



Last Covid-19 Newsletter, June 2020.

President's Report

Level 1 – Yeah/Nah. It's good to be out of Lockdown finally, but we are still not free of the risk of further cases of Covid-19. It's good to be able to happily mix with family and friends again, but we still need to take care when we are in unfamiliar company.



No problem for our family of U3A getting back into operation! Yeah! The Whangaparaoa Library, Pohutukawa Room, is now back to hosting many of our group meetings and the Salvation Army Church is available for our General meeting next month.

It was great the way so many of our groups, had a go at holding meetings on Zoom during the Lockdown – “Can you see me?” “Click on your video icon.” “Can't hear you!” “Unmute yourself”. Some of us learned the new digital skills faster than others and made good use of the modern technology. But how much better is it to be meeting face to face again now!

A big thank you to our Convenors for interesting reports on your recent activities. We are saving them for a bumper issue of our newsletter in July. In the meantime, a special thank you to Barry Dale for his poem which neatly reflects the spirit of a U3A group.

As we move back to the new normalcy, it's time to pay attention to new ideas for discussion. One of our most successful new groups is the Archaeology Group. They will be giving a brief taster from their delving into this fascinating subject prior to our guest speaker at the July meeting.

Trish Litherland (021 105 8793) is happy to rekindle an Art Appreciation Group. We already have two members who have shown an interest, so please contact her if you would like to make this a goer. Any other ideas about new groups, please let one of our committee know.

Looking forward to seeing a great turn out for our July meeting.

Judy Keall

Subscriptions

We are looking forward to meeting some new members at our next General Meeting which will be on **Monday 20 July** with **Professor Paul Spoonley** as our guest speaker.

To members returning after Lockdown, please bring your unpaid sub to the next General Meeting, which from 1 July is reduced to Singles \$20 and Couples \$35, or pay online with your name as reference into our HBC U3A bank account which is 12-3046-0275951-00

Committee

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Editor's Note

This is the last Covid-19 newsletter – I hope! In July, full service will resume with a normal newsletter published shortly before the July meeting.

Now that we are at Level 1 and meeting in person again, I have included the group timetable.

Thanks to all the conveners who have run online discussions. We are indeed never too old to learn. Please submit any material for the next proper newsletter by mid-July.

Maureen



Stuff, 5 June. A well-earned moment of national pride? Hope we can keep our Kiwi on its pedestal.

News from the groups

Here is one superb contribution from Barry Dale of the Discussion Group which held Zoom meetings during levels 2, 3 and 4. Other group reports will be published in the next full newsletter next month.

Our U.3.A. Discussion Group

Our U3A discussion group discusses many things
Not quite like ships and sealing wax, or cabbages and kings.
But still, the topics chosen, cover quite an extensive range.
Mostly fairly normal, but some are fairly strange.
Our members vary widely, in background and occupation.
Have taken many pathways, to reach a similar destination.
Of course, opinions differ, as does interpretation.
Opposing views aplenty, but never confrontation.
This, I think contributes to our group's sustained success.
Acceptance of our differences builds our togetherness.
The all-pervading feeling of the friendship that we share,
Regardless of the topic, we just like being there.
We care about each other. We share each other's sorrow.
We share each other's happiness. Look forward to tomorrow.
We each contribute something in the little things we do.
But shifting chairs, and setting up, we can't compete with
Hugh.
I shouldn't start to mention names. I won't know where to
stop.
I don't know about other groups; I just think ours is top.

Pandemic Pun

"Now is not the right time to surround yourself with positive people."

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 (In recess) 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 9.40 am
at the Salvation Army Hall, Red Beach.**