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**FEBRUARY 11 MEETING**  
**9.30 am, Howick Bowling Club**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Lynn Kidd: **Getting Affairs Sorted**

**TEN MINUTES:** Short Story

**TEA ASSIST:** World of Music



**WHEN WE WERE 25**

CHRISTMAS tea on December 10 which rounded off the 2018 year also marked Howick U3A's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. President Margaret Nicholls (right) did the honours. Arrayed before the cake are former presidents (top from left) Jim Hine, Beverley Luxton, Jennie Leyland, Geoff Mooney (hidden), Hazel Hanlon, Betty Gate, Jean Denholm, President Nicholls, Corajean Young, Richard Burns, Warren Yardley, Marian Heywood, Cheryl Cameron, Chris Cameron. Ms Luxton, Ms Hanlon and Ms Gate are founding members.





### ***IN APPRECIATION***

**Howick U3A has made a donation of \$100 to Bruce McLaren Village in appreciation for its generosity in permitting use of its theatrette by our study groups -- not to mention the teas laid on. Secretary Corajeane Young (picture) presented the cheque to BM Village manager Chantelle Hand in December. The money will go to the New Zealand Stroke Foundation, BM's nominated charity for the year. Others in the picture are (from left) Jennie Leyland (a former Howick U3A president), Bev Johnson (Assistant Secretary) and Betty Gate (former president). Ms Leyland, Ms Gate and Ms Johnson are among a good number of Howick U3A members who live in BM Village.**

### **ABOUT COMMONSENSE**

Guest speaker Lynn Kidd (right) has published a book on the organising of personal affairs as a safeguard against the unintended consequences of illness, accident, incapacity or sudden passing. One such instrument is an enduring power of attorney authorising someone to act on your behalf if you have lost cognitive function. It not only sets out administration of assets but also the making of decisions on treatment or care.



**NEXT MONTH:** Howick U3A member Ros Vallings, a doctor and an authority on fatigue, makes a welcome return to speak on pain.

### ***STANDBY SPEAKERS WANTED***

AS THE talk by a guest speaker is the highlight each month, Howick U3A needs to be prepared for the eventuality that the featured speaker cancels at the last minute or doesn't turn up despite having confirmed. It has happened. Mr Warren Yardley, who organises the speaker roster, is asking two members to offer themselves as substitute speakers – with talks prepared and ready to go. They will be placed on standby. Members are also asked to recommend speakers whom they think would make a good showing. Contact Mr Yardley ([yardz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yardz@xtra.co.nz), 5330057).

### ***ARCHITECTURE GETS NEW CONVENOR***

MAURICE Taylor has stepped down as convenor of the Architecture group, to be replaced by Malcolm and Dilys Booth. Mr Taylor's service is greatly appreciated.

### ***LAUGH A MINUTE***

Entertainment at the Christmas tea came in the shape of a transplanted English policeman John Hartley (top), whose slapstick routines and corny asides closed out the year on a cheery note for members. In an act that was part-Sid James and part-Norman Wisdom, Mr Hartley -- in full regalia as you can see in the picture -- poked fun at policing and coppers that might have got him upbraided in a prissy UK. Good thing he has made New Zealand his home. He said he admired his adoptive homeland for its great community spirit "which I hope you never lose". And in keeping with the season of goodwill he gave senior-citizen motorists a handy tip: If stopped for speeding, just say this: "At my age I have to drive fast before I forget just where I mean to go." Seriously, he said. Works all the time.

## **POETRY GROUP RECONVENES**

THE Poetry group reconvenes on Tuesday Feb 12 with a programme of original poems and a surprise musical performance. Enthusiasts of verse and music are welcome to join in. Call the convener Beth Voogd on 5347468 or email Colleen Williams ([islamayreed@gmail.com](mailto:islamayreed@gmail.com)). Plans for 2019 will be discussed. Members will also decide whether to move the monthly meeting to the second Wednesday in the afternoon.

## **WALKS PROGRAMME 2019**

MEMBERS wishing to join the Walks group please contact the convener Alan La Roche ([alanlaroche@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alanlaroche@xtra.co.nz), 5347366). Walks start at 9 am sharp. The terrain covered is largely gentle. Some advertised walks may be changed.

**Feb 8** Meet Whitford village roundabout in Wharf Rd to walk the Turanga Walkway by the Turanga River.

**Mar 8** Meet Howick Historical Village to walk to the Cascades Waterfall on Botany Creek.

**Apr 12** Meet outside Nixon Hall, Sale St, to walk up Sale, visit Keppoch Lodge, Tanglewood Pl, Granger, Nun's walk and back to Nixon Hall.

**May 10** Meet Howick Beach, walk up Marine Parade, Oceania-Seymour Pl, Mellons Bay Rd and on to Beach Rd.

**Jun 14** Meet near St Paul's Church carpark, Chapel Rd, to view recent improvements made to Barry Curtis Park.

**Jul 12** Meet Fencible Lounge by the old library building. Walk down Moore, cross the Domain, Wellington, Elliot, Vincent, Ridge and Stockade Hill.

**Aug 9** Meet Murvale Reserve, Bleakhouse Rd to walk through the reserve to Macleans Reserve, then Bleakhouse to view two historical cottages, and back.

**Sept 13** Meet Porterfield Reserve off Clifton Rd, Whitford, to walk to Clifton Beach and back.

**Oct 11** Meet Meadowlands carpark by the AA, walk to Cascades Waterfall and return.

**Nov 8** Meet by the Windross, Cockle Bay. Up the bush track to Pah Rd, to Callendar Pl, Shelly Park and return via Pohutukawa Ave, John Gill Rd and to the beach.

**Dec 13** Meet Howick Historical Village. Walk down to Pakuranga Creek, turn left at the bridge and on to Highland Park and return.

## **BOOKS RECOMMENDED**

A SELECTION of The Economist's pick of best books of 2018 (held over from the December newsletter):

**Moneyland** by Oliver Bullough. About how the super-rich conceal their wealth from the taxman with the aid of lawyers, accountants, lobbyists and friendly tax jurisdictions.

**Fascism: A Warning** by Madeleine Albright. A former US Secretary of State tells how countries can slide into tyranny. The virus is replicating.

**Rise and Kill First: Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations** by Ronen Bergman. Need one say more?

**AI Superpowers: China, Silicon Valley and the New World Order** by Lee Kaifu. In artificial intelligence, think of data as the new oil and of China with its enormous generation of demographic data as the new Saudi Arabia.

**Crashed: How a Decade of Financial Crises Changed the World** by Adam Tooze. Survey of the wreck after the 2008 crash, seen in the rise of political extremism and fiscal austerity leading to popular uprisings.

**Napoleon: A Life** by Adam Zamoyski. Monster, demi-god or a mere mortal with virtues and flaws?

**Churchill: Walking With Destiny** by Andrew Roberts. Flawed and prone to making mistakes, but probably still has a claim to greatness as a wartime leader and a writer.

**Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World 1914-1948** by Ramachandra Guha. Second volume of a massive project, opening in 1914 when Gandhi returns to India from South Africa.

**Fryderyk Chopin: A Life and Times** by Alan Walker. Man behind the myth and the sublime piano works.

**Revolution Francaise: Emmanuel Macron and the Quest to Reinvent a Nation** by Sophie Pedder. Rough-draft biography of an over-confident president caught in a crisis cycle.

**The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War** by Ben Macintyre. A Soviet KGB spy who worked for the Americans, and the turncoat CIA agent who exposed him.

**The Prodigal Tongue** by Lynne Murphy. Comparing American and British English, free of prejudice and cant.

**Beyond Weird** by Philip Ball. The weirdness and logic of quantum mechanics and what it says about nature.

**Rocket Men** by Robert Kurson. About Apollo 8, the first manned flight to circle the moon. Remember that iconic picture of the blue Earth set against the dark void of space? It was taken from the spacecraft.

**The 100 Best Novels in Translation** by Boyd Tonkin. Great works of fiction translated into English.

**Picasso and the Painting That Shocked the World** by Miles Unger. About how the young Picasso started an artistic revolution in France.

**The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History** by Kassia St Clair. The role of fabric in world history, from Chinese silk to Viking sailcloth, Egyptian linen and more.

**Dark Shadows: Inside the Secret World of Kazakhstan** by Joanna Lillis. Country portrait by a reporter who traversed the huge country, an ex-Soviet republic, and spoke to oligarchs and rural folk, oilmen and herders.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

++ **CALIFORNIA Suite**, a Neil Simon comedy in four segments, is **Howick Little Theatre's** 2019 season opener. Director Mary Gray. Season Feb 23 to Mar 16, 8pm. Matinees Feb 24 and Mar 3 at 2 pm. Seniors \$26. Book online [www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz) or phone 3611000.

<u>Groups (yellow denotes full)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Convenor</u>
Ancient Civilisations 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon, 1 pm	Feb 18	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	TBA	Cora Young 534 8623
Anthropology H 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	Feb 21	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jennie Leyland 534 4034 Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology L 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	Feb 25	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	Potpourri	Margaret Hieatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	Mar 1		TBA	Malcolm/Dilys Booth 534 3604
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 2 pm	Feb 28	Margaret Smith's 25 Centre Ct, PPV		Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	Feb 26	BM Theatre	TBA	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues 10 am	Mar 5	Nancy Edwards's 17 Masefield St	<i>Eva Peron</i> Nancy Edwards	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2 pm	Feb 21	Dilys Booth's 3/47 Orangetown Dr	Potpourri	Richard/Moira Burns 533 8793
Famous & Infamous 3 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	Mar 7	Jean Fitzgerald's 1 Lodge Lane	<i>Arthur Conan Doyle</i> Jean Fitzgerald	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 10 am	Feb 15	Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV		Beverley Luxton 576 9625
French 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	Feb 22	David Dwerryhouse's 74A Aberfeldy Ave	<i>French Police</i> Chris Cameron	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	Feb 19	BM Theatre	<i>'We're Going to Build a Wall'</i> Judy Lee	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	Feb 14	Pam Henty's 1 Keswick Close, Northpark	Potpourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	Feb 20	Judy Wilson's 32 Butley Drive	<i>The Odyssey</i> Peter Becroft	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am	Mar 8	Meet Howick Historical Village	Walk to Cascades Waterfall by Botany Creek	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 9.30 am	Feb 12	BM Village	Puccini's <i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Jean Denholm 534 6844
Opera 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1 pm	Feb 26	BM Theatre	Verdi's <i>Otello</i> (Placido Domingo, Renee Fleming)	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	Mar 4	BM Theatre	From 2019 schedule: First two members to present	Christopher Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2 pm	Feb 12	Colleen Williams's 1/139 Clovelly Rd	Poetry with music and discuss plans for 2019	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	Feb 27	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sunday, noon	Mar 10	Meadowlands Coffee Club		Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	Mar 6	David Dwerryhouse's 74A Aberfeldy Ave	<i>Spanning the Atlantic</i> Gwen Kirman	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am	Feb 18	BM Theatre	<i>Michael Palin on Vilhelm Hammershoi</i>	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	Feb 19	The Booths' 3/47 Orangetown Dr	Potpourri	Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	Feb 27	Ngaire Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	<i>Fantasia</i> Joni Burgess	Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 2pm	Feb 14	David Weston's 12 Campbell Rd, Maraetai	Potpourri	Allan Reid 534 9895
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	Feb 12	Bev Johnson's Apt 144 BM Village	<i>Sixth Sense</i>	Marian Heywood 534 1159

