



HIBISCUS COAST U3A NEWSLETTER

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Next meeting: Monday, 16 May 2016

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 32 Waiora Road, Stanmore Bay.
Doors open 9.40 am for a 10 am start; meeting ends at approx 11.45 am

Tea duties: Cinematique and Discussion Groups
Convenors, please contact each other to arrange kitchen duties.
(Take note of the instructions for the new dish washer.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure that I am beginning my year as President of our Hibiscus Coast U3A. Judging by the past year, it will be an interesting and stimulating experience. Having been Vice President for about eighteen months previously I have been involved with many of the activities and realise we are active and vibrant. As an example, previously the Short Film Group entered a National Competition, and The Writers Group have produced an excellent Anthology of their writings. As was also mentioned, the Classical Music group have reformed as a Music Group, and there are plans afoot to have a new Opera and Classical music/visual group; so we are developing all the time.

With that in mind I hope all members will be encouraged to participate in joining or suggesting the formation of new groups, offering suggestions of Speakers or talking to us about themselves in the ten-minute Club-members presentations. (Contact our new Club Speaker co-ordinator, Judy Lilly Tel: 424-3080).

To introduce myself a little: some of you may have heard my short talk about my life on the tiny feudal Island of Sark in the British Channel Isles. I lived there on and off for almost 30 years, running a guest house and smallholding. I was also a Nurse on the Island and have about 45 years of working as a Community Nurse. I am now a published writer.

I have been a NZ Citizen since 1984 but only returned here for good, in 2009. At first I was on Waiheke Island for three years and now in Whangaparaoa since 2012. So I am new to this beautiful area and I am still getting to know people here. Please help me to get to know you all. I will always be happy to have a chat to anyone who wishes to contact me by phone or email.

Finally, I have a pre-planned trip to meet up with family back on Sark, in May, so will not be with you at the General Meeting on 16 May ... my apologies.

In the meantime, I would ask you all, please, to give serious thought to the fact that we do not yet have a Vice President. If no-one comes forward we could be in trouble next year. If anyone is even slightly interested, please phone me.

Chris Curtis
President

U3A in Action!

Our central U3A administration, or 'Network' as we call it, is holding a special occasion on 29 July where we will have the opportunity to enjoy demonstrations and presentations from many different Auckland U3A groups. We will be represented by our own 'Short Film Group'. A Registration form is attached. The cost is modest at \$20 (see below for details of how to pay and where to park). We can car-pool if, like me, you do not like driving in the city. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and fun-filled occasion and hope many of you will join me.

Chris Curtis
President



U3A in Action

1989 - 2016

Auckland, 29th July 2016

LIFELONG LEARNING ~ SHARING ~ KNOWLEDGE ~ FRIENDSHIP ~ LEADING EDGE INFORMATION

AUCKLAND U3A NETWORK WELCOMES YOU TO A DAY OF CELEBRATION

St Chad's Church, Auditorium, 38 St Johns Road Meadowbank.

Friday July 29th 2016 at 10am to 2-30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Paul Buchanan. Presentations from U3A Study Groups.

Morning tea and lunch – all inclusive - \$20



Registration Form

Please complete and post to: **Fay Weatherly, 16 Ashcraig Court, Torbay, 0630**
 Or attach to an email to: u3anetwork@mail.com Fay's phone: 09 473 0324

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Phone: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
Click if you need "mobility" parking <input type="checkbox"/> I need "mobility" parking	
<p>Please pay the \$20 fee for the day, by one of the following methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By direct debit via internet banking [see payment page] • Complete the attached deposit slip. [see payment page] • By cheque posted to the address above • PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR REGISTRATION FORM 	
<p>For more information or answers to questions, contact: Fay Weatherly [fweatherly@xtra.co.nz] other details above or Judy Lewins Ph: 416 7311 judy.lewins@gmail.com</p>	

We look forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you

How to pay and where to park

Parking and Bus Stops

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How to pay

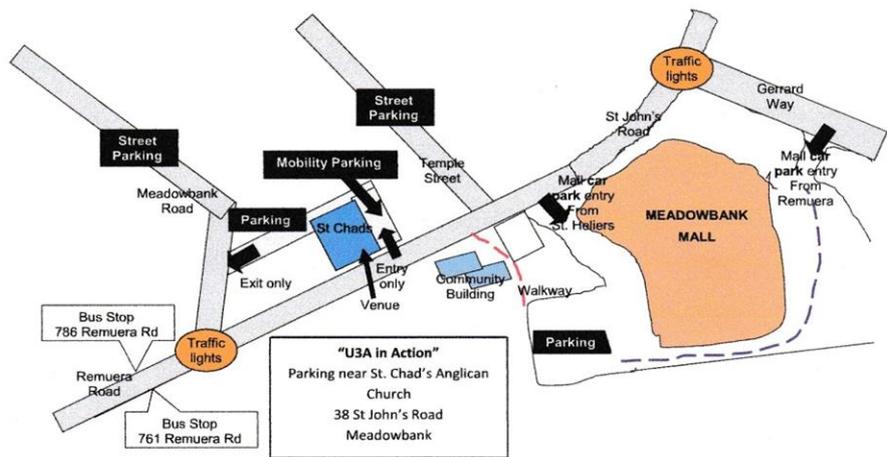
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- Internet banking or
- Direct payment into the U3A Auckland Network ASB account.
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See forms below

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- Fill in your details so we know where the payment came from.
- Mail us your registration form



"U3A in Action"
 Parking near St. Chad's Anglican Church
 38 St John's Road
 Meadowbank

Example of Deposit Slip for Direct payment into the U3A Auckland Network Account.

Example of Direct Debit Form using internet banking.

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This Month's Speaker:

Rob Aspden



Rob will be talking on his “Search for the McArthurs” : his investigative approach and resources target the story of two WW1 servicemen who are listed on the Silverdale War Memorial.

Biographic Details

Born in Otorohanga, 1938

Family moved back to Northcote on North Shore in 1941

Schooling at Northcote School and Northcote College

BE (Civil), School of Engineering, Auckland University College, 1960

D Phil, (Oxon), 1964

Career in the Ministry of Works, mainly in Power Division:

- Involved in the design of a nuclear power station for NZ (1967 – 69) (not built),
- construction of New Plymouth power stn (1969-72),
- design of Huntly power stn, Manapouri lake control, Ohaaki geothermal power stn
- investigations for hydro-electric power stns on Clutha river, lower Waitaki river, etc

Retired from Opus International Consultants Ltd in 1997

Moved to Whangaparaoa in 2012

Involved with family history since 1980, and recently will have had a family reunion marking 150 years since the Aspden family arrived in NZ (Special Waikato Immigration scheme)

Involved with IPENZ (since 1970) and engineering heritage (since 1990).

Involved with education in Newlands, Wellington (1975 to 2011)

Amateur forester (60 ha block developed with 5 friends – 1969 - 2007)

Wife, Anne, an Anglican priest since 1993; 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren

This month's Club Speaker:

Colleen Crampton

Colleen will give a brief presentation of some of her environmental planning projects.

News from the groups ...

Contact details for all groups and meeting times are on the attached groups' schedule page

Art Appreciation

We enjoyed a beautiful day out to the Kaipara Gardens Art Trail for our April meeting. We were joined by some Out and About members on our walk through the sculptures titled "Under The Kaipara Skies" which left us with lots of items to discuss.

During our meeting on Thursday, 19 May at 1.45 pm, we will be hearing about the German Expressionists, led by Colleen Crampton. Please note: we will be returning to the Peninsula Retirement Village for our meetings.

We can still accommodate more members who share a love of the Arts in all forms.

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

Book Review

We are finding this an excellent way to discover new books. Each person reviews 1 or 2 books that they have enjoyed and if they are in hard copy we put them out on loan. We also review books from the library or from Kindle and one of our members kindly keeps a record of the books reviewed each week and gives us each a copy. The books are often discussed at some length.

There are presently six members in this group and we would like more. We meet on the third Friday of the month at 10.00 am in the homes of members.

Convenor: Cheril Clarke (426 9567)

Cinematique

The meeting for May will be on the fourth Monday, 23 May at 10.00 am, at the Peninsula Retirement Village, 3rd floor Media room, to enjoy a film together.

This is our first Winter programme meeting and any members who would like to join us, please ring Trish to get information on the movie we will be watching. Current members will be sent an email the previous week. Looking forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

Classical Music (Audio/Video) – *Preview: This is a new group.*

For some years U3A members have been able attend a group which listens to classical music on Compact Disc; convened by Nigel and Jenny Wilson. This group is still functioning but now meets in the Hibiscus Room of the Peninsula Club Retirement Village.

The new group will operate in much the same way as the CD group, but will take advantage of the wealth of musical performance available on DVD, but especially on internet facilities such as "YouTube". Time will also be made available for discussion on what has been played.

Whilst we intend that, on occasions and if there is sufficient interest, we may watch full operas and major orchestral or vocal works, we plan to cover the whole range of 'classical' musical performance, from solo vocal/instrumental and small chamber ensembles to full orchestral. (If you are unsure of the term 'classical music' a good description may be found on the Wikipedia web site.)

Last month a 'trial run' was hosted by Colleen Crampton, who lives in Kensington Park. Subsequently, some members who are interested have suggested that, alternatively, we also meet at the Peninsula Club and this is being considered. If you would like to register your interest, please email Colleen or myself. Our email addresses are: burgham@orcon.net.nz and colleencrampton@xnet.co.nz. Once a final decision has been made, we will confirm venue and day/time of our meetings and pass this information on to you all.
Convenor: Neil Burgham (09 554 1180)

Film Discussion

This group, will still meet on the last Friday of each month, following the Cinematique Monday meeting. We meet on the ground floor, side entrance of the Peninsula Retirement Village, in the Kowhai Room.

The May meeting will be at 10.00 am on Friday 27 May. We have room for more members who would like to share their views on any media material they have viewed recently.

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

Humour

We are jogging along with lots of laughter, clever ideas and having lots of fun.

Convenor: Jacqui Driscoll (427 0426)

Regional New Zealand

At our April meeting, several members spoke on a number of different topics: Bellamy's, Kapiti Coast, William Pickering – engineering scientist, born in Wellington, Porirua Harbour and its large wetland environment, Greytown - home of N.Z's second oldest cricket club, Transmission Gully, Rimutaka Incline and its Fell engines - today there is a challenging walk and cycle way following the old rail track path, Wellington's beaches and the Italian groper fishermen of Island Bay and last but not least, Carterton - home of New Zealand's Stonehenge are you intrigued? We meet at 10 am on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Pohutukawa Room of the Whangaparaoa Library.

We are drifting further North next month - to the Manawatu, although we will still be discussing Wairarapa and Wellington.

Convenor: Barbara Tucker (427 9127)

Short Film Making

The group is considering a new script and is planning to film it.

Convenor: Nancy Miller (424 0308)

World Mythology

The group continues to provide stimulating stories covering a wide range of world mythology. We meet at the Library and whilst we are quite healthy in numbers, we have a couple of vacant seats that could be filled.

Convenor: Judy Lilley (424 3080)

Writers

The combined efforts of the enthusiastic members make our meetings stimulating and enjoyable. Unfortunately we have reached the maximum number of members for this group to work well and to still meet in the homes of members. We meet on the first Friday of the month at 10.00am.

We are hoping that a second group will form soon under the watchful and helpful eyes of the present group. We can get you started and a keen convenor may lead you in different directions. One suggestion that comes to mind is a poetry writing group. There seems to be quite an interest in poetry writing – this is just a suggestion. Contact Cheril Clarke (426 9567) if you are interested in joining a second group.

The 2015 anthology has been very popular and we still have a few copies for anyone who missed out. Contact Cheril for a copy (426 9567)

SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS as at May 2016

Ancient History

As its name suggests, this group studies ancient civilizations

Meeting on the fourth Tuesday at 10.00 am.

Venue: The Peninsula Club (call convenor for directions).

Convenor: Ayad Hussona (981 000)

Art Appreciation

Meet to discuss various artists, genres and history in selected countries. It is not required that you are an artist, just have an appreciation of excellence and a love of learning and sharing.

Meeting on the third Thursday at 1.45 pm (for a 2 pm start) to 4 pm

Venue: The Peninsula Club

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

Books, East and West

We each read the same two selected books every month and then we have good discussions about them. Some of us like the book and others don't - makes for a lively and interesting morning.

Meeting on the second Thursday at 10.00 am.

Venue: In each other's homes.

Convenor: Lesley Newling (421 0961)

Book Review

As the title suggests, a group discussion on books which have been read by the members.

Meeting on the third Friday at 10.00 am

Venue: In each other's homes.

Convenor: Cheril Clarke (426 9567)

Cards, Games and Puzzles: (formerly "Card Playing for Fun")

This is a cheerful, fun loving group

Meeting on the first and third Tuesday at 12.45 pm for a prompt 1 pm start

Venue: The Pohutakawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Elizabeth Ingram (426 5074)

Cinematique

This group visits a cinema together. We try to choose a movie with a good story which will lead to interesting discussion.

Meeting in the morning of the fourth Monday.

Venue: The Kowhai Room – The Peninsula Club

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

Classical Music (Audio/Video) – This is a new group

We intend to cover the whole range of 'classical' musical performance, from solo vocal/instrumental, and small chamber ensembles to full orchestral. Discussion on what has been played will follow. On occasions, if there is sufficient interest, we may watch full operas and major orchestral or vocal works. (A good description of the term 'classical music' may be found on the Wikipedia web site.)

Meeting time and venue to be confirmed.

Convenor: Neil Burgham (09 554 1180)

Discussion

Topics discussed by this group are chosen on an ad hoc basis, based on whatever its members currently find of interest or concern.

Meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10.00 am.

Venue: Hibiscus Coast Retirement Village (call convenor for directions).

Convenor: Barry Dale (426 0919)

Famous and Infamous Origins

This combined group covers a wide range of topics, whether it is famous or infamous people, places, items, cars, sport - you name it we can make a topical meeting from it.

Meetings on the third Thursday at 10.00 am.

Venue: In each other's homes.

Convenor: Judy Lilley (424 3080)

Film Discussion: We discuss any films we have viewed together, plus any others deemed suitable.

Meeting on the last Friday of the month at 10.00 am

Venue: The Kowhai Room – The Peninsula Club

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

History

This group is for anyone who has a keen interest in history. It covers all aspects and members read interesting papers on a wide variety of topics.

Meeting on the first and third Tuesday at 10.00 am

Venue: The Peninsula Club (call Convenor for directions).

Convenor: Nonie Coates (424 0730)

Humour

We share jokes, humorous poems, stories etc, as well as testing our brains on various set written tasks. If laughter is the best medicine then surely this is the healthiest group around.

Meeting on the second Wednesday at 10.00 am

Venue: In each other's homes.

Convenor: Jacqui Driscoll (427 0426)

Mah-jong

Our group is a friendly group who strive to achieve as many different hands of the seventy seven available to us. It can be a frustrating game but offers plenty of challenges in order to work out which of the many hands you could try at each stage of the game. It certainly keeps the brain alive!

Meeting on the first and third Tuesday at 2.00 pm.

Venue: In each other's homes.

Convenor: Geoff or Sheila Taylor (427 4662)

Music

For members who have a love of music from classical, opera, jazz and easy listening. The first hour is spent listening; tea break follows and then lively discussion.

Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month

Venue: The Hibiscus Room. – The Peninsula Club.

Convenor: Jack Wolfe (426 9871)

Out and About

This group organises 'outings' to places of interest, new and old, in and around Auckland.

Meeting on the second Tuesday.

Venue: Times and locations vary.

Convenor: (Sheila Hussona (981 0000)

Regional New Zealand

This group takes specific regions of New Zealand and studies each from an historical, economic and demographic perspective. Members with a special relationship to a region often provide insightful or humorous aspects about the area under study - a learning experience about our own country.

Meeting on the fourth Thursday at 10.00 am

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Barbara Tucker (427 9127)

Short Film Making

This group is comprised of members with an interest in the art and craft of making short films. The group has, of necessity, no set time or venue for its meetings.

Meeting times and locations vary.

Convenors: Ian and Nancy Miller (424 0388)

The World Today

The Group's aim is to help members gain an understanding of the background and implications of what is happening on the world stage. Members are asked to research particular aspects of a topic and to then share what they learn with other members.

Meeting on the first Friday at 9.45 am

Contact: Neal Burgham (09 554 1180 or 022 1286603) burgham@orcon.net.nz

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Ria Kamerbeek (424 0486)

The Writers (formerly Scribbles)

A group for people who enjoy writing. We are now trialling a set but optional theme for the month and positively critiquing those who want to improve their writing.

Meeting on the first Friday at 10.00 am

Venue: In members' homes

Convenor: Cheril Clarke (426 9567)

Travel

The travel group meets every month to discuss aspects of travel. At most meetings a member gives a talk, usually accompanied by a slide presentation, on a trip they have been on. The range of amazing places people have visited makes this a very interesting group and promotes lots of questions from other members.

Meeting on the second Monday at 2.00 pm

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Noel Newling (421 0961)

Writing your Memoirs

This group encourages members to write down the stories from their lives. The changes we have seen, the experiences we have had, told in our own voices. Writing our memoirs is also helpful in understanding our lives - looking back, reminiscing. We can share and reflect and provide a pathway for our descendants to understand us and their roots.

Meeting on the second Friday at 2.00pm

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Bev Gomez (424 0573)

World Mythology

Looking at all aspects of world mythology, each member presents the results of their homework.

Meeting the fourth Monday at 10 am

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library.

Convenor: Judy Lilley (424 3080)

Group Meeting Timetable as at May 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st week am		History 10am			The writers 10am World today 10am
Pm		Mahjong 2pm Cards, games & Puzzles, 1 pm			
2nd week am	Short film making 11am (time varies)	Discussion 10am Out & about (times vary)	Humour 10am	Books east/west 10am	
pm	Travel 2pm				Writing your memoirs 2pm
3rd week am	**General** meeting 9.40am	History 10am		Famous & infamous / Origins 10am	Book review 10am
pm		Mahjong 2pm Card, games & Puzzles 1 pm		Art appreciation. 1.45 pm	
4th week am	Cinematique (Venue varies) World Mythology 10am	Discussion 10am Ancient history 10am		Regional New Zealand 10am	Film discussion 10am (last Friday whether it be the 4 th or the 5 th Friday)
pm			Recorded classical music 2 pm		

**General meetings are held bi-monthly, on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 9.40 am at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 32 Waiora Road, Stanmore Bay
Doors open 9.40 am for a 10 am start; meeting ends at approx 11.45 am**

