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**Next General Meeting:**  
**Monday 8 May 9.30am**  
**Howick Bowling Club**  
**Speaker: Martin Butler: Mysteries of the tunnels**  
**at North head**  
**Ten-minute Speaker: The Committee**  
**Tea team: French Circle**

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#### Editorial: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

Didn't we do well! To be honest, there was initially some resistance to the challenges of putting on a 30 year celebration, and indeed a lot of work was required by the organisers, the anniversary team, especially Judy Wilson, who put the booklet together, the convenors, the Committee, and of course Colleen, who tirelessly spearheaded the event. Also, thanks to John Savory, who ensured that everything ran smoothly on the day.

I was really not expecting such an interesting day, and such a variety of creative and varied presentations. We had a variety of informative or persuasive talks, poetry – 30 years of New Zealand history told in rhyming couplets and a fabulous recital of "You are old, Father William" by Cora- a skit on the dubious advantages of aging, and topped off at the end by Geraldine's marvellous rendition of an amusing "elderly" version of "My favourite things".

The presentations were accompanied by a variety of visual aids – powerpoints, youtube clips, collages and even some rather beautiful tapestries. The mobile photography group wowed us with their talent, showing some of the photos they have taken during the year.

I was too busy enjoying the show to take notes, so here is what my elderly mind remembers: The U3A started in France and the largest group is in China. Elizabeth I was the first feminist, music is great for your health and opera in particular is fascinating and dramatic. One life is not enough. The largest cruise ship, *The Wonder of the Seas* can accommodate 7000 guests. Toilets have come a long way, and some can diagnose the state of your digestive health. Forgive me if I have forgotten the details of your presentation – my memory is both scattered and scatological – but believe me, I thought the presentations from every group were amazing, and if I had time I would join them all!

We should be proud!

A photographic record of the day. Photos provided by Warren Yardley.



*Photos clockwise from top left:* Brenda Loader, Gill Muggleston and Betty Gate cut the cake; The anniversary team: Warren Yardley, Colleen Rigby, Judy Wilson, Margaret Nicholls, Mary Kennedy; Judy Wilson with the Anniversary Booklet; The writing group reading their skit; Geraldine Rose, singing about her favourite things; The new committee 2023/4 – Linda Stubbs, John Savory, Robert Rigby, Jan Naish-Wallis, June Poole, Mary Kennedy, Kaisu Herman, Colleen Rigby

Warren has put together a powerpoint presentation of photos from the 2023 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which will be shown at the next meeting on 8 May.

## May Speaker : Martin Butler



On 12 October 1918, the New Zealand Flying School took possession of the first two Boeing aircraft ever made.

A century later Martin went in search of any remnants of these famous planes.

His journey took him to North Head, Devonport's famous military landmark, which has long been the subject of rumours and urban myths about sealed-up tunnels and hidden rooms.

Martin's presentation will cover the historic aircraft involved and the investigations he has conducted into the presence of sealed tunnels in Maungauika/ North Head

Martin was a pilot for Air NZ for a number of years, flying international jets from 737s right up to 747s. He retired a few years ago and has since

concentrated his efforts on resolving the "North Head Tunnel" riddle.

### From the committee:

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Brenda Loader on 19 April.**

We hope you have received your letter from the King!

**Congratulations, Warren.** In April, 2023, Warren received the Fresh Choice Good Sorts Award and a lovely hamper for his volunteer work in picking up rubbish on Eastern Beach. This is a solitary job he has done for years. Well done, Warren!

**Website:** Garry 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://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. We encourage those who presented at the 30th Anniversary to send their presentation to Gary's website.

**Network Report:** U3A Network Event '23, confirmed for Saturday 29th July 9.30 a.m. – 3 pm. Asking for volunteers for Parking Wardens and Fire Wardens. High Viz vests are provided and equipment in the form of clear notices and stakes are provided for the parking wardens. The committee really appreciates members who step up to do these jobs as our Event depends on their presence.

**From the Convenors:** There are a few changes in the size of some groups so the yellow "full" shading has changed a little. Also, the Sunday Discussion group has closed for now, so I have left it off the list. Several groups have indicated that they would welcome new members: I have indicated them with an asterisk on the group timetable.

### Out and about:

- The Ten tenors are coming to Auckland in December – book early with ticketec to secure a seat
- Auckland Writers' Festival – 16 to 21 May – the booklet giving details is available from the library
- Uxbridge Centre will be exhibiting entries for the Estuary Art Competition from July 1
- The Art Show is at The Cloud 18 to 21 May
- Architecture and Design film festival is showing at the Rialto 4 to 24 May
- Pacific dance NZ Festival – Q theatre, coming up in June. Details on their website
- RACH 2 – Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Town Hall 4 May. Book through Auckland live
- Candlelight Concerts continue in Auckland in May – look online for details – I can only see bookings through feverup – a site to be approached with caution – but there may be other sites.

<b>Groups (yellow=closed) * new members welcome</b>	<b>Date 2023</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Convenor</b>
Anthropology 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 25	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	May 22	55 Rodney St	Life on earth	Linda Stubbs 9272975601
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	May 5	G02/1 (Thyme bldg.) Caddy Lane, Fairway Gns	Pot pourri	June Lamborn 535 8069
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 1.30 *	TBC	129 Pah Road, Cockle Bay	Books	Brigid Bates 022 0323 866
Civilisations 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 1 pm	15 May (timeTBC)	Yum Char, Botany	Lunch	Cora Young 534 8623
Comparative Religions 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 1.30pm *	May 22	55 Rodney Street	Judaism	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Current Affairs* 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 1.30pm	May 10	11 Shelly Beach Parade	Who are we as NZers?	Jan Naish-Wallis 027 220 3777
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	May 23	BM Theatre	Planetary thermodynamics	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 4	Dannemora Gdns	Dame Edna Everedge	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 1.30 pm	May 18	2 Citation Way		Margaret Nicholls 536 6079
French Circle* 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	May 26	Apt 486 BM Village	George Clemenceau by Chris Cameron	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	May 16	BM Theatre	Coronation history	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 11	37 Sale Street	Pot pourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
History of NZ2* 3rd Tuesday 2pm	May 16	39 Devon Road	Land wars	Graeme Diver 0274728033
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	May 17	32 Butley Drive, Pakuranga	Steinbeck – Grapes of Wrath	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 2pm	May 11	2 Citation Way	Pot pourri	Allan Reid 5349895
Mobile photography* 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2pm	May 17 1.15	Homestead Café, Lloyd Ellesmere PK	Field trip	Colleen Rigby 0272916781
Movies * 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon, 12.30 pm	May 8	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen BYO Lunch	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 9.30	May 9	BM Theatre	Sole Mio DVD	Rosemary Ovens 5343429
Opera 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1.15pm	May 23	BM Theatre	Tchaikowsky -Eugene Onegin	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	May 1	55 Rodney Street	Schopenhaur	Cora Young 5348623
Science. 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	TBC	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion		Disbanded		
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	May3	159 Pah Road, Cockle Bay	Spain pilgrimage/Peterhof	David Teape 5336103
Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9.30 am	May 19	Whitford beach end of Clifton road	Whitford beach and Turanga Creek walkway	June Poole 021583893 Goeff 0211154560
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am *	May 15	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Garry Law 0275665764
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	May 16	BM Theatre	Impressionists - DVD	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music* 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	May 24	261 Bleakhouse Road	Presentation by Julia Forsyth	Julia Forsyth 021 164 1664
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	May 9	32 Butley Drive	Let sleeping dogs....	Mary Kennedy (temp) 02102250341



