

HIBISCUS COAST U3A



U3A Hibiscus Coast Newsletter for July/August, 2020

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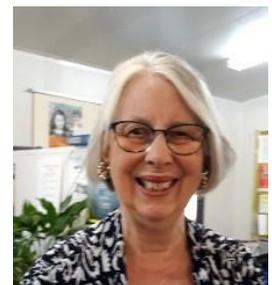
Monday, 20 July, **9.45 am**,
at the Salvation Army Hall, 32 Greenview Lane,
Red Beach, Hibiscus Coast.
Tea duty: Ancient History (2 members only)

From our president

Greetings to you all, particularly our new members.

July has brought much colder weather. I hope you are getting some benefit from the winter energy payment and keeping warm and healthy. Looking back on our time under the Covid-19 Lockdown, I realise now how lucky we were with the weather at that time. Many of us were able to walk regularly in warm sunshine.

At our June Convenors meeting we discussed the possibility of setting up some new U3A groups. Of course, to do this we need someone who is prepared to lead each one. A big thank you to Trish Litherland for offering to run the Art Appreciation Group which starts this week. Kay McLean who runs the Archaeology group has suggested a group on architecture. Any takers? You can see her contact details below.



We are looking forward to hearing from anyone else who has a good idea for starting a group. Recently I spoke with a friend in Browns Bay U3A who belongs to a cycling group! They all have a carrier bar on the back of their car, and they drive to a different cycle way each month. Their June destination was Orewa where they cycled round the estuary.

In November it will be 25 years since our Hibiscus U3A Group was founded. We still have some members who were foundation members back in 1995. Your Management Committee is considering how best to celebrate this milestone. Perhaps a special lunch? Your ideas are welcome.

This month's speaker, Prof Paul Spoonley, has been on the TV news in recent days, so you can look forward to hearing from someone who is an up-to-the-minute commentator on the role of older people in a post Covid-19 world. It is interesting to reflect on how much the skills of us retirees are in demand at a time when some countries are adopting a policy which implies that older people are dispensable! I hope you will take this opportunity to bring someone with you to our meeting who is interested in keeping up with current topics and meeting others of like mind.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 20 July, starting with a cup of tea at 10.00am

Judy Keall

Keynote speaker at July Meeting, Professor Paul Spoonley



An Ageing Society: A “New” New Zealand Emerges.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated what has been happening for some time, the ageing of New Zealand. As a baby boomer, I saw that those aged over 65 made up about 8% of my community in Hawkes Bay in the 1950s. In the 2020s, the over 65s will constitute about a quarter of New Zealand's population. What does this mean? Are we ready for this?

Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley is as close to a household name in New Zealand as a sociologist can get, thanks to his profile as a prolific commentator on an array of often provocative topics.

His knowledge of immigration, racism and race relations, white supremacists and hate speech as well as employment, education, regional development and Auckland diversity has frequently been sought by news media around the world over the past 40 years.

Committee

President	Judy Keall
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We might be in an enviable situation here in NZ but it's so hard to keep our borders safe!

Highlights from the Groups

Art Appreciation

This is a new group that will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the Pohutukawa Room at Whangaparaoa Library. We have 15 participants and will welcome more. No experience necessary although some of our members have experience in teaching art, lecturing, painting and most of us are skilled at appreciating. So, if you are interested in learning more, come and have a look. You will be made very welcome

Trish Litherland

Short Film Group

Our group had its first post lockdown meeting in the library in early June viewing the films that we made before Covid. It was great to exchange ideas again and we will finish our project latter in the year when the weather allows.

Nancy Miller

Travel

The travel lockdown has greatly affected many of the Travel Group members' plans for the year with many out of pocket and with problems getting refunds.

After teething problems, we were able to have two Zoom meetings during the lockdown.

In April we had a good response to our first meeting with Zoom when members shared how their plans had been cancelled with trips to many parts of the world now either cancelled or postponed to be taken over the next two years. Time will tell how this plays out.

In May we had our first meeting with a member giving a presentation, complete with a slide show, of a trip to southern Italy. Very interesting as it took us to a part of Italy not usually on travellers' agendas.

Our June meeting was to be in the Library, but they advised us that they would not be available until July for meetings. Fortunately, Sheila and Ayad kindly offered to host the meeting in their home where all members contributed to a very successful meeting.

July should be back to normal.

Noel Newling

Group Speaker for July Meeting

Kay McLean from the Archaeology group will speak about geoglyphs with the help of Gerard Straka on graphics. This will be a 10-minute presentation on the following:

- The Paracas Candelabra
- The Uffington White horse
- The Atacama Giant



SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS

as at July 2020



Ancient History

As its name suggests, this group studies ancient civilizations and meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am. Venue: The Peninsula Club (call convenor for directions).

Convenor: Ayad Hussona

Archaeology

This new group is exploring archaeological sites from around the world and is well worth attending for its thought-provoking content. Venue: Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Kay McLean

Art Appreciation

This is a restart of the previous Art Appreciation group and will now be held in the Pohutukawa Room of Whangaparaoa Library at 2 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

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: 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

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. 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).

Convenors: Bob and Jenny Kelly

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: Convenor's home.

Convenors: 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

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

REMINDERS

1. The next meeting is on Monday 20 July is at 9.45 with plenty of time for morning tea before the meeting starts at about 10 am. The place as usual is the Salvation Army Hall at Red Beach.
2. Please pay any remaining unpaid subs. You can bring cash to the meeting. See last newsletter for how to pay online.
3. Remember to give feedback to Kay McLean if you are interested in an architecture group.

SCHEDULE OF GROUP MEETING TIMES

As at June 2020

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	Art Appreciation 2pm			
<u>3rd week am</u>	*General* Meeting 9.40 am	History 10 am		Cards and Games, 1.30	Book Review 10 am
pm		Mahjong 2 pm	Archaeology 2pm		
<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 9.45 am
at the Salvation Army Hall, Red Beach.**