



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings.

The Paramount

To begin with the subject that has been occupying everybody's attention for the past two months. The Paramount will stop operating as a cinema on September 30th. CPL (the cinema operating company) will cease to be a tenant of the building after that date. They decided that they could not operate profitably if they accepted the latest rent increase demanded by the building owners (Michael Tang in Hong Kong and Alan Blundell in Wellington). The building, the façade of which has a grade 2 heritage listing needs a new roof and further earthquake strengthening. There have been no prospective buyers at the asking price of \$6 million.

Roger Chapman and I on behalf of U3A have in the past 2 months attended meetings of the Paramount Users Group to try and determine a future for the Paramount. These meetings have been attended by the main users of the Paramount, the Film Festival, the Film Society and the Abundant Life Church all of whom have leases with CPL. At this point the user group has not found a solution to save the Paramount as a cinema or a function centre.

The U3A committee has strongly supported Steven at the Paramount but felt just as strongly that we had to look for alternative venues for our October and November lectures this year. We have made an agreement with the Embassy, at a good competitive price to hold our lectures there in October and November. The first lecture at the Embassy therefore, will be Tuesday 17th October after our school holidays. We will hire the auditorium, the screen and sound system after a satisfactory assessment by our crew, Alan, Bruce and Ian. The lovely foyer will be available to buy coffee and tea. If this arrangement works and there is no future at the Paramount the committee would then look at signing a long-term contract with the Embassy.

National U3A Website

Recently we made a donation of \$5 to the National U3A Website situated in Auckland. We are listed on this website. Christchurch also claims to have a national U3A website but this does not contain all the New Zealand U3A domains. We suggested to Auckland that one site only would be preferable but the individual in Christchurch who setup the website will not agree. To us it seems crazy to have two different national U3A websites but one individual in Christchurch refuses to budge.

Finances

Tony, our treasurer has maintained our good financial health. There has been a significant income from visitors and we are expecting a small surplus for the year. The annual subscription will remain unchanged at \$35.

Membership & Software

We now have 1,115 members. Most of the new members are not choosing to receive their newsletters by post. Chris Winstanley has organised new permanent membership cards which members will receive when they renew their subscriptions. A programmed scanner will read these cards when they are scanned at reception before lectures. We will trial the scanner in July.

Lecture program

We continue to receive very positive comments about the program. Both Roger and Bruce who organise the program know how essential it is to leave a few gaps to accommodate new speakers or new subjects that suddenly appear during the year. We are very grateful to those members who suggest a speaker, arrange the topic and then come and introduce their speaker.

Special Interest Groups

Margaret and Ian have contacted all the group conveners to remind them that their members must be paid up members of Wellington City U3A. The conveners were offered any assistance they might require.

Visits & Events

Aidan organised a very successful holiday program. The Walk Wellington and the Art Walk were so over-subscribed that extra walks had to be arranged. Much of this was due to his good publicity, advertising his holiday program on the screen before lectures. Details of the mid-winter lunch will be in the newsletter.

Peter Hatfield. President.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership currently stands at 1,115. We are pleased to welcome 93 new members to the Wellington City U3A. They are: Liz & Dave Allen, Josran Astrac, Joy Baisford, Sharon Blaikie, Penny Beckett, Lynette Blakeley, Colin Brown, Jan Brydges-Jones, Stevie Bryson, Linda Bulger, Denise Calcott, David Castle, Phillipa Christie, Allan & Diane Cockburn, Pauline Cole, Judith Collins, Caryll Craig, Joan Dodd, Glenda Foster, Joy Gaisford, Kathy Graham, Wren Green, Penny Griffith, Susan Grindrod, Safaa Haddad, Richard Hall, David & Roisin Hannah, Russell Harding, Di Harrop, Mike Horvat, Susan Iles, Cushla Jamieson, Ross Jamieson, Ann Rees Jones, David Jones, Chris Jones, Justin Kerr, Donald King, Patricia Kirk, Trish Knaggs, Alison & Koenraad Kuiper, Howard Larsen, Ian Law, Frances Leather, Gerald Leather, Norma Lowe, Patrick McCabe, Valerie McCay, Winifred McEwen, Colin McKenzie, Kevin McLoughlin, Helen McNeil, Judith Mallalieu, Toni Marks, Barbara & Russell Marshall, John Miller, Wayne & Kay Mills, Jennifer Nanson, Denis O'Brien, Linda Paris, Jane Perry, Jan Pryor, Margaret Richards, Christopher Roach, Heather Roberts, Jennifer Robinson, Murray Robinson, Ronald Ross, Dorothy & Neil Roulston, Jennifer & Guy Sarfity, Peter Schumacher, Andrew Simmons, Lew Skinner, Adriann Smith, Ann Smith, Sheelagh Smyth, David Tinsley, Stephen Todd, Evelyn Tompson, Naomi Trigg, Tricia Walbridge, Owen Watson, Annette Woods, Janice Young, Jo Zweng,

It is significant that 84% of these new members enrolled via the website on-line system illustrating that the provision of this option was a worthwhile move.

The move to permanent plastic membership cards that can be scanned on entry to lectures is on track. Members will receive these permanent cards when they renew this year. The scanning process which will check that membership has been paid and record numbers attending each lecture is expected to come into operation from the end of July 2017.

Membership Renewals for 1 July 2017- 30 June 2018

The subscription for the 1 July 2017-30 June 2018 financial year subscriptions remains at \$35 a year per member.

If you are on the email reminder list you will be given the option to renew your membership and pay online.

Please note that couples cannot do this as one transaction – you must wait for each of your individual personalized renewal links.

From 1 June 2017 existing members will be progressively emailed a personalised link to the Wellington U3A database for this purpose. If you click on the link it will take you to your current record and allow you to update your information and pay your subscription by credit card. The payment screen will make reference to a PayPal account. You should follow the credit card option (you do not need to make/have a PayPal account).

If you do not want to use this option then you can:

Either

) Make an internet banking payment to our Westpac Account 03 1540 0009019 01 including your name and phone number as reference.

Or

) Mail a cheque for \$35 to U3A Wellington City Inc., PO Box 24529, Manners Street, Wellington 6142. Include your full name and phone number.

NB – Subscriptions cannot be paid at the lectures.

New membership cards will be posted out progressively on receipt of payment. Scanning the new membership cards for entry at events and lectures will not commence until 31 July 2017.

Any members who have not paid by 31 August 2017 will be removed from the database and charged a \$5 visitor fee to attend a lecture.

If you experience problems with the renewal process you should contact the Membership Secretary Chris Winstanley on phone 478 6178 or email membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

Your new membership card will be sent on receipt of your renewed subscription.

Chris Winstanley
Membership Secretary

RENEWAL FORM

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Renewal of Subscriptions for year 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018

All membership subscriptions are due for renewal by 1 July 2017. Subscriptions are \$35 per member. Members who have not paid by 31 August 2017 will be removed from the membership list.

Payment may be made by:

- i) Online payment with credit card in response to personalised emailed link sent out progressively from 1 June
- ii) internet banking (with ID*) to our Westpac account 03 1540 0009019 01
- iii) cheque to the address above (with ID*)

*ID: In all cases please give your full name and phone number.

INFORMATION TO BE ENCLOSED WHEN PAYING BY CHEQUE

Enclosed please find \$ being subscription for 2017/2018

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U3A LECTURE PROGRAMME 2017

**Lectures are held at the Paramount Theatre, 25 Courtenay Place,
from 10.30 am until 12 noon. – Up until 29th September**

**From 17th October lectures will be held in
The Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Terrace**

Tuesday 30 May

The state of play in our media

Colin Peacock

RNZ's Colin Peacock is the producer and presenter of Mediawatch. He looks at forces at work behind the scenes at New Zealand's news media companies, and how this is changing the nature of the news and information we get from them After his postgraduate diploma in journalism from Canterbury University, he went to London where he worked for BBC World TV, the BBC's 24-hour news network 5 Live and BBC World Service, before returning to New Zealand in 2002.

Friday 2 June

VUW: A true-blue green university

Prof Marian van den Belt

Internationally respected and sought after as an adviser and speaker on sustainability, Associate Professor van den Belt comes to Victoria from Massey University, where since 2009 she was Director and Principal Ecological Economist of Ecological Economics Research New Zealand. As well as explaining the essence of ecological economics (which takes a system-wide approach to terms like 'capital' and 'value'—i.e. natural, human and social capital are measured alongside financial and manufactured capital; and price is only one element of value), Associate Professor van den Belt will draw on such experiences as helping to found a co-housing community of privately owned energy-efficient homes in Vermont, United States, and running her own research consultancy on waste minimisation in Stockholm, Sweden.

Tuesday 6 June

Victoria University: past, present and future

Sir Neville Jordan

Sir Neville Jordan is an engineer. In 1975 he founded a telecommunications microwave company, later listed on the main board of NASDAQ. He founded Endeavour Capital Ltd in 1998 and established two venture capital funds. He is an honorary Captain in the Royal New Zealand Navy, Past President of the Royal Society of New Zealand and a Chartered Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Directors. He has received numerous professional and business awards, and was Wellingtonian of the Year in 2012. He was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 1999 for services to telecommunications and exporting, and in 2015 he was knighted for services to business, science and the community. In 2014 he was elected Chancellor of Victoria University. In this lecture Sir Neville reviews the University's history, its contribution to the Wellington region's economy, and where its future lies.

Friday 9 June

Co-creating with a computer

Ross Stevens

Ross Stevens is an industrial design icon and design futurist. He co-founded and is the design director for Pure Audio which involves hand building high end audio products for people who love music. He is senior lecturer on complex 3D digital form at Victoria University School of Design in Wellington, New Zealand. As co-designer of the Fisher & Paykel Smart Drive™ washing machine, between 1987-1991. Ross has been integral to the evolution of innovative industrial design solutions in New Zealand and world-wide. He sees his products go from dreams, to production, to sale, to use, then inevitably to disposal. Ross will talk about his recent experiences collaborating with computer programs to produce product well beyond his limited imagination. He will illustrate this with objects he has produced using a wide range of 3D printing technologies ranging from nano scale through to architectural.

Tuesday 13 June

Translation as socio-political commentary:

Dr Marco Sonzogni

Heaney and history

Can history be experienced in literature? Can words be as powerful as actions? Can translation generate hope and initiate change? These questions continue to divide writers, scholars, readers. The Irish poet and Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney credited poetry's "*power to persuade that vulnerable part of our consciousness of its rightness in spite of the evidence of wrongness all around it,*" and chose verse translation of literary classics to address current concerns affecting histories and private and public decisions. Marco Sonzogni, Reader in Translation Studies at the School of Languages and Cultures at Victoria University, illustrates the way Heaney used translation as socio-political commentary. Marco is an award-winning literary translator, poet and editor and has been reading, studying, translating and annotating Heaney's work for over 20 years.

Stone rubble masonry buildings – can they survive earthquake effects?

Win Clark is a structural engineer with over 46-years of experience in building design, assessment and construction. A notable heritage project was the design and construction monitoring of the replacement piles and foundation substructure for the 4 storeys historic “Government Wooden Building”, Wellington. Win was involved in heritage assessment, repair and retrofit projects as a consequence of the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence and recently the Kaikoura Earthquake. His role is to provide technical support, review of retrofit projects, and work with building owners to assist with the process for repair and/or strengthening, and identify options available. Since 2008 Win has been the Executive Officer of the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering Inc. The presentation will explore the topology of stone rubble masonry construction, characteristics that enhance seismic resistance, and identify possible retrofit solutions. Overseas research into identifying failure modes and structural strengthening solutions will be introduced, and discussion on how these techniques can be applied to New Zealand’s small population of stone rubble masonry buildings. Examples will be shown of recent retrofit construction in New Zealand that uses these techniques.

Tuesday 20 June**MIDWINTER LUNCHEON**

**12 NOON - WHITBY RESTAURANT – JAMES COOK HOTEL
AFTER DINNER SPEAKER - DAVE ARMSTRONG**

‘While I don’t agree with everything you write...’

Dave Armstrong talks about his life as a freelance writer, including his weekly Dominion Post column, plays and television. Dave’s plays include *Anzac Eve*, *Central*, *Niu Sila* (with Oscar Kightley), *The Tutor*, *King and Country*, *The Motor Camp*, *Rita and Douglas*, *Where We Once Belonged* (with Sia Figiel), *Kings of the Gym*, and the children’s opera *Kia Ora Khalid* (with Gareth Farr). His television credits include *Billy*, about legendary comedian Billy T James, *Seven Periods with Mr Gormsby*, *Shortland Street*, *Spies and Lies*, and *Spin Doctors*. Dave also wrote the National Radio political satire *Down the List*, and co-wrote the TV series *Hope and Wire*, set in the aftermath of the Christchurch quakes, with director Gaylene Preston.

Venue: Whitby Room, 17th Floor, James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, The Terrace.

Access also available through James Cook Arcade, Lambton Quay. It is strongly recommended that public transport is used to access the venue.

Time: 11.30 am for 12 noon (ending 2.30 pm).

Cost: \$45. Registration fee includes smorgasbord and one drink. Further drinks may be purchased. Dietary requirements catered for.

Dietary requirements for Midwinter Luncheon: Notify by email to events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

Registration and payment: via Internet Banking. U3A Ac No. 03-1540-0009019-01 with identification of surname and event. Anyone unfamiliar with Internet Banking will find a teller at their own Bank happy to oblige.

Registration confirmed by Aidan on notification of payment.

Email: events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz Mob: 021 0282 2082

Friday 23 June

The past and future of virtual reality

Prof Neil Dodgson

Professor Dodgson grew up in Taihape. His first degree was in Computer Science and Physics, from Massey University, where he studied under Prof. Paul Callaghan. In 1989 he was awarded a scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge. Originally planning to be in Cambridge for 3 years, he went on instead to a semi-industrial post-doctoral position helping to design and develop a novel 3D TV, becoming one of the world's experts in the various ways that 3D TV can be built. In 1995 he was appointed to a lectureship at Cambridge. His research expanded over the years to include ways to model three-dimensional shape and then to considerations of the intersection of art, design, computing, and psycho-physics. At Victoria, he has become interested in the burgeoning field of virtual reality. Over the last two years, virtual reality (VR) has burst into the public's consciousness. Neil will talk about the history and pre-history of VR, about visions for where this might go, and about other technological successes and failures that cast light on where the world might be headed with VR.

Tuesday 27 June

The complexity of youth offending – the more we know the harder it gets

Judge John Walker

Young people in the Youth Court come with histories of trauma, exposure to family violence, neurodisabilities, emerging mental illness, alcohol and other drug dependency. How does the Youth Court deal with those challenges? What are the opportunities for early intervention? Judge Walker was admitted to the bar in 1976 and was appointed as a District Court Judge in 1994. He has been instrumental in developing court-assisted interventions for alcohol and drug dependency, including the establishment of the Youth Drug Court in Christchurch and the Adult Drug Courts in Auckland. As Resident Judge at Porirua, Judge Walker encouraged better engagement between the Court and the community, mainstreaming the community justice centre model and developing a solution-focused judging approach. More recently, he has been leading the development of District Court responses to family violence.

Friday 30 June

Economic developments in China and Asia

What NZ needs to know and look out for

Prof Siah Hwee Ang

Professor Siah Hwee Ang (PhD) is the inaugural BNZ Chair in Business in Asia. In this role, Siah works closely with various stakeholders and companies on their strategies in Asia and Asia's engagement in NZ. Before joining Victoria University, he was Professor in Strategy and Associate Dean Postgraduate and International at the University of Auckland Business School, research fellow at both Cass Business School, City University in London and National University of Singapore, where he completed his PhD in Management. The development and diversity of Asian markets pose significant challenges to any NZ organisation looking for a way in. There are various regulatory, cultural and business practices that need to be understood. Then there is the competitive and aggressive behaviour of other organisations clamouring for market share to contend with. This talk explores some of the recent developments in Asia and in China, the likely evolution, and what NZ needs to know and look out for.

Tuesday 4 July

Living together: Aotearoa/New Zealand's new religious diversity

Professor Paul Morris

NZ is increasingly religiously, ethnically, linguistically and culturally diverse. This lecture makes a detailed historical and contemporary examination of our religious and cultural demography. How did a country that was overwhelmingly made up of Maori and Pakeha Christians become one where the fastest expanding religious category is 'no religion'; less than half the population is now Christian; and there are now substantial and growing migrant religious communities? The lecture also explores the implications of this diversity for education, work, health, moral

debates and social cohesion. Paul Morris is Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University and holds the UNESCO Chair in Interreligious Understanding and Relations in NZ and the Pacific. He has published on a wide range of religious subjects. He is the author of the New Zealand Statement on Religious Diversity and is currently writing about radical theologies.

Friday 7 July

War on superbugs

Prof David Ackerley

A major theme of David's research is directed evolution, artificial acceleration of rates of mutation and recombination in genes and genomes, and selection of variants with improved qualities. His lab group employs these techniques both to improve specific functions of enzymes and bacteria, and to study their physiology.

No Lectures – Term Break

SECOND SEMESTER 2017

Tuesday 25 July

The office of the Ombudsman - democratic watchdog

Judge Peter Boshier

The Chief Ombudsman, Judge Peter Boshier, discusses the various ways in which the Ombudsmen help to ensure accountability in the public sector. He was appointed a District Court Judge with a specialist Family Court warrant in 1988. He has a long association with Pacific judicial issues and holds the Samoan Matai title of Misa, bestowed in 2000. Judge Boshier was the Principal Family Court Judge from 2004 to 2012, when he was appointed a Law Commissioner, a position he held until becoming the Chief Ombudsman in 2015. He has served on the Government's Family Violence Taskforce, and is Patron of the White Ribbon Trust and Patron of the Dwell Community Housing Trust in Wellington. In 2009 he was made a distinguished alumnus of Victoria University for his contribution to the law. He is currently the President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts based in the United States, the first New Zealander to hold this position.

Friday 28 July

New Initiatives in Crime Prevention

John Goddard

John Goddard is Practice Leader at the School of Prevention at the Royal NZ Police College. The NZ Police has a key strategy of "Prevention First". This makes obvious sense when one considers that if undesirable things do not happen, then there is no requirement to deal with them, nor is there any associated undesirable by-product. So we are either trying to prevent something from happening, or prevent it from being ABLE to happen, which is clearly not the same thing.

Tuesday 1 August

Our elusive constitution

Professor Claudia Geiringer

What is a constitution? Does New Zealand even have one? Where on earth do we find it? And is it fit for purpose? Professor Claudia Geiringer holds the Chair in Public Law at Victoria University of Wellington Faculty of Law and is a director of the New Zealand Centre for Public Law. In an era of increasing calls to reform the New Zealand constitution, Professor Geiringer aims to advance the national conversation.

Friday 4 August

Digital media design and wearable technology

Prof Anne Niemetz

Anne Niemetz is a media artist and designer working in the fields of wearable technology, interactive installation and audio-visual design. She is particularly fascinated by the convergence of art, science, design and technology, and she pursues collaborative and cross-disciplinary projects. Anne holds a Media Arts degree from the Staatliche Hochschule für Gestaltung Karlsruhe (HfG), Germany, with a focus in digital media and interactive sound installation. She continued her studies at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) where she received an MFA in Design and Media Arts in 2004. In 2007 she moved to New Zealand, where she holds the position of Senior Lecturer in the Media Design programme at Victoria University of Wellington. For over two decades media artist and designer Anne Niemetz has been working in the areas of audio-visual design, interactive installation and wearable technology. She's been running the Wearable Technology course at Victoria's School of Design since 2010. In her talk, Anne will be presenting wearable technology projects that have been created by her students, including World of Wearable Art finalist garments.

Tuesday 8 August

Brexit and New Zealand: is history any guide to the future?

Professor Jim McAloon

The June 2016 referendum delivered a majority vote for the UK to leave the European Union. Some commentators and politicians in Britain and New Zealand later suggested that Britain outside the EU would restore the closer relations which, they said, existed within the Commonwealth. In popular memory we enjoyed a close relationship with the United Kingdom until a sudden and traumatic divorce in 1973, when the UK joined what was then the European Economic Community. Jim McAloon, an associate professor in History at Victoria University, discusses the history of the British-New Zealand relationship, asking whether it was ever as good for New Zealand as is sometimes imagined, and what the future relationship might be. Among his books is *Judgements of All Kinds: Economic Policymaking in New Zealand 1945-1984* and he is a co-author of *Labour: The New Zealand Labour Party 1916-2016* and *Unpacking the Kists: The Scots in New Zealand*.

Friday 11 August

Civil society's role in a sustainable future in NZ ... UN agenda 2030

Dr Rosiland Jiko McIntosh

Rosalind Jiko McIntosh is a VUW graduate and completed her PhD in Biophysical Chemistry at the University of Cambridge, UK. Over a 35-year international career as a Biological and Medical Researcher she became a Professorial Research Fellow of the University of Otago, co-authoring several books and published several score refereed research papers in quality journals. Among developments to which this work contributed were complex system modelling in biology, neurophysiology, and structural and functional processes in cell communication. For the past 20 years she has worked in Zen Buddhism, mostly in the USA. This has included 10 years training each as a monastic and then as a Zen Peacemaker minister. The latter emphasizes non-sectarian interfaith work and direct service to the underserved in social action founded on meditative/ contemplative practice. She has raised children, has a passion for wilderness, and delights in Zen arts. She is the Wellington United Nations Association Officer for New Zealand Sustainability Goals.

Tuesday 15 August

The headquarters of the verb: A vision for the Wellington region

Peter Biggs

Magnet cities draw in new residents, visitors and business investment. People, ideas and money mix and ferment in them, like hops and grain in a beer barrel. The Wellington region has all the necessary components to be a magnet region, distinctive for its liveability, vibrancy and prosperity. Peter Biggs, chair of WREDA, will outline the opportunities and challenges for the Wellington region and what WREDA is doing to embrace and meet them. He is the national chief executive of Assignment Group New Zealand, chair of the New Zealand Book Council, a board member of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and a trustee of the New

Zealand Arts Foundation. He was chair of the Arts Council of New Zealand from 1999 to 2006 and is a former Wellingtonian of the Year. He was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2013.

Friday 18 August

What's wrong with my house

Nigel Isaacs

Dr Nigel Isaacs is a senior lecturer in the School of Architecture at Victoria University. Earlier in 2016 he was on a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Illinois, exploring the background to a 1922 building code which travelled to NZ in the form of the 1924 NZ building code. The time most people look seriously at their house is just before it is offered for sale. Based on a study of house inspection reports, this presentation illustrates common problems. Just 21 % of the houses could be considered to be in excellent condition, suggesting there is a very large need for house maintenance. Common issues include high levels of moisture, asbestos, poor sub-floor structure, untreated timber, poor management of external moisture, corrosion, fungal plant and ground movement

Tuesday 22 August

Why consumer protection matters

Sue Chetwin

Do consumers need special legal protection and, if so, why? Sue Chetwin is the Chief Executive of Consumer NZ, an organisation that promotes the interests of New Zealand consumers. Before joining Consumer ten years ago, she had a 25-year career in journalism in New Zealand. She has been the Editor of the Sunday Star Times, the Herald on Sunday and Sunday News. She is Consumer NZ's representative on the board of the Banking Ombudsman scheme, Enviro Mark Independent Advisory Group, Consumer and Public Health Dialogue of the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand.

Friday 25 August

Upping the Ante on Antibiotics

Dr Rob Keyzers

Rob Keyzers from Wellington used his 2016 Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Award to research the use of microbial imaging mass spectrometry to fast-track the discovery of new antibiotics at the Skaggs Institute of Pharmacy, University of California in San Diego. Currently, scientists can culture less than one percent of bacteria that exist on Earth and this one percent has provided most of the antibiotics we currently use in medicine. But resistance to these antibiotics is spreading, so we need to turn to the unculturable bacteria to find new drug candidates.

Tuesday 29 August

My life in film

Gaylene Preston

Gaylene Preston, one of New Zealand's leading producers and directors of feature films and documentaries, discusses her work over the past 40 years. She has received many awards and distinctions for her films, including the Arts Foundation Laureate Award in 2001. She has chaired the Academy of Film and Television Arts and the Film Innovation Fund, and has served on the boards of the New Zealand Film Commission and New Zealand on Air. For her services to filmmaking she has received both the New Zealand Order of Merit and the New Zealand Women of Influence Award. Gaylene was honoured by SPADA becoming Industry Champion 2016.

Friday 1 September

Digital Futures and Learning

Prof Steven Warburton

Professor Warburton has recently been appointed as the first person to hold the newly-created role of Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Digital Futures) at Victoria University. He works closely with Victoria's multidisciplinary group formed to carry out research into new technologies, understanding the impact and possibilities of a digital future and preparing students to be educated citizens in a digital society. Professor Warburton led the strategic vision for the University of Surrey's digital learning environment and was the academic lead for technology

and education. He has had extensive involvement in the successful implementation of digital projects, such as the development of active learning spaces and lecture capture that have helped lead Surrey to become one of the top universities in the United Kingdom.

Tuesday 5 September

Prospects for democracy in Asia-Pacific monarchies

Christine Bogle

Christine Bogle is a former New Zealand diplomat who worked for MFAT in Wellington. Overseas she served in Peru and Italy and was Head of Mission in Madrid, Tonga and Mexico City. In 2014 she began a PhD on *Democratisation in Asia-Pacific monarchies: drivers and impediments*, comparing the cases of Tonga, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand in their respective transitions to (or regressions from) democracy. She is the recipient of the 2016 Wellington U3A Victoria University scholarship for mature students. Her talk will describe some of the theories of democratisation, and present some conclusions from the comparative study of the four cases, noting how they conform with or differ from the theory.

Friday 8 September

Antarctica

Kevin Norton

Dr Norton is a **Senior Lecturer** in the School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences at Victoria University. His research aims to determine which processes are responsible for generating the landscapes that we see today and to measure the rates at which they change. He draws on expertise from across the geosciences (e.g. tectonics, petrology, geochemistry, geomorphology) and applies a variety of methods including; cosmogenic nuclides, geochemical tracers, GIS, surveying, and numerical modelling to geomorphic problems. Using these tools, previous research has focused on topics ranging from historic sediment movement in non-tidal coastal settings, to numerical modelling of glacio-isostatic rebound in alpine settings, and the relationship between chemical and physical weathering rates.

Tuesday 12 September

Frances Hodgkins, people painter

Dr Pamela Nunn

Frances Hodgkins is often described as a landscape painter or as a progressive artist best represented by her late works in which subject takes second place to expression. In fact, from the start of her career, she was inspired by people as much as any other subject-matter. This talk will illustrate the extent and variety of her use of human figures as subjects. This interest resulted in a wide range of pictures, from caricature through anecdotal genre to portraits and group compositions. Dr Pamela Gerrish Nunn has been an art historian for over 30 years. She came to New Zealand in 1989 as a specialist in British art and women artists to teach at the University of Canterbury. Well known internationally for her publications and exhibitions, she is now a freelance researcher, teacher and curator.

Friday 15 September Annual General Meeting

The AGM will commence at 10am, followed at approximately 10:30 by a talk by Nigel Isaacs:

Development of thermal insulation for NZ houses

Nigel Isaacs

Dr Nigel Isaacs is a senior lecturer in the School of Architecture at Victoria University. Earlier in 2016 he was on a Fullbright Scholarship at the University of Illinois, exploring the background to a 1922 building code which travelled to NZ in the form of the 1924 NZ building code. This lecture traces the development of thermal insulation in NZ from the traditional Maori whare, through to the requirements of the modern NZ building code. It explores insulation materials such as raupo reed, pumice, cork, perlite, glass fibre, rock fibre, polystyrene and polyester.

Tuesday 19 September

A Suffrage Day reflection on progress for women since winning the vote

Sue Kedgley

Sue Kedgley has been actively involved in women's issues since the early days of the women's liberation movement, when she founded Auckland University Women's Liberation and the National Organisation for Women. She worked in the Women's Secretariat at the

United Nations in New York in the 1970s, and has written five books and made five documentaries about women's issues. She is a Board member and past President of UN Women NZ and was a 2016 Westpac Woman of Influence award winner. She is a Wellington Regional Councillor; a Board member of Consumer New Zealand and Capital and Coast District Health Board. She was a Green MP for twelve years from 1999-2102 and a Wellington City Councillor for 8 years from 1992-1999.

Friday 22 September

Prof Lionel Carter

Antarctica, the Southern Ocean and a cold day in Wellington.

Lionel Carter is Professor of Marine Geology at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, trained in geology and oceanography at the universities of Auckland and British Columbia, Canada. Wellingtonians are well aware of Antarctica's influence via those bone-chilling, southerlies that frequent the province. Lionel Carter, Professor of Marine Geology, will reveal how the great polar weather machine and its surrounding Southern Ocean affect New Zealand's maritime realm. This discussion is especially timely as the modern ocean is undergoing great change. Climatic and oceanic forces from the South Pole and equator are battling it out and our ocean is right in the middle.

Tuesday 26 September

The Great War for New Zealand: Waikato, 1800-2000

Dr Vincent O'Malley

Vincent O'Malley is a founding partner of HistoryWorks, a Wellington consultancy specialising in Treaty of Waitangi research, and is the author of several books on New Zealand history, including *The Meeting Place: M ori and P keh Encounters, 1642–1840*, which was shortlisted in the general non-fiction section at the New Zealand Post Book Awards in 2013, and *Beyond the Imperial Frontier: The Contest for Colonial New Zealand*. His 2016 book, *The Great War for New Zealand*, tells the story of what he argues was the defining conflict in New Zealand history. The war in the Waikato in 1863–64 shaped the nation in many ways: setting back M ori and P keh relations by several generations and allowing the government to begin to assert the kind of real control over the country that had eluded it since 1840. Spanning nearly two centuries from first contact through to settlement and apology, the book focuses on the human impact, origins and aftermath of the war, and is written in the conviction that a mature nation needs to own its history, warts and all.

Friday 29 September

NZ China relations in the Trump Era

Dr Jason Young

Jason Young is Acting Director of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre and Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington. His research interests focus on Chinese politico-economic reform, Chinese foreign policy and New Zealand-China relations. Jason is author of *China's Hukou System* (Palgrave 2013) and a number of journal articles and chapters in both English and Chinese as well as a frequent commentator in New Zealand and international media. Jason was the recipient of a 2013 Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fast Start to investigate investment in rural China. His current research focuses on Chinese international relations writing on the Belt and Road initiative.

Following decades of domestic growth China is going global at a time when the U.S. appears to be looking inward. What does it mean for New Zealand that China has embarked on the 'project of the century' seeking to economically connect the Eurasian continent to China and fund development projects from Suva to Athens under its Belt and Road Initiative? How ready is New Zealand for a more internationally active and engaged China?

NO LECTURES – TERM BREAK

NB Lectures from 17 October on will be held in the Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Tce

Tuesday 17 October

Writers and cricket

Professor Harry Ricketts

Harry Ricketts teaches English literature and creative non-fiction at Victoria University. He has published 30 books, including *The Unforgiving Minute: A Life of Rudyard Kipling* and *Strange Meetings: The Poets of the Great War*, numerous articles on Kipling, personal essays and ten collections of poems (most recently *Half Dark*, 2015). He has also co-edited several anthologies of New Zealand poetry, a collection of new essays about WW1 (*How We Remember: New Zealanders and the First World War*, 2014) and, most recently, with Gavin McLean, *The Penguin Book of New Zealand War Writing*. His book on cricket, *How to Catch a Cricket Match* (2006), has been regularly broadcast on Radio New Zealand. This talk looks at the great cricket writers from Richard Nyren's *The Cricketers of My Time* (1833) to Gideon Haigh's *On Warne* (2012). These include C L R James, Neville Cardus, John Arlott, Alan Ross, Jack Fingleton and Dick Brittenden, and cricketers who have written memorably about the game, such as Mike Brearley, Jeremy Coney and Martin Crowe.

Friday 20 October

Urban Development in NZ

Dr Arthur Grimes

Arthur is Senior Fellow at Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, and Adjunct Professor of Economics at Victoria University. He has a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics. Auckland is now quite clearly the pre-eminent city in NZ, but still small in world terms. We examine the causes of population growth, and what these trends tell us about whether Auckland growth is a sign of success or a harbinger of a forthcoming bust.

Tuesday 24 October

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, two hundred years on

Dr Heidi Thomson

Frankenstein (1818) has become the most famous gothic novel of the Romantic Period. Mary Shelley began work on it during the abysmal summer of 1816, when the ash cloud of the catastrophic eruption of Mount Tambora caused a year 'without a summer'. The darkness in the sky was reflected in the mood and concerns of this exceptional novel. This lecture explores who is the monster in *Frankenstein*. More than ever, its concerns about the scientific and moral limits of humanity ring true. Dr Heidi Thomson is English Programme Director at Victoria University and President of the Romantic Studies Association of Australasia. She is the author of *Coleridge and the Romantic Newspaper* (2016) and her current research focuses on the connections between Wordsworth and France.

Friday 27 October

The history of the breast in Art and Medicine

Dr Burton King

Dr Burton King started his career as a Surgeon with a special interest in breast surgery and abdominal wall reconstruction. Now an Oncology surgeon, Burton talks about breast cancer, being in the army, and his experiences in NZ and overseas.

Tuesday 31 October

Who owns the sea and the seabed?

Bill Mansfield

Prospects for peaceful use or conflict

This talk will outline the history of the law of the sea, discuss some of the complex interests and issues involved in the negotiation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and assess its present and future significance for New Zealand and the Pacific

island countries. Bill Mansfield was the first chair of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation and chaired the international negotiations that led to its establishment. He was counsel for New Zealand before the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea and served a five-year term as a member of the United Nations International Law Commission. Bill has held senior positions in the Public Service, including Director-General of the Department of Conservation, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Justice, and Head of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He was a member of the New Zealand delegation to all negotiating sessions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Friday 3 November

Working towards a sustainable future for NZ

Wendy McGuinness

Wendy McGuinness, BCom (Auckland), MBA (Otago) and FCA, is the founder and chief executive of the McGuinness Institute. As a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) specialising in risk management, Wendy has worked in both the public and private sectors. In 2004 she established the McGuinness Institute as a way of contributing to New Zealand's long-term future. An observation made by participants at a 2015 McGuinness Institute workshop was that poverty in New Zealand is too complex an issue to be resolved with a one-size-fits-all solution. Instead, solutions must be developed and implemented at a local level as poverty has vastly differing characteristics for people in different areas of New Zealand. To explore this idea, the McGuinness Institute undertook six one-day workshops (in Queenstown, Manawatu, Rotorua, Gisborne, Kaitaia and Kaikohe) specifically designed to provide a platform for local voices to address poverty. This talk will reflect on the ideas that came out of these workshops, including a policy proposal to the prime minister for demarcation zones which would enable local councils to tackle poverty in their areas.

EVENTS

- Tues 11 July 10.30 am Join the 14 waiting from Easter, for two hours with **Vivienne Morrell** on Wellington's "**Secret Art Walk**," view Art in Business or Government Foyers in Central City. Meet at Bowen House, 78 Lambton Quay. (\$8 pp). Register with events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz for confirmation of time.
- Fri 14 July 10.15 am TBC A guided tour through the **Supreme and Old High Courts** on Lambton Quay and Stout St. Meet at the Supreme Court. (No charge)
- Tues 18 July 10.30 am 1. If numbers warrant, a fourth tour with **Vivienne Morrell** on Wellington's "**Secret Art Walk**." (\$8 pp).
- Tues 18 July. 2. A visit to the **Planetarium** for one of three films. Their trailers are showing on the Space Place website .
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| 7 pm | " Matariki Dawn " |
| 8 pm | " We are Stars " |
| 9 pm | " Bella Gaia " |
- With a tour of Planet & Universe displays before or after, and if cloud allows, a peep through the telescope. All your choice!
(\$10 pp.)

**Please pre-pay a week beforehand to U3A Acc No 03 1540 0009019 01
with identification of self & event**

INTEREST GROUPS FOR MEMBERS

Antiques Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10 am at Gaynor Stewart's home on The Terrace. **Contact:** Doug Helps, 232-4881 or dougyvonne1@gmail.com

Art History Group

Meets on alternate Thursdays from 10.30 am to 12 noon St Ninians Church, Karori.
Contact: Anne Lee, 970-8644 or anne.lee@clear.net.nz

Book Group 1

Meets on the 1st Wed. of each month at the Johnsonville Community Centre meeting rooms at 10 am.
Contact: Ineke Dijkstra, 569 3229 or gwdijkstra@gmail.com Currently there are no vacancies.

Book Group 2

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am – 12 noon at members' homes. There are no vacancies at present.
Contact: Sheila Williams 479-2226 or sheila.williams@clear.net.nz

Book Group 3

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in Oriental Bay. This group is currently full. Contact Pamela if you wish to go on the waiting list or to start another group in the Eastern suburbs.
Contact: Pamela Jefferies, 801-6620 or pamelaaj@xtra.co.nz

Current Issues

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.00 am.

Contact: Michael Hodgen, 478 6303 or michael.hodgen@xtra.co.nz

Film Group

Meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Penthouse (daytime), with the film followed by a discussion at a café. New members welcome.

Contact: Colleen McClymont 027 5277202 or Bob McClymont, 027 5277203 or mcclymont1@xtra.co.nz

Mid-Week Film Group

Meets on second Tuesday and last Wednesday of the month usually at the Paramount, Embassy or Cuba Lighthouse cinemas.

Contact: Suzanne Blumhardt, 384-7046 or hatblum@xtra.co.nz (Tuesday) or Aidan Kay 021 0282282 or aidankcp@gmail.com (Wednesday)

German Conversation

Meets on alternate Mondays from 10 am in members' homes. New members welcome.

Contact: Diana Barnes, 479-2947 or dgbarnes@xtra.co.nz

Social Walking Groups – Wellington City U3A Members Only

Group One Small social walks meeting at Karaka Café (beside the Wharewaka on the waterfront) at 9.30 am **every Monday** morning excluding public holidays). No need to call - just turn up – finishing by 11.00/11.30 with a coffee. **Contact:** Heather 021 1582816

Group Two Longer walks (Monday mornings 9,30am to 12 noon approx.), around and about Wellington during U3A terms. Walks end at a café for coffee. Transport is usually based around Gold Card times. Carpooling when necessary. New members welcome.

Contact: Jeannie Buxton 472-3456 or pebuxton@xtra.co.nz

Music Group

Meets on alternate Thursdays from 10 am until 12 noon (excepting school holidays) at St Ninians Church, Karori. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara Hammond, 476-7300 or bhammond@clear.net.nz

Philosophy Group – Commences 20 February 2017

Meets in the Common Room of St Andrews on the Terrace at 2pm on the first and third Mondays of the month. We will again have the insights of Cei Maslin from Victoria University from time to time, and will also be looking at how the writing of the great philosophers are relevant today. We look forward to new members joining us for 2017.

Contact: Diana Winn winnich@xtra.co.nz

Performing Music Group

New members welcome.

Contact: Jennifer Timmings, 479-5325 or jennifer.timmings@paradise.net.nz

Shakespeare Studies

Meets on alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am until 12 noon. Numbers are limited to 10.

Contact: Laurie Atkinson, 568-5883 or westhill@globe.net.nz

Writing Group

This group is aimed at those wanting to write their memoirs. The group is currently full, please contact John if you wish to go on the waiting list.

Contact: John Bonallack, 971-8531 or marathon@paradise.net.nz

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