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**Next General Meeting:**

**AGM**

**Monday 9 May 9.30am**

**Howick Bowling Club**

**Speaker: Ranjna Patel**

Due to rising costs, it may be necessary to increase our annual subscription to \$25.00. This will be reviewed after the AGM. Please do not pay your subs yet. We will let you know when it is time to pay.

#### **AGM MEETING PROCEDURE on Monday 9th May, 2022:**

As you will be aware our next meeting on 9th April is our AGM, followed by the monthly General Meeting. Attached to the Newsletter are the AGM 2021 Minutes and the Financial Report Year Ending 2022, for your perusal. Again, we have decided that masks must be worn at all times when in the function room. If this poses a problem for any member because of health issues, please feel free to contact me. In accordance with our U3A policy, this meeting is only open to fully vaccinated members so please have your vaccination pass available. Weather permitting, morning tea is to be served and consumed on the patio. Thank you for your understanding in these matters. We are not out of the woods yet so prudence must prevail. I look forward to seeing you all at this Meeting.

Geraldine Rose, Acting President.

#### Editorial:

I have just been listening to a radio interview about Anzac Day ceremonies over the years. We have a strong need to remember the loss of our ancestors, who died to protect our way of life. It is a tragedy though, that we have not found a better way to resolve our differences. We may not forget the tragedy of war, but memory of its horrors has not taught us how to live together as a peaceful world community. Maybe one day we will find a way. In the meantime, let us try and live peaceably in our own lives, resolving our differences with tact and empathy rather than with anger and aggression.





## April speaker: Melinda Seal

Guest speaker at the April Howick U3A meeting, Melinda Seal, who is Head of Fundraising and Marketing at the Totara Hospice in Manurewa, spoke about palliative care, history of the hospice, services, community support, the medical staff, and the large area that the hospice covers.

Totara Hospice has the largest service area in New Zealand, and provides palliative care for both for inpatients and outpatients. Melinda said the aim was to enhance quality of care not just for cancer patients but sufferers of many other illnesses. The care includes psycho-social support and end of life support. She also mentioned it was not just old people who received care but younger people as well. All citizens and residents of New Zealand are eligible for their services and one in three people die with assistance from the hospice organisation. They also provide information to families and the community, and run a support group in east Auckland.

Totara hospice is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and Ms Seal was proud of the history of the care given, which has always been free of charge. In 1983, an old Rest Home in Kelvin Grove was donated and run initially entirely by volunteers. The first paid doctor was employed in 1988, and the present hospice, Totara Lodge, was built in 1999. The organisation currently employs 20 community nurses and has 300 regular and 200 fundraising volunteers.

The Hospice has become an eleven million dollar charity. Sixty percent of its funding comes from the Government and the rest from donations, social media marketing, fundraising events, hospice shops and a café at the hospice which is open to the public.

The pandemic has taken a large financial and social toll. The loss of the ability to fundraise independently, curtailment of events have led to a 1.5m loss this year. The stress on patients unable to have family contact and the impact on staffing have had an impact on health deterioration. The organisation is now at a “tipping point” and “almost terminal”. Clearly the importance of volunteers and the importance of fundraising is crucial to the survival of the organisation.

Howick U3A members appreciated the talk and presentation; and at the conclusion donated money as part of the fundraising.

*(Information provided by David Dwerryhouse and Warren Yardley. Photo provided by Warren)*

## May Speaker: Ranjna Patel



Topic – “In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

My journey from starting a small business in Otara to where I am today.”

Ranjna has an extensive involvement in charitable and community groups for which she received a QSM in 2009 and ONZM in 2017. She is a JP and Marriage celebrant since 1996. In 2014 she founded Gandhi Nivas, a Family Harm initiative that has seen some amazing results. Massey University independent research has shown nearly 60% men did not reoffend after going through the Gandhi Nivas program, over a period of 5 years.

She was awarded the EEO Walk the Talk Award and Positive Inclusion, inducted into the Co of Women NZ Hall of Fame, winner 2016 EY Entrepreneur of the Year, Master Category and Deloitte Visionary Leader 2016. In 2017 was the winner of the NEXT Woman of the Year- Business and Innovation Category, 2020 Westpac Women of Influence- Community Hero and 2021 Kiwibank, NZ Innovator of the Year and Finalist in NZer of the Year

She is a Patron of NZ Police Recruit Wing 330. She sits on many advisory boards –Diversity Works NZ, Mental Health Foundation, Middlemore Foundation, Global Women, NZ Police National Ethnic Forum.

*(photo and information supplied by the speaker)*

## From the Convenors:

Guest contributions from the April Military History group meeting:



Warren Yardley brought along his maternal grandfather's medals and battle mementos from WW1. His grandfather, Maurice Rillstone, saw action in the Battle of the Somme, taking command under intense enemy fire, disabling an enemy machine gun post, and removing wounded from the battlefield. His bravery and valour in this action won him the Croix de Guerre.



Chris Cameron brought along his Dad's (Capt. Les Kirk) WW2 army hat. Chris spoke of his Dad's loving letters home to wife Molly and his hopes and guidance to 8 yr old son Chris. His Dad's Pacific service and fatal wounding resisting a fierce assault by the Japanese in the Solomons was poignantly covered in a Listener article written by journalist and daughter, Kirsty Cameron.



June Poole brought along her Dad's wartime diary. This covered the time with the British Forces at Changi in Singapore. His capture in 1942 by the Japanese and transfer to POW work camps in northern Japan. In all, over 3 years of hard labour, severe punishments, and malnutrition. Though sick, and very thin, he survived to return to England.

*( information supplied by Allan Reid)*

## Message from Current Affairs group.

Our next meeting will be on 17 May at 1.30pm at 11 Shelly Beach Pde, Cockle Bay. *(This has been changed from its usual date of first Tuesday as Jan will be away at start of the month)*

The topic will be – “Co- Governance” What does it mean? How will it operate? What are your thoughts and views? Here is a web address for an article in today’s Herald which touches on the subject.

[nzherald.co.nz/three-waters](http://nzherald.co.nz/three-waters)

We are currently a very small group so if you are interested, please come along.

*(information supplied by Jan Naish-Wallis)*

## From the Committee:

- We have received a warning from Mt Albert U3A about a scam involving receipt of an unsolicited parcel for which you are asked to pay a small fee to receive. Your card details are then stolen to relieve you of the contents of your account. Be wary of accepting any “surprise gift or package,” that you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not, personally, know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is. Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!
- Dr Anne McKinnon, who was a founding member of Howick U3A, died last year aged 97, but celebration of her death was withheld due to Covid restrictions. Her daughter is organising a memorial service for her mother, proposed to be on 14 October, at Selwyn Road Anglican church (the little old church) followed by a small reception at the main church. Anyone from Howick U3A wishing to attend the memorial service is welcome. We will let you know exact the date and time once these details are confirmed.

## From U3A Network:

The registrations for our event on 30th July – ‘Celebrating U3A In Action 2022’ - are moving along well; to date we have 92 members registered. If you wish to join this event, please register as soon as possible as numbers are capped. Register: [www.u3auckland.net/event](http://www.u3auckland.net/event)

Unfortunately, the U3A Network received some very disappointing news in that Sir Peter Gluckman, our morning speaker, can no longer attend and speak at our Event. As yet, we have not been able to schedule another guest speaker to fill the morning slot. I’m sure though we will be fortunate in engaging another high calibre speaker. I shall keep you informed.

Geraldine Rose – *U3A Network Representative*

## Out and about:

- The DOC Edge Festival takes place at the Civic from 1 June to 10 July. For bookings and more information, see the Auckland Live website.
- The Auckland Art Show takes place at the Cloud from 19 to 22 May. Book through Auckland Live.
- Candlelight Music series takes place at St Matthews-in-the-City from 21 May until 11 June. Book through eventfinda
- Fridays at 12 features young musicians at various local schools between 20 May and 17 June. See the Uxbridge website for more details.
- Both Uxbridge Centre and Te Tuhi are advertising visits to Gibbs farm later this year. You may need to book early if you want to get a space.
- Resene Architecture 2022. 5 to 25 May. Details available from Rialto Cinemas
- The Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra are planning a series of concerts in May and June at various venues. For more details go to [apo.co.nz](http://apo.co.nz)



<b>Groups (yellow- full)</b>	<b>Date 2022</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Convenor</b>
Anthropology 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 19	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	May 23	55 Rodney St	Beekeeping	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	May 6	TBA	“Canberra” Walter Burley Griffin, by Colleen Williams and Dunedin Railway Station, by Theo Surynt	June Lamborn 535 8069
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 1.30	May 26	12 Liston Crescent	Books	Joni Burgess 537 4834
Civilisations 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 1 pm	May 16	55 Rodney Street	Egyptian literature – by Cora	Cora Young 534 8623
Comparative Religions 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 1.30pm	May 23	55 Rodney Street	Pot pourri – Hinduism history from recent pre-christian era	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Current Affairs 1st Tuesday 2pm	May 17 (date delayed this month)	11 Shelly Bch Pde Cockle Bay	Co-governance	Jan Naish-Wallis 534 4438
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	No meeting			Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 5	1 Lodge Lane PPV	Arthur Purchas by Cheryl	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 1.30 pm	May 19	4 Paton Road	Pot pourri	Joni Burgess 537 4834
French 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	May 27	74A Aberfeldy Avenue Hland Pk	Louis XVI	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	May 17	B M Theatre	Memories of lockdown + pot pourri	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	May 12	130 Point View Drive	Pot pourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	May 18	32 Butley Drive, Pakuranga	Katherine Mansfield by Dene Mc Connochie	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Military History 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 2pm	May 12	4A Patons Road	The Coastwatchers	Allan Reid 5349895
Movies 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon, 12.30 pm	May 9	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9.30 am	May 13	Meet carpark William Green Domain cnr Pak Rd and Hutchinson’s Rd	Cascade walkway to waterfall and Hathaway Bridge	June Poole 021583893
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 9.30 am (not full)		TBA		Rosemary Ovens 5343429
Opera 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1.15pm	May 24	BM Theatre	Verdi: I Vespri Siciliana	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	May 2	55 Rodney Street	Camus, by Christopher Nixon	Cora Young 5348623
Science. 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	May 25	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sun noon	May 1 (not 8 <sup>th</sup> this month)	Dannemora cafe		Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	No meeting			David and Adrienne Teape 5336103
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am	May 16	31 Lansell Drive	TBA	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	May 17	BM Theatre	Pot pourri	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	May 25	TBA		Ngairie Taylor 534 8538
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	May 10	1/8 Aylmer Court, Bucklands Bch	The sound of waves	Marian Heywood 534 1159

