

LATEST NO 2 EDITION WITH BOB'S REPORT AND THE NETWORK REPORT



**U3A MANUREWA NEWSLETTER
MONDAY 14th AUGUST 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			

Please note that Bob's report and the Network are in this issue, our apologies for the late edition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023

Five members attended the u3a Network Event, and all said that they enjoyed it. Next year, if the main speakers are of interest to you, I would suggest that you consider attending the event. If the packed lunch is as good as this year's one then that is another reason to attend. Attached is a report on the event.

August is the last meeting of our financial year, and your opportunity to volunteer for the committee, or be nominated. Bob, Pat, Heather, Doreen and Sharlene are willing to remain on the committee. The committee has a need for a Treasurer and a Secretary. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting.

Inflation has caught up with our finances, we are paying our speakers an increased rate, and there will be an increased charge for the Christmas Lunch. The committee is reviewing the subscription and the new cost will be proposed at the AGM in September.

On a brighter note the sun has been shining and the temperature is a little higher, so maybe there is a hint of spring in the air.

NETWORK REPORT AUGUST 2023

The Auckland U3A network event was held on Saturday 29th July at the Salvation Army Headquarters. My guesstimate is that there was 300+ people in attendance.

The morning speaker was **Chris Finlayson**, a lawyer, and retired Member of Parliament. His talk dealt with the Treaty of Waitangi, Treaty settlements and how co-governance can be part of these settlements. There was no mention of three waters.

The afternoon speaker was **Dr. Paul Buchanan** on NZ's changing threat environment. The first part was a little of his early life, and then about current threats. After WW2 America and Russia were the two major powers. Russia,

he considers has lost its place as a superpower and America is declining in influence, with China, India and Brazil on the rise. He feels that threats to NZ will come internally, although he gave no details of any.

There were four mini presentations that covered a wide range of subjects.

- The first was Tranquebar, which in 1620 became a Danish trading port of the southeast coast of India. We were shown pictures of the town and details of Danish history and influencers.
- Before and after WW2 aerial passengers were transported by flying boats. This talk covered the formation of Tasman Empire Airways (TEAL) and the aircraft and routes they covered.
- Residents of Crestwood Retirement Village take sustainability seriously, collecting food scraps for composting, and being vigilant about disposing of re-cyclable and non-recyclable material. A more targeted approach to rubbish collection than that provided by the council.
- Going to a sub-Antarctic Island with no medical facilities and a patient who is a hemophiliac is a challenge. This talk covered what was involved, the planning and the successful journey to and from the island.

Both Gaynor and I enjoyed the day, and would consider going next year as long as they have the same caterers, who provided an excellent packed lunch.

Bob
President

ALMONER’S REPORT – Pat James July 2023

Helen Gallot: With the help and advice of her family and doctor, the decision was made that she could no longer live alone and she has moved into St Christopher’s at 230 St George’s Street, Papatoetoe not far from where her home was. She would love a phone call or a visit if anyone has the time but recommends that you ring before you come as she may be out with relatives or on a trip with the home.

Vi Misseldine: Vi has had slight stroke but is at home with lots of help from her home help, a physio and occupational therapist. She also has wonderful neighbours. Her speech has been slightly affected but it hasn’t stopped her talking!

Maureen Abbott: Maureen had a fall at home and is still in Middlemore.

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>Movies Group</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Current Affairs</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>History & People</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Card and Board Games</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Music Apprec</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Current Affairs</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Book Review</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Christmas dinner</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Music Apprec</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>History & People</i>		

OUR AUGUST SPEAKER for 14th August 2023 is Jan Beaumont



“When Jan Beaumont sat down on her couch in late March 2020, little did she realise how her life would change in the next year.

Three days before, the Prime Minister had announced that NZ would go into lockdown for 4 weeks as a result of Covid 19. Jan had never written a poem before but something about the situation inspired her to write 'Let's All Drink to Lockdown'. Within days it had gone viral and was read by thousands of people around the world. And there the story starts ..."

OUR JULY SPEAKER WAS PAUL MOON who was introduced by Pat James

Paul Moon ONZM, Doctor of Literature, Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, Master of Arts, is Professor of History at Auckland University of Technology, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society at University College, London. He spoke on Nostalgia and Utopianism **how we rely on it and covered examples such as Napier's Art Deco**, and how we often only get the nice memories, and thus get history wrong. In Politics it is the golden age that is remembered. We look back at our own history and often only remember the 'good old days'. The artist Charles Heaphy painted picture of a nostalgic past, then was State Housing and the ¾ acre section which would solve all social problems etc. But we can't live without it as we need a sense of belonging.

THANKS, EXTENDED BY: Val Marris who thanked Paul for his most interesting and thought provoking talk and she was sure everyone else enjoyed it also.

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

BOOKS and BOOKS

We need lots more of your "new old books " for our U3A Library supply please. We have culled a lot that have never been read. (As all good libraries do!)

GROUP REPORTS:



BOOK REVIEW Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am.

Convenor, Pat James

Next meeting will be on the 1st August and 5th September.

BOOK REVIEW held on 4th July. 3 present and 7 apologies

- **The Escape Artist:** Diane Chamberlain. Susanna loses custody of her 11 month old son, Tyler, but goes on the run with him and changes their identities. Her new life creates even more problems for her to deal with. Well written and held our reader's interest. **Rated: 4.5**
- **Woman in White:** Wilkie Collins. This Classic book was inspired by an actual criminal case and involves love, deceit and murder. It is told through multiple narrators. **Not yet finished so no rating.**
- **Atlas – The Story of Pa Salt:** The Seven Sisters are gathered together to say a final farewell to their 'father', Pa Salt. The 'missing sister' has been given his diary which reveals much of the sisters' histories and tidies up all the stories. A must read for anyone who has read the 'Seven Sisters' stories. It is a great yarn. **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, 3rd August and 7th September.

The Games Group met on Wednesday 5th July instead of 6th July as we had a special luncheon on the 6th. All played well. Next meeting is on 3rd August.



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 July and 21st August.

Meeting held on 19th June report

Numbers were up again and we all had plenty to talk about.

News media, the health debacle, weather, language, long covid, health priorities, h history of NZ x 100, and plants and produce. I guess it's understandable at our stage of life the health is a topic – not sure about the wealth though. Next meeting, next Monday 17th July at at 2pm.



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 July and 15th August. .

Meeting Tuesday 20th June. Present: Tricia, Heather, Dorothy, Doreen, Joan, Moi.

Topics shared:

- **Diseases in NZ 1800's:** Oysters contained virus, Bubonic plague, bacterial outbreak, vaccine controls.
- **The Postage stamp:** Rowland Hill 1857, sales of stamps 1855 NZ,
- **Maui Pomare,** effects on NZ Māori and their culture, Our own school/home connection 7th June 1967 –
- **Chronicles of the 20th Century:** 7 June 1967 - unveiling of a plaque by Queen Elizabeth of her mother Mary, Duke of Edinburgh visits, Prince Alfred 1869 – 1870, Prince of Wales 1920, Duke and Duchess of Cornwall – Cornwall Park, Prince of Wales – “the Bad boy”.
- **John Hatfield,** forger 1758 – 1803
- **Edward 2** dies in mysterious circumstances
- **Military in Vatican City,** “The Dying Lion” - Lucerne



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 next meeting will be on the 25th August and the 22nd September.

Session held on 23RD June subject was Choral music. We listened to pieces from composers such as Joseph Haydn, Domenico Scarlatti, J S Bach, W A Mozart, Edward Elgar etc and performers to name a few: The Tallis Schollars, Peter Pinnock, BBC Singers, Harry Christophers, Soloists John Eliot Gardiner etc. An informative and enjoyable afternoon.



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

U3A June movies

Bank of Dave: - The true story of how Dave Fishwick, a working class man and self made millionaire, fought to set up a community bank so that he could help the local businesses of Burnley, not only survive, but thrive. In his bid to help his beloved community, he took on the elitist financial institutions of London to fight to receive the first new banking license to be issued in 150 years.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: - Recently retired Harold Fry, well into his 60s, is content to fade quietly into the background. His life with wife Maureen is uneventful, and their marriage, frozen due to the absence of their son, until one day Harold learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He sets off to the post office to send her a letter, and decides to keep walking all the way to her hospice, 450 miles away. He thinks if he keeps walking, she will stay alive until he gets there.

MARCO POLO

MARCO POLO – PAPA KURA U3A: Next meeting will be held on Wed 19th July at 2pm in the downstairs meeting room at Acacia Cove Lodge.

Contact is Pat James

The next meetings will be on the 19th July and on Wed 16th August at 2pm.

10 present, 1 apology

On Wednesday, 21st June Iris Durney from Papakura U3A took us on a trip to **Suzhou**, a city west of Shanghai in China. Iris lived there for over a year teaching English to pre-school children and exploring her surroundings. **Suzhou** is known for its canals, bridges and classical gardens. The Humble Administrator's Garden, dating to 1513 contains zigzag bridges over connected pools and islands.

The Lingering Garden features ornate viewing pavilions and the Crown of Clouds Peak is a striking limestone rockery.

Tiger Hill is home to the 7-story, leaning Cloud Rock Pagoda at its summit.

Hi Everyone, I'm confirming that the next meeting of the group will be next **Wednesday, 16th August at 2pm** in the downstairs meeting room at Acacia Cove.

Margaret Gane will give a brief talk about the **Otago Rail Trail** and then will take us to Albany in Australia and discuss whether this is where the Anzacs were born.

There is plenty of room so please come if you are free

See you all then
Pat

AUGUST 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
	1 ST Book Review	2 ND	3 RD BOARD & CARD GAMES 1.30PM	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH
7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH	11 TH	12 TH	13 TH
14 TH U3A GENERAL MEETING 1.30PM	15 TH HISTORY PEOPLE & PLACES 1.30PM	16 TH Marco Polo 2pm	17 TH	18 TH	19 ST	20 th
21st CURRENT AFFAIRS 2PM	22nd	23rd ^H	24 TH	25th MUSIC APPREC 2PM	26 TH	27 TH
28 TH	29th ST	30th	31st			
MOVIES Hawkins Centre Papakura and meet there. <u>Contact Heather Hine</u>						