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Next General Meeting:

Monday July 12 2021: 9.30 at Howick Bowling Club

Speaker: Mitchell Pham: Resilience and opportunity

Ten-minute speaker: Mary Kennedy

Tea Group: Philosophy

Subscriptions can be paid by direct debit to: U3A Howick Bank account number 12 3040 0556154 00 and put your surname in the reference slot. Fees remain at \$20.00 *If you are unable to use Direct Debit, please give your fees in cash to Joni Burgess at a General Meeting.*

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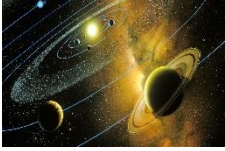
A day of rewarding friendships



Don't forget to invite a friend or two to our July General Meeting. This is our day for showcasing our U3A group

Now that winter is truly upon us, we may be tempted to snuggle up at home, rather than get out-and-about. However, we hope that most of you will make it to our July general meeting, preferably with a buddy or two. I must admit that, while I have a few buddies, most are still working or are busy with family duties, so I hope others can rustle up a few interested friends. We have had quite a few new members join us this year, which is pleasing, but we always welcome more. Look forward to seeing you on 12 July.

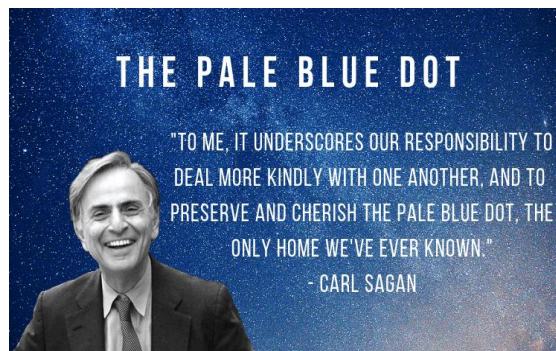
June Speaker: Dr Niven Brown



Niven's fascinating talk about "our place in the stars" certainly stretched our minds. He talked first about space pollution. Spinning around us, apparently, are a plethora of satellites, debris and old rockets. The satellites we use for our internet and TV reception orbit around the earth at a huge speed, but stay in the same spot in relation to the earth's spin. Niven explained the seasons, lunar months, gravity and eclipses using visual illustrations in a way we were never able to in school, bringing to life the dry old science lessons of our childhood. To keep everything in perspective, Niven described the mind-boggling distances in time and space between the various heavenly bodies in the universe. Scientists believe that the universe was born 13.2 billion years ago. The light from the nearest heavenly body outside our solar system is four years old by the time we see it, and the Milky Way is 110,000 light years away. Space is indeed, "full and empty".

Niven pointed out that the various constellations have become important in many cultures, and their "arrival" in the sky is often celebrated – for example, the Pleiades star cluster is known in English as the Seven Sisters, in Maori as Matariki and Subaru in Japanese. Starting with Galileo's first telescope, and leading up to space probes and sophisticated modern telescopes such as the Hubble, knowledge of the universe continues to grow.

Niven ended on a philosophical note: "Nothing is destroyed, matter is transformed from one form to another. We are literally stardust." Carl Sagan, an American astronomer, on seeing a photo of earth from space in 1990, described the earth as a pale blue dot: "Every human being that ever was...lived out their lives on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam".



July Speaker: Mitchell Pham



Mitchell is a director of the Augen Software Group in New Zealand and Vietnam – a platform for New Zealand technology businesses to accelerate presence and engagement in South East Asia. He is recognised as a global leader by several international organisations, such as KEA, The Asia Society and the World Economic Forum. He is a Trustee and advisor for many businesses and charitable organisations. The title for his talk is: Resilience and Opportunity – A Personal Journey. Mitchell will share his journey as a former refugee from Vietnam and how this has shaped him as a person as well as a business entrepreneur, industry leader government advisor and change bringer. He will also share his views on the aged population as an opportunity for society and the economy. (Information supplied)

From the Committee:

- Registrations for the 2021 Celebrating U3a in Action event, having reached 322, are now closed. A waiting list of members wanting to come has started and I would urge you to let us know immediately if you have registered and can no longer attend. Please send a message to David Thompson via u3a.network@outlook.com and he will sort the situation out with you. It means that those who are currently on the waiting list can then be offered a place at the Event on the day. No places now, will be available for 'outsiders' as suggested in the last newsletter.
Howick U3a have already organised car-pooling for this event. Special name badges for the Event will be provided on the day. When you enter the building, go to the registration table to collect yours. You do not need to bring or wear your local U3a name badge.
You will NOT be able to buy Steve Braunias' latest book 'Missing Persons' on the day, BUT, if asked, Steve will mention where people can purchase a copy. (By Geraldine)
- There is a defibrillator downstairs at the Bowling Club. The Committee members know where this is and how to use it. If you find or witness someone collapse, follow these steps:
 - Call 111
 - Commence CPR
 - Send another person to collect the defibrillator
 - Follow Instructions listed on the machine
- Jeanette has contacted convenors, and timetable has now been updated showing which classes are currently full (Yellow-shaded). If you are interested in a class which is shown to be full, please feel free to contact the convenor to put your name on a waiting list.

Membership:

We welcomed two new members in June, Rebecca Lynn and Benni Vivian, and plan to admit four more members at our July meeting.

Out and about:

- Vivaldi's Four seasons, The Pumphouse Theatre, 3 to 17 July. Book through Eventfinda. (Also advertised on feverup, but avoid this site!)
- Music and lasers – Pink Floyd's Dark side and The Wall. Stardome, One Tree Hill, 13 July and 20 July. Book through www.stardome.org.nz
- Thursdays at 7 concerts – All Saints Church, Howick 7pm to 8pm. Admission by donation.
- The Bruce Mason Centre celebrates its 25th Birthday 30 July to 19 August. They are presenting a variety of performances in Dance, Drama and Music. Check aucklandlive.co.nz for details.

Groups (yellow= full)	Date 2021	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology 1 3 rd Thurs 10 am	July 15	BM Theatre	“Gossip” Gill Muggleston	Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 th Mon 10 am	July 26	55 Rodney Street	The Swamp People of Iraq today	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	July 2	20 Camwell Close Bucklands Beach	James Chapman Taylor, by Helen; Roy Lippincot, by Colleen Williams	June Lamborn 535 8069
Aviation and Aerospace 1 st Wed 10 am	July 7	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 1.30	July 22	12 Liston Crescent	Books	Joni Burgess 537 4834
Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1 pm	July 21	55 Rodney street	Art in Ancient Egypt, by Rae Thompson	Cora Young 534 8623
Comparative Religions 4 th Monday 1.30pm	July 26	55 Rodney Street	Middle East, Egypt, Atenism 1350BCE	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Current Affairs 1 st Tuesday 2pm	July 6	11 Shelly Beach Parade Cockle Bay	Relationships between NZ, Australia, China	Jan Naish-Wallis 534 4438
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	July 27	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Thurs 10 am	August 5	12 Daria Place	Margaret Mahy	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm	July 15	11 Shelly Beach Parade	Marie Antoinette, by Colleen Williams	Allan Reid 534 9895
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	July 23	74A Aberfeldy Avenue Hland Pk	Saint Louis (Louis IX)	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	July 20	BM theatre	Potpourri	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	July 8	6 Stevenson Way	Potpourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	July 21	32 Butley Drive, Pakuranga	M K Joseph, by Dean MacConnochie	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 nd Thursday 2pm	July 8	2/21 Drake Street	Pot Pourri	Allan Reid 5349895
Movies 2 nd Mon, 12.30 pm	July 12	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Nature Walks and Talks 2 nd Fri 9 am	July 9	Meet at Whitford Village 0900	Wade-Turanga Walkway	June Poole 021583893
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am (not full)	July 13	BM Theatre	L'esilir d'amore, Donzineti	Jean Denholm 534 6844
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1.15pm	July 27	BM Theatre	TBA	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1 st Mon 10 am	August 2	38A Uxbridge Road	Homer, by Neville	Christopher Nixon 535 5309
Science. 4 th Wed 10 am	July 28	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2 nd Sun noon	July 11	Dannemora Gardens Cafe		Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	July 7	159 Pah Road Cockle Bay	Francesco's Venice final	David and Adrienne Teape 5336103
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	July 19	Local Art Gallery	Visit	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	July 20	B M Theatre	Alphonse Mouchat	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	July 28	2/21 Drake St		Ngairie Taylor 534 8538
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	July 13	13A Anure Place	S/he lay sprawled across the...	Marian Heywood 534 1159

