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Next General Meeting:
Monday 8 August 9.30am
Howick Bowling Club
Speaker: Professor Paul Moon: Nostalgia and
Utopianism
Ten minute Speaker: Judy Wilson
Tea team: World of Music

Several subscriptions remain outstanding. Please pay \$25.00 to U3A Howick bank account, 12 3040 0556154 00, using your surname as a reference. (If you are unable to pay online, you can pay Joni in cash at a general meeting.)

Editorial:

How times have changed. My Uncle was a haematologist, whose research started when he worked as a medical officer in the blood transfusion service during the war. So I grew up listening to talk of human blood groups, and the ways in which blood serum could give information about a person's genetic origins. DNA was only discovered in the late 1980's so in our childhood we were linked by blood, not DNA. And even now, as knowledge about DNA continues to proliferate, our language has not caught up. We still talk about blood relations, blood brothers and blood being thicker than water. While we know intellectually that DNA provides the building blocks of life, the idea of blood as a life force remains present. On a visceral level we remain primitive beings. Well, I guess it's in our DNA .

August Speaker: Professor Paul Moon



Paul Moon ONZM, is Professor of History at Auckland University of Technology. His research focuses primarily on nineteenth-century New Zealand, and the philosophies of colonisation. He has a Doctor of Literature, a Doctor of Philosophy, a Master of Arts, and a Master of Philosophy, and in 2003, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society at University College, London.

Talk description: The ways we see the past are affected by nostalgia more than we realise, and our hopes for the future are often shaped by utopian thoughts. Exploring how these concepts works can help us understand how our opinions are formed, and how we see the world.

July Speaker: Robyn Williams



Robyn gave a detailed talk about tracing your ancestry through the various DNA sites. She pointed out that DNA does not replace paper searches and gives our genetic family rather than our family tree. We have 23 pairs of chromosomes, 22 pairs are used to find our genetic family and one denotes our gender (the x or y chromosome). We inherit approximately 50% of our chromosomes from our parents, , although the amount from each parent in different siblings may vary. One may inherit 60:40 and another 50:50. Our parents' genetic influence is diluted through the generations. If you want to get your DNA tested there appear to be a variety of options, and Robyn suggests you do your research before choosing a company.

“Living DNA – Smarter Hobby” shows the best kits for different purposes. You need to consider the collection method, tests performed – do they track the male or female line, cost, including the cost of postage, how long the results are stored, and the size of the database (if you are looking for family, a big database will be best for you) and does the company have a resource to upload raw data. Some tests will give your Hapler group which links you with your ancestral clan, which shows where your ancestors came from way back in time. Robyn suggests that it is valuable for your whole family to get tested as you will get a clearer genetic picture. If you are interested in the topic there is a useful website www.genealogy.org.nz and many books you can read (see below)

Further information and resources to assist with DNA – supplied by Robyn Williams

DNA Bootcamp with genetic genealogy expert Mary Eberie, JD of DNA Hunters

- Getting started with DNA and Genealogy
- Additional DNA tools and Concepts
- Using Y-DNA, Mitochondrial DNA, and X-DNZ for genealogy research
- Interpreting your DNA Ancestry results
- Solving family mysteries with DNA
- Finding Birth families using DNA

You need to be a member of the Society to access the above webinars – they include very helpful handout notes.

Gedmatch: <https://gedmatch.com> – where you can upload raw data and compare with data from other companies

International Society of Genetic Genealogy <https://isogg.org/Wiki> Welcome Page

Youtube videos: www.youtube.com – in search box enter “DNA and family tree research”

Books mentioned:

- The Family Tree Guide to DNA testing and Genetic Genealogy – Blaine Bettinger
- DNA and Genealogy – Colleen Fitzpatrick
- The Seven Daughter of Eve – Brian Sykes
- Surnames, DNA and Family History – George Redmonds, Turi King and David Hey
- The Usborne Introduction to Genes and DNA – Anna Claybourne



From the Committee:

Interest Groups

Last month Writing Group 2 was proposed. We have had some interest indicated. One to be proposed in August is Mobile Phone Photography.

From this month, a book for proposing new interest groups will be on the front table at general meetings. Once enough members have listed their interest, the group will be formed. If there is insufficient interest after 6 months, the proposed new group will be scrapped. For those not present at general meetings, but who have an interest in proposed groups, please contact Judith Nel to put your name down.

30th Anniversary Topics

It would be very handy if we had an idea of the topic your interest group is pursuing for the 30th anniversary presentation on 3 April 2023, so that when we prepare the program for the day, we can ensure similar themes follow on. So interest group coordinators do drop an email to collrigby@gmail.com by end August with your topic (doesn't have to be final title) if possible please. Just need name of interest group and topic please

Out and about:

- Estuary Art and Ecology Awards will be displaying their artwork at the Uxbridge Centre from 2 July to 27 August
- The Writer's festival will be held 23 to 28 August. Programme is available at the library or online at writersfestival.co.nz
- The New Zealand International Film Festival opens on 29 July. You can find details from festival@nziff.co.nz
- Uxbridge Theatre – Friday 19 August. The Prete Rosso Quartet will perform Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, along with other classical favourites. Book through the Uxbridge website.
- Celebrated American violinist, Hilary Hahn, is playing with the NZSO at the Auckland Town Hall, August 5, and at the Michael Fowler Centre on August 6 and 7.



Groups (yellow- full)	Date 2022	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology 1 3 rd Thurs 10 am	August 18	4A Paton Road	First footprints – Australia’s ancient past	Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 th Mon 10 am	August 22	55 Rodney St	Kiore as a marker - Margaret	Margaret Heiatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	August 5	20 Camwell Close Bucklands Beach	“The human house” Helen bolt/Daniel Hudson Burham, by Maurice Taylor	June Lamborn 535 8069
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 1.30	August 25	9A Merino Avenue	Books	Joni Burgess 537 4834
Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1 pm	August 15	55 Rodney Street	Aspects of last Egyptian Dynasty	Cora Young 534 8623
Comparative Religions 4 th Monday 1.30pm	August 22	55 Rodney Street	Introduction to Buddhism	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Current Affairs 2 nd Wed 2pm	August 10	11 Shelly Bch Pde Cockle Bay	A perfect New Zealand	Jan Naish-Wallis 027 220 3777
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	August 23	BM Theatre	Cosmic distances part 2	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Thurs 10 am	August 4	Apt 160 Monaco Block BMV	Sir Dove Myer Robinson	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 1.30 pm	August 18	11 Shelly Beach Road	Arthur Purchase by Cheryl	Joni Burgess 537 4834
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	August 26	74A Aberfeldy Avenue Hland Pk	Napoleon contd.	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	August 16	B M Theatre	Selfridges – Judy plus DVD	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	August 11	16 Tui Vale, Cockle Bay	Pot pourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	August 17	32 Butley Drive, Pakuranga	Janet Frame	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 nd Thursday 2pm	August 11	4A Paton Road	“The Grand Scuttle” at Scapa Flow 1919	Allan Reid 5349895
Movies 2 nd Mon, 12.30 pm	August 8	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am (not full)	TBC			Rosemary Ovens 5343429
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1.15pm	August 23	BM Theatre	TBA	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1 st Mon 10 am	August 1	55 Rodney Street	Pot pourri	Cora Young 5348623
Science. 4 th Wed 10 am	August 24	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sun noon	August 14	Dannemora Gardens Cafe		Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	August 3	159 Pah Road, Cockle Bay	Vietnam highlights/ Cruise on Mekong to Angkor Wat	David and Adrienne Teape 5336103
Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9.30 am	August 12	Meet at 111 Point view Drive	Point View reserve	June Poole 021583893
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	August 15	BM Theatre	St John’s Wood clique- Betty Gate	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	August 16	BM Theatre	Margaret Preston - Cheryl	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	August 24	6 Stevenson Way	Rosemary Ovens presenter	Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	August 9	1/8 Aylmer Court Eastern beach	Turkey	Marian Heywood 534 1159

