



### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

We have much to celebrate over the past year as we have managed to continue and enjoy our U3A activities despite Covid again changing the way we do things.

#### **Lecture Programme**

This year all 15 Term 1 lectures went ahead via Zoom. By 3 May the change to the Orange Traffic Light setting meant we could return to the Embassy. The Committee were thrilled to see a large crowd attending with such enjoyment at once being part of a group activity enjoying stimulating lectures. To date we have continued with high attendance numbers at the Embassy and are enjoying the new lobby renovations.

A great deal of organisation goes into our lecture programme. Key people include our four Programme Coordinators, Robin Halliday, Gill Sutherland, Doug Helps and Philip Harrison. They have done a great job in trying circumstances; at times having to find a replacement for a scheduled presenter at short notice. The presenters are ably assisted by our audio sound expert, Ian Goodwin and on occasion Anthony Fletcher. Paul Armstrong and Faith Atkins send the weekly emailed lecture reminders and the athletic microphone 'runners', Bruce Levick, Ian Goodwin and Glenda Lewis facilitate questions.

Jeannie Buxton, Volunteer Coordinator, and volunteers who welcome and scan membership cards are very much appreciated. Towards the end of the year Jeannie will check with this year's volunteers and invite them to continue their commitment for 2023. Please contact Jeannie if you can help on the desk.

We continue to enjoy the support of Manager, Caleb Button, and Technician Darryl Burnard who sets up the sound and projection facilities. We will shortly be organising dates for next year's lectures. Your contribution is to let us know ideas of speakers and topics for our 2023 programme!

#### **Finances**

The financial statement for the year ending 30 June 2022 is available in this Newsletter. Treasurer, John Rutherford, provides the Committee with regular financial reports and notes a surplus for the year ending 30 June 2022 of \$8,712.00. A contributing factor to this surplus is the lower cost of the online lectures for Term 1. The Annual Accounts Report will be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting and then submitted to Charities Services.

#### **Membership**

The winter months of June and July keep our very efficient Membership Secretary, Gwen Levick, busy with subscription renewals. The remaining weeks in August allow a grace period of membership. From September U3A all activities will require current membership.

#### **Visits and Events**

Sue Dale, Events Coordinator, has done a great job with a varied holiday events programme. Sue managed to navigate the difficult circumstances caused by Covid that limited some options. Thank you, Sue.

#### **Website and Newsletter**

Alison Dixie, Website Administrator, and Rae Julian, Newsletter Editor, keeps us updated with the lecture programme, Special Interest Groups and the latest news. Thank you both for keeping communication lines open.

#### **Special Interest Groups (SIG)**

Our Coordinator, Linda Beckett, is very keen to hear from you if you wish to start a new group (or a second group where there is a waiting list for an existing group). Linda keeps SIG Leaders informed and we very much appreciate her liaison with this important tier of U3A Wellington activities.

#### **Committee**

At the Annual General Meeting three of our long-serving Committee members are 'retiring' after five very busy years. Membership Secretary, Gwen Levick, has done a wonderful, efficient job of keeping the membership database current, responding to members' queries and contributing thoughtful and considered

opinions at our Committee meetings. Programme Coordinators Robin Halliday and Doug Helps (also Vice President) have done a superb job with 'staffing' the lecture programme. Always willing to go that extra mile, they have been dependable and responsible for sourcing and organising many of our speakers. We very much appreciate the valuable contribution the three retirees have made. Their retirement means that we have three vacancies and I am pleased to say that we have received nominations for these.

I am most fortunate in working with 12 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 successful nominees and the committee members who have been nominated for re-election at the AGM.

**Barbara Crump**

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Our membership continues to grow, with the following new members having joined since the end of May: Jane Muru, Margaret Calder, Ian MacDuff, Janet Pascoe, Helen Hanify, Ronald Fone, Paul Williamson, Judith Stehr, Mary Peacock, Margaret Peck, Winifred Bain, John Comerford, Robert Morris, Elizabeth McDonald, Jackie McAuliffe, Trish Ford, Maria Albert, Lynley Wilson, Paul O'Regan, Janice Tijssen, Brian and Sally Hasell, Heather Millar, Pat Flanagan, Kevin and Angela Arlidge, Angela and Rob Vanderpoel, Julie McMeeken, Neil Saunders, Margaret Foden, Alyson Howell, Judy Alexander, Kevin Allan, Valerie Moriarty, Joanne Lentfer, Elizabeth Somerville, Sudha Shenoy, Alex Matheson, Steven Stipkovits, Rennie Lovell, Alistair Gordon, David Werry, Lani Morris, Jenny McIntosh, Julie Ferguson, Karen Rhind, Veronique Vervoort, Merv Dacre, Kasia Gil, Carolyn Scott, Janet Hunt, Trish Munro, Sally Jackman, Judyth Thomas, Peter Gates, Celia Spencer, Karen and Mike Johnston, Andrew Peacocke, Lois Henderson, Jo Watson, Claude Kahn and Rosemary Wilson.

Total membership at 1 August is 1204, including those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2022-23. If your membership status is in the grace period, please renew it before 31 August, when your current membership will expire. If you are uncertain about your membership status, please contact me at [membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz](mailto:membership@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz)

***New members, please be aware that the waiting time for membership cards has increased. Cards are ordered in batches and we are charged fixed set-up, data handling and courier fees, irrespective of the size of the order. It is therefore more economical to order a larger number of cards.***

Attendance at lectures has more than met expectations since we returned to the Embassy Theatre after Covid regulations changed to allow an unlimited number to attend. Many of the lectures attracted an audience of over 200 with a recent record of 281.

**Gwen Levick**

## **LECTURE PROGRAMME**

**Lectures are usually held at the Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Terrace  
from 10.30 am until 11.45 am on Tuesdays and Fridays.**

**TERM 3** Tuesday 16 August to Friday 30 September

**TERM 4** Tuesday 18 October to Friday 4 November

Sometimes the advertised lectures may change. If so, an update will be made under **Lecture Programmes** on the U3A Wellington City website. Owing to potential Covid 19 restrictions, the lecture may need to be presented by Zoom. Members will be notified if this change becomes necessary.

**Tuesday 16 August**

**David Howman**

**Drugs use in sport**

David Howman was 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 respectable and united global organisation responsible for regulating and monitoring world sports and world governments. Before this David practised as a barrister specialising in sport law. He will talk on the subject of drugs in sport and related issues.

**Friday 19 August**

**Abbas Nazari**

**My journey from Afghanistan to New Zealand**

Abbas Nazari is a former Afghan refugee who fled the Taliban in 2001. Abbas was one of more than 400 asylum seekers who were rescued by the Norwegian container ship, the MV Tampa, in the Indian Ocean in 2001. After being denied asylum in Australia and held offshore for weeks by Australian special forces, Abbas and his family were eventually resettled in New Zealand. In 2019 he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship where he has just completed a Master's at Georgetown University in Washington DC. He has published a memoir, *After the Tampa: From Afghanistan to New Zealand*, which has received critical acclaim and become a bestseller. Abbas will speak about his journey, his experiences of thriving in a foreign country, and some lessons learned along the way. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signature (\$40). Cash / Eftpos available.

**Tuesday 23 August**

**Michael Stewart**

**Working with choirs**

Michael Stewart is a leading choir conductor and concert organist. As well as being the organist and director of music at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, he is director of the Tudor Consort, an early music ensemble, and deputy director of the NZ Youth Choir. He will discuss his career working with these groups.

**Friday 26 August**

**Professor Heidi Thomson**

**The palliative poetics of Keats' poetry and letters**

Heidi is Professor Emeritus at Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington. She was born and educated in Belgium, studied as a Fulbright Student in the US, and has recently retired from Te Herenga Waka after 31 years in the English Programme. She works primarily on topics in British Romanticism and has published widely on the life and works of Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Keats. This lecture follows Heidi's 2018 discussion of Keats' medical career explaining how his poetic vision is rooted in a palliative medical vision. She will focus primarily on the golden Autumn of 1819, when Keats spent time in Winchester and went for daily walks to the Hospital of St Cross.

**Tuesday 30 August**

**Edith Diggle**

**An artist's journey**

Edith dreamed of being an artist, but her family, career and community commitments kept her very busy until 1994 when she joined the Titisi Painters in Auckland. In 2001 at the Titirangi Art Exhibition her acrylic titled "Sentinels" depicting nikau, was voted the most popular painting by public choice. She was also voted the most popular artist. She won the "Best of the West" art award with an evocative misty Piha scene, called "Ozone". A life member of the Titirangi Painters and a member of the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts, Edith now lives in Island Bay. She will talk about her early interest in art and her progress through the years as she developed techniques to extend her art in many directions. This will be illustrated by photographs of her paintings and other creative projects.

**Friday 2 September**

**Eldred Gilbert**

**Disasters – major disruption. Surviving to thriving – the Hummingly story**

Coming from a long career in health Eldred, who is based in Wellington, is the 'backstop' of the Hummingly team. Hummingly is a New Zealand owned-and-operated business that combines collective experience in disaster management with cognitive science and the insights of 100 crisis leaders from around the world. Eldred will introduce us to the Hummingly story of innovation in disaster and major disruption e.g. Indonesian Tsunami, Christchurch Earthquake, working with Australian Red Cross and Covid. The Hummingly tools, resources and other strategies include "Doing Well", "Cards for Calamity" and where is major disruption, "Emergence in Emergency".

**Tuesday 6 September**

**Daran Ponter**

**Three Waters Update**

Daran is Chair of the Wellington Regional Council. He has a BA Honours in sociology and geography from Massey University and a Master's in Public Policy from Victoria University. He was a regional planner for Bay of Plenty and moved to Wellington in the mid-1990s to work for the Regional Council. Daran also spent nine years with Te Puni Kokiri including responsibility for establishing the Maori Television Service. He then worked in public policy consultancy. He was elected to the Regional Council in 2010, and was confirmed as Chair in 2019.

**Friday 9 September**

**Professor Susy Frankel**

***Title to be advised***

Professor Susy Frankel is an international research leader and preeminent New Zealand-based scholar in international intellectual property law and its links with international trade, as well as the protection of indigenous people's knowledge. She is Chair in Intellectual Property and International Trade at the School of Law at Victoria University of Wellington. Susy's scholarship has influenced the development of New Zealand's intellectual property law and the interpretation of international agreements in the formation of domestic policy.

**Tuesday 13 September** *To be advised*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Juliet Moses**

**A mainstream Jewish perspective on Israel and its place in the world and Jewish identity**

Juliet Moses is the spokesperson for the New Zealand Jewish Council and regularly appears in the media talking about antisemitism and other matters relevant to the Jewish community. She is a trustee of the Astor Foundation, which works to maintain a peaceful and harmonious society in New Zealand, addressing issues arising from extremism and religious and ethnic hatred. Juliet is a partner at TGT Legal, a law firm based in Auckland. The state of Israel attracts a great deal of attention, controversy, passion and misunderstanding. Juliet will seek to contextualise the state, in terms of its history, its position geopolitically, and how the vast majority of Jewish people view and connect to Israel.

**Tuesday 20 September**

**Bill Day**

**Our new Wellington Children's Hospital**

Bill has been a prominent participant in the charitable sector for the past 30 years. He is currently Chair of the Wellington Hospitals Foundation, a charity he formed in 2005 at the request of the then Chair of the Capital and Coast District Health Board, the late Bob Henare. In 2016 Bill discussed the prospect of a new Regional Children's Hospital with Wellington property developer, Mark Dunajtschik, which led to Mark's agreement to donate \$50M for the project. Bill will talk about the journey from conception to the proposed opening of the Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the "Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood" building.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Susan Paris and Kate de Goldi**

**Bringing back the Annuals: An old school solution to a modern problem**

Kate De Goldi reviewed and discussed children's literature on national radio for twenty years. She spends time in schools throughout Aotearoa, promoting reading and teaching creative writing. She writes fiction for all ages and has published ten books. Susan Paris has been the commissioning editor of the School Journal for the last fifteen years, collaborating with a diverse range of authors and illustrators. Together in 2016, Susan and Kate established Annual Ink, a children's publishing company. Their sixth book, a miscellany of commissioned work, is due to be released in September. Two of Annual Ink's books won best young adult book and best book by a first-time author at the 2020 New Zealand Children and Young People's Book Awards.

**Tuesday 27 September**

**Dr Nicola Day**

**Fire ecology in Aotearoa New Zealand: how plants and soils respond to fires.**

Dr Nicola Day is a lecturer in plant biology in the School of Biological Sciences at Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington. Her research focuses on the impacts of disturbances on plants and soil fungi, plant-soil interactions, and ecosystem function. Nicola will overview some of the adaptations that plants and fungi have to fire disturbance and what constitutes a resilient ecosystem. She will draw on case studies from boreal forests to compare and contrast with NZ grasslands in terms of ecological responses to fire.

**Friday 30 September**

**Patrick O'Donoghue**

**What can we do about plastics? Innovation in Aotearoa New Zealand**

Patrick is National Sales Manager, Pact Group (Flight Plastics) covering the transition of materials to provide the NZ-RPET (recycled polyethylene terephthalate) solution to the marketplace for food grade packaging. Flight Plastics as a business unit of Pact Packaging operates the only food grade recycling plant in New Zealand, taking kerbside collected clear PET recycling and processing it through to new finished goods packaging. This includes a fully integrated recycling, extrusion and thermoforming programme that provides food grade RPET (recycled PET) packaging to the Meat, Bakery, FMCG, Nursery and Produce sectors.



**Tuesday 18th October**

**Dr Emily Beausoleil, Kathleen Winter and Jo Randerson**

**Learning to listen**

Emily is a political theorist at Victoria University who was awarded a Royal Society award for research that seeks to enhance equality and voice in diverse communities. "Nobody WINZ" is film project that seeks to express the experiences of beneficiaries navigating the welfare system in Aotearoa NZ. Filmmaker Kathleen Winter and writer/dramatist Jo Randerson have worked with a cast of comedians to reinterpret and re-enact real life by exploring how people people's stories. They have joined Emily to explore how acting can move people to understand and change systems that create inequalities in society. They will explain the project and process, screening a short film, and asking the audience for their responses. This will be through a discussion and short survey at the end of the screening. This feedback will directly guide further work on this project.

**Friday 21 October**

**Jeffrey Clarke**

**Topic to be advised**

Jeffrey Clarke was previously General Manager Advocacy and General Counsel at New Zealand Winegrowers. He was appointed as Chief Executive of the Bragato Research Institute in Blenheim from its inception in June 2021. His work as general legal counsel included the original contracts to establish BRI, as well as ongoing advocacy and legal support.

**Tuesday 25 October**

**Marie Russell and Christine Richardson**

**Big game hunting in Aotearoa New Zealand**

Marie worked as a librarian, broadcaster and most recently as a Public Health researcher at the University of Otago in Wellington. She is now focusing on the impacts and issues of large animal hunting in Aotearoa NZ. Christine has worked in a variety of roles in government, NGOs and the tertiary education sector. Now retired, she is spending more time investigating environmental issues in Aotearoa NZ. They will outline some of the history of hunting large animals as well as discussing controversies surrounding strongly held views on the various aspects of the hunting debate.

**Friday 28 October**

**Professor Tony Ward**

**What's going on? Theory and Practice Challenges in Correctional Psychology**

Professor Tony Ward is a clinical psychologist and has been working in the clinical and forensic field since 1989. He was formerly Director of the Kia Marama Sexual Offenders Unit at Rolleston Prison in New Zealand, and is currently Professor of Clinical Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington. Tony's current research interests include modelling symptoms of psychopathology, evidence-based practice, and developing explanations of crime and its related problems. He is the developer of the Good Lives Model of correctional intervention which has been very influential in changing the way correctional and forensic rehabilitation is viewed nationally and internationally. Tony's model demonstrates that identifying the strengths of individuals who have committed crimes and putting those strengths to good use can motivate them to both develop positive skills in other areas and decrease their motivation to offend. He will identify and discuss some of these urgent theoretical, assessment, and treatment challenges within the criminal justice domain.

**Tuesday 1 November To be advised**

**Friday 4 November**

**Professor Giovanni Russello**

**Cybersecurity and the human factor**

Dr Giovanni Russello is an Associate Professor and the Head of the School of Computer Science at the University of Auckland. Giovanni is directing the Cyber Security Research Programme, a multi-million project funded by the Ministry of Business and Innovation (MBIE) to improve the cybersecurity stance of New Zealand. He is the founding Director of the Cyber Security Foundry, the first New Zealand multi-disciplinary centre in Cyber Security aiming at improving the collaboration between industry and academia. Phishing attacks are expected to cost the global economy US\$20 billion in 2022 alone, and that number is only projected to increase. Most people are still confronting potentially dangerous emails almost daily. Current user-based interventions aren't solving the problem either. Giovanni's team want to focus on a different approach: the individuals involved and the circumstances in which they receive and deal with phishing attacks.

## LOCATING LECTURE SLIDES FROM OUR WEBSITE

Do you know that the slides used by some lecture presenters are archived on our website? Not all lecturers give their permission for us to make their slides publicly available but many do. Here is a step-guide to finding the lectures:

1. Type into your browser (Chrome, Firefox, etc): [www.ugawellingtoncity.org.nz](http://www.ugawellingtoncity.org.nz)
2. Hover the pointer over the tab **Lecture & Events** - **found** on the top menu
3. Move the pointer to the bottom of the drop-down menu and click on **Lecture Archive**
4. The text: *2022 Archive (thus far) appears*, starting with our first lecture by Dame Claudia Orange.
5. Scroll down and you will see many of the lecture slides available for viewing.

***Note that the slides are uploaded in batches so are not immediately available. For instance, our final lecture's slides have not yet been uploaded.***

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### **Overview of the period – May to August**

The spirit and resilience of our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) is in evidence with most groups which had been zooming or in abeyance during the February to May period, having resumed meetings in person. However, Covid continues to influence the style of interactions with SIGs members continuing to protect each other through spacing and mask wearing. Hopefully, at least this partial resumption of freedom will last if the current downward trend in case numbers continues.

### **Weekend Film Group**

Our grateful thanks to Bob and Colleen McClymont who, for 7 years, have convened the Weekend Film group which meets monthly at the Penthouse. Bob and Colleen have now stepped down from that role, but remain in the group. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my own thanks to both Colleen and Bob who have been lovely to work with and very supportive of me in my role. (Linda)

### **Te Reo Māori Group**

The second beginners' course has been completed and the third, which is due to start on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, is now fully subscribed. Please see the website for Libby's contact details if you wish to make enquiries about future courses.

### **Walking Groups**

Since Covid regulations have been partially eased, all three Walking Groups have been able to get together to discuss health and safety precautions and update their practice guidelines. With general agreement over these, the guidelines have now been drawn up and distributed to all three groups. This had become more necessary (especially for Groups 2 and 3) due to the increasing length and variety of walking locations and terrain. To contribute further to our health and safety requirements, we have also put together first aid kits (one each for Walking Groups 2 and 3) and held a meeting to familiarise ourselves with this equipment and its uses, as well as to discuss first aid measures and the use of the Personal Locator Beacon. We are grateful to the Committee for enabling these measures to be taken.

### **Profiling Walking Group 2:**

On Mondays, location wise, Group 2 can be anywhere from Waikanae or Kaitoke in the north to Pencarrow or Red Rocks on the South Coast. This is a great way to start the week – good company, 'great explorations' (apologies to Charles Dickens) and exercise in the (sometimes very) fresh air. Group 2 walks are now often on more challenging terrain, sometimes in the bush and from time to time on the occasionally very windy skyline. They are also longer and most often include a picnic or café stop at the end of the walk. But because pictures are worth a thousand words....





23 May 2022 - View over the Hutt taken on our Kaitoke tramp

See below a selection of photos from our Nga Manu trip, which 13 of us accessed by taking the train to Waikanae, walking on Waikanae country roads to and from the bird sanctuary and picnicking in the grounds after our stroll through the bush tracks at Nga Manu's bird sanctuary.

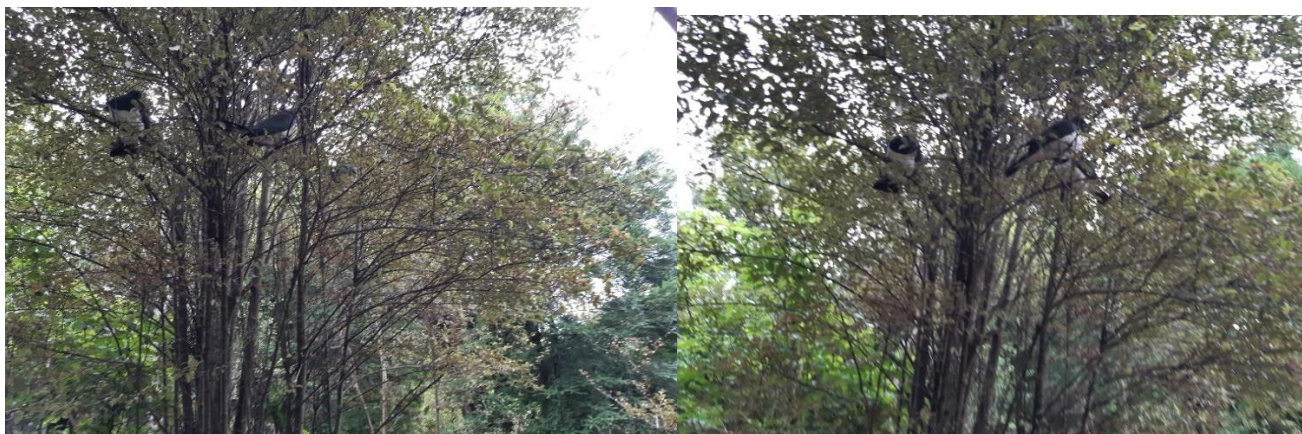


7 July Nga Manu Reccie: 'Unreciprocated interest'



Views of Waikanae and Nga Manu grounds from the Nga Manu tower 25<sup>th</sup> July





And lastly 2 opportunities to spot the 3 kereru.

***Linda Beckett***

## **VISITS AND EVENTS**

### **Matariki luncheon**

A successful Matariki luncheon was held at the James Cook hotel on the 1st July. It was attended by 50 people who enjoyed their welcome drink, their three- course buffet meal and hearing the very personable speaker, Senior Sergeant Philip Pithyou. He gave a very lively presentation on the challenges of policing the many cultural strands which make up New Zealand society today.

### **Inter-holiday event**

It was also in July that we trialled inter-holiday events with a day trip to Featherston Booktown, an annual literary festival revived only this year. We travelled by train, lunched at the historic Royal Featherston Hotel then went off to our various events including a High Tea and interview with gardening expert Lynda Hallinan, a talk by Fiona Kidman and sessions on new war and tramping books, returning on the 5.25 train. Despite a long day and inclement weather, we all had a very good time. There is obviously an audience for these ad hoc events, of which there are many in the Wellington region. In future I will confine them to city events in winter.

### **August holiday events.**

We have just completed the first week of our August holiday programme with three standout visits to the beautifully renovated Victorian villa of Tricia and Jonathan Briscoe in Mount Victoria to see their extensive New Zealand art collection. Three groups of twenty members took part in these tours, generating \$1240, which was donated to The New Zealand National Portrait Gallery.

It is obvious from this experience, and that of visiting the Gillies' home and Garden of National Significance, that this is the sort of visit which our members most enjoy. I will arrange more in future

Another August holiday event which was popular was a guided tour of The Supreme Court, attended by eighteen people. It was followed by lunch at the Old Bailey, attended by twelve people. The Briscoe visits were followed by lunch and afternoon tea at the Cambridge Hotel. Members very much enjoyed experiencing these old Wellington pubs and getting to know each other.

The programme concludes at the end of next week, with a guided tour of the Robin White retrospective at Te Papa on Monday 4th, and the Three Documents tour at the National Library on Thursday 11th August. Both will be followed by lunch - at the Backbencher after our visit to the National Library.

### **Another ad hoc event**

Another inter-holiday event is planned for the first week in September. It is a curator tour of The Bank of New Zealand art collection at Webb's Auction House. A glass of Prosecco and canapes will be offered as part of the very modest charge.

### **Summer events.**

I am busy planning summer events including a bus trip to Cape Palliser via Featherston, Lake Ferry and the quaint fishing village of Ngawi. Lunch will again be at the historic Royal Featherston Hotel.

I am sounding out two separate trips to historic homes in the Wairarapa and Rangitikei regions. There is always something to do in Wellington! As always, suggestions from members are very welcome.

***Sue Dale***



## OTHER NEWS



Kia ora all U3A throughout New Zealand

As a result of many emails lately on various U3A related subjects and a suggestion that came from a U3A member, we have decided to open a new feature on this website with a monthly new topic on a Message Board. Also we will be able to pass on ideas to make the running of your U3A easier.

We will share local U3A feedback on message board topics, Similar to a "Blog" but under editor control, it's also a chance for all your membership to share their expertise on subjects beneficial to nearly every U3A in New Zealand. The Message board will be updated regularly and new topics monthly, Historical content will remain available for U3As to use. Anyone responding to topics can decide to be credited or remain anonymous. Refer <https://www.u3a.nz> for more details.

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Citizens Advice Bureau Newtown is looking for volunteers. The work with CAB is varied and detailed. All volunteers go through a comprehensive training programme both face to face and via our online portal. They also observe in the bureau and progress through to being mentored as they join the rostered volunteers. Additional to this we run monthly training sessions for all volunteers to keep them up to date with latest developments. Though this has been disrupted due to Covid19. Contact [manager.newtown@cab.org.nz](mailto:manager.newtown@cab.org.nz) for more information

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Tuesday 13 September, 10.00 – 10.30am  
Venue: Embassy Theatre, Kent Terrace, Wellington

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 28th Annual General Meeting held 19 October 2021
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. The presenter of the lecture following the AGM will be advised soon. Please email apologies to U3A Secretary Tricia Walbridge at [tricia.walbridge@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.walbridge@gmail.com)

### COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS 2022/2023

The U3A Wellington City Committee is appointed annually and nominations are approved at the AGM. There are three retiring Committee members, as reported in the President's report above, and nominations have been received for their successors. The remaining members of the Committee are willing to stand again and their nominations have been received. Any further nominations, signed by a Proposer and Seconder, should be sent to the Secretary, Tricia Walbridge [tricia.walbridge@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.walbridge@gmail.com) or 2A Mairangi Road, Wellington 6012 at least seven days prior to the AGM.

### MINUTES OF THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 10.00 – 10.20 AM, 19 OCTOBER 2021 AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON

#### 1. Present

The President, Barbara Crump, welcomed members, who had scanned their attendance, and visitors. A quorum was confirmed.

## **2. Apologies**

Received from Allison Cattnach, Mary Munro, Chantal Pearce, Neil and Dorothy Roulston, Tony and Helen Thomson.

Moved Judith Nathan, seconded Ian Goodwin that the apologies be accepted. Carried

## **3. Minutes of 27th Annual General Meeting held 27 October 2020**

Moved Gwen Levick, seconded Anthony Fletcher, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 October 2020 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:

- ☐ 17 of the year's 58 planned lectures were delivered on Zoom due to Covid alert levels.
- ☐ Acknowledgement and appreciation of the extra work the move to Zoom placed on the Programme Co-ordinators Rae, Robin and Doug; of the assistance given by the Embassy Manager and Technician; and by Ian Goodwin, Anthony Fletcher and Tony Thomson to those lecturers presenting at the Embassy. Thanks also to Dougal Congalton and his front of house team, and Roger Chapman for his weekly emailing of the next week's lectures and for his comments on legal matters.
- ☐ Acknowledgement of the work of John Rutherford, Treasurer whose report followed.
- ☐ Current membership was nearly 1,100 and special thanks to Gwen Levick as the very efficient Membership Secretary.
- ☐ The excellent work of Linda Beckett for her very efficient co-ordination of the Special Interest Groups, including the introduction a new Bylaw to assist group leaders.
- ☐ The recent member survey conducted by Rae Julian with its 381 responses and 91% satisfaction level. A summary of the full survey is accessed via a link on the website.

Moved Barbara Crump, seconded Rae Julian, that the report of President Barbara Crump be accepted. Carried

## **5. Finance**

John Rutherford, Treasurer, noted that the U3A financial statements and associated notes for the year ending 30 June 2021, as prepared for review, had been posted on the website. The annual accounts had been approved and signed off by the Reviewer Debbie Mickell, a qualified accountant. They are therefore now final and will be submitted to Charities Services.

John highlighted the following:

- ☐ A surplus for the financial year of \$8,503.64, thanks to increased membership, an increase in the annual subscription, and a move to Zoom for some lectures, thus saving on the Embassy rental.
- ☐ Thank to his predecessor as Treasurer, Tony Thomson, for his insights and advice.

Moved John Rutherford, seconded Doug Helps, that the report of Treasurer John Rutherford be accepted. Carried

## **6. Committee Nominations**

Barbara presented the names of the existing Committee members who were willing to be nominated to serve again, those who were retiring from the Committee, and the new names of the following who had been nominated to join the Committee – Philip Harrison and Gill Sutherland (Programme Co-ordinators), Jeannie Buxton (Volunteer Co-ordinator), and Sue Dale (Events Co-ordinator). In addition, Rae Julian had been nominated as Newsletter Co-ordinator and Editor, moving from Programme Co-ordinator. She acknowledged with appreciation the contributions of the following retiring Committee members – Dougal Congalton, Aidan Kay and Judith Nathan.

Doug Helps took the chair for the nomination of Barbara Crump as President for the 2021/22 year. Barbara was proposed as President for the 2021/22 year by Doug, seconded by Tricia and approved unanimously. The nominations of existing and new Committee members were proposed by Barbara, seconded by Tricia and approved unanimously.

The **2021/22 Committee** is:

President Barbara Crump

Secretary Tricia Walbridge

Treasurer John Rutherford

Membership Secretary Gwen Levick

Newsletter Co-ordinator and Editor Rae Julian

Programme Co-ordinators Robin Halliday, Doug Helps (also Vice President), Philip Harrison, Gill Sutherland

Volunteer Co-ordinator Jeannie Buxton

Special Interest Groups Linda Beckett Co-ordinator

Events Co-ordinator Sue Dale

## 8. General Business

(i) Barbara announced that Aidan Kay was starting a new medium paced Walking Group, the Five Senses Walking Group, which would meet on a Monday or Wednesday, and would focus on Wellington bush tracks. Aidan added that details would be on the website and that he would contact all current U3A walkers to ascertain their interest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20am.

### Financial Statement (As prepared for review)

U3A WELLINGTON CITY INCORPORATED			
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022			
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Notes	YE 30 June 22	YE 30 June 2021
<u>Income</u>			
Subscriptions	1	41,060.10	48,068.10
Lectures (Visitors)	2	600.00	1,212.70
Functions	3	5,838.00	5,750.00
Bank Interest		483.82	1,241.44
Other	4	16.00	-
Total Income		47,997.92	56,272.24
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Rent - Embassy	5	17,050.00	23,600.00
Book Vouchers		5,824.00	5,130.00
Functions	3	6,000.94	6,175.99
SIGs - Rent and Other Expenses		4,245.37	3,655.02
Donations	6	405.00	205.00
Newsletter Expenses		418.91	309.35
Postage & Stationery		323.40	559.85
IT Equipment & Services	7	2,383.98	4,461.92
Other Equipment		-	-
Sundry	8	2,634.32	3,671.47
Total Expenditure		39,285.92	47,768.60
Surplus / (Deficit)		8,712.00	8,503.64
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		as at 30 June 22	as at 30 June 21
<u>Bank Accounts and Cash Balances</u>			
Westpac 01 Account		27,537.03	22,040.43
Westpac 02 Account		14,252.76	12,992.13
Westpac Term Deposits		49,375.13	49,062.48
Paypal Account	9	11,005.35	9,363.23
Petty Cash		50.00	50.00
Total Bank Accounts and Cash		102,220.27	93,508.27
<b>CASH FLOWS</b>		YE 30 June 22	YE 30 June 21
Opening Cashbook Balance		93,508.27	85,004.63
Surplus / (Deficit)		8,712.00	8,503.64
Closing Cashbook Balance		102,220.27	93,508.27
Add Incomplete Payments		-	-
Closing Bank Accounts & Cash		102,220.27	93,509.27

### Notes:

1. Subscription income in the financial year was about 15% less than that in the previous year. (Due to timing factors, this is not an indicator of membership numbers)
2. The continuing adverse impact from the suspension of lectures at the Embassy as a result of Covid related restrictions in the 2021-2022 year resulted in visitor fees banked during the year being 50% of those banked in the previous (2020-2021) year.
3. All functions, other than the Volunteers' Christmas Cocktails, are organised on a 'break-even' basis. There were a number of functions for which there were charges in the reporting period (including the 2022 Midwinter Lunch) but, apart from the final payment of \$1,700 for the Midwinter Lunch on 1st July 2022 not being invoiced until that day (and being the first payment of the 2022-2023 financial year), all income and expenditure relating these functions occurred in the 2021-2022 financial year.
4. This income is from members who made unnecessary payments and have chosen to not take up the offer of a refund.
5. As in the two previous financial years, several lectures at the Embassy were suspended (and presented via Zoom) for the Covid-19 lockdowns that took place during the financial year, significantly reducing expenditure.



6. The 2021- 2022 expenditure 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 donation was made to a relevant charity associated with a person who provided services to U3A.
7. Expenditure in 2021/2022 is less than in the previous financial year during which the costs of a replacement computer for the front desk and relevant improvements to the associated programme were incurred.
8. Includes Paypal Charges of \$1,427.98 and Public Liability Insurance of \$711.85.
9. \$8,400 was transferred to the Westpac 01 a/c after balance date.