



SUMMER HOLIDAY

PROGRAMME JANUARY 2013

EXPLORE NATURE
FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS
KIWI HABITAT RESTORATION IN
THE NORTHERN COROMANDEL



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THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER


The Northern Coromandel is home to the largest predator controlled kiwi habitat on the New Zealand mainland. This holiday programme offers kiwis like you and visitors the chance to experience and enjoy Coromandel's natural treasures guided by local volunteers keen to share their passion and knowledge.


The Summer Programme is organised by the team at Moehau Environment Group (MEG). We look forward to a fun summer and meeting you soon. If you want to learn more about MEG's projects or would like to help go to www.meg.org.nz

WHAT DO THESE SYMBOLS MEAN?

-  Half day
-  Full day
-  Evening
-  Bring lunch & drink
-  Bring snack & drink
-  Adult
-  School children

GRADINGS:

 ...An easy stroll. Low level fitness.

 ...A good walk. Average fitness required.

 ...A big hike. Good level of fitness required.

BOOKINGS are essential as some activities may not run without a minimum number of people.

To book call 07 866 6903

Kauri Dieback disease is a grave threat to our ancient kauri forests. Always stay on the track and clean your boots with disinfectant before going bush.

MEG JUNIOR RANGERS



COST: (Y) \$5 (A) Free!

WHEN + WHERE:

3 January – 9.30am
Papa Aroha Camp office

5 January – 9.30am
Waikawau Bay Camp office

6 January – 9.30am
Little Bay toilets

8 January – 9.30am
Long Bay Camp office

Come and take a tour through nature. We'll be doing a range of zany and creative activities to inspire, inform and enthuse kids about our unique plants and animals.

Good fun for the kids. For 7 to 11 year olds (must be accompanied by an adult).

KIWI NIGHT ADVENTURE



COST: (Y) \$5 (A) \$10

WHEN + WHERE:

5, 13 & 22 January - 7.30pm
Port Charles Fire Station

Explore the forest at night time. Hear Kiwi call and see a Kiwi nest. Learn about our national bird and the work MEG and local residents are doing to save our Kiwi.

WAIKAWAU BAY WETLAND + ESTUARY WALK



COST: (Y) \$5 (A) \$10

WHEN + WHERE:

4 January - 10am
Waimanu Rd at the north end of
Waikawau Bay

Waikawau Bay wetland is a rare gem – an accessible intact wetland system teeming with wildlife at the end of a stretch of white sandy beach.

Discover the plants and creatures that live here, including many endangered birds. Find out all about what makes this habitat so special and what locals are doing to protect the species that live here.

RAT ATTACK MOREPORK SURVEY



COST: Free!

WHEN + WHERE:

7, 8 & 10 January – 7pm
Port Charles Fire Station

Come on a night adventure and help us count Moreporks! We think Morepork numbers are on the rise, thanks to our intensive rat control project around Port Charles. But we need your help for our first ever Morepork survey. The survey will take place over three nights, and involve teams counting Morepork calls for an hour after dusk.



WHAT'S IN A STREAM?



COST: (Y) \$5 (A) \$10

WHEN + WHERE:

7 January - 10am

Big Sandy Bay – southern end, Port Charles

Learn about forest streams and the life they support. See native Galaxid fish, toebiters and giant Eels. Learn how to judge the health of a river.

UPCLOSE KIWI ENCOUNTERS



COST: (Y) \$25 (A) \$45

WHEN + WHERE:

9 & 19 January - 9am

Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, Port Charles

See a wild Kiwi in its natural environment and possibly hold it for the Kiwi team as it has its 6 monthly health check.

Only 3 Kiwi are now monitored in the Moehau area so these opportunities don't come up very often. Bring your camera for this incredible experience.

Good level of fitness required. Not suitable for children under 7. Made possible thanks to Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat.

NOCTURNAL WALK



COST: (Y) \$5 (A) \$10

WHEN + WHERE:

6 & 15 January - 8.30pm

Waikawau Bay DoC Camp Office

Encounter the exciting nocturnal world of our forests and streams. Engage all your senses with this after dark tour of nature. Bring a torch. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

STARLIGHT CINEMA



COST: Gold coin donation

WHEN + WHERE:

4 January - 7.30pm

Woolshed, Waikawau Bay

Watch a family classic on the big screen.

Pack up a picnic, grab something to sit on and come down to the Woolshed for a magical night of outdoor cinema.



Driving at night? Watch out for the endangered Pateke, or Brown Teal on our roads, especially near wetlands. They don't have much road sense!

MEG GARDEN BIRD SURVEY



COST: Free!

WHEN + WHERE:
Throughout January
Your own backyard

Seen Tui in your flax-bush? Or Silver-eye in the Kowhai? Help us track trends in our local bird populations by recording the bird species you see and hear in your backyard.

Taking part is easy - spend just an hour anytime during Jan looking for birds in your garden or holiday spot. For each species you see, record the largest number you see at any one time. Pick up a survey form from the Green Snapper cafe, Coro I-site or any participating Campsite.

SIT AND CONSERVE



COST: Gold coin donation

WHEN + WHERE:
3 January - 7.30pm
Stony Bay Campground

10 January - 7.30pm
Little Bay

17 January - 7.30pm
Coromandel, Hauraki House

Sit and Conserve is your chance to learn about MEG's projects which cover over 13,500 ha including the reintroduction of North Island Robin to Moehau. From wetland restoration to Kiwi care it's interesting stuff so come along, ask questions and find out how to get involved.

KIWI BACH DOG DAYS KIWI AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR CORO BACH DOGS



COST: Free!

WHEN + WHERE:
5 January
Coromandel - 9am. *Kauri track, Long Bay Campground*
Waitete Bay - 11am. *Meet at end of Woods Rd*
Little Bay - 2pm. *Meet at southern end of beach*
Port Charles - 4pm. *Meet at Carey Rd intersection*

Dogs are the biggest danger to kiwi now that stoats in our area have been trapped to low numbers. Research shows that **any** dog can kill kiwi.

Fact: smaller breeds like terriers are the most likely offenders. Kiwi have no chance against **any** dog.

If you spend time near bush please get your dog kiwi trained. Training is free and only takes 10 minutes.

If you've had your dogs trained, well done! However repeating the training once a year is recommended.





WHO ARE WE?

Moehau Environment Group is a non-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of the Northern Coromandel Peninsula.

Formed in 2000, we currently have over 100 members, mostly locals, landowners and others keen to see the area once again alive with the sounds and sights of indigenous fauna.

We partner closely with over 430 landowners, other community conservation groups, the Department of Conservation, Waikato Regional Council, local schools and Iwi to achieve coordinated pest control in the Northern Coromandel.

Our goal is to enhance biodiversity by engaging the community and doing practical work to achieve a standard of habitat restoration that allows the re-introduction and recovery of endangered species.

We now have habitat restoration projects covering over 13,000 hectares, primarily on private land. This has allowed for the recovery of many endangered species in the Northern Coromandel including dramatic

turnarounds for Kiwi, Fernbirds, Bittern, Kaka, and Spotless Crane.

The hard work of our volunteers and members has allowed for the successful reintroduction of the North Island Robin and Pateke (Brown Teal), with both species now successfully breeding in the area.

For more about what we do, visit www.meg.org.nz

Become a member today and help us to protect the beautiful Northern Coromandel.



LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK?

JOIN US...

By becoming a member of Moehau Environment Group you are directly helping to protect the unique species & ecosystems on the Northern Coromandel Peninsula. Members also receive our quarterly newsletter and priority bookings on summer holiday programme activities. Subs remain at only \$10 per person, \$20 per family or \$50 Corporate. We can't do this without your support, so thank you!

MAKE A DONATION...

To make a credit card donation go to www.meg.org.nz. You can also donate online through internet banking. Our BNZ account is 02-0304-0342229-02

VISIT OUR NEW ONLINE SHOP...

Our Online Shop raises funds to support conservation projects in the Northern Coromandel. Every cent of profit from any items purchased goes directly towards protecting biodiversity.

Check out www.meg.org.nz to view our range of items - T-shirts, key rings, gift cards and more (Under the 'Support Us' tab)

BE-FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK

Like Moehau Environment Group to help spread the word!

In 2009 the North Island Robin was reintroduced to our area, after being regionally extinct for over 100 years! See if you can spot them at Stony Bay.



BOOKINGS + CANCELLATIONS

Bookings are essential as some activities may not run without a minimum number of people. To book call 07 866 6903.

Cancellations must be made 48hrs prior to trip departure. MEG reserves the right to cancel trips due to bad weather, insufficient patronage, fire or other emergencies and any other unforeseen circumstances.

MEG may decide to cancel a trip just before departure time and we apologise for this. If a decision is made early enough details will be broadcast on our website www.meg.org.nz and Coromandel FM.

Please leave a phone number if possible when you book. Full refunds will be issued in late January if a trip is cancelled by MEG.

The MEG Summer Programme Info phones are:

**07 866 6903 (Terry Whitehouse) or
027 3585281 (Natalie Collicott)**

The Coromandel is 'real kiwi country' and our kiwi numbers have more than doubled in the last 10 years. They've now also spread to Auckland with Coromandel Brown Kiwi released on Motutapu Island in 2012.

MAKE A KIWI CARD

To make a Kiwi collage card you will need this page, scissors, glue and a piece of card folded in half. Simply cut out these kiwi pieces and glue onto the card. You might want to add your own Kiwi habitat in the background.



ARC ADVENTURE RACE

COST: \$216-340

WHEN + WHERE:

Location is top secret
16-17 February

Adventure Racing Coromandel (ARC) and the Spirit of Coromandel Trust are proud sponsors of Moehau Environment Group.

The ARC 24/12/8hr Adventure Race involves kayaking, mountain biking, shooting, navigation, ropework, coast/bush/river run and more!

As always the location is top secret, with the race held somewhere on the Coromandel Peninsula!

This event is organised by ARC. For more info and online entry visit www.arcevents.co.nz



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KEY DATES:

3 JAN	Junior Rangers - Papa Aroha Sit & Conserve - Stony Bay
4 JAN	Waikawau Wetland & Estuary Walk Starlight Cinema - Waikawau Bay
5 JAN	Junior Rangers - Waikawau Bay Kiwi Night Adventure - Port Charles Kiwi Aversion Training - Coromandel, Waitete Bay, Little Bay & Port Charles
6 JAN	Junior Rangers - Little Bay Nocturnal Walk - Waikawau Bay
7 JAN	What's in a Stream - Port Charles Morepork Survey - Port Charles
8 JAN	Junior Rangers - Long Bay Morepork Survey - Port Charles
9 JAN	Upclose Kiwi Encounter - Port Charles
10 JAN	Sit and Conserve - Little Bay Morepork Survey - Port Charles
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