



New Coasters Newsletter

March & April 2018

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New Zealand
Newcomers Network

Connecting People

Kia Ora and Haere Mai

We are very fortunate to live in one of the most ethnically diverse and also one of the most peaceful nations on earth. Each of us or our ancestors have come here as 'migrants' at some stage – some of us very recently whereas others have been here for a long time. In making New Zealand our home we want to ensure we feel safe and get on with others – positive relationships are a crucial factor for our well-being! Our society has experienced lots of changes within less than a generation. New Zealand has become 'super-diverse' and we now face the challenge to make life in a multicultural society work for everyone. It's up to each and every one of us to decide how we choose to live our lives and what kind of country we let New Zealand become. This is a legacy we leave for future generations.

Census Day on 6th March plays an important role in capturing data about the diversity and I strongly suggest you go online and fill in your forms – it is crucial for many organisations like New Coasters as their funding relies on up-to-date statistics.

Race Relations Day on 21st March reminds us of the vital role positive race relations and human rights play in our communities and lives.

The Human Rights Commission is asking all Kiwis to welcome and get to know the people in their community. This year's Race Relations Day theme is "Give Nothing to Racism". It's up to everyday New Zealanders to ensure we get along with each other and speak up if we come across racist comments or behaviour. **What YOU do makes all the difference.**

Our New Coasters activities strongly support this – we encourage people to get to know and understand each other, to acknowledge our differences and to remain curious to understand and learn from each other. I look forward to having more conversations about what we can do together to make diversity work on the West Coast!

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Welcome Newcomers!

We are an informal social network which supports people in Greymouth, Hokitika and surrounding areas. 'Newcomers' can help you get in touch with others, meet local people, find out about clubs and organisations and help you feel at home in your new environment. Please feel free to come along to our activities or contact us via phone/ email/ facebook.

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Opening times of our office vary depending on other events. For details see poster @ the office or contact me to make an appointment.



take a walk in someone else's shoes hikoitia ngā tapuwae o te hunga kē

Human Rights Commission
Race Relations Day 21 March Te Rā Whanaungatanga



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NEWS FROM THE HEADQUARTER

Community connectedness

New Coasters has been providing Settling In Support for almost 10 years now. We often hear from new people that this kind of service is very unique and they wouldn't find anything similar in their home countries. We also hear from people who have moved away from the Coast that they miss our New Coasters "whanau" and the network it provides.

What is the key to make Settling In services successful?

I'd say it is **COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS**. It's about...

- having opportunities to get to know each other and find common interests (and issues);
- knowing a wide range of community members who want to support newcomers;
- attending interesting activities that enable people to interact and develop friendships;
- having a space and a forum to discuss ideas and visions (or just chill for a moment);
- appreciating our diverse backgrounds, respecting and learning from each other;
- meeting people who care, adding vibrancy and building social capital...

To achieve all this, New Coasters has opened up their venue and re-branded it as the CoRe venue over the past 12 months. We want to invite the wider community to use the space and join activities even if they are NOT new to the area. This will enable you to meet people you haven't met before, increase engagement, resilience and retention. We strongly encourage **PARTICIPATION – COLLABORATION – INNOVATION**.

Findings of a Harvard study confirm that **personal happiness** is not directly affected by the affluence of your community, but **it is quite directly affected by the social connectedness of your community**. Make sure you call in, talk about your ideas and participate in some of the already ongoing activities and projects:

ELEVATE Social Enterprise workshops

This free programme will focus on four critical knowledge areas – Purpose, Customers, Money and Planning for Action. Over the course of four focused workshops, you will find support to develop, test and refine your ideas or operations.



Time Bank West Coast

The new Time Bank initiative has made great progress since their first meeting last winter – you can now sign up and become a member to swap and share your time and skills:

<https://hourworld.org/bank/Join.php?hw=1804>

The Saturday Sing

If you enjoy singing, but don't necessarily want to join a choir, then check out The Saturday Sing at CoRe on Saturday 7th April 5-7pm. Cost is \$8 waged / \$4 unwaged, partners and carers free.

Refreshments served at half-time. Contact Heather Fletcher Ph: 021 180 5250

Yoga on the town

Donation based yoga classes every Wednesday at 7pm

<https://www.facebook.com/yoga.greymouth/>





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West Coast Migrant Forum is kicking off!

Cultural diversity on the West Coast is real! We know people from almost 60 different ethnicities who have moved here and we want to ensure that different cultures are well connected, informed, included and have opportunities to have their say.

We want to establish a FORUM that meets several times a year to...

- ☞ **d**iscuss chances, challenges, and new ideas
- ☞ **i**nitiate projects to improve inclusion and connectedness
- ☞ **v**oice the situation of migrants
- ☞ **e**mbrace diversity and organise cultural celebrations
- ☞ **r**epresent a range of Ethnic groups and improve their connectedness
- ☞ **s**upport language learning and educate about cultural customs
- ☞ **e**nable constructive conversations.

Please get in touch with me if you (or someone you know) would like to join our Migrant meet-ups, get involved in upcoming cultural celebrations and more.

Second meet-up Thursday 5th April 5pm in Greymouth!

Congratulations!

The winners of the knitting group "Fish-n-chips-singlet" competition have been announced! The traditional was Sheila, the viewer's choice was Susan and the funkiest was Angela. They are pictured with the gift bags the winners received. Thanks to sponsorship by Pins and Needles and Ali's café and the support from Grey District Library. Super special thanks to Maureen for initiating the competition and organising the prizes!



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPEN

Housing is certainly an ongoing issue on the West Coast – many newcomers find it rather challenging to find somewhere suitable to live. Please always let us know if you are aware of any **rental property** that's available – from a simple bedroom to a big house...

Does anyone know about an existing **knitting machine group** or would you be interested in one? Contact Kim: 022 5359008.

Do you have a use for 'fancy' fabric? We have been given a lot of fabric to make Boomerang Bags, but some of it isn't suitable for bag making. We'd like to pass it on to another 'project' or someone who will turn it into something useful...

Mahjong is often rated as one of the best strategy games. It originated in China, but, is now enjoyed all over the world. Not only is it fun to play Mahjong, but, it is also great for your brain! **A new Mahjong group meets in Hokitika – every Monday at 1pm at the Grey Power rooms.** Contact Jean to find out more: 03 7558807

Who needs some crockery for their kitchen? We have been given a very nice **tea set** that would work well for a family...

We've just heard about a **new dance class** for adults on Mondays 7.15 - 8 pm at Kaiata Hall. Various styles taught each week, any ability \$10 casual or \$70 per term. Contact Tori Pfeifer: messagetori@icloud.com 0274867911 (she also teaches childrens' Jazz, Hiphop, Tap).




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Regular activities at & with New Coasters

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers & tutors we offer a variety of activities which provide great opportunities to meet others who share similar interests, find out about local information & develop new friendships! Huge THANKS to those who volunteer to organise the activities and WELCOME to anyone who wants to get involved – talk to me about your ideas & we'll make it happen!


 **Conversational English Language classes** (\$5 per class) Learn with friendly teachers and improve your vocabulary, pronunciation & knowledge of local phrases –good English language skills open the doors to new friends & job opportunities... Join our groups any time!


Conversational English: Thursdays 7pm at Heartlands (Hokitika) & Fridays 10am at New Coasters GM
Easy English (beginners level) Tuesdays 10am at Heartlands (Hoki) and Fridays 9am at New Coasters


 **Coffee morning** Anyone who wants to meet new people and find out what's happening in the community is welcome to join us **once a month** from 10.30am for a cuppa & chat at Ramble & Ritual, 51 Sewell St, Hokitika (usually on a Thursday, occasionally on Saturdays, too ☺)

 **Book Club meeting** All 'bookworms' are invited to come along and discuss BOOKS. A great way to share your passion for reading! **Please contact the host for details.** Hokitika group meets every first Tuesday at 7.30pm, contact Kathleen (021 1414851)


 **Conversational French Language group** (\$8 per class) Learn important phrases and expressions to communicate in French from a native speaking tutor. **Registration essential** Wednesdays 5.30pm at CoRe/ New Coasters Greymouth

 **Needlecraft meetings (=Knitting group)** Contact Maureen for details: 021 0626429. Enjoy a night out and go with the new global trend: knit/ crochet/ stitch in a café while having crafty conversations with others... Beginners and experienced crafters welcome. **Every Monday from 10am at Ali's Café and from 6pm at New Coasters venue, Albert St, Greymouth**

 **Explore and discover the West Coast with others** Get to know interesting local short walks! **Every third Sunday, the walk starts around 11am.** Contact Christina if you need a ride, want to car share or have any questions: 021 1188138

 **Sewing sessions** Would you like some help and inspiration creating or fixing clothes or accessories? Contact Angela 027 3219772 to arrange a time to meet.

 **Mandarin for children** a great opportunity to learn first words and phrases in one of the world's most spoken languages... **Wednesdays 3.30pm at CoRe, Greymouth**

 **Writers' group** Are you interested in writing? A new group meets every first Sunday of the month. Contact Katrina for details: kbtaiwan@gmail.com



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EVENTS in March

(*ITALICS = organised at/ by New Coasters*; BLACK= community event. For details, click links/ mini-posters.)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT / more details
29.03. 7-10pm	Outdoor movie night 'E.T.'	Dixon Park, Greymouth	Facebook link
29.03.-1.4.	Hunting and Fishing competition	Ahaura	Facebook link
30.03. 9am	Blue Spur MTB Enduro	Blue Spur Forest, Hokitika	Facebook link
30.03. – 1.4.	Meditation weekend course	Renton's Building	www.thebrightpath.com 021 864896
30.03.	GOOD FRIDAY		
30.03. – 02.04.	Inaugural South Island UteMuster	Hokitika Racecourse	Cars, live music and much more! https://utemuster.co.nz/
31.03. 9am-2pm	Eggciting Easter market	Hokitika Indoor Market, Revell St.	Facebook link
31.03. 10am	Farmer's Market	St. Andrews Church, Hokitika	
31.03. 10am-2pm	Moana Messenger Easter Market	Lake Brunner	Facebook link
31.03. 3-7pm	Easter evening Street Fare	Blackball	Facebook link
31.03.	Lake Kaniere Easter regatta	Lake Kaniere	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/lake-kaniere-easter-regatta/

EVENTS in April

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WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT / more details
01.04.	EASTER SUNDAY		
01.04. 10am	Autism Awareness Walk	Karoro Domain Greymouth	link
02.04.	EASTER MONDAY		
02.04. 6pm	'ZumBunny' – Easter Zumba session	St. Mary's hall, Hokitika	Facebook link
03.04. 6.30pm	"Anonymity online" Linux users group meeting	TechSpace above Regent Theatre, GM	Facebook link
05.04. 11am	Operatunity presents: The Rat Pack returns	Regent Theatre, Greymouth	link
05.04. 5pm	 <i>Migrant meet-up</i>	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Join us for a first chat about better migrant connectedness & ideas for cultural activities...</i>
06.04. 6.30pm	The Social Club meets for drinks & Thai food	Ferrari's Bar (Regent Theatre) GM	



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06.04. 7.30pm	Olive Coperbottom – Comedy Show	Old Lodge Theatre Hokitika	https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/olive-copperbottom/hokitika POSTER
06.04. 9pm	Michael Morris Z tour live music	Theatre Royal Kumara	link
07.04. 9pm		The Formerly Blackball Hilton	link
07.04. 10am-4pm	Heritage Day	Shantytown (Paroa)	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/shantytown-heritage-day/
07.04. 5-7pm	The Saturday Sing	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth Contact Heather: Ph 021 180 5250	If you enjoy singing, but don't necessarily want to join a choir, then check this out! \$8 waged / \$4 unwaged, partners and carers free.
07.04. 7pm	'Hands across the water' fundraising dinner	Zaika Moroccan Restaurant, GM	Link Poster link
07.04. 7pm	Pub Quiz (Fundraiser)	Theatre Royal Kumara	Facebook link
07.04. 8pm	John Wright & the Sou'Westers CONCERT	Old Lodge Theatre Hokitika	link facebook link
07.-08.04.	Pool re-opening	Westland Recreation centre	Facebook link
08.04. 2.30pm	Breaking the glass ceiling	Shantytown, Greymouth	https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/breaking-the-glass-ceiling/greymouth
10.04. 11am-2pm	Play Day for pre- schoolers	Fox Glacier	WestREAP 03 7558700 Facebook link
10.04. 7.30-8.30pm	The Lighthouse West Coast - Spiritual Awareness group	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth Contact Ruud: Ph 021 1049787	
11.04. 10am-12pm	Play Centre Open Day	Blackball Play Centre	Facebook link
12.04. 10.30am	 <i>Coffee morning</i>	Ramble & Ritual café, Sewell St Hokitika	<i>Join us for a hot drink & chat to catch up on the latest news and meet other community members...</i>
13.-14.04. 8.30am	AgFest	Aerodrome Greymouth	link
14.04. 10am	West Coast Teddy Bear run fundraiser	Start @ Speights Alehouse	Facebook link
14.-29.04.	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
15.04. 2pm	 <i>Explore & discover outing Lake Mahinapua area</i>	Meet 1.30pm @ Greymouth Trinity Centre/ 2pm Hokitika i-Site for car sharing.	<i>Get to know this lush recreation area south of Hokitika and explore a range of short walks... Contact Christina for details: 021 1188138</i>
16.04. 6.30pm	Elevate – Social Enterprise Workshop	CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	A series of workshops starting – powered by AKINA Poster link
17.04. 7.30pm	Greymouth Photography Club 65 th Anniversary Celebration	Uniting Church Hall, Greymouth	
19.04., 5.30pm	 <i>Boomerang bag sewing session</i>	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Join us to create funky reusable bags & reduce waste ☺. Sewers and helpers welcome!</i>



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20.04. 8pm	I Am Giant Life in Captivity - Album Release Tour	Australasian Bar Greymouth	link
21.04. 7pm	Quiz Night – Fundraiser	Kokatahi Hall	Poster link
21.04. 8pm	Looking for Alaska - Calling Out Single Release Tour	Barrytown Hall	Link
22.04. 1pm	Chainsaw Maintenance training	Westland Industrial Heritage Park	Facebook link WestREAP 03 7558700
22.04.	Apiculture NZ Field day	Moonlight Hall, Atarau	Facebook link
25.04.	ANZAC DAY		
25.04. 7pm	Anthony Tonnon – Live music	Donovan’s Store, Okarito	https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/anthonie-tonnon/okarito
27.04. 6pm	 Potluck dinner 'Back to the ROOTS'	Uniting Church Hall, 203 Tainui St, Greymouth	<i>Autumn is the time to switch from light summer food to nourishing and wholesome food like pumpkins and potatoes... I'm curious to see how you interpret the theme 😊</i>
27.-29.04.	Taiko – Return of the Petrel Festival	Punakaiki	Music from Tiki Taane and muuuch more! https://westcoast.co.nz/events/return-westland-petrel-festival/
28.04.	Around Brunner Cycle Race		Facebook link
28.04.	Franz Josef Glacier Games		
28.04. 9pm	'Don't tell mama' - Live music	Hotel Lake Brunner	Facebook link
29.04. 8pm	Anthony Tonnon – Live music	Barrytown Hall	https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/anthonie-tonnon/greymouth

PREVIEW

Make sure you contact the organisers of these event in advance to book a stall:

6th May: 'ILONA Healing Festival' – follow their [facebook postings](#)

11th-13th May: 'Quilt West' Quilting Weekend – more info here or contact quiltwestnz@gmail.com