



New Coasters Newsletter

January & February 2019



New Zealand
Newcomers Network

Connecting People

Kia ora, hello and Haere Mai

We have just celebrated the start of a New Year and I hope it will be a good one for you with many of your wishes coming true and things going well! Although 'unplanned' happenings outside one's comfort zone can be really life-enhancing experiences as well – at least in hindsight... 😊

New Year's celebrations on 1st January are based on the Gregorian calendar, which is the most widely used calendar these days. But apart from this there are many more New Year celebrations throughout the year all around the world. They are based on solar & lunar calendars, different religions and traditions. Sometimes New Year festivities can even be held on different dates within one and the same country!

On various occasions I got feedback from newcomers and migrants that the opportunity to maintain and share cultural traits and to celebrate their cultural holidays is a crucial factor to make them feel at home. From my personal experience I totally agree – cultural celebrations increase your sense of belonging, open your mind and help to create colourful memories. And finally, they make our communities so much more vibrant!

Make sure you join our next cultural celebrations for Chinese New Year (5th Feb) and Waitangi Day (6th Feb) and let us know about upcoming special occasions in YOUR culture.

I look forward to seeing you soon

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The key to community is the acceptance, in fact the celebration of our individual and cultural differences. It is also the key to world peace

— M. Scott Peck —

Welcome Newcomers! We are an informal social network for people in Greymouth, Hokitika and surrounding areas. 'Newcomers' can help you get in touch with others, meet local people, find out about clubs & organisations, provide support and make you feel at home in your new environment.

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www.newcoasters.org.nz www.newcomers.co.nz  like New Coasters Inc. for local information



Join in and make some friends

Special events and celebrations

- 👉 **5th February** marks **Chinese Spring Festival** and the start of the **New Year – the year of the PIG**. I'm planning to organise a themed shared dinner to celebrate the occasion – let's meet, cook, eat & chat together! Get in touch to get involved...
How to say Happy New Year in Chinese: 新 Xīn 年 nián 快 kuài 乐 lè!
- 👉 **6th February** marks **Waitangi Day**, the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, celebrated as a public holiday in New Zealand since 1960. There will be a picnic at Dixon Park and also a celebration at the local marae in Arahura. Make sure you register before 30th January to save a space – call 03756 9040!
- 👉 **21st February** marks **International Mother Language Day**. Did you know that many of the 6000 languages spoken on our planet are actually at risk of disappearing? Let's celebrate our local language diversity with a shared morning tea at Westland District library!
- 👉 **8th March** marks **International Women's Day** & **21st March** marks **Race Relations Day**. *What are your ideas to celebrate those special occasions with others?*

Group activities:

If you have a look at the event calendar, you'll see that there's a lot happening in our community. Those special events are great opportunities to get out and about, have fun and meet others.

Yet - you might be missing something?? We are more than happy to (help you) organise a special gathering, make contact between like-minded people, get a new interest group started and fill the gaps. **Let us know your ideas!!**

These are our ideas – how do you like them:

- 👉 Have a **stall at our Saturday market** once a month which **features a specific culture**. Members of our various cultural groups could showcase their culture, **sell typical food** and drinks and encourage cultural conversations....
- 👉 Have a **regular 'social sewing' session** in Hokitika. This could involve revamping & upcycling clothes, making Boomerang Bags or creating other interesting projects from fabric.
- 👉 Find a good spot in town to plant an **International HERB garden** – I'm sure this would be helpful to support international cooking sessions... 😊
- 👉 Organise a monthly **games night** to play board games...

Who is interested in this? Who wants to join in?



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Community Noticeboard - What's happening:

- ☆ The weekly Mahjong group now meets on Fridays from 1pm at the Grey Power rooms
- ☆ Westland District Library invites to have a cuppa and find out about their newest book every first Saturday each month at 10.30am – the next **Café Books** will be held on 2nd Feb and 2nd March.
- ☆ **YOGA** is well known for having various benefits for your health and the good news is that there are various groups and classes happening on the Coast. I'm currently gathering more information – please send m3 all the dates and details you know about 😊
- ☆ Who doesn't love **food stalls** for a bargain or swap? I can recommend to check out the Food for free stall on northern Revell St, the Book swap cupboard on Stafford Street and (my personal favourite) the mixed stall on Golf Links road just south of Hokitika...
Which ones do you know about?



DRIFTWOOD & Sand ARTIST TALK

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Taiwanese land artist, Lee, Kuei Chih to Hokitika as guest judge for Driftwood & Sand 2019. Kuei Chih has spent the past week on Hokitika beach, tirelessly building a large artwork close to the tip of Sunset Point. 'Ripple' takes the form of a water droplet hitting the ground, using sand to shape the work, and driftwood for texture. It responds well to changing light, and is most impressive as shadows deepen at the end of the day. Having worked on land art and installations all over the world, Kuei Chih has a rich and varied portfolio that he is keen to share with us. *Come along and meet this dynamic artist and be inspired by his incredible creations.*

Lee, Kuei Chih
7pm Thursday 24th
at The Old Lodge Theatre
(11 Revell St.)



IN STITCHES
The New Coasters' group for knitting, crochet and more...



Knit in Public

Come along and join us as we knit beanies to be donated to a local school. Patterns, needles and yarn will be supplied, or you can bring your own.

You are also welcome to bring your own knitting if you prefer.

Saturday 26 January 2019

10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Greymouth District Library

Join us on Facebook! Search "In Stitches Greymouth" or go to <https://bit.ly/2L768C8>



23 - 27 Jan 2019

DRIFTWOOD & Sand
Beach Sculpture
HOKITIKA

Use anything you find on the beach to create a sculpture

You don't have to be an artist to join

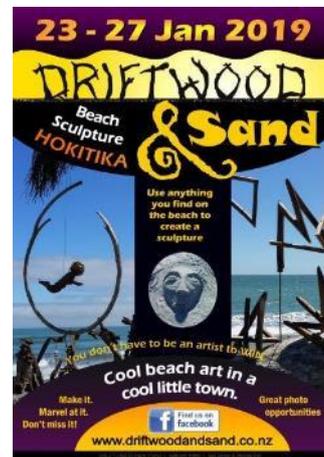
Cool beach art in a cool little town.

Great photo opportunities

Make it. Marvel at it. Don't miss it!

Facebook

www.driftwoodandsand.co.nz

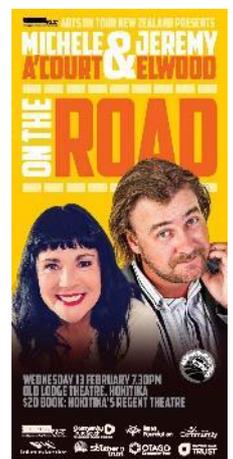


THE NEW ZEALAND TRAVELERS' SOCIETY PRESENTS

MICHELE & JEREMY A' COURT & ELWOOD

ON THE ROAD

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 7:30PM
OLD LODGE THEATRE, HOKITIKA
\$20 BOOK: HOKITIKA'S REGENT THEATRE



St Andrews United Parish

GARDEN RAMBLE

Saturday 16th February

9.30am to 4.00pm

Tickets \$20

Fundraiser for St Andrews United Church
corner Fitzherbert and Hampden Streets
Hokitika

Tickets from: Southside Garden Centre Hokitika
Fleur de Lis Florist, Revell St Hokitika
Greymouth Nursery, Preston Rd Greymouth
and available On the Day at the St Andrews Church Hall

Event will go ahead regardless of the weather

Contact: Drew Woodbank (03) 755 8690. Bev Brown (03) 755 7224



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WAITANGI DAY

A celebration of Maunga

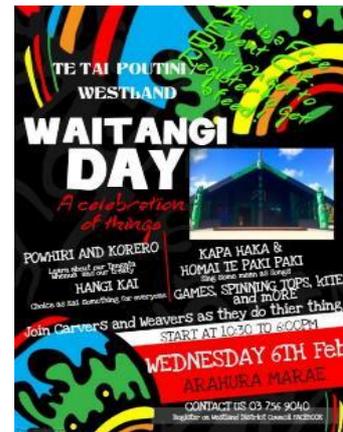
POWHIRI AND KORERO
KAPA HAKA & HOMAI IE PAKI PAKI
GAMES, SPINNING TOPS, KITES and MORE

Join Carvers and Weavers as they do their thing

START AT 10:30 TO 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY 6th Feb
ARAHURA MARAE

CONTACT US 03 756 9040
Register on website: waitangi.co.nz




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Join in and make some friends

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! Anyone who wants to get involved can start an interest group– talk to me about your ideas & we'll make it happen!

Social activities are free of charge; a fee applies for language classes. Registration is essential



Conversational English Language classes Good English language skills open the doors to new friends & job opportunities... Learn with friendly teachers to improve your vocabulary, pronunciation & knowledge of local phrases. **Join our groups any time (\$50 per term)**

Regular classes will restart after school holidays.

SPECIAL LANGUAGE CLASSES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 'Easy English' & 'IELTS preparation' Thursdays at Hokitika library – **contact us for details.**

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 the 3rd Thursday, occasionally on Saturdays, too ☺)



Book Club meeting All 'bookworms' are invited to come along and discuss BOOKS in Hokitika on every **first Tuesday @ 7.30pm**; contact Kathleen 021 1414851 for details.



'In Stitches' Knitting group Go with the new global trend: knit/ crochet/ stitch in company and enjoy 'crafty' conversations with others **Contact Maureen for details: 021 0626429**
Every Monday 10am-12pm at Ali's Café and 6-8pm at New Coasters venue, Greymouth



Explore and discover the West Coast with others Get to know interesting local short walks & enjoy company! **Every 3rd Sunday. Meet 1.30pm at Trinity Centre, walk starts around 2pm.** Contact Christina if you need a ride, want to car share or have any questions: 021 1188138



Writers' group welcomes writers of all genres to talk about all things 'writing' & get feedback on their work, in a respectful, encouraging environment. **The group meets on the first & third Sunday of the month, 11 am – 1 pm, at CoRe, Greymouth.** Contact Katrina Brown kbtaiwan@gmail.com



Project sewing Project Sewing every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening at 5:30 - 7:30. A chance to work on your own project and share skills and inspiration with others. Contact cassandra@core.org.nz or phone 021 254 7767 (Annie and Angela) at **New Coasters/ CoRe, Greymouth**



Boomerang Bag sewing group Join others every first and third Thursday from 5.30pm to create reusable fabric bags – our planet will be grateful ☺ **meet at New Coasters/ CoRe, Greymouth**



Youth Hub An opportunity for young people between 12-17 yrs to meet others and try new things in a supervised environment. Parental consent required. Gold coin donation. **meet at CoRe, Greymouth** A collaboration between the Grey District Youth Trust, CoRe, New Coasters & Snapshot Youth Services.



Conversational Language sessions

Want to learn important phrases & expressions to communicate in French, German or Spanish from native speaking tutors? Or even take individual 1:1 lessons before your next overseas trip? We keep a list of interested people to start classes once we have enough people and we can also refer you to native speakers...

