



U3A TAKAPUNA INC

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November 2019 Newsletter

Meeting on Wednesday 6 November at 9.45am
Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote

Guest Speaker: Laurie Wesley

Topic: Ten Years After The 2004 Tsunami Disaster

Aceh is the northern-most province of Indonesia, being located at the northwest tip of the island of Sumatra. Laurie Wesley visited Aceh twice in the 1960s while working for the Indonesian government in Bandung in West Java. Laurie visited Aceh again in September 2014, partly to give a lecture at the government university in Banda Aceh, the capital of the province of Aceh, and partly to see how the country had recovered from the terrible tragedy of Boxing Day, 2004 (180,000 deaths). The talk will be illustrated with photos at the time of the tragedy, during the recovery, and ten years later.



Laurie is a Geo Technical Engineer (they are the ones who claim to know a lot about foundations of buildings, stability of hillsides, earth dams, soil liquefaction etc). Laurie has an M.E. from Auckland University and a PhD from Imperial College, University of London. He worked for eight years with the Indonesian Public Works Department, five years with the New Zealand Ministry of Works, eleven years with Auckland consulting company, Tonkin and Taylor, and eighteen years as a senior lecturer in soil mechanics at Auckland University.



Laurie is a member of Birkenhead U3A.

Mini Speaker: Warren Karno-Atkins
Speaking of You

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month we had two interesting talks. First up was Karel Lorier who gave an overview of the Pompallier Hikoi which was well presented and with some amazing photographs.

This was followed by Larry Robbins, an old friend of U3A. Once again he presented a great talk on Mercy Ships and the great work they do all around the world. Two great talks.

While you are reading this your committee are preparing your Christmas meeting. There will be an advert elsewhere in this newsletter. It will cost \$10 again this year and we hope as many as possible can attend.

You will all be aware that each month as well as having interesting speakers, there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes.

All this work is carried out by volunteers from our membership.

For instance each month we have 4 members who act as hosts. They greet you and make sure people get seated etc. Then we have six people that help prepare morning tea and serve you during the break. When the meeting is finished we need those 10 people to help clear the kitchen, put stuff away in the cupboards and make sure the place is clean and tidy for the next user of the hall. We may not have made that clear in the past, but the volunteers each month need to help with the clean up. It is not onerous work, just a light clean up and make sure that we leave the hall clean and tidy. We would appreciate your co-operation in this if you are on duty any month.

Ron Wilson, President

Study Group Photos for Christmas Slideshow

Would your Study Group like to be included in this year's slideshow?

A photo of your group members enjoying an activity together is a great way to encourage new members!

Please email a JPG version of photos to u3atakapuna@gmail.com

Include information about the activity or location, and the names of the people in the photo.

Deadline Date for December 2019 Newsletter

Saturday 16 November 2019

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Save this Date:

Wednesday 4 December, 9.45am

Our Christmas meeting, show and lunch.

Please bring \$10 towards the cost of lunch.

Programme will be in December Newsletter.

Come along and join in the fun.

Note: If you are only coming for the meeting there is no charge.



Hosts

Great Artists

Four members at 9.15am please

Morning Tea

Modern History Group

Two members at 9.15am and a further 4 at 10.25am please

Hosts and morning tea team are also responsible for ensuring hall is left in a clean and tidy state

Super Diverse Auckland

A new city emerges

Wednesday 27 November 2019 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley

Round Room, Atrium Building, Massey University, Albany

In 2015, the World Migration Report identified Auckland as the fourth most diverse city in the world – what does that really mean? In the post-war era, the first major non-European migration occurred from the 1950s with the arrival of migrants from the Pacific. Auckland has, for some time, laid claim to being home to the



largest global concentration of Polynesians. Changes to immigration policy in the late 1980s have further shaped Auckland's diversity in two distinct ways – by connecting the city to Asia via recent migration flows, and by contributing to the 'diversification of diversity'. Demographer Paul Spoonley explores the implications of immigrant-related diversity – ethno-burbs, ethnic precincts, culture and practice (food, sports, arts) and the implications for the future.

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

New Group – Destination Walking

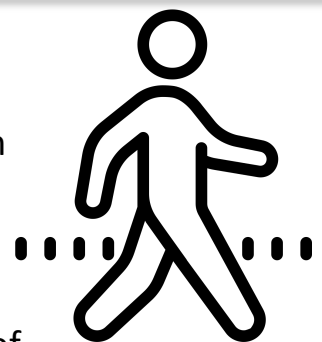
We plan on having this activity on the first Friday of each month meeting at starting point at 10am. It will require a reasonable level of fitness to enable you to walk at least one hour plus.

There could be stairs but hopefully not too many.

Becky and I are happy to convene this U3A group but planning of these Destination Walks will be shared by participants. The ideas are as wide as our imagination. Each month, one or more people would organise where and for what purpose we are walking. Maybe looking at Art, buildings, nature or whatever. There are boundless opportunities.

It will be your responsibility to arrange transport to and from the destination for yourself and optional if some want to stop for a coffee and social time after the event.

Name, email and phone number please to Jenny Adams: golfingjen@icloud.com



Advance Notice – Convenors' Meeting

Wednesday 4 March 2020

It is proposed to hold a short Group Convenors' meeting in March 2020 following the Wednesday meeting. The purpose is to gain feedback from the Convenors and to provide support as required. There will be personal follow up to the Convenors in February prior to the meeting.



Rowena Scaletti Group Convenor Support Takapuna U3A committee
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6 November 1908

Last spike completes North Island main trunk railway



Prime Minister Sir Joseph Ward ceremonially opened the North Island main trunk railway line by driving home a final polished silver spike at Manganuioteao, between National Park and Ohākune.

According to a reporter who accompanied Ward from Wellington, the ceremony was 'as impressive as scowling weather, muddy embankments and interfering photographers would permit'.

Construction of the central section between Te Awamutu and Marton had taken 23 years of surveys, land negotiations, political wrangling and back-breaking physical effort by thousands of labourers. The first through train from Wellington to Auckland had actually run two months before the final spike ceremony when a 'Parliament Special' train carried MPs and others north to meet the US Navy's visiting 'Great White Fleet'. This train had crawled over a temporary section of track hastily laid between the existing railheads.

Study and Special Interest Groups



Architecture and Design

Judy Hanna 489 4425 hannahj@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Wednesday - 20 November at 9.45am.

Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, Oteha Valley Road, Northcross

Topic: "Where I've Been & What I've Seen" from members.

"Morning Tea with Pictures" End-of -year. More info by email

Astronomy *

Peter Cradwick 021 0229 3289 pcradwick@gmail.com

Meets: 4th Friday

Astronomy In Recess until the 4th Friday in February (28 February 2020).

Auckland Heritage

Christine Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Friday – 15 November at 10.00am.

Venue: Devonport Library, Victoria Road, Devonport

Topic: 'Devonport RePurposed'. Rotary heritage maps will be distributed and we will walk, mainly around the CBD. End of Year lunch will be held at a central Devonport venue, to be advised. No December trip.

Cabbages and Kings

Anne Young 486 3317 annejim.y@xtra.co.nz

Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizhmilne@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Thursday - 14 November at 11.30am

Venue: King's Plant Barn, 11-13 Porana Rd

Topic: Lunch

Chinese Civilisation: Why it lasts *

Wing On SO 021 040 4019 wingon.so@mac.com

Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com

Meets: 4th Monday -25 November, 9.45am -12 noon.

New Venue: Rangitoto Room, Takapuna Library

System based presentation precedes facilitated discussion.

Systems A: beliefs geography, script.

Systems B: social economic political education integration.

Chinese Painting and Art Studies *

Doreen Brown 473 0871
doreen22@orcon.net.nz

Meets: 2nd Friday – 8 November at 1.30pm
Venue: The Orchards, Stanley Street, Glenfield
Topic: Reviewing the Year

Classic Movies *

Ian Morris 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Monday - 18 November at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start
Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead
Movie: Miracle on 34th Street - starring Maureen O'Hara / John Payne / Edmund Gwenn / and Natalie Wood (aged 9). Edmund Gwenn won a best supporting actor Oscar for his role in this movie.
Followed by discussion on all aspects of the movie over afternoon tea.
All welcome even if you don't believe in Santa Claus!

Classical Opera

Jenny Adams 489 5914 golfingjen@icloud.com

Meets: 3rd Tuesday - 19 November at 1.30pm
Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge
Topic: Christmas Function – Members advised.

Destination Walking Group (New) *

Jenny Adams 489 5914
golfingjen@icloud.com

We plan to meet on the 1st Friday of each month at 10am. It would probably mean a walk of about an hour depending on where we went and would involve looking at heritage sights as we go.
We would be interested to know if many people would like to join.

Famous and Infamous

Brucilla Wright 480 0150 brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 2nd Friday – 8 November at 10.00am
Venue: Residence of Sue Charlton, Apt 7204, The Poynton, 142 Shakespeare Rd, Milford
Topic: Two subjects will be presented by individual presenters

Finance and Investment

Chris Rimmer 4409240 crysie99@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Monday - 18 November at 9.45am – 11.45am
Venue: Mayfair, Oteha Valley Road
Topic: Financial and investment topics

Film Appreciation * Judy Ganley 489 5828 judyganley@xtra.co.nz
Or best by text to 0274 432 793

Regular meeting for October - Monday 28 October (Labour Day) at 1.30 pm
in the Garden Room at Northbridge Village.

Naomi and Diana will show a Japanese film "Like Father Like Son"

Members will also be advised by email.

Please respond by email or phone if you intend to come along. This will be
our last meeting at this venue, as the building is to be demolished during
November.

In place of our usual monthly meeting on 25 November, the group will
meet at the Bridgeway Cinema, further details by email nearer the day
when movie times are advertised.

The group will then go into recess until early in the New Year. A meeting
will be called when a new venue is found.

Foundations of Western Civilisation Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866
stephen.warnes@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday – 12 and 26 November 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.

November 12th The long shadow WWI - 3 David Reynolds.

November 26th The long shadow WWI - 4 David Reynolds.

French * Ann Andreassend 410 3297 duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesday – 6 and 20 November at 2.00pm

Chacun voit midi à sa porte

Geology Boyd Miller 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com

Meets: Thursday 21 November at 11.00 am

Venue: Thames School of Mines, Thames.

Topic: Coromandel field trip, 21-24 Nov.

Globalisation Chris Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 4th Thursday - 28 November at 2.00pm

Venue: Apt 8008, The Poynton Retirement Village, Shakespeare Rd,
Milford

Topic: Chris will email topic with his reminder.

New members most welcome

* = New members Welcome

Great Artists Cherry Worger 486 0615 geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 1st and 3rd Thursday – 7 and 21 November at 10.00am
Venue: 7th November: 2/2 Huntly Road, Campbells Bay
Topic: 7th November: Cartier International
Venue: 21st November: 21 Shoal Bay Rd, Devonport
Topic: 21st November: A. Lois White and the influence of the Art Deco Movement in New Zealand

Historical Studies * Andrew Pack 418 1925 andpack@gmail.com
Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizhmilne@gmail.com
Meets: 2nd Monday - 11 November at 9.45am
Venue: Marcia's place, 9 Mappin Place, Chatswood. 418 0397
Topic: AGM. Choice of next year's topic. Please bring a small plate.

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.
About 30 people have registered interest in this new group.
Topic: Introduction to Jung – group get-together.

Latin Geoff Sheehan 620 5169 theosheevg@gmail.com
Meets: Generally on 2nd and 4th 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.

“aequam memento rebus in arduis servare mentem”
“When life’s path is steep, remember to keep your mind even.”

Mah Jong * (Inter U3A Group) David Johnston 473 8942
u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz
Meets: 1st and 3rd Friday - 1 and 15 November at 1.30pm
Venue: Okura Hall, Okura River Road
News Flash: Group Lunch 6 December Khun Pun Restaurant 12 noon.

Newcomers and Learners always welcome

Making History * (Inter U3A Group) Georgie Maurice 473 0404
u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz

Meets: 1st Thursday - 7 November at 10.00am
Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village
Topic: Rogues and Rascals

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Maori Studies * Martyn Geary 027 4443219 mbgeary@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 4th Wednesday - 27 November at 1.30 pm.
Venue: Top level 31 Craig Rd, Milford.
Topic: General.

Newcomers and Learners always welcome

Mind Body Medicine Graham Ritson 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz
Stephen Warnes & 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
Meets: 2nd Thursday – 14 November at 9.45am to 12 mid-day
Venue: ActivZone, 30 Dowling Street, Glenfield
Topic: David Eagleman The brain 3
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Modern English Literature * Pearl Thomson 449 0450 ptho@xtra.co.nz
Carolyn Harvey 489 6334
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday – 5 and 19 November at 9.45am
Venue: 3a Mandica Place, Sunnynook
Topic: Continuing our study of 'Works translated into English'
We would welcome new members

Modern History * Martin Lee 294 7820 robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 2nd Wednesday – 13 November at 9.45am
Venue: Rothesay Room, ECB Centre, 2 Glen Rd, Browns Bay
Topics: Holland : Steve 09 418 0342
Prominent Person 19thC: John 09 444 2156

Musical Studies * Jan Judson 021 396 152 janqpies@gmail.com
Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday, 11 and 25 November
Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road
11th November: Handel's choral music
25th November: End of year celebration
New Members very Welcome

Musical Troubadours * Betty Dance 478 7621 b.dance@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday, 11 and 25 November at 2.00pm.
Betty will be in touch.
Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay

Other Peoples Lives Patricia Lissette 489 9465 pat.lissette@gmail.com

Meets: 4th Tuesday - 26 November 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: 2nd Monday 11 November 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: 1st Wednesday 6 November at 1.30pm

Venue: Vern's

Topic: Data Structures: Dark Matter. All welcome.

NB: This will be my last Group meeting as Convenor; no new convenor has yet been selected.

New members very welcome

Scrabble * Sue Pearson 021622783 sue@suepearson.co.nz

Meets: 1st Friday - 1 November at 9.45am to 12 noon

Venue: 5a Rahopara St, Castor Bay

Please call Sue on 021 622 783 if you intend to come.

Topic: Play Scrabble to increase word knowledge

New members very welcome

Shakespeare * Janet Poole 940 1200 poole39@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Monday - 18 November at 1.30pm

Venue: TBC

Topic: "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast"

Social Issues * Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com

Meets: 1st Friday - 1 November at 1.30pm

Venue: St John's Church Hall, 327 Beach Road, Campbell's Bay

Topics: Immigration; Vaping and the tobacco industry.

Spanish Culture * Pam Robinson 489 4494 peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com

Meets: 2nd Friday - 8 November at 10.00am

This group has reconvened & will be meeting at 10am on the second Friday of the month.

New members welcome

U3A Travel * Jocelyn Spinley 445 3329 spinleys@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Monday - 18 November at 10.00am

Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave, Devonport.

Topic: This will be our Christmas function please bring a small plate.

New members welcome

World War II * Ian Morris 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz

From pre war causes to post war recovery

Meets: 2nd Tuesday - 12 November at 1.00pm

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Topics: Chronological: Breakout from Normandy - Operation Cobra

Featured Military Leaders: Gen Omar Bradley / Gen "Lightning Joe" Collins

FM Gunther von Kluge

Featured Additional Subject: Theodor Morell - Hitler's Doctor

More members welcome