



U3A TAKAPUNA INC

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February 2020 Newsletter

Meeting on Wednesday 5 February at 9.45am
Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote

Guest Speaker: Dr Miles Gregory

Topic: The Pop-up Globe Phenomenon

In just four years, Pop-up Globe has exploded from a tiny NZ start-up with 2 staff and a budget of \$10,000 to become an international phenomenon, winning fifteen awards in NZ and Australia, employing hundreds of NZ actors and creatives, and selling a staggering 700,000 tickets to its seasons in Auckland, Perth, Sydney and Melbourne.



Miles is the founder of the multi-award-winning Pop-up Globe, and its first artistic director. In this talk, illustrated with images from behind the scenes, he discusses the challenges and excitement of creating one of the world's most successful theatre companies.

Born in Wellington, Miles attended King's College, Auckland, before reading for his BA in Modern History at Durham University, UK. Miles also holds a PhD in Shakespeare in Performance from Bristol University and a Master of Fine Arts in Staging Shakespeare from Exeter University.

At 24, he was one of the youngest directors in London's West End, staging Hamlet and Twelfth Night at the Westminster Theatre in 2002. He has since directed some 30 professional productions, mainly of Shakespeare, in the UK and internationally.

He was formerly founding artistic director of the Bristol Shakespeare Festival and the British Touring Shakespeare Company, before spending three years as Artistic Director and CEO of The Maltings Theatre, Berwick-upon-Tweed, UK. He returned to NZ with his family in 2012 and founded Pop-up Globe in 2015.

For his work with Pop-up Globe he has been awarded a Sir Peter Blake Leader Award. He lives with his wife Barbara and their four young children in Whangaparaoa, Auckland.

Mini Speaker: Sue Newman

Cave Paintings in France

FROM THE PRESIDENT

2019 is over and we are looking forward to a new decade of U3A and more great speakers. I am still looking for mini speakers for this year so if anyone has a story that would inform/educate/entertain our members please contact me. We have had some amazing talks from members in the past so here is your chance to present a talk on your favourite topic.

You can email me at president@u3atakapuna.org.nz

Starting this month our editors have included a Study Group Calendar so you can easily see our range of groups and what time of the month they meet.

In addition, we welcome study groups to supply news about a special topic or upcoming event that could be featured in the Newsletter. Please see if someone in your group could pen a paragraph or so and forward it to Murray Pearson email news@u3atakapuna.org.nz. If we get a good response from groups then it could become a regular "Study Groups Highlights" feature. We tend to lose track of what our groups are doing and this would be a good way for the wider membership to see what is happening. It might also not only be good Study Group publicity but, could encourage people to try a new Study Group.

Ron Wilson, President

Advance Notice – Convenors' Meeting Wednesday 4 March 2020

It is proposed to hold a short 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 calls made to the Convenors in February prior to the meeting



Rowena Scaletti - Study Group Liaison - Takapuna U3A committee
Email: rscal@orcon.net.nz ph: 09 445 8842 (with answerphone)

Hosts: Globalisation

Four members at 9.15am please

Morning Tea: Historical Studies

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

Hosts and morning tea teams are also responsible for ensuring the hall is left in a clean and tidy state at the end of the meeting

Committee Members for 2019/2020

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	and Rosemary Larsen	☎ 09 410 4465

Study Group Calendar

This month we are including a Study Group Calendar so members can see at a glance what group is meeting when. Hopefully this will give groups more exposure and maybe tempt members to fill up that spare half day by joining a new group.

Study Group Newsletter Information

Rosemary Larsen recently took on the job of gathering the Study Group information for the Newsletter. Please be mindful that this takes loads of work following up 37 groups. You can help by ensuring you send in the group meeting information well before the deadline. If your group meets early in the month then perhaps set up your programme 2 months in advance. Note the email address below for Study group info.

Deadline Date for March 2020 Newsletter

Saturday 15 February 2020

Editors: Murray Pearson and Rosemary Larsen

Email: news@u3atakapuna.org.nz or phone Murray on 021 644442

Study group information to: studygroups@u3atakapuna.org.nz

Please note this new email address for all study group content information



How To Stay Safe Online

Although the internet can seem sophisticated and hard to handle as you try to manage your email subscriptions and countless passwords, there are a few ways you can assure yourself of a safer and less stressful time surfing the web.



Passwords

- Make your password at least 15 characters' long
- Use a phrase instead of a word
- Use a variety of passwords for each of your accounts
- Try to incorporate song lyrics you'll remember
- Avoid using either your own or your kids' names

Social Media

- Restrict public access to your profile, photos and other private information such as your birthday or address
- Accept 'friend' requests from only people you know and avoid any interaction with strangers
- Be wary of entering or commenting personal details on group or corporations' pages
- Remember that anything you post whilst online will stay online or is still retrievable, even after you have deleted or removed it
- Block, mute and report are all options when dealing with unwanted comments or messages from both people you know and strangers. Do not be afraid to use them.
- When something unpleasant or unwanted is posted in an attempt to harm your reputation or well-being, retaliation will in most cases only cause further problems. Instead we recommend privately asking for the post to be removed and or report it for the platform moderators to handle

If you or anyone you know have been victims of online fraud or a scam as well as having any concerns about your online privacy and/or safety, please contact your local Age Concern and follow the links provided for further knowledge into how it may be resolved and educate yourself for future online encounters.

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Useful links:

www.cert.govt.nz When you want to report a cyber security problem

www.consumer.org.nz search for "Information on keeping safe on the internet"

www.netsafe.org.nz An organisation focused on online safety.

www.comcom.govt.nz search for "scams"

Study Groups Meeting Calendar

Day	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Mon am		Historical Studies Jung Musical studies	Finance and Investment U3A Travel	Chinese Civilisation Jung Musical studies
Mon pm		Musical Troubadours Poetry	Classic Movies Shakespeare	Film Appreciation Musical Troubadours
Tues am	Modern English Literature	History - The World of Byzantium	Modern English Literature Geology	
Tues pm		World War II	Classical Opera	Other Peoples Lives
Wed am		Modern History	Architecture and Design	
Wed pm	French Scientific Horizons		French	Maori Studies
Thurs am	Great Artists Making History	Latin Mind Body Medicine	Great Artists	Latin
Thurs pm		Cabbages and Kings		Globalisation
Fri am	Destination Walking Scrabble	Famous and Infamous Spanish Culture	Auckland Heritage	Astronomy
Fri pm	Mah Jong Social Issues	Chinese painting and Art Studies	Mah Jong	

Study and Special Interest Groups



Architecture & Design Judy Hanna 489 4425 hannaj@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Wednesday - 19 February at 9.45am.

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

Topic: "George Jensen, Master Silversmith",
plus review of "Denmark Design" exhibition at Auckland Art Gallery.

Astronomy * Stuart Kendon 0274 949 371 stuart@kendon.co.nz

Meets: 4th Friday in February - 28 February at 9.45am.

Venue: ActivZone, 30 Downing Street, Glen field

Topic: Dark Matter; Dark Energy

Auckland Heritage Christine Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Friday – 21 February at 10.00am

Venue: Trip details to be communicated by email.

Cabbages and Kings Anne Young 486 3317 annejim.y@xtra.co.nz

Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizhmilne@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Thursday – 13 February at 1:30 pm

Venue: Rowena's place, 3/17 Marsh Ave, Forrest Hill

Topic: 5 to 10 minutes on anything.

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 – 24 February at 9.45am

New Venue: Rangitoto Room, Takapuna Library

System based presentation precedes facilitated discussion

Systems A: geography, beliefs, script

Systems B: social economic political education integration

Chinese Painting and Art Studies *

Doreen Brown

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Meets: The first meeting for 2020 will be on **Friday 13 March**.

Classic Movies *

Ian Morris

480 0919

ian.morris@actrix.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Monday - 17 February at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Movie: The Heiress starring Olivia De Havilland, Montgomery Clift, Ralph Richardson. Olivia De Havilland won her second Academy Award for this movie.

Followed by afternoon tea and discussion on all aspects of the movie plus a chocolate fish quiz.

All welcome.

Classical Opera

Jenny Adams

489 5914

golfingjen@icloud.com

Meets: 3rd Tuesday - 18 February at 1.30pm

Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge Retirement village

Topic: Lyn will delight us with Boris Godunov by Mussorgsky.

Destination Walking *

Jenny Adams

489 5914

golfingjen@hotmail.com

Co-convenor: Becky Hilton 0273 111 385

Meets: 1st Friday – 7 February at 10.00am

Becky will be taking the group on their journey.

Venue: Members will be notified of venue nearer the time.

Famous and Infamous

Brucilla Wright 480 0150

brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 2nd Friday – 14 February at 10.00am

Venue: Ian Morris's home, 58 Balmain Rd, Birkenhead.

Topic: Two subjects will be presented by individual presenters

Finance and Investment

Chris Rimmer 4409240

crysie99@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Monday - **20 January 2020** at 9.45am – 11.45am

Meets: 3rd Monday - 17 February at 9.45am – 11.45am

Venue: Mayfair, Oteha Valley Road

Topic: Financial and investment topics

Film Appreciation * Beth Campbell 478 5773 bethcam@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 4th Monday – 24 February at 1.30pm

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead (Contact Beth if transport needed)

Topic: A video about Louis B Meyer, Head of MGM Studios, followed by a general discussion of the 3 current awards - the Golden Globes, the BAFTA's and the Academy Awards/Oscars

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

Meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesday – 5 and 19 February at 2.00pm.

Chacun voit midi à sa porte.

Geology Boyd Miller 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 18 February at 9.45 am

Venue: 46 Sylvan Park Ave, Milford. Judy ph 489 4425

Topics: Current events, East Coast North Island geology.

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

Meets: 4th Thursday - 27 February 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

Great Artists Cherry Worger 486 0615 geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6th and 20th February at 10.00am

Venue: 6th February: 14 Brett Ave, Takapuna

Topic: Introduction. Impressionism and Post-Impressionism: Light, Form and Emotion.

Venue: 20th February: 8 Owens Road, Devonport

Topic: Mary Cassett

Historical Studies * Andrew Pack 418 1925 andpack@gmail.com

Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizmilne@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Monday - 10 Feb at 9:45 am.

Venue: Hearts and Minds, near the Northcote Library.

Topic: South East Asia

History – The World of Byzantium (New) Graham Ritson 489 5366
graham@ritson.co.nz

Meets: 2nd Tuesday - 11 February at 9.45am
Venue: ActivZone, Glenfield.
Topics: L.7 The friends of God – Ascetics and monks
L.8 The fall of the western empire

Jung Graham Ritson 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz

Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday – 10 and 24 February from 9.45am until noon
Venue: Meeting room, ActivZone, 30 Downing St. Glenfield.
About 30 people have registered interest in this new group.

Topic 10 February: Introduction - Video
Topic 24 February: Jung's early life & career - Video

Latin Geoff Sheehan 620 5169 theosheevg@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday – 13 and 27 February 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.

*"et ipsa scientia potestas est" –
"And knowledge itself is power" (Francis Bacon)*

Mah Jong * (Inter U3A Group) David Johnston 473 8942
u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz

Meets: 1st and 3rd Friday – 7 and 21 February at 1.30pm
Venue: Okura Hall, Okura River Road

Try a new game this year
Newcomers and Learners always welcome

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

Meets: 1st Thursday - 6 February at 10.00am
Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village
Topic: Rogues and Rascals

Maori Studies * Martyn Geary 027 4443219 mbgeary@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 4th Wednesday - 26 February 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 – 13 February at 9.45am to 12 mid-day
Venue: ActivZone, 30 Downing Street, Glenfield
Topic: 13. An Apple a Day – Behaviour and Disease Prevention
14. Staying on the Wagon – Making Changes That Last

Modern English Literature * Pearl Thomson 449 0450 ptho@xtra.co.nz
Carolyn Harvey 489 6334

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday – 4 and 18 February at 9.45am
Venue: 4th February, 3a Mandica Place, Sunnynook
18 February, 22b Clifton Road, Takapuna
Topic: Irish Writers

We would welcome new members

Modern History * Martin Lee 294 7820 robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 2nd Wednesday – 12 February at 9.45am
Venue: Rothesay Room, ECB Centre, 2 Glen Road, Browns Bay.
Topics: The Baltic Countries and Inventors/Inventions

Musical Studies * Jan Judson 021 396 152 janqpies@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday, 10 and 24 February at 9.45am -12 noon.
Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road
Topics: 10th February: Welcome Bach
24th February: Passion

New Members very welcome

Musical Troubadours * Betty Dance 478 7621 b.dance@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 4th Monday - 24 February at 2.00pm
Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay. Betty will be in touch.

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

Meets: 4th Tuesday - 25 February 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, 10 February at 1.30 pm

Venue: Apt C462 Northbridge, Akoranga Drive

Topic: Shared reading of Chaucer's Prologue to The Canterbury Tales

Scientific Horizons *

New Convenor: Bob Atkinson 021 127 4945

bobatkinson61@gmail.com

Bob has taken over from Geoffrey Bourke as convenor.

Meets: 1st Wednesday – 5 February 1:30pm-to-3:30pm

Venue: location yet to be determined

Topics: planned for the first meeting will include "Bicycle Physics - why they don't fall over" and "Continental Drift".

Scrabble *

Sue Pearson 021622783

sue@suepearson.co.nz

Meets: 1st Friday – 7 February - 9.45am to 12 noon

Venue: 5a Rahopara St, Castor Bay

Topic: Play Scrabble to increase word knowledge

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

New members very welcome

Shakespeare *

Andrew Pack 418 1925

andpack@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Monday – 17 February 2010 at 1.30pm

Venue: ActivZone, next to the Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre, 30 Downing Street, Glenfield

Topic: 'Much Ado About Nothing'

New members very welcome!

Social Issues *

Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866

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Meets: 1st Friday - 7 February at 1.30pm

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

Topics: 1. The ethics of new (medical) technologies

2. Planning for 2020 - bring ideas please

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

Meets: 2nd Friday - 14 February at 10.00 am

Topic: Recent trips & plans for the coming year.

New members very welcome!

U3A Travel Jocelyn Spinley 445 3329 spinleys@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Monday – 17 February at 10.00am

Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport.

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 - 11 February at 1.00pm

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Topics: Chronological: Operation Dragoon, the Invasion of Southern France.

Featured Military Leaders: Lt Gen Alexander Patch / Col-Gen Johannes Blaskowitz

Featured Additional Subject: The Red Ball Express

More members welcome

