

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GROUP

### Discussion Group

When Fay and I first joined U.3.A. We also joined Discussion Group, which was run by Anne Lennon. We had a few guest speakers, from time to time.

One I remember was a policeman who went in the helicopter as observer.

The capabilities of the infra-red camera are amazing. He saw the lid of a rubbish drum move, and directed the dog man to that side of the house, and he made an arrest.

Other speakers included John Tamahere, and his ambitions for West Auckland, Waiparera Trust.

When Anne's sight and hearing were failing, I took over as convener. From time to time John Simons fills in for me.

We usually pick a topic or two, ahead, to give time for research, but also discuss current affairs for the first half, before coffee, and take the chosen topic after that.

We have a broad political range in our members, and as politics are not banned, there are some lively opinions. Our friendship is such that we can all laugh it off. It is a lovely group to be a part of.

We have 23 members, and usually have about 18 at our fortnightly meetings.

As we meet at the Hibiscus Coast Retirement Village, we have room for more members.

Barry and Fay Dale.

***Note from the editor.....we have Barry and Fay to thank for sending out the much appreciated get well cards, sympathy cards as well as the 'phone calls to welcome new members to the HBC U3A.***

