

PAPAKURA U3A NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

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Sandy's Space

2024 is slowly ticking over. Always fun for me to discover what will confront me when I arrive at our meeting.

The ladies arrived with enthusiasm to get everything ready for our morning tea, which is very important. What they found was water everywhere on the floor, especially in the pantry. The mop and bucket were found and the clean up began. So typical of us ladies to fix it. We had a chain line to get the cups from the party to the bench and then, most importantly, checked the zip was on. Always great to see how we come together.

Our speaker Murray Tremberth showed us, through his enthusiasm, how compassionate he is about "Brain Development from Conception to 2 years". This information was probably not so easily available when our children were small, but we can share it with the next generations. Requests for copies of the PowerPoint confirms for us that whatever speaker we bring to our meeting there are members who truly benefit. If there are members who would still like a copy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our 10minute speaker Kevin Higgott shared his time in France where he visited the graves not only family but all men and women who had served and lost their lives for our freedom. He definitely showed emotionally how this trip affected him.

Our May meeting will see the use of the microphone on the stand. Hopefully this will solve the problem.

Thank you for your encouragement and understanding.

"Always be Yourself"

Sandy

MAY Meeting

Tuesday 21st May St John's Hall, Ray Small Drive, Papakura.

Speaker: Tim Young - Pitcairn Island - a Gem of the Pacific

Introducer: Wendy Deeming

Thanker: Sally Curtis

Greeters: Bev Dunn, Helen Higgott, Joy Bowyer

Tea Roster: Mary Appleton, Ruth Bourne, Kathy McKay

10-minute speaker: Linnhe Eagleton

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - \$30

Most of our members have now paid their annual subscriptions but we still have a few that have not got around to it yet. The bargain price of \$30 may be paid to our Treasurer, Lynette McInnes, at our monthly meeting or online to the club's bank account, whose number is at the top of the page. We have kept it at this price for another year and for this you get an interesting variety of speakers throughout the year, morning tea or coffee (plus biscuits!) and a good social gathering. We thank you to those who have already paid and hope that we won't need to put this reminder in next Month's newsletter.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

All members are welcome at any interest group. Just contact the Co-ordinator of the group and they will add you to the group's contact list, or roll up at their next advertised group event.

Book Group

Co-ordinator Ruth Bourne Ph: 09 294 9396 Book Group usually meets at 10am on 4th Thursday of each month at Drury Library. Please contact Ruth if you need further information. All are welcome to our meetings at the Drury Library

Film Appreciation Group

Coordinator Rod Baldwin Ph: 298 3842 or email:

rodneymbaldwin@hotmail.com

Monthly date and time arranged depending on film, usually Hawkins Theatre or Rialto, Newmarket. Email Rod to get put on his emailing list.

My suggestion for our May movie is "Golda", screening at the Hawkins Theatre at: 2 & 28 May at 10am 15 & 30 May at 12:30pm 22 May at 7:30 pm

"This movie is a ticking-clock thriller set during the tense 19 days of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Israel's Prime Minister, Golda Meir (Helen Mirren), faced with Israel's complete destruction, must navigate her way through overwhelming odds with her tough leadership and compassion to ensure the survival of her nation"

Rod Baldwin

International News Group

Coordinator Dena Gilmore belongingvp@inspire.net.nz If you would like to be part of a group that shares and discusses information on international stage, please get in touch with Margaret Gane. Phone Margaret on 022 158 8064 for more information. We would love to have more members so, if overseas events and 'goings on' are of interest to you, come along and join us. We would love other members to come and join us. Margaret Gane.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2 May, 10am at Margaret Grant's home in Drury. Contact Margaret Gane 0221 588064 for further details.

Previous meeting: The International News Group met on 11 April at Margaret Grant's home. Topics discussed included:-

- another technology scandal in the UK where householders who have smart meters installed for their electricity, are being charged exorbitant prices for their power. A happier ending for many though as apologies have been given to these people and in one case, her debt was wiped. Is technology infallible?
- the proposed road tunnel under Stonehenge in Wiltshire is under debate again. A legal challenge against constructing it has just been lost. Should we destroy the past in order to progress the present?
- European Migration Policy whereby migrants from Spain, Italy and Greece are to be shared around the other EU countries. Sounds fair so why should some of the other countries object to this?

Out'n>About Group

Coordinator Helen Higgott Ph: 298-1213 email: higgotth@gmail.com. Monthly date and time arranged depending on event. Phone Helen to get put on the emailing list.

Next meeting:

TE HUIA TRAIN TRIP

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Do you have a Bee Card... for free travel??

Get it from the Papakura Rail Station.

Please phone or email me, if you are going to attend...

Phone: 09 2999 550 or 027 356 1220 (Gloria)

Email: guyfawkes48nz@gmail.com (Gloria)

Leaving Papakura Station.... **10.26 am (Platform 1)**

(arrive RotoKauri Shopping Centre **12.07pm**)

Home trip leaves Rotokauri at **2.14pm**

(arrive Papakura **3.58pm**)

Previous meeting: Auckland Art Gallery. Six of us had a wonderful visit to the Guo Pei couture exhibition of fabulous gowns and creations. This Beijing based couturier has 60 dazzling works on display. The intricate embroidery took up to 50,000 hours for some of the gowns. They were breathtakingly beautiful and the range of colours and materials used was amazing. This included bamboo although silk predominated. One could only marvel at the skill of not only the designer but also the embroiderers who spent over 2 years producing some of the gowns.

Later some of us visited the Robertson Gift collection - Paths through Modernity - which Brian Sandell mentioned at the April Club meeting. The gift has been supplemented by paintings from the Gallery's collections and ranges from the Impressionists through to modern painters. This exhibition is free and will be available until early next year. It is well worth a visit..

Thank you Sally for organising this day which I am sure we will all remember for a long time.

June Meeting: June 20th 10.30am Tip Top factory trip

We are arranging this in advance as when booking I need numbers and money to pay for tickets. Cost is \$12.50 each and I will book early June as they only take bookings one month at a time. We get a tour and a free ice cream of your choice.

Car pool from Hawkins Theater Car park 9.30am.

Contact Joy Bowyer 0275007592 to put your name down

Walking Group

Coordinator Christine Brouwers Christine.j.brouwers@gmail.com 021 100 9656.

Usually meets the first Thursday of the Month. Walks organised by members of the group

Next Walk: Thursday 2nd May - PARK GREEN WALKWAY

Around the stunning new waterside location near the end of Park Estate Rd, Papakura

The walk is a flat easy path

Meet at HAWKINS THEATRE CARPARK Time 9.30am

Contact Christine 0211009656

Last walk: This month's walk was from the Beautiful Botanic Gardens on Hill Road. Just a group of three this month, small in number but not lacking in enthusiasm. Our intention was to walk part of the Puhinui track but having started from the administration building our first 15 minutes was a very slow amble while we admired and enthused over the fabulous floral display surrounding us. We even discovered the name of several flowers, but then promptly forgot them!! Just as well there wasn't a test at the end of our ramble!!

We continued walking down beyond the gardens and entered Totara Park where we joined the Puhinui track and followed the stream. Its quite unspoilt territory amongst the trees and very peaceful. You're walking under very grand Totara trees and amazing great fronds of the Silver Fern and everywhere you look there is a fascinating exposed root formation, great for tripping if you forget to watch your feet. It was very dry underfoot and the stream was quite low so no waterfalls this time.

We left the track on the Eastern border of the Botanic Gardens and walked back through the Children's Garden where there were more amazing trees to discuss. The Breadfruit Tree for instance, with its enormous leaves that feel and look like a piece of Corrugated iron. We contemplated which bit of the actual breadfruit is edible but being made up of what seems like a pile of thick petals it doesn't have instant appeal! Sue Hudson.

Writing Your Memoirs.

Coordinator Gloria Buddle. Contact: Gloria Buddle 092999550 or 0273561220 or guyfawkes48nz@gmail.com.

Next meeting 20th May at Margaret Grant's home. Gloria will email all Memoirs members.

Previous meeting: Memoirs Group, Monday 15th April, was held at Margaret's home, Thank you Margaret. and to those who provided our lovely morning tea.

Memoirs were shared about a variety of topics, as always, and we then look forward to the next meeting to "see what happened next...." Today, we heard about:-

An Island called Stroma, which had 50 cottages on and 375 residents, many shipwrecks around the coast and only one two-story house. It was called the Manse. A nurse was on site, but no permanent doctor. The lighthouse was built in 1890. No residents now live there and the owner of Stroma visits to tend his sheep.

Country life in Raglan, sheep, cattle, one bull, and a house cow. Making expert butter curls when visitors were expected. One day Mother was not able to milk the house cow, (house cow was not keen on Father milking her) so he wore a dress of Mothers and tried again. Of helping out in the shearing sheds and the smell and feel of the wool. Fond memories.

Out to Canada and arriving mid-winter, and soon learnt why even when weather was sunny, locals did not hang the washing out... as it FROZE on the line. Working in Ottawa and of Rob Muldoon visiting there. Of the many tulips given by Holland (many colours) to thank Canadians, for their help during the war.

Gallipoli tour in 1966 and her son with her, they noticed the steep, stony area, sparse vegetation. The Tour guide was Turkish, and very reverent to ALL who passed away on Turkish soil and that the French also lost many men too. There were 9 months of fighting on Gallipoli. RIP.

Hearing part three of a Weight/Exercise program and the many ways to conquer and win...lots of laughs in looking back... more to come. Project, to exercycle the length of NZ - and back. Of going to the pools when mileage got her to Wellington and again in Invercargill to Stewart Island. Made it back to Cape Reinga. Thanks to maps from the AA.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

TO REGISTER GO TO THE NETWORK WEBSITE - u3aauckland.net



u3a Auckland Network welcomes you to a day of celebration

Salvation Army Church, 18 Allright Place, Mt Wellington
Saturday 27 July 2024 - 9:30am (for 10:00am) to 2:30pm

Speakers:

Morning: Distinguished Professor Emeritus Paul Spoonley MA MSc PhD FRSNZ

"The supersizing and superdiversity of Auckland:
how Auckland will change over coming decades."

Afternoon: Sir Ashley Bloomfield KNZM

"Public trust in New Zealand: where we are at, and how do we
strengthen public trust to build social capital and social cohesion?"

Also included are four presentations by u3a Members and lunch - \$45.00

MAY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 Out'n' About Te Huia train trip	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Memoirs Group	21 Monthly meeting	22	23 Book Group	24	25
26	27 Committee meeting	28	29	30	31	