



Titirangi

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, 25 May at the West Lynn Garden
Meeting starts at 1.30pm
Refreshments (and social interaction) follow the speakers

Welcome to Titirangi U3A.

We pride ourselves on being a warm and friendly group with only 100 members who are not only interested in fostering lifelong learning, but sharing experiences, useful ideas and information. Members come from all walks of life.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, beginning at 13:30 and finishing by 15:00.

SCAM ALERT!!

Age Concern Auckland has informed us that they have been made aware of a scam involving people calling and saying they are from Age Concern, advising that they are no longer accepting cheques as a form of payment for memberships and could they have your credit card details. The credit card is then being used to make unauthorised purchases. This is a scam and Age Concern Auckland are not making calls of this nature. If you receive a call like this, please **do not** give out your credit card details. If you have recently received a call like this and you did give out your credit card details, please contact your bank immediately and then report it to the Police. If you have any concerns or questions, you can call Age Concern on 09 820 0184.

SPEAKERS' CORNER

Our **member speaker this month** is Rick Mayne who discovered his birth father - who is still alive - two years ago via DNA testing. Turns out Rick is actually the eldest of 8 from this sire who divorced Rick's mother and went on to father seven others with another wife. Rick and wife Moira went to Australia to meet up and life continued. He shared that story with us back then. Attempts to find his birth mother failed until a month or so ago a message from a woman in America led to another trail. Rick will share the latest: are there more brothers and sisters? Who is the American woman? What does the Vietnam war have to do with it? Do these two families live within 200 km of each other in Queensland? Who will write the book?!

Our **guest speaker** is Oratia man Hayden Smith who in 2000 was so overwhelmed with the amount of rubbish he'd seen in our local waters he knew he had to do something about it. He set up Sea Cleaners, a non-profit environmental organisation with a big vision and since then he and his team have collected extraordinary amounts of rubbish from our coastline and waterways.

Hayden says no human in the world today will live to see an ocean free of plastic - a sobering fact. "It's not one giant island of rubbish. It's more a fog strewn through all our oceans and waterways."

He'll share his amazing story with us as he and his team of mostly volunteers battle this very real international problem.

Auckland U3A Network's 'Celebrating U3A in Action 2021' website is still open for online registrations.

Click on <https://www.u3anz.com/event> to complete the electronic form and make \$30 payment.

ACTIVITY AND STUDY GROUPS

GROUP MEMBERS: *Best efforts have been made to keep this information correct. Please contact your Convenor to confirm time/place.*

GROUP CONVENORS: *Please update group members if any changes in meeting time/place*

ART APPRECIATION

Convenor:
Larrie Millett
Ph: 816-8754



Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Time: 10.30am
Next meeting: 9 June
Venue: to be confirmed

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 1

Convenor:
Rose Vivien
Ph: 816-8712



Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month
Time: 1.30pm
Next meeting: 3 June
Venue: New Lynn or Green Bay

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 2

Convenor:
Carol Dean-McCarroll
Ph: 0211054153



Meetings: 1st Friday of the month
Time: 1.30pm
Next meeting: 4 June
Venue: Please contact for location

BUS ADVENTURES

Convenor:
Eileen Howard
Ph: 0211789562



Meetings: 3rd and 4th Wednesdays
Time: 9am
Next meeting: 26 May
Meeting Place: Kelston Community Centre

CHESS

Convenor:
Colin Whitehouse
Ph: 816-8812



Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month
Time: 10am
Next meeting: 2 June
Venue: Green Bay

CREATIVE WRITING

Convenor:
Pam Sellers
Ph: 817-2176



Meetings: 2nd Friday of the month
Time: 11am
Next Meeting: 11 June
Venue: Green Bay

CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUP 1

Convenor:
Val Wike
Ph: 827-8693



Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month
Time: 10am
Next meeting: 17 June
Venue: New Lynn
Bus route: 170/171/172

CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUP 2

Convenor:
Karen Costello
Ph: 0212203222



Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month
Time: 1 pm
Next meetings: 26 May/23 June
Venue: tbc

ETHNIC CUISINE/ DINING

Convenor:
Eileen Howard
Ph: 021-1789562



Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month
Time: midday
Next meeting: 17 June
Venue: tbc

FIVE HUNDRED Card Game

Convenor:
Pat Labrum
Ph: 827-2415



Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month
Time: 7pm – 9.30pm
Next meeting: 24 June
Venue: New Lynn

FILM FANCIERS

Convenor:
Pat Labrum
Ph: 827-2415



Meetings: usually 2nd Friday of the month
Time: to be confirmed
Next meeting: 11 June
Venue: to be confirmed

GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS

Convenor:
Peter Nash
Ph: 817-3520



Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Time: 10am
Next meeting: 9 June
Venue: Green Bay

<p>HISTORY</p> <p>Convenor: Colin Whitehouse Ph: 816-8812</p>  <p>Meetings: 4th Monday of the month Time: 10.30am Next meetings: 24 May/21 June Venue: Green Bay</p>	<p>JAPANESE STYLE Study Group Convenors: Bev and Julian Cole Ph: 0210873223/ 8178682</p>  <p>Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month Time: 1pm Next meeting: 2 June Venue: Green Bay</p>	<p>MAH JONG</p> <p>Convenor: Helen Grant Ph: 0225674306</p>  <p>Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month Time: 1.00pm Next meeting: 3 June Venue: Titirangi Community Centre Cost: \$2 per session</p>	<p>MUSIC APPRECIATION</p> <p>Convenor: Pauline Jennings Ph: 8177281/ 0272786146</p>  <p>Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month Time: 10am Next meeting: 1 June Venue: Titirangi</p>
<p>MYTHS, LEGENDS & FAIRY TALES</p> <p>Convenor: Pam Sellers Ph: 8172176</p>  <p>Meetings: 4th Friday of the month Time: 10.30am Next meetings: 28 May/25 June Venue: Green Bay</p>	<p>(Aspects of) NZ HISTORY</p> <p>Convenor: Bruce Deverell Ph: 02146485/ 0274770266</p>  <p>Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month Time: 10am Next meeting: 7 June Venue: New Lynn</p>	<p>OPERA APPRECIATION</p> <p>Convenor: Kate Methven Ph: 817-9804</p>  <p>Meetings: 4th Friday of the month Time: 10am Next meetings: 28 May/25 June Venue: Matai Room, Pinesong</p>	<p>FERGUS HENDERSON'S COOKERY</p> <p>Convenor: Julian Cole Ph: 0210873223/8178682</p>  <p>Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month Time: 2pm Next meeting: 23 June Venue: Green Bay</p>
<p>QUIZ</p> <p>Convenor: Ann Whitehouse Ph: 816-8812</p>  <p>Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month Time: 6.45pm for 7pm Next meeting: 1 June Venue: Bricklane, New Lynn</p>	<p>SCRABBLE</p> <p>Convenor: Pauline Jennings Ph: 0272786146/ 817-728</p>  <p>Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month Time: 1pm Next meeting: 10 June Venue: Blockhouse Bay</p>	<p>TRAVEL GROUP</p> <p>Convenor: Heather Tanguay Ph: 818-8809</p>  <p>Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month Time: 10am Next meetings: 15 June Venue: Glen Eden</p>	<p>WALKS AND TALKS</p> <p>Convenor: Ann Whitehouse Ph: 816-8812</p>  <p>Meetings: 3rd Friday of the month Time: 10am Next meetings: 21 May/18 June Meeting place: tbc</p>

HISTORY OF GARDENING & PLANTS

Convenor:
Lynda Cartwright
Ph: 8272709 /
0273332656



Meetings: 3rd
Thursday of the month
Time: 10am
Next meeting:
17 June
Venue: Titirangi
Community House

WATER WALKING at West Wave

Convenor:
Heather Tanguay
Ph: 818-8809



Next meeting: TBC

GROUP REPORTS – MAY 2021

At each monthly meeting abstracts of current Activity and Study Groups are set out on a display table and are available for members to view together along with sign up lists for members to join groups.

Ideas for new groups are always welcome.

If you would like to know about the role of a Convenor and would be interested in offering a group, please discuss this with our Study Group Co-ordinator, Lynne Mackie.

Please let Lynne know if you would like to attend a different group as vacancies occur from time to time and she can add you to a waiting list rather than limiting you to just those groups with vacancies at present.

Currently the following groups have vacancies.

- Creativity Writing
- Book Discussion 2
- Current Affairs 2
- Opera Studies
- Film Fanciers
- Genealogy
- Chess
- MahJong
- 500 Card Game
- Fergus Henderson's Cookery
- History of Gardening & Plants

Also please let the Study Group Convenor know if no longer attending a group.

All members of an Activity and Study group must be paid up members of our Branch.

All members of the Branch are expected to belong to at least one Activity or Study group.

Members need to sign up for a group with the Study Group Co-ordinator and this can be done at any Branch meeting.

The Convenor of your chosen group/s will invite you by e-mail to attend a group meeting when a vacancy becomes available.

Groups meet in various locations, including members' homes. Small donations may be required towards venue rental and costs for tea/coffee and biscuits. Some groups organise special excursions and these incur costs to cover transport, entry fees etc.

YOUR 2021 COMMITTEE

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