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**Next General Meeting:
Monday 7 February 2022**

Main speaker: Sean Lyons: Netsafe

**Ten-minute speaker: Chris Cameron - Kiwis across the
ditch**

Covid Policy:

Dear Members,

In line with what we understand government directions to be, your committee has made the decision that when we are again able to hold our general meetings it will be necessary to limit these to those who have been fully vaccinated against the COVID virus. We understand that there will be a minority who, for various reasons, have not been vaccinated. We regret having to make this condition but by far the greater majority need to be reassured that they can attend meetings as safely as can be arranged. We will require that when you attend either a general meeting or a group meeting, you provide evidence of completed vaccination.

However, we intend trying to record the speaker so that those who are unable to attend, can listen via Zoom or online.

We are aware that this decision will be a disappointment for some members and we regret this but we must also give priority to the health and safety of the majority.

Editorial:

I hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer and that we are holding it together for what is to come. I have made up a meeting timetable for February but of course we don't really know whether our plans will eventuate. Even if government rules allow, each group convenor will have to make a decision about their meeting as events unroll, and each member will have to make a decision as to whether to go to their groups. Boosters, masks, spacing and ventilation seem to be helping keep us safer but not completely safe. Young people, vaccinated and boosted, perhaps have little to fear, but we are "the old and the vulnerable", advised by those same youngsters to "hunker down". Such a shame, as none of us will ever be any younger than we are now. Let's look on the bright side, though, and hope that this wave will be the last.

December Event: Car rally and picnic

Did you know that the Bell Family Homestead was moved from Pakuranga Creek in 1886 to its present site because of plagues of mosquitos? Or that Lloyd Elsmore was Pakuranga's best-known grocer before he became Mayor of Manukau in 1968?

Those who went to the "Follow the Clues Rally" learnt these and many other facts about Howick's History.

About 46 members participated in the Find the Clues Rally in December 2021. A few of the clues, put together by Alan La Roche, were easy to find, while others required head scratching, some quick research online or for those who came prepared: a scan of Alan's latest book on the region! Most people felt they had learned a lot about the history and geography of the area. After the rally members gathered at Jan Naish-Wallis' home for an indoor "picnic" (due to the inclement weather on the day). The Lounge provided some Christmas treats for participants. First prize went to: Rosemary Ovens and Linda Bown and Jan Naish-Wallis and Jenny Hough. Thanks to Colleen for her inspiration and hard work in organising the event and to Jan for organising prizes, hosting members and to all participants for trying a new and different way of learning



February Speaker: Sean Lyons



Sean has been the Chief Technology Officer of Netsafe for past 15 years. He holds a BScHons in Genetics from University of Liverpool and a Diploma in Technology from University of Auckland. His main area of interest is Network Security. In 2003 he was Director of ICT at Botany Downs Secondary College and during this time he organised Web Rangers NZ (in conjunction with Google) for students to learn about the internet, web safety and online marketing, focusing on how powerful the internet is, how it can be harnessed constructively and how to protect themselves and their friends from any negative impacts. Sean also developed a video on cyber bullying. Sean will be talking to U3A Howick members about the safe use of the internet.

From the Committee:

U3A Howick has a subscription to Zoom that enables us to hold an interest group meeting for an extended period (whereas the free version only enables a 40-minute meeting)

Colleen (collrigby@gmail.com) is happy to set these up for any interest groups that would like to run a meeting online.

From the Convenors

We have received the following advice (via one of our convenors) from Bruce McLaren Village.

“ Please note that the village requirements are that you show your vaccination passport to reception on entry and that you both fill in your details on one of the tablets provided and that you use your COVID Tracer app on your phone to record your visit. You are asked to wear a mask at all times and that we observe 1 metre separation in the theatre.

Talk to reception if you have a problem”

Membership:

Beverley Butterfield has resigned.

Out and about:

- In anticipation of greater freedom next year, aucklandlive.co.nz is advertising the New Zealand Opera season, which includes the controversial “The Unruly Tourists”, in March. There are also several online events members may be interested in. Check on their site for updates and details
- Auckland Lantern Festival, Auckland Showgrounds, February 10 to 22
- Gibbs Farm Sculpture Park is organising several fundraising visits next year. See aucklandnz.com for detail

Groups (yellow- full)	Date 2022	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology 1 3 rd Thurs 10 am	Feb 17	4A Patons Road	Return of the Motanui panels	Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 th Mon 10 am	TBA			Margaret Hieatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	Feb 4	15 Gillette Place	Pot pourri	June Lamborn 535 8069
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 1.30	Feb 24	9A Merino Avenue	Books	Joni Burgess 537 4834
Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1 pm	Feb 21	55 Rodney street	TBA	Cora Young 534 8623
Comparative Religions 4 th Monday 1.30pm	Feb 28	55 Rodney Street	Pot pourri	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Current Affairs 1 st Tuesday 2pm	Feb 2(Wed) 1.30pm	11 Shelly Beach Parade Cockle Bay	Housing crisis	Jan Naish-Wallis 534 4438
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	Feb 22	BM Theatre	End of the Pleistocene era	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Thurs 10 am	Feb 3	2/21 Drake Street	Gertrude Bell	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm	Feb 17	34A Paton's Road	Daphne Park – Queen of spies	Joni Burgess 537 4834
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	Feb 25	74A Aberfeldy Avenue Hland Pk	King Francois 1	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	Feb 15	BM theatre	DVD	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	Feb 10	18 Tui Vale Rd, Shelley Park	Potpourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	Feb 16	32 Butley Drive, Pakuranga	Dr Ronald H Morrison by Joy Kirschberg	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 nd Thursday 2pm	Feb 10	12 Liston Cresc	“Lady be good” by Mike Dubey	Allan Reid 5349895
Movies 2 nd Mon, 12.30 pm	Feb 14	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Nature Walks and Talks 2 nd Fri 9 am	Feb 11	Meet at Logan car park, Chapel rd	Opp Botany Town Centre – Before the school	June Poole 021583893
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am (not full)	Feb 12	BM Theatre	TBA	Jean Denholm 534 6844
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1.15pm	Feb 22	BM Theatre	TBA	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1 st Mon 10 am	Feb 7	BM Theatre	John Dewey/pragmatists By Christopher Nixon	Cora Young 5348623
Science. 4 th Wed 10 am	Feb 23	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2 nd Sun noon	TBA			Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	Feb 2	159 Pah Road Cockle Bay	Istanbul by Geraldine Rose	David and Adrienne Teape 5336103
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	TBA	BM Theatre		Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	Feb 15	12 Daria Place	TBA	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	TBA			Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	TBA			Marian Heywood 534 1159

Please note: Please note the BM village requirements mentioned in the newsletter. Remember to bring your vaccine passport to your first group meetings.

