



# Marlborough U3A

Marlborough University of the Third Age

## Newsletter

### September – December 2020

# Meeting Arrangements



Monthly Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the Month  
at 2.00pm  
in the Salvation Army Citadel, cnr George & Henry Streets

## Speakers

- September 14 **Meeting Cancelled due to Covid level rules**
- October 12 Chris Bamber, RSA
- November 9 Craig Harnett, RNZAF
- December 14 Karen Anderson, ASB Theatre

## Individual / Group Presentations

- September 14 **Meeting Cancelled due to Covid level rules**
- October 12 Current Issues & Documentary Films
- November 9 European Art History & Everyday Engineering
- December 14 Classic Films, Groups 1 & 2

## Afternoon Tea Roster

- September 14 **Meeting Cancelled due to Covid level rules**
- October 12 Geological Wonders Group
- November 9 Great Tours - England, Scotland & Wales
- December 14 History Group

## Committee

<b>President</b>	Gwyneth Lowe	578 8878
<b>Vice President/Editor</b>	Helen Hannay	578 1574
<b>Secretary</b>	Rhonda Tannock	579 4916
<b>Treasurer</b>	Angus Welsh	577 9114
<b>Committee</b>		
<b>Teas</b>	Sandra Bird	578 2152
<b>Historian</b>	Jacqui Buttle	579 4821
<b>New Members</b>	Lyn Coates	578 5273
<b>Speakers</b>	Max Currie	572 4448
<b>Groups Co-ordinator</b>	Ann Moore	927 3754

## Honours Board - Life Members

Doug Stafford, Jacqui Buttle, Charles Riley, Ann MacDonald, Murray MacDonald.

# President's Annual Report

*Kia ora - An annual report for a very unusual year!*

Despite the ups and downs of a pandemic and lockdown Marlborough U3A is in very good health and numbers continue to increase - we must be doing some things right.

Your committee have all beavered away in the various roles keeping up with speakers, courses, finances, newsletters and of course dozens of cups of tea! The financial situation maintains a healthy balance so at this stage the annual subscription of \$10 will probably continue.

Vice President Helen and myself have done some investigation of alternative venues - this as a result of our burgeoning membership - but these are very much more expensive, ie approximately \$300 per session, plus catering costs, and could not always guarantee our required meeting dates, so we will continue in our current venue at this stage.

Group convenors have done a great job in running courses in their homes and out in the wider community - Marlborough History being a successful example of this - out and about for fascinating visits and topics.

As we approach our AGM in October we are working to get our membership list up to date with details of names, addresses, e-mails and phone numbers. This has been somewhat of a challenge so perhaps you could check with the "front desk" to confirm your information is current and correct and that you are a financial member! We are still endeavouring to finalise payment of subscriptions for this year ie 2019-2020.

It was very exciting to see so many at our July meeting - our birthday anniversary - it was good to be back in business and we look forward to many more happy gatherings in the year ahead.  
Stay well, stay safe and be kind to each other.

*Best wishes*  
*Gwyneth*

# Small Group Study Resources

U3A Marlborough has the following resources for our small groups. The DVD courses are usually seen as a series of lectures which can engender much discussion among members. Some are currently being used but others are available for new groups to start up. If you are interested in any please let our Course Coordinator, Ann Moore, know.

- 102 Classical Music DVDs
- European Art History
- Continents on the Move
- Foundations of Eastern Civilization
- Everyday Engineering
- Geological Wonders
- Masterpieces of the Imaginative Mind
- Masterworks of Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature
- Maya to Aztec: Ancient Mesoamerica Revealed
- My Favourite Universe
- Renaissance Italy
- The American Civil War
- The Great ideas of Philosophy
- The Great Tours - Greece & Turkey, from Athens to Istanbul
- The Great Tours – England, Scotland, Wales
- The Iliad – Homer
- The Odyssey of Homer
- The Shakespeare Collection
- Understanding Genetics
- Voyage of Charles Darwin



# A “New” New Zealand Emerges

In 2030 there may be six million of us. One and half million of us will live overseas. We will be clustered in Auckland, dependent on migration, and worried about a shortage of workers. **We haven't planned for this. We need to.**

## The New New Zealand.

Facing demographic disruption.

**Paul Spoonley**

Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley FRSNZ  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Te Kura Pukenga Tangata Massey University

New Zealand's demography has changed in the last decade. New Zealand reached 5 million on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. It took only 17 years to add the additional 1 million people, easily the fastest in New Zealand's history. In the first part of these 17 years, the major driver in this population growth was fertility and natural increase. But more recently, the major driver of population growth was immigration.



## IN THE NEXT DECADE

- **The growth in 65+** will account for most of population growth in **56 out of 67** territorial authorities (including Marlborough)
- **65+** will be larger than **0-14** age group
- More workers will **retire** than enter the workforce
- **Immigration** will contribute more to **population growth** – if it continues to remain high but not in Marlborough



This population growth has been significantly impacted by the arrival of COVID-19. But it will slow population growth but not change what is

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likely to occur in the 2020s. The major factors will be the following:

## Fertility

New Zealand's fertility has been dropping for sometime and in 2017, went sub-replacement – this means that births last year are not sufficient to replace the existing population. This is now common amongst high income families. In fact, New Zealand is one of the last OECD countries to go "sub-replacement".

While there will be blips, we should expect the fertility rate to remain low. The number of births remains high – about 60,000 per year – but we need a rate of 2.1 births per woman to reach a replacement rate. New Zealand is now at 1.7 births per woman.

## #1 Declining Fertility

Sub-replacement fertility (1.7 births per woman vs 2.1)

Delayed births (none/"one and done")

\$285,000 to age of 17 years



## Ageing

An ageing population is now dominating New Zealand's population structure. In 2013, there were 600,000 people aged over 65. Within a few years, it will be 1.2 million. When I was growing up as a baby boomer, about 7% of my community were aged over 65. In the late 2020s, it will approach almost one in four New Zealanders.

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This is having a major impact on regions and the provision of services. We now spend more on the over 65s and on the 0-15 year olds. Are we ready for this ageing population. In some ways, yes but definitely not in other ways.



## #1 AGEING POPULATIONS

**Structural** ageing of population (and workforce)

More over 65s than 0-14 year olds

- Marlborough : **30% aged 65 or more in 2030s**
- Marlborough : median age = 45.1 (NZ=37.5)
- Longevity



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## Immigration

New Zealand has always been an immigrant country; it is how we have grown and changed since colonisation. But there are two changes. One is the after 1986/87, we moved away from a system that was based on “preferred source countries” to a points system that was focussed on recruiting and approving migrants that contributed to New Zealand economically and socially. About 60% of those approved for permanent residence are part of the Skilled Migrant Category.

The second change is that we moved from a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century situation where over 80% of migrants came from the UK and Ireland to one where the four major source countries are : India, China, UK and the Philippines. More than 27% of New Zealanders are born overseas while 40% of Aucklanders are overseas-born. New Zealand is now much more ethnically diverse and many are from Asia, despite a colonial history that tried to stop Asians arriving or staying if

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they did arrive.

## Permanent and Long Term Arrivals (February 2020)

PALT	128,000
Net Gain	52,000
Temporary Visas	209,000

### Largest net gain:

- China (Residence Visas/Study Visas)
- India/UK (Skills Visas)
- Philippines

## Regions and Auckland

Some regions have already stopped growing while others are beginning to see population decline (the central North Island, the West Coast). In the 2020s, three-quarters of New Zealand's Territorial Authorities will experience either population stagnation or decline. Auckland will continue to grow.

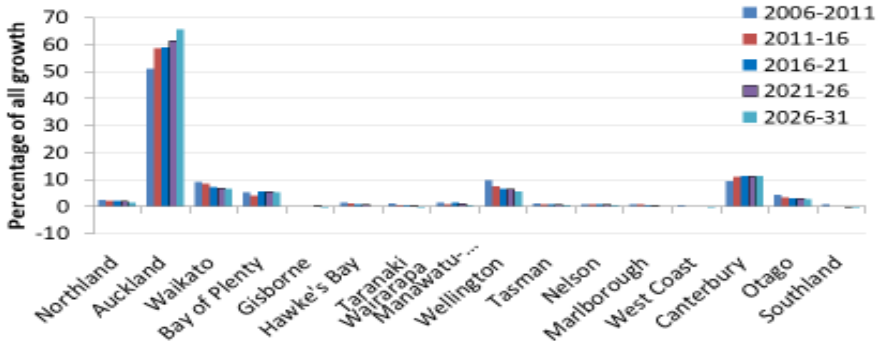
Auckland is already home to a third of all New Zealanders. It will – in a decade or so – be home to 40% of New Zealanders with the majority of population growth occurring in Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga.

There will be other growth areas or cities such as central Otago, Christchurch and Wellington. But the numbers involved will be modest. (Do not get caught up in percentage growth figures; they look spectacular but often the actual numbers involved are small. In the 10 years to 2023, central Auckland will add 24,410 to its population while Orewa will add 17,580 people. Central Otago will add 5880 to its population in the same period).



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## Auckland and ‘The Rest’



The last decade has changed New Zealand in terms of its population composition – by age and ethnicity, and location – and the country will continue to see further change in the 2020s.

I have tried to outline these changes and their implications in the book referred to above – see cover page and published in August 2020. My concern is that we often look back and expect things to remain the same or sometimes, we want to rewind. But New Zealand has changed demographically. The nature of families or the experience of generations is now very different. I worry that our policies are not keeping up with these changes.

## In 10 Years

- **2** out of every **5 NZers** will live in Auckland
- **Asian** communities will outnumber **Māori**
- There will be more people aged over **65** than **0-15** years of age
- Many regions and towns will experience population stagnation – or even decline



# Group Report

## U3A MARLBOROUGH (LOCAL) HISTORY GROUP

Looking back on our year to date we have had a most interesting time learning some of our local history. Unfortunately we had to cancel one event in February as the bus we had hired for the day threw up a stone on a previous trip which broke a window.

However we did have an interesting and very long day (window finally being replaced) in March when we undertook a trip to Port Underwood, an area so rich in history. This included a visit to Narelle and John Guard, still living at the original property in Kakapo Bay of John's ancestor, Jacky Guard, a very colourful whaler.

Early trader James Wynen ran his supply store for the whalers from the same property prior to being able to navigate the river up to the centre of Blenheim. His store there, called 'Raupo' due to the roofing material, was situated only a short distance from where Raupo Restaurant now stands.

Lindsay Moir gave us an interesting talk about a very respected boarding school at Ocean Bay where boys came from Marlborough and farther afield. The life there was almost a forerunner of today's Outward Bound school. We also had historian Barry Holdaway accompanying us.

Then Covid 19 reared its ugly head and we were unable to resume meeting until July when we were fortunate to listen to John Hegglun give a talk on his late father, Tris Hegglun. He has also produced a very well written book about his father.

Accompanied by PowerPoint photos he told us how he had wanted to learn more about Tris, who had died when John was nineteen. Tris was a rower and rugby player to be reckoned with before, during and after the war.

After returning from five years service in WW2 he devoted himself to our community in many ways. Tris was the first leader of the local Civil Defence unit in Marlborough and in the end gave his life after working tirelessly during the 1983 flood. A heart attack after days and

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days of very little sleep, still in his office late in the night, proved fatal. A great man.

In August we were treated to a double bill at the Marlborough Museum Paul Davidson Theatre. This was a way to accommodate speakers who had agreed to talk us prior to the lockdown.

Firstly we had Helen Dyer, nee Leov, who grew up on a farm on D'Urville Island. Accompanied by 136 photographs on the PowerPoint programme, Helen began with a brief history of the island and then went on to talk about her family who farmed very difficult land at both Port Hardy and Greville Harbour. It was a great hour and a half of facts and fun.

BYO lunch in the adjacent old Tua Marina church and back for the second item on the double bill. Lindsay Moir, together with Charles Riley, had put in a tremendous amount of work to give us a wonderful story of early rail.

Once more with PowerPoint photos, it was a fascinating look back at our early history. So many memories once we got up to the mid 1900's, wonderful details of the very early trains and the story of how long it took to complete the connection from Picton to join up with the main line. Lots of questions answered and a great day all round.

I have advised the group members that I will stand down from the end of the year after three years of having the privilege of acting as convener. The response has been underwhelming and if there is anyone from the wider membership who would enjoy taking up the position, please let me know.

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Ann Morgan



## Interest Groups and Contacts

Please get in touch with the listed Group Contact Person if you are interested in joining any of the following groups - they will advise you of any vacancies.

**Armchair Travel:** 4th Friday of each month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Gavin Bayliss, 573 6565. Currently in recess, reconvening December 2020.

**Books and Authors Group 1:** 2nd Thursday of each month.  
**Contact** is Jackie Hall, 579 3355.

**Book and Authors Group 2:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Wendy Cass, 578 9144. **Vacancies**

**Card Making:** 1st Thursday of the month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Gloria Mitchell, 577 7833. **Vacancies**

**Classic Films Group 1:** 1st Thursday of each month at 2.00pm.  
**Contact** is Bruce Dale, 578 9672.

**Classic Films Group 2:** 3rd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm.  
**Contact** is Murray MacDonald, 579 4844. **Vacancies**

**Current Issues:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 9.45am.  
**Contact** is Lindsay Moir, 578 5262.

**Documentary Films:** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Lindsay Moir, 578 5262. **Vacancies**

**European Art History:** 3rd Monday of each month at 2.00pm.  
**Contact** is Lindsay Moir, 578 5262.

**Everyday Engineering:** The current course has finished but if enough members would like to have this run again please contact Ann Moore, 927 3754.

**Garden Group:** 1st Friday of each month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Evelyn Simmons, 579 1934.

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**Geological Wonders:** 4th Tuesday afternoon of each month.  
**Contact** is Jan Hannay, 578 2737.

**Great Tours - Athens to Istanbul:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Helen Hannay, 578 1574.

**Great Tours - England, Scotland & Wales:** 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2pm.  
**Contact** is Gill Buttle, 578 4821

**Great Ideas of Philosophy:** 4th Thursday of each month at 2.p.m.  
**Contact** is Paul Stanley, 579 2521. **Vacancies**

**History:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm.  
**Contact** is Elizabeth Saville-Smith, 579 1731.

**Life Writing:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm.  
**Contact** is Lis Davys, 5793167.

**Luncheon Plus:** 2nd Thursday of each month at 11.30am.  
**Contact** is Rhondda Tannock, 579 4916.

**Mah-jong Group:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 2.00pm.  
**Contact** is Evan Wood, 578 2093, [evin42@hotmail.com](mailto:evin42@hotmail.com)

**Marlborough History:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is Ann Morgan, 578 8861

**Memory Lane Music:** Last Thursday of each month at 10.00am.  
**Contact** is John Best, 578 0595

**Music Group:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm.  
**Contact** is Ray Waters, 578 4268. **Vacancies**

**Play Reading Group 1:** 4th Monday of each month at 9.30am.  
**Contact** is Margaret Jarman, 578 8805.

## Interest Groups and Contacts

**Play Reading Group 2:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 9.30am.

**Contact** is Juliet Kirke, 578 0692.

**Poetry Appreciation:** 2nd Friday of each month at 2.00pm.

**Contact** is Lyndsay Moir, 578 5262.

**Photography:** 1st Monday of each month at 1.30pm.

**Contact** is Charles Riley, 578 0109.

**Scrabble:** 1st Monday of each month at 2.00pm.

**Contact** is Pam Taylor, 578 8816.

**Scrabble Two:** Please contact **Ann Moore, 927 3754** if you are interested in joining this group. Date and time to be arranged.

**Shakespeare:** 3rd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm.

**Contact** is Charles Riley, 578 0109.

**Ukulele:** 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10.00am.

**Contact** is Neville Lawson, 021 480 073.

**Water Colour Painting:** 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 9.30am.

**Contact** is Gavin Kerr, 572 7238.

**Wine Appreciation 1:** 3rd Friday of the month, usually at 11am.

**Contact** is Murray MacDonald, 579 4844. **Vacancies**

**Wine Appreciation 2:** Last Friday of each month at 11.30am.

**Contact** is Juliet Kirke, 578 0692.

**Writing for Grandchildren:** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9.45am.

**Contact** is Gladys Sloss, 578 3191.

**From our Constitution: Membership of U3A Marlborough shall cease if the member remains non-financial 3 months after subscriptions are due (immediately following the AGM in October). Please note membership of the above interest groups is only open to Financial Members of Marlborough U3A.**

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