



U3A Hamilton Newsletter

August 2019

This Month's Guest Speaker

*Life is for learning: Learn
for life*

Bridgette Toy-Cronin



Searching for civil justice: Dispute resolution in New Zealand: 21 August

Originally from Whakatāne, Bridgette is currently the Director of the University of Otago Legal Issues Centre and a Senior Lecturer in Otago's Faculty of Law. After completing her undergraduate studies, she travelled New Zealand and the world gathering various legal experience: as an intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, a High Court Judges'

Clerk in Wellington, a legal advisor at the Cambodian Defenders Project on Women's Rights in Phnom Penh, and as a commercial litigator in New Zealand and Australia. She also completed post-graduate study in law, and was awarded an LLM from Harvard Law School in 2005 and a PhD from the University of Otago in 2015.

Bridgette's research now focuses on how New Zealand can have a fairer, more efficient, affordable, and accessible legal system. She is particularly interested in the civil justice system. Civil justice is the area of law that is concerned with disputes between people or organisations about anything that is not a criminal matter. For example, disputes over contracts and debts, disputes about building a house, disputes between neighbours or between families. In this talk she will introduce that system and challenges that await New Zealanders who search for civil justice.

From the President

Jenevere Foreman spoke last month of her experiences visiting and teaching in China, stretching back to the late 1970s. She needed to adjust to a very different society which is a significant trade partner for New Zealand with fascinating cultural differences.

The committee is developing new policies and procedures in health and safety to ensure everyone will know what to do in an emergency. We hope to also develop a list of members with medical or first aid qualifications who would be prepared to be rostered at meetings and events. If you are prepared to help please contact me (presidentu3ahamilton@gmail.com).

Advance Notices for your diary

A day trip by bus to visit Ayrilies in Auckland, a garden of international significance created by Bev McConnell, is planned for 22 October 2019. Check it out at www.ayrlies.co.nz Further details will be provided at the next meeting and in the next newsletter.

In preparation for the municipal elections, St Andrews church is hosting a 'meet the candidates' afternoon on Sunday 8 September at 3 pm at the Link, corner River Road and Te Aroha Street. All candidates for mayor will be present, and will give short speeches followed by question time and afternoon tea. Eastern ward candidates are also invited. All are welcome. Enquiries to 855 8428 or 856 3923.

Noeline Alcorn

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Future Guest Speakers

18 September	Professor Al Gillespie -	Current political matters.
16 October	TBA	
20 November	Peter Sergel	Hamilton Gardens

Duty Rosters – Meet and Greet & Morning Tea

Monthly meeting	Groups – Meet & Greet	Morning Tea
21 August	Natural Environment & Canadian Authors	Carol McKillop, Kay Garvey, Marie Hruby
September	Ukulele 1 & 2 & Knit, Stitch & Chat	Tbc
October	Gardening & Mah Jong	Tbc
November	Wine Appreciation & NZ History	Tbc

Hamilton U3A Membership

Membership Statistics		We Welcome	We farewelled
June 2016	146	<i>New Members – July 2019</i>	
June 2017	160	Raeburne Bourke	Diana Clauson
June 2018	200	Don Burns	
Resignations (2018)	20	Helen Burns	
Discontinuations	17	Elaine Fredericks	
Resignations (2019)	9	Ted Griffin	
Current	259	Joan Lowe	
		Judy Simonson	
		Shirley Solomon	
		Colin Williams	

U3A Interest Group Notices

Coffee companions

Our next outing will be at 10.30 am on Friday 16 August. Please note this is one week later in the month than usual.

Café Fresca, 78 Alison Street, Hamilton

There's no limit on group size, so if you are interested in joining us, either let Judith know, or just turn up on the day. We can always commandeer an extra table.

Convenor: Judith Hickman phone 07 849 024



Knit , Stitch and Chat

This group has visited two embroidery exhibitions, and knitted, embroidered, crocheted and chatted over afternoon tea. We meet at the convenor's home on the third Tuesday of the month from 1.30 pm. If you would like to join call Catherine Gurnsey at 07 855 8328 or email catherineg@hnpl.net

Natural Environment of Hamilton

Wednesday, 28 August at 9.50 am. Meet outside The Veranda at Hamilton Lake. We can have coffee there after the walk. New members are welcome.

Convenor: Noeline Alcorn presidentu3ahamilton@gmail.com



Ukulele Groups (2)

This month, both groups will meet at 1.30 pm at the usual venue on Tuesday 20 and Tuesday 27 August. Please note that there will not be a practice on Tuesday 13 August.

Convenors: Judith Hickman phone 07 849 0242 and Janet Pope phone 07 824 8079.

Monthly meetings are held at 10 am. at the Cooperating Church Hall, 124 Comries Road, (opposite Chartwell Mall) on the third Wednesday of each month, February to November.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 August from 9.45 am.