

U3A Sth Kaipara News September 2023



Covid is certainly still active in our area so we do hope you will feel comfortable wearing a mask at our meetings, if you wish. We will continue to have our cuppa outside if weather permits.



NEXT MEETING:
Tues September 5th 10.00 -12.00

WHERE : Catholic Church Hall, Kowhai Street, Helensville

MAIN SPEAKER: Danielle Hancock

Danielle is the new manager of the North West Country Business Association. She came to this role with a rich background of 15 years working in Auckland Council and a term on Rodney Local Board. She has also served on the Kaipara Moana executive committee and on the Auckland Weed Advisory Group.

MINI SPEAKER:

Doreen Hogan

Feel free to bring a guest.



FROM JUMBUCK CARDING

In response to enquiries after the August meeting Sharon Dooney has given us the dates and times of the groups she runs in the local area. Please let her know by email or phone if you would like to visit/ join a group. They are as follows:

Whangaparaoa Library - every Thursday 10am-2pm.

Waitoki Hall – second Thursday each month 7-9pm. Helensville Library – Thursday from 3pm.

We will have a date for the visit to the Carding/Dyeing shed in Kaukapakapa at the September main meeting. A morning visit by a group of about 12 at the end of September is planned - car sharing if possible. Names of people interested taken and details of time and location will be provided at the meeting.

Contact details for Sharon are as follows

Sharon@jumbuck.co.nz



Remembering Tony Morrison.

Recently Bev took Rhiannon on a shopping trip to Kings Plant Barn in search of something for U3A South Kaipara to remember Tony by. Rhiannon chose a lovely big pot and two Corydalis plants which will fill and overflow the pot. At last we have found a way of honouring the huge contribution Tony made in reestablishing U3A South Kaipara. Seb, Tony's devoted pooch, definitely approved!



U3A Auckland Net Work Day - July 29th

We know this isn't the most flattering photo but we really did enjoy this event! Well over 200 U3A members from all over Auckland met in Mt Wellington for a really interesting day. The two main speakers,

Chris Finlayson

"The Treaty of Waitangi and its place in New Zealand History"

Paul Buchanan

"New Zealand's Changing Threat Environment" plus four mini speakers **CURRENT INTEREST**

GROUPS

Interest group are the great strength of U3A. As members we step up and convene small groups that offer rich opportunities for growing knowledge, skills and friendships. The following interest groups are offered by our members for our members. If you are a current U3A member and are interested in knowing more about a group feel free to contact the convenors direct. If you would like to join U3A South Kaipara or renew your membership please contact

Bev Silvester-Clark (Secretary) or Gloria Middleditch (Chair)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Out and About Any day or time that suits Doreen Hogan</p>	<p>1st Tuesday General Meeting 10am at Catholic Church Hall Kowhai St, Helensville</p>	<p>Mahjong every Wednesday 10.00 Janice Webster</p>		

			Critical Thought group 2nd Thursday 2pm-3.30pm Convenor Jackie Pillay	
3rd Monday 10am Gardening, phone Heather Hyland currently full	3rd Tuesday 10am Ted Talks ph Bev Silvester-Clark	3rd Wednesday 2pm Book Club, Rhiannon Herrick	3rd Thursday 12 midday Food & Wine Group Gloria Middleditch	
4th Monday 2.30 U3A Committee Meeting			4th Thursday 2- 4pm NZ History Tony Silvester- Clark	Last Friday of month 10am Needles and Stitches Wendy Daniel

More about our interest groups.

Needles and Stitches.

Last Friday of month 10.00-12.00

Convenor: Wendy Daniel [@xtra.co.nz0211335109](mailto:wendydan) **Venue:**

This is a group of like minded people interested in knitting, patchwork ,crochet, embroidery, appliqué or any sort of sewing or mending who like to meet in a casual atmosphere for a couple of hours or so each month. There is room for about 6-8 people and space for a person to bring a sewing machine.

NZ History

4th Thursday 2.00-4.00

Convenor – Tony Silvester-Clark

Venue –

This is a monthly self-study group where members pursue their line of interest through reading and sharing their discoveries and learning in the group. As an adjunct to this activity we also arrange guest speakers, view other media (films, documentaries, theatre), organize site visits (trips – local and further afield).

Out n About

Convenor: Doreen Hogan

As ideas of places, shows or movies to go to arise, Doreen is available to organise a group trip. Do contact her if you have an idea for such an outing.

Gardening (currently full)

3rd Monday 10.00

Convenor: Heather Hyland **Venue:** Varies

Our group focuses on practical gardening and knowledge sharing. The group includes a wide range of experience levels and garden styles. We meet at each other's homes or occasionally at a garden centre cafe. Over coffee we report back on the month's gardening, ask for any advice, and share friendship and laughter as well as surplus plants.

Ted talks (currently full)

3rd Tuesday 10.00-12.00

Convenor: Bev Silvester-Clark

Purpose: To stimulate our minds and provide the opportunity to learn something new or expand existing knowledge by watching a TED talk together. The group offer free and open discussion on the topic chosen by a different member of the group each time. We find we discuss many aspects of not only the topic but other areas that it directs us to move to. It is a fun group where we often laugh together and learn a lot from the collective background of everyone.

Critical Thought Group

2nd Thursday of the month 2pm – 3.30pm (no later than 4pm)

Convenor Jackie Pillay **Venue** Rotates to different homes.

This is the old philosophy group with a new format. Each group member has a turn at choosing a topic, researching it and then leading the subsequent discussion.

Book Club

3rd Wednesday 2.00-

3.00

Convenor: Rhiannon Herrick

Venue:

We have an enthusiastic group of readers. We follow a simple format where each person gives a brief description of a book read recently. This has become a rich resource for reading ideas for the members. A list of the books presented is then shared by email and some books are passed on to others. We usually have about 8 attending and our hour long meeting goes by very quickly.

Mahjong **Convenor:** Janice Webster

Venue:

10.00-12.00 every Wednesday

Apart from lockdowns this keen group has been meeting weekly for three years. We welcome learners.

Food/Wine

Group

Lunch 3rd Thursday each month

Convenor. Gloria Middleditch

Venue: Various restaurants and eateries

We comprise of between 8-15 persons enthusiastically coming together from very varied backgrounds to learn about and enjoy foods or wines from around the world that are available or made in NZ. There are a few interesting older buildings that have been repurposed from homes or business' now adapted for use as a restaurant with very interesting histories. We can carpool if necessary all to be organised through Gloria Middleditch



Warm wishes

U3A Sth Kaipara Committee

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