



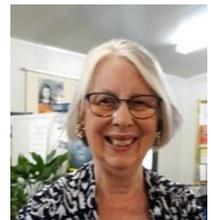
Next meeting 17 May at Salvation Army Hall, 32 Greenview Lane,
Red Beach, Hibiscus Coast, 9.45 am.

Tea Duty: Cinematique, 2 members

Picture: View from Arkles Bay cliff to Long Bay

President's Report

What a momentous AGM we had in March. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and organised a workable venue in the bottom of the Salvation Army building when we were locked out of the upper Auditorium. I'm still in awe of how our Webmaster Gerard Straka and Guest speaker Roy Davies miraculously created a Wi-Fi system from scratch when we had to make do without the Salvation Army Wi-Fi code and audio/visual system.



Our newly elected Management Committee has had a productive first meeting to plan the rest of our year's activities. Our big news is that there is enthusiasm for bringing back the Out and About trips that were very popular a few years ago. Three of our committee members – Ireni Esler, John Tucker and Maureen Jansen – have undertaken to arrange a trial run. Watch this space for developments and let us know if you have any bright ideas for that first venture.

Our Convenors have had a worthwhile get-together to share news of their groups. All groups are going well and would be happy to have a new member join them. However, there are three groups which are extra keen to welcome new members: Ancient History, History, and Regional New Zealand. Joining one of our groups is the best way to find your niche in our U3A organisation. Discussing, creating, or simply enjoying an activity together is the name of the game. Our Film Group is a great example of how much fun a group of U3A friends can have. At the end of our Convenors' meeting, Ian and Nancy Miller showed us the most recent film that their group has made. Most enjoyable.

We can look forward to two women speakers at our next General Meeting on Monday 17 May. Our Club speaker is new Hibiscus Coast U3A member and new Vice-President, Ireni Esler, back from living in the UK for many years. But she is not new to the U3A organisation, having been deeply involved with it in the UK. And our Guest speaker will be Sue Gardiner, a woman who has helped promote the role of visual arts in making a difference to people’s health and well-being.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 17 May at 9.45am. This time in an unlocked Auditorium with full audio/visual system ready to go.

Judy Keall

Committee

President	Judy Keall	
Vice President	Ireni Esler	
Secretary	Chris Curtis	
Treasurer	John Tucker	
Membership secretary	Kaye Bennetts	
Speakers’ secretary	Trish Litherland	
Newsletter Editor	Maureen Jansen	
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Main Speaker for May

Sue Gardener, MA Art History, MNZM

Chair of Chartwell Charitable Trust

Chartwell’s mission is to support, grow and deepen the understanding of the visual arts for us all- for our individual and communal well-being.

The Chartwell collection is held on long term loan at the Auckland Art Gallery and Chartwell is a founding benefactor of the research centre known as CAST - The centre for the Arts and Social Transformation at the University of Auckland



Chartwell’s Outreach project at the moment is “Squiggla” which Sue will explain. It is about unleashing the creativity in us all.

<https://chartwell.org.nz/making/projects/squiggla/>

**LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021**

Fees are \$25 for a single member, and \$40 for a couple.

Payment of the annual subscription can be made by:

DIRECT CREDIT to bank account listed below.

Hibiscus Coast U3A:
1230460275951000

(Please put your name as the reference.)

OR

CASH – Pay your subs to John at the May general meeting.

If we do not hear from you before the end of May, sadly, we will have to assume that you do not wish to continue your membership.



March Meeting

As Judy said, this was a technical super-achievement and well worth the watch with Dr Roy Davies showing us how Virtual Reality can enhance our lives. It can create empathy, help us conquer our fears and many other good things.

News from the groups

The Short Film Group

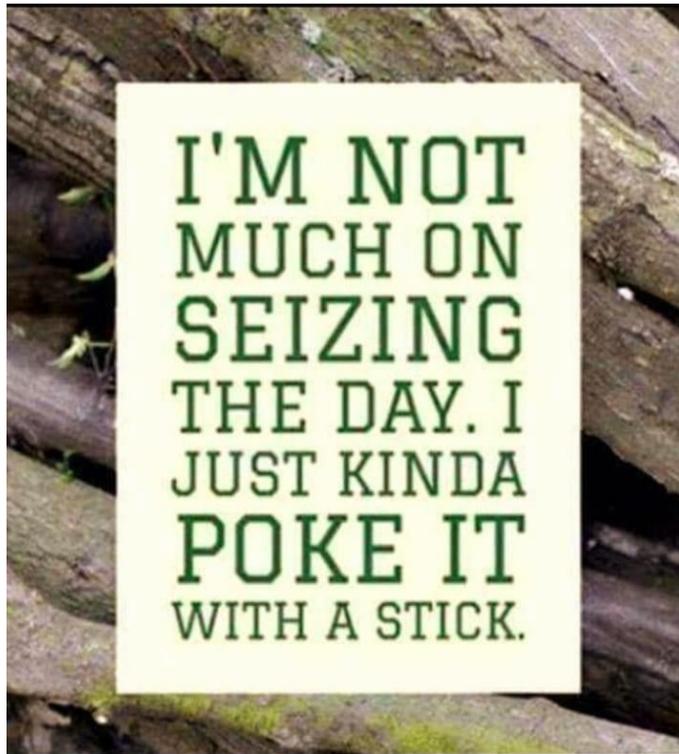
The Short Film Group has entered a film about the seven deadly sins into the Show Me Shorts New Zealand film competition. The Conveners Meeting attendees were most amused but the rest of us will have to wait until judging is over later in the year.



After discussing the Oscars

The World Today

The main May topic was the Chilean Revolution which has led to the framing of something very unusual, a new constitution which will be voted on very soon.



The Film Discussion Group

An adult learning organisation emailed their local university requesting the services of a speaker for one of their functions. They asked if it would be possible to have a learned person who was also a wit to address the group.

The university wrote back saying, "Unfortunately we have no wits on the faculty – would two half-wits be okay?" Anon

'Interest is the key to life,
Interest is the clue,
Interest is the drum and fife,
And any god will do'
The Keeners Manual.

Some wisdom and humour from our members

Auckland Regional Event



LIFELONG LEARNING - SHARING KNOWLEDGE - FRIENDSHIP - LEADING EDGE INFORMATION

Celebrating U3A in Action - 2021

Auckland 29 July 2021

AUCKLAND U3A NETWORK WELCOMES YOU TO A DAY OF CELEBRATION

Westgate Baptist Church, 67 Hobsonville Road, West Harbour

Thursday 29 July 2021 - 9:30am (for 10:00am) to 2:30pm

Guest Speaker: **Steve Braunias**, author, columnist, journalist and editor

Presentations from U3A Members

Morning tea and lunch - all inclusive - **\$30**

Please note that registrations will close on 16 July or sooner if the maximum number of attendees is reached. There will be no cash entry on the event day.

This looks like an interesting event featuring the quirky long time journalist Steve Braunias as keynote speaker with a bunch of mini presentations to follow from groups in the region. You can register at the website below or contact Ireni Esler or Judy Keall for more details. Ireni is our representative on the U3A Auckland network.

<https://www.u3anz.com/event>

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HEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS

As at May 2021

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 group is exploring archaeological sites from around the world and is well worth attending for its thought-provoking content. Venue: Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library, 3rd Wednesday of month at 2 pm. **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 2.30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday 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. Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays 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, **Convenor: Trish Litherland, 0**

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/Pacific

This year the group will be discussing and studying various regions of NZ and the Pacific Islands. 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 each month at 10am 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. Co-**Convenors: Diana Pipke and Maureen Jansen**

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
<u>1st week am</u>		History 10 am			The Writers 10 am World Today: 9.45am
pm		Cards and Games 1.30 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 2.30 pm		

<u>3rd week am</u>	*General* Meeting 9.40 am	History 10 am			Book Review 10 am
pm		Cards and Games 1.30pm 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.