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Newsletter May 2021

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

Meetings

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19 at 10 am (meet and greet at 9.45 am) 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.

Next speaker Rob McGowan, Department of Conservation, Tauranga

The topic: **"Tiwaiwaka - Looking at the environment through Maori eyes"**

Tiwaiwaka is one of the Maori names for the fantail, a bird very important in the traditional world of the Maori. The Tiwaiwaka movement is something that has arisen out of concern for the growing ecological crisis that looks set to affect us all. It originated from people who are involved with rongoa Maori, traditional Maori medicine and is a way of reaching out to the future in a way that reflects traditional Maori understandings of their connection to Papatuanuku. More than anything Tiwaiwaka is a message of hope. The answers to the present crisis can be found in the priorities that are found in most traditional cultures. In the talk I will outline the Tiwaiwaka principles and show how they relate to our present day realities.

Meet and greet Ukulele 1 & 2

Morning tea helpers Kay Garvey, Mary Arvidson and Gina Aitken

President's message

Tēnā koutou, greetings to you all.

It was wonderful that we were finally able, after repeated cancellations due to lockdowns, to have Mark Houlahan as our speaker. What a fascinating talk from Mark. I am sure we all learnt something about Shakespeare and his life. The level of interest was such that there is talk of establishing a Shakespeare interest group. See group news later in the newsletter!

A large group of members travelled by bus to the Auckland Botanic gardens where they enjoyed a gloriously sunny day exploring the gardens. A bonus was being able to follow the outdoor sculpture trail using an informative booklet. Future trips are being planned to this and other gardens.

The Hamilton U3a AGM 2021

This will be held at Chartwell Church at 10am on 16th June 2021. Relevant documents will be distributed prior to the meeting.

We would welcome new members onto the committee so if you are interested please ask me for a nomination form at the next meeting or contact me at alisonfagan@xtra.co.nz . There is also a copy of the form in this newsletter.

Completed nomination forms to be returned to our secretary Paul Etheredge etheredge@xtra.co.nz or 203, Waite Road, RD 5 Hamilton 3285 by **28th May**

There is also a need for a new morning tea co-ordinator. If you feel you could help with this, even if you could only commit for a year, please contact me.

Stay safe,

Alison Fagan, President Hamilton U3a

Groups

Interest group news

Gardening Group 2

The Tuesday gardening group has had a great start to this year. Our visits included several rural properties and a visit to Jem's Backyard, a market garden in Ngaruawahia.

We are a small friendly group and would welcome new members. Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am.

Carol carolomeagher@gmail.com

Dining Together

Dining this month is on 20th May at 6.00pm at Ginger Thai, Peachgrove Shopping Centre, 5 Peachgrove Rd, Hamilton East. Licensed and \$6.50 BYO wine.

Please contact Gayle before 16th May on 021 135 9695 gayle45@gmail.com

Antiques and Collectables

Our April meeting saw us car pooling for a visit to Paeroa to explore the antique shops. We were able to check out what was on offer and several purchases came home with us. A friendly lunch was enjoyed at the Courtyard Café; the weather was perfect and all in all it was a relaxing and interesting outing.

Raeburne Bourke

Ukulele Group

This group meets at the Hukanui Reformed Church hall, 159 Rototuna Road on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. We welcome new players throughout the year, and arrange tuition for anyone who would like to learn to play. If you're interested, come along and join in a session and see if this is the group for you.

Convenor: Judith Hickman phone 849 0242

or email hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com



Computer Group

We have room for one or two new members. If you are interested in technology including the use of smartphones, solving everyday problems, or just learning more; contact the convenor at carolevely49@icloud.com.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00.

Carol

Hiking Group



A picture speaks 1,000 words. Intrepid trampers on the Nikau Track, Mt Pirongia Forest Park.

New groups

Are you a "Lone Ranger"? (ie you live alone) Do you sometimes feel diffident about going out alone?

Would you like to join a group of U3A folk who, from time to time, get together for agreed activities?

If you think you might be interested, please contact Judith Hickman on phone 849 0242, or email [hamiltonnzu3a@gmail](mailto:hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com)

Online Learning Blog

The April postings in the online learning blog on our webpage:

<https://u3ahamilton.org.nz/online-learning/>

are: • Hamilton Gullies

- April 2021 meeting
- Australian Writers group
- The new Waikato River bridge

Beverley Bell

Members

Our membership is steadily increasing which is pleasing to see. We note that many of our new folk come along as guests of current members, so thank you to all who have encouraged friends to join us.

We have a good supply of brochures and posters available at each meeting, and suggest you might like to take some to display at venues eg Retirement Villages, local Church, library etc

Committee news

Hamilton U3A Nomination Form for Officers and Committee.

Nominee: I.....accept nomination for the position
of..... of Hamilton U3A for the 2021/2022 year.

Signature _____ Date

Nominated by

Signature _____ Date

Seconded by _____

Signature _____ Date

Mobility

If you wish to attend our meetings but have transport issues, please let us know. We may be able to find a member near you who can help. If the steps at our usual entrance are a challenge for you, we are able to use the front door nearest the road. Please come in using the first gate. There are no steps for this entrance and Covid tracing material is available there too.

Outings

The Auckland Botanic Garden trip went well, and there is interest in having another visit there in spring.



Another potential trip would be to the Eden garden and one other garden.

Another possibility is a tour on the Orbiter bus to observe all the available bus stops, and then socialise with a coffee afterwards. There will be more information on this at the next meeting and in the next newsletter.