

HIBISCUS Coast U3A- Special Bulletin

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Editor's Note

The purpose of this bulletin is to allow us to touch base with members after an extended lockdown.

Many of us have carried on regardless. World Today and Film Discussion have been Zooming. Art Appreciation members have been sent a very interesting video on the painter Andrew Wyeth to discuss at the next face to face meeting.

I have been walking nearly every day and on the few sunny days have discovered nooks and crannies of the peninsula I have not seen before. This is of a short walk from Fisherman's Rock at absolute low tide where even with my arthritic knee I could make my way safely, with a stick, to the new steps up to Pacific Parade. I would not recommend the steps though!

Maureen Jansen



President's Message

As promised, here is our October Bulletin. It comes to you at the beginning of "Level 3 with picnics - at a distance"! I'm still trying to be positive, despite the longer lockdown and the lack of hugs from wider family and loved ones. Anyway, do hope you are all lasting the distance and getting support from those who are in your bubble. Can anyone define the "extended bubble"? Just asking!

As I write this message in the sunshine, seeking my quota of vitamin D, I want to thank U3A members for staying in touch with each other, especially the members of your groups. Hopefully some of our smaller groups will be able to meet in person once we get down to Level 2. In the meantime, our best lines of communication continue to be phone,

email, iPad, Zoom – and carrier pigeon. But Zoom isn't for everyone, and not everyone has well-trained carrier pigeons!

It is important that we reach the highest number of people vaccinated as soon as possible, so that we can resume our larger bi-monthly General Meetings under Level 1. Trust you have had both jabs by now. If you continue to have queries about the vaccination, do please seek advice from someone you trust, like your G.P.

Our final General Meeting of the year is booked for Monday 22 November. Trish Litherland has once again lined up an appealing speaker to follow our Christmas End-of-Year special morning tea.

Looking forward to seeing you then. Kia kaha, stay strong,

Judy Keall

Groups

Instead of placing the groups in this bulletin, I will refer you to our excellent website where you can see the groups and click a link to the schedule.

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

Recommended viewing from the Film Discussion Group

Leave No Trace an award-winning film set in Oregon and starring Kiwi actress, Thomasin McKenzie, is now on Netflix.

Grace and Frankie, also on Netflix is recommended by many of our members

Squid Game. This Netflix series was mentioned briefly at our last Zoom meeting. It's a Korean series that has jumped to the No 1 streamed series in the world. With a plot similar to The Hunger Games, it is thrilling, bloodthirsty but strangely thought-provoking.

Greed, capitalism, altruism ... do these themes make up for the stylised violence? I think so but it is not everyone's cup of tea.



Thomasin McKenzie in Leave No Trace. She and her father have been living rough in a national park near Portland. He is a war veteran with PTSD who no longer feels comfortable in normal society and teaches his daughter to survive in the wild, keep on the move to avoid the authorities and "leave no trace".