

# Come in & make some friends



## Waitaki Newcomers

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Hello to you all

Procrastination was a word I didn't used to be familiar with, but I have been procrastinating about getting on with this newsletter. However, today is the day!!!

We had a lovely gathering of a twelve people come to Midori for lunch and then ten people came ten pin bowling. Both were very social opportunities to meet and build relationships with other newcomers.

It is also quiz time of year. We have a very enthusiastic group of people who have terrific knowledge and represent newcomers so admirably at the quizzes. They have just taken part in one at the Northstar and are off to the Maheno tavern for another this week. If there is anymore interest in this one on Thursday 12 June, please let me know as we could possibly have enough for two teams.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be having a pot luck dinner on



Saturday 21 June at St Mary's church hall. This is beside Northside New World at 410 Thames Highway. We will meet at 6pm and eat around 6.30pm. I would really appreciate some helpers to set up around 4pm. I have a daughter in a highland dancing competition that day, so will not be available until later that afternoon, so some assistance would be fantastic and appreciated.

Let me know if you can give a hand setting tables etc. It won't be a big deal, as we will keep it low key. I would invite you all to bring along a friend if you so desire and of course food to share and your own drinks. We will supply tea and coffee.

**IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO KNOW NUMBERS. TEXT ME ON 0272428643 OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON 4340376 OR EMAIL ME.**

### Welcome Newcomers!

We are an informal social network which supports people in Waitaki. 'Newcomers' can help you get in touch with each other, local people, 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.

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## Midori Again

I had such wonderfully positive comments about our outing there for lunch, so we will go again. This time on Wednesday 2 July at midday. Please let me know numbers by Friday 27 June. Remember you can get a meal for \$6. As it is a Japanese restaurant you may think it is just sushi, but it doesn't have to be.

## Interested In Folk Art?

There are two or three people who are keen to gather together to and embark on trying some folk art. This will be a very relaxed group and at this stage we are just gauging interest. If you would like to know more, contact me and I will link you up with the others who are interested.

## Trust Power Waitaki District Community Awards

Waitaki Newcomers has been nominated for this award. Keep a look out for the results as the winners will be announced at a function on 30 June. Our nomination is a real reflection of the input from all of you. Our group is a very proactive and engaging one because of many of you. You welcome new people, suggest outings and events and volunteer your homes and your time. For all of this I am grateful. Whether we receive any acknowledge or not, it doesn't matter, but it gives me an opportunity to thank all of you-the newcomers group.

## South Hill Womens' Institute

I recently spoke at this group telling all about newcomers. It was a friendly welcoming group of older ladies who enjoy baking, sewing, crafts, gardening and flowers. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Union Parish Hall at 22 Eden Street at 1.30pm. If this sounds like you, call Connie Rayne on 4347139 and tell them you heard about the group through Newcomers.

## Library Events

If you're "into" forensic mysteries or are genealogy buffs then do come along to hear a talk from Dr Colleen Fitzpatrick who is a forensic genealogist: **The hand in the snow and the crash of Northwest flight 4422**.  
**Tuesday 10 June 6pm.**

Then, towards the end of the month, Friday 27 June at 6pm, the Library is joining forces with the Janet Frame Eden Trust to present an evening with renowned New Zealand writer, Philip Temple. Philip is currently working on a biography of Maurice Shadbolt: **The Lives Of Writers**

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## **Teschemakers**

St Patrick's Teschemakers was a Catholic school for girls, run by the Dominican Sisters just south of Oamaru. It was founded in 1912 by Dominican nuns from Dunedin, and lasted until 1977, when the doors of the school closed for the last time. Teschemakers continued as a centre of spiritual retreat and religious study. Finally, the site was completely closed in 1996, and sold in 2000. Now, the chapel at Teschemakers (Our Lady of the Rosary – built in about 1916) was sold along with the other buildings. I have often been asked to arrange a visit to the school and have tentatively planned to go out for a tour in July. The cost is merely a gold coin donation. I am undecided whether to arrange this for a week day or weekend, so thought I would put it out to all of you. If you would be interested in coming let me know whether the week or the weekend would be more suitable and I will confirm a date for the late July.



## **Childcare**

Oscar runs a before and after school programme for children. Children are picked up from their school and transported to Fenwick School where the it is based. Afternoon tea is provided and homework help available. Holiday programmes are also on offer and subsidies are available through WINZ. I have pamphlets outling all the details or ring Jenny Mc Culloch on 4348797 or email [oamaruoscar@ihug.co.nz](mailto:oamaruoscar@ihug.co.nz)

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## What's on this month



**Newcomers' Coffee Mornings**  
Oamaru Opera House  
90 Thames Street  
Friday 10.30am  
13 June  
27 June  
11 July  
25 July  
9 August  
23 August



**Newcomers' Book Group**  
Northstar Restaurant  
495A Thames Highway  
Second Monday of every month at 7.30pm  
14 July  
11 August



**Newcomers' Walking Group**  
Weekly Tuesday 1.30pm  
View [www.newcomers.co.nz](http://www.newcomers.co.nz) for meeting points  
Or call Linda on 0211275317



**Waitaki Multicultural Council Pot Luck Dinner**  
Pembroke School Hall  
Every First Saturday of the month 6pm  
Bring plate of food to share  
5 July  
2 August



**Newcomers' Lunch At Midori-Numbers to be confirmed by 27 June**  
1 Ribble Street  
2 July at midday



**Newcomers' Winter Solstice Pot Luck Dinner**  
Saturday 21 June at 6pm  
St Mary's Church Hall  
410 Thames Highway  
Numbers asap please



**Newcomers Teschemakers Visit**  
Late July