



U3A Hamilton Newsletter

June 2019



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

From the President

Our next meeting will begin with the AGM, followed by speaker Professor Ian Pool, one of our members. I look forward to seeing you there. We are still looking to find new committee members so if you are interested please let me know. The committee is a friendly group which meets monthly to share ideas and organisational tasks. Details of a proposal minor rule change have already been circulated to all members.

We held our third morning tea for new members last week and met a number of interesting people from different backgrounds.

Last year one of our speakers was Cherie Meecham, Director of the Waikato Muesum. She recently contacted us to offer a guided tour for members of the new exhibition, CUT! Costume and the Cinema. Details will be available at the June meeting so sign up if you are interested.

Noeline Alcorn

President.

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Remember, our next meeting is the AGM

Wednesday 19 June at 10.00 am

This Month's Guest Speaker

Ian Pool, CNZM, PhD, FRSNZ
Emeritus Professor,
National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis
University of Waikato



THE HISTORY OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND AFTER COOK: THE TURBULENT 120 YEARS, 1769-1890s

New Zealand's history since Cook has lasted a quarter of a millennium. But, as seen through the lens of an historical demographer, for almost HALF of that entire period New Zealand went through an era of extreme turbulence. It started before Waitangi, when Maori were building their 'golden era of business' and participating in extractive industry joint ventures. But, Maori numbers also declined as they were struck down by introduced pathogens: the lethality of the 'Musket wars' has been exaggerated, as I will show.

In 1840 Maori, 98% of NZers, brought a rich dowry to Waitangi – all NZ's resources and a thriving business sector. But over 1840-58, disease caused the most rapid Maori population declines ever. From 1860-1900, Pakeha displaced Maori, by warring with them, dispossessing them from their NI lands, and swamping them through huge, but brief, migratory inflows and, above all, by the hyper-reproductive capacities of colonists. Turbulence took other forms before and after Waitangi, such as racing down economic paths that seemed rewarding but were un-sustained as lead factors: eg gold, wool, grain.

But, by the 1890s, Aotearoa was establishing stability in its peopling, in sustainable economic structures, in forming a settler-society that was social-democratic, and in its population geography, features that then lasted 80-90 years – through our early lives.

Future Guest Speakers

17 July	Jenevere Foreman -	A Challenging O.E. in China
21 August	Bridget Toy-Cronin -	Law
18 September	Professor Al Gillespie -	Current political matters.

Hamilton U3A Membership



Membership Statistics		We Farewelled	We welcome
June 2016	146		<i>New Members – April 2019</i>
June 2017	160		
June 2018	200		Gillian Bigham
Resignations (2018)	20		Anne Carter-Jones
Discontinuations	17		Judith Rosevear
Resignations (2019)	4		
Current	245		

Our membership is growing thanks to the positive word being spread around by everyone. We welcome people along for a visit without any obligation to join, so please continue to encourage your friends to accompany you to any meeting.

U3A Interest Groups

New Groups

Book Discussion Group 2



This group has now had its first meeting and decided on the operation of the 2019 Book Discussion Group. The format decided will be for each person to bring a book they would like to talk about in terms of genre, plot, author and what attracted them to the book.

Meetings will be held at members' homes at 10.00 am on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Contact Alison if you are interested in joining this group.

Next Meeting: June 18th. Susan Gresson is hosting at 697 River Rd Chartwell Hamilton Mob. 021 414 516 Home; 07 855 0803 (Opposite the Diocesan school boarding house entrance - white wrought iron gates. Please drive in as there is parking at the rear of the house.)

Convenor: Alison Wickham phone 021 161 9211

U3A Potential Interest Groups

Family History 2 – Where to start?

We are hoping to establish a second Family History group 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

Hamilton U3A Debating Group?

Murray Belchamber has a suggestion for another new group. He writes, "If there is interest in the idea I would like to be in a Debating Group. Many universities have debating clubs or societies, I think ours should have one too. This would be for team debating controlled by standard rules (eg Oxford Union, Toastmasters or similar). As both sides are teams of three, our group would look for a membership of six or more."



If anyone is interested, please contact Murray on phone 850 8279 or 027 229 7883.

U3A Interest Group Notices

Coffee Companions



Our next outing, at 10.30 am on Friday 14 June, will be to The Sugarbowl Cafe 150 Maeroa 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

Mah Jong Group



This group is meeting regularly and having fun. We learn, play and enjoy one of the original versions of the game – Hong Kong Mah Jong which largely retains the form, rules and character of the traditional style. The game is quite easy to learn and all the guidance, encouragement anyone needs is provided within the group. New members very welcome.

We meet at **1.00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of the month at the Western Community Centre room at 108 Grandview Road. There is a charge of \$3 each meeting to cover room hire.

Convenor: Murray Belchamber phone 850 8279 or 027 229 7883

Natural Environment of Hamilton

The next meeting is on 26 June and has been organised by Lorene. We will explore a gully behind the Tamahere Retirement Village that is maintained by volunteers from the residents. We will give them a koha.

Drive along Cherry Lane (turn left off State Highway 1) and park outside the automatic gates which lead into the complex. The paths are metalled and solid shoes are recommended. Meet at 9.50 for a 10am start.



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

Convenor: Noeline Alcorn phone 849 1912

New Zealand History Group

The group welcomed back Dave Douglas who has now made a good recovery and resumed his Convenor role. A special thank you is offered to Paul Etheridge and Gavin Muckle, who led the group for its first few meetings.



The June topic for discussion was *The Musket Wars – a history of Inter-Iwi conflict*. The topic for discussion during July is *The Treaty of Waitangi – does it unify or divide us?*

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1.30pm – 3.00pm at St Andrews Library Conference Room. We would welcome a few more members.

Convenor: David Douglas phone 850 1624

Current Affairs Discussion Group



There are two sessions a month: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 9.30am to 11.00am at the Celebrating Age Centre Boardroom in Victoria Street. Next sessions will be Friday 14th June; Friday 28th June.

There is a venue fee of \$2 per person per session.

Gorham chairs the 2nd Friday session and Helen Martin chairs the 4th Friday session. The Chairpersons send a reminder a week ahead; as well, group members are invited to send in a topic for the upcoming session. New members are always welcome.

Convenor: Gorham Milbank phone 855 4757

Music Appreciation Group



Five members of the Music Appreciation Group travelled out to the Te Pahu Sound Lounge for a magnificent evening of Gypsy Jazz and Old Time Swing music. This concert was part of a short New Zealand tour of a trio consisting of Mark Masengarb, Jess Hindin and special guest Kate Martucci from New York.

This group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, 9.30 am – 11.30 am in members' homes. We share a veritable smorgasbord of musical genres each time. Enquiries from potential members always welcome.

Convenor: Gordon Fitzroy-Kelly phone 854 3361

Other Notices

International Radio Website –
Gordon Fitzroy-Kelly writes:

“I have been listening to a fantastic web site, which is free, called Radio Garden. You may already know of it but if not, I recommend you click on the link below to experience true World Radio. The attached file provides a brief background on the project. Just click on the green dots highlighted on any country and away you go. For instance, the “London” dot lists 31 pages of programs including all the BBC stations and many others including British comedy, jazz, classical etc.

<http://radio.garden/live/toulouse/radiopresence>

Radio Garden

By bringing distant voices close, radio connects people and places. From its very beginning, radio signals have crossed borders. Radio makers and listeners have imagined both connecting with distant cultures, as well as re-connecting with people from ‘home’ from thousands of miles away.

Radio Garden allows listeners to tune into live radio across the entire globe.

Duty Rosters – Meet and Greet & Morning Tea

Monthly meeting	Groups – Meet & Greet	Morning Tea
19 June	Music Appreciation & Coffee Companions	Sheila Woods Joy Glaysher Catherine Guernsey
17 July	Book Discussion & Theatre & Shows	Tbc
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

President:	Noeline Alcorn	849 1912
Vice President:	Judith Macdonald	839 3763
Immediate Past President	David Douglas	850 1624
Treasurer:	Beverley Bell	829 3535
Secretary:	Paul Etheredge	825 9888
Almoner:	Gorham Milbank	855 4757
Membership – Communication:	Judith Hickman	849 0242
Interest Groups	Alison Fagan	855 7009
Webmaster	Julie Shaw	854 6040

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.