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X'MAS MEETING: December 11, 9.30 am
Howick Bowling Club
Sale St, Howick

X'MAS TEA FOLLOWS THE GROUP REPORTS

Programme:

Vocabulary – Beverley Luxton

Alternative Definitions – David Dwerryhouse

Quiz Time – David Dwerryhouse

ELECTION 2018

THE election to the 2018-19 committee is due in April at the general meeting. The date is not that far off for members to be thinking about offering themselves for election, or to nominate those who can add value to the workings of the committee. Fresh ideas will help community outfits such as the U3A stay vital. Nominations will be called after the break in January, when Howick U3A activities ease off for the summer holidays. The newsletter will not be published in January. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS.**

25th ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION

HOWICK U3A will be 25 in 2018, and there is no better way to mark the milestone than to record in text and images the goings-on current and of the past. Judy Wilson (jaws@xtra.co.nz, 5766340), convenor of the Literature group, has been tasked to produce a commemorative issue. It will be published towards the end of next year.

Study groups are asked to contribute a short piece each, equivalent to half of an A4 page in 12 point size, double spaced. It should detail their activities currently and of the recent past. It can also include memorable or quirky happenings and brief mentions of prominent participants. Pictures should be supplied. Contributions need not all be in reportorial form; verse, drawings and photo essays with humorous captions will add variety to the printed record. Convenors may contact Ms Wilson if they have queries and suggestions.

NEWSLETTER IMPROVEMENTS

MEMBERS are encouraged to offer suggestions, comments and critiques to improve the newsletter's content and make it more relevant to their needs. Please email the editor Chua Huck Cheng (chuahc46@gmail.com).



THE SHAME OF IT ALL

His Majesty's Theatre (picture), built 1902 and demolished 1987, owing to neglect. The Beatles and John Gielgud had performed there. This was civic heritage that could have endured. Note the baroque interiors and ornate tiered boxes. President Warren Yardley brought this fact to life when he stood in for an indisposed Siouxsie Wiles, the featured speaker, in the guest slot last month. His subject was Auckland: Secrets, Frights and Outrage. Loss through dereliction of this magnificent performance space was undoubtedly the prime outrage of its time.

NEW MEMBER ADMITTED

PETA Carnell, sponsored by Cora Young, was born in England, got married in Hong Kong and lives now in Mellons Bay. She is keen on history and art history, and has joined the Ancient Civilisations group. Howick U3A membership now stands at 155.

RESIGNED

THE following resigned their memberships in the last two months: Bruce Dowd, Pamela Legge, Bette Turner, Fay Hercock, Heather McKinley and Neil Richardson.

NEW CONVENORS

GARRY Law has taken over from Jennie Leyland as convenor of the World of Art 1 group, and Clive Bolt from Celia Martin in Earth and the Universe. Allan Reid will succeed Ron Clifton as head of the World War II group in January, and Richard and Moira Burns will from February be joint convenors of Famous and Infamous 2 in place of Allan Reid.

CORRECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER 2017 MEMBERSHIP LIST

THE surname of Maria Wjchers as printed in the official membership list should be spelt WIJCHERS. These members' updated email addresses should be: David Dwerryhouse daviddwerry@outlook.com; Bella Shnaider bronia290@gmail.com; Philippa Wilson philippa18david@gmail.com; Phil Williams philipirwinwilliams@gmail.com; Colleen Williams islamayreed@gmail.com.

NEWSFLASH: BOOKS

THE New York Times has just announced its pick of the 10 Best Books of 2017. **Fiction:** Autumn *Ali Smith* (Pantheon Books); Exit West *Mohsin Hamid* (Riverhead Books); Pachinko *Min Jin Lee* (Grand Central Publishing); The Power *Naomi Alderman* (Little, Brown); Sing, Unburied, Sing *Jesmyn Ward* (Scribner.)

Non-fiction: The Evolution of Beauty *Richard Prum* (Doubleday); Grant *Ron Chernow* (Penguin); Locking Up Our Own *James Forman Jr* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux); Prairie Fires *Caroline Fraser* (Metropolitan Books); Priestdaddy *Patricia Lockwood* (Riverhead Books.)

OUT AND ABOUT

++ FANCY a stay at a Cambridge college if you happen to be visiting Britain next year? Girton College's annual Lifelong Learning Summer School is open for booking. Running from Aug 19 to Sept 1, 2018, the programme comprises course learning, social events and full residency including taking meals in college. Next year's session will coincide with the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival. Founded in 1869, Girton is one of the younger colleges of Cambridge University. Details on www.girton.cam.ac.uk/lifelonglearning, click on conferences and lifelong learning summer school tab.

++ POP-UP Globe Theatre's travelling Shakespeare has set up camp at the Ellerslie Racecourse to present five plays in this annual Auckland summer evening event. Playing now is *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Coming in January are *Julius Caesar* and *The Merchant of Venice*, followed by *Macbeth* and *A Comedy of Errors* in February. Dates/times on popupglobe.co.nz. Tickets \$39-\$199, bookings 0800 BUY TIX (289 849.)

++ ROYAL New Zealand Ballet's (rnzb.org.nz) 2018 season is announced: *The Piano: The Ballet* (March 8, 9,10); *Dancing With Mozart* (July 6, 7, 8); *The Nutcracker* (Dec 6, 7, 8, 9.) *Strength and Grace – Women* (Aug 17-18, Wellington only.) *The Piano* is adapted from the Jane Campion film.

++ BEETHOVEN'S *Emperor Concerto* and *Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony* are crowd pleasers calculated to get the Auckland Philharmonia's (apo.co.nz) 2018 season off to a rousing start. Soloist in the 5th Piano Concerto is Frenchman Jean-Efflam Bavouzet. Conductor Giordano Bellincampi. Feb 15, Town Hall, 8 pm. Seniors tickets \$42-\$106. APO Ticketing 6231052 (box office on ground floor of Town Hall, facing Aotea Square.)

++ SOL3 Mio's Dec 23 Christmas concert at the Villa Maria winery in Mangere (118 Montgomerie Rd) should be a fun outing with ambience to match. That is, if you don't mind the crush of people -- not all of whom would be there for the music. Wine/spirits cannot be brought in (obviously), but water in sealed bottles is permitted. Show starts 5 pm. Tickets \$120 seated and \$90 on the grass, Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.co.nz, 0800 111999.)

Group (yellow denotes full)	Date	Place	Topic	Convenor
Ancient Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1pm-3pm	Jan 15 2018	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	DVD show plus organising talks for 2018	Cora Young 534 8623
Anthropology H 3 rd Thurs 10 am	Feb 15	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	Potpourri	Alison O'Connell 534 7539
Anthropology L 4 th Mon 10 am	Jan 23	Lunch – place, time to be decided		Margaret Hieatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	Concluded Feb 2 next	Dily Booth's 3/47 Orangetown Dr	Potpourri	Maurice Taylor 534 8538
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 2 pm	Jan 25	Lunch at Palmers Café, 1 pm		Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	Jan 23	BM Theatre	Latest research	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Tues 10 am	Concluded Feb 6 next	Nancy Edwards's 17 Masefield St	<i>Scott and Amundsen</i> M. Jones & J. Armstrong	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm	Feb 15	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Allan Reid 534 9895
Famous & Infamous 3 1 st Thurs 10 am	Concluded Feb 1 next	Jean Fitzgerald's 1 Lodge Lane	TBA	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 rd Fri 10 am	Feb 16	Beverly Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV	Open discussion	Beverly Luxton 576 9625
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	Jan 26	David Dwerryhouse's 74-A Aberfeldy Ave	Ideas for 2018	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	Jan 16 Feb 20 next	BM Theatre Fencible Lounge	DVD Potpourri	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	Dec 14	John Peat's 130 Point View Dr	Potpourri	Tim Pearson 576 4091
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	Dec 20 Feb 21 next	Judy Wilson's 32 Butley Drive	<i>Tom Jones</i> DVD	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Nature Walks and Talks 2 nd Fri 9 am	Concluded Feb 9 next		TBA	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am	Dec 12 Feb 13 next	BM Theatre	Lehar's <i>Merry Widow</i> 160 min	Hilary Patterson 533 8785
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1 pm	Jan 23	BM Theatre	Puccini's <i>Turandot in the Forbidden City</i> 130 min	Moya Nixon 535 5309
Philosophy 1 st Mon 10 am	Concluded Feb 5 next	BM Theatre	Individual contributions	Chris Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 nd Tues 2 pm	Dec 12 Feb 13 next	Beth Voogd's Apt 1/139 Union Rd	<i>Writing Poems for Christmas</i>	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 th Wed 10 am	Feb 28	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 3 rd Sunday, noon	Jan 12	Meadowlands Coffee Club	Open discussion	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	Concluded Feb 7 next	Gordon Hudson's 1 Elsmore Crescent	<i>More Travels in Europe</i> Gwen Kirman	Gordon Hudson 576 8262
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	Jan 15	Jane Hall's 3/70 Uxbridge Rd	<i>Studio Potter Elizabeth Lissaman</i> Jane Hall	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	Feb 20	TBA	Potpourri	Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	Jan 24	Ngairé Taylor's 6 Stevenson Way	Potpourri – 10 min each	Ngairé Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 nd Thurs 2pm	Dec 14 Feb 8 next	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Ron Clifton 537 1592
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	Dec 12 Feb 13 next	Bev Johnson's Apt 144 BM Village	<i>Out of the Tunnel</i>	Marian Heywood 534 1159

