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**NEXT MEETING:** April 9, 9.30 am  
Howick Bowling Club, Howick

**GUEST SPEAKER:** John Roy-Wojciechowski:  
The Polish Children  
of Pahiatua

**TEA BREAK:** Opera 2

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- \*\* Minutes of the 2017-2018 annual general meeting
- \*\* Outgoing President's report
- \*\* Treasurer's report
- \*\* Election of the President for the 2018-2019 term
- \*\* Election of the committee
- \*\* General business
- \*\* Remarks by the incoming President

**SUBSCRIPTION UNCHANGED**

SUBSCRIPTION will remain at \$20 for the next financial year, the committee has decided. This is despite a doubling, to \$814, of the fee payable to Auckland Council for the rent of Nixon Hall for the period to June 2019. Howick U3A already receives a 50 per cent reduction as a long-time hirer. There is no cheaper hall available within our locality, the committee was told.

**NEW MEMBER**

JUNE Lamborn, sponsored by Ngaire Taylor, was welcomed as the newest member last month. She plans to join the architecture group. Membership strength is now 158.



**POLAND, RUSSIA, IRAN - THEN HOME**

Today's guest speaker John Roy-Wojciechowski (picture) has been an honorary consul for Poland, a corporate man, author and advocate for his native Poland. But life began in inauspicious circumstances. He was among a group of 733 Polish children, many orphaned, who were offered sanctuary in New Zealand in 1944 after their families were killed or scattered in the Nazi and Soviet occupation. They were raised in a camp in Pahiatua, north of Wellington. His family had been deported to the Soviet Union in the pogrom, from where they made their way to Iran and were processed as refugees. New Zealand was for them a shining beacon, a country they made their home when they were to have been returned as soon as hostilities ended. For his work in promoting Polish-NZ integration, he was named to the New Zealand Order of Merit as a Member last year.

**THE guest speaker for May is KATE THOMPSON, spokesperson of Auckland International Airport, who will talk about its development. Travellers and airlines are increasingly of the view the airport is inadequate to meet projected tourism growth.**

## **FRESH AIR AND THE STUNNING OUTDOORS**

ROS Vallings, an internationally renowned researcher, humanised the subject of sleep and fatigue in her talk last month. She spoke about the importance of getting out in the fresh air, exercise, observing healthy eating habits and avoiding stress. Medical information was presented in accessible language. Dr Vallings has been booked for another talk next year, on the subject of pain.

In the 10-minute talk, Betty Reid brought to life the breathtaking scenery she and Allan feasted their eyes on during their trek on the Milford Walk.

## **CONVENER RESIGNS**

GORDON Hudson has resigned as convener of the travel group. We record our appreciation for his services. His replacement will be decided in due course.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

+ RICHARD Dawkins, the evolutionary biologist, makes his Auckland appearance at the Aotea Centre on May 10 (7.30 pm) to talk about the collision of science and religious dogma, among other lively topics. He was to have attended a literary festival here two years ago but illness forced a cancellation. Tickets \$79 to \$119 from Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.co.nz.) Dawkins established his reputation with two early books, *The Selfish Gene* (1976) and *The Blind Watchmaker* (1986). Latterly, the unapologetic atheist has been in the thick of a philosophical controversy with books like *The God Delusion*, *A Devil's Chaplain* and *Climbing Mount Improbable*. As a scientific communicator and writer for the lay public, he is the equal of departed notables like Stephen Hawking and Oliver Sacks.

+ LIONEL Ritchie is the latest in a never ending line of past-their-prime singers to swing by this part of the world. Spark Arena, April 12 at 7.30 pm. Good ticket sales and the price range of \$89 to \$199 (from Ticketmaster) suggest that aging stars with their huge baby-boomer fan base are as marketable among Kiwi rock fans as such current hot acts as Adele and Ed Sheeran.

+ THE Moscow Ballet La Classique performs *The Nutcracker* at the Aotea Centre on May 5, 7.30 pm. Seniors \$75-\$85, Ticketmaster. This Tchaikovsky ballet of courtly dances and sumptuous costumes is a favourite with children, especially around Christmastime when it is usually staged. Children's tickets are \$60-\$70. La Classique (founded 1990) is never mentioned in the same breath as the Bolshoi and the Mariinsky (Kirov) Ballet, both started in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but ballet diehards are fond of saying that a Russian troupe is a Russian troupe is a Russian troupe.

+ A FILM-and-recital evening featuring Auckland-based pianist Flavio Villani will be presented at the Uxbridge Arts and Crafts Centre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick, on May 18, 7.30-10 pm. Tickets \$29 from 09-5356467. The documentary film, *Crossing Rachmaninov*, is an autobiographical account of Villani preparing for a performance of Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto in his native Italy. After the screening, Villani will give a recital.

+ HOWICK Little Theatre's (hlt.org.nz) upcoming play to catch is a murder mystery, Hugh Mills's *The House by the Lake*, directed by Andrew Gordon. The story revolves around a plot by a brother and sister to eliminate their half-brother via the medium of lake ice. Season May 5-26 at 8 pm, with matinees on May 6 and 13 at 2 pm.

+ THE Ten Tenors, an Australian crossover vocal group, perform at the Aotea Centre on May 12, 7.30 pm. Tickets \$79-\$89 from Ticketmaster. They will give another performance at the Bruce Mason Centre on the North Shore on May 24.

Groups (yellow denotes full)	Date	Venue	Topic	Convener
Ancient Civilisations 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 1pm-3pm	Apr 16	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	TBA	Cora Young 534 8623
Anthropology H 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	Apr 19	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	<i>The Ape That Spoke</i> Cora Young	Jennie Leyland 534 4034 Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology L 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	Apr 23	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	<i>The Ape That Spoke</i> Cora Young	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	<b>Concluded</b> May 4 next	Jessica Pybus's 4 Tranquility Rise	<i>Cliff Dwellers</i> J. Pybus <i>Lincoln Memorial</i> D. Booth	Maurice Taylor 534 8538
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 2 pm	Apr 26	Margaret Smith's 25 Centre Ct, PPV	Latest reads	Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	Apr 24	BM Theatre	Latest research	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues 10 am	<b>Concluded</b> May 1 next	Judith Hounsell's Apt 33, 7 Flatbush Sch Rd	<i>A.A. Milne</i> Nancy Edwards	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2 pm	Apr 19	The Burns's Apt 470 Monaco Bldg, BM Village	<i>King Canute</i> Margaret Nicholls	Richard/Moira Burns 533 8793
Famous & Infamous 3 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	<b>Concluded</b> May 3 next	Val Sugrue's 2/11 Paparoa Rd	TBA	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 10 am	Apr 20	Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV	Open discussion	Beverley Luxton 576 9625
French 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	Apr 27	David Dwerryhouse's 74-A Aberfeldy Ave	<i>Jacques Cousteau</i>	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	Apr 17	BM Theatre	<i>Hadrian's Wall</i> Warren Yardley	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	Apr 12	Pamela Henty's 1 Keswick Place	<i>History of Howick</i> Alan La Roche	Tim Pearson 576 4091
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	Apr 18	Ngaire Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	<i>Richard Sheridan</i> Dene McConnochie	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am	Apr 13	Meet at Dannemora Drive	Logan Carr Reserve to Point View Drive	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 9.30 am	Apr 10	BM Theatre	<i>Peter Grimes</i> by Benjamin Britten 150 min	Hilary Patterson 533 8785
Opera 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1 pm	Apr 24	BM Theatre	<i>Armida</i> by Rossini (Renee Fleming) 171 min	Moya Nixon 535 5309
Philosophy 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon 10 am	May 7	BM Theatre	<i>Aristotle: Ethics and Politics</i> Discuss	Christopher Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2 pm	Apr 10	Colleen Williams's 1/139 Clovelly Rd	<i>Limericks – sharing and writing</i>	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	April date TBA	BM Theatre	TBA	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sunday, noon	<b>Concluded</b> May 13 next	TBA	Open discussion	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	<b>Concluded</b> May 2 next	TBA	TBA	
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am	Apr 16	BM Theatre	<i>Robert Lenkiewicz</i> Margaret Nicholls	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	Apr 17	BM Theatre	<i>The Scottish Colourists</i> - dvd	Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	Apr 25	Jean Denholm's 2/21 Drake St	<i>Les Miserables</i> - dvd	Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 2pm	Apr 12	Jim & Sheila Russell's 8/50 Cook St	<i>Sister battleships Tirpitz &amp; Bismarck</i> M. Booth	Allan Reid 534 9895
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	Apr 10	Judy Wilson's 32 Butley Drive	<i>As She Approached The Door</i>	Marian Heywood 534 1159

