



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Despite Covid-19 continuing to interrupt on occasion, we have had a successful year and continued enjoying stimulating and informative lectures and activities.

Lecture Programme

By the end of this year a record number of 58 lectures will have been delivered. Most of them were at The Embassy and the others were via Zoom. Attendance this year has varied significantly, from 112 to 346 (Luke Malpass), with an average attendance of 215. This is close to the average number that attended at the Embassy based talks during 2020.

The weekly emailed lecture reminders sent for many years by Roger Chapman will soon be done by Aidan Kay as Roger is retiring this year. Thank you Roger for your reliable and constant work in this area.

The Programme Coordinators will soon be turning their attention to the 2022 programme and appreciate your suggestions of speakers and topics.

The Embassy

We continue to enjoy the support of Manager, Caleb Button, and Technician Darryl Burnard who sets up the sound and projection facilities. We have agreement that the terms of the contract will remain the same for next year's lecture dates.

We have an excellent team supporting our Embassy lectures. Sound and media expert, Ian Goodwin, continues to take care of lecturers and their presentations. In his absence Anthony Fletcher and Tony Thomson take over. Ian and Bruce Levick make sure questions are heard by delivering the microphone to members. We very much appreciate their work.

Volunteers and Front Desk

Volunteers are pleased with the improved scanning process at lectures resulting from the new computer and upgrade of the scanning software. Sadly, Dougal Congalton, who project-managed the work as well as coordinating the "front of house" volunteers is 'retiring' at the AGM and will be greatly missed. In addition to his Front Desk role, Dougal has been a valuable committee member, organising with Aidan Kay the U3A business cards and providing statistics on attendance numbers. We are fortunate in receiving a nomination for his role.

Shortly we will check with this year's volunteers and invite them to continue their commitment for 2022 as well as inviting other members to help a few times a year in setting up the scanning equipment and greeting members. Please ask at the desk for Volunteer forms if you are interested in helping.

Finances

The financial statement for the year ending 30 June 2021 is available on our U3A website. Treasurer, John Rutherford, provides the Committee with regular financial reports and notes a surplus for the year ending 30 June 2021 of \$8,503.64. The surplus is a result of the increase in members, increased cost of subscriptions for June renewals as well as the suspension of Embassy lectures due to Covid-19 lockdown. All functions, other than the Volunteers' Christmas Cocktails, are organised on a 'break-even' basis. There were some functions for which there were charges in

the reporting period, but almost all income and expenditure relating to the 2021 Midwinter luncheon on 3rd July occurred in this financial year.

Following the independent reviewer's report of our annual accounts they will be presented at the Annual General Meeting and a return then submitted to Charities Services.

Membership and Survey

The winter months of June and July keep our very efficient Membership Secretary, Gwen Levick, extra busy with membership subscription renewals. It is pleasing to see membership numbers have increased and once the renewal period is over, likely to be over 1,200.

Shortly we will invite members to complete a short "satisfaction" survey that Rae Julian developed and members completed two years ago. This year's survey will be online as well as hard copies made available.

Visits and Events

The popular Holiday Events programme run by Aidan Kay keeps us entertained and informed during the breaks in our lecture programme. Aidan has worked for five years offering interesting and varied activities. He is retiring at the AGM and we have received a nomination for the role.

Website and Newsletter

We endeavour to keep you updated on the latest events and happenings in our region. Our Website Administrator, Alison Dixie, does great work in continually updating our website with the lecture programme and the latest news. Newsletter Editor, Judith Nathan, has done a super job with the three annual newsletters. We are sorry that Judith is retiring after a short time in the role due to a move from Wellington and wish Judith well for her next adventure. We are pleased to have a nomination for the role.

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Recently SIG Coordinator, Linda Beckett, met with most of the leaders of our 18 interest groups to introduce herself and get to know how she and the committee can help. As a result of the meeting a new Bylaw, specific to SIGs was developed under the authority of Rule 15.1 of the U3A Constitution. A copy will be given to each group leader, a copy filed with the Committee and a copy made available to members on request. If you wish to start a new group (or a second group where there is a waiting list for an existing group), Linda is very happy to help you.

Committee

I am most fortunate in working with 11 committed, collegial and capable committee members, including our excellent Secretary, Tricia Walbridge. While we will miss those who are retiring at our upcoming AGM, we look forward to working with the four nominees and the committee members who have been nominated for re-election at the AGM.

Barbara Crump
President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Support for U3A Wellington City continues to grow, as reflected in the numbers renewing and seeking membership. We welcome the following new members who have joined since the May newsletter was published:

Jane Nixon, Fiona Pearson, Janet Holmes, Beth Greensmith, Jill Parkin, Anne Thornley, Donald Kirkcaldie, Helen Barnard, Colin McGregor, Athena Papadopoulos, Gillian Clark, Linda Williams, Michael Brennan, Richard Mercier, Gerald Court, Barry Carruth, Kerry Wollerman, Lynette Mazey, Ailsa Jacobson, Anne Martin, Tricia and Ian McDougall, Joe Stewart, Angela Karacaoglu, Glenys Lloyd, Pamela Burns, Julie Kimber, Frances Austin, Christine Hewitt, Neville Queree, Jan Duke, Meryl Kirkham, Judith and Terry Marks, Glenda and David McGill, Carolyn Lyon, Anne Selwyn-Smith, Susan Geraghty, Lewis Scott, Pauline Marshall, Jane Roberts, Julie Haack, Nikki

and Ian Clunies-Ross, Chris Wilson, Melody Sutherland, Mary Nixon, Ellen and David Castle, Heather Twigg, Susan Freeman, Beth Lawrence, Brenda Service, Kathi Scott, Kevin Morris, Sarah Rutherford, Sue Ineson, Gill Clark, Christine Todd, David Glasson, Carole Anderson, Barbara Sullivan, Rae Nicholl, Jenny Symmans, Steve Newby, Dave Thompson, Mandy Gill, Annette and Russell Kirkwood, Sally Doig and Bernice McMahon.

As the newsletter goes to print, the total number of current paid-up members is approximately 1000, with another 270 whose subscriptions have yet to be renewed. A reminder to those who wish to continue their membership that the Grace period ends on 31 August. After this date a visitor fee will be charged for attending a lecture. It is interesting to note that 81% of members renewed by using their personalised link and 19% paid by internet banking.

Please feel free to contact me about any membership issues. Contact details can be found on the Committee list at the end of this newsletter.

Gwen Levick
Membership Secretary

U3A LECTURE PROGRAMME

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

Sometimes our advertised lectures may change, and if so, an update will be made under "Lecture Programmes" on our U3A website.

TERM 3 Tuesday 3 August to Friday 1 October

TERM 4 Tuesday 19 October to Tuesday 3 November

TERM 3 LECTURES

Friday 13 August Dr Amanda Thomas

Imagining decolonisation: Pakeha and doing the work of decolonisation.

Amanda is a senior lecturer in environmental studies at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington. She grew up in the South Island and didn't think much about what it meant to be Pakeha in the role of Kai Tahu until recently. Now she thinks about it a lot and how it feeds into her other research interests related to environmental democracy and activism. Decolonisation is a term that is confusing and threatening to some and hope-filled to others. In "Imagining Decolonisation" a series of essays on the topic, Amanda explores the role of Pakeha in this conversation - how we think about our identity, what we should do about discomfort and how we might be useful allies (or accomplices) in working towards a country that is based on justice for all people.

Tuesday 17 August Dr Anu Langdana

Snapshots of Doctors without Borders in Anweil South Sudan

Dr Anu Langdana completed her primary medical degree (MBBS) and post graduate training (MD in Paediatrics) in 1991 from India, the country of her birth. She then went to the UK for further training in paediatrics and Neonatology and became a member of the Royal College of Physicians in Paediatrics in 1997. In 2000 the family moved to Wellington NZ and Dr Langdana did a year at Wellington Children's Hospital and was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College

of Physicians. After working at CCDHB as a Consultant Paediatrician in general Paediatrics for 5 years and as a Developmental Paediatrician for 9, Dr Langdana decided she wanted an adventure.

This talk is a glimpse into some of the experiences she had in 2019 while working with MSF (Medecins sans Frontieres or “Doctors without Borders”) in Anweil, South Sudan.

Friday 20 August

Professor Mohan Dutta

Challenging disinformation and building democracies: Strategies of communication

Professor Dutta of Massey University will explore the ways in which structures of inequality thrive on disinformation. We will explore strategies of building communicative registers for democracy at the grass roots. Based on his work on health care among indigenous communities, sex workers, migrant workers, farmers and communities living in extreme poverty, he has developed an approach called the cultural centered approach to create entry points for listening to communities at the global margins and addressing unequal health policies.

Tuesday 24 August

Ambassador Jesus Domingo

Ambassador Jesus (Gary) Domingo is a career diplomat with broad multilateral, political and consular experience. He has extensive professional networks among Philippines, South East Asia, United Nations and other international organisation officials. With a background in political security, disarmament migration humanitarian law and inter-faith affairs he contributes to international relations education and civic voluntarism.

Friday 27 August

Rhys Richards

The first pakeha around Wellington and the Cook Strait 1803-1839

Since 1982, during and following and a diplomatic career, Rhys has published many books and articles on early NZ, the Chatham Islands and various Pacific Islands before 1850. The settlers of the New Zealand Company arrived in 1839, decades after the first foreign visitors to the Cook Strait and Wellington. The ‘Nobs and Snobs’ of the new colony, planned as a pure, unsullied replica of English society preferred to ignore their predecessors – a motley lot of whalers, sealers and traders – who should not be denied their rightful place as the first pakeha settlers to the region.

Tuesday 31st August

Felicity Wong

“Built Heritage Challenges: neglect, earthquakes, and urban development plans”

Felicity Wong chairs Historic Places Wellington. Felicity had an earlier diplomatic career with Foreign Affairs & Trade, and led marine protection at the Department of Conservation. She has an LLB (Hons) and Masters in Public Administration, lives in an old villa in Oriental Bay & is a partially sighted cyclist with two grandchildren. Wellington’s built heritage, and its character, is largely protected by the District Plan rules. The rules, and the general zoning for the city and suburbs, are currently up for review. Central Government has instructed the Council to zone for more intensive urban development. Those pressures add to the long-standing issue of owner neglect. On the plus side Wellingtonians care about the city’s heritage and character and we have a rich diversity of buildings. The talk will be general as Felicity is neither an earthquake strengthening nor a legal specialist.

Friday 3 September

Peter Hamilton

New Zealand's next head of state - the debate over becoming a republic

Peter worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1977 until 2013, with postings in Fiji, Ottawa, Geneva, Samoa, Germany and Singapore. He was Deputy-Secretary of MFAT between 2006-2010. He is currently a member of the Campaign for a New Zealand Republic. Peter will examine the arguments for and against our becoming a republic and comment on recent polling. Do New Zealanders want Charles 111 to be our Head of State? He will examine some of the issues that would arise if we became a republic, how a NZ Head of State should be selected and what their role should be. What are the implications for the Waitangi Treaty partner?

Tuesday 7 September Shona Riddell

Lighthouse keepers, remote islands and a war tortoise: How family history shaped my writing

Shona Riddell is a Wellington author. She enjoys cold, windy weather and stories about remote locations. She has written three history books: *The Tale of the Anzac Tortoise* (2014), *Trial of Strength: Adventures and Misadventures on the Wild and Remote Subantarctic Islands* (2019) and *Guiding Lights: The Extraordinary Lives of Lighthouse Women* (2020) all available from Exisle Publishing. Shona's books were inspired by her family history which includes a war nurse who brought a Gallipoli tortoise to NZ, a young couple who sailed from England in 1849 with their three children as part of a tiny, ill-fated settlement on the subantarctic Auckland Islands: and lighthouse families who lived on wild windswept coasts. Shona's research focuses on women's history, maritime history and social history and includes "ordinary people's extraordinary experiences". In 2016, Shona sailed south to visit her great-great-grandmother's remote birthplace on the Auckland Islands – a 465 km voyage from Bluff over the rolling waves of the South.

Friday 10 September David Howman

Drugs use in sport

David Howman was the Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency (known as WADA) from 2003 to 2018 and was instrumental in the shaping of WADA into a highly respected and united global organization responsible for regulating and monitoring the practices in world sports and world governments. Before this, David (BA LLBHons) practised as a barrister specializing in sport law.

Tuesday 14 September Vonda Cummings

Acidification of Oceans: a challenge for marine ecosystems

Vonda is a Principal Scientist and Marine ecologist at NIWA. She studies functioning of coastal seafloor communities and the environmental factors that influence them. Her current research is focussed on the implications of acidification, climate and other anthropogenically derived changes to key species communities and ecosystems around New Zealand and Antarctica. Her talk will provide a brief overview of ocean acidification – known as the "evil twin" of global warming. With the chemistry of the world's oceans rapidly moving towards conditions not seen for millions of years, researchers are trying to understand the potential consequences for marine habitats,

Friday 17 September Dr Cathy Wylie

Reorienting education: reworking Tomorrow's Schools, the curriculum and NCEA

Cathy is a chief researcher at the NZ Council for Educational Research and was a member of the independent taskforce to review Tomorrow's Schools and the recent independent team reviewing primary staffing, Puaotanga. Fundamental reviews of our schooling system, curriculum and qualifications were undertaken in 2018-2019. What is happening as a result? How well will this address some of the longstanding challenges in education to better meet all students' needs, address inequities, particularly for Maori, and our needs as a society?

Tuesday 21 September Dr Christopher Longhurst

Moslems, Jews and Christians

(following the AGM which starts at 10.00am)

Chris is a lecturer in theology at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College; a Kaiciid Fellow (King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue); member of the Wellington Interfaith Council (WIFC) and the Wellington Theological Consortium (WTC). He is on the Executive of the Association of Practical Theology in Oceania (APTO).

Dr Longhurst will speak on the History of the relationship between Moslems, Jews and Christians.

Friday 24 September Robyn Hunt
A reflection on a lifetime of disability activism

Robyn has a varied background in print, radio and television journalism and has won a number of awards for her communications work. A former Human Rights Commissioner, she has also worked within both government and non-governmental areas. From a rural upbringing to regular travel to the UN in New York and participating in the Wellington Lit Crawl, she says that she has "found her tribe" and is still learning about making a disability difference. She will describe how the policy, social and cultural landscape around disability is changing and still needs to change.

Tuesday 28 September Megan Dunn
A brief history of Contemporary Art at City Gallery Wellington

Megan Dunn (BFA and MA Creative Writing) is the author of *Tinderbox* (2017) and *Things I learned at Art School* (2021). Her art reviews and criticism have been widely published along with her essays and stories and she is well known as a visual arts commentator. She is currently manager of public programmes at City Gallery Wellington. Throughout its forty-year history, the City Gallery has always focused on the exhibition of contemporary art. What is contemporary art and why is it so compelling and simultaneously often so hard to understand? Megan will discuss the high points – Yayoi Kusama and those polka dots – alongside highly controversial shows – Robert Mapplethorpe VS the Christian Heritage Party – from City Gallery Wellington's varied history.

Friday 1 October Prof John Macalister
Remembering and forgetting: How our memories are made

If you travel around NZ, you will find memories of past wars evoked in cities and towns, in rural areas, even in what appears to be the middle of nowhere. These 'memory places' can be found here and internationally, in many forms such as museums, monuments and memorials. Not all evoke past conflicts but all are places that shape public memory. John Macalister will explore three different memory places, asking what is remembered and what is forgotten? This exploration leads to some generalisations about the nature of memory places and further questions about how we learn to read such memory places.

John is Professor of Applied Linguistics at Victoria University of Wellington. His research and teaching spans a broad range of areas, including language teaching methodology and language curriculum design.

END OF TERM 3

TERM 4 LECTURES

Tuesday 19 October Professor Carolyn Lundquist & Dr Tom Brough
Marine diversity internationally and New Zealand marine reserves

Friday 22 October Mary Newman
What is Wikipedia?

Mary was formerly a librarian at the University of Otago Wellington. Three years ago she began editing Wikipedia, joining a growing group of NZ editors. Wikipedia is 20 years old but many people who use it are still not sure who manages it or who creates and edits Wikipedia articles. This talk will cover responses to these questions and what readers of Wikipedia should look for when reading articles.

Tuesday 26 October Mandy Hager
Writing to touch hearts and minds: one writer's journey

Mandy is a multi-award writer of fiction for young adults. She also writes adult, short stories, non fiction, educational resources, blogs and articles, and tutored the Novel Course for Whitireia's Creative Writing programme for ten years. She is a trained teacher with a MA in Creative writing and is currently President of the New Zealand Society of Authors Te Puni Kaituhi O Aotearoa (PEN NZ) Inc. In 2019 she was awarded the Storylines Margaret Mahy medal, for life-time achievement and distinguished contribution to New Zealand's literature for young people. She has also been awarded the 2012 Beaton Fellowship, the 2014 Katherine Mansfield Menton Fellowship and the Waikato University Writer in Residence.

Friday 29 October Rhonda Pritchard
Love in the real world

Rhonda spent the past 40 years as a family counsellor, psychotherapist, supervisor, trainer and mediator. She has also carried out research on separation, violence and homicide in families. And has written four books based on her experience. She will discuss intimate and family relationships, covering lay theories, the changing focus and findings of academic research and observations from her personal and professional experience, including issues for the older generation.

Tuesday 2 November Marnie Karmelita
NZ Festival of the Arts

Marnie, Creative Director of the NZ Festival, 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. She was 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 for 2022.

U3A EVENTS

Annual General Meeting 10.00 am 21 September at the Embassy

The president's annual report is at the start of this newsletter, the agenda, financial statements and minutes of the 2020 AGM are at the end of the newsletter.

The AGM will be followed by the talk by Dr Christopher Longhurst on Moslems, Jews and Christians.

October Events

Events for the period between the end of Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4 are being planned. When they are confirmed they will be posted on the website and announced at lectures.

INTEREST GROUPS FOR MEMBERS

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

Special Interest Groups

May through to August has been a time of consolidation for our 18 Special Interest Groups with no line-up or venue changes to report.

Our next 6 monthly SIG Conveners' meeting will take place on the 14th September at 1230 in the Tararua Tramping Club Hall, Moncrieff Street.

Our August newsletter profiles the Sewing/Handicrafts Group which was established in 2021 and has a morning meeting at the Hataitai Community House on the 3rd Monday of every month. If you missed the announcement of the Handicrafts group earlier this year, the aspiration of this small group was to provide a supportive and encouraging forum in which to share handicraft skills and knowledge. These monthly meetings have proven to be enjoyable as well as productive and there is some space for others to join. The group remains flexible in terms of the number of meetings attended and the time spent at each. So if you are interested or just curious, please access the dropbox under 'Interest Groups' on the U3A Website for more detailed information about the Sewing Group and for Diane Morgan's contact details.

Library Digital Inclusion Course

A WCC initiative is reported through this SIGs section of the Newsletter. This is an inaugural 5 part Library Digital Inclusion course aimed at informing U3Aers how to access and use digital library resources. Details of the inaugural course are below and will be reinforced by a pre-lecture announcement when U3A resumes lectures in the third term.

The inaugural course will take place fortnightly in two areas of the Te Awe Library which is accessed either by Panama or Brandon St entrances. The Introductory Presentation can accommodate 40 and will be held on the ground floor in a walled-off area opposite the reception desk. The practical sessions which follow will be held in a discrete room on the first floor and there is a lift as well as the staircase for access. The number of places in the subsequent practical laptop sessions is limited to 8. Depending on the follow-up survey results and ongoing demand for this course, it may be repeated in 2022. If it is to be repeated it *may* be able to be on an outreach basis at other Wellington libraries.

Tablets for the practical sessions will be provided by the Library, but for your ongoing access and use of these resources at home it is a good idea to bring your own familiar device.

Enrolment in the whole, or parts, of the series is by contacting Linda Beckett:
lbeckett0106@gmail.com

The Course

One hour PowerPoint Presentation Introductory Session:

Thursday 14th October 1300-1500

'Wellington City Library provides its patrons with dozens of incredible online resources. In this initial introductory session, Wellington Library Digital Inclusion Coordinator Jonny Smith will run you through an overview of the library's many online resources, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, online magazines, business and skills tutorials, newspapers, and heritage databases. Feel free to bring along your own device and follow along. Note that all these services are free for Wellington City Library members.'

eBooks and eAudiobooks: Thursday 28th October 1300-1500

'These are the heart of our digital collection and provide a good launching off point. We'll cover the similarities and differences between our two providers BorrowBox and Overdrive, how to access them on a computer, tablet or phone, and look at tips and tricks for navigating the catalogue.'

Heritage resources: Thursday 11th November 1300-1500

'Ancestry.com, Wellington City Recollect and PapersPast (also a brief look at Gale Archive which contains historical copies of British papers like The Mirror, Telegraph and Times). A look at how to access these databases, which are best for which situation and tips on navigation.'

Music, Movies+Improvement: Thursday 25th November 1300-1500

'A look at our two movie streaming services Kanopy and Beamafilm, our two music services Naxos Music and Naxos Jazz, as well as LinkedIn Learning a service offering video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills'

Your Library, PressReader and general trouble shooting:

Thursday 9th December 1300-1500

'We'll cover how to manage your library account including renewing books, reserving titles and checking due dates. PressReader, one of our most popular services which offers thousands of newspapers in 60+ languages. Also, a chance to work through any further questions or issues you might be having with library resources.'

Interest Groups

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Antiques Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10 am mainly at Gaynor Stewart's home on The Terrace, central Wellington. We share an interest in old things, often family heirlooms and do this on a semi rotation basis. We often visit places such as Te Papa's back of house collections and other places of interest. You are very welcome to join our group, even if you wish to come along on a "one off" basis to check us out. You would be made very welcome. Contact: Doug Helps, Group Convenor, 232 4881 or dougyvonne1@gmail.com

Art History Group

Meets on alternate Thursdays from 10.30am to 12 noon from 18 February at Karori Recreation Centre, 251 Karori Road, Karori. Entrance at the rear of the building from the carpark off Beauchamp St. Tea/coffee/conversation from 10.00am for presentation start at 10.30am. This group is currently full, but you are very welcome to contact Peter to make an enquiry or to go onto our waiting list.

Contact: Peter Stupples 021 059 4164 or pams@actrix.co.nz

Book Group 1

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month on the Terrace at 10.30am. Membership of the group is limited to 10 and the group is currently full, however if you would like to go on a waiting list, please contact Jane on the details below.

Contact: Jane Ireland 0212617080 or jane.ireland06@gmail.com

Book Group 2 – Northern and Western Suburbs

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. This group is currently full.

Contact: Jenny Mainwaring 02102341636 jemain@xtra.co.nz

Book Group 3 – Eastern Suburbs

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in Oriental Bay. This group is currently full but please contact Diana Duff-Staniland if you wish to go on the waiting list or to start another group in the Eastern suburbs.

Contact: Diana Duff-Staniland: 385 8590 or email: dduff.staniland@xtra.co.nz

Book Group 4 – Northern Suburbs

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12 noon at members' homes. Members are mainly from the Northern Suburbs. Format: The host for the next meeting chooses

a topic for that meeting. Each member reads any book they like in that topic, and reviews their book at the meeting for the other members. There are vacancies in this group so if you're interested in joining, please get in touch with Sue Fish.

Contact: Sue Fish. Mobile: 027 327 3633 or email: suef365@gmail.com

Cryptic Crosswords

The Cryptic Crosswords Special Interest Group has made a solid start. We are meeting monthly, on the last Friday at 12pm following the U3A lecture, learning to unravel the styles of various cryptics by discussion. U3A members are very welcome to join in, please be in touch to learn more about our group.

Contact: Lynda Young email: rby@actrix.co.nz; 027 4428 394

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.

Contacts: Colleen McClymont 027 527 7202 or Bob McClymont 027 527 7203 or mcclymont1@xtra.co.nz

Film Group – Mid-Week

Catches a film on the 1st and 3rd 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. This group is currently full, but if you wish to go on our waiting list, please email either Suzanne or Aidan whose contact details are below.

Contacts: Suzanne Blumhardt: hatblum@xtra.co.nz or 384 7046

Aidan Kay: aidankaynz@gmail.com or 021 0282 2082

German Conversation

This friendly group meets 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

Music Appreciation Group

We meet on alternate Thursdays from 10 am until 12 noon 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.

Meeting dates for the second half of 2021:

July 29, August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23, October 21, November 4 & 18, December 2. Please note that we do not meet if the COVID level is 2 or above.

You can access some recent Music Appreciation programmes here.

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), on first and third Mondays and fifth Mondays (where applicable) each month at 2.00 pm. We are currently full.

Contact: Mark MacCallum, 022 582 3916 or markmaccalm@gmail.com

Sewing Group

This group is about enjoying the companionship, sharing of knowledge and inspiration of others in accomplishing sewing or other handicraft projects. The group meets 0900-1300 on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Bowling Club rooms of the Hataitai Community Centre (accessed by a few steps down from 157 Hataitai Rd).

Equipment required: Sewing machine, an extension cord and your current project – an ironing board and iron will be available on site. All are welcome to join us, and for all or some of the time during the morning.

Contact: Diane Morgan 027 672 9060 or email: diane.morgan@xtra.co.nz

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, and there is a short waiting list, but please contact Roger if you are interested in joining this group.

Contact: Roger Chapman 021 037 5622 or chaplaw42@gmail.com

Smart Phone Photography

Would you be interested in taking better pictures with your Smart Phone?

As a photographic enthusiast, Roger Urlwin has established a Smart Phone Photography Special Interest Group of 11 U3A members who meet weekly and also connect online. This is a great way to discover what else your phone can do, expand your skills and (re)discover your local indoor and outdoor environment. New members are welcome.

Contact: Roger Urlwin: roger.urlwin@gmail.com

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. 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. This group is currently full.

Contact: Paul Armstrong 476 6965 or paul.armstrong9@gmail.com

For New Groups

Anyone interested in leading/forming a new group please contact Linda Beckett 027 417 5838 or lbeckett0106@gmail.com

Linda Beckett
Special Interest Groups Co-ordinator

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AGENDA

**FOR THE 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC
TO BE HELD AT 10.00 am TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021
AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON**

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES
3. MINUTES of 27th Annual General Meeting held 27 October 2020
4. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The AGM will conclude at 10.30 am. It will be followed by a lecture by Dr Christopher Longhurst, entitled "*Moslems, Jews and Christians*".

Please email apologies to U3A Secretary Tricia Walbridge at tricia.walbridge@gmail.com



U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC

MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC. HELD AT 10.00 – 10.30am 27 OCTOBER 2020 AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON

1. Present

The President, Barbara Crump, welcomed 133 members, who had scanned their attendance, and visitors.

2. Apologies

Received from Geoff Atkinson, Jean Bretherton, Jan Cranston/Cranston Family, Mary Cull, Tom Farrar, Heather Gray, Teenah and John Handiside, Judith and Gordon Heeley, Bridget Hodgkinson, Neil and Dorothy Roulston, Colin Sarten, Margaret Trodahl, Jill and Malcolm Wheeler, Diana Winn, Alan Wright.

Moved Tony Thomson, seconded Judith Nathan that the apologies be accepted.

Carried

3. Minutes of 26th Annual General Meeting held 13 September 2019

Moved Gwen Levick, seconded Doug Helps, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 13 September 2019 and posted on the website be received and approved as a true record.

Carried

4. President's Annual Report

The President, Barbara Crump, noted her report was on the U3A website. She highlighted the following points in her report:

- The Embassy meetings had been greatly assisted by the Theatre staff and U3A members Ian Goodwin, Alan Wright, Anthony Fletcher. Zoom meetings were successfully held during the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions.
- She also acknowledged appreciation of the work done by the following U3A Committee members during the year – Tony Thomson (Treasurer); Robin Halliday, Rae Julian and Doug Helps (lecture programme coordination and the significance of this work as a cornerstone of U3A's programme); Dougal Congalton (reception, and Zoom statistics); Gwen Levick (membership – 1085 members at 26 October 2020, and website development with Aidan Kay); Heather Nelson (newsletter); Aidan Kay (events and visits); Alan Wright (special interest groups); Alison Dixie (further development of the new website); and Tricia Walbridge (secretary) whose energy, initiative and efficiency is highly valued; as well as Roger Chapman for his legal advice during the year.
- Victoria University Award – research by a subcommittee of the effectiveness of this Award and any alternatives to it, resulting in a Committee decision to discontinue the Award.
- Archiving of material prior to 2013 of U3A Wellington City, and its predecessor U3A Ohariu, with Wellington City Archive, and the contract signed with WCA providing ongoing access to the material.

Moved Barbara Crump, seconded Jill Goodwin, that the report of President Barbara Crump be accepted. **Carried**

5. Finance

The U3A accounts for the year ending 30 June 2020 had been posted on the website. Tony Thomson, Treasurer, reported that there was a healthy surplus of \$8,873.90 at YE 30 June 2020, in part due to no venue charges being made by the Embassy Theatre during the Covid-19 lockdown. He noted the sizeable increase in IT services costs due to the website upgrade.

Tony noted that the sizeable surplus meant that there was no need to implement the decision made at the 2019 AGM to increase the subscription, although some increase would likely be necessary at a future date.

The annual accounts had been approved and signed off by the Reviewer Debbie Mickell, a qualified accountant.

Moved Tony Thomson, seconded Joy McNicol, that the report of Treasurer Tony Thomson be accepted.

Carried

6. Amendment of U3A Rules

Barbara reported that, on the advice of U3A member and lawyer Roger Chapman, it was proposed to amend U3A Wellington City Rules by adding after Rule 6.8 new Rules 6.9.1, 6.9.2, and 6.9.3 providing for future AGMs being held by audio, audio and visual, or electronic communications, as alternatives, when necessary, to AGMs being held physically in person.

Moved Roger Chapman, seconded Rae Julian the amendment be accepted.

Carried

7. Committee Nominations

Barbara presented the names of the existing Committee members who were willing to be nominated to serve again, and the new names of the following who had also been nominated to the Committee – John Rutherford (Treasurer), Linda Beckett (Significant Interest Groups Co-ordinator), and Judith Nathan (Newsletter Co-ordinator and Editor).

She also acknowledged with appreciation the contributions of the following retiring Committee members – Tony Thomson, Heather Nelson, and Alan Wright.

The nominations of existing and new Committee members were approved unanimously.

The 2020/21 Committee is:

President: Barbara Crump

Secretary: Tricia Walbridge

Treasurer: John Rutherford

Membership Secretary: Gwen Levick

Newsletter Editor: Judith Nathan

Programme Co-ordinators Robin Halliday, Rae Julian, and Doug Helps (also Vice President)

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Dougal Congalton

Special Interest Groups Co-ordinator: Linda Beckett

Events Co-ordinator: Aidan Kay

Website Co-ordinator: Alison Dixie

8. General Business

- (i) Special thanks given to President Barbara Crump by Val Fergusson for all her work especially during the Covid-19 lockdown which ensured that the lecture programme continued online.

- (ii) Suggestion by Richard Scales that U3A make an ex gratia payment to the Embassy Theatre as a gesture of goodwill and support as no venue charge had been made to U3A during the lockdown.

This suggestion to be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 6 November 2020.

- (iii) Suggestion by John Maindonald that lectures be presented regularly by Zoom, alongside physical presentations, during normal times.

Barbara noted that the Committee had reviewed the Zoom lecture delivery and decided a return to the Embassy was best at this time due to contractual obligations with the Embassy Theatre, and also that a mix of Zoom and physical meetings could cause confusion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

President

Date

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Notes	YE 30 June 21	YE 30 June 2020
<u>Income</u>			
Subscriptions	1	48,068.10	40,000.00
Lectures (Visitors)	2	1,212.70	1,077.00
Functions	3	5,750.00	30.00
Bank Interest		1,241.44	1,647.73
Total Income		56,272.24	42,754.73
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Rent - Embassy	4	23,600.00	14,500.00
Book Vouchers		5,130.00	4,185.50
Functions	5	6,175.99	1,383.74
SIGs - Rent and Other Expenses		3,655.02	3,013.50
Donations	6	205.00	300.00
Newsletter Expenses		309.35	241.74
Postage & Stationery		559.85	304.78
IT Equipment & Services	7	4,461.92	6,910.35
Other Equipment		-	20.64
Sundry	8	3,671.47	3,020.58
Total Expenditure		47,768.60	33,880.83
Surplus / (Deficit)		8,503.64	8,873.90
FINANCIAL POSITION		as at 30 June 21	as at 30 June 20
<u>Bank Accounts and Cash Balances</u>			
Westpac 01 Account		22,040.43	33,022.21
Westpac 02 Account		12,992.13	1,749.29
Westpac Term Deposits		49,062.48	48,048.73
Paypal Account	9	9,363.23	2,079.40
Petty Cash		50.00	105.00
Total Bank Accounts and Cash		93,508.27	85,004.63
CASH FLOWS		YE 30 June 21	YE 30 June 20
Opening Cashbook Balance		85,004.63	76,130.73
Surplus / (Deficit)		8,503.64	8,873.90
Closing Cashbook Balance		93,508.27	85,004.63
Add Incomplete Payments		-	-
Closing Bank Accounts & Cash		93,508.27	85,004.63

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021**

Notes:

1. Total Subscription income in the financial year was 20% greater than in the previous year.
2. While there was an adverse impact from the suspension of lectures at the Embassy as a result of Covid-19 Level restrictions on the size of gatherings in the 2020-2021 year, this was less than in the previous 2019-2020 year.
3. All functions, other than the Volunteers' Christmas Cocktails, are organised on a 'break-even' basis. (Payments to the James Cook hotel for the mid-Winter lunch on 2 July 2021, and almost all of the payments by U3A members to attend the luncheon occurred before the end of June and are included in this reporting period).
4. Although lectures at the Embassy were suspended (and presented via Zoom) during relevant Covid-19 Level restrictions that took place during the financial year; this was less than in the previous 2019-2020 year.
5. Payment to the James Cook hotel for the mid-Winter lunch on 2 July 2021, and almost all of the payments by U3A members to attend the luncheon occurred before the end of June and are included in this reporting period.
6. The 2021 figure was for one instance where a lecture presenter requested a donation to a relevant charity be made in place of the gift of a book token, and another where a book token was considered an inappropriate gift so the value of a book token was gifted in lieu.
7. Includes the purchase of a replacement computer (\$1,063.75) for the front desk, along with improvements and enhancements to the associated programme as well as \$187.47 for Zoom subscriptions used during the short duration Covid-19 Level restrictions referred to in note 4.
8. Includes Paypal Charges \$1,696.27, Public Liability Insurance \$711.90 and PO Box rental \$205.00.
9. \$10,000 was transferred to the 01 a/c after balance date