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NEXT MEETING: August 13, 9.30 am
Howick Bowling Club

GUEST SPEAKER: Heather Baigent: A Life in
Diplomacy and Much Else

TEN MINUTES: Auckland U3A Network

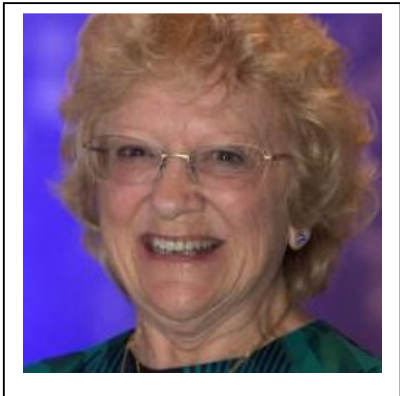
TEA BREAK: Sunday discussion group

HAVE YOUR SAY ON AGEING

PUBLIC policy on ageing is undergoing review by the Government as the pace of ageing in New Zealand accelerates. The current cohort of over-65s is 750,000. In 20 years, the figure would have climbed to 1.3 million, up 73 per cent. The ethnic profile of seniors will also have changed. What faces the state is not just a matter of budgeting for retirement as the productive workforce shrinks and fiscal drag becomes pronounced, assuming static population growth while inward migration is subject to political exigencies. The corollary is as crucial: How to stretch the productive years of younger seniors as medical advances extend longevity, and what measures need to be put in place to give the old-retired fulfilling lives.

This in essence is what an ongoing consultation exercise started by the Government is about. The Ministry of Social Development is gathering submissions and feedback to develop a strategy for not only those who identify themselves as seniors (that's most of us in the U3A movement), but more importantly, for tomorrow's seniors. Topics to generate discussion include active ageing, working past 65, coping with disability, digital mastery and social diversity.

The U3A is among the most appropriate channels for feedback to set politicians and policy-makers thinking. See www.superseniors@msd.govt.nz for the discussion paper under the 'Join the Conversation' tab. Send email submissions to ageing_population@msd.govt.nz or by snail-mail to Strategy for Ageing Population, Office for Seniors, Box 1556, Wellington 6140. Closing date is Aug 24.



A VARIED LIFE

HEATHER Baigent (picture) has had a varied career straddling diplomacy, trade promotion and civic activities. She has served in Samoa and Indonesia and was deputy head of mission at the New Zealand embassy in Beijing. After diplomacy she switched to helping exporters navigate the intricacies of world markets. For this she was honoured as Exporters Champion at the Export NZ awards last year. She will also fill the 10-minute slot to talk about the coordinating function of the Auckland U3A Network, of which she is president.

NEXT MONTH: Michael Bassett, a minister in the Lange and Palmer Cabinets, historian and prolific writer, will discuss his latest book, New Zealand's Prime Ministers: From Dick Seddon to John Key.

RETIREMENT VILLAGE LIVING

A TALK on retirement village living will be held at the Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre, Lloyd Elsmore Park, on Oct 16 at 10.30 am. The session will last 90 minutes. It will cover issues prospective clients will want answers to, such as costs, village management, living environment, recreation and care. The free event is organised by the Commission for Financial Capability which is headed by the Retirement Commissioner. Registration is required: 0800 268269 or <https://www.cffc.org.nz/retirement/retirement-villages/events-2/retirement-village-seminars>.

LEARNING TO GO KIWI

LAST month's guest speaker Giuseppe Gallina, who migrated from Italy in 1993, treated his audience to tales of social miscues newcomers from another culture tend to be susceptible to. When invited to a bring-a-plate party by Kiwis wanting to ease him into his new surrounds, Mr Gallina most thoughtfully brought cutlery as well (but no food on the plate.) But he is by now as Kiwi as the native-born, he appeared to be saying. He did not let on whether, like most Italians raised on Juventus and Inter-Milan, he could ever work the football out of his system in favour of rugby.

STUDY GROUP PARTICIPANTS WANTED

MORE study groups are seeking fresh members. Among them are famous and infamous 1, opera 2, the walking group and philosophy. The poetry group which has been in recess will reconvene next year. U3A members may be intimidated by subject matter that is outside their comfort zone or area of interest. Don't be: Sample group meetings as a guest, then decide if you would like to sign up. Call the convener, do not turn up unannounced.

NEW MEMBER

MARY Kennedy, sponsored by Warren Yardley, was welcomed into the fold as a new member last month. She plans to join the philosophy and French groups.

RESIGNATIONS

GORDON Hudson, Murray Clent, Brenda and Henry Levinsohn have resigned their memberships. Mr Hudson was for many years convener of the travel group. Appreciation is recorded.

LITERARY FOOTNOTE

THE English Patient by Michael Ondaatje, published in 1992, was chosen by public vote in the UK last month as the winner of the Golden Man Booker prize, a one-off honour to mark the first half century of the literary prize. Readers made their choice from five novels, the best of each of the five decades of the Booker prize. Ondaatje had this to say: "Not for a second do I believe this is the best book on the list, especially when placed beside a work by V.S Naipaul, one of the masters of our time, or a major work like Wolf Hall (by Hilary Mantel)." He acknowledged writers who have never won a Booker, among them Alice Munro, William Trevor and Barbara Pym. The film adaptation of Ondaatje's book won multiple Oscars including Best Picture for 1996.

OUT AND ABOUT

++ **CHICAGO** the Broadway musical opens its Auckland season at The Civic on Aug 25. Season till Sept 2. Running time is 2 hr 30 min, with different start times. Details on chicagomusical.co.nz. Ticket range \$70-\$130, Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.co.nz, 0800 111999.) Since its New York opening in 1996, Chicago has played in 35 countries and been seen by 30 million people over 30,000 performances, according to the publicity.

++ **THE New Zealand String Quartet** headlines the Thursdays@Seven winter chamber music series at All Saints Anglican Church in Howick this year. They will perform Mozart's String Quartet in C ('Dissonance') and Debussy's Quartet in G minor. Aug 30 at 7 pm, 1 hr duration. Admission by donation at the door. Details of the entire Thursdays@Seven series on wattsandwatts.co.nz/thursdays-at-7. The NZ String Quartet was started in 1987. Members are Helene Pohl (1st violin), Monique Lapins (2nd violin), Gillian Ansell (viola) and Rolf Gjelsten (cello).

++ RACHMANINOV's tuneful Second Symphony tops the programme in the **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra's** Town Hall concert on Aug 25, 7.30 pm. Stravinsky pieces also featured. Conductor Edo de Waart. Concessions from \$29 from Ticketmaster.

++ ANOTHER Rachmaninov staple, the Second Piano Concerto, features in the **Auckland Philharmonia's** Aug 9 concert at the Town Hall (8 pm.) Soloist is Auckland-born Henry Wong Doe who teaches piano at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the United States when he's not touring. The symphony on the programme is Korngold's Symphony in F sharp. Conductor Tobias Ringborg. Concessions from \$42 from APO Ticketing 6231052 or Ticketmaster.

++ MOZART lovers may want to catch the movie **Interlude in Prague**, now on at various cinemas. The year is 1787, and Mozart's brief sojourn in Prague results in Don Giovanni, his opera of lust and damnation. Filmed entirely in the Czech city amid its architectural splendours and set to Mozart's music. Reviews in other countries have been mixed. No spoiler alert necessary here.

++ **TENNESSEE Waltz** is the Operatunity musical touring company's next performance at St Columba Church, Ti Rakau Dr, on Sept 18 at 11 am. Songs featured will be of the country variety from the likes of Connie Francis, John Denver, Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. Single tickets \$35, group discounts of \$32 for five pax. Lunch included in ticket price. Bookings 0508 266237 or bookings@operatunity.co.nz.

| Groups (yellow denotes full) | Date | Venue | Topic | Convener |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Ancient Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1pm | Aug 20 | Cora Young's 55 Rodney St | <i>Canute</i> Margaret Nicholls <i>Indus Valley</i> Peta Carnell | Cora Young 534 8623 |
| Anthropology H 3 rd Thurs 10 am | Aug 16 | BM Theatre | <i>Widow's Plight</i> Gill Muggleston | Jennie Leyland 534 4034 Betty Reid 534 9895 |
| Anthropology L 4 th Mon 10 am | Aug 27 | Cora Young's 55 Rodney St | <i>Widow's Plight</i> Gill Muggleston | Margaret Hieatt 534 9131 |
| Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am | Sept 7 | Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV | <i>China</i> Beverley Luxton and Lloyd Armstrong | Maurice Taylor 534 8538 |
| Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 2 pm | Aug 23 | Margaret Smith's 25 Centre Ct, PPV | Latest reads | Margaret Smith 576 3206 |
| Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am | Aug 28 | BM Theatre | <i>The Sun as a Typical Star</i> | Clive Bolt 534 2946 |
| Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Tues 10 am | Sept 4 | Nancy Edwards's 17 Masfield St | <i>Doris Gordon</i> Lynley Spurdle | Peter Garrick 535 4085 |
| Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm | Aug 16 | Glenda Van der Maas's 50 Sale St | <i>Gertrude Bell</i> Glenda Van der Maas | Richard/Moira Burns 533 8793 |
| Famous & Infamous 3 1 st Thurs 10 am | Sept 6 | Val Sugrue's 2/11 Paparoa Rd | <i>Hedda Hopper</i> Val Sugrue | Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546 |
| Forum 3 rd Fri 10 am | Aug 17 | Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV | Open discussion | Beverley Luxton 576 9625 |
| French 4 th Fri 1 pm | Aug 24 | David Dwerryhouse's 74A Aberfeldy Ave | <i>Victor Hugo</i> David Dwerryhouse | David Dwerryhouse 534 4829 |
| History 3 rd Tues 10 am | Aug 21 | BM Theatre | <i>Moorish Spain</i> Colleen Williams | Judy Lee 535 8547 |
| History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am | Concluded Sept 13 next | | | Alan La Roche 534 7366 |
| Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am | Aug 15 | Richard Burns's Apt 470 BM Village | <i>Guy de Maupassant</i> Ngairie Taylor | Judy Wilson 576 6340 |
| Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am | Sept 14 | Meet Pigeon Mt Rd opposite Cricket Pavilion | To Wakaaranga Creek, Pakuranga Sailing Club by Bramley Dr and back | Alan La Roche 534 7366 |
| Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am | Aug 14 | BM Theatre | <i>Don Carlos</i> by Verdi | Hilary Patterson 533 8785 |
| Opera 2 4 th Tues 1 pm | Aug 28 | BM Theatre | <i>Maria Callas Toujours,</i> <i>Paris 1958</i> 90 min | Moya Nixon 535 5309 |
| Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am | Sept 3 | BM Theatre | Individual contributions (completion) | Christopher Nixon 535 5309 |
| Poetry 2 nd Tues 2 pm | | | Activities resume next year. | Beth Voogd 534 7468 |
| Science 4 th Wed 10 am | Aug 22 | BM Theatre | Potpourri | Jim Hine 534 4259 |
| Sunday Discussion 2nd Sunday, noon | Sept 9 | | Open discussion | Joan Clarkson 537 6397 |
| Travel 1 st Wed 10 am | Sept 5 | Gayleen Mackereth's 170 Cook St | <i>Spain</i> Gayleen Mackereth (9.30 am start) | David Dwerryhouse 534 4829 |
| World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am | Aug 20 | BM Theatre | <i>Mark Rothko</i> dvd Sheila Russell | Garry Law 271 6505 |
| World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm | Aug 21 | BM Theatre | <i>Edwardian Art</i> Beverley Butterfield | Heather Watson 274 4747 |
| World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm | Aug 22 | David Dwerryhouse's 74A Aberfeldy Ave | <i>Tchaikovsky</i> David Dwerryhouse | Ngairie Taylor 534 8538 |
| World War II 2 nd Thurs 2pm | | | Activities suspended until Sept/Oct | Allan Reid 534 9895 |
| Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm | Concluded Sept 11 next | Marian Heywood's 1/8 Aylmer Ct, Eastern Bch | | Marian Heywood 534 1159 |

