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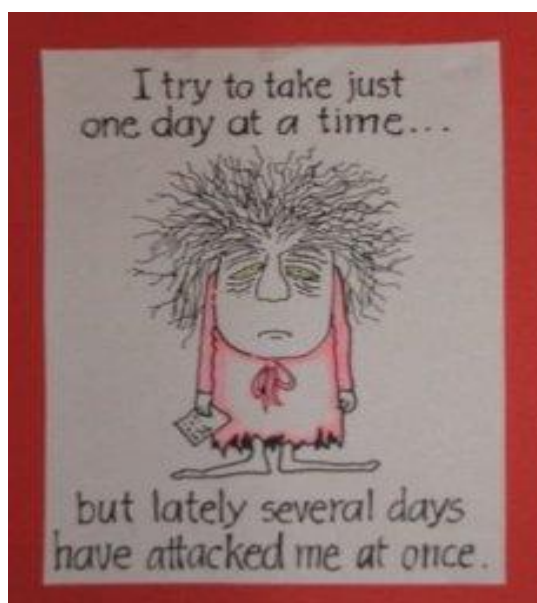
**Next General Meeting Online:**

**Speaker:** *Professor Spoonley*

**Topic:** *Migration and mobility in the age of COVID*  
*(Zoom link and instructions will follow soon)*

**Editorial:**

I can hardly remember our last physical U3A meeting. It feels like a memory from another life. For now, it seems, we just take each day at a time, waiting. But for what? There is no going back. The old life will never be the same. And the new life is full of questions. When will it be? What will it look like? Professor Spoonley will be talking about some big questions regarding mobility and migration in the future but we also need to answer the more local questions. From the point of view of the U3A, what form will it take? We talk about getting back to level 1, but level 1 has gone! We will need to consider, both from an individual level and as an organisation, the balance we will have to keep between safety and living some kind of meaningful life. We can see from world news that it is not simply a matter of getting vaccinated and getting on with normal life. The UK, for example, is considering reinstating tight restrictions this winter, as hospitals fill up again. So we need to think hard about a way forward. Some members are keen to explore online options, and no doubt at some stage we can work out a way for groups to meet safely. But it will not be the same. For U3A to survive, we will need to adapt. And I hope we can.



## October Speaker:

We had an online talk by Fonteyn Moses Te Kani, on the Maori economy. I had not realised that this was so extensive and that it was so strongly interwoven with the New Zealand economy. Fonteyn did point out, though, that Treaty Settlement money is generally invested locally, focuses on sustainability and trust, and contributes to Iwi members being able to stay in their own community. I have very briefly summarised her talk, as you are all able to listen to this online, where you will find a much clearer picture than I, as a non-economist, would be able to provide. For those of you who were not able to attend or access the talk, I have directly copied the summary provided by Fonteyn.

“We define the Māori economy as all known assets owned, wealth generated and income earned by Māori.

- Māori people – Māori employed in the labour market as well as Māori employers.
- Māori assets – including assets from Iwi, Collectives, Trusts and Incorporations and business.
- Māori business – including Māori businesses and Māori in business.

Māori asset base totalled \$68.7 billion in 2018

The composition of this asset base was:

- \$39.1 billion assets in the businesses of 9,850 Māori employers.
- \$21.0 billion assets in Trusts, Incorporations, and other Māori entities
- \$8.6 billion assets in the businesses of 18,600 self-employed Māori.
- \$8.6 billion in Agriculture, forestry, and fishing which is 34% of the Māori asset base”

## November Speaker: Distinguished Emeritus Professor Paul Spoonley MA, MsC, PhD FRSNZ: Migration and Mobility in the age of COVID: What is in store for New Zealand?



Paul Spoonley is Honorary Research Associate Association Te Kura Pukenga Tangata College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Massey University. He tells us that New Zealand experienced the highest ever immigration between 2017 and 2020 – and then Covid happened. The country went from an annual growth rate of 2.2% (the average for the OECD is 0.4%) to the current 0.6%. International mobility from migration through to tourism will not resume at pre-covid levels until 2023 or 2024 (according to IATA and others.) Why? And what does that mean for New Zealand – and other countries?

However, the Government’s announcement recently that it would allow 165,000 temporary migrants who are already in New Zealand to apply for residency changes things significantly. It might mean that we actually exceed (by some margin) the immigration and population figures of recent years in 2022.

## From the Committee:

Convenors of interest groups might like to know that 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](mailto:collrigby@gmail.com)) is happy to set these up for any interest groups that would like to run a meeting online. The movie group tried it this month and it worked well.

The Interest Group would need to let Colleen know:

Date and time of meeting (You might need to be flexible to fit in with Colleen’s availability)

Email addresses of all the members so that Colleen can email them

Colleen would admit them to the meeting and then leave them to it, leaving the meeting open to the interest group.

It is pleasing to see that more members are joining the U3A Facebook page. If you are interested, go to the search bar on Facebook and search for U3A Howick. As a member, you can ask to join this group. We will put up information about our group as well as information about other U3A groups internationally and what they are doing for your interest.

We are considering having a scavenger hunt in December, where members will be given a set of clues and will drive around a local trail and find a set of questions to answer. We may finish with a distanced picnic/prizegiving instead of our usual Christmas get together. More details and a survey will follow to see who would be interested.

### Membership:



Anne McKinnon has recently died. She was instrumental in the start-up of Howick U3A along with Betsy Berridge and Zoe During. In 1989 The U3A movement started in Remuera, in Auckland. Anne knew of this through her associates in the Medical Women's Association and she discussed this with fellow medic Dr Zoe During who also lived in Howick. At the same time Betsy Berridge had similar ideas and so together they started up a group with about 45 members. Anne passed away peacefully on 10 October, 2021, aged 97 years.

We are also sad to report that Lovest Reynolds died recently. Both Lovest and her husband, Pat, joined Howick U3A in 1994 and were active members until about 4 years ago. They were involved in the Travel group and Lovest was convenor of Forum for many years. Lovest and Pat were both teachers and were also keen beekeepers for more than 40 years. Lovest taught at Cockle Bay Primary School from 1967 to 1985. She is fondly remembered by her many students and their parents. She is survived by her 5 sons and their families.

### Out and about:

- Take a drive to Cornwall Park to see the cherry blossoms
- Take a day trip to Muriwai beach to see the gannets
- In anticipation of greater freedom next year, Auckland Live 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 details



