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Hello Murray.

Welcome to our June 2020 U3A Takapuna Newsletter. After a couple of months of Lockdown craziness, we have reverted to our monthly Newsletter format. Many groups have decided to meet in June and you can access the full study group details via the link below.

After the success of Jan's Lockdown Quiz, we have decided to include a monthly quiz. Scroll down and have a go/

President Ron has outlined his guidelines to follow for group meetings under the present Covid-19 restrictions. You can also access the main Covid-19 website here for more information:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

On the above website there is a section containing advice for community groups, clubs and societies. Please also keep in mind that people at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19, for example, those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and seniors, are encouraged to take additional precautions.

What's in this newsletter:

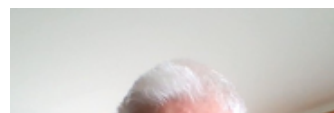
- News from our President
- New Subscription Structure 2020/21
- Study Group News
- U3A Takapuna Lockdown Quiz Fifth Edition
- Study Group Schedule June 2020

With the increased flexibility in our emailed format newsletter, we welcome study group news and photos. All now possible as we have full colour, and space is no problem. Email your news to news@u3atakapuna.org.nz or feel free to call Murray on 021 644442 to discuss.

Kind regards from your Newsletter Editors
Murray Pearson, Sue Pearson and Rosemary Larsen

News from our President

By the time you read this, Level 2 allows groups of up to 100



people but the distancing and all the other restrictions will generally still apply.

This is likely to stop us having a monthly meeting for at least the next 2-3 months.

The distancing rule of at least two metres would make a large meeting of 100 people impossible in our current hall. This is supposing that Council would even allow a meeting at their hall.

However, our larger Study Groups will be able to meet if we can keep the two metre apart rule and also ensure that proper hygiene rules are adhered to. This would mean sanitizer for all people at the meeting. No food to be consumed and someone would have to sanitize the venue and furniture after the meeting. This could be quite a major task and probably beyond us. Smaller study groups may well be able to obey all the regulations and still hold meetings which is great. Meanwhile, Zoom will probably be a staple for meetings for some time. We should all recognise that we can never relax about the Covid-19 pandemic until an effective vaccine is discovered and we have the ability to vaccinate our population.



Subscriptions

Your Committee have been busy holding meetings via Zoom and one decision is that with so many people preferring the Newsletter by email that it was time to recognise this by an adjustment to the Subscription. You will find elsewhere in this Newsletter the new subscription rates.

Our Financial year ends in June and Subscription Renewals for the new year will be emailed to members in July.

AGM

It may prove impossible to hold an AGM in August because of restrictions on Meetings. Fortunately your committee has a good team that can hold office until it is possible to hold a meeting. Last year at the same time, we amended the constitution to allow me to continue on due to the inability to appoint a new President. It was agreed subject to my standing down at the end of the U3A year. This will mean that this will be the last month of my appointment.

Fortunately we have a Vice President, Stephen Warnes, and as from July 1st he will assume the role of President until such time that U3A Takapuna can hold an AGM and then the position can be formalised. I would like to thank you all for entrusting the Presidency to me for three years and I am positive that Stephen will shepherd you safely into the future.

Ron Wilson, President

U3A Takapuna New Subscription Structure 2020/21

As mentioned earlier, your committee has noted the popularity of email Newsletters and especially during the Lockdown period where email was the only way to communicate with all our members. The email version not only allows colour, it also allows Hyperlinks where you can click on the link and be taken to a web site for further details.

In view of this, we have decided to reduce and restructure the subscriptions as follows:

Membership Subscription

- **Full year \$20 per person** (includes emailed newsletter.)
 - There is no discount for couples. **A couple will pay \$40.**
- **Part year \$10 per person** (includes emailed newsletter.)
 - For members joining in the last 6 months from 1st December **A couple will pay \$20.**

For members joining in the next 6 months from the 1st October, the paper will be \$20.

Newsletters

- **Emailed:** All members with an email address will automatically receive an emailed newsletter. This is included in the subscription.
- **Mailed:** Members who want a printed & mailed newsletter will pay \$20 per year extra due to the costs involved. So a single member who wants a mailed newsletter will pay a \$20 sub plus \$20 = \$40 total. A couple will pay two subscriptions \$40 plus \$20 = \$60 total assuming they get one mailed newsletter.

Notes:

1. The **majority of membership are receiving newsletter via email**. During the Covid-Lockdown we have only used email.
2. **Environmentally** it is kinder to not leave 300+ copies of newsletters to eventually be dumped.
3. Email is **quicker** and if people lose email there is always a copy on website
4. Email allows the Newsletter to have a more flexible **layout** including **colour**, and **links** **websites** make life easier for readers.
5. **Life members** will continue to be **exempt from Subscriptions**, and will continue to receive posted copy of the Newsletter.

Your committee hopes that you will appreciate the reductions available if you move to an email version of the newsletter.

Your **July Newsletter will include your renewal subscription form** at the new rates.

We do encourage everyone that can, to accept emailed Newsletters. Not only is it faster and cheaper it gives us more options for content.

We also hope that Members will make their payments by Internet Banking - it really does make the Treasurer's life easier. If you don't have access to Internet Banking then consider popping into an A&A bank and pay into our bank account. Our subscription form will have all the details of our bank account number so take that with you to help the bank.

We know that some people like cheques but the move by banks is to move away from accepting cheques, and some banks have already decided to refuse cheques. This will no doubt accelerate over the coming year.

When meetings resume, if you have not managed to re-new your subscriptions, you will be able to pop to the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

Study Group News

The U3A Takapuna Scrabble group had its first meeting during Lockdown observing all the guidelines for Group Convenors mentioned in our last newsletter. We all learnt new words and most importantly had fun. We did miss our normal morning tea food but enjoyed a cuppa together.



U3A Takapuna Lockdown Quiz - Fifth Edition

Once again a big thank you to Jan Judson for compiling the fifth edition of the U3A Takapuna Lockdown Quiz. Just click on the image below and have a go. 10 questions with multiple choice answer options. Once you complete the 10 questions, you will get your score out of 100 and you will have the option to RETRY. Go for it!! It's proving popular with our members.

Play the U3A Takapuna Lockdown Quiz
Number 5. Enjoy

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Deadline Date for July 2020 Newsletter



Sunday 14 June 2020

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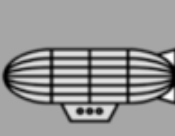
Study group information to: studygroups@u3atakapuna.org.nz

Please note email address for all study group content information

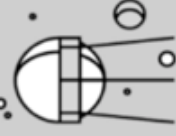
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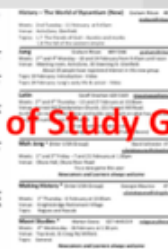



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[Click here to open a PDF of Study Groups in June](#)



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If you have any questions, please give Murray a call on 021 644442



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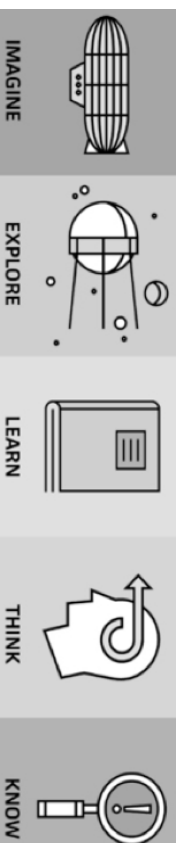
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Study and Special Interest Groups

June 2020



Architecture & Design Judy Hanna 489 4425 hanna.j@xtra.co.nz
 Meets: 3rd Wednesday - 17 June at 9.45am.
 Venue: 46 Sylvan Park Ave, Milford (Judy's)
 Topic: Hobsonville - Then and Now 1930's to 2020's (Janet) Prior to a site visit later this year.

Astronomy * Stuart Kendon 0274 949 371 stuart@kendon.co.nz
 Meets: 4th Friday - 26 June at 9.45am.
 Venue: ActivZone, 30 Downing Street, Glen field
 Topic: "The Past and Future of the Dark Side."

Auckland Heritage Christine Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz
 Meets: 3rd Friday – 19 June at 10.00am
 Venue and further details: Members to be advised.

Cabbages and Kings Anne Young 486 3317 anneilm.y@xtra.co.nz
 Liz Milne 021 269 5151 lizmilne@gmail.com
 Meets: 2nd Thursday – 11 June 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 – 12 June at 1.30pm.
 Venue: The Orchards, Glenfield
 Topic: Members to be advised

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Classic Movies * Ian Morris 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz
 Usually meets: 3rd Monday
 This group has been advised that **there will be no meeting in June** and that the situation will be reviewed each month.

Classical Opera Jenny Adams 489 5914 golfingjen@icloud.com
 Usually meets: 3rd Tuesday but no meeting until July as the venue is unavailable.

Destination Walking * Jenny Adams 489 5914 golfingjen@hotmail.com
 Co-convenor: Becky Britton 0273 111 385
 Meets: 1st Friday – 5 June at 10.00am
 Venue: Members will be notified of the venue/itinerary nearer the time.

Famous and Infamous Brucilla Wright 480 0150 brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz
 Usually meets: 2nd Friday, however **there will be no meeting in June.**

Finance and Investment Chris Rimmer 4409240 crsye99@gmail.com
 Meets: 3rd Monday - 15 June at 9.45am – 11.45am
 Venue: 5 Puawai Place, Northcote.
 Topic: Financial and investment topics

Film Appreciation * Beth Campbell 478 5773 bethcam@xtra.co.nz
 Usually meets: 4th Monday - **there will be no meeting on 22 June** but members will be advised of any alternative arrangements

French * Ann Andreassend 410 3297 duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz
 Usually meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2.00 pm. **This group will meet only on 17 June.** For July and the rest of the year it will be the usual format, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays every month

Chacun voit midi à sa porte.

Geology Boyd Miller 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday 16 June at 9.45 am
 Venue: 46 Sylvan Park Ave, Milford. Judy ph 489 4425
 Topics: Current events, Greywacke and Wellington

Globalisation * Chris Ball 410 7789 cball@xtra.co.nz
 Meets: 4th Thursday - 25 June at 2.00pm
 Venue and topic: Members to be advised. **New members most welcome**

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Great Artists

Cherry Worger 486 0615

geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 and 18 June at 10am

Venue: 4 June: 14 Brett Ave, Takapuna

Topic: Henri Rousseau

Venue: 18 June: 6/46 King Edward Parade, Devonport

Topic: Edgar Degas

Historical Studies

Liz Milne 021 269 5151

lizmilne@gmail.com

Usually meets: 2nd Monday – however **there will be no meeting in June.**

There will possibly be a meeting in July.

History – The World of Byzantium

Graham Ritson

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This group will continue using Zoom in June, but has been superseded by the new group History of Eastern Europe.

Meeting: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday – 2, 9 and 16 June at 9.45am

Topics:

2 June - 19. Constantinople, Queen of Cities. 20. Byzantium – the Dark Ages

9 June - 21. Byzantium Cultural Revival 22. Crusaders and Seljuk Turks

16 June - 23. Muslim Transformation 24. The Ottoman Empire

History of Eastern Europe (New)

Graham Ritson

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This group will continue using Zoom in June, but may well meet at the Meeting Room, ActivZone in July.

Meeting: 4th and 5th Tuesday – 23 and 30 June

Topics: 23 June - 1. The Other Europe: Deep Roots of Diversity

2. Formative Migrations: Mongols to Germans

30 June - 3. Clashing Golden Ages 1389-1772

4. The Great Crime of Empires: Poland Divided.

Jung

Graham Ritson

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This group will continue using Zoom in June, but may well revert to our original timetable and meet at the Meeting Room, ActivZone in July.

Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday – 8 and 22 June from 9.45am - noon

Topics: 8 June: 6. Egos Face – Front and Back -Video

22 June: 7. Anima and Animus – Video

About 30 people have registered interest in this new group.

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Latin

Geoff Sheehan 620 5169 theosheevg@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday – 11 and 25 June 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 – 5 and 19 June at 1.30pm

Venue: Okura Hall, Okura River Road

Now's the time to get out of the house and try something 'useful'!

Newcomers and Learners always welcome

Making History * (Inter U3A Group)

Georgie Maurice 473 0404

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Meets: 1st Thursday - 4 June at 10.00am

Members to be advised on availability of venue and topic if any.

Maori Studies *

Martyn Geary 027 4443219

mbgeary@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 4th Wednesday - 24 June at 1.30 pm.

Venue: Top level, 31 Craig Rd, Milford.

Topic: General (including "useful phrases, Moriori, and Maui myths such as Irawaru")!

Newcomers and Learners always welcome

Mind Body Medicine

Graham Ritson 489 5366

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

This group will continue using Zoom in June, but may well revert to our original timetable and meet at the Meeting room, ActivZone in July.

Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday – 11 and 25 June at 9.45am to 12 mid-day

Topics: 11 June - 21. A cog in the wheel – Occupational stress

- 22. The power of place

25 June - 23. The master plan

- 24. Heart and soul – Cardiovascular disease

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Modern English Literature * Pearl Thomson 449 0450 ptho@xtra.co.nz

Carolyn Harvey 489 6334

This group has decided not to meet until July - first and third Tuesdays - 7th and 21st July and that is providing we are at level one.

We would welcome new members

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

Usually Meets: 2nd Wednesday, however **there will be no meeting in June**. The next meeting will be in July. The group has been in contact with each other over the lockdown.

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

Usually meets: 2nd and 4th Monday, but availability of the venue is uncertain. Members 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 – 8 and 22 June at 2.00pm
Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay. Betty will be in touch.

New Members very welcome

Other Peoples Lives Patricia Lisette 489 9465 pat.lisette@gmail.com

Meets: 4th Tuesday - 23 June at 2.00pm
Venue: Parklane Village, 59/106 Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill.
Phone: 410 9549 (Fio)

Topic: A study of Biographies and/or Autobiographies

Poetry Val Overington 486 5582 v.i.overington@gmail.com

Usually meets: 2nd Monday, however there will be no meeting in June. The next meeting is expected to be in July.

Scientific Horizons * Convenor: Bob Atkinson 021 127 4945 bobatkinson61@gmail.com

Usually meets: 1st Wednesday of the month.

No meeting in June.

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

Meets: 1st Friday – 5 June – **10.00 am** 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 – 15 June at 1.30pm

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

Topic: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

New members very welcome!

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

Meets: 1st Friday - 5 June at 1.30pm

Venue: Martyn's home, Top Level, 31 Craig Road, Milford

Topic: Treaty of Waitangi

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

Usually meets: 2nd Friday, however **there will be no meeting in June**.

New members very welcome!

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

Usually meets: 3rd Monday, however **no meeting in June**. The next meeting will probably be on 20 July 10am at the usual venue 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport.

New members welcome

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

From pre war causes to post war recovery

Meets: 2nd Tuesday – 9 June 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

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