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Taitua Arboretum, Whatawhata
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August Newsletter 2022

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life

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 17 at 10 am (meet and greet at 9.45 am) in the hall of the Chartwell Co-operating Church located on the corner of Comries Road and Belmont Avenue (near Chartwell Mall). There will be no morning tea after the meeting.

**Please use the main access to the foyer to
access our general meeting.**

Meet and Greet Book Discussion 2.

Please stay in the church foyer and meet people as they come in the external door.

Next speaker Amber Hammill

Amber is the Community Media Co-ordinator at Free FM in Kirikiriroa, Hamilton. Free FM broadcasts across the Waikato on 89.0 and podcasts on a variety of podcast platforms, with listeners around the Waikato and around the world. Free FM is one of 12 community access media stations in Aotearoa New Zealand providing resources and support for community members to make their own media. Amber's role at Free FM is about bringing new voices to the airwaves and working with people and groups to bring their audio aspirations to fruition. She works with young people, community groups and individuals with a message to share.



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Past President's Message

Tēnā koutou, greetings to you all.

Our July speaker, Professor Bruce Clarkson gave a fascinating presentation on his work on preserving Hamilton gullies and other aspects of nature in the city. He emphasised that increasing the proportion of natural environments within our cities has a positive effect on the inhabitants.

The committee has been working on developing job descriptions for the various roles within our organisation. Sandra Eaton has agreed to be the speaker co-ordinator and Bob Wilcock the co-ordinator for general meetings.

We are planning on holding a meeting for new members of U3A. In the past these have proved to be worthwhile and enjoyable. The backbone of our organisation is the convenors of the interest groups. We will be acknowledging their efforts soon with an afternoon tea.

It is very encouraging to have a bus trip to Auckland planned by Noeline Alcorn and Beverley Bell. Dare we hope that the interesting and fun events that we took for granted could become the norm again?

Take care of yourselves and others in these difficult times.

Alison Fagan

Online Learning Blog

Over July 2022, these posts were made to our online learning blog <https://u3ahamilton.org.nz/online-learning/>:

- [Hamilton Book Month July 31, 2022](#)
- [But wait, there is more Expressway July 28, 2022](#)
- [DORA July 28, 2022 \(Digital On Road Access\)](#)
- [Otago University Winter Symposium July 21, 2022](#)
- [Australian Authors Book Group July 17, 2022](#)
- [The Expressway is open July 16, 2022](#)
- [Garden Blogs July 10, 2022](#)
- [The Ring Road is finished July 8, 2022](#)
- [Map of the Hamilton section of the Waikato Expressway July 7, 2022](#)
- [Sculptures on the Hamilton Bypass July 6, 2022](#)
- [Flyover of the finished Hamilton Bypass July 6, 2022](#)

Suggestions for new postings are always welcome. hamiltonnz3a@gmail.com

Beverley Bell

Groups

A venue for group meetings

Groups may like to consider Hockin House as a meeting venue. Please contact either Marilyn Hopkins 0272 749 179 or Neil Curgenvin 027 244 1348.

Computer Group

We meet at 10 am on the first Wednesday of the month at the convenor's home. Members are interested in keeping up with technology, understanding how it works, and solving some of our computing and smartphone issues. We research a topic each month and share any expertise amongst the group. Last month we looked at privacy settings for Facebook, and the positive uses we've found: such as joining online interest groups, and setting up a private Family Group page.

There is room for one or two more members. If interested, contact the convenor at: carolevelyn49@icloud.com

Hiking Group

After our attempt to walk the Waitawheta Pipeline walk in Karangahake Gorge in June ended in four of us getting soaked from head to foot, a small group found a window of fine weather for a leisurely walk along River Road from Flagstaff to the Fairfield Bridge on 14th July. The intention was to walk along the river path from Swarbrick Landing to Day's Park but part of that was under water so we walked through the dog-exercise park. After a nice coffee break at The French Tart Café we walked back to Flagstaff.

The next walk is planned for Thursday 11th August when we will walk from the boat ramp at the foot of Grantham Street along the west bank of the Waikato River to the Hamilton Gardens then return along the east bank, stopping at Hayes Common Café for a coffee on the way.

I am still hopeful that September will see settled enough weather for us to venture a little further afield.

Des Johnston

Coffee Companions



This group is open to all, so come along and join us at 10.30 am on the 2nd Friday each month. Our next visit will be to **The District Cafe**, Home Straight, Te Rapa, on **Friday 9 September at 10.30 am**.

Please text me on 027 664 6712 if you'd like to join us. Judith Hickman hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com

Antiques

The theme for our July meeting was 'Old china with a family connection'. A most interesting array of items produced considerable discussion with the range including Doulton jugs, a Titanian vase, Wedgwood black Basalt-ware, Carlton ware, an old English ashet, Tanzanian pottery, a Crown Lynn large white swan and old Cardew pottery from England. It is always interesting to hear the family histories associated with the exhibits and it was a very pleasant afternoon, despite the near torrential rain.

Raeburne Bourke

Men's Coffee Group

We meet at Hayes Common Café at 10.00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on August 11th and new additions to our group are most welcome.

Bob Wilcocks

Singalong Group

The group continues to grow, and we welcome new members. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm at Hukanui Reformed Church, 159 Rototuna Road, Rototuna. Please let us know if you'd like to join this group and sing with us or just come along on the day. Next gathering is Wednesday 7 September. Wayne Wright [_waynereta@gmail.com](mailto:waynereta@gmail.com)

Membership

Our total membership is 278. It is pleasing to see the number of people coming along to our monthly meetings, despite the challenges of the winter weather and health issues.

If any of your contact details have changed, please advise me at hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com. Likewise, if you have decided that you will not be returning to U3A this year, please advise so that our membership database may be amended.

We extend a warm welcome to our eighteen new members who have joined this year: Graeme Lindemann, Beverley Bouwstra, Lizzie Heart, Barbara Mackenzie, Jean Elborn, Nicky Depree, Lenore Brown, Brian Andrews, Jane Hollister, Jean Littlejohn, Jan Napper, Jeremy Hirstbrook, Mavis King, Mark Schroder, Elizabeth Stevens, Valerie McNatty, Margaret Betteridge and Bill Green.

We hope you have made some new friends and perhaps have joined a group or two to continue your life-long learning journey. Remember you can check out group information on the website - www.u3ahamilton.org.nz - or talk to Graham Harrison, Group Coordinator, at a monthly meeting.

Judith Hickman

Coming Events

Auckland Museum and Art Gallery Trip Wednesday 31 August 2022

The bus will leave Chartwell Church at 8 am and return at approx. 5pm.

Contact noeline.alcorn@gmail.com OR the.hickmans@kinect.co.nz and with the details requested below. Seats are limited. Early registration is recommended.

Cost: \$40 for bus. Please pay online **internet** banking or by cash at any Westpac branch to U3A account: **03 1559 0030619 00**. (include name for reference); or by cash to treasurer at July or August meetings. Payment must be made by 15 August.

PLUS \$25.00 for entry to the Greek vase exhibition at Auckland Museum and \$20.00 for entry to the Heavenly Creatures exhibition at the Auckland Art Gallery must be paid on entry.

Further details re bus will be forwarded to all those who sign up. A negative RAT test will be required and mask wearing in bus and galleries is mandatory. RAT tests can be provided free before departure if necessary.

We will

- stop enroute for toilets,
- have approximately one and a half hours at Museum
- have time for lunch at Art Gallery
- have approximately an hour at Art Gallery for exhibition.

If you are interested please register now.

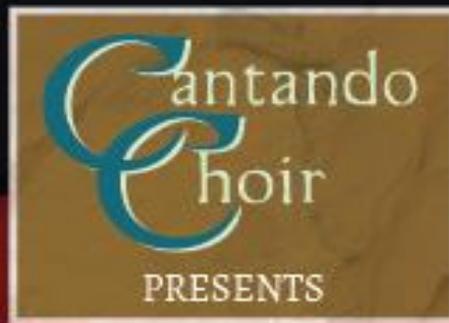
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