

July Speakers...

With Graham Lamont as our Club speaker followed by his daughter Robbie as the guest speaker we enjoyed two very diverse topics, both of which were presented in a very enjoyable and easy to follow manner.

Graham spoke of his visit, with other members of his family, to Malaysia for the wedding of his grandson. He described the pre-wedding celebrations which involved all the immediate family, followed by the actual ceremony accompanied by photographs showing a beautiful petite bride and her proud groom. Graham finished his presentation by singing a song he recalls his mother singing some decades ago which ended with... 'stay in your own back yard'. A fitting way to describe how we've changed over the years and how we now live in a multi-cultural society. Graham is a founder members of the HBC U3A.

Robbie Lamont called her presentation "*What's a white girl like you doing in a job like this*", A fitting title covering her story of the challenging cultural bias in mainstream education. Robbie Lamont has worked in education for more than 40 years. For the last 15 years she has been a researcher and professional development provider in a range of programmes focused on addressing education inequality. Robbie shared what she has learned from working in bicultural partnership with Maori academics and researchers and from teachers and school leaders throughout New Zealand