



Next General Meeting
Monday, 18 July, 9.45 am,
Salvation Army Hall, 32
Greenview Lane,
Red Beach, Hibiscus Coast.
Morning tea: Book Club,
two members only.

U3A Hibiscus Coast Newsletter for May 2022

Management Committee Report

As you will know at the AGM in May there was no-one interested in putting their hands up for the position of President. So, in order to keep our branch of U3A up and running, three ex-presidents, myself, Trish Litherland and the retiring president, Judy Keall, agreed to act *in loco* until hopefully someone out there will take pity on us and offer, as we all have other positions on the committee.

I drew the 'short straw' for the first stint, so here we go.

It was a great relief to be able to meet and socialise at the May meeting, and how interesting was the talk by Professor Julian F.R. Paton, on a new centre for heart research at the University of Auckland, called Manaaki Mānawa (preserving the life force of the heart).

We give thanks to Trish Litherland and her new assistant Jill Everest who find such interesting speakers at our general meetings. Thanks also to our convenors who run all our varied small interest groups.

I know some of you are a little unsure about meetings because of the continuing Covid threat, but precautions are taken.

Some groups, like Archaeology and the Small Film Group are looking for members.

Talking of Covid...and I know the subject is losing its interest ... how we hung onto the Government reports in the beginning ... I do have an appeal when you attend the General Meetings. While it is not mandatory, I do think it is considerate to wear a mask when signing in. Our membership secretary, Kaye is completely at your mercy as she takes your name on arrival. It is still in our community, and in fact after last meeting I had a 'bluetooth notification' I had been a close contact on that day; it may not have been at the meeting, but please do take care.



We look forward to seeing you on July 18th.

Chris Curtis (Secretary)

TREASURER FOR 2023 YEAR
I will not be seeking re-election for the post of Treasurer at our March 2023 meeting.
If you feel you could be of service to the U3A in taking on this role, please contact me, and I will provide you with the information and help you may require to undertake this duty.
I have done the job for ten years. It is not onerous, otherwise I would never have lasted this long in the post. *John*
Contact John Tucker – Phone 427-9127 or Mobile 027-427-9177 or Email: tuckertime@xtra.co.nz

Management Committee

President	TBC
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Newsletter Editor	Maureen Jansen
Convenor Liaison Officer	Judy Keall
Speakers Secretary	Trish Litherland
Speakers Sec Assistant	Jill Everest
Technical Assistant	Hugh Griffiths

July's Speaker: Professor Andrew Jeffs



As a Professor within the [University of Auckland's Marine Sciences Department](#), Andrew's research includes lobster biology and aquaculture. With interests in the esoteric marine ecological issues, Andrew's has worked on applied research projects with the seafood industry.

Prior to his role at The University of Auckland, Andrew was general manager of aquaculture and biotechnology at [NIWA](#), completed his PhD with Cawthron and held a role with [DOC](#). Andrew's marine research has included the retention of green-shell mussel spat, magnitude and timing of seed losses in mussel, as well as larval settlement of koura.

Andrew brings to the He Hono Moana team a variety of knowledge on ocean connectivity and aquaculture.

Phil will be talking to us about restoring the Hauraki Gulf.

Ukraine Kaye Bennetts June 2022

Ukraine, a land of lush pastures and thriving cities,
Where cooking oil and cereal crops
Keep the wheels of industry turning.
But this is where it stops

Kiyv - once bustling with life, where families lived
Now a smoking shell, demolished, dark and flat.
Mothers, gather children and go - fathers stay to fight.
Memories destroyed. They didn't ask for that

Russian guns and Russian missiles decimate the land
Caring not where they go to ground.
Soldiers, children, families torn apart,
A tangled mass of broken homes abound.

Armies of raw recruits mass at the border
Wait Moscow's command to attack
Sent to the front with minimal training
To fight a fool's war. There's no turning back.

In neighbouring countries, a million or more
Find refuge, and safety from fear.
They have lost everything but the clothes on their backs
For what? The whim of a vicious black bear.

No flowers bloom in Mariupol, the crop fields burnt and bare
The decimated town, gaunt empty shell.
More bodies to be cleared, and then another staunch
defence,
They'll send those Russian despots all to hell.

Enough of the fighting, the deaths, the destruction
Ukraine won't back down, they'll not lose
They are standing together for freedom.
Their right for the freedom to choose.

News from groups

Writers' Group

The Ukraine poem on the left is an example of the excellent work done by members of the group.

Art Appreciation

This group is moving to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. This is because we are moving back to the library where AV equipment is more suitable for art appreciation.

World Today

The June meeting saw a flood of apologies, but an influx of new and prospective members meant there were 20 people present and we have 24/25 on the books. We'll have to close membership and place prospective members on a waiting list, unfortunately.

Discussion Group

This friendly group has been low in numbers since Covid. While World Today is based on presentations by members, the Discussion Group talks about current issues in a freer discussion format. It is worth checking this group out if World Today is full! The Discussion Group meets every two weeks.



"Education is the best provision for old age." Aristotle

The Bard of Waiwera

Barry Dale passed away peacefully on May 28. Barry leaves behind a large loving family including his lovely wife Fay and caregiver and daughter Bronwyn. He was surrounded by his four children and several grandchildren at his passing. He was in his 97th year.

After graduating from Flockhouse Agricultural College and Massey University in the early 1940s, Barry freelanced his many skills in all areas of farming, but principally on high country sheep farms where he enjoyed working with horses and dogs - mainly in the central areas of the North Island. When he moved North in 1950 he met and married Fay and together they worked (and owned) dairy farms for the next 27 years.

Barry was headhunted for a lecturer's position at Flockhouse Agricultural School near Bulls in the late 1970s, and his courses and lectures were extremely popular with the trainees.

Semi-retirement brought him North again in the mid-eighties, where he managed a variety of agricultural ventures - a Kiwifruit orchard, an Avocado orchard, a lifestyle block - even managing a Motel at Kerikeri.

He retired to Hatfields Beach then Waiwera, and took on some community work, firstly with the CAB where he was a Budget advisor, then utilising his knowledge of horses to assist with Riding for the Disabled at Silverdale.

He has been an active member of U3A on the Hibiscus Coast where he was Convenor and leader of the Discussion group for the past 20 years.

He will always be remembered for his whimsical sense of humour, his quiet humble leadership, his love of family and friends, and his absolute integrity. He was locally known as the 'Bard of Waiwera' - always delighting the local community with his poetic take on events and personalities.

He is sorely missed by all who knew him.

Robert Kelly



U3A Network Event for 2022

Date – Saturday 30 July, 9.30am to 2.30pm

Venue – Salvation Army Auckland Corps
18 Allright Place, MT WELLINGTON

Cost per Member – \$40

Judge Andrew Becroft QSO, Previous Children's Commissioner and **Dame Patsy Reddy**, (Former Governor General) will be speaking in an interview format.

You can register online through the following link, or ring David Thompson, 0210319045
<https://www.u3auckland.net/event>

Mahjong

We have had many enquiries about a mahjong group now that our old one has closed.

If anyone would like to start a group, please contact Judy Keall.

Meanwhile we suggest you take a look at Cards and Games which meets twice in the month.



Group Convenors

Ancient History: Ayad Hussona

Ancient History Relief: Loretta Austin,

Archaeology: Kay McLean

Art Appreciation: Trish Litherland

Book Club: Sheila Hussona

Book Club Relief

Book Review: Cheril Clarke

Cards and Games: Cherry Davies

Cinematique: Trish Litherland

General Discussion: Bob and Jenny Kelly

Film Discussion: Trish Litherland

History: Jeannetta Dearsley

Poetry discussion: Maureen Jansen

Playreading: Barbara Tucker

Short Film Making: Ian and Nancy Miller

The World Today: Diana Pipke

The Writers: Cheril Clarke

Travel: Gavin Whyte

New groups

Poetry Discussion

This group is starting on August 1 at 10.30 and then on every first Monday. Venue to be confirmed. We have 5 or 6 members so far, so have room for more. The idea is to discuss poems written by established poets with room to vary the programme as people see fit. Contact Maureen Jansen, mjansener@gmail.com for more information.

Short Film Group

This is not a new group but a well-established group needing new members interested in acting, screenwriting, and filmmaking. It is a lot of fun and a creative and learning experience. Contact Ian Miller, ian@iseevideo.co.nz for more information.

Our groups

On the following pages you can see the list of convenors and the schedule for the groups.

For descriptors for each group, go to our website, <https://www.u3ahbc.co.nz/groups.html>, or contact the convenor by phone or email.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>1st week am</u>	Poetry Discussion 10.30 am	History 10 am			The Writers 10 am
pm		Cards and Games 1 pm			World Today 2 pm
<u>2nd week am</u>	<i>Short Film Making (Time and venue varies)</i>	Discussion 10 am	Archeology 10 am	Book Club 10 am	
pm	Travel 2 pm	Art Appreciation 2pm – this is a new time			
<u>3rd week am</u>	General* Meeting 9.45 am	History 10 am		Cards and Games, 1.30	Book Review 10 am
pm		Cards and Games 1.30 pm			
<u>4th week am</u>	<i>Cinematique (Days, time and venue vary)</i>	Discussion 10 am Ancient History 10 am		Playreading 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.

“I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.”

Albert Einstein

“They follow the Hitler line - no matter how big the lie; repeat it often enough and the masses will regard it as the truth.”

John F. Kennedy