

# HIBISCUS COAST U3A



## *U3A Hibiscus Coast Newsletter for March/April 2020*

### **Next Meeting**

AGM, Monday 16 March, **9.40 am**,  
at the Salvation Army Hall, 32 Greenview Lane,  
Red Beach, Hibiscus Coast.  
Tea duty: Travel group

## **From our president**

It is with some sadness that in writing this my last newsletter as President, I will be stepping down at the next general meeting in March. It is also with gladness that I am handing the position over to a very experienced member, Judy Keall, who some of you will remember in her role as a member of Parliament. I ask that you give Judy the support and friendship that I have enjoyed over the past year.

What a coup for our club to have locked in Jennifer Ward-Lealand as our speaker way back in December before she was nominated as New Zealander of the Year which was awarded to her in February. This is a great opportunity to bring along your friends, neighbours etc who may have shown an interest in joining U3A. Having heard Jennifer speak previously, I can confirm that she is very informative and entertaining on many subjects.

The U3A picnic was very much enjoyed especially the Buck's Fizz and cake kindly brought by John and Barbara Tucker and Ayad Hussona. Many thanks. It is always a pleasant social occasion and a good platform in which to meet other members. I am happy to organize this on an annual basis for these reasons.

The groups are all up and running; we held our first Convenor meeting in February which was positive with the majority gaining new members.



When I step down from the President's role, I am willing to resurrect the Art Appreciation group which can be housed in the Whangaparaoa Library using the Wi-Fi equipment. Please email me if you are interested and we will set a date and time that suits the majority, starting in April.

I wish to thank the management team, the convenors, the technical guys, the morning tea managers and you the members for all the help and time you spend on Hibiscus Coast U3A and I look forward to the future with confidence. After nearly twenty five years in existence, we must all be doing something right!

Trish Litherland

President

## Committee 2019

<b>President</b>	<b>Trish Litherland</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Judy Keall</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Judy Lilley</b>	
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## This month's speaker: Jennifer Ward-Lealand

Jennifer Ward-Lealand won the New Zealander of the Year Award in 2020, being recognised for her dedication to performing arts and her commitment and passion for te reo Māori.

Other accolades include the following:

Ward-Lealand's contribution to New Zealand theatre was recognised in 2007 New Year Honours with her investiture as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to theatre and the community.

In October 2018 she was presented with a Scroll of Honour from the Variety Artists Club of New Zealand for her contribution to New Zealand entertainment.

In the 2019 New Year Honours, Ward-Lealand was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to theatre, film and television and for her advocacy for actors' working conditions and pay.



**SUBSCRIBE**

## 2020 Subscriptions

These are due and payable in January – for the financial year: January to December 2020.

**Single \$25, Couples \$40**

Three payment options are available – as shown below

1. To the Treasurer at the January General meeting on 20 January (cash or cheque only)
2. By mail to the Treasurer. John Tucker, HBC U3A, P.O. Box 314, Orewa, 0946
3. Online to the HBC U3A account at .....ASB 12-3046-0275951-00

(Include your initials and full surname as the reference)

**Please Note: If you choose to receive your newsletter by mail, please add \$10 to your sub payment to cover postage and costs.**

## News from the groups

### Film Discussion



*Film discussion group catching some light in the new library courtyard.*

A very enjoyable meeting took place on the last Friday in February with most members sharing what they had watched and what they would recommend. This is a very good platform in which to hear of what is happening in the

film and television world. Even if you are on a sabbatical from movies, just sit and listen as we cover many genres from light-hearted to art and foreign films.

If you wish to join us just turn up on the last Friday of the month at 10.30 in the Whangaparaoa Library.

Trish Litherland  
Convenor

### **Regional New Zealand**

Our first meeting of the year got off to a good start. Members gave us some very interesting information on Hokianga, Matauri Bay, Mayor Island, Whangarei Harbour, Norfolk Island, Keri Keri and Te Paki Station. We welcome new members. See notice with details of our next meeting in this newsletter.

Barbara Tucker.  
Convenor

### **Cinematique**

What a delightful morning 20 of us spent at Hoyts Cinema Whangaparaoa in February watching the movie *Emma*, based on a classic written by Jane Austin and with Eleanor Catton a New Zealand author writing the script. Beautifully costumed, excellent casting and acting all set in idyllic English scenery, which one of our members recognized as Lower Slaughter in Gloucestershire.

We meet on an ad hoc basis dependent on what is showing locally, but we are also looking to attend City venues using public transport if there is a film worth seeing. Contact me if you wish to join us .

Trish Litherland  
Convenor

### **General comment about groups**

At the Conveners Meeting on Monday 22 February, all present were pleased with their groups. Those who meet in each other's homes have memberships of about 9 and those meeting in the library or elsewhere are reporting attendances of 20 or more. From Cards and Games, to the Short Film Group, to World Today, from Book Review, to the Discussion Group to the Writers, the History Group to the Book Group, people are participating, and brains are being stimulated. Most groups have room for more so ring the convenor if you would like to join a group.



**16 March is the date of the AGM.** This is usually a short meeting and will be followed by our speaker, Jennifer Ward-Lealand.

**Please pay your subs** if you haven't already done so. The box further up the page shows you how to do this. Of course, you can bring your sub to the 16 March meeting.

A **financial statement from our Treasurer** is attached to the email with this newsletter. There will be a copy available at the meeting too.

# **SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS**

**as at February 2020**



## **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).

## **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

## **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.

## **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.

## **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

## **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,

## **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).

## **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

## **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

## **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' homes

## **Regional New Zealand**

This year, our Regional NZ has broadened its horizons to take in the Pacific Islands, particularly those with NZ connections. Each month we discuss a different Island or region of the area. The group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Pohutukawa Room of the Whangaparaoa Library - 10am to 12noon .

## 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.

## 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

## 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

## 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.



As our city is excavated for the City Rail Link, let's remember that Auckland used to have a rail link, a 72 k tram service with 80 million passengers a year.

This is from 1939.

Some quite interesting artefacts have been dug up in the CRL construction. See:

<https://www.cityraillink.co.nz/city-rail-link-archaeology-heritage-artefacts-found>

## SCHEDULE OF GROUP MEETING TIMES

As at March 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> week am</u></b>		History 10 am			The Writers 10 am  World Today: 9.45am
<b>pm</b>		Cards and Games 1 pm  Mahjong 2 pm			
<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> week am</u></b>	Short Film Making (time and venue varies)	Discussion 10 am		Book Club 10 am	
<b>pm</b>	Travel 2 pm				
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> week am</u></b>	<b>*General* Meeting 9.40 am</b>	History 10 am			Book Review 10 am
<b>pm</b>		Mahjong 2 pm	Archaeology 2pm		
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> week am</u></b>	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 <sup>th</sup> or the 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, Red Beach.**