



U3A Hamilton Newsletter

July 2019



Life is for learning -----learn for life.

From the President

Four new committee members were elected at the AGM in June. We welcome Murray Belchamber, Dame Peggy Koopman-Boyden, Gavin Muckle and Janet Sceats. The new committee has already held its first meeting and hopes to determine portfolios for the year at its next meeting.

Our June speaker was Emeritus Professor, Ian Pool, who gave a fascinating account of New Zealand history from 1769 to the 1890s from a demographic perspective. Much of it focussed on the impact of European settlement on the existing Māori population: diseases introduced by the colonists resulted in major loss of life; the New Zealand wars over land in the North Island, and consequent dispossession of land, brought further population loss and economic hardship. From 1860 on the pākehā population surged, through migration and reproduction. For many of the settlers, too, hardship was a constant. However, the impact of settler and government beliefs and assumptions about entitlement were still prevalent during our own early lives.

A small but enthusiastic group of members took part in a guided tour of the film costume exhibition, *Cut! Costume and the Cinema* at the Waikato Museum on 2 July. We aim to increase the frequency of such expeditions.

A meeting for new members will be held in late August.

Noeline Alcorn

President.

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This Month's Guest Speaker

Jenevere Foreman

A Challenging O E in China

Following a trip to Taiwan including a tour of its National Palace Museum, Jenevere made her first visit to the Peoples Republic of China in 1979. She is a member of the NZ- China Friendship Society, becoming a member of its National Executive and for her contributions to our city she was awarded a Hamilton City Civic Award in 2017. After completing her graduate certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language [TESOL] at WINTEC she worked for a year in 2008 in Changsha University in Hunan province. One of her many interests in China is Chinese art and its artefacts.



Following the principle that life begins at 70, she has continued her interest in China with regular visits and has been a tour guide to Tibet and to China. As well, she has hosted many Chinese visitors to New Zealand and maintains close links with former students. She has also been a member of Hamilton's team in its sister city Wuxi.

Future Guest Speakers

21August	Bridget Toy-Cronin -	Law
18 September	Professor Al Gillespie -	Current political matters.
October or November	Peter Sergel	Hamilton Gardens

Hamilton U3A Membership

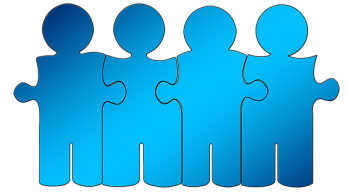
Membership Statistics		We Farewelled	We welcome
June 2016	146	Barbara Sinel	<i>New Members – April 2019</i> Graham Borland
June 2017	160	Joy Pickens	Elizabeth Burt
June 2018	200	Elizabeth Pennell	Keith Burt
Resignations (2018)	20	John Lawson	Jim Cooke
Discontinuations	17	Sue Lawson	Sue Cooke
Resignations (2019)	9		Aileen Gabelich
Current	251		Dale Lethbridge
			Joy Rear
			Adrian Tyghe
			Christine Williams

Potential U3A Interest Group/s

Family History 2 – Where to start?

We are hoping to establish a second Family History group, to operate for a short period, focussed on looking at ways in which people who have always wanted to begin compiling their family history but don't quite know:

- where to start,
- which genealogy programmes to consider,
- what resources are available or
- where to find them.



If this sounds like a group you'd be interested in, please contact

Margaret Southgate phone 856 9522

U3A Interest Group Notices

Coffee Companions



Our next outing, at 10.30 am on Friday 12 July, will be to

Zenders Cafe, 439 Ruakura Road, Hamilton.

There's no limit on group size, so if you are interested in joining, let Judith know. We can always fill up two tables!

Convenor: Judith Hickman phone 849 0242

Natural Environment of Hamilton

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 July at Lake Ruatuna, 162 Ryburn Road, Ohaupo. A ranger and a volunteer guide will talk to us about the wetland (peat) lakes environment, and the Living Waters programme. Meet at 9.50 am. We will provide a koha and have morning tea as part of the programme. There is a centre where we can be inside for the slides before venturing out.



If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Noeline.

New members are welcome.

Convenor: Noeline Alcorn phone 849 1912

Duty Rosters – Meet and Greet & Morning Tea

Monthly meeting	Groups – Meet & Greet	Morning Tea
17 July	Book Discussion & Theatre & Shows	Kathy Little Lesley Dunn Anthony Viner
21 August	Natural Environment & Canadian Authors	Tbc
September	Ukulele 1 & 2 & Knit, Stitch & Chat	Tbc
October	Gardening & Mah Jong	Tbc
November	Wine Appreciation & NZ History	Tbc

Hamilton U3A Committee

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Our monthly meetings are held at 10.00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from February – November at the Church Hall of Chartwell Co-operating Church located on the corner of Comries Road and Belmont Avenue (opposite Chartwell Mall).

Following the guest speaker's presentation, we have morning tea/coffee and a chance to chat.

Potential members are welcome to attend a meeting prior to making a decision about whether or not to join U3A Hamilton.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 17 July from 9.45 am

