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WARKWORTH

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Living in Godzone has always been a matter of unbelievable smugness and now it seems rather justified” Steve Braunius. Friends from South Wales recently complained that the nearest Pub open was in the Isles of Scilly! What a fabulous summer we are experiencing, able to celebrate with friends and whanau, take long beach walks, and watch movies. However, watching Covid 19 spread in other parts of the planet, we must remain vigilant with contact tracing, hand-washing, etc.

2021 has to be an improvement on the disruptive 2020, and we can look forward to sharing our knowledge while having fun, both in our various interest groups and general meetings. Our talented Committee is lining up an impressive list of guest speakers covering a wide range of topics. Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Ken Cutforth

2020 GENERAL MEETING PLANNER

April 12th Jenny Collins

Tidal Crossings – stories of schools, teachers and pupils in the Matakana and Warkworth areas 1877 – 1962.

June 14th Mid Winter Lunch

The meetings will be held in both halls at Totara Park.

GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 8th 10am

Peter Kammler

‘Environmentally Friendly Cars’

The truth is, an environmentally friendly car would be difficult to find. At best, there are various degrees of unfriendliness but, nevertheless, it is well worth investigating along these lines.

Peter Kammler has a diploma in engineering, and he has worked at the engine development division of Mercedes-Benz. He immigrated to New Zealand in 1986. He is a founding member of the Sustainable Energy Forum, and a member of Engineers for Social Responsibility. He also was a member of the Board at Greenpeace New Zealand, and has conducted an energy efficiency program in Warkworth.

Peter will give a quick historic view of the automobile’s propulsion systems. He will explain why the internal combustion engine (gasoline or diesel) has dominated our road transport for one hundred years, and why this dominance is now coming to an end.

Then, to help make decisions about the environmental footprint of a car, he will explain where exactly the energy goes. This includes both the fuel consumption and, not to forget, the energy needed to build the car.

The major part of his speech will deal with battery-electric and hybrid cars, and how they compare to conventional cars. Electric cars have merits but, unfortunately, even

with our high proportion of electricity from renewable sources the electric car is not as environmentally harmless as one might assume.

DUTY GROUP ROSTER 2021

February 8th

Art Appreciation

April 12th

Antiques and Collectibles

All About Plants

The duty groups for the general meetings at the Totara Park venue should be there by 9.30am.

TRANSPORT

Do you have a problem getting to our general meetings? If you need a lift, or would like to car pool, please contact the secretary 027 293 9414.

SUBS

It is that time of year again when subs are due, \$20 single, \$35 per couple. If you pay online (which is preferred) please do include your name. If partners have different surnames, please include both.

INTEREST GROUPS

Who still makes New Year's resolutions? Why not make this one. Try something new. Join a different interest group or start a new one.

[All About Plants](#)

4th Thursday 10am

[Ancient History](#)

1st Friday 9.30am

[Antiques and Collectables](#)

4th Friday 10am

[Art Appreciation](#)

1st Wednesday - check for times.

[Book Talk](#)

1st Tuesday 10am

[Current Affairs](#)

3rd Thursday 2pm

[Developments in Medicine](#)

4th Thursday 2pm

[Jazz Listening](#)

3rd Monday 2pm

[Local History](#)

4th Tuesday 10am

[Music Appreciation](#)

2nd Thursday 2pm

[Play Reading](#)

2nd Tuesday 10am

[Poetry Reading](#)

3rd Wednesday 1.30pm

[Science and Climate Change](#)

3rd Friday 2pm

More details are on the Website.

We all enjoyed the production by the [play reading group](#) at the December function. They are looking for new members, give it a go!

Here is a synopsis of the play.

FAIR SHARES

It is Boxing Day and traditionally Sandra and her long suffering husband Charlie entertain the family. As in many a family gathering no one really wants to be there. Sandra hates the disruption to her immaculate home, Charlie goes with the

flow. But surprises are in store this year! Sandra instructs Charlie to hide "that hideous vase" bequeathed by his mother. One by one the family arrive. Bill, Sandra's brother, wife Daisy and their teenage daughter Tracey, who is surgically attached to her phone. Next Betty, Sandra's sister, a complete hypochondriac suffering from several imaginary deadly ailments. She is accompanied by Mike, her husband who says very little.

Not expecting another guest Sandra is surprised when there is a knock on the door. Charlie insists on answering it. He returns with a stunning voluptuous redhead in a long flowing colourful kaftan resembling a small ship in full sail. Charlie introduces her as Melanie who works in his office. Charlie goes into the kitchen to prepare drinks. Melanie goes to help but when she joins Charlie they exchange a passionate kiss. Obviously this is much more than a working relationship! They take in the drinks. Melanie retreats to the garden to avoid family matters. Sandra asks if anybody has found the missing valuable share certificates Charlie's mother left to the family, no one has. She is very annoyed.

Charlie brings Melanie in. They are holding each other in a tight embrace and Charlie informs the group that he and Melanie are in love and going to start a new life together. Everyone is stunned except for Tracey who is relishing every moment and relating it to a large number of her contacts on Social Media.

Charlie and Melanie leave. Sandra says she is welcome to him, he is completely useless. As a parting gesture she opens the window and hurls "the hideous vase" after the retreating lovers. The vase breaks. Charlie appears at the door, elated. The missing certificates were in the vase together with a note from his mother stating clearly that she is leaving them solely to her son. Charlie and Melanie sail off into the sunset leaving the rest of the family in various states of shock!



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