

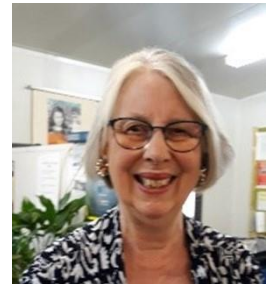


September meeting cancelled because of Covid

## From our president

Congratulations Hibiscus Coast U3A! Despite the Covid Lockdown, our membership has kept on climbing. Thanks to our excellent website ([www.u3ahbc.co.nz](http://www.u3ahbc.co.nz)) and the enthusiasm of our members, new people are still being attracted to our membership. A special thank you should also go to our Group Convenors for keeping the lines of communication open when we could not meet in person.

Then in July it was so good to be able to welcome those of you who are new members when we could meet again in person at the Salvation Army venue for our General Meeting. And what an inspiring speaker Prof Paul Spoonley turned out to be. We had a record attendance that day. I guess you have noticed since then that the Professor has been popping up regularly on our TV screens and in our newspapers!



However, the message is changing a bit. It's no longer a question of who is going to support us oldies as we increase in number and the birth rate keeps dropping behind. Now, thanks to Covid, we have a sudden influx of talented young New Zealanders returning home from overseas to bolster the younger section of our population!

Now it's September and sadly, everything is on hold again where meetings of more than 10 people are concerned. We have had to call off our September General Meeting and we're back to holding only small group meetings where the venue allows up to 10 participants, or picking up the Zoom reins again. For some of us it seems a bit more difficult this time round. However, we've done it before and succeeded, so I have faith in our ability to do it again.

We are hoping to meet in person again at the Salvation Army venue for our next bi-monthly General Meeting on Monday 16 November when we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary with a special morning tea. You will get another newsletter before then. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy getting out and about in Level 2.5 wearing your new "remaskable" fashion item!

Best wishes

Judy Keall

## Committee

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## July General Meeting

Professor Paul Spoonley addressed our last bi-monthly meeting and was very well received. We have a link to his talk on our website, but you had to be there to witness his enthusiastic analysis of our changing world as birth rates decline, the population ages and Auckland gets ever bigger. It wasn't all doom and gloom but a cheerful talk looking at factors that society and the government of the day need to take into account as demographics change.

<https://www.u3ahbc.co.nz/speakers.html>.

Here is one of the slides from his presentation.



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### IN THE NEXT DECADE

- **The growth in 65+** will account for most of population growth in **56 out of 67** territorial authorities
- **65+** will be larger than **0-14** age group
- More workers will **retire** than enter the workforce
- **Immigration** will contribute more to **population growth** – if it continues to remain high



# Highlights from the Groups

## REGIONAL NZ/PACIFIC

For several years now our team members have discussed regions in NZ thoroughly, in fact we have studied the North and South Islands plus the many islands offshore, close by.

This year we are venturing further out, into the Pacific, discovering Islands that little is known about, and finding new information about Islands that we hear of often. Many books which can be taken out from the Library give us information on these Islands too, for e.g. early settlement, discoveries right up to modern times some, like Niue Island has a large decrease in population - many of the residents of that Island now live in NZ. We can also acquire information from going into Google. Occasionally I plan to invite people to give us a talk on a particular Island they have stayed on for a certain length of time, or have stayed a day or two off shore in their yacht.

At our last meeting I chose the Kermadec Islands, which lie almost exactly half way between the Bay of Plenty and Tonga, 900 to 1200 kms North East of Auckland, NZ, and was surprised to find that tuis, silvereyes, kingfishers, red crowned parakeet and growing numbers of pukeko, blackbirds and starlings flourish on some of the Islands.

The four main Islands lie in a straight line stretching over 300 kms of ocean and from South to North are: - L'Esperance Rock, Curris Island, Macauley Island and Raoul. They form part of the "Pacific Rim of Fire", that volcanic zone reaching from well south of NZ to Tonga and far beyond. Norfolk Island lies due West of Raoul.

Members are welcome to join us at our next meeting ... see details of time and place in this newsletter.

*Barbara Tucker, Convener*

## ART APPRECIATION

This group has met twice in the Whangaparaoa Library very successfully with members taking part in presentations and discussions

This month due to the ten people restriction we are meeting at Estuary Arts and dividing into two under the guidance of Kim Boyd who is acting as a docent for their Annual Arts award exhibition, which we will then discuss. Presently we have 15 in the group and can accommodate a couple more

*Trish Litherland, Convener*

## Cinematique

Hoyts Cinema Whangaparaoa are now open and practicing social distancing. They do need support so go online and view their website as an eclectic programme is always offered.

We met on Monday 7 September starting with coffee and a catch up. We then had the choice of two movies. We do not have a time slot confirmed as we look for appropriate, interesting, and timely films and are at the mercy of the weekly programme, aiming for late morning screenings. We have 25 members but can take more. (Contact Trish to be put on her email list.)

*Trish Litherland, Convener*

*Congratulations to all the other groups who have found ingenious ways to meet in small groups or who have reverted to the dreaded Zoom for their meetings. Some have exchanged emails.*

# 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**

## SCHEDULE OF GROUP MEETING TIMES

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

**The September 2020 meeting is cancelled due to Covid Level 2 restrictions.**