

**HIBISCUS COAST U3A NEWSLETTER****March/April 2019**[www.u3ahbc.co.nz](http://www.u3ahbc.co.nz)

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**Morning Tea Duty:** *Book Club and Book Review Groups***Annual General Meeting :** Monday, 18 March 2019  
**Salvation Army Hall, 32 Greenview Lane, Red Beach**

(Doors open at 9.40 am for a 10 am start; meeting ends at approx 11.45 am)

**President's Report***Greetings to all members*

This will be my last newsletter message to you. I want to thank so many people who have made my year as president pass relatively smoothly, especially during the past few weeks while I was recovering from my hip replacement. I have been extremely fortunate in the committee that I have had to support me. They have been tireless in the work they have done.

I also want to thank the convenors who have invited me to visit their groups so that I could meet members who do not attend the main meetings and learn more about the group's subject. I am going to have difficulty deciding which groups I would like to join after I step down. I enjoyed so many.

There are many others who are owed my thanks but if I start to list them I'm sure to forget someone and I don't want to offend. So to all of you please be assured that I have appreciated your help. Ian and I are going to continue having lunch at the RSA on the second Tuesday of the month and hope that any members who so wish will join us. The main reason I agreed to join the committee in the first place was so that I could meet people as we had just relocated to Red Beach. I have achieved my purpose and I hope that the friends I have made will not give up on me now.

May I wish you all success in your groups and continued enjoyment in U3A.

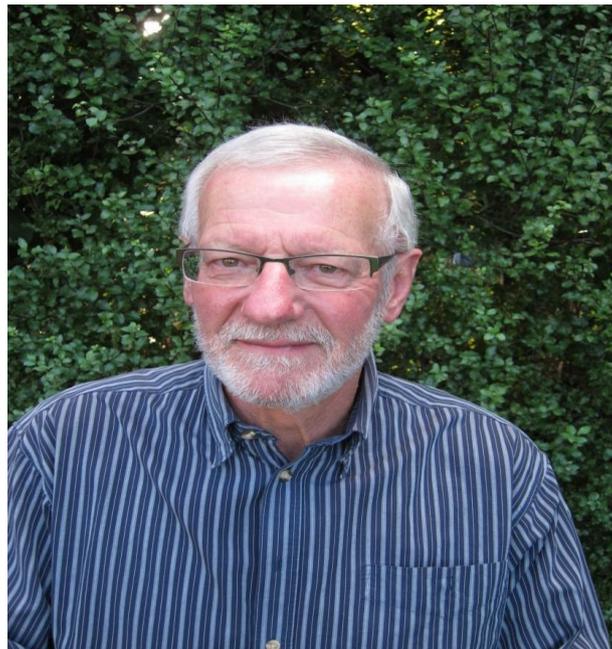
Regards, President Kay



With regard to the **Annual General Meeting**, I am delighted that we have received sufficient nominations to fill the committee for next year although more would not be unacceptable, of course. I hope this will make it easier for members to consider attending this without fear of landing a position so that they can enjoy the camaraderie and address.

President Kay

***GUEST SPEAKER : JUDGE DAVID MATHER***



David was appointed a District Court Judge in 1997, after 25 years as a practising lawyer.

- He has been a member of the Parole Board, as a panel convenor, since 2012.
- He is author of the NZ text book on parole, published in 2016.
- His work continues as a part time judge, doing mental health hearings as well as Parole Board hearings.
- *Personal* - married to Glenys for 46 years with three adult children and eight grandchildren. Since 2017, David has lived at Mangawhai Heads.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2019  
Please find this document  
attached to the  
Newsletter  
John Tucker - Treasurer

## REMINDER

2019 Subscriptions are overdue!

AGM - 18 March 2019

Election of Officers

**Only Financial Members may vote.**

## U3A Picnic 2019 (1)



On 18 February a very good picnic lunch was enjoyed by 50 members at our new venue, Orewa Beach Reserve, which proved to be very easy to access and much more central for most members location-wise. The bonus was that it is free, without the high charges we have paid in the past for Wenderholm.

Four new members joined us and were introduced to others; all thanked us for this excellent way to meet other members

The bubbles and carrot cake, when they eventually arrived, were very well received. Many thanks to Ayad and Sheila Hussona for their help and to others who handed out cake and tidied up at the end

**Trish Litherland, Organiser**

## U3A Picnic – 2019 (2)

Regarding the picnic, we are most grateful to Trish for the amount of work she put into arranging it. She was on hand to introduce people to new members and organized the whole event to be sure it went well.

There was a great feeling of friendship to the whole day. Thank you, Trish.

**Barry and Fay Dale, Convenors of the Discussion Group**

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

### **Art Appreciation**

Our first meeting for the year happened at the Orewa Library on Thurs 21st at 1.30 pm We have been allocated space at no charge with access to a screen which the library staff will set up for us There is a new manager called Arlee who is extremely helpful and is doing all she can to support U3A groups. We discussed our programme for March which Ian and Nancy Miller will be presenting If there are any new members interested in joining, please contact –

Convenor: Trish Litherland

### **Cards and Games**

The Cards and Games group is now back in its old home, the Pohutakawa Room at Whangaparoa Library. with a 1.20 for a 1.30 start on the first Tuesday of the month. All welcome to the fun and games.

Convenor: Diana Pipke

### **Discussion**

The topic at our last meeting was “China”. It is great that some members have had experience meeting and working with Chinese people and we learnt a lot from them..

Another day spent with friends – a great group.

Convenor: Barry Dale

### **Film Discussion**

We had two new members when we met at the Orewa Library on the last Friday morning of February to once again discuss the many movies and TV programmes we have enjoyed or not. The venue was a trial and we realised that we do prefer a more user friendly more personal space which we are pursuing. The Golden Globes and Bafta Awards gave us a highlight as many of us had viewed the winners. We are looking for a venue to show films during the Winter months and have a recommended place which we are evaluating New members still welcome contact

Convenor: Trish Litherland

### **Regional NZ**

**HAPPY 2019 EVERYONE, AND FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE THOUGHT THEY MAY LIKE TO JOIN ANOTHER INTEREST GROUP, WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US, HAVE A CUPPA, AND SEE WHETHER REGIONAL NZ IS FOR YOU!!!**

This month we are continuing talking about our region right here – Auckland – you may just have something of interest, perhaps the early days of the suburb you lived in – did you need to travel by tram? Have you stories to tell about the “Farmers” and their free bus which took customers from Wyndham Street to Hobson Street or any of the bigger stores like John Courts, Milne & Choyce,

Smith & Browns, the Maple Furnishing Co? You may have a story about a well known citizen (I have already spoken about Sir Dove Myer Robinson!) Then there are the Islands of the Gulf, the Volcanoes – as you can see there is plenty of scope for items of interest to be presented and discussed!

If you have a name badge, could you please remember to bring it to the meeting.  
We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10a.m. start, Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library. Plenty of parking downstairs, take the lift up to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

Please note that there will be no meeting on Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day.

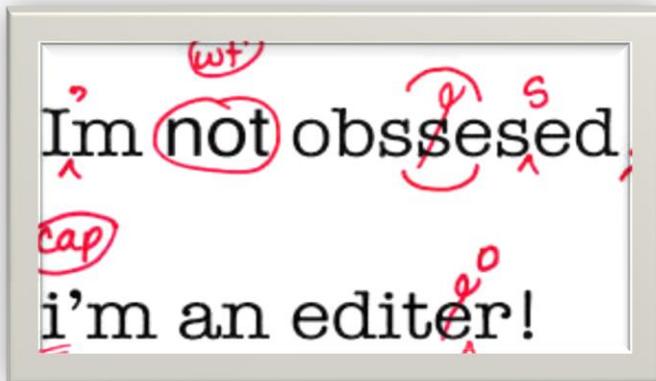
Convenor: Barbara Tucker:

### Small Film

We have had the first meeting of the year and we are already sharing ideas for new projects.

Please note we have a full complement of member and do not need new members at the moment .

Convenor: Nancy Miller



### *Letter from the Editor!*

Dear Members – After three years of having the pleasure of putting together your bi-monthly Newsletter, it is time for me to pass on my red pen.

Thank you, President Kay and Past President Chris for your support and to all the Convenors who contributed material for the Newsletter.

Rewa, Ed.

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## **SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS as at March 2019**

### **Ancient History**

As its name suggests, this group studies ancient civilizations.

Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am

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

Convenor: Ayad Hussona

### **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 Wednesday of the month at 1.30 pm

Venue: The Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Trish Litherland

### **Book Club**

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 of the month at 10.00 am

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host.

Convenor: Dee Davies

### **Book Review**

As the title suggests – the group discuss books which have been read by the members.

Meeting on the third Friday of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host.

Convenor: Cheril Clarke

### **Cards, Games and Puzzles:**

This is a cheerful, fun loving group where we exercise our brains at the same time. We are happy to teach you any games that are new to you. New members welcome

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30 pm

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Diana Pipke

### **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

### **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 Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am.

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

Convenor: Barry Dale

### **Famous, Infamous and Origins**

The group alternate between Famous and Infamous and Origins, both of which provide a varied choice of topics.

Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host.

Convenor: Judy Lilley

**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: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Trish Litherland

### **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 of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: John Hoby

### **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 first and third Tuesday of the month at 2pm.

Venue: Convenors' Home

Convenor: Geoff or Sheila Taylor

### **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 of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Barbara Tucker

### **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

### **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 then to share what they learn with other members.

Meeting on the first Friday of the month at 9.45 am.

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Contact: Pauline Wetton

Convenor: Ria Kamerbeek

### **The Writers**

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 of the month at 10.00 am

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host

Convenor: Cheril Clarke

### **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 taken. 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 of the month at 2.00 pm

Venue: Pohutukawa Room – Whangaparaoa Library.

Convenor: Noel Newling

**SCHEDULE OF GROUP MEETING TIMES**  
As at March 2019

| <b>Week</b>                       | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b>                | <b>Thursday</b>                               | <b>Friday</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> week<br/>am</b> |   | History 10 am   |                                 |   | The Writers<br>10 am<br><br>World Today<br>9.45am   |
| <b>Pm</b>                         |   | Cards, Games<br>and Puzzles<br>1 pm<br><br>Mahjong 2 pm |                                 |   |   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> week<br/>am</b> | Short Film<br>Making<br>(time and<br>venue varies)      | Discussion<br>10 am                                     |                                 | Book Club<br>10 am                            |   |
| <b>pm</b>                         | Travel<br>2 pm  |   |                                 |   |   |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> week<br/>am</b> | <b>*General*<br/>Meeting<br/>9.40 am</b>                | History 10 am   |                                 | Famous<br>and<br>Infamous<br>Origins<br>10 am | Book Review<br>10 am  |
| <b>pm</b>                         |   | Mahjong<br>2 pm   | Art<br>Appreciation.<br>1.30 pm |   |   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> week<br/>am</b> | Cinematique<br><br>(Days, Time<br>s and Venues<br>vary) | Discussion<br>10 am<br><br>Ancient<br>History 10 am     |                                 | Regional<br>New<br>Zealand<br>10 am           | Film<br>Discussion<br>10 am<br>(last Friday<br>whether it be<br>the 4 <sup>th</sup> or the<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Friday) |

**General meetings are held bi-monthly, on the third Monday of  
January, March, May, July, September and November, at 9.40 am  
at the Salvation Army Hall, Silverdale**

