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General Meeting:
July 8, 9.30am
Howick Bowling Club, Selwyn Road, Howick
Speaker: Prof Helen Danesh-Meyer
10-minute speaker: Short story
Tea team: World of Art 1
Group reports M to Z

President's Report

You will all have heard about the passing of Brenda Loader, our oldest U3A member. Brenda attended our meeting on 24th April. She questioned the speaker and asked for the newsletter. She also talked about her next birthday when she would be 102. She was concerned her son had not yet paid her subscription for this financial year. None of us realised this would be her last meeting. Brenda passed away peacefully on 16th June at the Gulf Views Rest home where she had lived for the last few years after a fall. She remained actively interested in U3A and curious about everything she heard. She never missed our monthly meeting so when she was absent in May we were concerned about her. A group of us attended her funeral on June 24th. They talked about the huge changes in life since she was born in 1923, including, of course, the great depression and World War II.

She travelled here from England in the 1950s with her sister. She met her would-be husband, Norman Loader, on the ship when coming here and later married him and they had two children Catherine and Doug.

We were not surprised to hear she had had a lifelong curiosity about everything, questioning to understand better. She certainly will be missed.

June Poole

July Speaker: Professor Helen-Danesh-Meyer - Myths and Mysteries of the eye.



Professor Helen Danesh-Meyer is Holder of the Sir William and Lady Stevenson Professorship of Ophthalmology and Head of Academic Neuro-ophthalmology and Glaucoma at The University of Auckland and is the first female professor of ophthalmology in New Zealand.

She is an international authority on glaucoma and neuro-ophthalmology.

She holds the highest award of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO).

June speaker: Ian Ferguson: Early New Zealand books



Ian Ferguson's action-packed talk gave us a great insight into early colonial New Zealand.

Very few books were written about New Zealand until the 1830's, when William Colenso brought in New Zealand's first printing press. German-born scientist and author, Georg Forster came with James Cook on his second circumnavigation, so visited New Zealand in 1773. His account of the voyage was published in 1777. The first illustrated book about New Zealand was written in 1805 by John Savage. He was a naval surgeon who was charged with malpractice after refusing to attend a settler's wife in childbirth. When he went back to England to clear his name, he was laid off in the Bay of Islands, where he wrote his book. He also met a Maori chief, Moehanga, and took him back to London with him. Moehanga was the first Maori to go to London. Later, a gentleman named William Nicholas, who came to New Zealand from Sydney with Samuel Marsden, wrote about the voyage in 1814. Missionaries rarely wrote accounts of life in New Zealand.

After the Treaty of Waitangi was signed, more accounts were written by traders, including one book in Maori published in 1842. Books were initially published by government and later by settlers.

Conflicts in 1850s led to further books being published, including a history of war in North of New Zealand against chief Heke, written by Frederick Maning in 1863, under the pseudonym of "a pakeha Maori". Maning married the sister of a chief, and became a judge of the Maori Land court.

After the signing of the Treaty, large areas of land were purchased in exchange for blankets, axes and hoes. Maori had different view of land than the British settlers and didn't really understand what ownership of land meant to the British. In the same way, the settlers did not understand the Maori concept of kaitiakitanga. This led to conflict and many duels.

William Wilson started the New Zealand Herald in 1863.

Peter Hogson, an artist, drew Auckland scenes. Joe Polack, a trader, wrote book on manners and customs of Maori. He was involved in the liquor trade. He denied running grog shops but got into a duel with another grog shop owner.

There were also books written by bright young men - travellers and adventurers. One of these was Alexander Marjoribanks, a traveller and author. He arrived in New Zealand in 1840 after marrying Anne Forbes on 25 Dec 1839 off the coast of South America whilst on board his ship. He describes the sumptuous life on the boat - with much dancing, chess etc. At the same time there were Russians in steerage in appalling conditions, but he doesn't mention that in his journals.

Another source of records at that time was from military men. Meade, a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, went to the hot lakes and drew pictures showing native naked ladies. And another showing hauhau who were deciding whether to kill him but they let him go.

There was a shortage of women in early colonial times, but there were a few books written by women. Maria Thomson, a widowed schoolteacher, was one of the first women to publish a journal, called "Twelve years in Canterbury." After spending time in Auckland, which she found very dreary, she eventually returned to England. In 1888, Lady Martin wrote a book about the Maori published by the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge. In 1883, Charlotte Godley wrote letters depicting life in early New Zealand. She was middle class but described life living in tents with few home comforts.

Several people wrote about the wars which took place in the 1860's. William Grayling wrote about the war in Taranaki, brought about by land issues. Many Europeans felt their culture was superior. Some believed Maori should be annihilated, some had more liberal views and a few, ironically called the "bigots" revered Maori culture. Reverend Thomas Gilbert, a Baptist minister, refused to take up arms against the Maori, thus becoming the first conscientious objector.

Ian had plenty more to tell us about later colonial times, but unfortunately, the hour was up, so we will have to wait for another time!

From the committee:

U3A Howick website: To become a follower on our website, just google u3ahowicknz.co.nz and then click on the bottom right corner of the home page where it says Follow and enter your email address.

U3A Facebook page: Join this facebook group (u3ahowick) for interesting information and updates.

Jammies for June: As mentioned in the President's report, we are collecting new children's pyjamas for Kid's First children's hospital at Middlemore. If you are able, you can drop off donations in a box at the general meeting this month and the next, and we will deliver to the hospital.

BREAKING NEWS

Past President's Trip October 3 2024 - Ports of Auckland Bus Tour - 11am

However, 10 tickets left \$6 each for the bus tour of the Port

I need confirmed numbers with payment

Payment to:

Howick U3A- 12-3040-0556154-00 with your **name** and reference **PP Trip**

Itinerary

We will meet at Howick Netball Courts to car pool, take the Ports of Auckland bus tour approximately 45 minutes and then drive to Parnell Rose Gardens for lunch (members expense)

You will need photo ID eg passport or drivers licence because we are in a restricted area.

Be in now to get a seat - need confirmed numbers and payment by 15 July 2024

More details will follow.

Looking forward to you joining us.

Cheers Graeme Diver

Monthly report group feedback session - time-limits.

Now that the group feedback sessions are given bi-monthly, there is perhaps a perception that those giving the reports must summarise everything the group has done in the past two meetings, and this has resulted in some reports being quite long. You will appreciate that the visiting speaker, who is due to start their talk at 11.00am, will be expecting us to be ready on time so that they can finish at mid-day. We therefore must continue to limit the group feedback to two minutes per interest group.

The purpose of the feedback is to give an idea of what the groups are discussing/learning and to give an idea of the topic of the next meeting. Rather than summarising everything that has been discussed in the meetings, it can be a good idea to highlight one or two interesting snippets from previous meetings and give a brief outline of next month's plans.

We may go back to the system of ringing a bell after two minutes, allowing another 30 seconds to round up your talk. This will give a heads-up and will hopefully not cause offence.

From the Convenors:

NZ History 2

As part of our theme **Immigrants Contribution to NZ** we are going to the Polish Museum, 125 Elliot Street, Tuesday 16 July 2pm for a film on the Polish Refugees to NZ 1944 with a look at the museum and afternoon tea to follow. \$10 cash per person all welcome. Coincidentally it's the 20th Anniversary of the Polish Museum.

Looking ahead Tuesday 20th August, 9 Tranquility Rise, 2pm, we are looking at Maritime History of NZ. Shipwrecks, scows, ships, NZ shipping, NZ Naval History, important figures Subritzky, Townson, Sir Peter Blake, Logan and many others.

Sociology Study Group June Report

Our topic focused on "Slavery – from a Sociological Perspective". The context of our topic aligned with systems of Stratification in Society which includes a) Slavery; b) Caste systems; c) Feudal / Estate systems and d) Class systems. A far more interesting topic than I had, initially, anticipated!

A big thankyou to June Poole, who initiated discussion by taking us through a wonderful history of slavery, particularly as it related to England. Once the ice was broken, others joined in giving their own perspectives, opinions, and points of view.

We agreed that slavery had a very long history, predating written records, and existed across many cultures and races.

We viewed a couple of short video clips, then discussed various forms of contemporary slavery – including a recent case, in our own New Zealand! This pertained to Joseph Matamata who exploited migrants by using slavery like practices and treating them inhumanely. In 2020, Matamata was sentenced to prison and ordered to pay reparations to his victims following his conviction on trafficking and slavery charges.

We touched on slavery in Māori New Zealand. (Note: In 1836, the missionary William Yate told a House of Commons select committee that about half of the Māori population in northern New Zealand were slaves, but that in the South Island it was more like one in 10.) With an estimation of 29.8 million people enslaved today, in different forms of slavery, across the world, we discussed: Child Labour; Bonded Labour; Forced Marriages; Forced Labour and Sexual Slavery as examples of modern slavery! The question; "What were Social Arguments for Slavery?" had diverse answers.

Thank you, Colleen Rigby, for sending a very relevant article, which members of the Sociology Study Group would find interesting: <https://historyreclaimed.co.uk/amazing-grace-and-the-amazing-sums-of-the-dean-of-trinity-college-cambridge/>

We would agree with the writer: "rather than rake over a past that cannot be changed", we need to focus on ending modern slavery on the high streets and in the sweatshops of today' society.

Our next Sociology Study Group is scheduled for the 4th The Topic is **Culture, Customs and Traditions** which encompasses a wide range of sub-topics to ensure all members will find something meaningful to them for their reflection and research

4th July 2024

Welcome to the **U3A** Howick

Sociology

Study Group

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION!

Cultures, Customs & Traditions!

Overview: customs are shaped by cultural norms, traditions, and values, and they provide a framework for social interactions and expectations.

Guiding Questions for Research, Reflection and Discussion:

1. Describe different Types of Customs & Traditions – your own, or those of other cultures.
2. What functions do different customs serve within their society?

❖ Welcome to Our July U3A-Howick Study Group

THURSDAY 4th JULY 2024

- ✓ When: 1st Thursday of each Month
- ✓ Time: 1.30 to 3.00 p.m.
- ✓ Venue: 7 Tainui Rd, Cockle Bay
- ✓ Convenor: Len Nel
- ✓ 027 66 27234 (text, please)
- ✓ psychonline@xtra.co.nz

Out and about:

- Auckland Museum has several exhibitions; Wildlife photographer of the year, Through the Eye of the Lens, a digital photo exhibition and Te Ra, the only customary Maori sail in existence
- Uxbridge Theatre: Fridays at 12 – Fridays 17 May to 5 July \$5.00 door sales. School Music performances
- World Choir games: Town Hall, and Aotea Centre, Wednesday 10 to Saturday 20 July. See Auckland Live for details
- Elgar, the Dream of Gerontius, June 23 Auckland town Hall. Book through Ticketmaster
- Whanau Marama: New Zealand Film Festival – 7 to 18 August 2024. Details through Auckland Live
- A taste of Ireland: Irish music and dance July 12 to August 18. Details and booking through eventfinda
- Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella 13 to 20 July – details from Eventfinda
- Howick Little Theatre: Around the World in 80 Days. Book through hlt.org.nz



Groups(yellow=closed * members welcome	Date 2024	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology 3 rd Thurs 10 am	July 19	4A Paton Road	Lost Civilisation	Betty Reid 534 9895
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	July 5	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	June Lamborn 535 8069
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 1.30 *	July 25	3 Mcmillan Place	Books	Susanne Morgan 0211852020
Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1 pm	July 15	1/73 Frank Nobilo Drive	Early Peru	Linda Stubbs 0272975601
Comparative Religions 4 th Monday 1.30pm	July 22	Howick Baptist Care Home Lounge	Christianity	Margaret Nicholls 021344083
Current Affairs* 2 nd Wed 1.30pm	July 10	9 Tranquility Rise	Free Speech	Jan Naish-Wallis 027 220 3777
Dinner Club 3 rd Tuesday 6pm	July 16	Good Home/Picton Hotel		Jan Naish-Wallis 027220 3777
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	July 23	BM Theatre	The dark matter scaffold	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Thurs 10 am	July 4	Cinema lounge Dannemora Gdns	Camilla	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
French Circle* 4 th Fri 1 pm	July 26	74A Aberfeldy Ave	A trip to the Balkans	David Dwerryhouse 0210315416
Gardenz 1 st Tuesday 10.00am**	July 2 10.30am	Palmer's Garden Cr Orakei	Pruning fruit trees and roses	Linda Stubbs 0272975601
History* 3 rd Tues 10 am	July 16	BM Theatre	History of Nursery Rhymes - Trevor City of Troy - Ron	Judy Lee 535 8547
History New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	July 11	4A Paton Road.	Pot pourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
History of NZ2* 3 rd Tuesday 2pm	July 16	125 Elliot Street	Visit to Polish Museum - \$10.00 cash entry fee	Graeme Diver 0274728033
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	July 17	74 Aberfeldy Ave	The Tempest, Shakespeare	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 nd Thursday 2.00pm		TBA	Pot pourri	Derek Priscott 5344293
Mobile photography* 3 rd Wednesday 1.30pm	July 17	1/19 Butley Drive	Selective editing, brushes and masking	Colleen Rigby 0272916781
Movies * 2 nd Mon, 12.30 pm	July 8	67 Litten Road	Classic film DVD	Jan Naish-Wallis 027 220 3777
Opera 4 th Tues 1.15pm	July 23	BM Theatre	'Das Liebesverbot' – Richard Wagner	Geraldine Rose 5371917
Psychology 2 nd Thu 1.30	July 11	7 Tainui Road	The aging brain	Len Nel 0276627234
Philosophy 1 st Mon 10 am	July 1	63 Drake Street	Justice, led by Angela Cullen	Christopher Nixon 5343843
Science. 4 th Wed 10 am	July 24	BM theatre	Pot pourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sociology 1 st Thursday 1.30pm	July 4	7 Tainui Road	Cultures, customs and traditions	Len Nel 0276627234
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	July 3	159 Pah Road	We visit Morocco	David Teape 5336103
Walks and Talks 3 rd Fri 9.30 am	July 19	Conifer Grove Shopping Center. Walter Stevens Drive	Conifer Grove Circuit	June Poole 021583893 Goeff 0211154560
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am *	July 15	31 Lansell Drive	Pot pourri	Garry Law 0275665764
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	No Meeting	BM Theatre		Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music* 4 th Wed 1.00 pm	July 17	TBA	TBA	Julia Forsyth 021 164 1664
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	July 9	9 Kelly Place Cockle Bay	Wisdom	Mary Kennedy 02102250341

