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Next General Meeting:

Monday 12/10/ 2020: 9.30 at Howick Bowling Club

Speaker: Richard Lees: Making Victorian Toys

Ten-minute speaker: Short Story

Tea Group: History of New Zealand

Subscriptions are now due. Thanks to most of you who have paid your subs. If you have not yet paid (\$20.00) please pay to the ASB account 12 3040 0556154 00 - state your name in the reference field. If you do not have internet banking, you can pay by cash at the front table before general meetings.

Message from the President:

When closing our August Monthly Meeting, another 'lockdown' happening again so soon was the last thing we anticipated. We have again, all lived through the levels of protective practice, made the appropriate changes to our behavioural customs such as keeping our distance, greeting with only elbow touching, and also enjoying a quieter outdoors due to the reduction of cars on the road. Now, we have been LET OUT AGAIN! When we wake up this coming Thursday we will find ourselves in Level 1 but in reality one could think of it as 'being on Parole' – wondering when the next little virus gets out into public life and puts us back suddenly, into Lockdown again. Hopefully that doesn't happen for a very long time. If ever. We all need to be very vigilant and particularly the youth. We want life to take up its normal reins, to enjoy interaction with our friends in our clubs and groups. Breathe free! – we will be meeting again for our October meeting on Monday 12th October at the Howick Bowling Club, at 9.30 a.m. as per usual. As well as this, our interest groups can meet up with a clear conscience in private homes, and for those groups that meet at the Bruce McLaren Theatre, this is open to us as from Thursday 8th October 2020. Oh, how I am looking forward to this! I have missed Howick U3A terribly. I wish you all an invigorating and vibrant time 'on Parole', and hope to see you all at our meeting next Monday.



Group activities:

Welcome back! Many groups have been keeping in touch during our various levels of lockdown, while awaiting the arrival of relative freedom on Thursday.

Here is some feedback I have received from convenors:

Members of the philosophy group have been encouraged to explore the nature of reality through the lens of quantum physics, finally proving that reality is not what it seems. In these crazy times, this could be a comforting idea!

Te reo Maori ropu (Maori language group). This new group has yet to meet due to the two lock downs so during te wiki of te reo Maori (Maori language week) emails were sent to members dealing with kupu o te ra (word of the day), proverbs, and borrowings from Maori into English and English to Maori. Words in New Zealand English include kai, mana, hikoi, hui and whanau while in Maori there are a number of transliterations (borrowings from English) such as wiki (week), morena (good morning) and place names such as Akarana for Auckland which may be superseded at some stage by Tamaki Makaurau. Proverbs included neke te iwi, kei te tou tonu te whenua (people move on, the land remains). When the group eventually meets, topics will include greetings, useful vocabulary, marae protocol and speaking simple sentences such as ko wai tou ingoa? (what is your name?)

A few groups have ventured into electronic territory – the Movies group had a zoom meeting to discuss films members had watched on Netflix and On Demand, which apparently went well.

The French group zoomed in to watch a short power-point presentation using zoom screenshare facility.

If anyone is interested in using zoom, SeniorNet have given useful instructions on their latest newsletter: senpak.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/OCT20-NEWSLETTER.pdf

October Speaker



Richard Lees came to New Zealand in 1965 via the United Kingdom having grown up in Zambia – then Northern Rhodesia. He attended the NZ Post Office Radio telegraphy school, Upper Hutt in 1969 and was posted to Auckland Radio, ZLD, Musick point 1971. He worked as a Marine Radio operator at ZLD until 1995.

Richard joined Howick Historical village education team in 1997 as an education assistant and worked there until 2004. In 2005 together with Pru Williamson they formed 'Tinderbox' an education resources business taking resources on the road into schools in the greater Auckland area. Tinderbox provided four activities among which was the toy activity. As an education resource provider Richard made the resource, talked about it, demonstrated how the toys worked and allowed the children to play with the toys. These were the toys of their grandparents and great grandparents. Richard now lives in Riverhead, Rodney.

Membership

We are sad to inform you that Hazel Hanlon died recently. She will be missed.

We have two members waiting to join us this month, Gayle Woodward and Judith Nel. Our membership now stands at 132

From the Committee

Past President's Trip to Ardmore

David is planning a day trip for Wednesday 11 November. We will leave Howick at 10.30am and travel by bus to Ardmore Airport, where we will have a guided tour of New Zealand Warbirds and also visit the workshop of Warren Denholm, (Jean's son), where a WW2 Spitfire is being restored. There will be time for you to buy and eat your lunch at the Ardmore Café before returning to Howick at about 2.30pm.

If you are interested, please sign up at the October meeting or contact David by Friday 16 October. The cost will be kept as low as possible and is likely to be about \$30.00.

Out and About

Alan La Roche's free talk on the history of Botany at Botany Library due to be presented on 7 October has been postponed. We will let you know the new date when it is confirmed.

Mary Poppins is showing live at the Civic theatre from 16 October to 1 November. Ticket prices range from \$27.50 to \$130.00. Book through Auckland Live

The Auckland Art Gallery is now open where the current exhibition, *Civilisation, Photography, Now* is ending soon.

NZ Trio: Interfusions is playing classical music at the Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall on Sunday 18 October 5pm. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$30 – book through Auckland Live

Simon O'Neill – Rodger Fox Big band in Concert. Bruce mason Centre, Sunday 25 October. Tickets \$68.00 – Book through Auckland Live

Michael Houston with Rodger Fox Big band, Monday October 6 2pm Tickets \$68.00 – Book through Auckland Live

The current exhibition at Te Tuhi is called DE-celerate. The exhibition, “attempts to capture the fluctuations in artist's thinking in the time of a worldwide pandemic” through the eyes of various New Zealand and overseas artists and photographers.



Howick Beach during lockdown – peaceful times

***Some details are not confirmed – Please check with your convenor if unsure.**

Groups (yellow denotes full)	Date	Venue	Topic	Convenor
Anthropology 1 3 rd Thurs 10 am	October 15	BM Theatre	Queens of the kingdom War on women	Jennie Leyland 534 4034 Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology 2 4 th Mon 10 am	October 26	55 Rodney Street	Whaling in the Pacific	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	Nov 6 (pls check)	12 Daria Place, Northpark	James Chapman-Taylor Art-deco centres NZ	June Lamborn 5358069
Aviation and Aerospace 1 st Wed 10 am	November 4	BM Theatre	Rescue by flight 771	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 2 pm	October 22	9A Merino Ave Howick	Books	Joni Burgess 5374834
Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1 pm	October 19	55 Rodney street	The Persians	Cora Young 534 8623
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	October 27	BM Theatre	The search for life in the solar system	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Thurs 10 am	Nov 5 (Pls check)	12 Daria Place	Daphne Park	Gill Muggleston 534 9863
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm	October 16	11 Shelly Beach Parade	Princess Louise/Thomas Jefferson/Alex Hamilton	Allan Reid 534 9895
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	October 30 (5 th week)	74A Aberfeldy Avenue	French regions	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	October 20	BM Theatre	Augustus Caesar	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	October 8	170 Mellons Bay Road Howick	Pot pourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	October 21	32 Butley Drive	J B Priestly	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Movies 2 nd Mon, 12.30 pm	October 12	2/21 Drake Street, Howick	Discussion of movies seen	Margaret Nicholls 536 6709
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am	October 9	Meet at Meadowlands Car Park	Walk local area	Warren Yardley 5330057
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am	October 13	BM Theatre	Tosca	Jean Denholm 534 6844
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1.15pm	October 27	BM Theatre	TBA	Geraldine Rose 537 1917
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	November 2	BM Theatre	How to live lives well	Christopher Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	Oct 13	Hawthorndene café – Botany Road	American poems and cake	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science. 4 th Wed 10 am	October 28	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sun noon	October 11	Dannemora Gardens Cafe	Potpourri	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Te Reo Maori (New group) 2 nd Wednesday 2pm	Oct 14	Apt 486 BM Village	Introduction	Chris Cameron 5338735
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	November 4	159 Pah Road, Cockle Bay	Hobbiton movie set Okoiroire Hot Springs Hotel	David and Adrienne Teape 5336103
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	October 19 TBC	BM Theatre - TBC	Van Dyke/Pot potpourri – a favourite art book	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	October 20	12 Daria Place Northpark	David Mealing on Colin Mccahon	Philippa Wilson 5342558
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	October 28	6 Stevenson Way.	Paganini/Rachmaninov	Ngairie Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 nd Thurs 2 pm	October 8	Polish Museum	Visit	Allan Reid 534 9895
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	October 13	61 The Parade, Bucklands Beach	I wonder what happened to...	Marian Heywood 534 1159