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**Howick Inc.**

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**INTERIM COMMITTEE  
2020-2021**

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*President/U3A Network Liaison*

**ALAN LA ROCHE**

*Vice President/Guest Speakers*

**DAVID DWERRYHOUSE**

*Immediate Past President/Membership*

**MARGARET NICHOLLS**

*Director of Studies*

**JONI BURGESS** *Treasurer*

**JAN NAISH-WALLIS** *Secretary*

**MARY KENNEDY** *Newsletter Editor*

**ROSEMARY OVENS** *Almoner/Welcomer*

**WARREN YARDLEY** *Ten-minute Speakers*

**AGM POSTPONED**

**The annual general meeting set for May 11 is deferred as Covid-19 restrictions are still in force. It will be held when gatherings of size are permitted, bearing in mind the requirements of physical distancing and a quorum (one-fifth of paid-up members).**

**ZOOMED IN**

THE AGM deferral was decided at a meeting of the full committee on April 27, chaired by President David Dwerryhouse and conducted on the Zoom video-conferencing platform which has been a connecting revelation globally in these times of enforced confinement. The committee looks forward to a full turnout of members (and guests) when the Howick U3A resumes normal activities.

**OTHER KEY DECISIONS**

**INTERIM COMMITTEE  
TO MANAGE AFFAIRS**

PENDING the election of office bearers for the 2020-2021 term at the AGM, an interim committee headed by incumbent Vice President Geraldine Rose will manage the governance of the Howick U3A, effective May 11. Alan La Roche will be her deputy. Members' attention is drawn to the make-up of the interim committee in the masthead at the top of the page, together with designated areas of responsibility.

Alan La Roche and Jan Naish-Wallis are the new faces up for election to the committee. Cora Young, Secretary and link person with the Auckland U3A Network, and Chua Huck Cheng, the Newsletter Editor, are not standing for re-election. The rest of the committee is unchanged from the 2019-2020 team

**STATUS OF STUDY  
GROUP MEETINGS**

MEETINGS of study groups remain suspended. Groups may resume activities when the country goes down to level 1 or lower on the coronavirus mitigation scale. Convenors have

full discretion when to reassemble their groups in consultation with members, after the all-clear has been given by the authorities. In the meantime, they should continue to bring their members up to date on meeting plans, particularly those who do not use a computer or who live alone.

Director of Studies Margaret Nicholls commended convenors of groups who have been keeping interaction among members going in a number of innovative ways. She said this kept “brains active and social lives awake”, known markers of healthy living.

We are publishing the study group calendar on the last page to re-acquaint members with their groups’ meeting and convenor details after an activities halt of six weeks -- and counting. The June dates are notional, meant as a guide, as it is not possible to tell at this juncture when meetings can restart. It is also an open question when the Bruce McLaren Village theatre will be made available again to non-resident users. Many of our groups use it as their meeting venue.

## **HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS**

### ***PAY SUBSCRIPTIONS ONLINE PLEASE***

MEMBERS are asked to pay the \$20 subscription online as this is the only feasible method when movement and interactions are still restricted. **Pay to the ASB account 12 3040 0556154 00 and please remember to state your name in the reference field.**

### ***GUEST SPEAKERS***

SCHEDULED guest speakers for the next three monthly general meetings are (in order of appearance): **Fiona Leydon** on the role of the Salvation Army; our own **Beth Voogd** giving a personal account of the Dutch Resistance during WWII, and **Chris Cameron** on native schools in New Zealand; and **John Spiller**, deputy chair of the Howick Local Board, on improvement and civic plans for Howick.

### ***TEN-MINUTE SPEAKER***

THERE will be no ten-minute speaking slot at the AGM. The general meeting in the following month will feature **Short Story**, and a speaker picked by the **Philosophy** group will fill the slot in the month after.

### ***TEA ASSIST***

THE **French** group will provide tea assist at the next general meeting which doubles as the AGM.

### ***MEMBERSHIP***

THE Howick U3A’s membership as of March 31 2020 was 135. The comparative number for 2019 was 153.

***RENT DEFERRAL***

THE Howick Bowling Club, with which the Howick U3A has a leasing agreement for the use of its meeting hall, will not be charging rent for as long as restrictions on gatherings apply.

***NETWORK CELEBRATION OFF***

THE annual Auckland U3A Network celebration scheduled for August, featuring a keynote speaker and presentations by U3A chapters, is cancelled.

**SUNDRIES**

***BUY WINTER***

***WARMERS ONLINE***

AS winter closes in and seniors are still confined indoors under government advisories, the Ministry of Social Development advises that winter warming items (blankets, heaters, fireplace wood) and damaged household appliances that need replacing can be purchased online and delivered. List of stores supplied by the ministry: **The Warehouse** [thewarehouse.co.nz](http://thewarehouse.co.nz), 0800 733665; **Noel Leeming** [noelleeming.co.nz](http://noelleeming.co.nz) 0800 444488; **Briscoes** [briscoes.co.nz](http://briscoes.co.nz); **Farmers** [farmers.co.nz](http://farmers.co.nz); **Harvey Norman** [harveynorman.co.nz](http://harveynorman.co.nz).

***FLU AND***

***SHINGLES SHOTS***

SENIORS are advised to get their flu jabs early at their GP's office. At every coronavirus alert level you may leave your home for immunisations and treatment. Shingles vaccinations are also free to seniors. For details go to [health.govt.nz/immunisation](http://health.govt.nz/immunisation) or call 0800 IMMUNE 0800 466863.

**NEWSLETTER NOTE:** THIS is the last issue of the newsletter I am producing. Mary Kennedy will take over as Editor starting with the June issue. -- ***Chua Huck Cheng***



**STUDY GROUP SCHEDULE NEXT PAGE  
PURELY FOR REFERENCE**

<b>Groups (yellow denotes full)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Convenor</b>
Anthropology 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	June 18	BM Theatre		Jennie Leyland 534 4034 Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	June 22			Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	June 5			Malcolm/Dilys Booth 534 3604
Aviation and Aerospace 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	June 3	BM Theatre		Clive Bolt 534 2946
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 2 pm	June 25			Margaret Smith 576 3206
Civilisations 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 1 pm	June 15			Cora Young 534 8623
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	June 23	BM Theatre		Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	June 4			Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2 pm	June 18			Allan Reid 534 9895
Forum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 2pm	June 19			Jessica Pybus 534 7415
French 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	June 26			David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	June 16	BM Theatre		Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	June 11			Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	June 17			Judy Wilson 576 6340
Movies 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon, 1 pm	June 8			Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am	June 12			Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 9.30 am	June 9	BM Theatre		Jean Denholm 534 6844
Opera 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1 pm	June 23	BM Theatre		Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	June 1	BM Theatre		Christopher Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2 pm	June 9			Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	June 17	BM Theatre		Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sun noon	June 14			Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	June 3			David and Adrienne Teape 533 6103
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am	June 15	BM Theatre		Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	June 16	BM Theatre		Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	June 24			Ngaire Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 2 pm	June 11			Allan Reid 534 9895
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	June 9			Marian Heywood 534 1159

