



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to the U3A 2020 year and a special welcome to new members. We have just had our first 2020 committee meeting where the lecture programme for the first half of the year was presented. We are excited by the variety of topics with excellent speakers, including many that members suggested in our survey. Many thanks to Robin Halliday, Rae Julian and Doug Helps for the thoughtful, detailed and time-consuming work they have put into our programme. For 2020 we have added four more lectures.

Our current membership is just over 1,100 but we have room for more and our hard-working Treasurer, Tony Thomson, is keen to increase our income to keep our finances in a healthy position. We are therefore having another membership drive. If you know anyone who hasn't heard about U3A Wellington please let them know the variety of lectures and Special Interest Groups available for a subscription of just \$35. We will have flyers advertising U3A that can be distributed at your club(s), local halls, retirement villages, church, etc.

Many of the Special Interest Groups have been visited by Coordinator, Alan Wright, and he reports that several new groups have been suggested. Once these have been finalised we will let you know. If you are interested in joining any of the groups (or wish to start a new group) please contact the coordinator - details at the end of the Newsletter and on our website. Our survey results show that many of our members attend both lectures *and* at least one Special Interest Group. U3A membership is necessary for anyone attending an Interest Group only.

Our Front Desk volunteers make a valuable contribution to our lecture sessions by attending the scanning desk, greeting members, welcoming guests and other duties. Dougal Congalton, Volunteer Coordinator, has organised the roster and notified the helpers. He is ably assisted by Linda Beckett who will take turns at being available to assist if there are any issues during the scanning process. Thank you both for this important work.

Our 2020 U3A Award was presented to Gillian Marie who is commencing her PhD in History. The focus of her thesis, *The Missionary's Wayward Daughter. How Sarah Bland (nee Henry) Passaged Through the Pacific 1797-1843*, is on the second stage of cultural encounters in Tahiti prior to conversion to Christianity. The impact of the first Protestant Mission in Oceania, the experiences and subsequent policies such as child-rearing and schooling are examined. Gillian's presentation will be later this year.

Events' Coordinator, Aidan Kay, has already made plans for the first two holiday breaks. See Pages 8/9.

Progress on our new website slowed over the holiday period but we are advised that the site could go live in February. Our Web Administrators, Alison Dixie and George Sutton, do a great job with uploading and removing outdated information and have agreed to join our committee. Attending committee meetings will keep them up-to-date with U3A behind-the-scenes business especially as it relates to our website. Welcome and thank you Alison and George.

Roger Chapman, an ex-Committee member and the person who kindly arranges the weekly emailed lecture reminders to all members, has two publications due out in March. You may remember that U3A advertised a competition for those over 60 to submit their work. Roger was successful in having two of his pieces included in two books, "Love and Loss" and "Struggle and Success." Roger's story "But not for me" appears in "Love and Loss" and "Caligula" appears in "Struggle and Success." The books have stories from around the world and will be published in many countries. Click the links below (or enter the url in your browser) to go to the pages on the publisher's website.

<https://exislepublishing.com/product/love-and-loss/> and <https://exislepublishing.com/product/struggle-and-success/>. You can place an order from these sites.

We are fortunate in having such a vibrant, active committee and interested membership. Thank you all. Enjoy 2020 U3A.

Barbara Crump

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We welcome the following members who have joined since our September newsletter was published: Beatrice Parsons, Marcia Gibson, Joy Gray, Marilyn Head, Judith Karaitiana, Connell and Karen Graham, David and Joy Penney, John and Alison Craig, Gregory Kent, Allan and Jeni Tucker, Lorraine Tarrant, Chris Moore, Helen Manning, Helen Patterson, Tony Thomas, Carol Simpson, Ruth Richards, Helen Wylie, Anne Sinclair, Peter Vose, Margaret Emerre, Peter Aitchison, Jenny Carroll, David and Rona Belcher, Marie Watson, Pauline Zumbach, Maria Newman, Mary-Claire Lindsay, Lizzie Panckhurst, Claire McDonald, Tony Hooper, Beate Obenauer, Mary Busch, Brenda Schouten, Charlotte Bergman, Winifred Lynch, Margaret Campbell, Julia O'Connor, Jennifer Gini, Raewyn Empson, Edith Diggle and Paul Gandar.

Through our interesting programme of lectures and diverse interest groups, we have continued to attract a large number of members. However, each year we have a significant attrition rate which impacts on our financial position. We will therefore be undertaking another membership drive this year. As personal recommendations are an effective means of promoting our activities, we encourage you to use your networks to familiarise and let them know the variety and quality of activities at U3A. In addition, we will be approaching appropriate organisations to provide some publicity. Further details will be available at the February meetings.

Please feel free to contact me by email membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz or phone (382 8296) on any matters pertaining to membership.

Gwen Levick

Membership Secretary. (Tel 382 8296)

U3A LECTURE PROGRAMME

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

TERM 1 Tuesday 25 February to Tuesday 7 April

TERM 2 Tuesday 28 April to Friday 24 July

TERM 3 Tuesday 25 August to Friday 25 September

TERM 4 Tuesday 13 October to Friday 6 November

Tuesday 25 February

**New Zealand's Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities
(... and how it's paid for!)**

Alan Bollard

Alan Bollard is Chair of the NZ Infrastructure Commission, Professor of Economics at Victoria University, and Chair of the NZ Portrait Gallery. Until last year he headed the APEC Organisation, headquartered in Singapore. Previous to that he has been Governor of the Reserve Bank of NZ, Secretary of the NZ Treasury, Chair of the Commerce Commission, and Director of the NZ Institute of Economic Research. Irritated by traffic congestion, but don't want more roads? Worried about the cost of new housing but don't want to see infill developments? Think we are wasting money on underground piping but worried by climate change? New Zealand has some big infrastructure challenges ahead. The Government has just established the NZ Infrastructure Commission to advice on the big picture for our infrastructure development. The Chair, Alan Bollard, will talk about why infrastructure investment has been difficult in New Zealand, how to improve it, and who how it might be paid for.

Friday 28 February

The Climate Emergency and the Climate Change Commission Professor James Renwick

Professor Renwick has had 40 years' experience in weather and climate research and was a lead author for the last two assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He will discuss the basics of the science of climate change, how things have changed to date and what needs to be done to stop global warming in terms of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. He will also describe the role of the NZ Climate Change Commission.

Tuesday 3 March

New Zealand Festival

Marnie Karmelita

Marnie is a performing arts curator and international arts producer with 20 years' experience working in venues and festival, in Australia, the United States and NZ. Appointed to the role of Creative Director of the New Zealand Festival Trust (now Tawhiri) in 2018. Marnie worked as Head of Programming of the NZ Festival in 2016, where she led a team that delivered the main biennial festival, the annual Wellington Jazz Festival and the biennial Lexus Song Quest. Marnie will present to us an overview of the NZ Festival Programme.

Friday 6 March

A vision for Wellington

Mayor Andy Foster

Andy Foster was elected Mayor of Wellington in October 2019, having served as a city councillor since 1992. As well as being Mayor, Andy sits on the important Council Strategy and Policy Committee and the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee. He is a director on Wellington Airport board, represents the Council on various regional organisations and is president of the New Zealand Traffic Institute.

Tuesday 10 March

The only time we have

John Downie

John has had a long professional career as a creative artist and university teacher. Trained as a director in performance arts he worked initially for Granada TV and theatres in Scotland. As a playwright, his work was produced in the UK by Traverse Theatre, Kneehigh Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company and Bristol Old Vic. In 1990 he emigrated to Aotearoa and worked as a senior lecturer in Theatre and Film at Victoria University until retirement in 2012. In this talk John will suggest an approach to the common denominator of human experience, ageing and the business of taking and making account of this, in the spirit of playfulness, mystery and aesthetics - that is, the intelligence of feeling - based on his autobiographical book "The Only Time". - taking account of the only life you have.

Friday 13 March

Te Pahuatanga te kite o naiane rangi (The Unseen Plundering of Today)

Kura Moeahu

Kura is a descendant of Te Kahui Maunga, the eight tribes of Taranaki and Ngata Toa. He is the Tumu Whakarae (Adviser Maori) to Parliament. His presentation will be based on what took place on 5 and 7 November 1881 in the peaceful settlement of Parihaka, where his ancestors and his people became subjugated to slavery and suppressed. He will contend that through intergenerational outlooks the events of past suppression still exist today.

Tuesday 17 March

New ground breaking Initiatives in our court system

**Judge Emma Parsons &
Judge Lisa Tremewan**

Judge Emma Parsons has recently begun sitting in the AODT (Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment) Court, Te Whare Whakapike Wairua (the House which uplifts the spirits), in Waitakere where she sits with Judge Lisa Tremewan.

Judge Lisa Tremewan has served as a practicing lawyer for two decades and has served as an adjudicator in the Tenancy Tribunal and served on various refugee and immigration appeal authorities. Lisa is better known for her special interest in Therapeutic Jurisprudence. In 2012

with a colleague, Judge Ema Aitken they began NZ's first AODT Court. In 2019 the AODT Court was confirmed by Government as a permanent Court in the NZ Court System. Their talk will be on NZ imprisonment rates; Drug Treatment Courts Internationally; What the judges learn while in the AODTC; The court practice; NZ's approach to AODTC; The graduates and cost savings in custody time and imprisonment

Friday 20 March

Public Sector Accounting – Boring to the Power of Two

Professor Ian Ball

Ian Ball is Professor of Public Financial Management, and the first Professor in Practice at Victoria University of Wellington. During his career Ian has been an academic, a senior public servant, an accounting standard setter, an international consultant on public financial management, and chief executive of an international organization. He will address the financial management reforms of the 1980's and 1990's and their result in shaping the Government's fiscal position up till the present day. Comparisons will be drawn with other countries such as Greece and the USA.

Tuesday 24 March

Pacific youth in a changing world

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 Development, and Associate Minister of Trade, Associate Minister of Economic Development, and 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 NZ Institute of Directors, patron of the Wellington Pasifika Business Network, patron of the Cancer Society Relay for Life, member of the creative NZ Arts Council and Council Member of the National University of Samoa.

Friday 27 March

Family Violence in Aotearoa New Zealand

Dr Ang Jury

Dr Jury is the Chief Executive of Women's Refuge Aotearoa and has worked in the domestic violence arena for over 20 years. She will provide an overview of family violence in NZ, and discuss the role of the Women's Refuge movement in this country. She will then describe how places of business can support those experiencing family violence and what communities can do to combat one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most troubling issues.

Tuesday 31 March

Protecting Nature's Future

Iona Pannett

Iona is a Green City Councillor with over 25 years' experience in governance as well as a background in NGO management, communications and historical research. Iona was born, raised and educated in Pukehau Lambton, the area she now represents. She studied History and Philosophy at Victoria University. Iona has been a sustainability leader in the city for many years focussing on capital city infrastructure including water, waste and buildings. Her focus in conjunction with her colleagues has been transforming Wellington into one of the most sustainable cities in Australasia. As Climate Change bites and the biodiversity crisis deepens, cities around the world have a big role in protecting nature for its own sake and to safeguard the birthright of our children and our grandchildren. Iona Pannett will look at what Wellington is doing and could be doing to prepare for a radically different but exciting future.

Friday 3 April

The International Legal Institutions in The Hague

Do they make the world a better place?

George Troup

George has worked within the External Aid, Economic, Australia and Europe Divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with postings in Paris, Washington. Mexico City and The Hague, the

latter two as Ambassador. He will survey the history of the institutions and New Zealand's involvement with them. He will also attempt to assess their degree of success in establishing the rule of law as the basis for international relations, especially in areas such prosecuting the perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Tuesday 7 April

Josephine's Garden

The Empress Napoleon and her botanical garden

Stephanie Parkyn

Stephanie Parkyn is the author of "Josephine's Garden" published by Allen & Unwin. She had a former career as an environmental scientist, but now writes historical fiction from her home in the Coromandel Peninsula. Her short stories have been shortlisted for the RSNZ Manhire Prize for Creative Science Writing and her debut novel "Into the World" was longlisted for the Tasmanian Premier's Literature Prize 2019. Introducing Empress Josephine, the colonial girl from Martinique who survives imprisonment during the reign of terror and becomes wife of Napoleon Bonaparte and Empress of France. Much maligned as a prostitute and scandalous entertainment of elite men, in this talk I will explore her largely unknown obsession with growing rare and unusual plants gathered from expeditions around the world. My novel Josephine's Garden is the story of her desire to grow these plants in France for the first time, her magnificent garden, her botanical rivalries, and her tumultuous marriage to Napoleon. She must give Napoleon an heir or she will lose everything she has achieved.

10th to 26th April Easter and Term 1 Holidays

TERM 2

Tuesday 28 April

A politician's life

Peter Dunne

Peter was educated at St Bedes College and at the University of Canterbury where he graduated with a Master of Arts Degree with Hons in Political Science. He also studied Business Administration at Massey University. He was elected to Parliament as MP for Ohariu in 1984 and held the seat through several boundary and name changes until his retirement in 2017. Peter will talk on "Reflections on a Life in Politics." He will give his view on the state of NZ's Democracy and a brief non-partisan view (as far as is possible) of the up-coming election.

Friday 1 May

Explorers, Shipwrecks, Coast Watchers and lost gold

Ornithology of the Subantarctic Auckland Islands

Dr Colin Miskelly

Dr Miskelly is curator of vertebrates, specialising in birds, at Te Papa. The Auckland Islands are the largest and most biologically rich of NZ's subantarctic islands. They also have a rich human history, with the survivors of several shipwrecks relying on the local wildlife for vital sustenance. He will summarise the major findings of the recent review of the history and status of the vast range of bird species from 1807.

Tuesday 5 May

Swedish Democracy

Dr Karl Lofgren

Dr Karl Lofgren is an Associate Professor in the School of Government at Victoria University prior to this he had academic positions with Universities in Copenhagen, Malmo and Roskilde. He teaches in a number of subfields of political science including comparative politics, public administration/management, public policy and European Union studies. Karl will talk to us on the Swedish Political system in general with a point of departure in its constitutional and historical development.

Friday 8 May

This is the first of our Friday political series of five lectures for the election

Political polling in New Zealand: past and present

Stephen Mills

Stephen is the Executive Director of UMR Research. He worked in politics from 1983-1990, including periods in the offices of David Lange and Helen Clark. He has been involved in polling for about 50 NZ general elections and Australian federal and state electoral campaigns. He will describe how political polling by parties began, how it has changed and what it can still tell us about this year's general election.

Tuesday 12 May

The Attorney General and the Rule of Law

Hon Chris Finlayson

Christopher Finlayson QC is a New Zealander who grew up in Wellington. He is a New Zealand lawyer and former Member of Parliament, representing the National Party. From 19 November 2008 until 26 October 2017 he was a Cabinet Minister. He was the Attorney-general, Minister for Treaty Waitangi negotiations and, for a shorter period, Minister of Culture and Heritage. In October 2014, Chris also assumed responsibility for the ministerial portfolios of Minister Responsible for the Government Communications Security Bureau and the Minister in Charge of the New Zealand's two main intelligence agencies. He left parliament and politics in January 2019 and is now a partner in Bankside Chambers. Chris has been heavily involved in the arts community. He chaired Creative New Zealand's Arts Board from 1998 to 2001, and was a former trustee of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

Friday 15 May

A perfect voting system? New Zealand and MMP.

Emeritus Professor Nigel Roberts

Nigel Roberts taught political science at Victoria University for 30 years and at the University of Canterbury for 11 years. He was election night commentator on radio and television from 1975-2008. He has also been an advisor to NZ electoral referendum panels, to the Electoral Commission and to the 2012 review of MMP. Nigel's talk will both examine how MMP works and assess how it has worked out in practice for the country as a whole.

Tuesday 19 May

Re-thinking plastics in Aotearoa New Zealand

Dr Rachel Chiaroni-Clarke

Rachel Chiaroni-Clarke is a research analyst and writer in the Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor. After several years in research, Rachel moved into a writing role in medical communications, before joining the PMCSA team. Rachel led the Rethinking Plastics in Aotearoa New Zealand project for the office in 2019. Rethinking Plastics in Aotearoa New Zealand is a system-wide overview of the evidence related to plastics, alongside ideas and recommendations about how we can mitigate the issues associated with plastic while retaining its many benefits. Through wide consultation with people from community groups, businesses, the waste industry, research and government, and an analysis of the evidence base, Rethinking Plastics charts a pathway forward for New Zealand to change our relationship with plastics to be more sustainable. This talk will summarise the findings of the report and update on any policy implications that have occurred since its release.

Friday 22 May

The Bougainville Referendum

Tony Sutorius

Tony Sutorius runs Porirua-based company Unreal Films. He first made his mark as a filmmaker with *Campaign*, a 1999 documentary about an election campaign. Since then his company has won a reputation as the company to call for films about elections, from training videos for electoral staff, to films promoting voting and explaining how it works. He will discuss his work on the education campaigns for the 2019 independence referendum in Bougainville.

Tuesday 26 May

Race Relations IN New Zealand

Meng Foon

Meng Foon has taken up the appointment of Race Relations Commissioner, after 24 years at the Gisborne District Council. Mr Foon was elected Mayor, a role he held for 18 years. He is one of a handful of people of Chinese descent to have become a mayor in New Zealand. He is fluent in Te Reo. He is a member of a number of community organisations including the Nga Taonga a na Tama Toa Trust, the New Zealand Chinese Association, Aotearoa Social Enterprise Trust. He has released a musical number. "Tu Mai," He has been Chair of Gisborne/Tarawhiti Rugby League since 1989, and was a member of the New Zealand Rugby League Board.

Friday 29 May

The 2017 General Election as seen by the cartoonists Ian Grant and Hannah Benbow

Ian was the founder of the NZ Cartoon Archive at the National Library. He was also a founding director/editor of the National Business Review and is also an author and publisher. Hannah is the Alexander Turnbull Library's research librarian, cartoons, in charge of the Cartoon Archive. Cartoonists have been described as "instant graphic historians" and the political cartoon as an "editorial in pictures". Ian and Hannah will discuss how these comments relate to the 2017 general election.

Tuesday 2 June

Community Gardening

Hannah Zwartz

Hannah has been gardening for over 30 years, and when not gardening she's teaching gardening, writing about gardening or developing school and community garden programmes. For the last year she's been at Urban Kai farms, run from Common Unity trust in Epuni, growing food with kids at Epuni Primary School, Epuni Care and Protection Youth Residence, men at Rimutaka prison, tenants in Housing NZ/Kainga Ora backyard and dozens of volunteers. Last year Urban Kai farms produced over 5 tonnes of vegetables and this year they've set the ambitious target of producing 1200 meals per week for local schools and community. Hannah will be talking about her work at all the above places.

Friday 5 June

Burma/Myanmar: will the fragile democracy survive?

Ross Wilson

Ross, a former president of the Council of Trade Unions, worked in Myanmar for the ILO in 2012-2013. He is the founder and current Chair of UnionAID, which has been responsible since 2009 for the MFAT funded Myanmar Young Leaders Programme. This programme brings 12 young civil society leaders, mainly from ethnic minorities to Wellington each year for a six months programme of English, democratic processes, economic and social policy development and leadership skills through Victoria University. Ross will review the challenges facing Burma/Myanmar under the leadership of Aung San Suu Kyi against the background of a history of oppressive military rule for more than 50 years.

Tuesday 9 June

International Human Rights

Professor Paul Hunt

A national of Aotearoa and UK, Paul studied law at Cambridge and Waikato University. He has lived and undertaken human rights work in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Aotearoa. In 1992 he was appointed Professor at Essex University. Paul served as an independent expert on the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (1999-2002) and UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to the highest attainable standard of health (2002 -2008) Between 2011 and 2013 he advised WHO Assistant Director-general Dr Flavia Bustreo public inquiry into emergency health care established by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (2014-15) In 2018 he was a member of the Advisory group on Human Rights leadership established by the First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon. Paul became the New Zealand Chief Human Rights Commissioner in 2019 and will discuss some of the key human rights challenges confronting Aotearoa New Zealand and the Human Rights Commission's plan to respond to them.

Friday 12 June

Cataract surgery from the early Egyptians to Bach, Monet, Fred Hollows and the present

Dr Paul Herrick

Paul has been a consultant ophthalmologist at Wellington Public Hospital for the past 50 years. He has also worked in Iraq, Pakistan, Cambodia and Samoa. His talk will trace the changes in cataract surgery from early Egyptian times to the present. Particular mention will be made of the effect of the operation on J S Bach and Claude Monet. He will also talk about Fred Hollows' great work in bringing the operation to developing countries and conclude with describing current procedures, including laser surgery.

Tuesday 16 June

Farming today in NZ and international experiences

Katie Milne

Katie is a fifth generation West Coast farmer and National President of Federated Farmers NZ. In 2015, she won Dairy Woman of The Year and Rural Woman of Influence. She has been heavily involved with water quality projects at Lake Brunner and pest elimination on Mt Te Kinga, where a small farmer group hopes to help Kiwi in the area thrive again. Along with advocacy for NZ farmers, she advocates for farmers worldwide through the World Farmers Organisation, WFO. She is also a mother, grandmother, volunteer fire fighter and loves outdoor pursuits. Katie will talk about wicked problems and solutions of modern farming, and contrasts around the world between NZ and other countries farming challenges, ranging from subsidies through to lack of resourcing in developing nations.

Friday 19 June

Sea Sponges, Natural Products and Cancer

Emeritus Professor John Miller

Professor Miller is based at the School of Biological Sciences and Centre for Biodiversity at Victoria University. His research interests include anti-cancer drug design and development, microtubule-targeting agents and the neurobiology of drug abuse. Professor Miller's presentation will cover the successes and failures in treating cancer with drugs extracted from marine animals, bacteria or plants. These natural products have been and still are being researched in laboratories around the world to try to produce a new chemotherapeutic drug that selectively kills cancer cells and has fewer off-target or unwanted side effects.

U3A EVENTS

Due to the coordinator's absence in October, there will be little opportunity for visits in those holidays, so we'll make the most of the first two holidays of the year in April and August. Times will be advised on the U3A Wellington website and on the screen at lectures, April visits will be as follows:

Friday 17 April

Matiu/Somes Island with Gerald Rawson

(Three hours)

Gerald is a most knowledgeable guide and regularly volunteers his time with us. He is fully conversant with the Maori heritage of the Island, as with the various uses it has served in European times as a human or animal quarantine station, farm, wartime internment camp, defence battery, etc.

(No cost)

Saturday 18 April

Trip to Stonehenge Aotearoa

(Eight hours)

Designed specifically for its location in the Wairarapa, the monument combines modern scientific knowledge with ancient Egyptian, Babylonian, Celtic, Polynesian, and Maori astronomy. Richard and Kay are delighted to show off their henge with the help of an excellent video presentation and walkabout. 90 U3A members have been on previous visits taking the opportunity of Gold Card use on the trains.

(\$35 per person)

Tuesday 21 April **Visit to Bata Boot Factory, Happy Valley** **(One hour plus travel)**
In addition to the manufacture of gumboots, the factory holds a display of all Bata imports of sports and leisure footwear, handbags, etc. at wholesale prices. (No cost)

Friday 24 April **Visits to Beacon Hill Signal Station** **(2 x One hour)**
Small groups only can visit the harbour entrance command post before or after the shift change for the 24/7 staff. Successful visits last year have encouraged a repeat performance. (No cost)

JULY-AUGUST

And to take up some of the suggestions from last year's survey, we can look forward to new and old events in the August holidays, such as a different Secret Art Walk through the University Art Collection with Viv Morrell, along with other possibilities such as return visits to Malaghan Institute and NIWA, and visits to the Holocaust Centre, Pataka Art Gallery, the Indian Temple. Orangomai Marae and Expressions Art Gallery. (These also to be advised)

Bookings to events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

Final details will be confirmed about these events when you register

INTEREST GROUPS FOR MEMBERS

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

Changing of the Guard

A very big thank you to Heather Hapeta who in August 2015 established the U3A Walking Group and has now handed over the reins. The group quickly built up to 15 walkers by the December and in Feb 2016 split into two groups - 'serious walkers' and the more 'social ones'. Heather has led the 'social ones' (Group One) since then and is handing over to David Cropp.

Since February 2016 the 'serious walkers' (Group Two) have been led by Jeannie Buxton and there are now about 40 on the email list. With much thanks to Jeannie for her efforts with this group we look forward to Paul Armstrong as the new leader.

Again in 2015 (good year for ideas?) Diana Winn established the U3A Philosophy group and that now has a waiting list. As Diana steps down we appreciate her setting up this popular group. The group will now be managed by three of its 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 at St Ninians Church, Karori.

Contact: Anne Lee 970-8644 or 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. 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 This group is currently full.

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 start another group in the Eastern suburbs.

Contact: Pamela Jefferies 801-6620 or 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. Format: 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

Current Issues

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

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

Film Group

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

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

Mid-Week Film Group

Catches a film this year on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, usually at Lighthouse Cuba, but will go further afield to Penthouse or Roxy to catch a better film. Times vary but aim at early afternoon after the Tues lecture and with opportunity for discussion after each film. Members are notified before each, and are free to attend as many or few films as they wish.

Contacts: for the second Tuesday, Suzanne Blumhardt on 3847046 or hatblum@xtra.co.nz and for the fourth, Aidan Kay on aidankaynz@gmail.com or 021 0282 2082.

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

Walking Group One meets at the Wharewaka (beside the lagoon on the waterfront) at 9.45 am every Monday morning. All U3A members welcome, no need to call - we'd welcome you for a social walk and talk and, of course, coffee at the end. We explore historic, nature and cultural places around the city.

Contact: David Cropp 027 657 0666 or cropp.david@gmail.com

Walking 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 four hours is scheduled. As our members are all reasonably fit a good degree of fitness is expected. Transport is usually based 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: Paul Armstrong 476 6965 or paul.armstrong9@gmail.com

Music Appreciation Group

We meet on alternate Thursdays from 10 am until 12 noon (excepting the winter school holiday) at St Ninians Church, Karori. All welcome and morning tea/coffee/biscuits provided. Each meeting a member presents music on a topic chosen by them. The music is mostly classical,

but does not have to be. Doing a presentation is entirely voluntary, and it is not necessary to know lots about music, just to enjoy it. Recent subjects have included brass bands, the French horn, songs from movies, TV themes, composers Carl Nielsen and Antonin Dvorak, Member's Choice and singing in a choir by guest speaker Simon Nathan. The first topic for 2020 will be "The Art of the Movie Soundtrack".

Dates for 2020 are: Semester 1: Feb 13 & 27, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, July 2. Semester 2: July 30, Aug 13 & 27, Sep 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, Dec 3.

Contact: David Barker, 021 376 660 or u3a.wlg.musicapp@gmail.com

Philosophy Group

Meets in the Common Room, St Andrew's Church, The Terrace (outside ramp), twice a month on first and third Mondays at 2.30 pm. We are currently looking at philosophers of the twentieth century. We are currently full.

Contact: Dougal Congalton 476-8498 or dc.congalton@xtra.co.nz

Performing Music Group

New members welcome.

Contact: Jennifer Timmings 479-5325 or 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.

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