



# Waitaki Newcomers Network



Connecting People



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Hello. I needed to get cracking and get another newsletter out to you all as there is lots happening over the next few weeks.

The weather has been very changeable and not exactly what we would hope for in November. Unfortunately this cold and rain has been very typical for North Otago over the last few years. Lets hope it will improve as we near Christmas.

The last coffee group for the year will be on the 21 December at the usual time of 10.30am. We will then have a break over January and start again on the 1 February.

Hope to see many of you at some of the upcoming events, but if not I wish you all the very best over the Christmas and holiday period.

## CHRISTINE

Feel like helping out. I would like to get a small group of people to meet once a month to help organise social activities. I would love to hear from you.



## CHRISTMAS AT TRADE AID

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INTO THE TRADE AID SHOP? THEY HAVE A HUGE RANGE OF ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE JUST WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR . ONE OF OUR NEWCOMERS HAS ORGANISED FOR THE SHOP TO BE OPENED UP SPECIFICALLY FOR US. COME ALONG FOR COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE, ALL KINDLY SUPPLIED, AND BROWSE WHILE YOU CHAT. A HUGE THANK YOU TO BARBARA AND DELWYN FOR ORGANISING THIS EVENING.**



The group that toured the Windsor garden

## Picnic At The Gardens

This Friday the 23 November, we will be going over to the gardens after coffee group for a picnic lunch. Meet around 11.30am in the playground. Bring everything you need. Children can play and other adults can go for a stroll. This will be weather dependent.

## Interested In Reading?

*On Friday 7 December we are going to walk down to the library after a quick coffee at the Opera House. Jean Rivett, a librarian is going to talk to us about **BOOK CHAT**. One of our newcomers tells me this is a great thing to get involved in. Come along and see if it is something that appeals to you.*



## End Of Year Function

Nigel and Jennifer de Geest are very keen to support newcomers and have once again kindly offered their home for a gathering on Sunday 9 December from 4.30-6.30pm. We will be having PREDINNER drinks and nibbles at Brookfield, 62 Weston Road. As the food will be supplied by a caterer there will be a cost per adult of \$15. This will also cover drinks. I need to know how many people will be attending and I also need to have the money paid before the event please. I know this is a bit of a nuisance, but we only mean to cover costs and if money is not paid up front newcomers could end up being out of pocket, which we cannot afford. RSVP by 1st December with numbers and money. Money can either be dropped off to 1 Hannah Place (the letter box is secure) or our office on the first floor of Abacus House **on Mondays** or give it to me at coffee group.

This event has been organised for adults. For those with children I hope you are able to find a babysitter so you are able to attend.

### **Gardening**

**At the food bank in France Street on Fridays from 10am-noon Annie Beattie from the community gardens will be on site showing people how to plant their own vegetable garden. Everyone is welcome.**



### Coming Events

23 Nov	Coffee group and picnic lunch at gardens
	10.30am 11.30am
28 Nov	Trade Aid Shop 5-7pm
1 Dec	Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner
	Pembroke School Hall 6pm
7 Dec	Coffee group and book chat talk at library
	10.30am 11am
9 Dec	Predinner drinks and nibbles at Brookfield
	4.30pm-6.30pm
11Dec	Multicultural Womens' Group Dinner
	Thai Restaurant, Thames Street 6pm
	Ring Elena for details on 4370201
21 Dec	Final coffee group for year
	10.30am

**More photos of our recent visits are on our facebook page. Check it out and 'like' us while you there.**

**Remember events are always listed on the website**

I know we have many talented musicians in the newcomers group. Would any of you consider showcasing your talent and entertaining us with a tune or a song at Brookfield?