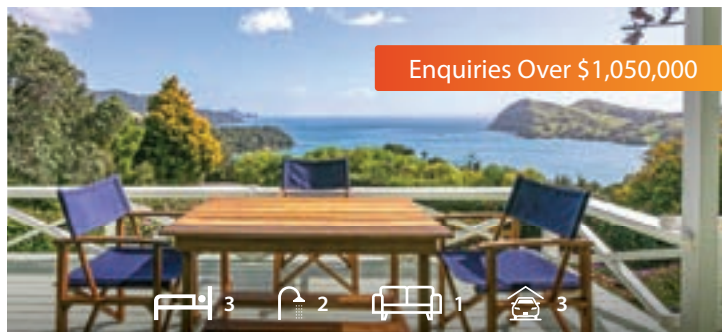
 Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.
For Thames tines - 15min High and - 18min Low.

Rubbish and recycling collection for Coromandel Town (CT), Te Kōhuna (TK), Maniaia (MN), Coromandel Rural North (RN), and Thames Coast (TC).

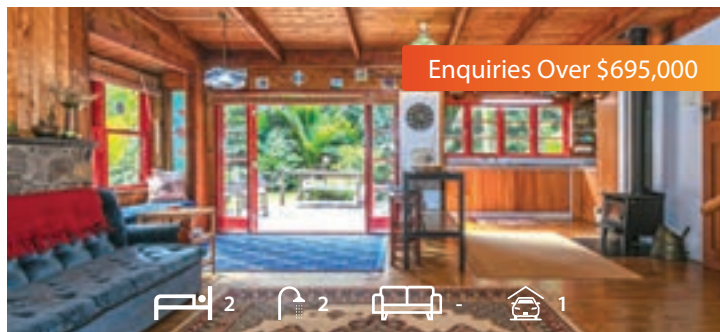
 Put red lid rubbish bin and food scrap bin out

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



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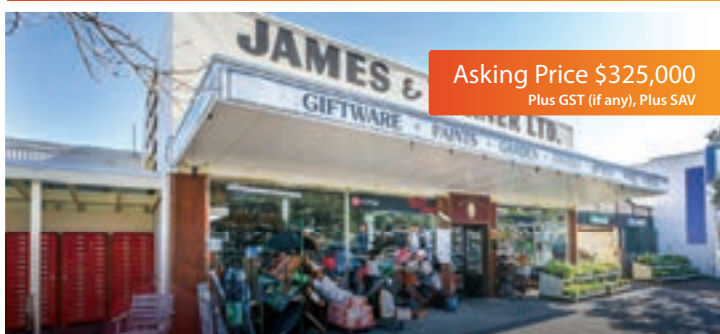
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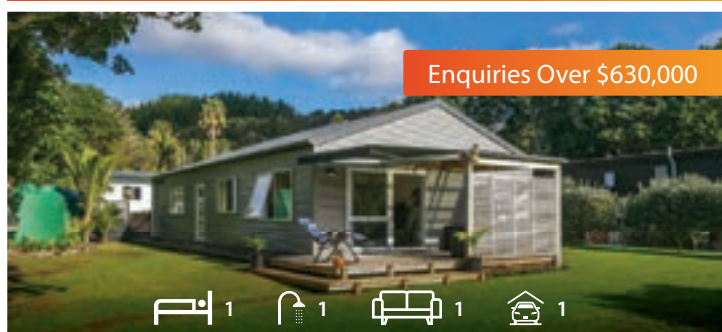
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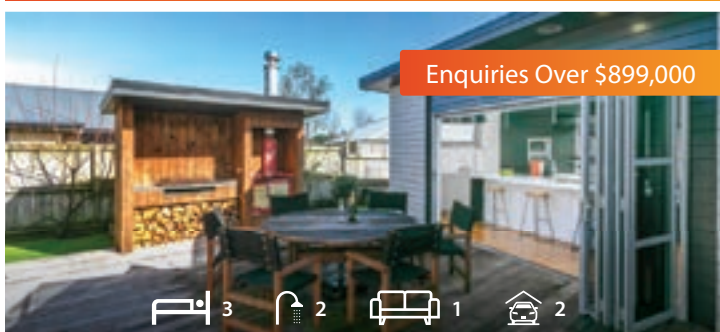
Asking Price \$325,000
 Plus GST (if any), Plus SAV

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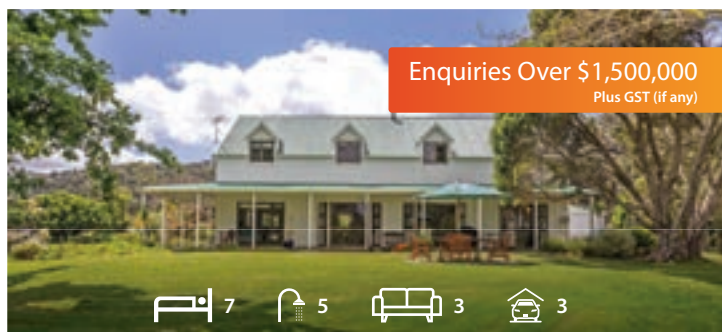
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We'd like to thank Judy for all her time, effort and support and wish her all the best for her new challenges and adventures.

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