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SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

JAN 2014
EXPLORE NATURE
FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS
KIWI HABITAT RESTORATION ON
THE COROMANDEL

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Call: 07 8666903

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BOOKINGS

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

To book call ...
07 866 6903

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?

- (H)** Half day
- (F)** Full day
- (E)** Evening
- (LD)** Bring lunch & drink
- (SD)** Bring snack & drink
- (A)** Adult
- (C)** Child

GRADINGS:

 ...An easy stroll. Low level fitness.

 ...A good walk. Average fitness required.

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

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.

LISTEN OUT FOR MOREPORKS



COST: Free!

WHEN + WHERE:

6 January - 7:30pm
(or 11 January - alternative date in case of bad weather)
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 morepork survey.

The survey is a lot of fun and involves counting morepork calls for an hour after dusk. You're likely to also hear kiwi so it's well worth coming along.

UPCLOSE KIWI ENCOUNTERS



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

WHEN + WHERE:

8 & 28 January - 9am
Tangiario Kiwi Retreat, Port Charles

A 'once in a lifetime experience' to see a wild kiwi upclose in its natural environment. Join the kiwi team as they track and catch a kiwi for its 6 monthly health check.

Only 3 kiwi are now monitored in the area so these opportunities don't come up very often. Bring your camera for this incredible photo opportunity. Don't delay, numbers are limited and this activity books up fast!

Good level of fitness required as we will be hiking off-trail in the bush. Not suitable for children under 7. Made possible thanks to Tangiario Kiwi Retreat.

WAIKAWAU BAY WETLAND + ESTUARY WALK



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

WHEN + WHERE:

11 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.

STARLIGHT CINEMA



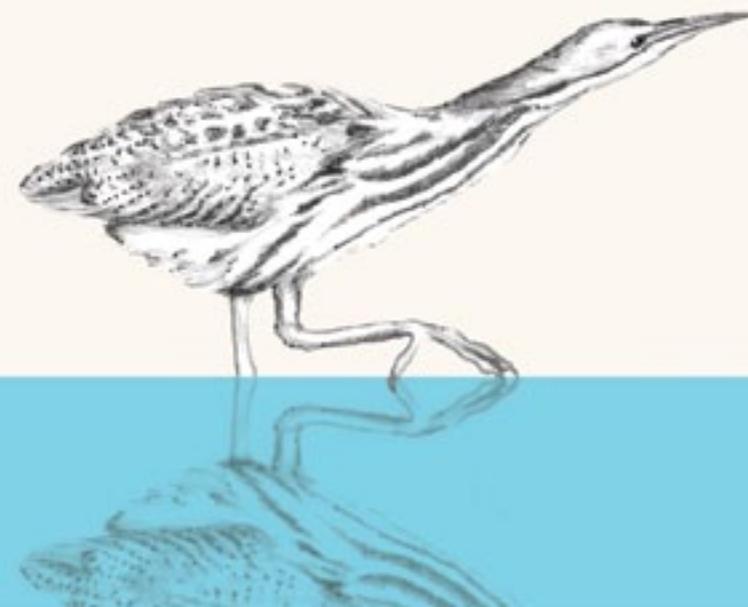
COST: Gold coin donation

WHEN + WHERE:

10 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.

A unique kiwi cinema experience, complete with the haybale grandstand, this is always a crowd favourite.



KIWI NIGHT ADVENTURE



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

WHEN + WHERE:

9, 12 & 22 January - 7.30pm
Port Charles Fire Station

16 January - 7.30pm
Driving Creek Sanctuary

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. Bring a torch and sturdy shoes.

NOCTURNAL WALK



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

WHEN + WHERE:

5 & 14 January - 8.30pm
Waikawau Bay DoC Camp
Telephone Kiosk

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.

JUNIOR RANGERS



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

WHEN + WHERE:

6 January - 9.30am
Long Bay Camp office

7 January - 9.30am
Papa Aroha Camp office

10 January - 9.30am
Waikawau Bay DoC Camp
Telephone Kiosk

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).

THE COROMANDEL KIWI HOUSE



COST: Gold Coin Donation

WHEN + WHERE:

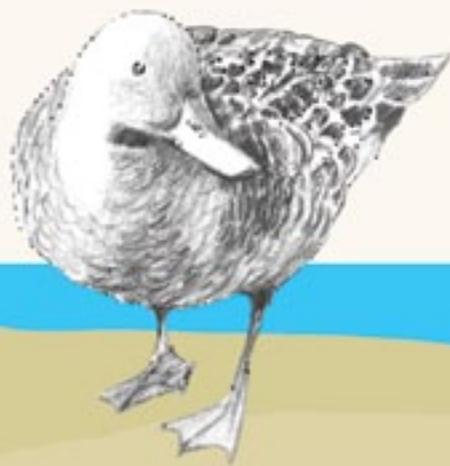
All of January 10.30am - 4.30pm
Driving Creek Railway

Encounter the exciting nocturnal world of kiwi within the Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. Come on a kiwi hunt, see a kiwi nest and hear their call in this captivating exhibit.

While there check out the gecko house, family of endangered pukeko and other native wildlife benefiting from the Sanctuary's predator proof fence.

A great outing for the little ones. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

pāteke / brown teal



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

GEOCACHE TREASURE-HUNT



COST: Free!

WHEN + WHERE:

Live from the 2 January
Starts at the end of Main St in
Coromandel town.

A kind of modern-day treasure hunt, this multi-cache challenge will take you to some secret spots around Coromandel town. A fun and informative activity for the whole family.

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. You navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

HOW TO PLAY:

All you need to participate is a GPS device or a GPS enabled mobile phone. Use your GPS device to find locations within the Coromandel Kiwi Project and uncover the treasure hidden there. We'll provide a hint just in case you get stuck!

The challenge is family friendly and covers moderate terrain. You will be required to go a small distance off the trail on a number of occasions to reach various way points. Appropriate footwear is recommended. You may also prefer to drive to some of the waypoints.

To start this geocache challenge visit www.meg.org.nz There you will find all the info you need to get going.

SIT AND CONSERVE

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COST: Gold Coin Donation

WHEN + WHERE:

3 January - 7.30pm
Stony Bay Campground

17 January - 7.30pm
Waikawau Bay Campground

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 looking after kiwi it's interesting stuff so come along, ask questions and find out how to get involved.

Kaka is Maori for 'parrot'. They are rare on the mainland because they are vulnerable to introduced predators. Where stoats are controlled, like on the Coromandel, kaka thrive.

kaka



TEACH YOUR DOG NEW TRICKS KIWI AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR DOGS



COST: Free!

WHEN + WHERE:

4 January- Waitete Bay - 9am. Waikawau Bay – 1pm.
Call 07 8666903 to book.

6 January- Hahei - 9am.
Call 07 8689912 to book.

11 January - Te Mata - 8am.
Call 07 8689912 to book.

13 January - Kuaotunu - 9am.
Call 07 8661100 to book.

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

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. In fact smaller breeds like terriers are the most likely offenders. Kiwi have no chance against any dog.

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

These sessions are run as a partnership between the Department of Conservation and Coromandel Kiwi protection groups. Help us keep kiwi safe this summer.



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.

**For more info and to book phone:
07 866 6903 (Terry Whitehouse)**

The Coromandel is 'real kiwi country' and our kiwi numbers have more than doubled in the last 10 years thanks to ongoing predator control.



kiwi



WHO ARE WE?

Moehau Environment Group is a non-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment on the 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 on the 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 on the 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 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 Coromandel. 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 \$250 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 ONLINE SHOP...

Our Online Shop raises funds to support conservation projects on the 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.

CAN YOU NAME THE SILHOUETTES IN THIS IMAGE ?

If you get stuck have a look back through the programme.



A BIG THANKS TO...

This Summer Programme is organised by Moehau Environment Group volunteers working in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat.



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KEY DATES: JAN '14

3	Sit & Conserve - Stony Bay
4	Kiwi Avoidance Training - Waitete Bay & Waikawau Bay
5	Nocturnal Walk - Waikawau Bay
6	Junior Rangers - Long Bay Kiwi Avoidance Training - Hahei Listen out for Moreporks - Port Charles
7	Junior Rangers - Papa Aroha
8	Upclose Kiwi Encounter - Port Charles
9	Kiwi Night Adventure - Port Charles
10	Junior Rangers - Waikawau Bay Starlight Cinema - Waikawau Bay
11	Kiwi Avoidance Training - Te Mata Waikawau Wetland & Estuary Walk
12	Kiwi Night Adventure - Port Charles
13	Kiwi Avoidance Training - Kuaotunu
14	Nocturnal Walk - Waikawau Bay
16	Kiwi Night Adventure - Coromandel
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Terry Whitehouse