



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ka tangi te wharaurora, ko nga karere a Mahuru,

If the shining cuckoo cries, it is the messenger of spring.

After enduring the wettest (and warmest) winter on record, exacerbated by Covid and the flu, it's great to have the spring sunshine and flowers. Kennedy Warne's presentation on the Greenland ice shelf was both stimulating and salutary; today on his weekly RNZ discussion he mentioned he had heard the first call of the pipiwharaurora this season. In recent weeks I've become the unofficial volunteer Shepherd at Scandretts Regional Park, counting 138 new-born lambs. With Spring, some of the newly formed Interest Groups should hit full stride without illness or weather interrupting their schedule.

Tribute to Queen Elizabeth 2nd



The death of our Queen gives time for reflection. Queen Elizabeth has been a constant source of inspiration and security for our generation. I recall standing on Maunu Road in Whangarei in 1953 as a small boy waiting for a glimpse of the new Monarch. Throughout her long tenure, Queen Elizabeth has provided a model of service to the Commonwealth and the world. King Charles the 3rd has a hard act to follow.

Nga mihi

Ken Cutforth, President

TOTARA PARK-ING

Members are advised that the work on the carpark at the back of Totara Park is now complete:

MINI-SPEAKERS

U3A Members are invited to offer themselves as a mini speaker for U3A general meetings. A mini speaker usually talks for about 5 minutes to share some aspect of their life-experience. Offers can be discussed with any member of the committee, or a short (~50 word) bio emailed to the secretary.

Your committee will also welcome offers from people with IT and internet skills to help make Warkworth U3A meetings run smoothly using the U3A equipment or assist with the U3A website.

GENERAL MEETINGS

On Monday October 8th at Totara Park our guest speaker will be Janette Thompson, editor of Mahurangi Matters, plus a mini speaker.

Advance notice. Put Monday December 12th 2022 in your diaries for the end of year event and AGM.

CAR POOLING AND RIDES

Car-pooling is generally a good idea. Also, if you need a ride to get to an U3A meeting then ask your group convenor to suggest someone nearby who might be able to help. For the general meetings contact our secretary Jim via flewitts@xtra.co.nz.





SPACE: THE LAST AND GREATEST FRONTIER

Ralph and Anne Cooney

U3A Science and Climate Group
September 16th 2-4pm
Totara Park Meeting Room

RSVP ralphcooney1@gmail.com

- The Space Economy
- Space Junk
- James Webb Telescope ancient stars

See: <https://theconversation.com/harpoons-robots-and-lasers-how-to-capture-defunct-satellites-and-other-space-junk-and-bring-it-back-to-earth-189698>



REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

Local History

The Local History Group gathered in The Oaks Boardroom to learn of the history of the Warkworth Courthouse as ably presented by Linda Moore.

The September 27 meeting is scheduled to meet in Lucy Moore Car Park on Baxter St, to walk some of the Warkworth Riverside walkway and to learn of its history; to be presented by Peter Thompson.

On October 25, we have another location gathering, bring a chair and BYO morning tea in the Bandstand to also learn of the history and the band.

All meetings commence 10am. Location of both the September and October meetings are weather dependant, so the meeting will be in the Oaks Boardroom if the weather is inclement.

To wrap up the year we hope the group can do a river cruise on the Jane Gifford with BYO morning tea. This is tide and therefore time dependant and open to all U3A members. Details will be through the Grapevine as they evolve.

Jenni McGlashan

Music Appreciation

The last U3A Music Group meeting was on the 11th August hosted by Alison Coates on the subject of Karl Jenkins the man and his music. A small group of us learned of this incredible, rather unlikely, Welsh musician who is promoted as the most performed of living composers in the world. Sir Karl Jenkins has been a huge success in so many fields. Playing instruments from Oboe to Saxophone, and composing with lyrics of sounds not words, he is very unusual.

We watched and listened to his composition *Adiemus* featuring mouth music, and to *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*, which is a composition that was performed both live and, during COVID restrictions, with many performers participating remotely on a massive screen. Amazing!!!

The next U3A Music Group meeting will be an attendance at the Matakana Cinema on Sunday 25th September at 4.15 pm. We are going to view the film of the Metropolitan Opera performance of *Lucia Di Lammermoor*. It stars Artur Rucinski and Nadine Sierra. It includes behind-the-scenes film and interviews that add hugely to the interest of the



show. If there is sufficient interest, we can book a table at the Vintry, beside the cinema, for a drink, snack, or meal afterwards.

Mike Austin

U3A Book Talk

On August 2 the group met at Totara Park Hall, hosted by Pam Ellender. As usual we had a wide variety of books to share about, fiction and non-fiction.

Shirley had brought with her the record she has kept ever since she joined the Book Talk Group in 2008. In it she has meticulously recorded the books that each member spoke about month by month. Other longstanding members of the group include Ailsa and Jenny. Jenny joined in 2009.

But our group also has a number of new members who joined in the past year. And we even had a new member attending for the first time, Barbara Leslie. She is keen enough to come from her home in Kaiwaka for the monthly meeting.

We were all intrigued by the stories Shirley shared from her book of choice, *Tales of Great Barrier Island*, in particular the one about pigeon mail. At one time urgent messages had to be sent to Auckland from the island by pigeon post. And there was even a rival pigeon-mail service set up on Great Barrier.

Kristin spoke about *City of Djinnns*, by William Dalrymple. She had never read a book by him before, but thoroughly enjoyed it, and found his style amazing. She then found that many others in the group also enjoyed his writing and could lend her other books by him, an offer eagerly accepted.

Jeanette Grimmer

Science and Climate

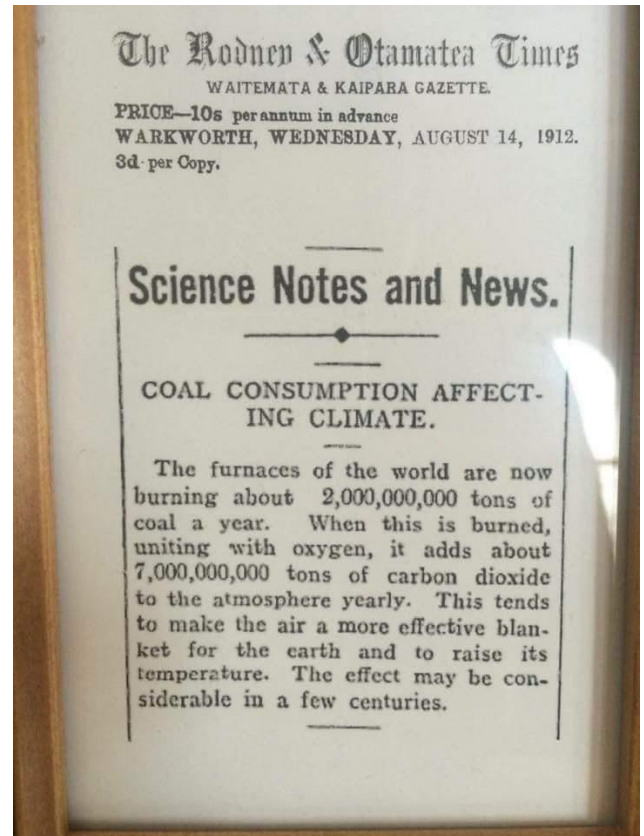
Our August talk by Kennedy Warne on Greenland Ice and Sea Level Rise was very well attended. A recording of Kennedy’s presentation with good audio and less than ideal visuals is available at: -

<https://youtu.be/2GM3SHLTSV4>

This week Ralph and Anne Cooney are taking us out of this world (see notice on page 2.)

On 21st October, the talk will be on Niue Honey – the purest in the world. *Ralph Cooney*

Our forebears knew a thing or two



A correction needed to this 110-year-old warning is to delete the word “few”.

Also, the 1912 estimate of 7 gigatons of CO₂ from coal is more than twice the value reported in <https://ourworldindata.org/emissions-by-fuel>

Global annual CO ₂ emission in gigatonnes	1912	2020
CO ₂ from coal	3.0	14.0
CO ₂ from oil and gas	0.2	18.5
Cement etc.	0.0	2.3

In contrast with our forebear’s prediction, the impact of coal burning has now been overtaken by the climate impact of oil and gas consumption.

