

## Browns Bay U3A Meeting CELEBRATING WAITANGI DAY

On February 6 every year, New Zealanders celebrate Waitangi Day, a national holiday to commemorate the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document.

As our U3A main meeting couldn't be moved to another date easily, this was going to be a test whether many members would attend. Everyone was pleasantly surprised at the excellent turnout and the presentations.

In 1840, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs signed what is New Zealand's founding document. The day was first officially commemorated in 1934, and it has been a public holiday since 1974.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February our U3A celebrated this occasion by acknowledging the New Zealanders that made a significant contribution to our country's history with talks from some of our Special Interest Groups.

Leading off was the Medical Science and History Group, followed by the Creative Audio Visual Group.

**Then it was Browns Bay U3A members who formed into groups, to be challenged with trivia all about NZ !**

**The reward was a pleasant morning tea / coffee and cake after which the answers were given ! !**

The second half of our programme started with the China Past and Present Group, followed by the Music, Mainly Classical Group and finally the Literature Group.

### Images of the Groups competing in the Trivia Quiz "All about NZ"





