

U3A MANUREWA NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 3RD APRIL MEETING

at 1.30pm

TO BE HELD At ACACIA COVE RETIREMENT VILLAGE LOUNGE
131 Wattle Farm Road Manurewa Auckland 2103



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Comprising 7/8 members who take on a variety of responsibilities

President	Bob Falconer		
Secretary	Maureen Abbott		
Treasurer	Gaynor Falconer		
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 – APRIL 2023

Our meetings have been interrupted by covid, a cyclone and now Easter.

Remember that our next meeting will be on MONDAY APRIL 3RD.

I am sure that you all enjoyed Mitchell Pham's talk on his early life in Vietnam and his journey to New Zealand. I wonder how I would have coped with the adversity he encountered.

Last meeting there was a publication available called "A guide to services in your community". The services are mostly asset tested, but you may find that you are eligible for support for home care, medical costs, transport, and in the future residential care support.

We will require a new treasurer starting October, and if you are interested, please talk to Gaynor.

I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Monday 3rd April.

Don't eat too many Easter treats!!

Bob

President

TREASURER: (Gaynor) FEES AND HOW TO PAY

Please remember that fees can be paid by cash or internet banking to ASB #12-3028-0593307-00. If you wish to pay by cash, please ensure the notes are put into an envelope with your name on the outside.

Host Group:

<i>Roster for Host Groups</i>					
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Book Review</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Music Apprec</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Current Affairs</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>History & People</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Movies Group</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Card and Board Games</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Current Affairs</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Book Review</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Christmas dinner</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Stage and Screen</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>History & People</i>		

OUR APRIL SPEAKER Our speaker is Ken Brewer who will talk to us about Casino Games Cheating. Ken is English but has lived in New Zealand since 1973. He joined the NZ Police in the 'Robbie's Bobbies' in 1974 and served in South Auckland for 21 years. He worked at Auckland casino as

a surveillance camera operator for 5 years and had to learn to cheat at all the games so he knew what to look for! He then worked for 14 years as a Gambling Inspector regulating NZ Casinos and prosecuting the cheats. He was regarded as an 'expert witness' by the Crown Prosecutor's Office on casino gambling.

OUR MARCH SPEAKER was MITCHELL PHAM: 'Born in Vietnam, Made in New Zealand'

Mitchell was an amazing speaker, and shared his incredible life experiences and started by saying, "I am glad to be me." He described his life journey from when he escaped from Vietnam, at the age of 12 and ended up on a small boat. They were shot out, ran out of food and fuel, abandoned by a Cruise Ship and rescued by an Oil Rig Supply Ship which dropped them off in Indonesia. All those on the boat survived. He learnt English and finally ended up in New Zealand. His story and achievements are amazing and be sure to look him up on Google.

Internationally, Mitchell is recognised as a World Class New Zealander by KEA, Asia 21 Fellow and Global Council Member of the Asia Society, a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, and lifetime Honorary Fellow of CPA Australia (FCPA). On New Year's Day 2023, he was given the royal honour as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to the technology industry and NZ-Asia relations."

SHARE, SHOW, & TELL -

SHARE, SHOW, & TELL. Lots to talk about since we last met together!

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

We have a real 10-minute speaker at last! Find out by coming to our next meeting!!

GROUP REPORTS:



BOOK REVIEW Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am.

Convenor, Pat James

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BOOK REVIEW MARCH 2023

5 present and 4 apologies

WHATEVER NEXT – Lessons from an Unexpected Life by Anne Glenconner

The second biography by Anne Glenconner, Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret. This book details the ups and downs of her marriage to Colin Tennant which was at times very violent. Now in her 90's, she has had a life rich in travel, friends and is versed in diplomacy and etiquette.

RATED: 3

PS I LOVE YOU by Cecelia Ahern: our reader picked this up by accident and found it tedious. It tells the story of Holly and Gerry who were soulmates. Gerry dies but has written letters to Holly, each one has a task that will help Holly overcome her grief and learn to love again.

RATED: 2.5

NEARLY OUT OF HEART AND HOPE by Miles Fairburn: this original and thought-provoking book is based on the 800,000 word diary of James Cox, an itinerant labourer living in New Zealand between 1880 and 1925. The diary is a rare record of the daily life of a member of the colonial working class.

RATED: 5


THE ROMANTIC by William Boyd: this book blends fictionalised real-life events with a description of the social, political and romantic upheavals in Cashel Greville Ross's life. His restless, romantic nature send him from his birth in County Cork, Ireland in 1799 to Oxford, London, Brussels, Pisa and Zanzibar. Well written but a bit of a hefty read.

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	CARD AND BOARD GAMES: meetings are held on the 1 st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm. Convenor: Val Marris Next Meeting Date, 6 th April and 4 th May.
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Our group has met in February and March and both meetings were enjoyable.

	CURRENT AFFAIRS: meetings are held on the 3 rd Monday, at 2pm. At Jan and Warwick's place. Convenors: Jan and Warwick May Meeting Dates: next meeting 20 th March and 17 th April 2023.
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20th Feb, report – The list of topics, people chose is very current – we live in uncertain times. So ... the topics included: perma crisis, education, colonisation and decolonisation, earthquake and Napier floods, plastic pollution, morality or? uncertainty, and café education. So, the very next day went on holiday and yes, I fell over and damaged my arm. Who know what is going to happen next?

Next week (all going well) next Monday 20th March

	HISTORY PEOPLE AND PLACES: are held on the 3 rd Tues 1.30pm at Jeanette Cortesi's home. Phone: Convenor Jeanette Cortesi and Tricia Jordan Next Meeting 18 th April TBA.
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For the February session we joined with the Movie Group and saw **The Lost King**. King Richard III proved to be a very unusual and entertaining movie.


No March meeting and details for April meeting to be advised later.

	MUSIC APPRECIATION: meetings, are held on the 4 th Friday of the month, 2 to 4pm at Simon and Pat James' place. Convenor: Simon James The March Meeting is cancelled due to previous engagements and the next meeting will be on the April 28th April.
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Music Appreciation was held on the 27th January and the subject was 'Vivaldi's Diverse Instruments'. Music was also held on the February 24th and we learnt a lot about the many types of bagpipes.

We will not be able to host music appreciation in March and if anyone fancies hosting it, let me know and I can put the word out. We should be back to normal in April. All the best

Simon

	MOVIES GROUP: dates and time depend on which movie is selected and then make your own way to the Hawkins Centre Papakura and meet there. Contact Heather Hine
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We went to two movies last month: The History group joined us for the **Lost King**

The Lost King- In 2012, having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian, Philippa Langley, whose unrelenting research had been met with incomprehension by her friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics. **The Lost King** is a true story of a woman who refused to be ignored, and took on the country's most eminent historians, forcing them to think again about one of the most controversial kings in England's history. A thought provoking movie.

What's Love Got To Do With It - Documentary maker Zoe, was looking for a new project, when her childhood friend Kazim decided to follow his parent's example and opt for an assisted marriage with a bride from Pakistan. As Zoe filmed his hopeful journey from London to Lahore, she began to wonder if there is something to learn from a different approach to finding a partner, than from the modern way of swiping right to find Mr Right. A light and entertaining movie.

Here are my picks for March, all at the Hawkins Centre; "**Living**" Wednesday 22nd at 10am – a Bill Nighy movie set in 1953.

"**Fisherman's Friends 2: One and All**" Monday 27th at 10am- for those who have not already seen it elsewhere.

"**The Whale**" Thursday 30th at 12.30 pm- an Oscar nominated film.

APRIL 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
					1 ST	2 ND
3 RD U3A GENERAL MEETING (note earlier this month)	4 TH BOOK REVIEW 10AM CANCELLED	5 TH	6 TH BOARD & CARD GAMES 1.30PM	7 TH GOOD FRIDAY	8 TH	9 TH
10 TH EASTER MONDAY	11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	15 TH	16 TH
17 TH CURRENT AFFAIRS 2PM	18 TH HISTORY PEOPLE & PLACES 1.30PM TBA	19 TH	20 TH	21 ST	22 ND	23 RD
24 TH	25 TH	26 TH	27 TH	28 TH MUSIC APPREC	29 TH	30 TH
MOVIES Hawkins Centre Papakura and meet there. <u>Contact Heather Hine</u>						

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