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October 2019 Newsletter

Meeting on Wednesday 2 October at 9.45am

Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote

Guest Speaker: Larry Robbins OBE

Topic: Mercy Ships, an update

Mercy Ships is an international charity operating the world's largest charity hospital ship AFRICA MERCY which is based in West Africa bringing life-changing surgeries to thousands of people each year. The crew of over 400 are almost all volunteers who fund their own travel and their living costs onboard.

Born in UK, Larry Robbins joined the British Merchant Navy straight from school, gained his Second Mates Certificate and emigrated to NZ and was commissioned into the Hydrographic Surveying Service of the Royal New Zealand Navy. He enjoyed a career of 26 years, rising to the rank of commander and the position of Hydrographer RNZN. On retiring from the navy Larry was appointed as CEO of the NZ Maritime Museum until retiring again in 2007.

In 2012 he revalidated his Second Mates ticket in order to be able to volunteer for AFRICA MERCY and joined the ship in mid 2013. He served a total of 13 months in the ship on 5 tours of duty, serving variously as Third and Second Officers and as Acting Master during a shipyard period in 2014. He served on the Board of Mercy Ships New Zealand for 10 years, retiring as the Chairman in May this year.

Larry is a JP, serves on various non-profit boards, including those involved with seafarers' welfare, and works with a number of small non-profit groups. He is married to Jane and lives on Auckland's North Shore.

His talk today tells of, and updates, the work of Mercy Ships.



Mini Speaker: Karel Lorier

Bishop Pompallier Hikoi

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this in August so that Murray can get the newsletter done early, which means that I cannot comment on the September Meeting. I do want to talk about our Groups though. We usually have 2 or 3 new groups a year but talking to members there seem to be so many areas of interest that members would like to see us have, but as always it requires someone willing to take on the role of convenor. Some suggestions that I have received are: Singing for Fun, Playing Ukulele, Drama Group, Walking Group, Book Discussion, Gardening, Play Reading and many more. It is so much easier if a group has at least two convenors as it allows work load to be spread.

If you have a yen to have new groups but not sure how to go about it, please talk to any of our committee who would be only too pleased to bring your ideas to committee.

Finally, do any members have ideas on celebrating our Christmas Event. In the past we had items by members from various groups, but of course that would depend on groups being able to present the items. Items such as Music, Singing, Mini talks etc. Talk to us.

Ron Wilson, President

Study Groups in a word cloud



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Newsletter Editing and Production

Producing the newsletter in a timely fashion each month requires a huge amount of effort and I am very pleased to welcome Rosemary Larsen to assist with this process. Rosemary compiled the October Study Group info so thank you to all the convenors who sent info to her.

Rosemary retired early in 2011 and then along with her partner George, bought a Caravan and Land Cruiser and travelled around Australia over a three-year period. Her work experience ranges from working for a headhunter (recruitment) for 9 years, basically getting paid to Google, and for the Employers & Manufacturers' Assn. for 17 years carrying out various roles - minute taking, newsletter and wage & salary surveys.

Hosts	Architecture and Design
	Four members at 9.15am please
Morning Tea	Foundations of Western Civilization
	Two members at 9.15am and a further 4 at 10.25am please
	All to help clean up please

Games and Goalposts:

How sport in NZ has evolved from 1840 to now

Wednesday 2 October 2019 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Dr Geoff Watson

Round Room, Atrium Building, Massey University, Albany

Rugby and rowing, cycling and sailing, basketball and boxing – Kiwis love to play and watch numerous sporting codes. We're world champions in quite a few too.

Participation in sport – whether in a team, a committee or on the side lines – seems integral to our national sense of identity. To what extent have professionalism, economic reforms, technological change, gender and ethnicity influenced the development of sport in New Zealand? Why do New Zealanders share such a significant material and emotional investment in sport? Historian Geoff Watson evaluates continuity and change in New Zealand sport between 1840 and 2019, arguing that sport and sporting organisations have, willingly or otherwise, adapted to changing times and values.



To register for this free lecture visit: www.massey.ac.nz and type “our changing world” into the search box on top right. The link will be first in the list.

On the page you will find a “Register for Free” Link

Classic Car, Bike and Hot Rod Show

The Strand, Takapuna, Takapuna, Auckland

Saturday 26 October 2019 10:00am – 5:00pm

Enjoy a family fun day on Saturday 26 October with classic cars, classic bikes and hot rods on display at The Strand in beautiful Takapuna next to the beach. Opening at 10am with live Rock n Roll music from The Recliner Rockers and Boom Boom Deluxe, a Pin Up pageant to find Miss Takapuna Rocks



2019 and quality wares in the Vintage Markets. This is a community fundraising day in support of Yes Disability and Make-A-Wish NZ.

Visit us on www.takapunarocks.co.nz

October in History

Goods and Services Tax Act introduced

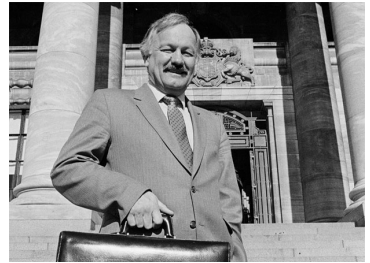
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Adding 10 per cent to the cost of most goods and services, GST was a key part of the economic reforms of the fourth Labour government – dubbed ‘Rogernomics’ after Minister of Finance Roger Douglas.

Douglas implemented his ‘new right’ reforms after Labour won a landslide victory in the snap election of July 1984. The new government inherited an alarmingly high budget deficit and overseas debt, an over-valued dollar, and rocketing inflation. Rogernomics was a ready-made solution – or so it seemed to many.

New Zealand was quickly reinvented as one of the most free-market economies in the industrialised world. Radical change came thick and fast: deregulation, privatisation, the sale of state assets, and the removal of subsidies, tariffs and price controls.

GST was added to the mix in 1986. This ‘regressive’ tax hit the poorest the hardest, because people on low incomes spend a higher proportion of their money on basic goods and services than the better-off.



Tech Tips - Smartphones

It is very hard nowadays to have a cell phone that is not a smartphone. They may seem intimidating to use, but you can easily step up your tech game by customizing your smartphone to give you more of what you need.

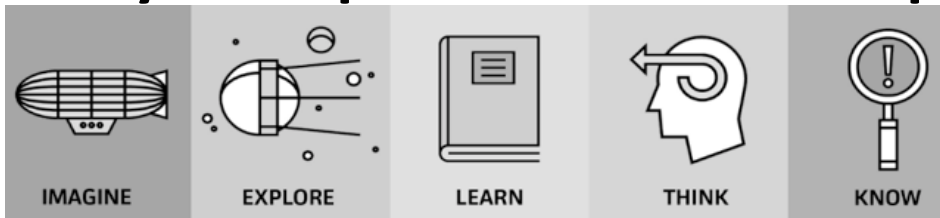
Are you having a hard time reading what is on your phone?

If you are an iPhone user, open Settings>Display & Brightness>Text Size. All you have to do is drag the slider to increase the text size to a setting that works best for you. You can also use the VoiceOver feature and have content read out loud to you. This setting, as well as Zoom and Magnifier Tools, can be found under Settings>General>Accessibility.

Android phones have similar settings. To increase your phone’s font size, go to Settings>Display>Font Size. Adjust your font size to your liking by selecting small, normal, large, or huge. However, the sizing will vary, depending on the phone you have.



Study and Special Interest Groups



Architecture and Design Meets: 3rd Wednesday - 16 October at 9.45am. Venue: CORNWALL PARK KIOSK, (further info by email) Topic: "Sir John's Journeys" Auckland Heritage Festival Exhibition, etc.	Judy Hanna 489 4425 hannaj@xtra.co.nz
Astronomy * Meets: 4 th Friday Astronomy In Recess pending new convenor.	Peter Cradwick 021 0229 3289 pcradwick@gmail.com
Auckland Heritage Meets: 3 rd Friday – 18 October at 10.00am. Venues: 1. The 120 year old renovated Gardener family's Mataia Homestead & gardens including morning tea. It is a working beef & sheep farm. 2. Lunch at Cue Haven, a former dairy farm reconverted into a native bush reserve, now a trust preserved in perpetuity for the people of Auckland - a new heritage. <i>Both places have websites. Details by email.</i>	Christine Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz
Cabbages and Kings Meets: 2 nd Thursday - 10 October at 1.30pm Venue: Ros's place, 7/212 Hurstmere Rd Topic: 5 to 10 minutes on anything	Anne Young 486 3317 annejim.y@xtra.co.nz Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizhmilne@gmail.com
Chinese Civilisation: Why it lasts * Usually Meets: 4 th Monday. October 28 being Labour Day, the Chinese Civilisation study group is not having a meeting.	Wing On SO 021 040 4019 wingon.so@mac.com Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com

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Chinese Painting and Art Studies * Meets: 2 nd Friday – 11 October at 1.30pm Venue: The Orchards, Stanley Street, Glenfield Topic: Chickens	Doreen Brown 473 0871 doreen22@orcon.net.nz
Classic Movies * Meets: 3 rd Monday - 21 October at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead Movie: From Here to Eternity - starring Burt Lancaster / Deborah Kerr / Montgomery Clift / Frank Sinatra / Donna Reed / Ernest Borgnine. Followed by afternoon tea whilst we discuss the storyline, the Actors and Actresses, the musical soundtrack and the movie overall	Ian Morris 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz
Classical Opera Meets: 3 rd Tuesday - 15 October at 1.30pm Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge Topic: Members will be notified later of the subject of the meeting.	Jenny Adams 489 5914 golfingjen@hotmail.com
Famous and Infamous Meets: 2 nd Friday – 11 October at 10.00am Venue: Residence of Ian Morris, 58 Balmain Rd, Birkenhead Presentations by two members about Famous and Infamous people	Brucilla Wright 480 0150 brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz
Finance and Investment Meets: 3 rd Monday - 21 October at 9.45am – 11.45am Venue: Mayfair, Oteha Valley Road Topic: Financial and investment topics	Graham Alcock 473 5607 1705ga@gmail.com
Film Appreciation * Meets: 4 th Monday at 1.30pm - As 28 October is Labour Day Members will be advised by email if this meeting will take place. Usual Venue: Garden Lounge at Northbridge Village	Judy Ganley 489 5828 judyganley@xtra.co.nz Or best by text to 0274 432 793

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Foundations of Western Civilisation Meets: 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday – 8 and 22 October at 9.45am Venue: Meeting Room, ActivZone, 30 Downing St. Glenfield Topic: A series of 48 lectures by a prominent Professor of history, all on DVD, all with course notes and reading lists for each lecture. October 8th The long shadow WWI - 1 David Reynolds. October 22nd The long shadow WWI - 2 David Reynolds.	Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
French * Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday – 2 and 16 October at 2.00pm <i>Chacun voit midi à sa porte</i>	Ann Andreassend 410 3297 duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz
Geology Meets: 3 rd Tuesday - 15 October at 9.45am Venue: 46 Sylvan Park Ave, Milford. Judy ph 09 489 4425 Topic: Current geological events, Taranaki basin and volcanoes	Boyd Miller 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com
Globalisation Meets: 4 th Thursday - 24 October at 2.00pm Venue: Apt 8008, The Poynton Retirement Village, Shakespeare Rd, Milford Topic: Chris will email topic with his reminder. <i>New members most welcome</i>	Chris Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz
Great Artists Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Thursday – 3 and 17 October at 10.00am Venue: 3 rd October: 42A Parr Tce, Milford Topic: 3 rd October: Rembrandt, Bugatti Venue: 17 th October: 3/10 Beach Rd, Milford Topic: 17 th October: Georg Jensen	Cherry Worger 486 0615 geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz

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Historical Studies *	Andrew Pack 418 1925 andpack@gmail.com Liz Milne 021 269 5151
Meets: 2nd Monday - 14 October at 9.45am Venue: Hearts and Minds (By the Northcote Library) Topic: Open	
Jung	Graham Ritson 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz
Meets: 2nd Monday from 9.45am until noon Venue: Meeting room, ActivZone, 30 Downing St. Glenfield. First meeting will be on Monday 11 November. <i>About 30 people have registered interest in this new group.</i> <i>Topic details will be published in November newsletter</i>	
Latin	Geoff Sheehan 620 5169 theosheevg@gmail.com
Meets: Generally on 2 nd and 4 th Thursday at 10.00am Venue: Forrest Hill Presbyterian Church, 151 Forrest Hill Road. As this is an incremental course and builds very much on what has gone before, the group numbers are now closed <i>"aequam memento rebus in arduis servare mentem"</i> <i>"When life's path is steep, remember to keep your mind even."</i>	
Mah Jong * (Inter U3A Group)	David Johnston 473 8942
u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz	
Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Friday - 4 and 18 October at 1.30pm Venue: Okura Hall, Okura River Road Mah Jong Saying: <i>Big Robert has three suits and two honours. but he is not very important say the ladies</i> <i>Newcomers and Learners always welcome</i>	
Making History * (Inter U3A Group)	Georgie Maurice 473 0404
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Meets: 1 st Thursday - 3 October at 10.00am Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village Topic: Mutiny on the High Seas	

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<p>Maori Studies * Martyn Geary 027 4443219 mbgeary@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>Instead of our normal afternoon meeting there will be a powhiri at the Navy Marae at Devonport in the morning.</p> <p>Meets: 4th Wednesday - 23 October - Be parked by 0915hrs (adjacent to the Marae), for a strict 0930 start.</p> <p>Venue: Te Taua Moana (Navy Marae), off Jim Titchener Pde.</p> <p>Protocol: Women should wear a dress rather than slacks, and Men long trousers. Tainui Kawa</p> <p>Koha: I will be laying down a fixed fee as if it were a traditional koha.</p> <p><i>Newcomers and Learners always welcome</i></p>
<p>Mind Body Medicine Graham Ritson 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz Stephen Warnes & 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com</p> <p>Meets: 2nd Thursday – 10 October at 9.45am to 12 mid-day</p> <p>Venue: ActivZone, 30 Dowling Street, Glenfield</p> <p>Topic: 9. Emotions Revealed: the psychology of emotions 10. Agony and Ecstasy: the biology of emotions.</p>
<p>Modern English Literature * Pearl Thomson 449 0450 ptho@xtra.co.nz Carolyn Harvey 489 6334</p> <p>Meets: Next meeting 3rd Tuesday - 15 October at 9.45am</p> <p>Venue: 3a Mandica Place, Sunnynook</p> <p>Topic: Continuing our study of 'Works translated into English'</p> <p><i>We would welcome new members</i></p>
<p>Modern History * Martin Lee 294 7820 robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>Meets: 2nd Wednesday – 9 October at 9.45am</p> <p>Venue: Rothesay Room, ECB Centre, 2 Glen Rd, Browns Bay</p> <p>Topics: Holland : Steve 09 418 0342 Prominent Person 19thC: John 09 444 2156</p>

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Musical Studies *	
Jan Judson 021 396 152	jangpies@gmail.com
Meets: This month only 1 st & 3 rd Monday, 7 & 21 October at 9.45am	
Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road	
7 th October: Into the Baroque - anthems, hymns and cantatas	
21 st October: Special Guest - Richard Knill brings stories of his life as a chorister	
<i>New Members very Welcome</i>	
Musical Troubadours *	
Betty Dance 478 7621	b.dance@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 2 nd and 4 th Monday, 14 and 28 October (Labour Day) at 2.00pm. Betty will be in touch re Labour Day meeting.	
Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay	
Other Peoples Lives *	
Patricia Lisette 489 9465	pat.lisette@gmail.com
Meets: 4 th Tuesday - 22 October at 2.00pm	
Venue: Parklane Village, 59/106 Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill.	
Phone: 410 9549 (Flo)	
Topic: A study of Biographies and/or Autobiographies	
Poetry	
Val Overington 486 5582	v.j.overington@gmail.com
Meets: 2 nd Monday 14 October at 1.30pm	
Venue: Apt C462 Northbridge, Akoranga Drive	
Topic: continue reading 21st Century New Zealand Poetry - 2 poems each.	
Scientific Horizons *	
Geoffrey Bourke 021 737 973	geoffrey@bourke.gen.nz
Meets: 1 st Wednesday 2 October at 1.30pm	
Venue: Vern's	
Topic: 2,000 yr-old computer - all welcome	
<i>New Members very welcome</i>	
Scrabble *	
Margaret McLaren 09 410 0472	
Meets: 1 st Friday - 4 Octber at 9.45am to 12 noon	
Venue: Change of venue: 6 Dewsbury Tce, Castor Bay	
Topic: Play Scrabble to increase word knowledge	
<i>New members very welcome</i>	

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Shakespeare * Meets: 3 rd Monday - 21 October at 1.30pm Venue: ActivZone, next to the Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre Topic: Study of "A Winter's Tale"	Graham Alcock 473 5607 1705ga@gmail.com
Social Issues * Meets: 1 st Friday - 4 October at 1.30pm Venue: St John's Church Hall, 327 Beach Road, Campbell's Bay Topics: Discrepancies in Health Incidences and Outcomes	Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
Spanish Culture Meets: 2 nd Friday - 11 October at 10.00am This group has reconvened & will be meeting at 10am on the second Friday of the month.	Pam Robinson 489 4494 peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com
U3A Travel * Meets: 3 rd Monday - 21 Octber at 10.00am Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport. Jocelyn 09 445 3329 <i>New Members welcome</i>	Jocelyn Spinley 445 3329 spinleys@gmail.com
World War II * <i>From pre war causes to post war recovery</i> Meets: 2 nd Tuesday - 8 October at 1.00pm Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead Topics: Chronological: Chronological: The Battle for Caen Featured Military Leaders: : Lt Gen Miles Dempsey / Major Gen Tom Rennie / Generaloberst Friedrich Dollman / SS Oberst-Gruppenfuhrer Paul Hauser Featured Additional Subject: Operation Valkyrie - 20 July 1944 The plot to kill Hitler <i>More members welcome</i>	Ian Morris 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz

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