



# New Coasters Newsletter



## September & October 2019

### Kia Ora, hello and Haere Mai

Spring has finally arrived, and it is good to see the daffodils and freesias blooming. There is also a sense of excitement in the air; of freshness and new beginnings. Time to think about spring cleaning, clearing out our cupboards, working in the garden and generally getting out and about. One of our members just walked in and told me a story of two ducks who came to visit. The male sat in a rain-water filled saucer as it was probably warm from the sun. He didn't care about what his partner was up to and the two stayed in their yard till dusk. They were most upset when my friends hubby had to pass them to get into the house. 😊 A sure sign of spring.

Great news - Retiring Gisborne Mayor Meng Foon is our new Race Relations Commissioner for New Zealand. He is fluent in English, Cantonese and Te Reo Maori. He is ideally suited as he is comfortable in the Pakeha, Maori and Chinese world and will bring a depth of knowledge on race relations to other communities living in New Zealand. He said there is a need to continue harmonious relations right throughout New Zealand and as such is keen on a broad and inclusive New Zealand history being taught in our schools. He also wants us all to tell our stories so that we can understand more of each other's ethnicities, our cultures and the way we do things. Let's hope that Meng Foon can help to create a fairer and more harmonious society, which many people have been asking for in the wake of the Christchurch terror attacks.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Radha, Cassandra and Birte.**

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

### Contact us:

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# Join in and meet new people

## Special events and celebrations

- ☞ **Moon Festival is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am at CoRe, 38 Albert Street** Xia will serve us Chinese tea and sweet Moon Cakes. Please come and help us celebrate this traditional Asian festival morning tea. No charge!
- ☞ **Diwali will be celebrated in Greymouth on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** Venue to be decided. Follow New Coasters Inc on Facebook for updates.
- ☞ **New Coasters 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** will be November or early December. We'll keep you posted!

## Group activities:

### Upcoming events with New Coasters:

- 'In Stitches' Knit at the Movies at the Regent Theatre Greymouth will be coming up probably late September ... the lights will be on low so you can knit and watch! A fun social event.
- Boomerang Bag Sew-A-Thon is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 9 am–9 pm at CoRe. Join us to sew cloth bags for the Community.- we have machines, we just need you!
- Tai Chi – every Saturday starting **7<sup>th</sup> September from 2 pm** at CoRe 38 Albert Street. Gold coin donation and all are welcome.
- Kung Fu on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 pm.** An introductory class and children are welcome - at CoRe.
- Instructor is Robin from the Confucius Institute China

## Community Noticeboard - what's happening locally:

- Nature Needs Us - Conservation Week will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September **September is Art Month – pop in to the Left Bank Art Gallery!** <https://www.thearts.co.nz/events/arts-month>
- Maori Language Week – September 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September Kia Kaha Te Reo Maori!
- In October we vote in the local elections for the Mayor and Council.
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – voting packs mailed to electors and voting opens
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Voting closes at Midday
- <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/vote2019/candidates/>
- <https://vote.nz/elections-and-more/all-events/2019/2019-local-elections/>

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In November watch out for Loudmouth – a festival for Performing Arts in Greymouth...The Grey Valley Gala...Mel Parsons in Hokitika...Kumara Gala Day...

Let us know about events in your area so we can share them...tag us on Fb or email [cassandra@core.org.nz](mailto:cassandra@core.org.nz)

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# Join in and meet new people

## 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 us about your ideas & we'll make it happen!



### Conversational English Language classes

Good English language skills open the doors to new friends & job opportunities... Learning with friendly teachers to improve vocabulary, pronunciation & knowledge of local phrases. **Recommend someone to join!** Join our groups any time (\$50 per term)

'Easy English' & 'IELTS preparation'– 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 10.30am for a cuppa & chat at Ramble & Ritual, 51 Sewell St, Hokitika on the third Thursday and Robert Harris Greymouth on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, also at 10:30 ☺



### 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 and 6-8pm at New Coasters/CoRe venue, Greymouth

### CLAYDAY

Try your hand at Clay. For grown-ups and children. \$3  
10:30-12:30 at CoRe, 38 Albert St, Greymouth On the first Saturday of the month.

### 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 [kb taiwan@gmail.com](mailto:kb taiwan@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](mailto:cassandra@core.org.nz)** or phone 021 254 7767 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, and New Coasters

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**Paperworks** Origami, cardmaking, collage...or bring your own project and craft in company. No cost.  
Every third Saturday of the month 10:30-12:30 at CoRe.

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### **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 and we can also refer you to native speakers...

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