

USA MANUREWA DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



<p>11TH DECEMBER 2023 CHRISTMAS LUNCH Be there at 12pm for 12.30 pm TO BE HELD At ACACIA COVE RETIREMENT VILLAGE LOUNGE 131 Wattle Farm Road Manurewa Auckland 2103</p>	
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
<i>Comprising 7/8 members who take on a variety of responsibilities</i>			
President	Bob Falconer		
Secretary	Jan May		
Treasurer	Stella Cattle		
Vice President	Heather Hine		
Membership Sec & Speaker Co-ordinator	Pat James		
Almoner	Pat James		
Network Rep	Bob Falconer		
Newsletter Sec	Doreen Lightfoot		
Refreshments Sharleen Bishop, Christine Bertram and Corrie Patterson			

PRESIDENT'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023

We are officially in summer, but I have yet to see plenty of summer sun. Summer seems to me to have moved to mid-January. I am sorry to say that Helen Gallot has resigned due to her health and having to move to live at St Christophers. On your behalf I have wished her all the best in her new accommodation, and for a Merry Christmas and happy 2024.

Our first meeting of 2024 will be held on Monday 12th February.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas lunch on Monday 11th December, starting at noon in the Lodge at the Village. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024.
Bob Falconer President.

TREASURER: (Stella) FEES for 2023/2024 are \$60 for a couple or any two people living at the same address and \$35 for a single person. Fees can PREFERABLY be paid by internet banking to ASB 12-3028-0593307-00 or if you don't have access to internet banking, please ensure the notes are put into an envelope with your name on the outside.

Roster for Host Groups					
Feb	Book Review	June	Movies Group	Oct	Current Affairs
March	History & People	July	Card and Board Games	Nov	Music Apprec
April	Current Affairs	August	Book Review	Dec	Christmas dinner

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, no speakers etc

OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER was Rob High, from Red Cross – introduced by Pat. The Red Cross is the largest humanitarian movement in the world. We all recognise the emblem – but what is actually behind the well-known symbol? How did this globe-spanning organisation come to be and what does it actually do? Rob told us about November 2023 the humble beginnings of the Red Cross, and what they do internationally – and the programmes and services that are offered here by our own national society, New Zealand Red Cross. Rob High joined NZRC in 2011 (originally as a volunteer). He has held a variety of different roles within the organisation, from coordinating local Community Programmes and liaison to our Volunteer Branches, to managing city-wide street collection appeals in Auckland, Whangarei and locations in Northland. More recently, he coordinated the Red Cross activation at Fieldays 2022 in Hamilton (the first time Red Cross have been invited to attend).


THANKS, WERE EXTENDED BY: Heather Hine and thanked Rob for his most interesting talk and was sure that a lot of us did not know the wider extent and history of the organisation

<p>SHARE, SHOW, & TELL -</p> <p>Remember we only have 10 minutes to fit everyone in, so, if there are 30 of us for example, that allows us about 20 seconds each to share our words of wisdom!!! Not such a daunting task really!! Saying " I have nothing to share " would allow you to use those precious 30 seconds anyway. A win win situation either way!!! Warwick</p>

Warwick spoke of the 160th birthday of the New Zealand Herald. Our Cash-less society – and what have we lost? The Charge of the Light Brigade, NZ poems and history etc.

And there is no share show and tell until Feb 2024'.


GROUP REPORTS:

	<p><u>BOOK REVIEW Meetings</u> are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am. Convenor, Pat James Next meeting will be on the 5th December and start again on the first Wednesday of the month ie 7th February 2024.</p>
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BOOK REVIEW FOR 7TH November was cancelled. It is planned to change the meeting date to the first Wednesday of the month. The 5th December at 10am was the last for 2023 and we can meet on the new day, Wednesday, 7th February 2024. To be advised later as there may be a meeting on the 3rd January 2024.
 Pat

	<p><u>CARD AND BOARD GAMES:</u> meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm. Convenor: Val Marris Next meeting 1st February 2024.</p>
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On the 2nd November the group played as usual.

	<p><u>CURRENT AFFAIRS:</u> meetings are held on the 3rd Monday, at 2pm. At Jan and Warwick's place. Convenors: Jan and Warwick May. Meeting Dates: 20th November and PLEASE NOTE THAT STARTING DATE FOR 2024 IS THE 19th February.</p>
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Meeting was on the 16th October and the 20th November 2023. We came up with plenty of topics this time and they were:

Hobson's Choice, Edmonds Cookbook, Current events history, the Tangiwai disaster, Children and war, weather presenters, headline, biculturalism And co-governance.

War always has horrible implications for children and somehow, we humans never seem to learn.

Next meeting on the 20th November at 2pm.

Jan May



HISTORY PEOPLE AND PLACES: are held on the 3rd Tues 1.30pm at Jeanette Cortesi's home. Phone: Convenor Jeanette Cortesi and Tricia Jordan.
Next Meeting 21st November. TBA – 20TH February 2024.

Meeting for 17th October was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for the 21st November. 2024 starting date to be confirmed – 20th February 2024.



MUSIC APPRECIATION: meetings, are held on the 4th Friday of the month, 2 to 4pm at Simon and Pat James' place. Convenor: Simon James
The next meeting will be on the 24th November, and TBA ie 23rd Feb 2024.

PEOPLES' CHOICE OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2023

- Jenny:** Stockton and Tees Express – Alexander Farris
Joaquín Rodrigo - Adagio from Concierto de Aranjuez
The Rose – O Sole Mio
- Kathleen:** The Swan from Carnival of the Animals: Saint Saens
Maidens' Dance from Polovtsian Dances from Prince Igor: Borodin
Pokarekare Ana – The Angels
- Heather:** The Mystics Dream from the movie 'The Mist of Avalon,
Loreen McKennitt
Hot Asphalt – The Corries
Walking in the Air – Wiltshinsky Guitar Duo
Highland Heartbeat: Southern Gael – Steve McDonald
- Jan:** Bruch Violin Concerto
Mornington Ride: The Seekers
I still have faith in you - Abba
- Doreen:** 'O Rest in the Lord' from Elijah: Mendelssohn – Kathleen Ferrier
Song of Hebrew Slaves from 'Nabucco': Giuseppe Verdi
The Lord of the Dance – Jim McCann
- Janice:** Romanian Rhapsody played by Larry Adler
Pink Panther played by James Galway
Knights in White Satin – The Magical Pan Flutes
- Pam:** Love is Blue: written by Paul Mauriat
Theme from 'Love Story' written by Francis Lai
Riverdance – Pan Pipe Dreams
- Warwick:** Whispering Hope – Gordon McCrae and Jo Stafford
Grace – Antony Kearns
- Pat:** Bach to Baissa – Catrin Finch and Seckou Keita
Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis – Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Simon:** Chromatic Fantasy for Harpsichord – Bach
Senaille: Allegro spritoso - Maurice André



MOVIES GROUP: Hello everyone, Regretfully, I am winding up the movie group.
Heather Hine

The last group saw the movies, Housewives, New York, A Great Friend, sub titles in French and Scrapbook about a 12 year old girl who lives alone in her flat – lovely movie.

Regretfully, I am winding up the movie group. The last few months there have only been 2, 3 or occasionally 4 of us attending, and it is not worth while continuing. I have either been choosing the wrong movies, or times that don't suit most members. Hopefully you will all continue to get to movies that interest you. If you wish to receive the Hawkins programmes, you can get them to email them to you each month. Kind regards, Heather

MARCO POLO	<u>MARCO POLO – PAPA KURA U3A:</u> Next meeting will be held on Wed 19 th July at 2pm in the downstairs meeting room at Acacia Cove Lodge. Contact is Pat James The next meetings will be on the Wed 18th October and the 21st November.
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Iris Durney SOUTH KOREA Talk given by Iris Durney on Wednesday, 22nd November 2023

South Korea, officially the **Republic of Korea (ROK)**, is a country in [East Asia](#). It constitutes the southern part of the [Korean Peninsula](#) and borders [North Korea](#) along the [Korean Demilitarized Zone](#). The country's western border is formed by the [Yellow Sea](#), while its eastern border is defined by the [Sea of Japan](#). It has a [population](#) of 51.96 million, of which roughly half live in the [Seoul Capital Area](#), the [fourth most populous metropolitan area in the world](#). Iris moved to Ulsan in South Korea to join her husband and daughter who were both teaching English. The country is largely mountainous, with small valleys and narrow coastal plains. Ulsan is a metropolitan city with many high rise buildings. At the eastern end of the [T'aebaek Mountains](#), facing the East Sea ([Sea of Japan](#)), on Ulsan Bay, it lies about 45 miles (72 km) north-northeast of [Pusan](#) (Busan). Ulsan is the industrial powerhouse of South Korea, forming the heart of the Ulsan Industrial District. It has the world's largest [automobile](#) assembly plant, operated by the [Hyundai Motor Company](#); the world's largest [shipyard](#), operated by [Hyundai Heavy Industries](#); and the world's [third largest oil refinery](#), owned by [SK Energy](#). Ulsan has a [monsoon](#)-influenced [humid subtropical climate](#) with cold but dry winters, and hot, humid summers. Monthly means range from 2.0 °C (35.6 °F) in January to 25.9 °C (78.6 °F) in August. Throughout the ages, there have been various popular religious traditions practiced on the [Korean peninsula](#). The oldest [indigenous religion](#) of [Korea](#) is the [Korean folk religion](#) (a version of [Shamanism](#)), which has been passed down from prehistory to the present. [Buddhism](#) was introduced to Korea from China during the [Three Kingdoms](#) era in the fourth century and the religion pervaded the culture until the [Joseon](#) Dynasty when [Confucianism](#) was established as the state philosophy. During the Late Joseon Dynasty, in the 19th century, [Christianity](#) began to gain a foothold in Korea. While both Christianity and Buddhism would play important roles in the resistance to the [Japanese occupation of Korea](#) in the first half of the 20th century, only about 4% of Koreans were members of a religious organization in 1940.

Since the [division of Korea](#) into two sovereign states in 1945—North Korea and South Korea—religious life in the two countries have diverged, shaped by different political structures. [Religion in South Korea](#) has been characterized by a rise of Christianity and a revival of Buddhism, though the majority of South Koreans have [no religious affiliation](#) or follow folk religions. [Religion in North Korea](#) is characterized by [state atheism](#) in which [freedom of religion](#) is non-existent. Iris commented that South Koreans are very committed to education with children having very long days at school. Another of her memories were the cartoon figures everywhere even for Police, Fire, Ambulances etc.

FEBRUARY 2024						
Monday	TUESDAY	WED	THU Board and Card Games	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
5 TH	6 TH Waitangi Day	7 th Book Club	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
12 TH U3A GENERAL MEETING 1.30PM	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
19 th d CURRENT AFFAIRS 2PM	20 th HISTORY PEOPLE & PLACES 1.30pm	21 st Marco Polo 2pm	22 nd	23 rd MUSIC APPREC 2PM	24 th	25 th
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th leap year			