



University of the
Third Age

Howick Inc.

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Next meeting: September 11 (Monday), 9.30 am

Venue: Nixon Hall, Sale St, Howick

**Guest speaker: Marguerite van der Kolk on life
with animals as a volunteer**

Ten minutes: Short story - 'The Dance Hall'

LIVELIER, MORE STIMULATING

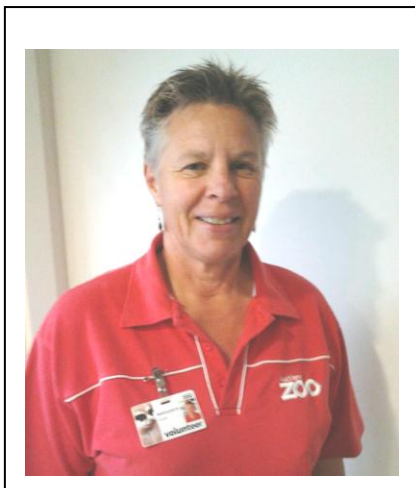
A DISCUSSION paper on how to inject more stimulus and variety into study groups' activities has been prepared by Vice President Margaret Nicholls, concurrently the Director of Studies. It will be presented to group coordinators for their consideration.

It is anticipated that the proposals on formats and participation modes will form the basis of discussion among the groups on how best to make participation more inclusive. A number of groups already practise proposed approaches, but feedback and ideas from all groups would be helpful.

Your committee feels that more signed-up members of the groups, now numbering 27 covering a range of interests, can be encouraged to be engaged to get the most out of these exercises. Continual learning is after all the core mission of the U3A.

FEELING LEFT OUT?

Secretary Cora Young has an announcement to make at today's meeting concerning members who are home-bound (for good reason) or who live too far away to be able to attend the monthly meeting or to participate in group studies. Being networked is the key. Your committee strives to draw in as many members as is practical, as active participants in the U3A family.



TEACHER TO VOLUNTEER

After a lifetime's work as a schoolteacher, latterly as a principal, today's guest speaker Marguerite van der Kolk (picture) turned her hand to civic works. She does her bit as a volunteer at Auckland Zoo and also at the SPCA. In an active career spanning many years, she had also had senior management roles in the disability sector.

MEMBERS' OWN LAST MONTH

LAST month's talk on the Totara Hospice by Howick U3A member Val Sugrue, a board member of the hospice, brought two revelations. One, the largest group of residents is surprisingly in the youngish 45-64 age range. Two, its army of volunteers, 719 of them, saves the hospice \$4m a year in notional wage cost. The hospice is about \$3.5m short on an annual operating budget of \$8.5m. It needs help, from state and public. Howick U3A did its bit by giving \$1,000.

Past president Tim Pearson reported that a members' excursion to Motuihe Island last November raised \$800 for the island conservation trust. A video of the trip was played for members, spiced with a wry observation that the party's ferry ride back to Half Moon Bay had a rather eventful interlude.

MOTUIHE OBSERVANCE

MOTUIHE Island's Heritage Week has a special event on Oct 8 (10.45 am) to mark a WWI exploit. Members interested in the free guided walk/ lecture event need to register with Fullers for the ferry ride (fees apply): www.fullers.co.nz/events-plus-deals/akl-heritage-festival-motuihe-event.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A GENTLE reminder that some subscriptions (\$20) are still outstanding. Cash/cheques in the name Howick U3A Inc may be paid to Treasurer Joni Burgess. Mailed cheques to Box 39035 Howick 2014, and online payments to account 12 3040 0556154 00, with the member's surname in the reference.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

+ PLAYGOERS may want to mark down Tennessee Williams's masterwork, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, playing at the Q Theatre (305 Queens St, beside the Town Hall.) Season ends Sept 16. Running time 3 hr. Produced by Silo Theatre, directed Shane Bosher. Cast principals Mia Blake, Morgana O'Reilly and Ryan O'Kane. Tickets \$30-\$65 from qttheatre.co.nz or call 309 9771.

+ WHO'S Afraid of Viginia Woolf by Edward Albee, another absorbing if taxing drama, is to be screened on Sept 14, 15, 17 by Monterey Howick in its National Theatre Live series featuring British stage productions. Imelda Staunton in the lead role, James Macdonald is director. Warning: Running time is a seat-heaving 3 hr 30 min.

+ BOOKARAMA is here again. Howick Rotary's annual used-books fair will be held on Oct 10-15 at the usual Howick RSA location. The odd gem may present itself if you looked hard. U3A members with not so old books, CDs/DVDs to give away for fund-raising may drop them off at the RSA basement, or ask John S (534 6566) and John O (534 7699) to collect.

+ NEW Zealand Opera's 2017 season closes with Czech composer Janacek's *Katya Kabanova*, a tale of love andl betrayal. On Sept 16, 19, 21, 23 at the Aotea Centre. Directed by Patrick Nolan, Russian soprano Dina Kuznetsova in the title role. Running time 2 hr 15 min. Wyn Davies conducts the Auckland Philharmonia. Ticket range \$50-\$190 from Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.co.nz).

+ THE next tea in Howick Historical Village's History and High Tea series is on Sept 16, 2-4 pm. A guest speaker will talk history, naturally. Charge \$40. Bookings fencible.org.nz or call 5769506.

+ HOWICK Little Theatre's latest offering is *Dial M For Murder*, directed by Alex Gleed. Season till Sept 30. Running time 2 hr 30 min. Seniors \$26 from iticket.co.nz or phone 3611000.

Group (yellow denotes full)	Date	Place	Topic	Convenor
Ancient Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1pm-3pm	Sept 18	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	<i>The Indus Valley</i> Jean Denholm	Cora Young 534 8623
Anthropology H 3 rd Thurs 10 am	Sept 21	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	<i>Human Sacrifice</i> Margaret Hieatt	Alison O'Connell 534 7539
Anthropology L 4 th Mon 10 am	Sept 25	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St.	<i>Human Sacrifice</i> Margaret Hieatt	Margaret Hieatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	Oct 6	Helen Bolt's 20 Camwell Close	<i>Albania</i> Helen Bolt <i>China</i> Kerry Pearson	Maurice Taylor 534 8538
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 2 pm	Sept 28	Margaret Smith's 25 Centre Ct, PPV	Latest reads	Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	Sept 26	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	<i>The Universe: Beginning and End</i>	Celia Martin 533 1625
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Tues 10 am	Oct 3	Nancy Edwards's 17 Masefield St	<i>Felix von Luckner</i> Margaret Jones	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm	Sept 21	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>Gandhi</i> Richard Burns	Allan Reid 534 9895
Famous & Infamous 3 1 st Thurs 10 am	Oct 5	Jean Fitzgerald's 1 Lodge Lane	<i>Marti Friedlander</i> Philippa Wilson	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 rd Fri 10 am	Sept 15	Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV	Open discussion	Beverley Luxton 576 9625
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	Sept 22	Gayleen Mackereth's 170 Cook St	<i>Luxembourg</i> Chris Cameron	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	Sept 19	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>The Mummified Child: History Cold Case</i> dvd	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of NZ 2 nd Thurs 10 am	Sept 14	Maurice Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	<i>Jean Batten</i> Lynley Spurdle	Tim Pearson 576 4091
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	Sept 20	Ngaire Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	<i>Jonathan Swift</i> Dene McConnochie	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Nature Walks and Talks 2 nd Fri 9 am	Concluded Sept 8	9 am Meadowlands car park, by the AA office	To Cascades Waterfall beside Botany Creek	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am	Sept 12	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Mozart's <i>The Magic Flute</i>	Hilary Paterson 533 8785
Opera2 4 th Tues 1 pm	Sept 26	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Verdi's <i>Macbeth</i> Thomas Hampson, 3 hr	Moya Nixon 535 5309
Philosophy 1 st Mon 10 am	Oct 2	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Members' contributions	Chris Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 nd Tues 2 pm	Sept 12	Colleen Williams's 1/139 Clovelly Road	Personal picks from Beth's poetry collection	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 th Wed 10 am	Sept 27	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 3 rd Sunday, noon	Sept 17	Meadowland Coffee Club	Open discussion	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	Oct 4	Gordon Hudson's 1 Elsmore Crescent	<i>More Cruising Around Europe</i> Gwen Kirman	Gordon Hudson 576 8262
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	Sept 18	Sheila Russell's 8/50 Cook St	<i>Art of Ancient Egypt</i> Sheila Russell	Jennie Leyland 534 4034
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	Sept 19	Jeanette Fenn's 70 Cantora Ave	<i>Paul Gauguin</i> Jeanette Fenn	Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	Sept 27	Jean Denholm's 2/21 Drake St	<i>J. Sutherland</i> H. Watson <i>Choral Music</i> R. Ovens	Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 nd Thurs 2pm	Sept 14	Allan Reid's 4A Paton Rd	<i>Espionage in WWII</i> Allan Reid	Ron Clifton 537 1592
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	Sept 12	Marian's 1/8 Aylmer Court, Eastern Beach	<i>Mistaken Identity</i>	Marian Heywood 534 1159

