

U3A MANUREWA NEWSLETTER

13TH MARCH 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

President	Bob Falconer		
Secretary	Maureen Abbott		
Treasurer	Gaynor Falconer		
Vice President	Heather Hine		
Membership Sec & Speaker Co-ordinator	Pat James		
Almoner	Pat James		
Network Rep	Bob Falconer		
Newsletter Sec	Doreen Lightfoot		
Refreshments Sharleen Bishop, Christine Bertram and Corrie Patterson			

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARCH 2023

With no Covid, and only a chance of showers, I am sure that we are all looking forward to the meeting on Monday. I must apologise for the delay, and late notice, in letting everyone know that the meeting last month was cancelled. I recently attended the U3A Network meeting, and the organising of the July Event is well underway. We were not told who the main speakers are, but they are looking for mini-speakers to give a 15 minute address on an item of interest. Do we have any members who could do a speech?

We are halfway through our year of interesting speakers and interest group meetings, but the Treasurer, Gaynor, has advised me that we still have 18 outstanding subscriptions.

Any organisation needs people to run it and the finances to fund its activities. Subs for the 2022/2023 year are due, \$30 for a single person and \$45 for a couple, and can be paid online.

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

President

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>					
<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 & 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 & People</i>		

OUR SPEAKER FOR MARCH:

Our speaker for March is Mitchell Pham and the title of his talk is 'Born in Vietnam, Made in New Zealand'

FEBRUARY: was to have been Rob High, Philanthropy Officer for the New Zealand Red Cross but because of the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle the meeting had to be cancelled.

SHARE, SHOW, & TELL -

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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 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am.

Convenor, Pat James

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE 7TH MARCH.

FEBRUARY 2023 7 present and 3 apologies

Innocence Dies: Colin Falconer - a British crime novel so it is procedural, no car chases and no cops shooting their guns. A young girl is brutally murdered and DI Charlie George of the murder squad is put in charge. After two more killings, the murderer is caught. A theme running through this book is one of human psychology. Very hard to put down. **Rated: 5**

Desert Star: Michael Connolly - 30 years ago, Connelly introduced us to LAPD Investigator, Hieronymus Bosch, and he is still going strong at 70. This is an old case with the opportunity to right a terrible wrong. A terrific tale full of tension and intrigue. **Rated: 5**

Paths of Glory: Jeffery Archer – George Mallory had a passion to be the first man to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. Did he manage this? Maybe. Our reader found this an easy and interesting but annoying book to read as there were no historical notes given. **Rated: 2.5**

Next in Line: Jeffrey Arthur (William Warwick Novels) – “How do you protect the world’s most famous woman?” The question appears as a teaser and refers to Princess Diana. The year is 1988, London and Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick is seconded to the Royalty Protection Command responsible for the security of the Royal family. This is the fifth title in the William Warwick series. The plot has three intertwining branches. Next in Line will be a happy choice for consumers of fast paced action. **Rated: 3**

Haven: Emma Donaghue – this book is set in the sixth century. A monk, Brother Art, is instructed by God to find a deserted island set up a monastery. He recruits Trian and Cormac to go with him. The book shows the hardships suffered by Trian and Cormac as they try to obey Art as they recognise him as a holy man. Our reader loved this book. **Rated: 5**

Orphans: Fiona McIntosh – 1914 and the story of two orphans who lived hundreds of miles apart and led very different lives. Fleur Appleby was adopted shortly after her birth by a Melbourne undertaker and his wife. Tom Catchlove lived with his parents on a sheep station in the South Australian outback. His mother died when he was 10 and they travelled to Melbourne for the burial and Tom met Fleur. A unique bond was created between the two children that will echo down the years and teach them both about the real meaning of life, of loss and of love. **Rated: 4**

Ancestry: Simon Mawer - beginning with his great-great- grandfather, Abraham Block, acclaimed novelist, Simon Mawer, sifts through evidence like an archaeologist piecing together the stories of his ancestors. This is a compelling and original novel which puts flesh on Mawer’s ancestors’ bones from the squalor of Dickensian London to the last days of sail and the horror of the trenches of Crimea. **Rated: 5**



CARD AND BOARD GAMES: meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm. Convenor: Val Marris
Next Meeting Date, Thursday 2nd March and 6th April.



CURRENT AFFAIRS: meetings are held on the 3rd Monday, at 2pm. at Jan and Warwick's place.
Convenors: Jan and Warwick May
Meeting Dates: next meeting 17th April 2023.

A meeting was held on the 20th Feb, report on its way.



HISTORY PEOPLE AND PLACES: are held on the 3rd Tues 1.30pm at Jeanette Cortesi's home.
 Phone: Convenor Jeanette Cortesi and Tricia Jordan
 Next Meeting 18th April.

For the February session we joined with the Movie Group and saw **The Lost King**. King Richard III proved to be a very unusual and entertaining movie.



MUSIC APPRECIATION: meetings, are held on the 4th Friday of the month, 2 to 4pm at Simon and Pat James' place. Convenor: Simon James
The March Meeting is cancelled due to previous engagements and the next meeting will be on the April 28th April.

Music Appreciation was held on the 27th January and the subject was 'Vivaldi's Diverse Instruments'.
 Music was also held on the February 24th and we learnt a lot about the many types of bagpipes.

We will not be able to host music appreciation in March and if anyone fancies hosting it, let me know and I can put the word out. We should be back to normal in April. All the best
 Simon



MOVIES GROUP: 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

Check out the Hawkins theatre Papakura – www.hawkinstheatre.co.nz they have an amazing list of films coming in March, just to name a few: *A Man Called Otto, The Lost King, The Whale, We are Still Here, The Honeymoon*, 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.

MARCH 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
6 th	7 th BOOK REVIEW 10AM	8 th	9 th BOARD & CARD GAMES 1.30PM	10 th	11 th	12 th
13 th U3A MEETING	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
20 th CURRENT AFFAIRS 2PM	21 st HISTORY PEOPLE & PLACES 1.30PM	22 nd	23 rd	24 th MUSIC APPREC CANCELLED	25 th	26 th
27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31st		
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