

HIBISCUS COAST U3A



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Next meeting: Monday, 20 March 2017

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: Groups: Travel and Writers

Convenors, please contact each other to arrange kitchen duties

From the President:

It is with a much lighter heart that I write this report. Whether it was my nagging (sorry for that but it has possibly proved effective), WE NOW HAVE A VICE PRESIDENT!

Kay McLean has been a member for just over a year and her fellow-member and friend, Cheril Clarke, suggested she offer her services. I am happy to say Kay has agreed. She was proposed and seconded at a recent management committee. NOT ONLY THAT (as the TV adverts are prone to say), we also have a new position of **Speakers' Secretary**. It is quite an involved job and previously has been managed by the President. Now, member **Maureen Jansen** has taken on that role and I am delighted to say she has already come up with some great ideas and speakers.

On that note, our speaker for January evoked mixed reactions. Tom Faye spoke of the housing situation in Auckland. Some of the details he mentioned; for example, people buying flats and apartments solely to hoard them and put up prices, horrified me. I know a few of our members were very upset and I do sympathise. However, I for one was educated to the true situation. Surely this is what we are all about: self-education.

I was delighted to see such a wonderful attendance at the meeting. It has been suggested many were friends of our club speaker, Barry Dale. I could certainly have listened longer and was sorry to have to cut him short.

I did wonder if the attendance was partly so members could pay their subscriptions that are now due. However a large proportion of our members **still have not paid their membership subscriptions**.

Chris Curtis
President

Guest Speaker : 20 March

Dr Lindsay Digglemann

Dr Lindsay Diggelmann is a senior lecturer in History at the University of Auckland. He teaches a wide range of topics concerning European history, especially the Middle Ages and the Italian Renaissance. His specialist area is the Anglo-Norman period of the 11th and 12th centuries, including a focus on objects of enduring interest such as the Bayeux Tapestry and Domesday Book.

Before returning to University as a ‘mature student’ and embarking on an academic career, Lindsay spent 12 years working in the financial markets as a foreign exchange dealer and investment manager.

In March, Dr Digglemann will be talking to us about the Crusades with which we can see some parallels in the world today.

He has spoken to many U3A groups who have hailed him as one of their best speakers.



Annual General Meeting

In my previous comments I said I may not be standing as President again; however in light of the announcements of additions to the committee, I am happy to do so, if I am re-elected.

It is hoped we continue to have good attendances at the meetings, especially on March 20th for our **Annual General Meeting**. The business part does not take long. It is mainly so you can elect your committee and for the presentation of the Final Accounts. The existing committee is as below:

• PRESIDENT	.....	CHRIS CURTIS
• VICE PRESIDENT	.....	KAY MCLEAN
• SECRETARY	.....	DEE DAVIES
• TREASURER	.....	JOHN TUCKER
• MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	.....	ELIZABETH INGRAM
• NEWSLETTER EDITOR	.....	REWA SELMECI
• WEBMASTER	.....	GERARD STRAKA
• SPEAKERS' SECRETARY	.....	MAUREEN JANSEN
• COMMITTEE MEMBER	.....	JUDY LILLEY

All the committee, except Dee Davies as secretary, are prepared to stand again for another year. We will require a proposer and seconder for this process at the meeting, please. Dee is standing down after several years in her position and so we are looking for proposals for the post of **SECRETARY**, please. It is not arduous and the committee will give support.

Chris Curtis, President

Club Speaker

There will be no Club Speaker at this month's meeting due to the Annual General Meeting taking place

U3A HIBISCUS COAST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Balance in ASB Bank as at January 1st 2016		2,579.81
<u>Add Income</u>		
Subscriptions Received	4378.00	
Functions	0.00	
Donations	<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>4,378.00</u>
		6,957.81
<u>Less Expenditure</u>		
Convenor meeting costs	246.15	
Group Expenses	626.50	
Hall Hire	600.00	
Network costs U3A	75.60	
Picnic costs	199.74	
Printing, Stationery & Stamps	917.65	
Presentations & Donations	104.87	
Refreshments	295.72	
Speakers' remuneration	1200.00	
Webb Design U3A Hibiscus Coast	149.50	
Welfare	<u>28.00</u>	
		<u>4,443.73</u>
Balance in ASB Bank as at Dec. 31st 2016		2,514.08
Add Unpresented Cheques		<u>0.00</u>
Balance as per ASB Bank Statement		<u>2,514.08</u>

John Tucker, Treasurer

Audit Report

I have checked the Treasurer's records, and certify that the above Receipts & Payments account provides a true and correct record of the financial position of the group as at December 31st 2016

A.A.E. Walker 27 January 2017

2017 Subscriptions – Now Overdue

These were due and payable in January - for the financial year: January to December 2017

Single \$25 : Couples \$40

3 Payment options are available - as shown below -

- To the treasurer at the May General Meeting (cash or cheques only)
- By mail to the Treasurer, John Tucker, HBC U3A, PO Box 314, Orewa 0946.
- Online to the HBC U3A account at ... ASB 12-3046-0275951-00
(Include your initials and full surname **as the reference**)



U3A in Action - 2017

Auckland, 29th September 2017

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 September 29th 2017

Cutting Edge Speaker. Presentations from U3A Study Groups.

Morning tea and lunch - all inclusive - \$20

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Registration Form

Please complete and post to: **U3A Network, PO Box 317 025, Hobsonville 0664**

Or attach to an email to: u3a.network@outlook.com

Name		U3A	
Phone	Email	Cross out which does not apply	
		I need "mobility" parking	
		I do not 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 internet banking. [see next page] • Make a bank deposit to our account [see next page] • Mail cheque and form to the address above • PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR REGISTRATION FORM 			
<p>For more information or answers to questions, contact: Fay Weatherly (09)473 0324 [fweatherly@xtra.co.nz] or email us at u3a.network@outlook.com</p>			

We look forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you

Report on U3A In Action 2016 (by Chris Curtis)

The meeting, called 'U3A in Action' (See details above), is held annually in Auckland by the Central Network. The idea is for members from the many U3A regional groups in the Auckland area to meet socially and learn a little about how each operates. I went last year and was very interested in the 7 minute presentations offered by each regional group.

Our 'Short Film Study Group' offered one of their films, and it went down very well! It would be good if we were represented again this year and I have asked our convenors to come up with a presentation.

Anyone can go: all you have to do is make a copy of the application form and send in your \$20. Only a few of our members attended last year, which was a pity as there was a good lunch and a speaker included. Don't leave it too late though, as numbers are limited. I hope to go. If you dislike driving in the city (as I do), we will car-pool.

Parking and Bus Stops

How to pay

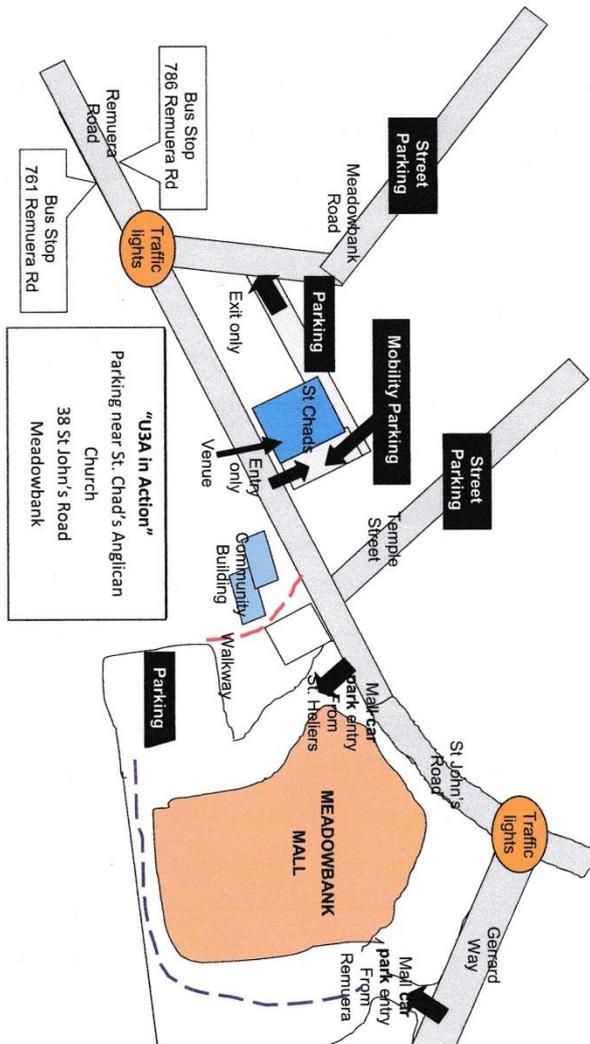
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DIRECTIONS FOR CAR PARKING for U3A IN ACTION DAY

News from the Groups

Ancient History:

We have a very enthusiastic group of 11 members who enjoy researching and discussing the various topics of Ancient History. We have covered the homo sapiens timeline to the bronze age; the ancient civilisation in the Americas; the cradle of civilisation in the Middle East; ancient Greece – its culture, science and philosophy; the rise of Carthage and its struggle with Rome. In the last two meetings we have been covering ancient China and the timeline of its dynasties. We viewed a documentary on the Great Wall and we amazed to discover there were more than 21,000 km of walls, and not just one wall. We usually meet at the Peninsula Club on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Convenor: Ayad Hussona

Books: East and West

Due to dwindling numbers in the West group, we have disbanded and the remaining members have happily gone to either the Book Review group or to Books east. Both groups would welcome new members.

Convenor: Lesley Newling

History

We made a lively start to 2017 in our new meeting place at the Pohutakawa Room in the Whangaparaoa Library.

Papers in a diverse range of topics augur well for a stimulating year ahead. From the bizarre and incredible adventures of a nineteenth century flamboyant 'maori pakeha' showman to the facts and fiction of the life of St George; from the fascinating and sometimes scandalous life of Lord Nelson's mistress to the intriguing tale of a Medieval English mystic, we have certainly not lacked in variety!

New members always welcome. We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

Convenor: Caryl Haley

Music

Due to health problems, Audrey's planned presentation has been postponed until later this year. To fill the gap, I will be presenting some of my favourite music. It will include some flute music accompanied by the harp, and other instruments. Additionally, an item from my favourite Off Broadway Musical, to round off an hour of hopefully pleasant listening.

Convenor: Jack Wolfe

Out and About

This group has been in existence for many years and in its early years operated as Out & About Natural History. During this time we have visited many places of local interest, sometimes more than once. The current Convenor, after 8 years of leading the group, is stepping down and as we cannot find any volunteers to take over, we announce with regret that the group is in hibernation.

Convenor: Sheila Hussona

Regional New Zealand

Our members have presented most interesting topics on the Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Gisborne areas this year. We heard about the history of Tolaga Bay wharf, the Tangiwai disaster, Lake Taupo, The Forgotten Highway leading to the Bridge to Nowhere, The Sugar Loaf Islands, Taranaki, Art Deco and the Port of Napier, the Clifton to Cape Kidnappers walk, the travesty at Parihaka and a most interesting New Zealander, Genesis Potini, who was born in Gisborne. He started up a Chess Club for disadvantaged young people and gave them a sense of pride in achieving top results in a National Chess Championship. Not bad for a person who had a troubled childhood and suffered from bipolar disorder – tragically he died at the young age of 47.

Our group meets in the Pohutakawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library at 10am on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Convenor, Barbara Tucker

Small Film Group

We will be working in a new project, also we have two new members, We are very pleased to welcome two new members, Michael and John, especially so as we needed male actors.

Convenor: Nancy Miller

Writers

We started off the year with some excellent pieces written using the words *refugee, forest, baby*. It's amazing the variety of short stories that grew from that.

One of our long-standing members has had to stand down for a period so we are pleased to offer a place to any U3A member who would like to further develop a writing interest – either prose or poetry. You will find the meetings fun and stimulating and our writing task for each month is a brief 500 words so don't feel shy.

Meetings are held the first Friday of the month in members' homes so if you are interested phone the Convenor: Cheril Clarke

AU REVOIR:

'Sadly we have to say 'au revoir' to the 'Humour' and 'Out and About' groups, so ably run by Jacqui Driscoll and Sheila Hussona for many years. Our heartfelt thanks go to these two convenors. It is a fact that groups come and go: maybe they will start again if someone is moved to do so. Just get in touch with me if anyone feels they would like to re-start these groups, or any others.'

Regards

Chris

**SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS
as at March 2017**

Ancient History

As its name suggest, 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 0000)

Art Appreciation

We 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

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 (426 0961)

Book Review

As the title suggests - a group discussion on books which has 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 Tuesday at 12.45 pm for a prompt 1 pm start.

Venue: The Pohutukawa Room – Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Isobel Naish (428 2552)

Cinematique

This group visits a cinema together. We try to choose a movie with a good story which will lead to interesting discussion. The group runs on an ad hoc basis, ie: when there is a movie showing at Hoyts Whangaparaoa that we deem worth viewing, an email will be sent to members who have listed their names.

Convenor: Trish Litherland (426 4400)

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)

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.

Meeting on the third Thursday at 10.00 am.

Venue: In each other's homes.

Convenor: Judy Lilley (626 3080)

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 Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library Convenor: Caryl Hayley (428 2971)

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!

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)

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.

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: Neil Burgham

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 - 4 pm

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Bev Gomez (424 0573)

Group Meeting Timetable

as at March 2017

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)		Books East 10am	
pm	Travel 2pm				Writing Your Memoirs 2 – 4 pm
3rd week am	**General** Meeting 9.40am	History 10am		Famous & Infamous / Origins 10am	Book Review 10am
pm		Mahjong 2pm		Art Appreciation. 1.45 pm	
4th week am	Cinematique (Venue varies)	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

