

# U3A MANUREWA NEWSLETTER

## 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY MEETING at 1.30pm

TO BE HELD At ACACIA COVE RETIREMENT VILLAGE LOUNGE  
131 Wattle Farm Road Manurewa Auckland 2103



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Comprising 7/8 members who take on a variety of responsibilities*

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| <b>President</b>                                                            | Bob Falconer     |  |  |
| <b>Secretary</b>                                                            | Maureen Abbott   |  |  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                                            | Gaynor Falconer  |  |  |
| <b>Vice President</b>                                                       | Heather Hine     |  |  |
| <b>Membership Sec &amp; Speaker Co-ordinator</b>                            | Pat James        |  |  |
| <b>Almoner</b>                                                              | Pat James        |  |  |
| <b>Network Rep</b>                                                          | Warwick May      |  |  |
| <b>Newsletter Sec</b>                                                       | Doreen Lightfoot |  |  |
| <b>Refreshments</b> Sharleen Bishop, Christine Bertram and Corrie Patterson |                  |  |  |

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

Welcome. I am sure we are all looking forward to a year of interesting meetings not interrupted by Covid restrictions.

Covid is still present, I consider it more virulent than the flu, more prevalent and easier to catch, but we will still carry on. More importantly should we sing daily "Rain, rain go away"?

There was a committee meeting at the beginning of the month. All agreed that the Christmas lunch went well and Lisa, as always, was entertaining. I can tell you that Pat has arranged an eclectic range of speakers for the rest of the year, so make sure that you come each month.

Any organisation needs people to run it and the finances to fund its activities. Gaynor, our treasurer has asked me to remind you that subs for the 2022/2023 year are due, \$30 for a single person and \$45 for a couple. We will require a new treasurer starting October, and if you are interested, please talk to Gaynor. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Monday.

Bob

## TREASURER: (Gaynor) FEES AND HOW TO PAY

Please remember that fees can be paid by cash or internet banking to ASB #12-3028-0593307-00. If you wish to pay by cash, please ensure the notes are put into an envelope with your name on the outside.

## Host Group:

| <i>Roster for Host Groups</i> |                             |               |                             |            |                             |
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| <i>Feb</i>                    | <i>Book Review</i>          | <i>June</i>   | <i>Music Apprec</i>         | <i>Oct</i> | <i>Current Affairs</i>      |
| <i>March</i>                  | <i>History &amp; People</i> | <i>July</i>   | <i>Movies Group</i>         | <i>Nov</i> | <i>Card and Board Games</i> |
| <i>April</i>                  | <i>Current Affairs</i>      | <i>August</i> | <i>Book Review</i>          | <i>Dec</i> | <i>Christmas dinner</i>     |
| <i>May</i>                    | <i>Stage and Screen</i>     | <i>Sept</i>   | <i>History &amp; People</i> |            |                             |

**OUR SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY is Rob High, Philanthropy Officer for the New Zealand Red Cross is our speaker.**

The Red Cross is the largest humanitarian movement in the world. We all recognise the emblem – but what is actually behind the well-known symbol? How did this globe-spanning organisation come to be and what does it

actually do? In this presentation you will hear about the humble beginnings of the Red Cross, learn what we do internationally – and the programmes and services offered here by our own national society, New Zealand Red Cross.

Rob High joined NZRC in 2011 (originally as a volunteer). He has held a variety of different roles within the organisation, from coordinating local Community Programmes and liaison to our Volunteer Branches, to managing city-wide street collection appeals in Auckland, Whangarei and locations in Northland. More recently, he coordinated the Red Cross activation at Field days 2022 in Hamilton (the first time Red Cross have been invited to attend).

## SHARE, SHOW, & TELL -

SHARE, SHOW, & TELL. Lots to talk about since we last met together!

Remember we only have 10 minutes to fit everyone in,

so, if there are 30 of us for example, that allows us about 20 seconds each to share our words of wisdom!!!

Not such a daunting task really!! Saying "I have nothing to share" would allow you to use those precious 30 seconds anyway. A win win situation either way!!! Warwick

## GROUP REPORTS:



**BOOK REVIEW Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10am.**

**Convenor:**

**MEETINGS WERE HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> JAN 2023 AND THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB,  
NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

### BOOK REVIEW DECEMBER 2022

#### 5 present and 4 apologies

**A Heart Full of Headstones: Ian Rankin** – followers of the former Chief Inspector John Rebus will be familiar with the regular cast of his support team, rivals and the changes of Edinburgh's underworld. **4.5**

i) Also recommend are **New Zealand Short Stories: Collection – Some other Country**, published 1984

ii) Return to Harikoa Bay: Owen Marshall 2022

**Say You're Sorry: Michael Robotham** – Two 15 year old girls disappear. They have been saying that they are going to run away and now they can't be found. 3 years later they are still missing. Interesting if you like lots and lots of psychological theorising! **2.5**

**Old Rage: Sheila Hancock** – opinions and memories of Sheila Hancock, 88 at the time of publication. By her own admission she is an opinionated loudmouth. She was married to the English actor, John Thaw. A great read. **4/5**

#### Along came a Spider: James Patterson

The book begins with double kidnapping of the daughter of a famous Hollywood actress and the young son of the Secretary of the Treasury. Gary Soneji is a murderous serial kidnapper who wants to commit the crime of the century. Up against him is Alex Cross, a black homicide detective with a Ph.D. in psychology. Our reader says that this is the first Alex Cross book with at least 26 in the series. Our reader tried the next two and gave up as he didn't want to read any more about deranged killers. **3**

**PS I Love You: Cecelia Ahern (2002)** – Holly and Gerry's world is suddenly shattered when Gerry gets cancer and dies. This is the story of his last bequest which is a monthly list to help her to get her life back on track. It is brutally sad and uplifting at the same time. **5**

**Shrines of Gaiety: Kate Atkinson** – The year is 1926 and Nellie Coker, matriarch and nightclub proprietor has just been released from a 6 month stretch in Holloway prison. The cast of characters is lively and diffuse as Chief Inspector Frobisher and his snoop Gwendolen investigate missing girls. Kate Atkinson's books are always entertaining and well written. **4**

#### A Meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan and books read were the following:

**Katherine of Aragon** – The True Queen by Alison Weir **5**


**Spies** by Michael Frayn **5**


**The Long Call (2 rivers #1)** by Ann Cleeves **5**


**Horse by Geraldine Brooks** (not rated as not finished reading)


**Better the Blood** by Michael Bennett – first novel by NZ author **4**

The Group met on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and the report will be in March newsletter and next meeting is on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.


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|  | <b>CARD AND BOARD GAMES:</b> meetings are held on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 1.30pm. Convenor: Val Marris<br>Next Meeting Date, Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb and the 2nd March. |
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|  | <b>CURRENT AFFAIRS:</b> meetings are held on the 3rd Monday, at 2pm. at Jan and Warwick's place.<br>Convenors: Jan and Warwick<br>Meeting Dates: next meeting 20th February 2023 |
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|  | <b>HISTORY PEOPLE AND PLACES:</b> are held on the 3rd Tues 1.30pm at Jeanette Cortesi's home<br>Phone: Convenor Jeanette Cortesi and Tricia Jordan<br>Next Meeting Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February. |
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|  | <b>MUSIC APPRECIATION:</b> meetings, are held on the 4th Friday of the month, 2 to 4pm at Simon and Pat James' place. Convenor: Simon James<br>Next meeting is scheduled for the 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.. |
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Music Appreciation was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January and the subject was 'Vivaldi's Diverse Instruments'.

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|  | <b>MOVIES GROUP:</b> dates and time depend on which movie is selected and then make your own way to the Hawkins Centre Papakura and meet there. Contact Heather Hine |
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Check out the Hawkins theatre Papakura – [www.hawkinstheatre.co.nz](http://www.hawkinstheatre.co.nz) they have an amazing list of films coming in February, just to name a few: A Man Called Otto, The Lost King, The Fogelman's, What's Love got to do with it? The Honeymoon, a Date night on the 14 Feb, Live Events, Operatunity concerts, and the Hawkins Youth Theatre Company etc etc. Easy parking, and very reasonable prices, \$13 for seniors at movies, in some cases, cheaper.

A number of U3A people meet at the Hawkins Centre and then go to a movie, together, although you don't have to be in or with a group, but nice to have company. Its cheap, good parking, they sell ice-creams, coffee etc, nice seats, a great way to have an afternoon out, AT THE MOVIES

| FEBRUARY 2023                                                              |                                                       |                  |                                                 |                                               |                     |                     |
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| MONDAY                                                                     | TUESDAY                                               |                  | THURS 2 <sup>ND</sup>                           | FRIDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup>                        | SAT 4 <sup>TH</sup> | SUN 5 <sup>TH</sup> |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup>                                                            | 7 <sup>TH</sup><br>BOOK REVIEW<br>10AM                | 8 <sup>TH</sup>  | 9 <sup>TH</sup><br>BOARD & CARD<br>GAMES 1.30PM | 10 <sup>TH</sup>                              | 11 <sup>TH</sup>    | 12 <sup>TH</sup>    |
| 13 <sup>TH</sup><br>U3A<br>MEETING                                         | 14 <sup>TH</sup>                                      | 15 <sup>TH</sup> | 16 <sup>TH</sup>                                | 17 <sup>TH</sup>                              | 18 <sup>TH</sup>    | 19 <sup>TH</sup>    |
| 20 <sup>TH</sup><br>CURRENT<br>AFFAIRS<br>2PM                              | 21 <sup>ST</sup><br>HISTORY PEOPLE &<br>PLACES 1.30PM | 22 <sup>ND</sup> | 23 <sup>RD</sup>                                | 24 <sup>TH</sup><br>MUSIC<br>APPREC 2-4<br>PM | 25 <sup>TH</sup>    | 26 <sup>TH</sup>    |
| 27 <sup>TH</sup>                                                           | 28 <sup>TH</sup>                                      |                  |                                                 |                                               |                     |                     |
| <b>Hawkins Centre Papakura and meet there. <u>Contact Heather Hine</u></b> |                                                       |                  |                                                 |                                               |                     |                     |