

# HIBISCUS COAST U3A



## NEWSLETTER April 02

### Committee:

President – Gerald Warner 4265744

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Next Meeting - Monday 15th April 10 a.m.

Speaker will be Judy Harre –

“First Time Expatriate: Six Years in Shanghai”

Presbyterian Church Hall, 32 Waiora Rd. – Parking down driveway

This promises to be a very interesting talk. There will also be a report from Joe Williamson on the Tauranga Conference.

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\*\*\*This meeting will be our AGM – but don't let that put you off! That part will be very quick and informal. There is still time to get your nominations in. If you have no longer got the slip that was part of the last newsletter, just write your own and send to Secretary. Nominations can also be taken from the floor provided the nominee is present and agrees.

Subs are now due. Quite a few have already been paid but if yours is not among them then please post to the Treasurer - Nonie Coates 28/441 Whangaparaoa Rd or have your cheque at the ready for the April meeting. The subscription remains at \$25 single or \$40 for a couple, and the year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

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### A Word from your President

Words of wisdom from the President? Certainly not! But words of approbation and encouragement - certainly! It is good to hear your various convenors report interesting activities from the miscellaneous groups, with some changes of personnel as well as absorbing our new members.

With the domestic economic outlook in election year looking more positive, and the U.S. slowly overcoming its post 9/11 angst, one may be excused for harbouring some long overdue optimism, although the chief world trouble spot, the Middle East, continues to smolder. No doubt, our various current affairs groups will continue to have a lot of interesting material for their discussions.

Finally a note for our forthcoming AGM: even if not standing or nominating for office, at least come prepared for comments, criticism, and/or suggestions.

*Gerald*



Tea Duty - Writing for Grandchildren



There will be a notice board available at all the General Meetings on which you can put any notices regarding U3A matters.

**Memorabilia wanted!!!** Jeune and Ray are putting together a record of the beginnings and progress of Hibiscus Coast U3A and would like any copies of photos or other useful stuff which would help them. If you have anything available, please phone Jeune or Ray at 4266615.

**News from the Study Groups:-**

There is interest in forming a new group to venture Out and About on weekends. This may appeal most to those without family commitments, who would like to share company at such things as concerts, exhibitions, wine festivals etc. Joyce Chapman has agreed to assemble a provisional list of those interested, to see what enthusiasm is generated, so phone her on 4264772.

(a) **Ancient History** meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am - next meeting will be at Bev Liddells on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, anyone interested please phone Nonie Coates 4240730

(b) **Antiques & Collectables A** At our March meeting we admired a large collection of beautiful paperweights in a variety of colours and designs. We were also taken back in time to WW1 with a collection of exquisitely embroidered postcards, sent by forces from France and Belgium to their families at home. We welcomed three new members to our group this month. Convenor Joyce Chapman ph 4264772

(c) **Antiques & Collectables B**. There will be more news from this group next month, meantime phone Elizabeth Harris for details on 4282414. (Both groups A and B meet on first Monday in the afternoon)

(d) **Books** Will next meet on 11<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) at 10am at Doreen Sawyers and will discuss 2 Booker Prize entrants - Ian McEwen's The Atonement and David Mitchell's No 9 Dream - Phone Doreen at 4268187.

(e) **Cinematique** Please phone convenor Ray Marino 4266615 to find out details of which films will be seen and discussed this month.

(f) **Discussion** We have talked about errors and misinterpretations in journalism and have had

an interesting question and answer session with Jenny Kelly a recently retired primary school principal. This centred mainly around administration and decile ratings. Meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday a.m. Contact Anne Lennon 4265040

(g) **Famous & Infamous** We recently held our first meeting to discuss the format for this new group. We all agreed there were so many interesting people to research that we could carry on for many years. However, it was decided to set a topic then look into the lives of 3-4 people a month. Our next meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> when we will discuss famous New Zealanders. We would welcome new members 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10am. All enquiries Jenny Trezise 4247192

(h) **Food for Thought** has a new convenor. Now Eileen Pickett phone 4265570. Meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10am. The April meeting will feature the food, history and customs of Easter as it is celebrated in different parts of the world. May will look at foods of Russia.

(i) **French Conversation** Meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in the afternoons. Phone Gerald Warner 4265744 for more details.

(j) **Geology** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 9am to 4pm with many investigative outings planned. Phone Phil Sheldon 4247456 for more details

(k) **History** meet at Peninsula Club on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10am. For more information contact Nonie Coates 4240730

(l) **Humour** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 10am Contact John Walker for details 4278007

*I wish I was a glow worm*

*A glow worm's never glum*

*Cos how can you be grumpy*

*When the sun shines out your bum*

(m) **Jazz - Winter** will swing into action on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. After the success of last year's Winter Jazz, Ron Ellender will again present a six month series entitled "Such Sweet Thunder" As previously, the musical emphasis will be on jazz styles prior to 1950 in conjunction with some historical background to the items played. New members are welcome to these informal and hopefully entertaining Sunday sessions which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 2-4 at 73 Albatross Road, Red Beach. Contact Ron at 4267015

(n) **Music Appreciation** This group is now full but a waiting list will be established. Our March meeting took members on a Spanish



musical journey and in April we will be enjoying ballet music. Contact Pam or Ron Ellender 4267015.

(o) **Music for Listening** Is held at Kath Robinsons 27 Roberts Rd. Whangaparaoa. On 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 1.30pm. Kath will choose a programme of music from her collection, followed by some discussion and then members will choose. A very relaxed and informal time is enjoyed by all. Phone Kath on 4248596 for more detail.

(p) **Play Reading** meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Peninsula Players Clubrooms at Whangaparaoa. Please contact convenor Cynthia Green 4247941 for details.

(q) **Theatre Visiting** Auckland Theatre Co. plays for 2002 are as follows:-

16<sup>th</sup> April The Play about the Baby (sold out but a waiting list available)

18/4 to 11/5 The Daylight Atheist by Tom Scott (a world premiere)

27<sup>th</sup> May & 28<sup>th</sup> May Noises Off by Michael Frayn (7 tickets still available)

6-29 June The Bellbird by Stephen Sinclair with Rachel House (a world premiere)

Travesties by Tom Stoppard

Stones in his Pockets by Marie Jones

Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett

The Rocky Horror Show

If interested in going to any of these shows, please contact Nonie Coates 4240730 in time for me to get good seats. Tickets will be approximately \$35 each with \$10 extra for the bus.

(r) **Travel A** More news next month. This group meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. If interested phone convenor Pat Mutch 4265986 for details.

(s) **Travel B.** Next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April will take a zoological theme - Gameparks, Aquariums, Zoos, Gannet colonies etc. We find that the members produce endless surprises while fitting to the theme. March meeting was "rivers", and we had Kaipara, Rhine, Zambezi, Avon (Ch-Ch) Rakaia, Amazon - a very diverse selection. Photos, videos, books and magazines all add to the interest. There is also a trip planned up the Tamaki river.

(t) **World of Art** meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays a.m. More news next month. If interested phone convenor Eileen Pickett 4265570.

(u) **World Today** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10am Convenor is Ray Christensen 4274403.

(v) **Writing for Grandchildren** The group goes from strength to strength with increasing numbers necessitating a second group formed recently. Members of Writing Group A continue to delight with their stories of yesteryear. These may be from our earliest childhood memories, to relatively recent days. Many and varied are the topics; they may recount Grandma's sewing box, our first day at school, black berrying & preserving, holiday adventures with our family. With assistance and support from our peers; training, reading and tips on writing, these stories continue to improve. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday p.m. An enthusiastic and keen 2<sup>nd</sup> group was formed this month and they will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays a.m. For further information please phone Judy Brett 4242797.

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*When does a woman want a man's company?  
 When he owns it.*

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sun
Week 1 a.m.		History	FoodforThought	World Today	Music Appreciation	
p.m.	Antiques & Collectables A&B	Writing for Grandchildren	Travel A			
Week 2 a.m.		Discussion Geology	Humour	Books		
p.m.	Travel B		Play reading		French Conversation	Summer Jazz Winter Jazz
Week 3 a.m.	Cinematique	History		Famous & Infamous(?)		
p.m.					Music Listening	
Week 4 a.m.		Discussion Ancient History		World of Art		
p.m.			Play Reading		French Conversation	