



# New Coasters Newsletter

March + April 2015

Come in & make some friends



## Kia Ora and Haere Mai

Haere Mai – you have probably heard/ read that this is the Maori expression for “Welcome” or “Come here”. To welcome someone means to greet them in a friendly way and to express that you enjoy meeting the person.






New Zealand is one of the (few) super-diverse countries in the world –it has more ethnicities than there are countries in the world as the last census has revealed. One of the challenges of such a diverse country is to ensure that living together works well, that people treat each other respectfully and see the chances that lie within diversity. I personally find it extremely exciting, enriching and life-enhancing to live and work with so many different people – we can learn so much from each other! A first thing to do on our way to becoming an inclusive super-diverse society is welcoming new community members in a friendly way.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March we'll celebrate Race Relations Day. This year's theme is “**Big changes start small**”. I think these four words are the key to successful integration. You can start small by smiling at someone, by saying “welcome” and being an open and inviting colleague, neighbour and friend. We all have to practise getting prepared for a multi-diverse future – let's start small and let's do it together. *See next page for more info about the New Coasters Office Opening celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> March.*

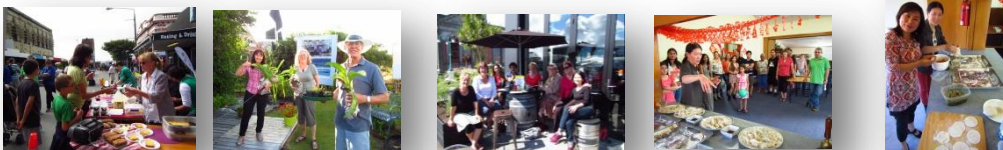
We invite everyone to come along and join our network - no matter for how many years & generations you've been living here – come along and be part of active, inclusive and diverse community development. I look forward to meeting you.

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## Some of our next events ...for more info turn page over

-  Office opening celebration on Race Relations Day
-  Potluck Dinners
-  Craft nights – Flax weaving and Felting
-  Gardening meetings and workshops
-  Multicultural Coffee mornings

## Some impressions of our last events



## 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. We hope to help you feel at home in your new environment. Please feel free to come along to our activities or contact us.

## Contact us:

**Newcomers Network**  
**Greymouth**  
38 Albert Street, Greymouth  
☎ 03 7686580 or  
0274070302

**Newcomers Network**  
**Hokitika**  
72 Tudor Street, Hokitika  
(WestREAP)  
☎ 03 755 8700

Email:  
[birte@newcoasters.co.nz](mailto:birte@newcoasters.co.nz)  
Web: [www.newcomers.co.nz](http://www.newcomers.co.nz)

 New Coasters,  
Greymouth and Hokitika –  
like us for up-to-date information

Opening Times of our office vary depending on other events. For details see poster @ the office or contact me.

New Coasters run several regular events and one-off activities. We also attend events in the local communities. There's lots more we *could* do but I need know what YOU are interested in & what times suit you – please contact me ☺.



# New Coasters Newsletter March & April 15

## THANK YOU!

The last two months were an exciting time – renovating a new venue took slightly more time than anticipated but it was worth while doing it – I think the new premises look good and they offer lots of potential for future meetings and activities. Call in and see me when you are in town ☺ All this couldn't have worked out without the helping hands of many people – thanks for your time, for swinging paint brushes, dismantling & re-jibbing walls, carrying furniture, donating material, lending tools, pushing rug-doctors, sharing cups of tea and so much more ☺!

## Let's create a WELCOMING WALL

### Official opening of the new New Coasters office & Race Relations Day celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 11am

We have got some very white brick walls in our new office!  
We have got people of more than 50 ethnicities in our database!!  
We want to celebrate Race Relations Day – embrace living in one of the most ethnically diverse and also one of the most peaceful nations on earth!!!

We want to make everyone in our community feel welcome and write WELCOME onto our walls – in as many languages as possible!!!

## Getting to know the locals

New Coasters likes to introduce community liaison people who aim to help you to find answers & more... This time we present Jolan Kilkelly from Tai Poutini Polytechnic:

Hi Everybody! My role at TPP is all about giving people in the community information about our huge range of study options here on the coast. If you have any questions about what we offer then please feel free to give me a call on 027 245 0013 or email me on [jolanke@tpi.ac.nz](mailto:jolanke@tpi.ac.nz) or just come in to our Greymouth campus on Tainui Street & ask for me!



## Introducing local groups & organisations

Joining a club is a great way to meet others who share similar interests and can tell you more about local facilities. We introduce a local not-for-profit organisation in each newsletter.

### Westland Creative fibre group

#### What they do:

- Work with fibre (flax, wool, alpaca, silk, cotton, ...) and use fibres to express your creativity
- Pass on traditional skills (spinning, dyeing, knitting, crochet, weaving and felting)
- Members share their skills at monthly meetings; special annual events/ projects run by visiting tutors

#### Who can join them:

Anyone who wishes to share & increase their knowledge of how to work with fibre

#### Where and when they meet:

Meetings at the Custom House (Gibson Quay), every second Tuesday of the month starting at 10:00 a.m., and every fourth Tuesday starting at 7:30 pm.

#### How to become a member:

Visitors are welcome to join meetings and get to know the group. Annual membership fee is \$35. Contact one of the members for details.

#### Contact details:

Marj Riley, 755 6600,  
Judith Heberd, 755 6414, or  
Helene Kahl, 755 7799

Looking for ANY local information? Join the *The West Coast Community Noticeboard* group on facebook, they answer to almost every question

Interested in **gardening**? Learn how to grow vegetables, exchange tips with others & share knowledge as well as seeds, plants, labour? Contact me about the food gardeners groups that meet regularly in local gardens!

We are planning to run **multicultural play sessions** in the rural areas in cooperation with the local Play Centres and could provide transport support – please let me know if you know of anyone with children aged 0-5 who want to meet other parents and their children, have some relaxed playtime and improve their English in a small group.

Do you know of any **rooms/ houses to rent** in and around Hokitika & Greymouth? Please let me know what's available so I can pass it on to newcomers ☺.

Want to meet other people of a certain ethnicity? Contact me, we have >50 different nationalities in our group and are constantly working on our International Community Contact list.

*Do you need an event update?* You find up to date information on our activities on [www.newcomers.co.nz](http://www.newcomers.co.nz) (West Coast region) or on facebook "New Coasters, Greymouth and Hokitika". Are you unsure about details when & where to meet or what to bring? Looking for a 'buddy' to attend an event or a ride to get there? Call **03 768 6580** or



# Come in & make some friends

## Newcomers events in March



### Beach Bonfire & Poetry!

Join a casual beach get together for a bonfire to showcase our ethnic diversity for the filming of "Neighbourhood". Bring nibbles, a chair, & a song or in your mother tongue.

Thu, 05.03, from 5pm, Hokitika Beach (Tudor Street access) *BYO*



### Food gardeners group meeting

Discuss this season's harvest & how to prepare for winter with other local food gardeners.

Wed, 18.03. from 5.30pm, venue to be confirmed



### Multicultural Coffee morning

Always a good opportunity to catch up on local news and a casual way to meet other newcomers.

Thu, 19.03., from 10.30am, Firehouse, Hokitika (9 Hamilton St)



### Race Relations Day Celebration & office opening

Join the festive opening of our new premises and be part of creating a WELCOME WALL.

Sat, 21.03., from 11am, New Coasters, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Harakeke - Weave Flax baskets

Learn the art of flax weaving and create some baskets for Easter presents or other occasions.

Mon, 23.03. from 6.30pm, Customhouse, Gibson Quay, Hokitika

Mon, 30.03. from 6.30pm, New Coasters, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Craft evening "Easter felting fun"

Learn how to make Easter eggs & bunnies from felt roving. *basic material provided - Gold coin donation*

Wed, 25.3., from 6pm, New Coasters, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Lunch time stretching & strengthening

Strengthen your body and increase your flexibility through stretching with Essentrics *Gold coin donation*

Thu, 26.3., 12.15-12.45pm, New Coasters, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Potluck Dinner "Favourites"

Do you have a favourite dish? Something you used to eat when growing up or a great recipe you often cook for your family or friends? Please bring it along & share with our newcomers group ☺ *BYO drinks*

Friday, 27.03., from 6pm, Uniting Church, 203 Tainui St, Greymouth



### IELTS preparation class

Get support in a small group to prepare for the test.

Tuesdays, 9.30-11am and Thursdays, 7-8.30pm

New Coasters office, 38 Albert St, Greymouth [more info on next page](#)

## Local Community events in March

### Fire Brigade competition

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March - Greymouth High School

### Equestrian Extravaganza

Lots of horsey activities; organised by the Pony Club.

7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March, Paroa Domain

### Lake Kaniere Scenic Triathlon

7<sup>th</sup> March - check out [www.lakekanieretri.co.nz](http://www.lakekanieretri.co.nz)

### Art & Craft morning

8<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-1pm, Left Bank Art Gallery

### International Womens' Day

8<sup>th</sup> March World Wide

### Blood Donor days

10<sup>th</sup> March, Hokitika 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March, Greymouth

Make an appointment at <http://www.nzblood.co.nz/>

### West Coats Farm Safety Day

10<sup>th</sup> March; 10.45am-3pm, Atarau Rd,

contact Corina Wilson 027 2759 143 / [corina.wilson@dwn.co.nz](mailto:corina.wilson@dwn.co.nz)

### Wildfoods Festival

14<sup>th</sup> March Cass Square, Hokitika

### Lake Brunner Play Day

for pre-schoolers and their families

20<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-3pm for details contact 03

7558700 - New Coasters can provide transport support!

### Open singles Dart Competition

21<sup>st</sup> March from 10.30am; Hokitika chartered club - for

details contact 03 7558872 or 027 5568180

### Live Auction & live Jazz music

21<sup>st</sup> March from 7pm; Left Bank Art Gallery, for

details contact 03 768 0038

### Neighbours Day Aotearoa

28-29<sup>th</sup> March Social connection is good for your

Wellbeing! Check out <http://neighboursday.org.nz/> for details

### Renovators Ramble - fundraiser

29<sup>th</sup> March - Greymouth High School

### Workshops @ Fitzherbert St Community Garden:

13.3., 5.30-7.30pm: Herbal Medicine

15.3., 3-5pm: Nutritious Weeds

22.3., 3-5pm: Compost making

For more info - contact Sue 03 755 6273



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## Newcomers' events in April



### Craft evening "Easter felting fun"

Learn how to make Easter eggs & bunnies from felt roving. *basic material provided - Gold coin donation*

Wed, 1.4. from 6.30pm, Customhouse, Gibson Quay, Hokitika



### Lunch time stretching & strengthening

Strengthen your body and increase your flexibility through stretching with Essentrics *Gold coin donation*

Thu, 2.4., 12.15-12.45pm, New Coasters office, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Sound immersion with gong & singing bowls

Start the long Easter weekend with a relaxing evening – immerse into the balancing & healing sounds of Tibetan gongs and more. *Please bring blanket/ yoga mat and \$15 fee*

Thu, 2.4., from 7pm, New Coasters office, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Multicultural Coffee morning

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Thu, 16.4., 10.30 – 12am, Firehouse, Hokitika (9 Hamilton St)

Sat, 18.4., 10.30 – 12am, New Coasters, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Mum-to-be morning tea & toddler time

Are you expecting a baby or have you got a toddler/ pre-schooler? Meet others in the same situation and learn about local services that could support you.

Thu, 23.4. from 10am, New Coasters, 38 Albert St, Greymouth



### Gardening Workshop "Go Wild on Weeds"

Experienced gardener Sue Tuffnell invites us to explore the world of so-called weeds – how to identify them & which ones can be used for medicinal purposes, composting and more.

Thu, 23.4. from 5pm, venue to be confirmed



### Potluck Dinner "Autumn Feast"

Tonight we share some seasonal food in the colours of autumn – please bring a contribution to our food buffet and enjoy a great night out socialising with others.

Fri, 24.4., 6pm, Uniting Church, 203 Tainui St, Greymouth



### Social English class Term 2

Improve your English language skills in a friendly group and get support from our skill-full tutor –contact us for details.

Tuesdays, 7-9pm starting 28.04.2015

New Coasters office, 38 Albert St, Greymouth

## Local Community events in April

### The Dining Club

Widen your social circle; get to know local people & restaurants. *Each person pays for their own meals & drinks.* RSVPs essential; ph 03 7697470/ [juliette.reese@westcoastdhd.health.nz](mailto:juliette.reese@westcoastdhd.health.nz)

1<sup>st</sup> April, 5.30pm, Restaurant to be confirmed

### EASTER

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April; worldwide

### OSCAR Holiday programmes in Greymouth

and Hokitika run by WestREAP

Lots of fun and great outings with other kids!

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April –for details contact 03 7558700

### Swim the Cook Strait Fundraiser

at Grey District Aquatic Centre

11<sup>th</sup> April for details contact 03 768 9076

### West Coast UOSW Shakespeare Festival

24<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-10pm Greymouth High School

### ANZAC Day

25<sup>th</sup> April, nationwide (27<sup>th</sup> April is ANZAC Day Holiday)

### Regular local events

- ⇒ Craft & produce markets Saturday mornings in Hoki
  - ⇒ Sunday Market from 10am-2pm in Greymouth (TPP)
  - ⇒ Sewing Craft get-together every first Monday from 7pm @ Sew Hokitika, 26b Weld St
  - ⇒ Plunket Playgroup Thursdays 10am in Hokitika
  - ⇒ Plunket Kids&Coffee Mondays 10am in Greymouth
  - ⇒ Papanui Range Playgroup Wednesdays 9.30-11am
  - ⇒ Quiz night Tuesdays 7pm @ Beachfront Hotel in Hoki
- Need details? Contact me 027 4070302 ☺*

*I'd like to organise a lampshade making workshop in the near future – who knows of any local tutors or someone who could become involved & give us some tips?*

### NEW:

### IELTS preparation class

Do you want to pass the International English Language test? Get support in a small group and prepare by doing specific exercises.

**Thursdays, 7-8.30pm starting 19<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesdays, 9.30-11am starting 24<sup>th</sup> March**

New Coasters office, 38 Albert St, Greymouth

Contact me to register or call in – fees apply