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March 2019 Newsletter

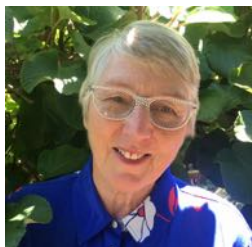
Meeting on Wednesday 6 March at 9.45am

Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote

Guest Speaker: Jo Knight

**Topic: Kauri Dieback and rescue efforts in the
Kaipatiki area of Auckland**

Jo Knight is the current Chair of Pest Free Kaipatiki which has active programmes in pest animal and pest plant removal as well as Kauri Dieback prevention. The talk will give some background to KDB as well as outlining current action to prevent the spread in the Kaipatiki area. These actions include the development of halos around Kauri reserves, educational initiatives and training of specific volunteers in how to move safely in a kauri area. Current treatment available, Kauri growing on private land and the efforts of Kauri Rescue in this scenario will also be covered.



Jo is an ornithologist and all round conservationist who works with her local reserve groups in the Hadfield and Odin Reserve area of Kaipatiki.

Her experience centres on education, environmental issues and programme development. This includes a summer doing research at Cape Bird in Antarctica; setting up the education service at Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World, followed by developing community programmes and short term displays as Curator at Auckland Zoo.

She is a past member of the Auckland Conservation Board. Work on recycling systems for organic waste, electronic waste and tyres in NZ means that Jo still runs a small company exporting electronic waste to Japan for re-refining of metals contained and their reuse in the IT industry.

Mini Speaker: David Gibbs

Topic: Climate Change

From the President

Our February meeting had a great mini talk by Stephen Warnes when he presented a different view of the world and its economies. Our Guest Speaker was Thuten Kesang who talked of his early life in Tibet and then his later life in New Zealand.

A great start to the New Year.

As you know we are looking at offering the U3A Takapuna Newsletter by email.

This has arisen partly because of the rising costs of postage and an indication from NZ Post that postage will increase again this year, but also because it is so much easier for us to deliver so much more value via email. Over the next few months our editor, Murray Pearson will publish both printed and emailed versions.

Your committee have been exploring whether we should offer a discount to those that choose to receive newsletter by email. At the March meeting I would like to see an indication from the members on whether we should offer discount or not.

Study Groups: Are you interested in starting a new Study Group? It could be a new subject, or if you notice that a Study Group in the newsletter indicates that it is full and you are interested in that subject maybe you could start a second group on the same subject? Talk to me about any ideas you may have. We want to have Study Groups that encourage members to join and get excited about involvement.

Regards

Ron Wilson

Dr Roger Gill

The family of Dr Roger Gill have asked us to let you know that he died on 8 February. The family have held a private gathering to celebrate his life. His daughter told us that knowledge and education were his great loves, and U3A was a huge part of his later years.

Hosts

Modern English Literature

4 members at 9.15am please

Morning Tea

Geology

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

All to help clean up please

Deadline Date for April 2019 Newsletter Sunday 10 March 2019

Editor: Murray Pearson Email: news@u3atakapuna.org.nz or 021 644442

Yes it's a week earlier as your editor will be in Arrowtown for his daughter's wedding on 16 March so the week leading up to that might be a bit busy

Committee Members for 2018/2019

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Is it only our way or the Huawei? Past, present and future options for NZ and China

Wednesday 6 March 2019 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Dr David Belgrave

Round Room, Atrium Building, Massey University, Albany



Reflecting on the history of New Zealand policy towards China is especially pertinent now as we navigate the current tensions between globalisation and nationalism in global politics. Trade, security, and diplomacy are among touchpoints for defining New Zealand's interests as the power balance shifts rapidly in the Asia-Pacific. Politics and citizenship lecturer David Belgrave asks 'Where to from here?' as he explores policy options for New Zealand in what Sinophiles have dubbed 'the Chinese century.'

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

This Month in New Zealand History

3 March 1960: Barry Crump publishes A good keen man

One of the most-read books in New Zealand publishing history, A good keen man established Barry Crump's reputation as an iconic 'Kiwi bloke'. Crump's 20-odd books capturing the humour and personalities of rural New Zealand had sold more than a million copies by the time he died in 1996. He appealed to many Kiwis as a 'man's man' who could tell a great yarn.

6 March 1830: Outbreak of the 'Girls' War' at Kororāreka

The so-called 'Girls' War' was fought between northern and southern Ngāpuhi at Kororāreka (now Russell). Up to 100 Māori were killed or wounded in the fighting, after which the northern alliance took control of the important settlement. The conflict had its roots in inter-hapū rivalry and competition for European trade.

12 March 1975: New Zealand Red Cross worker killed in Vietnam

Returning from leave in Laos, 30-year-old Malcolm 'Mac' Riding was aboard an Air Vietnam DC4 when it crashed 25 km from his Red Cross team's compound near Pleiku, South Vietnam. The plane crashed into territory controlled by the National Liberation Front, which made it difficult for investigators to get to the crash site.

16 March 1940: Jockey Y-fronts hit New Zealand shops

'If old-fashioned underwear makes you squirm, switch to Jockey.' That was message from clothing manufacturer Lane Walker Rudkin when it began marketing the Jockey Y-front to New Zealand men on 16 March 1940. The Canterbury firm had successfully bid to manufacture Jockey's new range of underwear, making New Zealand one of the first four countries in the world to make the iconic American brand.

22 March 1902: George von Zedlitz arrives in Wellington

Victoria College's first professor of modern languages joined the fledgling institution's four foundation professors. Despite a less than ringing endorsement from New Zealand's London-based Agent-General William Pember Reeves – 'You are the best of a poor lot' – the urbane intellectual was an immediate success as a lecturer and enriched Wellington's cultural life.

26 March 1896: Brunner mine disaster kills 65

At 9.30 a.m. an explosion tore through the Brunner mine in Westland's Grey Valley. Two men sent underground to investigate were later found unconscious from black damp, a suffocating mixture of nitrogen and carbon dioxide. Rescuers began bringing out bodies around 11 a.m. The noxious gases took their toll on those in the rescue parties, many of whom collapsed and had to be carried out. The final death toll was 65 – almost half of Brunner's underground work force. This remains New Zealand's deadliest industrial accident.

Mind Body Medicine

A proposed new Study Group

This course explores the history, development, and evidence base for an approach called biopsychosocial medicine, in which biology, psychology, and sociocultural factors are examined as both independent and interactive contributors to health and disease. This conceptual model is first introduced, followed by essential biomedical building blocks, an exploration of psychological and sociological variables, and, finally, applications to organ systems and common chronic diseases. This course draws from diverse research traditions, poignant clinical narratives, and active demonstrations compiled from nearly 20 years of educational training programs in medicine, nursing, psychology, and anthropology.

Please register your interest with Graham Ritson:

☎ 09 489 5366

e: graham@ritson.co.nz



Movies in the Park: Peter Rabbit

Brought to you by: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Gather the grandchildren and family for a great night out. Don't think its just for the kids.

A fantastic movie

Peter Rabbit and his three sisters - Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail - enjoy spending their days in Mr McGregor's vegetable garden.

When one of McGregor's relatives suddenly moves in, he's less than thrilled to discover a family of rabbits in his new home.

A battle of wills soon breaks out as the new owner hatches scheme after scheme to get rid of Peter - a resourceful rabbit who proves to be a worthy and wily opponent.

Date: Saturday, 16 March 2019

Time: Movie from 7.50pm - Pre-movie entertainment from 5.40pm

Venue: Woodall Park, Old Lake Road, Narrow Neck



Study and Special Interest Groups



Architecture and Design

Judy Hanna ☎ 489 4425 hannaj@xtra.co.nz

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

Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, Oteha Valley Rd. Northcross

Topic: As discussed, further information by email. [Temporary convenor TBA.]

Astronomy

In recess at present

Auckland Heritage

Christine Ball ☎ 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Friday – 15 March at 10.00am

Members will be informed of activity by Christine via email well before 15th March.

Board Games *

Leonne Kho ☎ 027-877-8811 leoniekho1@gmail.com

Ron Wilson ☎ 478 2490 ron.e.wilson@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Friday - 8 March at 9.45pm

Venue: Meeting Room No. 4 on Second Floor, Council Building
2 Glen Road, Browns Bay. (Elevator is available ; Toilets are on the same second floor)

Topic: Play brain games for: Better Memory - Stronger Immune System – Enhance Mental Health - Stress Relief - Laughter & Fun

Cabbages and Kings

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

Liz Milne ☎ 963 2810 lizhmilne@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Thursday - 14 March at 1.30pm

Venue: Liz's place, I 317 Northbridge

Topic: 5 to 10 minutes on anything

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Chinese Painting and Art Studies *	Doreen Brown ☎ 473 0871 doreen22@orcon.net.nz
Meets: 2 nd Friday – 8 March at 1.30pm Venue: The Orchards, Stanley Street, Glenfield Topic: TBA	
Classical Opera	Jenny Adams ☎ 489 5914 golfingjen@hotmail.com
Meets: 3 rd Tuesday - 19 March: 1.30pm Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge Topic: Vivia will present Der Rosenkavalier by Richard Strauss	
Comparative Religion *	Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
This group is now in abeyance - after four years. Those who would be interested in having the group continue and repeat the journey, please contact the Convenor.	
Famous and Infamous *	Brucilla Wright ☎ 480 0150 brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 2 nd Friday – 8 March at 10.00am Venue: 4 Hume Drive, Hillcrest Topic: 1. TBA 2. Eleanor of Aquitaine	
Finance and Investment	Graham Alcock ☎ 473 5607 graham_ionaalcock@hotmail.com
Meets: 3 rd Monday - 18 March 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
Meets: 4 th Monday - 25 March at 1.30pm Venue: Garden Lounge at Northbridge Village Topic: Members will be advised by email	
Food Explorers	
Four years were spent discovering and discussing the History of Food and a further year exploring the topic with site visits etc. Our topic has been successfully completed. This group has now disbanded. Thanks everyone for your interest. Judy Hanna	

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Foundations of Western Civilisation	Graham Ritson ☎ 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz
Meets: 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday - 12 and 26 March at 9.45am Venue: Meeting Room, Activezone, 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. March 12 th Norberg 30 minutes March 26 th Marx Alienation, Nietzsche - Perspectivism and the Will to Power	
French *	Ann Andreassend ☎ 410 3297 duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday – 13 and 27 March at 2.00pm	
<i>les vacances d'été arrivent à grands pas</i>	
Geology	Boyd Miller ☎ 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com
Meets: 3 rd Tuesday. 19 March at 9.45am Venue: 4 Purchas Rd, Hauraki. NOTE CHANGE of venue. Boyd ph 09 488 7595 Topic: Current events, Safe as Houses, mud volcano	
German * (Inter U3A Group)	Peter Robinson ☎ 489 4494 peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com
Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Friday - 1 and 15 March at 10.00am	
<i>fast Zeit, um über Weihnachten nachzudenken</i>	
Globalisation *	Chris Ball ☎ 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 4 th Thursday - 28 March at 2.00pm Venue: Apt 8008, The Poynton Retirement Village, Shakespeare Rd, Milford Topic: Chris will be in touch <i>New members most welcome</i>	

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Great Artists Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Thursday – 7 and 21 March at 10.00am Venue: 7 th March: 1315 Northbridge, 45 Akoranga Drive Topic: 7 th March: Sonia and Robert Delauney Venue: 21 st March: 8 Owens Road, Devonport Topic: 21 st March: Tamara de Lempicka	Cherry Worger ☎ 486 0615 geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz
Historical Studies * Meets: 2nd Monday - 11 th March at 9.45am Venue: Hearts and Minds (By the Northcote Library) Topic: Water	Andrew Pack ☎ 418 1925 andpack@gmail.com
Latin Meets: Generally on 2 nd and 4 th Thursday This month on 14 th and 28 th March 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>	Geoff Sheehan ☎ 620 5169 theoshee@ihug.co.nz
Mah Jong * (Inter U3A Group) Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Friday - 1 and 15 March at 1.30pm Venue: Okura Hall Okura River Road <i>Now is the time to learn a new game to play with your grandchildren</i> <i>Get them away from computer games</i> <i>Newcomers and Learners always welcome</i>	David Johnston ☎ 473 8942 u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz
Making History * (Inter U3A Group) Meets: 1 st Thursday - 7 March at 10.00am Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village Topic: Women First	Georgie Maurice ☎ 473 0404 u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz

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Maori Studies * Meets: 4 th Wednesday. 27 March at 9.15am Venue: Top floor, 31 Craig Rd. Milford. Topic: General, & Maori phrases used on National Radio morning report (please listen, list and try to interpret) <i>Newcomers and Learners always welcome</i>	Martyn Geary ☎ 027 4443219 mbgeary@xtra.co.nz
Mind Body Philosophy Meets: 2 nd Thursday – 14 March at 9.45am to 12 mid-day Venue: Activezone, 30 Dowling Street, Glenfield Topic: Lecture 23: Consciousness & the explanatory gap Lecture 24: A philosophical science of consciousness	Graham Ritson ☎ 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
Modern English Literature Meets: 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday. 5 and 19 March at 9.45am Venue: 3 Mandica Place, Sunnynook Topic: My favourite novel post WW2	Pearl Thomson ☎ 449 0450 ptho@xtra.co.nz Carolyn Harvey ☎ 489 6334
Modern History * Meets: 2 nd Wednesday – 13 March 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	Martin Lee ☎ 294 7820 robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz
Music Appreciation * This group is operating as a social group at the moment meeting every couple of months for concerts and lunch. If interested please contact Jennifer.	Jennifer Knutsen ☎ 475 6797

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Musical Studies * Meets: 2 nd and 4 th Monday, 11 and 25 March at 9.45am Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road 11 th March: The Five: Balakirev and Borodin 25 th March: The Five: Cui, Mussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakov <i>New Members very Welcome</i>	Jan Judson ☎ 021 396 152 janqpies@gmail.com
Musical Troubadours * We will meet on 11 and 25 March 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Norfolk Apartments, Mairangi Bay. Could everyone please choose 3 tunes to play. We have cello, harp, viola, violin, recorder. We need a pianist. Is there anybody out there who would like to join us? We play for enjoyment.	Jocelyn Spinley ☎ 445 3329, Betty Dance ☎ 478 7621
Other Peoples Lives * Meets: 4 th Tuesday - 26 March at 2.00pm Venue: Parklane Village, 59/106 Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill. Phone: 410 9549 (Flo) Topic: A study of Biographies and/or Autobiographies	Patricia Lissette ☎ 489 9465 pat.lissette@gmail.com
Poetry Meets: 2 nd Monday 11 March at 1.30pm Venue: Apt C462 Northbridge, Akoranga Drive Topic: Poetic Forms. Each member please bring two poems one illustrating a villanelle and one illustrating a triolet.	Val Overington ☎ 486 5582 v.j.overington@gmail.com
Scientific Horizons * Meets: 1 st Wednesday 6 March at 1.30pm Venue: Bays Lounge, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road Topic: RNA & DNA - all welcome <i>New Members Welcome</i>	Geoffrey Bourke ☎ 021 737 973 geoffrey@bourke.gen.nz
Scrabble * Meets: 1 st Friday - 1 March at 9.45am to 12 noon Venue: 6 Dewsbury Terrace, Castor Bay Please call Margaret ☎ 410 0472 if you intend to come. Topic: Play Scrabble to increase word knowledge <i>New members very welcome</i>	Sue ☎ 021 622783 sue@suepearson.co.nz

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Shakespeare * Meets: 3 rd Monday - 18 March at 1.30pm Venue: ActivZone, next to the Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre Topic: Study of a play	Graham Alcock ☎ 473 5607 graham_ionaalcock@hotmail.com
Social Issues * Meets: 1 st Friday - 1 March at 1.30pm Venue: St John's Church Hall, 327 Beach Road, Campbell's Bay Topics: 1. Human activity and soil: the effect on society. 2. Tomorrow's schools.	Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
Spanish Culture * Meets: 2 nd Friday - 8 March at 10.00am Venue: Daphne's apartment at Northbridge Topic: Prehistoric architecture - & some Spanish songs <i>más miembros son bienvenidos</i>	Pam Robinson ☎ 489 4494 peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com
U3A Travel Meets: 3 rd Monday - 18 March at 10.00am Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport. Jocelyn ☎ 445 3329 Topic: TBA	Jocelyn Spinley ☎ 445 3329 spinleys@gmail.com
World War II * <i>From pre war causes to post war recovery</i> Meets: 2 nd Tuesday - 12 March at 1.00pm Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead Topics: Chronological: Battle of Angio Featured Military Leaders: Generals John Lucas / Lucian Truscott / Eberhard von Mackensen / Field Marshal Albert Kesselring Featured Additional Subject: The Great Escape 24 / 25 March 1944 <i>More members welcome</i>	Ian Morris ☎ 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz

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