



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We have been treated to a wonderfully eclectic, informative and absorbing first term of the 2019 lecture series with term 2's programme promising more of the same. Thanks to all those who have made suggestions for presenters and especially to the Programme Coordinators for their efficiency in arranging speakers and the programme.

Participants of the Interest Groups have enjoyed the social interaction and learning within their areas of interest. The coordinators' presentations were informative and well received. If you would like to start or join a group please contact coordinators Margaret and Ian Garrett.

For 14 years Rodger Sparks has been our very competent and obliging Web Administrator. We greatly appreciate his work and especially the long service he has given to U3A. He has now decided to hand over duties and we welcome and thank two new volunteers, Alison Dixie and George Sutton to the Administrator role.

Membership renewal will commence in June. Be aware that members who joined partway through the current financial year will need to renew their subscriptions as there are no *pro rata* rates. Full details about the renewal process are given in the membership section of this newsletter.

The committee has decided to update our website. Improvements will include a fresher design showcasing U3A Wellington and improved simplification and automation of

some processes that involve a lot of time by some committee members. The new system will address some of the limitations of the current system and make life easier for committee members.

The Embassy rental contract for 2020 has been settled at a favourable rate, subject to confirmation of lecture dates. Consideration is being given to starting lectures earlier, perhaps in mid-February and possibly extending to early November. Volunteer Coordinator, Glynn Woodbury, reports improved attendance of volunteers on their rostered front of house duties. The personalised emailed reminders of those on duty are likely to have helped. If you can help on the front desk please contact Glynn. He is planning to run more training sessions shortly.

Our Holiday Events Programme, organised by Aidan Kay, have always been a welcome addition once the regular lectures cease. This year's invitations to the New Zealand School of Dance and the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research have extended our range somewhat, but left room for visits to Matiu Somes Island and the Beacon Hill Signal Station at the Harbour mouth.

Enjoy the next term's lectures and events.

*Barbara Crump*

President

**MID WINTER LUNCH - JAMES COOK HOTEL - TUESDAY 25 JUNE  
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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

We welcome the following new members who have joined since February 2019:

Gwyneth Bright, Joan Mahoney, Peter Lowe, Joan Baigent, Christine Thompson, Marian Court, Christine Beach, Anne McLeod, Jim Truesdale, John Shrapnell, Judy Simpson, Margaret Morris, Janet Andrews, Simon Hoyle, Jean Bretherton, Susan Evans, Rae Gray, Anne Fenwicke, Mary Jeffcoat, John Gray, Marilyn Odinot, Peter Silverwood, Maria Hill, Robyn Ching, Sue Fish, Sue Esterman, Pauline Thomas, Jillian Bagnall, Michael Player, Maria Mackay, Lynne Pomare, Pamela Honey, Liz Hamilton, Colin Cook, Jacqueline Marchant, Barbara Brook, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Ritchie, Margaret Fife, Harry Stone, Jillian Kuch, Evelyn Kirk, Bill Alp, Robyn Greening, Peter and Angela Stupples, Sylvia Granville, Kim Brown, Judith Leaupepe, Joyce Baillie, Peter Duncan, Clare White, Adrienne Waghorn and Dorothy Jones.

Total membership at the time of publication of this newsletter was 1093.

## **Membership renewal for 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020**

Our annual membership renewal process will commence in June. **Please be aware that members who joined partway through the current financial year will need to renew their subscriptions as there are no *pro rata* rates.**

The annual subscription remains at \$35.00 per member.

Three methods are available for renewing your subscription:

### **1. Online**

*We would greatly appreciate your using this method as it enables changes and payments to be recorded directly in the database. This significantly reduces the workload of the membership secretary.*

From 1 June 2019 existing members who are on the email reminder list will progressively be emailed a personalised link to the U3A Wellington City database to enable them to renew their membership and pay online. **Please note that couples cannot do this as one transaction – you must renew separately using your individual personalised renewal link.** Check that your name is in the greeting line to ensure that you are using the correct link.

Click on the link and it will take you to your current record on the database, allowing 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 create/have a PayPal account**).

### **2. Internet banking**

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

### **3. Cheque**

Mail a cheque for \$35.00 to U3A Wellington City, PO Box 24529, Manners Street, Wellington 6142. Include your full name and phone number.

Your current membership card will be updated on receipt of payment and should continue to be used for scanning when attending lectures.

Any members who have not paid by 31 August 2019 will be removed from the database. Attendance at lectures after that date will incur a \$5.00 visitor fee.

If you experience problems with the renewal process please contact the Membership Secretary, Gwen Levick, by email [membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz](mailto:membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz) or by telephone 382 8296. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me at lectures, especially if we have been in telephone or email communication, as it would be great to put faces to names!

Gwen Levick  
Membership Secretary (Tel 382 8296)

### **Change of Email Addresses**

Vodafone has announced that, as from 21 August 2019, it will discontinue its email forwarding service. This means that if you still have a Vodafone email account, emails sent to it after 21 August will no longer reach you. Vodafone email accounts include addresses with the following suffixes - [clear.net](http://clear.net), [nzes.co.nz](http://nzes.co.nz), [ihug.co.nz](http://ihug.co.nz), [paradise.net.nz](http://paradise.net.nz), [pcconnect.co.nz](http://pcconnect.co.nz), [quik.co.nz](http://quik.co.nz), [vodafone.co.nz](http://vodafone.co.nz), [vodafone.net.nz](http://vodafone.net.nz), [wave.co.nz](http://wave.co.nz)

Please email the Membership Secretary with your new email address at: [membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz](mailto:membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz)). If you haven't done this by 21 August, you will no longer receive U3A emails

### **Rising Cost of Postage and Printing**

Due to rising postage and print costs, we ask members with email addresses to receive the U3A newsletter by email.

Please let Gwen Levick know at [membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz](mailto:membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz) or call 382 8296 **if you would like to continue to receive the newsletter by post rather than by email.**

### **Thank you Rodger**

Rodger Sparks has been our Web Administrator for the past 14 years. He has done a wonderful job in keeping our Website up to date, and nothing has been too much trouble for him. Rodger is now retiring from this task and the committee would like to thank him on your behalf for all the sterling work he has done over the years. Your contribution to U3A has been much appreciated Rodger.

### **Volunteers**

If you can help on the front desk please contact Glynn Woodbury. [glynnwoodbury@gmail.com](mailto:glynnwoodbury@gmail.com)  
384 8451 or 021 064 2692 Glynn is planning to run more training sessions shortly.

# **U3A LECTURE PROGRAMME 5th March to 19th July 2019**

**Lectures are held at the Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Terrace**  
**from 10.30 am until 12 noon**

## **Tuesday 4 June**

### **Photography**

**Barry Durrant**

Barry started as a Cadet photographer at The Dominion in Wellington in 1957. He found that because he was the fittest and most active newspaper photographer in Wellington, all the search and rescues and any job that needed walking or physical toughness came his way. In 1969 Barry changed papers and for two years worked for the Wilson & Horton's stable of magazines and the NZ Herald. In 1971 The Dominion enticed Barry back and for 14 years he was their Chief Photographer. Barry's career covered many significant events and he will show photos covering many of them including The Waihine disaster; the Inangahua earthquake; the Manapouri tunnel development; the 1972-3 All Black tour of UK & France; Royal Tours; 15 Prime Ministers and related Political Events.

## **Friday 7 June**

### **Aotearoa NZ and Italy: links to ensure our access to world-class early childhood education**

**Dr Anne Meade**

Anne Meade has been a teacher of young children, researcher, lecturer, author and policy developer. She is co-leader of the NZ study tour of teachers in Italy in April 2019. Why does Reggio Emilia teaching of infants, toddlers and young children inspire educators around the world to do more for young children? Those inspired include thousands of early childhood and primary teachers from dozens of countries as well as eminent professors, including from Harvard. Anne Meade will share the philosophy underpinning Reggio Emilia early education and describe its teaching approaches and their impact on children's thinking. She will ponder aloud about how Reggio educators' documentation of their teaching and of the children's articulation of their learning have effected world-wide interest and positive change. She will tell stories about how Reggio positively affects teaching and learning in New Zealand.

## **Tuesday 11 June**

### **New Zealand's Children - what's really going on?**

**Judge Andrew Becroft**

After graduating from Auckland University in 1981 with a BA/LLB (Honours) degree, Judge Becroft practised in Auckland until 1986 when he then assisted with the establishment of the Mangere Community Law Centre. He later worked as a criminal barrister in South Auckland until his appointment to the District Court in Whanganui, from 1996. Judge Becroft was the Principal Youth Court Judge of NZ from 2001 to 2016; and was appointed the Children's Commissioner for NZ in June 2016. He is the Patron of the NZ Speak Easy Association Inc., which assists those with various forms of speech impediment, and is the Chairperson of the Board of the Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship (NZ) Inc. Children make up nearly a quarter of New Zealand's population. But how well are they really doing? What do we mean by "child poverty?" Do we have a comprehensive child and youth wellbeing strategy? Are the voices of children and young people in New Zealand actively listened to and factored into operation and policy decisions? And why should they be in the first place? And, is New Zealand really the best place to bring up a child? This talk will be a wide ranging general overview on the trends involving New Zealand's 1.12 million children and young people.

## **Friday 14 June**

### **Autoimmunity:**

### **The consequences of losing your immune balance**

**Professor Anne LaFlamme**

Professor LaFlamme is from the School of Biological Sciences at Victoria University and leads the Multiple Sclerosis Research Programme at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research. Every day we are confronted by dangerous pathogens, greedy microbes, and innocuous

organisms, and our immune system must continually react, defend, and return to steady state so as not to upset our natural balance - our "homeostasis". Thus, we balance in a rocking boat. But, we are not static; we are continually changing - we eat, we sleep, we party and feel and run. How do we balance our system when we are continually changing? And what is the consequence of losing your balance?

### **Tuesday 18 June 2019**

#### **Investing in resilience towards sustainable intergenerational wellbeing**

**Dr Girol Karacaoglu**

Girol is the recently appointed Head of School of Government. He came to VUW from the NZ Treasury where he was Chief Economist. Previously he was the Chief Executive of the Co-Operative Bank of NZ for nine years. His previous roles included General Manager at Westpac NZ, Chief of Economist at the National Bank of NZ, and lecturer in Economics at VUW. His current research is in public policy - an integrated approach to economic, environmental and social policies towards improving intergenerational wellbeing. A key question for public policy is the distinctive role of government at various levels (as our collective agent), when sustainable wellbeing is the policy objective. As Thomas Jefferson said "The care of human life and happiness is the only legitimate object of good government." WHAT is the distinctive role of public policy in attempting to give effect to this aspiration? It is to provide the social, natural, and economic environment where individuals and communities can live their lives valued, and flourish? In short it is to provide 'wellbeing freedom', referring to what philosophers might call 'opportunities for wellbeing.' Individuals live their lives in social settings, as members of communities. HOW is government supposed to give effect to an intergenerational wellbeing policy in such a setting?

### **Friday 21 June**

#### **Shakespeare on Political Violence and Warfare**

**Burton King**

Burton King is a general surgeon with a lifelong interest in the works of Shakespeare. Major King is a reservist in the Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps and has served in Iraq. Burton will compare and contrast Shakespeare's descriptions of political violence in *Julius Caesar*, *Macbeth* and *Henry V*, drawing on some of his experiences and events in Iraq with the New Zealand Defence Force.

### **Tuesday 25 June - 12 noon**

#### **MID WINTER LUNCHEON**

**Tom Frewen**

**Venue Whitby Restaurant**, 17th Floor of the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, 47 The Terrace, which is easily accessed from the James Cook Arcade in Lambton Quay.

**Cost** \$45 which includes a smorgasbord (table by table) and one drink. Purchase of further drinks available.

**Registration and payment by 15 June** to U3A Ac No. 03-1540-0009019-01 with self-identification by name. A teller at your bank can also make a transfer from your account if required.

**Please bring and wear your U3A name tag**. Plastic holders will be available if you don't have one.

Email [events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz](mailto:events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz) or text 021 0282 2082

**Our guest speaker, Tom Frewen**, has filled numerous rolls including copy holder, proof reader, sub-editor, reporter, theatre critic, columnist, and resident satirist for various publications. Tom has also worked for Radio Otago, BBC London and was a NZ parliamentary reporter for 22 years. Tom now writes columns and articles for the Otaki Mail and is chairman of a trust trying to save Levin's radio reading service. Tom will talk on his experiences as a journalist.



### **Friday 28 June**

#### **Future Directions in New Zealand Schooling**

**Rob McIntosh**

Rob currently works as an education adviser providing strategic advice for New Zealand entities and also working internationally including on education aid programmes in the Pacific. He was a Deputy Secretary in the New Zealand Ministry of Education, also Acting Chief Executive of the Education Review Office and the Acting Director of the New Zealand Teachers Council. New Zealand schooling is currently undergoing significant change with a series of policy reviews being conducted. This presentation will provide a perspective on policy priorities for the future direction of schooling, given its past and present performance and what factors such as changes in technology, work, society and the environment mean for what our young people need to learn in the future.

### **Tuesday 2 July**

**Dame Winnie Laban**

Associate Professor Hon. Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban QSO, DNZM was appointed Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika), at Victoria University in 2010. The role was established to provide strategic direction and support for Pasifika students and staff. She previously served as Member of Parliament (1999 – 2010) and was Minister of Pacific Island Affairs, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Associate Minister of Trade, Associate Minister of Economic Development, and Associate Minister Social Development and Employment. Luamanuvao is a graduate in Social Work from Victoria University and completed a post-graduate qualification in Development Studies from Massey University. She is a Member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors, Patron of the Wellington Pasifika Business Network, Patron of the Cancer Society Relay for Life, Member of the Creative New Zealand Arts Council and Council Member of the National University of Samoa.

### **Friday 5 July**

**NO LECTURE - Embassy Theatre Unavailable**

### **Tuesday 9 July**

**Speaker to be advised.**

### **Friday 12 July**

#### **Unmaking American Greatness: Trump, Populism and American foreign policy.**

**Emeritus Professor Roberto Rabel**

Dr Rabel is a Professorial Fellow at the Centre of Strategic Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. He is also an Emeritus Professor at Victoria, having retired in 2016 as Pro Vice-Chancellor (International Engagement) after 10 years overseeing the University's internationalisation strategies and activities. In keeping with his promises to put 'America First', Donald Trump has presided over a dramatic erosion of America's leadership in the global community. The unilateralism of the Trump Administration is not unique, but represents the most recent version of a theme in American politics that has been bubbling under the surface for decades. This talk offers an historical perspective on the challenges posed by Trump's 'America First' approach and considers the implications it carries for the commitment of the United States to a liberal world order.

### **Tuesday 16 July**

#### **Existential Risk in the 21st Century:**

#### **The challenge to the UN and Multilateralism.**

**Kennedy Graham**

Dr Kennedy Graham has been a NZ diplomat, UN official, university teacher and Member of Parliament. His PhD was on nuclear weapon-free zones, and he was a member of the NZ delegation that negotiated the South Pacific Zone Treaty. He was a consultant to the UN Dept. of Security Council Affairs and to the UN Commission on Threats, Challenges and Change (2004). He taught International Relations as Visiting Professor in the College of Europe, and International Law at Canterbury University. He has authored or edited five books, most notably 'The Planetary interest: A New Concept for the Global Age'. He is currently Director of the NZ

Centre for Global Studies, an independent think-tank devoted to research and debate on issues of global concern. Many experts are now studying the phenomenon of 'existential risk', those activities that pose global problems which demand unprecedented global collaboration and organization. Existential risks – weapons of mass destruction, ecological stress and technological disruption – will challenge the skill of political leaders to weave a stronger multilateral rules-based order. What does this mean in an age of populist resentment – for the world, and for New Zealand?

### **Friday 19 July**

#### **How DNA from museum collections is informing our understanding of New Zealand's plants and animals**

**Dr Lara Shepherd**

Lara is a scientist at Te Papa who uses DNA sequencing to understand the evolution of New Zealand's plants and animals. Advances in DNA analyses have revolutionised our understanding of New Zealand's flora and fauna. For example, ancient DNA can now be sequenced from fossils that are thousands of years old allowing new insights into extinct species. Lara will talk about some of the DNA discoveries she has made from Te Papa's natural history collections including finding new species, determining where species occurred prior to human arrival and the relationships of New Zealand's extinct species to their overseas relatives. She will finish off with how DNA is helping us understand the origins of cultural objects made from biological materials.

### **TERM TWO HOLIDAYS - 20 July to 19 August**

### **Tuesday 20 August**

#### **Sex Workers Stepping Forward**

**Dame Catherine Healy**

Catherine Healy BA Dip Teaching is a founding member of the New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective (NZPC). She was instrumental in leading the campaign to decriminalise sex work in NZ, and is frequently called upon to advise government and non-government agencies. She is the co-editor of "Taking the Crime out of Sex Work" which was published by The Policy Press in 2010. She also successfully debated that sex work should be decriminalised at the Oxford Union in 2010 in 2018. In 2018 Catherine Healy became a Dame. Dame Catherine Healy will address the importance of New Zealand's response to sex workers and why it matters on a global scale.

### **Friday 23 August**

#### **Challenging dogma in clinical research**

**Professor Richard Beasley**

Richard Beasley is Director of the Medical Research Institute of NZ and Professor of Medicine at Victoria University of Wellington. One would expect that common medical treatments would be based on high level scientific evidence. However for the management of many medical conditions, the available evidence is either weak or contradicts current practice. The MRINZ comprehensively assesses common medical treatments in a range of areas to ensure that an adequate evidence base is available to guide clinical practice.

### **Tuesday 27 August 2019**

#### **A Multiplicity of Rhapsodies**

**Richard Keller**

Richard (MA Ohio) has been a public school teacher (Maths) in the USA, involved in Information Technology in the USA and NZ and is an avid letter writer. His interest in band music reaches back to his beginnings as a musician in high school and university bands in Ohio USA in the fifties and sixties, and has extended through to today with the proliferating availability of music and videos found on "You Tube." Bohemian Rhapsody is an iconic rock

song by Freddy Mercury and the band Queen. Richard is amazed at how well the song is known and how many tribute videos there are on 'You Tube.' He will play music videos of all sorts of tributes and special arrangements of Bohemian Rhapsody made as far back as 1992, a year after the death of Freddy Mercury.

### **Friday 30 August**

#### **Pain, Opioids and the global addiction crisis**

**Associate Professor Bronwyn Kivell**

Dr Kivell is a neuroscientist in the School of Biological Sciences at Victoria University. She will talk about the links between pain, addiction, the global opioid crisis and what lessons have been learned, and current strategies that are being used to combat the problem.

### **Tuesday 3 September**

#### **Dance Teacher Taonga - NZ and the World**

**Deirdre Tarrant**

Deirdre Tarrant has been a Wellington and a national figure in dance spanning over 50 years. Initially as a dancer in the Royal New Zealand Ballet and on her return from studying in London and dancing in Europe, her studios in Wellington have been a creative home for thousands of young dancers and choreographers. She founded Footnote Dance in 1985, and led it to become the national treasure of choreography and dance exploration. Her own ballet background began in Wellington with Jeane Horne and the Royal New Zealand Ballet. A QE2 study grant took her overseas to dance and on her return she choreographed a number of works for the RNZB. She has developed many works for Footnote and led creative change as the company has evolved over 30 years. Deirdre held the position of an international vocational examiner for the Royal Academy of Dance for 40 years, at the time one of only 43 in the world. She is currently 'retired' but is still teaching, her first love, and is Director of Tarrant Dance Studios and the Deirdre Tarrant Dance Theatre. Deirdre was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to the community in 2000, a Distinguished Alumni of Victoria University in 2006 and received an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian award and was Arts Wellingtonian of the year 2012. In 2013 she was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to contemporary dance.

### **Friday 6 September**

#### **Should we all have some knowledge of Te Reo?**

**Professor Rawinia Higgins**

Rawinia is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) and Chair and Commissioner of Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori – The Māori Language Commission. Why should we all have some knowledge of te reo Māori? Is it just political correctness gone mad? Should it just be left to Māori to sort out or do we all play a role in supporting the language? These questions and others will be discussed when we look back to understand the context of the decline, the resurgence and revitalisation efforts of te reo Māori, the current state and the potential future state.

### **Tuesday 10th September**

#### **Transmission Gully - from concept to construction**

**Craig Nicholson**

Craig has been New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) Principle Project Manager for the Transmission Gully Project since early 2009 and has been involved in the project since late 2006. Craig has over 25 years' experience in traffic engineering, road safety engineering and project management. The majority of his experience has been on State Highway projects within New Zealand, but he also has project experience in Jordan, Malaysia and Bhutan.

### **Friday 13 September - AGM**

**Please note early start time of 10 am to allow for the AGM**

#### **AGM Speaker**

#### **Meandering with Mansfield**

**Redmer Yska**

Redmer Yska is a Wellington writer and public historian. He will discuss the promise and peril of Mansfield scholarship and how he came to write *A Strange Beautiful Excitement*.



### **Tuesday 17 September**

#### **Gentlemen art thieves and their art: Enduring myths and great art.      Arthur Tompkins**

Arthur Tompkins is a District Court Judge based in Wellington. He graduated Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from Canterbury University in 1983, and then Master of Laws from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University, in 1984. Each year Judge Tompkins teaches the 'Art in War' component course as part of the annual Graduate Certificate Program in Art Crime and Heritage Protection Studies, presented by the Association for Research into Crimes against Art in Amelia, Umbria, Italy. In 2016 he edited *Art Crime and Its Prevention: A Handbook for Collectors and Art Professionals* and in 2018 his *Plundering Beauty: An illustrated history of art crime in war*, was published. The suave and omni-competent gentleman art thief is an enduring character, in fiction and on screen, if not in real life. This illustrated talk will examine some of the origins of this character and, if he existed, what great stolen (and still missing) art might be in his (mythical) collection?

### **Friday 20 September**

#### **Whose child? Our outdated adoption laws**

**Anne Else**

Dr Anne Else is the author of *A Question of Adoption: Closed Stranger Adoption in New Zealand, 1944-1974* (Bridget Williams Books, 1991), and many subsequent papers and articles on adoption and assisted reproduction technology. The Adoption Act 1955 was drawn up when attitudes to women, children, relationships and families were very different from today. This talk sums up the main problems with New Zealand's adoption legislation, and looks at what changes are urgently needed, and why.

### **Tuesday 24 September**

#### **The World lacks progressive leadership - could NZ provide some?**

**Thomas Nash**

Thomas Nash BA (Hons) is Social Entrepreneur at Massey University and Adjunct in Politics. He is the co-founder and Co-director of NZ Alternative, an independent organisation promoting a progressive role for Aotearoa NZ in the world. He led the global campaign to ban cluster bombs, co-founded and directed London-based disarmament group, Article 36, and served on the board of the Nobel Prizewinning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons. International politics appears more chaotic than usual. National populism is on the rise. Mainstream political parties are in decline. The pace of technological development and the power of its owners have outstripped our liberal democratic systems. Globalisation has not only failed to share wealth evenly, its growth-based economic systems are literally burning, flooding and poisoning our planet. The rules-based international order set up after 1945 is creaking. Human societies have reorganised ourselves to survive and flourish in the past. To do that the world will need international cooperation, diplomatic ambition and transformation leadership. What could New Zealand do to help?

### **Friday 27 September**

#### **What comes after Jacinda?**

**Colin James**

Colin James was a political journalist for 45 years. He has written eight books and has one last one on the keyboard. What makes the nation Aotearoa/New Zealand? How will it evolve over the next 10 years? What have been the politics behind and reflecting that evolution? Where will those politics go over the next three years and 10 years as politicians wrestle with a changing society inside the nation and a turbulent world outside, both driven by rapidly evolving new technologies, environmental constraints and threats and ideological argument? In short, what can we expect from Jacinda Ardern and what comes after Jacinda?

**28 September - 13 October Term 3 Holidays**

## U3A EVENTS

- June 25** Midwinter Luncheon at James Cook Hotel. **See details on Page 5.**
- August 1** **Visit Supreme and Old High Courts** (11 am – 12:30 pm)
- August 9** **Visit to Malaghan Institute of Medical Research (Cowsburn Institute VUW - Gate 7)** (10.30 -11.30 am)  
20 minute intro followed by groups of 10 to view laboratories and equipment.  
(Koha on visit)
- August** **Visit to NIWA, Evans Bay.** Date and time to be advised at meetings and on website.
- October 1** **Walk Wellington with Gavin Mickell** (10:30 – 12:30) Cost \$10.
- October 11** **Visit to Orongomai Marae, Upper Hutt** (Koha on visit)  
Departure 9:30 am train and 2 pm return  
**or** include Expressions Art Gallery, Upper Hutt, for 3:30 pm return.
- Bookings to** [events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz](mailto:events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz)

Final details will be confirmed about these events when you register.

And there's always room for further suggestions - please contact Aidan Kay.

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## INTEREST GROUPS FOR MEMBERS

### **All Interest Group Members must be current financial members of Wellington City U3A**

Anyone interested in leading/forming a New Group please contact Ian or Margaret Garrett  
[ianmgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:ianmgarrett@gmail.com)

#### **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](mailto: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 [annelee635@gmail.com](mailto:annelee635@gmail.com)

#### **Book Group 1**

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month, on The Terrace at 10.30 am.  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Moles 387-9293 or [emb.moles@gmail.com](mailto:emb.moles@gmail.com). This group is currently full.

#### **Book Group 2**

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am – 12 noon at members' homes. The members are mainly from the Northern and Western suburbs.

**Contact:** Sheila Williams 479-2226 or [sheilawilliamsnz@gmail.com](mailto:sheilawilliamsnz@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:pamelaaj@xtra.co.nz)

### **Book Group 4**

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 am – 12 noon at members' homes. Members are mainly from the Northern Suburbs. Our format is as follows: The host for the next meeting chooses a genre for that meeting. Each member reads any book they like in that genre, and reviews their book at the meeting for the other members. If you're interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Sue Fish.

**Contact:** Sue Fish. Mobile: 027 327 3633 Email: [suef365@gmail.com](mailto:suef365@gmail.com)

### **Current Issues**

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.00 am, at Burma Lounge, Malvina Major Village, 134 Burma Road, Johnsonville.

**Contact:** Michael Hodgen, 478 6303 or [michael.hodgen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:michael.hodgen@xtra.co.nz)

### **Film Group**

Meets on the third Saturday of the month (daytime) at the Penthouse, Lighthouse Cuba or Lighthouse Petone cinemas, with the film followed by a discussion at a café. New members welcome. For films at the Lighthouse Petone some car-pooling may be required.

**Contact** Colleen McClymont 027 5277202 or Bob McClymont, 027 5277203 or [mcclymont1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mcclymont1@xtra.co.nz)

### **Mid-Week Film Group**

Meets on second Tuesday and last Wednesday of the month usually at the, Embassy, or Cuba Lighthouse cinemas. Members receive notices of both meetings every month and are free to attend as many or as few films as they wish.

**Contacts:** For Tuesday films - Suzanne Blumhardt, 384-7046 or [hatblum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hatblum@xtra.co.nz)

For Wednesday films - Aidan Kay 021 0282 2082 or [aidankcp@gmail.com](mailto:aidankcp@gmail.com)

### **German Conversation**

This friendly group will meet at 10.30 am on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in members' homes. New members welcome.

**Contact:** Diana Barnes, 479-2947 or [dgbarnes@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dgbarnes@xtra.co.nz)

### **Social Walking Groups–Wellington City U3A Members Only**

**Group One** AKA the coffee group that walks, or the walk and talk group (beside the Wharewaka on the waterfront) leaving there at 10 am every Monday morning. (Excluding Public Holidays). All U3A members welcome no need to call - just turn up. We explore historic, nature and cultural places around the city, finishing between 11 am-12 noon with coffee and a chat.

**Contact:** Heather 021 158 2816 or David 027 657 0666.

*(Photo Heather Hapeta - . U3A Walkers, Walking towards Tanera Park, Brooklyn).*

**Group Two Longer walks** (Monday mornings 9.30 am to 12 noon approx.), around and about Wellington during the year with casual inner city walks over January. Walks usually end at a café for an optional coffee. On the second Monday of each month a longer walk of up to 10 km. As our members are all reasonably fit a good degree of fitness is expected around Gold Card times with carpooling when necessary. New members are welcome throughout the year as a number of our group often go overseas.

**Contact:** Jeannie Buxton 475 3848 or 022 472 3455 or [pebuxton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pebuxton@xtra.co.nz)

### **Music Appreciation Group**

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



**Contact:** David Barker, 021 376 660 or [u3a.wlg.musicapp@gmail.com](mailto:u3a.wlg.musicapp@gmail.com)

### **Philosophy Group**

Meets in the Common Room, St Andrew's Church The Terrace (upside ramp), twice a month on first and third Mondays at 2.30 pm. Don Locke is currently exploring "Democracy" with us and soon eminent members of our group will guide us through other aspects of philosophy as it applies to today's way of life. Then it's back to our DVD on "Great Minds" - the thoughts of modern philosophers. We are currently full. Dougal Congalton 476-8498

### **Performing Music Group**

New members welcome.

**Contact:** Jennifer Timmings, 479-5325 or [jjatimmings@gmail.com](mailto:jjatimmings@gmail.com)

### **Shakespeare Studies**

Meets on alternate Wednesdays at St Andrew's Centre, 30 The Terrace from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Numbers are limited to 10.

**Contact:** Roger Chapman. [chaplaw42@gmail.com](mailto:chaplaw42@gmail.com) 021 037 5622

### **Writing Group**

This group has now disbanded. Anyone interested in leading/forming a new Writing Group please contact Ian or Margaret Garrett [iandmgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:iandmgarrett@gmail.com)

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