



U3A TAKAPUNA INC

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April 2020 Newsletter **Meeting on Wednesday 1 April at 9.45am** **Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote**

At time of going to press the new Covid 19 restrictions have just been announced.

At this time the 1 April meeting is still going ahead.

If there is a change you will be informed via email.

Guest Speaker: Maj (Rtd) Greg Moyle ED, JP

Topic: The NZ War Memorial Museum and Visitor Centre at Le Quesnoy, France - *The Greatest Story Never Told*

The New Zealand division in WWI was one of the most formidable fighting divisions of the British Expeditionary Force. When they found themselves staring up at the towering walls of Le Quesnoy, they knew something remarkable would have to be done to liberate this quiet French town from German occupation. Join Greg as he unravels the heroism that led to a century long friendship between the people of Le Quesnoy, France and New Zealand. A story that would go on to shape the beginnings of what the New Zealand Memorial Museum is today.



After graduating as an Accountant in 1975, Greg was employed in a number of accountancy-related roles before joining the NZ Police in 1980. Whilst there, he studied law at University. He left the Police in 1984 to teach accounting at the University of Auckland and to complete his law degree. In 1986, Greg joined the Department of Justice as a senior investigating accountant in the corporate fraud unit. Since 1987 he has been involved in the financial planning industry, now the Principal of Financial Planning NZ Ltd, also known as One Plan for Retirement.

Greg is a founding Trustee and past Chair of the NZ Memorial Museum Trust - Le Quesnoy and, as a current Trustee, is actively involved in the establishment of the Museum and Visitor Centre.

Mini Speaker: Christine Ball

Australia's Salt Water Crocodiles

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is two years since Murray started sending out our newsletter by email. To those members that have opted to receive the Newsletter by email and not post, a big Thank You. It not only saves us money but it is also much more environmentally friendly and you get the newsletter a little earlier. In addition the email version enables us to include much more information with links to web pages and documents.

As Murray includes a PDF version of the Newsletter in the email you can always print the parts you want.

A big thank you goes out to Murray Pearson who did a lot of work setting up the email system and making the newsletter look good in email form. Also thanks to Rosemary Larsen who came on board recently to help Murray.

We encourage those members that have not agreed to receive their Newsletter by email to please reconsider, and if you would like to change that choice and get on board with email news then please email news@u3atakapuna.org.nz and Murray will have you on line ASAP.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find reference to the Corona Virus that is having an impact around the world. Please do take note and follow all the recommendations of the Health Department. Check out our U3A website where there is a plethora of information on the Virus and also a helpful video all about it.

Finally it is time for our annual audit of Group Membership. This information helps your committee encourage new Groups and makes sure we are still being relevant to our members.

Ron Wilson, President

Hosts: Classical Opera Group

Four members at 9.15am please

Morning Tea: Film Appreciation Group

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

President	Ron Wilson	☎ 09 478 2490
Vice President	Stephen Warnes	☎ 027 646 3866
Treasurer	David Gibbs	☎ 09 482 3006
Secretary	Erica Brash	☎ 09 414 6321
Speakers Convenor	Christine Ball	☎ 09 410 7789
Catering Convenor	Janet Poole	☎ 09 940 1200
Reception	Sue Pearson	☎ 021 622 783
Membership	Jan Judson	☎ 021 396 152
Hall Liaison	Rowena Scaletti	☎ 09 445 8842
Study Group Liaison	Rowena Scaletti	☎ 09 445 8842
U3A Network	Ron Wilson	☎ 09 478 2490

Other Responsibilities

Audio Visual	Barry, Chris and Boyd	
Hall Setup	Phil and Pauline	
Newsletter Distribution	John Hanna	☎ 09 489 4425
Newsletter Editors	Murray Pearson	☎ 021 644 442
	and Rosemary Larsen	☎ 09 410 4465

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 May 2020 Newsletter

Saturday 18 April 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

Please be sure to put the name of your study group in the subject line



COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

Your committee met on 10 March and would like to communicate the following:

At the time of going to print, we are still planning to have our Wednesday 1 April meeting as usual. If you feel unwell then we advise you to stay at home and seek appropriate medical help.

In general, we urge members to follow good healthy practices and be aware that if you are meeting in Residential Village meeting rooms, you may be denied access for the foreseeable future. Already Mayfair has asked us not to meet there anymore.

Note to Convenors : If you are denied a meeting place, you may have to decide whether you switch to meeting in homes or find an alternative meeting venue.

In all cases, all members are urged to check out our website:

<http://u3atakapuna.org.nz/>

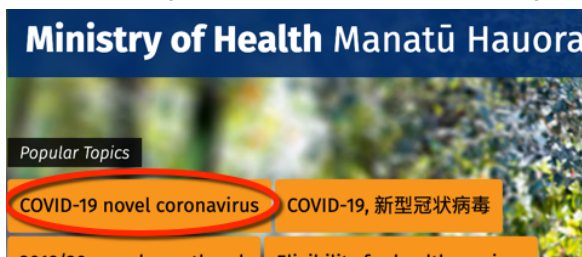
for suggestions on avoiding the Coronavirus and to watch an informative video on the Virus.

In addition, the best place to keep up-to-date with the situation in NZ is via this website

<https://www.health.govt.nz/>

click on the

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) Link



**Or contact the Healthline team (for free) on
0800 358 5453 or +64 9 358 5453**

Getting the most from your SuperGold Card

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Email: information@supergold.govt.nz

Mail to: SuperGold Centre

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Wellington 6145

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	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 - 15 April at 9.45am.

Venue: Pending! - **Please note: NOT at Mayfair Village.**

Topic: As discussed at March Meeting, Details to be advised by email

Astronomy *

Stuart Kendon 0274 949 371

stuart@kendon.co.nz

Meets: 4th Friday – 24 April at 9.45am.

Venue: ActivZone, 30 Downing Street, Glenfield

Topic: Dark Matter; Dark Energy cont.

Auckland Heritage

Christine Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 3rd Friday – 17 April at 10.00am

Venue: A guided Tour of Aviation Heritage at Hobsonville Point.

More details to come by email.

Cabbages and Kings

Anne Young 486 3317

annejim.y@xtra.co.nz

Liz Milne 021 269 5151

lzhmilne@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Thursday – 9 April at 1:30 pm

Venue: Ros's place, 7/212 Hurstmere Rd

Topic: 5 to 10 minutes on anything.

Chinese Painting and Art Studies *

Doreen Brown 473 0871

doreen22@orcon.net.nz

Meets: 2nd Friday – **10 April – Good Friday.**

Usual Venue: The Orchards, Glenfield at 1.30 pm

– However venue and topic will be advised.

Classic Movies * Ian Morris 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz
Meets: 3rd Monday -20 April at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start
Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead
Movie: "To Kill a Mockingbird" starring Gregory Peck who won the Best Actor Academy Award for this movie in 1963
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 – 21 April at 1.30pm
Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge Retirement village
Topic: Naomi will delight us with "Die Fledermaus".

Destination Walking * Jenny Adams 489 5914 golfingjen@hotmail.com
Co-convenor: Becky Britton 0273 111 385
Meets: 1st Friday – 3 April at 10.00am
David will be leading this walk from Narrow Neck beach
Venue: Members will be notified of further details nearer the time.

Famous and Infamous Brucilla Wright 480 0150 brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz
Usually Meets: 2nd Friday –
As 10 April is Good Friday there will be no meeting.

Finance and Investment Chris Rimmer 4409240 crysie99@gmail.com
Meets: **This group is in recess until further notice.**

Film Appreciation * Beth Campbell 478 5773 bethcam@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 4th Monday – 27 April at 1.30pm
Venue & Topic: Members to be advised

French * Ann Andreassend 410 3297 duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesday – 1 and 15 April at 2.00pm.
Chacun voit midi à sa porte.

Geology Boyd Miller 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com
Meets: 3rd Tuesday 21 April at 9.45 am
Venue: 46 Sylvan Park Ave, Milford. Judy ph 489 4425
Topics: Current events, Cook Strait and the sediment balance

Globalisation * Chris Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz
Meets: 4th Thursday - 23 April 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, 2 and 16 April at 10.00am
Venue: 2nd April: 2/2 Huntly Rd, Campbells Bay
Topic: Pierre-Auguste Renoir
Venue: 16th April: 9 Park Ave, Takapuna
Topic: Paul Cezanne

Historical Studies Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizhmilne@gmail.com
Usually Meets: 2nd Monday - 13 April at 9:45 am.
As 13 April is Easter Monday there will be no meeting.

History – The World of Byzantium (New) Graham Ritson 489 5366
graham@ritson.co.nz
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday – 14 and 28 April at 9.45am
Venue: ActivZone, Glenfield.
Topics: 14 April: 15. Life in the Byzantine dark age
16. The Iconoclastic controversy
28 April: **Holiday**

Jung Graham Ritson 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nz
Usually Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday –
13 April: **Easter Monday - Holiday**
27 April: **School Holidays**

Latin Geoff Sheehan 620 5169 theosheevg@gmail.com
Usually Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday –
No meetings in April
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 – 3 and 17 April 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 - 2 April at 10.00am

Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village

Theme: Finding NZ History;

Topic: Pakeha Maori and the musket wars

Maori Studies *

Martyn Geary 027 4443219 mbgeary@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 4th Wednesday - 22 April 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

Usually Meets: 2nd Thursday –

No meeting in April

Modern English Literature *

Pearl Thomson 449 0450 ptho@xtra.co.nz

Carolyn Harvey 489 6334

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 and 21 April at 9.45am

Venue: 7 April, 3a Mandica Place, Sunnynook

21 April, 3a Mandica Place, Sunnynook

Topic: Irish Writers

We would welcome new members

Modern History *

Martin Lee 294 7820 robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 2nd Wednesday – 8 April at 9.45am

Venue: Rothesay Room, ECB Centre, 2 Glen Road, Browns Bay.

Topics: The Baltic Countries and Inventors/Inventions cont.

Musical Studies *

Jan Judson 021 396 152 janqpies@gmail.com

Usually Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday:- **April only 1st and 3rd Monday - 6 and 20 April at 9.45am -12 noon.**

Venue and Topics: To be advised

New Members very welcome

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

Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday each month –

13 April: **Easter Monday – No Meeting**

27 April: meeting at 2.00pm Topic to be discussed at meeting on 23 March

Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay. Betty will be in touch.

New Members very welcome

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

Meets: 4th Tuesday - 28 April 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

Usually Meets: 2nd Monday -

Easter Monday – no meeting in April

Scientific Horizons * Convenor: Bob Atkinson 021 127 4945

bobatkinson61@gmail.com

Meets: 1st Wednesday – 1 April 1:30pm-to-3:30pm

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

Topics: 1. Continental Drift
2. The Proton

Scrabble * Sue Pearson 021 622 783 sue@suepearson.co.nz

Meets: 1st Friday – 3 April - 9.45am to 12 noon

Venue: 5A Rahopara Street, 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 – 20 April at 1.30pm

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

Topic: “Romeo and Juliet”

New members very welcome!

Social Issues * Stephen Warnes 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.com
Meets: 1st Friday - 3 April at 1.30pm
Venue: St John's Church Hall, 327 Beach Road, Campbell's Bay
Topic: Social Isolation and Loneliness

Spanish Culture * Pam Robinson 489 4494 peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com
Usually Meets: 2nd Friday -

Good Friday – no meeting in April

New members very welcome!

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

Meets: 3rd Monday – 20 April at 10.00am

Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport.

Topic: Speaker talking about a trip to Greece made last year

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 – 14 April at 1.00pm

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Topics: Chronological: Battle of Leyte Gulf the largest naval battle of WW2

Featured Military Leaders: Admirals William 'Bull' Halsey / Marc

Mitscher /Shoji Nishimura / Kiyohide Shima

Featured Additional Subject: Rommel's untimely end

More members welcome