



University of the  
Third Age

**Howick Inc.**  
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**May 2017**



**Next meeting:** May 8 (Monday), 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Nixon Park Community Hall,  
Sale St, Howick  
**Guest speaker:** Helen Perry  
**Topic:** Aspects of Journalism  
**Ten-minute speaker:** Barry Nicholls, on the work  
of Alfred Wernam Canning

### MR PRESIDENT

WARREN YARDLEY is the newly elected President for the 2017-18 term. The President and his committee were installed last month after the annual general meeting was concluded. His deputy is Margaret Nicholls. Most of the old committee will continue to serve. In brief remarks after the handover by the outgoing President, Ms Marian Heywood, Mr Yardley urged members to email ([yardz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yardz@xtra.co.nz)) or phone in (533 0057) suggestions to make Howick U3A activities even more stimulating. (Calls after 4 pm are best avoided.)

### YOUR COMMITTEE 2017-18

<b>Warren Yardley</b>	<i>President/Guest Speakers</i>
<b>Margaret Nicholls</b>	<i>Vice President/ Director of Studies</i>
<b>Cora Young</b>	<i>Secretary</i>
<b>Joni Burgess</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<b>David Dwerryhouse</b>	<i>Membership</i>
<b>Marian Heywood</b>	<i>Ten-minute Speakers</i>
<b>Chua Huck Cheng</b>	<i>Newsletter</i>
<b>Jennie Leyland</b>	<i>Almoner</i>
<b>Phil Williams</b>	<i>Hall set-up</i>



**HELEN PERRY**  
Today's guest speaker is editor of EastLife, a lifestyle magazine. She began her career with the NZ Herald, and now heads Times Newspapers' magazine division.

### THANKS, FELLOWS

IN HER farewell report, outgoing President Marian Heywood thanked members for their participation during her term. Ten-minute speakers were complimented ('What an interesting lot') for enlivening proceedings. Suitable guest speakers, however, were harder to arrange. Ms Heywood made special mention of the constitutional amendments, passed earlier in the year, to improve the club's workings, and noted that the membership list had been updated. Membership stood at 165 at the handover.

*See overleaf*

## **SUBSCRIPTION UNCHANGED**

TREASURER Joni Burgess reported the club had net assets of \$7,963 at the end of the financial year. This was a healthy position to be in. One positive outcome of this was that the annual subscription has been kept at \$20. Rental for the Auckland Council-owned Nixon Park Community Hall, the “home” of Howick U3A, is fully paid up until July 2018. Advance commitments are a council requirement. In retrospect, it is just as well tenancy is locked in as hall availability for civic activities is inconsistent.

MEMBERS are reminded the subscription for the new year is due. Cash payments may be made to Ms Burgess at the meeting. Online payments to bank account 12 3040 0556154 00, with the surname in the reference. Cheques should be made out to U3A Howick Inc, mailed to Box 39035 Howick 2014, or handed to Ms Burgess.

## **SHARE AND CARE**

ALSO ON account of the healthy financials, members approved overwhelmingly a proposal by Mr Tim Pearson, a past President, to donate \$1,000 to the South Auckland Hospice. A representative present at the meeting expressed thanks. Altogether, a heart-warming gesture of community sharing.

## **NEWEST MEMBER**

BEVERLY JIN ([bevjin88@gmail.com](mailto:bevjin88@gmail.com)), sponsored by membership secretary David Dwerryhouse, was welcomed as the 165<sup>th</sup> member at the meeting. Born in China, Ms Jin came to live in New Zealand in 1994. Her background is in mathematics/engineering. Interests extend to music and travel.

## **GREAT WORK, TERRI**

LAST MONTH'S guest speaker Terri Marchant gave an engaging account of her work in nursing injured animals brought in. Her work in animal welfare has shades of the bestselling author James Herriot's concern for creatures great and small. Her credo of 'rescue, regenerate, release' is best exemplified by her revulsion at animal testing carried out by some cosmetics manufacturers. Birds and hedgehogs have no greater champion than Ms Marchant.

## **IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...**

++ AUCKLAND Writers Festival ([writersfestival.co.nz](http://writersfestival.co.nz)), May 16-21 at the Aotea Centre. Some notables appearing are New Zealand writer Fiona Kidman (May 21), New York Times columnist Tom Friedman (May 20) and British food critic Jay Rayner (May 19).

++ THE Royal New Zealand Ballet ([rnzb.org.nz](http://rnzb.org.nz)) performs Three by Ekman, three short works choreographed by Alexander Ekman. May 24-June 1, ASB Waterfront Theatre.

++ THE New Zealand Symphony Orchestra's ([nzso.co.nz](http://nzso.co.nz)) May 27 concert at the Town Hall offers two warhorses – Tchaikovsky's 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony and Dvorak's Cello Concerto (soloist Narek Hakhnazaryan from Armenia won the 2011 Tchaikovsky Competition.) Conductor Darrell Ang.

	Date	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology H 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 18	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>Personalised Medicine</i> Gill Muggleston	Alison O'Connell 534 7539
Anthropology L 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	May 22	Andrew's room at Lansdown Hospital	<i>Personalised Medicine</i> Gill Muggleston	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	June 2	Maurice Taylor's	<i>North African-Egyptian</i> M. Taylor/J. Denholm	Maurice Taylor 534 8538
Aspects of Civilisation 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 1 pm	May 15	55 Rodney St Howick	<i>The Moche of Peru</i> Gill Muggleston	Cora Young 534 8623
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 2 pm	May 25	25 Centre Court Sunnyhills	Latest reads	Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	May 23	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>Materiality of the Vacuum</i>	Celia Martin 533 1625
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues 10 am	June 6	Armstrong's Villa 19 7 Flatbush Rd	<i>Hannah More</i> Judith Hounsell	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2 pm	May 18	Faye Hercoc's 113B Cook St	<i>The Kennedy Women</i> M. Jones/M. Nicholls	Allan Reid 534 9895
Famous & Infamous 3 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	June 1	Jean Denholm's 2/21 Drake St	<i>American Vicereine</i> Cheryl Cameron	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 10 am	May 19	R. Woodhouse's 90A Ridge Rd, Howick	Open discussion	Geoff Mooney 535 1015
French 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	May 26	David's 74-A Aberfeldy Ave	New Caledonia report-back	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	May 16	Fencible Lounge	<i>Lady Jane Grey</i> Sheila Russell	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of NZ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 11	John Peat's	<i>Howick Stockades</i> Alan La Roche	Tim Pearson 576 4091
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	May 17	Ngaire Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	<i>Intro to German Literature</i> P. Becroft.	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Music World 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	May 24	Ngaire Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	<i>Music of Grieg</i> Ngaire Taylor	Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
Nature Walks and Talks 2 Fri 9 am	May 12	Meet north end Potts Rd, Whitford, 9 am		Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 9.30 am	May 9	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Tchaikovsky's <i>Eugene Onegin</i>	Hilary Paterson 533 8785
Opera2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1 pm	May 23	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Britten's <i>Peter Grimes</i> 168 min	Moya Nixon 535 5309
Philosophy 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon 10 am	June 5	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Member contributions	Neville Brandon 534 9817
Poetry 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2 pm	May 9	1/139 Clovelly Rd	Poem of choice, to share	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	May 24	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 12 noon	May 21	Cuff Café Highland Park	Variety of subjects up for discussion	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	June 7	Gordon Hudson's 1 Elsemore Cr .	<i>Life in China and NZ</i> Beverly Jin	Gordon Hudson 576 8262
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am	May 15	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>British Artists Between the Wars</i> Gary Law	Jennie Leyland 534 4034
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	May 16	Dannemora Gardens Library	<i>Ralph Hotere</i> Lana Ashley.	Heather Watson 274 4747
World War II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 2pm	May 11	Sheila and James Russell's	<i>World War II Airplanes</i> - dvd	Ron Clifton 537 1592
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	May 9	Marian's 1/8 Aylmer Court, Eastern Beach	<i>'And my friend said...'</i>	Marian Heywood 534 1159

