

HIBISCUS COAST U3A



U3A Hibiscus Coast Newsletter for May/June 2019

Next Meeting: Monday, 20 May 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
Morning tea duty: Cards & Games and Cinematique

From our president

What a wonderful start to the Hibiscus Coast U3A year since my term as President. The Management Committee consisting of the people mentioned in this newsletter in their various positions, is proving to be one of the most experienced, efficient group of members I have ever worked with and like any community based organisation we are all in a supportive role and you as members are also included.

We have organised the General Meetings for the year, along with very interesting speakers, courtesy of Pauline Wetton and Graham Lamont who have both put a lot of time and effort into this and as these meetings are only bi-monthly your attendance is appreciated. The July meeting is not possible in the Salvation Army venue, so we have made this special with a Winter Warmer lunch at the RSA Silverdale, details to follow. What we do require is for you to PLEASE ATTEND.



The venue is costing \$250.00. U3A will pay this cost. The tickets for a roast beef lunch with the choice of two desserts is only \$20, but for this price we require at least 80 members to attend. As our membership has now increased to over 170 this should not be too difficult. Tickets will be on sale at the next General Meeting on Monday the 20th May. I have asked the Writers group to entertain us with their stories and if any of you would like to read something special, please contact me. Humorous items will not be eliminated! We have an hour to fill.

In addition to the above, Maureen Jansen our Newsletter Editor, has circulated the U3A Network Special Event on Friday the 30th August featuring the New Zealander of the Year Mike King as guest speaker. The previous Special Events I have attended have proved to be most enjoyable, starting with morning tea, guest speaker, lunch, then eight items from the various U3As, all for \$25. We will be car-pooling so please send in your registration forms as there are only 300 tickets and it is on the Shore.

The groups are all proving to be enjoyable and mainly healthy although some are still awaiting an injection of more members. So, if you are interested in joining any please ring the convenors; they are very happy, experienced people. If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact me and as I am very happy to help.

The Film Discussion group had an amusing meeting on the last Friday of April. We attended the Whangaparaoa Library to find both our rooms doubled booked. A member had a brilliant idea of using Jacs (THE PUB) as one can buy a good coffee; unfortunately, they don't open until 11am. This led us to Esquire Coffee Bar with amazing results. Not only did Heidi the Manager set a table up for us, she also offered to host any of our groups with notice, by closing off part of the room.

The moral of this story is:- Participate with a sense of adventure and enjoy places you may have never been to before.

Keep well, keep happy and appreciate.

Trish Litherland

U3A WINTER WARMER LUNCHEON

SILVERDALE RSA

MONDAY 15TH JULY 11AM - FOR 12PM BUFFET



MENU

Carvery set up with:

- Whole grain mustard roasted Angus beef with Yorkshire pudding
- HOT BUFFET: Roasted potatoes, roasted kumara, roasted pumpkin wedges with parmesan, peas, carrots and broccoli, gravy

Dessert:

- Warm sticky date pudding with warm custard
- Soft spiced carrot cake with warm custard

Drinks will be available at the bar at U3A members' cost. Water jugs will be on the tables. Tables will seat 10.

If anyone requires a non-meat meal, please contact Trish.

TICKETS \$20 00 EACH, AVAILABLE AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING

Committee 2019

President	Trish Litherland
Vice President	Judy Keall
Secretary	Judy Lilley
Treasurer	John Tucker
Membership Secretary	Kaye Bennetts
Newsletter Editor	Maureen Jansen
Speakers Secretary (shared position)	Graham Lamont Pauline Wetton
Webmaster Editor	Gerard Straka

May's Speakers

Club Speaker: Jonathan Henderson

Jonathan will be reviewing a session he did at World Today when he used an audio book as the narration. The subject is The Silk Road.

Guest Speaker: Bill Potter

“I’m not old!” This is Bill Potter’s subject for the May meeting.

We are lucky to have Bill speak to us this month. A motivational speaker par excellence, he has a bio too long to print here. You can check him out some more on this website.

<https://www.speakers.co.nz/our-speakers/all-speakers/bill-potter/>

Below are some highlights from his story.

Bill Potter was a prisoner of war camp baby for three years. He has lived in six countries and in 61 homes.

He is a business maverick, having shared his ‘different thinking’ with presentations in 57 nations so far.

He has won the New Zealand oratory title amongst other speaking successes. Bill is a double international referee in rugby and touch football. He has so far, refereed a combined total of 3,117 matches in these two Codes, including a final at the Touch Football World Cup. A proud Kiwi, he has worn the Silver Fern.

Bill has also made a 1000 feet bungy jump; led fund-raising walks through Berlin, Germany, Japan and Korea; has had a nibble at Buckingham Palace; visited The White House & the U.S. House of Congress; had a private interview with Mother Teresa; kissed Miss World (3 times) and organised the first-ever rugby match in an NFL Stadium (Miami, Florida). He also refereed this match, before 40,000+ football fans.

He has been variously described as ‘different, irreverent, thought-provoking, interacting and very funny’. He is all those things, and more. Two of his mantras are: “I CAN UNTIL I CAN’T!” and “Persistence has Power”.



News from the groups

Cards and Games

The Cards and Games group has added a second afternoon on the third Thursday of the month where we enjoy card games like Five Hundred and Canasta. So, as usual, the first Tuesday at Whangaparaoa Library is for a variety of cards and games. The 3rd Thursday is at the convenor's home for card games only. All are welcome. Please phone Diana.
Convenor: Diana Pipke)

Discussion

Our Discussion group is going very well. Our last meeting was well attended, and we had some good information on several topics. We have a wonderful feeling of friendship in our group, which is uplifting, and makes us glad we came.

Convenor: Barry Dale

Regional New Zealand

I look forward to our next meeting which will be held in the Pohutukawa Room at the Whangaparaoa Library, 10am on Thursday May 23rd. We will continue to discuss topics concerning greater Auckland. If desired, members can introduce items of interest concerning Northland.

We find we now have room for two or three new members. If you are wondering what this group is all about, please come and join us. You are not compelled to contribute monthly, only when you feel you have something of interest to relate.

Plenty of parking downstairs, under the library. Take the lift to the 1st floor.

The next bi-monthly meeting of U3A will be held on 20th May. Could you please make an effort to come to this meeting, particularly to support our new President. After all, it was Trish who secured use of the Pohutukawa Room free of charge from July onwards. Please ring me if you need a lift. Also, payment can be made that day for the U3A "winter warmer" lunch - see the latest newsletter for details.

Convenor: Barbara Tucker

Mahjong

We are still enjoying playing and challenging ourselves to try new hands. It's so easy to have a few favourite hands so sometimes quite a challenge to get one that you haven't got before.

We are a friendly group and have a couple of vacancies if you would like to join us. We will teach you how to play if you don't know how. We meet at the convenors home.

Conveners: Geoff or Sheila Taylor

Please remember to pay your subs!

Singles \$25, Couples \$40

Mail to the Treasurer: John Tucker,
HBC U3A, PO Box 314, Orewa 0946

Or pay online to the U3A Hibiscus Coast
account at ASB 12-3046-0275951-00

From the Editor

A big thanks to Rewa for producing the newsletter for three years and handing her red pen over to me.

Hope this new format is okay. Feedback welcome.

Maureen Jansen

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

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: Sheila Hussona

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 and Games

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.

Venue: Pohutakawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library

And on the third Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm

Venue: the convenor's home.

Convenor: Diana Pipke

Cinematique

Ad hoc depending on what is showing locally. We now work in with Hoyts Senior Mornings usually on a Tuesday at 10am for free coffee and morning tastes. If you are a Hoyts member the charge is only \$8 00, if not it is \$8.50. We are supporting this kind venture. During April we enjoyed *Red Joan* and discussed this in full during film discussion

Any members who wish to be notified of the cinema mornings, contact Trish Litherland,

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**

Art Appreciation

This group is in recess.

Film Discussion

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

Meeting 10.30. last Friday of the month. New members welcome.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - 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 **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.

Contact: Pauline Wetton

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

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

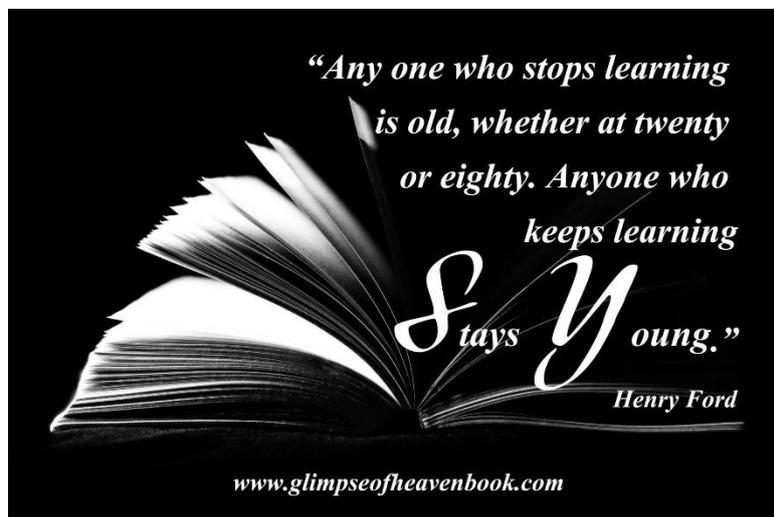
Travel

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 May 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>1st week am</u>		History 10 am			The Writers 10 am World Today: 9.45am
pm		Cards and Games 1 pm Mahjong 2 pm			
<u>2nd week am</u>	Short Film Making (time and venue varies)	Discussion 10 am		Book Club 10 am	
pm	Travel 2 pm				
<u>3rd week am</u>	*General* Meeting 9.40 am	History 10 am		Famous and Infamous/ Origins 10 am Cards and Games, 1.30	Book Review 10 am
pm		Mahjong 2 pm			
<u>4th week am</u>	Cinematique (Days, Times and Venues vary)	Discussion 10 am Ancient History 10 am		Regional New Zealand 10 am	Film Discussion 10.30 am (last Friday whether it be the 4 th or the 5 th 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. (Note: The July 2019 meeting will be at the RSA for the Winter Warmer.)