



HAMILTON NEW ZEALAND

[www.u3ahamilton.org.nz](http://www.u3ahamilton.org.nz)

Post PO Box 1103, Hamilton

Email [hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com)



## Newsletter August 2024

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

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21 August** 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 and near Chartwell Mall).

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

### Speaker

The speaker will be **Peter Gillies**

And his talk is titled: **A Historical Walk Around Central Hamilton**

In his own words, Peter describes the background to his talk: 'I am a lifelong Hamiltonian, born and bred, who completed a history degree at Waikato University. Social history has always been an interest. I also have a particular interest in music. This talk has developed from being a volunteer at the museum taking historical walking tours around the city. These tours were developed by the museum'.

### Meet and Greet Roster

August	Gardening Group
September	Reading Group 3
October	History Group

### Morning tea

August Lesley Lee and Barbara Cumming.

Lesley is looking for volunteers for the September and October meetings. If anyone is able to help, please see Lesley in the kitchen at the August meeting.

## President's report

Tēnā koutou katoa – greetings to you all.

Our June speaker was Graeme Kitto. Graeme spoke about the role of Justices of the Peace in New Zealand and gave a fascinating and at times humorous account of their history and the changes in their official duties. We have had JPs in New Zealand since 1814; duties have in the past included establishing the legitimacy of children, dealing with the husbands of lunatic wives, and reading the Riot Act. The Committee are especially grateful to Graeme for agreeing to speak to us at very short notice after the late withdrawal of the previously engaged speaker.

In the last newsletter I mentioned holding a Special General Meeting just before the August meeting to vote for acceptance of the new Constitution and Rules. This will no longer happen as we are still working through the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. However, we are making good progress and hope to have the acceptance vote later this year. We are grateful to all those who have had input to this process.

If you would like to recommend an age-friendly tradesperson for our newsletter, please give your name and contact details to our editor Beverley Bell (by replying to this email) to ensure that it is a genuine recommendation. They will be listed along with the names of the tradespeople.

Bob Wilcock, President

## Interest Groups

### **Play Readers**

In July the Play Readers enjoyed our usual friendly, social morning culminating with a rather shorter play than we've had just recently, *Courting Disaster* by Margaret Wood. Despite the title it wasn't any sort of disaster, quite the opposite in fact as it turned out to be a domestic, comedic drama which was a fun experience and very enjoyable. Pat Stannard. 0272110391

## **Book Discussion Group 2**

This group meets at 1.30pm at Hockin House on Selwyn Street (near the hospital) on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We give a donation of \$2 each at each meeting towards the upkeep of historic Hockin House.

The format is to discuss any book or books that we have read recently – any genre. It is a relaxed meeting generally finishing about 3pm.

The group is limited to eight members. We currently have two vacancies and would welcome two new members.

Sheila Emslie

## **Walking group**

**20 August** Meet at 10.30am at the Flagstaff shops where there is plenty of parking by The Olive coffee bar. We can walk along the river and across the pedestrian bridge and take a longer or shorter walk through Braithwaite Park and come back over the Wairere Bridge. This walk was postponed from 2 July and is led by Noeline Alcorn.

Our walks for September are:

### **3 September**

Hamilton East Riverwalk

Meeting at Galloway Park, this walk heads down to Hayes paddock at the river before proceeding along the east bank and then returning to the streets at the Grey St shops. Here there is the option for cafes or ice creams at the shops or returning to the starting point at Galloway Park.

Park and meet on Findlay St at 10.30am. If it's showery we can shelter at the sports club and wait for it to pass. Led by Robin Champion.

### **17 September**

Tauhara Park walk.

Meet at Callum Brae golf course car park, Callum Brae drive, Rototuna at 10.30 am. We will walk through Tauhara park, and along the walkway by Kirikiriroa stream. We will pass under Wairere drive twice before returning to Callum brae via a small section of the Mangaiti gully.

There is a café at the car park.

Alison Fagan

### **Shakespeare group**

The Shakespeare interest group watched an old but wonderful version of *Antony and Cleopatra* on Friday 2nd August. At our next meeting, on Friday 6 September, we're going to watch a modern version of *Macbeth*.

There is room for one or two more committed members. No knowledge is required; just an interest.

Alison Ringer

### **Hiking group**

In July the Hiking Group completed a circuit of the David Thom Loop track in the Hilary-Hope Reserve west of Hamilton. We started off from Hamilton in quite thick fog but as we approached the start of the track the fog cleared and we had some great views from the top over the fog-covered Waikato valley. We ate our lunch on a rather large park bench and table in the company of lots of piwakawaka.

Because of the uncertainty of the weather in the winter months our August walk was an 8 kilometre walk from Te Kete Aronui (the Rototuna library) along Resolution Drive to the Horsham Downs School then back via Osborne and Reynolds Roads. A coffee at the Te Kete Aronui café finished off an enjoyable morning.

Our September walk has not yet been confirmed but will again be confined to within the city boundaries while the weather is uncertain.

Des Johnston



### **Coffee Companions Group**

Our September gathering will be at Cafe INC, 12/111 Thomas Road, located in the Rototuna Shopping Centre at 10.30 am on Friday 13 September .

Our group is open to all members, so if you'd like to join a friendly group and chat over coffee (or tea) please contact me. You can be assured of a warm welcome and the chance to get to know a few people if you are new to U3A.

Judith Hickman 027 664 6712

### **Ukulele Group – Uke3A**

If you are interested in learning to play this friendly little instrument, want to upgrade your current skills, or just want to sing and play with friends, come along and join us.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 27 August. In September, we meet on Tuesdays 10 and 24 September.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Hukanui Reformed Church 159 Rototuna Road from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm. Koha - \$2 at each session for the use of the hall.

### **Singalong:**

If you don't want to strum a ukulele, but just like to sing, you are welcome to come along to sing with the our group at any time.

Judith Hickman      027 664 6712

Janet Pope            824 8079