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Next General Meeting:
Monday 13 February 9.30am
Howick Bowling Club
Speaker: Jason Dawson
Ten-minute speaker: Nature walks and talks
Tea team: Civilisations

For new members: Annual \$25.00 subscription is payable to U3A Howick bank account: 12 3040 0556154 00, using your surname as a reference.

The 2023 AGM for U3A Howick (Inc) will take place on 3 April 2023 from 9.00 - 9.30am. The written annual reports by the President and Treasurer, proposal of accountant and annual subscriptions will be sent out at least 21 days before the meeting. Please read these prior to the meeting taking place.
The AGM will be followed by the presentations and celebrations of the 30th Anniversary of U3A Howick from 9.30am-1.00 pm, including lunch. (for more details, see President's message later in this newsletter.)

Editorial:

As I write this, the torrential rain of the last couple of days is just letting up – for now. Never have I been more pleased to be living in a leafy suburb in the hills. Nevertheless, it is shocking that our city and its people have been so much affected causing untold damage and loss. It really does bring home that, “there but for the grace of God go I.” (Having said that, if the obsession for “build at all cost” continues we may not be so lucky next time.)

I went for a walk the other day with a couple of friends and half way out, the skies opened. On the way home, in a dip in the road, a huge pond was gathering. We noticed that there was a drain blocked by twigs and leaves, and decided to try and clear it. Armed with a couple of sticks we waded in and scabbled away until lo and behold, the drain cleared and the whole pond drained away in minutes.

It is so easy to feel powerless in the face of forces beyond our control, and of course this tiny triumph changes nothing in the scheme of things. But we can do tiny things. Catch a bus, plant a tree, hang the washing on the line, help plant a wetland...those actions won't save the world, but better perhaps than denying the problem or feeling completely helpless.

In my time as a family-support-worker, I remember learning about clients' readiness for change, and I think this applies to us a society. Stage 1: There is no problem. Stage 2: There is a problem, but there is nothing I can do about it. Stage 3: There is a problem, and maybe I can do something, but I don't know what. Stage 4: There is a problem, and I know what to do, but I'm not ready to do it. Stage 5: I'm ready. Where are we on this path? I believe that change is coming one way or another, but the full impact will depend on our collective response to it.

December Meeting:

Members were treated to a highly enjoyable meeting, listening to “Pam Ayres” style poems written and performed by Jan Beaumont and songs performed by the Young-at Heart choir. Other activities included a lovely morning tea and drawing of the Christmas raffle. Father Christmas also graced us with his company.



February Speaker: Jason Dawson: Taking to the Skies - reconnecting New Zealand to the World



Jason Dawson is the Regional Affairs Manager for Air New Zealand and supports the regional economic, social and cultural aspirations across the airline’s 20 domestic ports. The airline has a key role to supercharge regional economies through building visitor demand through domestic and international destination marketing, provide business critical cargo connections, employment of pilots, crew, airports and ground staff in the regions, as well as providing a range of activities to help regions thrive. Jason has a MBA from the University of Waikato and has worked in a number of industries from tourism and local government through to investment banking, the dairy sector and emergency management. He is also an avid foodie and can always recommend the best cheese scone or a ‘must-try’ restaurant in every city in New Zealand!

Most people were aware of the battle for survival for our national airline with the closure of international borders and the grounding of our aircraft in 2020. Learn more about the restart of the airline, the importance of the domestic network and the future plans from Air New Zealand’s Kia Mau (Get Ready) Strategy through to the future challenge of decarbonising the airline with its Sustainability Framework and Flight NZO.

From the President:

AGM

We have had a wonderful committee this year and it has been a pleasure being part of it. Every organisation benefits from new ideas and new people being part of the process, so we do invite you to put yourself or another member forward for a place on the committee. This could be with or without portfolio.

To this end we are attaching a nomination form for you to complete. Please think about what role you or someone else could play in adding vibrancy or energy to the committee and give the completed form to Jan Naish-Wallis or another committee member at the next meeting or simply email Jan to let her know you or someone else is interested and we will take it from there.

Thirtieth Anniversary

The 30th anniversary is almost upon us and coming up on 3rd April 2023. This meeting will be from 9am-1pm, so please diarise both date and times both of which are different to usual. See the copy of the final program attached.

Could all groups also please note that if they wish to use powerpoint slides in the presentation, these need to be sent to both John Savory and Warren Yardley so that they can be uploaded onto the desktops of their computers by 15 MARCH 2023. We will not be uploading any slides on the day of the presentations as there simply will not be time to do so. So your February or March interest group meetings might be the last opportunity to finalise your presentation. We are so looking forward to hearing what you have to say.

The committee recommends that you keep your presentations to no more than 4 minutes to enable time for changovers between groups.

Next meeting:

We would like you to encourage you to bring along two things to the next meeting:

BRING A FRIEND

We have a wonderful speaker, Jason Dawson, from Air NZ on 13 February and we would like to make this a Bring Along a Friend meeting. So do think about your network and consider who you might like to invite to come along with you.

NON PERISHABLE OR BEDDING ITEMS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

We hope that all our members came through the torrential rains without any significant damage to property or health. It is heartening to know that emergency services had no calls from the Howick-Pakuranga area during the flooding.

However, others in Auckland have unfortunately not been so lucky. One of our members, Linda Stubbs, has suggested that all members bring along a non perishable food item to the meeting on 13 February, so that we can donate these items to the City Mission or an organisation dealing with flood victims. We are also aware that organisations are very short of bedding and towels, so that is another option if you have some spare.

It sounds like an easy way for us all to make a difference. So if you are willing to contribute, do check your pantry or linen cupboard for possibilities. We will have a box at the door to collect items members may wish to donate.

by Colleen Rigby

From the committee:

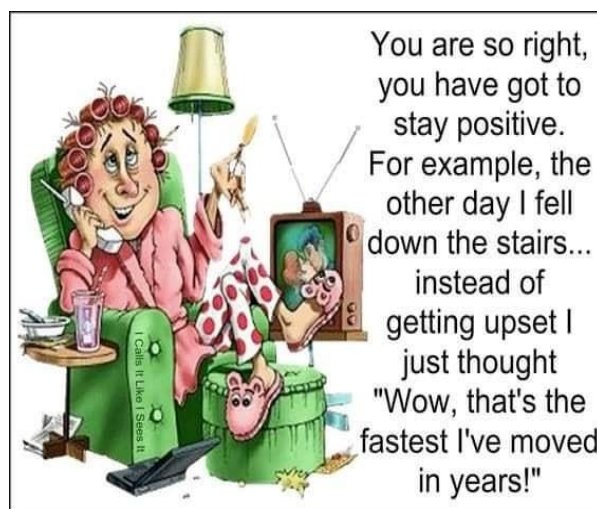
Website: Gary Law has set up a website where interesting power points etc will be available to members. Click on the link to see what's there. [U3A Papers \(lawas.co.nz\)](http://U3A Papers (lawas.co.nz))

We would like to set up a library of talks, so if you are prepared to provide copies of talks that you have presented to your interest groups, please send them to Garry on this email address, so that he can add to this library.

Interest Groups: A book for proposing new interest groups will be on the front table at general meetings. So far two new groups – *New Zealand History 2* and *Mobile phone photography* have already started (see timetable) and two further groups, *Writing2/memoirs* and *gardening* have been proposed. Please contact Judith Nel to put your name down.

Out and about:

- Classic Car Show: Sunday 5 March 2023 10am to 3pm. A free event at Lloyd Ellsmore Park. Go to www.briteurocarshow.nz for more information
- Howick Little Theatre, presents a comedy set in the 1950's "Home, I'm darling", from February 25 to March 18th, at 8pm.
- The Auckland Museum is hosting an exhibition "The Secrets of Stonehenge" for a limited time. Book through the museum website – tickets cost \$17.00
- The Auckland Arts Festival takes place 9 to 26 March at various venues. Details on Auckland Live.
- Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra has a series of performances this year. For a copy of the Brochure, go to apo.co.nz/concerts-events
- Dance co- production by Footnote new Zealand and Mascall Dance (Canada) "The impossible has already happened", exploring water's power and purpose, shows at Q-Theatre on 1 April 2023. Book through Q-Theatre website
- Howick Village Cultural Food Festival – 4 March 9am to 3pm
- Circus Under the Trees: Cornwall Park Band Rotunda Saturday march 4 at 3pm.



1979	2022
Long hair	Longing for hair
KEG	EKG
Acid rock	Acid reflux
Seeds and stems	Fibre
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney stones
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends

Groups	Date 2023	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology 1 3 rd Thurs 10 am	February 16	4A Paton Road	Secrets of the Ocean Tribes	Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 th Mon 10 am	February 27	55 Rodney St	TBA	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	February 3		Visit to Alberton House	June Lamborn 535 8069
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 1.30	23 February	129 Pah Road, Cockle Bay	Books	Brigid Bates 022 0323 866
Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1 pm	20 February	55 Rodney Street	China early Civilisation	Cora Young 534 8623
Comparative Religions 4 th Monday 1.30pm	February 27	55 Rodney Street	Judaism	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Current Affairs 2 nd Wed 1.30pm	February 8	11 Shelly Beach Parade	“Megexit” and its implications	Jan Naish-Wallis 027 220 3777
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am		BM Theatre		Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Thurs 10 am	February 2	TBA	Empress Elizabeth of Austria	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 1.30 pm	February 16	11 Shelley Beach Pde		Margaret Nicholls 536 6079
French Circle 4 th Fri 1 pm	February 24	74 Aberfeldy Avenue	Napoleon III	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	February 21	BM Theatre	Albert Einstein	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	February 9	18 Tui Vale, Shelley Park	Pot pourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
History o New Zealand 2 4 th Tuesday 2pm (new)	February 21 2pm	39 Devon Road	History of water + doco on colour bar	Graeme Diver 0274728033
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	February 15	32 Butley Drive, Pakuranga	Nathaniel Hawthorne by Joy Kirshberg	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 nd Thursday 2pm	February 9	4A Paton’s Road	Pot pourri	Allan Reid 5349895
Mobile photography 3 rd Wednesday 2pm	February 15	1/19 Butley Drive Farm Cove	Panoramic and burst photos	Colleen Rigby 0272916781
Movies 2 nd Mon, 12.30 pm	February 13	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen BYO Lunch	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am	February 14	BM Theatre	Fidelio	Rosemary Ovens 5343429
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1.15pm	February 28	BM Theatre	TBA	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	February 6	55 Rodney Street	TBC	Cora Young 5348623
Science. 4 th Wed 10 am	February 22	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sun noon	February 12	Dannemora Gardens Cafe		Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	February 1	159 Pah Road, Cockle Bay	Simpson Desert by Martin Rees	David and Adrienne Teape 5336103
Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9.30 am	February 10	Hampton Pk and St John’s Church	Opp Church – 334 East Tamaki Road	June Poole 021583893 Goeff 0211154560
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	February 20	BM theatre	Art of Summer	Garry Law 0275665764
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	February 21	12 Daria Place	TBA	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	February 22	261 Bleakhouse Rd		Julia Forsyth 021 164 1664
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	February 14	9 Kelly Place	The holiday	Mary Kennedy (temp) 02102250341

