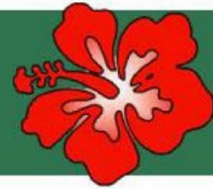


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*Next meeting: Monday May 20th 2024, 9.45am at the Salvation Army Hall, Greenview Lane, Red Beach.  
Going towards Auckland from Orewa, Hibiscus Coast Highway, turn first left after the fire station.*

### **Message from the Vice President**

As I write this President Gavin is probably cuddling a lemur in the wilds of Madagascar, an adventure that members of our Travel Group will no doubt enjoy hearing about after his return.

We have had three new groups start since our last Newsletter - Science, Proverbs and Idioms (The Whole Nine Yards) and the Short Story Group.

The Science Group has listened to members talk about a wide range of scientific subjects from the fascinating planarians (google it), forensic science, and just what is science, and are the social sciences really science?

The group, Proverbs and Idioms, listens to stories from members about popular sayings, their origins, meanings and common use.

The Short Story Group, which meets fortnightly until July, has a focus on the short stories of the Russian authors of the Golden Age of Russian Literature 1855-1890 including Chekhov, Turgenev, Tolstoy and Gogol. If you love classic literature come and join the relaxed atmosphere of this friendly group.

Details of these groups can be found later in this newsletter.

We are always looking to start new groups, and a couple of suggestions include philosophy and learning a language. If you have any interest in philosophy and/or would like to learn a language then please let me know. If you are proficient in a language other than English, and would like to teach this to our members then also please let me know.

Finally, I encourage every member to come to our General Meeting at 10am on May 20th at the Salvation Army Hall. Our speaker is the pre-eminent authority on the Treaty of Waitangi, Dame Dr Claudia Orange. We are indeed fortunate to have someone of Claudia's standing to guide us through 'The Treaty, The Principles, and Te Reo - Where are we now?' Bring a friend or friends, but remember to register with Wendy our Membership Secretary so that we can cater for all who may attend.

Enjoy all that you do.

Peter Gillmore ([petergillmore1949@gmail.com](mailto:petergillmore1949@gmail.com))

Vice President

### **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions are still only \$25 for an individual or \$40 for a couple. We need your subscription!

Please pay your subs into our U3A Kiwibank account: **38-9025-0566036-00**, and include your initials and full surname as the reference.

It is also possible to pay using phone banking - you will need your own and the U3A bank account number (above), or in person at a bank. Again you will need your own account number and U3A's.

## **This Month's Speaker Dame Dr Claudia Orange**

### **The Treaty, The Principles and Te Reo - Where are we now?**

We are privileged to have as our speaker this month Dame Dr Claudia Orange. She is a leading New Zealand historian specializing in the Treaty of Waitangi. Her 1987 book, "The Treaty of Waitangi", remains a key reference on the subject and earned her national recognition.

Dame Claudia has held leadership roles at Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum, and continues to contribute to discussions about the Treaty's interpretation and significance.



### **Management Committee**

President	Gavin Whyte
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### **Groups**

#### **Art Appreciation**

This is a lively group appreciating art of all kinds, and who occasionally embark on trips to art galleries.

We meet at 2pm in the Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library on the second Tuesday of the month.

Convenor: Trish Litherland pat.roy@xtra.co.nz

#### **Book Club**

We each read the same two selected books each month and then we have good discussions about them. Some of us like the book and other don't, making for a lively and interesting morning.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 10.00am We meet in our own homes, taking turns to host.

Convenor: Sheila Hussona, sandahussona@ix.net.nz

## **Groups**

### **Book Review**

There are no set books to read. Instead, members review a book they have read during the month. Members find this personal introduction to books very helpful when choosing their own next reading. If a member owns the book they are reviewing, it is often lent out around the group.

We meet at 9.45 on the third Friday of the month in the Peninsula Club.

Convenor: Cheril Clarke, cherilclarke@xtra.co.nz

### **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 are welcome.

Meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 1.30pm in the Pohutukawa Room

Convenor: Cherry Davies, cedavies@xtra.co.nz

### **Cinématique**

Meetings are ad hoc, depending on what is showing locally. We work with Hoyts Senior Mornings, usually a Tuesday at 10.00am for free coffee and morning tastes. If you are Hoyts member the charge is only \$9 and for non members \$10. We are supporting this kind gesture.

Any members who wish to come to these cinema mornings, please contact Trish.

Convenor: Trish Litherland, pat.roy@xtra.co.nz

### **Discussion**

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 10.00. For the first hour we usually discuss a set topic, based on a current issue from New Zealand or world-wide. After a coffee break at 11.00, time is devoted to topics or issues that are brought up by individual members.

Convenors: Bob & Jenny Kelly, Inverkelly1824

### **EcoWarriors**

This group meets on the third Wednesday in members' homes. Through research, field trips and sharing of information we aim to reach a greater knowledge and understanding of our environment. Weeds like arum lilies, agapanthus and ivy prevent the regeneration of native bush. For able-bodied members, there is still the opportunity to meet for weeding, usually at 1.00 pm. on Wednesdays. Please ring the convener for more information.

Convener: Jill Everest 021-0286 7068; jilleverest12@gmail.com

### **Film Discussion**

We discuss any films we have viewed together, plus any others deemed suitable. We meet at 10.30, on the last Friday of the month. New members are welcome! Venue: Pohutukawa Room, Whangararoa Library, 10.30 am.

Convener: Trish Litherland pat.roy@xtra.co.nz

## **Groups**

### **History**

In the History Group we cover the early centuries to recent times. We learn about events and people, famous, infamous and obscure. Members present their research and findings in the form of written, oral and screen presentations, and in images. You are welcome to just come and listen. We make time to discuss topics and to exchange views and ideas.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 10am to noon in the Pohutukawa Room.

Convenor: Peter Gillmore [petergillmore1949@gmail.com](mailto:petergillmore1949@gmail.com)

### **Mahjong**

The Mahjong Group is for beginners with two instructors present to assist with learning. Come and join us for fun and friendship!

Mahjong is held every fourth Monday of the month from 1.30 to 4.30pm in the Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library. All are welcome.

Convenor: Connie Franklin, [Conniefranklin@outlook.com](mailto:Conniefranklin@outlook.com)

### **Music Appreciation**

We spend our time listening to and leaning about many genres of music. The emphasis is on classical music. Members are encouraged to introduce their favourite pieces, musicians or instruments. All are welcome to join us for fun and friendship. We meet on fourth Wednesdays at 10am in the Whangaparaoa Library.

Convenor: Peter Gillmore [petergillmore1949@gmail.com](mailto:petergillmore1949@gmail.com)

### **Play Reading**

Our play readings bring to voices to life! nWe explore diverse scrips, share laughts and delve into characters. Roles rotate, so everyone gets a chance to shine, and when lines pile up, we team up to conquer them!

Get ready for a vibrant journey through the world of words, all in friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Contact: Barbara [barb-johntucker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barb-johntucker@xtra.co.nz)

### **Poetry Discussion**

Our group discusses a famous poet in the first half of the meeting, with members bringing poems to share with the group in the second half. We are poetry readers, not writers, but anything can happen when a group of U3A people get together! We meet on the first Monday of the month from 10.30 to 12.00pm in the Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library.

Convenor: Maureen Jansen, [mjansener@gmail.com](mailto:mjansener@gmail.com)

## **Groups**

### **Proverbs and Idioms (formerly The Whole Nine Yards)**

We aim to learn about the origins of sayings, proverbs and idioms such as 'be on cloud nine', 'let sleeping dogs lie', or 'barking mad'. The charge is \$3 per head. If you stay on for Quizzer, that is at no extra cost.

If you want to be involved in such a group to research, discuss, debate, learn and have fun, meet us at the Theosophical Society Hall, 9 Forest Glen, cnr Annalise Place, Orewa, at 12.15 to 1.45

In the absence of Gavin, the convenor is Phillippa Kidd, [alpkerbert@gmail.com](mailto:alpkerbert@gmail.com)

### **Quizzer**

Quizzers are split into five groups to tackle seven sets of questions. Each quiz session is \$3 per head to cover hall hire, photocopying and afternoon tea. Quizzer follows the Proverbs and Idioms group at 2 pm also at the Theosophical Hall. If you have attended Proverbs and Idioms that day, there is no extra charge for Quizzer.

Gavin 021730444, email [gavin.whyte@gmail.com](mailto:gavin.whyte@gmail.com)

### **Science**

Science is knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world and is based on evidence. Our group shares and discusses science topics. We have a wide range of backgrounds, both scientific and non-scientific. We aim to widen our knowledge and understanding. All are welcome to join us at the Pohutukawa Room on the afternoon of the first Thursday of the month at 2pm.

Convenor: Jenny Casale [jenicasale@gmail.com](mailto:jenicasale@gmail.com)

### **The Short Film Group**

We make short films based on ideas brought by group members. It is all done by role play, so there are no lines to learn. We have lots of fun, planning and shooting. We are lucky to have the skills and experience brought by our convenors. Times are arranged by email. Convenors are Ian and Nancy Miller, [ian.miller.nz@gmail.com](mailto:ian.miller.nz@gmail.com)

### **The Art of Photography**

The purpose of this group is to learn how to look at a photo and how to take meaningful photos. Everyone is welcome. No experience required. If you haven't a camera, a mobile phone is all you need to take really good shots. We share our photos on the big screen and members give helpful tips or just enjoy looking at what you have taken.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Pohutukawa Room from 10am to noon.  
Convenors: Jeannetta Dearsley [j.josephs@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.josephs@xtra.co.nz) Maureen Jansen [mjansener@gmail.com](mailto:mjansener@gmail.com)

## Groups

### The Short Story Group

The Short Story Group started with a hiss and a roar as we learned about Russia in the second half of the 19th Century and discussed our experiences with Russian novelists. We talked about the art of translation and then read the first part of *The Schoolmistress* by Anton Chekhov. This group will proceed every fortnight until late July meeting in a member's house on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10 to 11.30. Contact Maureen Jansen or Peter Gillmore if you would like to join. [mjansener@gmail.com](mailto:mjansener@gmail.com) or [petergillmore1949@gmail.com](mailto:petergillmore1949@gmail.com)

### 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 aspects of a topic to share what they learn with other members. We meet on the first Friday of the month from 9.45 to 12, in the Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library.

Conveners: Jill Everest, [jilleverest12@gmail.com](mailto:jilleverest12@gmail.com) and Maureen Jansen, [mjansener@gmail.com](mailto:mjansener@gmail.com)

### Travel

The Travel Group meets to discuss aspects of travel. At most meetings, two members give 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.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2.00pm in the Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library.

Convener Sally-Ann Smith [sallyann@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:sallyann@hotmail.co.nz)

### U3A Writers

This is an enthusiastic and supportive group with varied levels of ability. A 500-word homework task is set for each meeting and a five-minute quick write happens as well. The writing ability of members improves and we have a lot of fun and laughs. We meet the first Friday of the month in the Peninsula club, gathering first in the Palm Court Café (straight through from Reception) at 10am. At 10.30 we move up to the Hibiscus room.

Convener: Cheril Clarke, [cherilclarke@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cherilclarke@xtra.co.nz)

### Weed of the Month: Wild ginger

Slash stems. Remove any seed heads and destroy. Dig out all rhizomes and take to land fill. It is also possible to mulch with a lawnmower (not a mulcher) and compost.

Cut above the pink "collar" at the base of the stems & immediately treat stump with (1g metsulfuron/1L water).

Spray dense patches away from roots of vulnerable species, spring – late autumn (5g metsulfuron + 10ml penetrant/10L water). Don't replant sprayed sites for 6 months/until seedlings appear naturally.



## U3A Schedule

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st week</b>		<b>Cards and Games</b> 1.30 - 4.00	<b>Short Story</b> 10 - 11.30	<b>History</b> 10.00 - 12.00  <b>Science</b> 2.00 - 4.00 April to Sept	<b>Writers</b> 9.45 - 12.00  <b>World Today</b> 9.45 - 12.00
<b>2nd week</b>	<b>Travel</b> 2.00 - 4.00	<b>Discussion</b> 10.00 - 12.00  <b>Art Appreciation</b> 2.00 - 4.00	<b>Art of Photography</b> 10.00 - 12.00  <b>Idioms and Proverbs</b> 12.15 - 145  <b>Quizzer</b> 2.00 - 4.00pm	<b>Book Club</b> 10.00 - 12.00	
<b>3rd week</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> 9.45 - 12.00 every 2nd month, Jan - Nov	<b>Cards and Games</b> 1.30 - 4.00	<b>EcoWarriors</b> 1.00 - 3.00	<b>History</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Book Review</b> 9.45 - 12.00
<b>4th week</b>	<b>Poetry Discussion</b> 10.30 - 12.00  <b>Mahjong</b> 1.30 - 4.30 4th Monday	<b>Discussion</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Music Appreciation</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Playreading</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Film Discussion</b> 10.30 - 12.00 <b>LAST</b> Friday whether the 4th or 5th Friday of the month.

**Cinematique** and the **Short Film Group** meet when there is a film or project on the go.

The endemic black-billed gulls and chicks at Golden Bay. We are talking about these in the EcoWarriors group on 15 May.

