



U3A TAKAPUNA INC

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August 2019 Newsletter

Meeting on Wednesday 7 August at 9.45am

Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote

Guest Speaker: Dr David Belgrave

Topic: Is it Only Our Way or the Huawei? The start of a more challenging relationship with China

Reflecting on the history of New Zealand policy towards China is especially pertinent as we navigate the current tensions between globalisation and nationalism in global politics. China has returned as a major player on the world stage. Its economy is now the second largest in the world and it is modernising its military forces. Crucially, China is now a major source of new technology which puts it at odds with the West for geostrategic, ideological, and security reasons.



Until recently New Zealand has been able to be all things to all people. It has built better relations with China and the United States. However, this cannot continue forever. New Zealand is starting to have to make difficult choices and the roll-out of the next generation of mobile communications technology is proving to be one of these difficult decisions. It is likely to be just the first in a number of difficult decisions New Zealand will have to make which will upset either Beijing or Washington.

Dr David Belgrave teaches politics and citizenship at Massey University Albany. He grew up on the North Shore and studied politics and public policy at the University of Auckland and Massey University. He then went on to study defence and international relations at the Australian National University and Victoria University of Wellington. His research focus is in East Asian security since 1945 and New Zealand public policy.



AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FROM THE PRESIDENT

August is AGM month, and at last your chance to elect a new committee to represent you.

Were you aware that U3A is 30 years old in New Zealand? In 1989 a group in Remuera formed the first U3A in New Zealand. It was quickly followed by U3A Takapuna. We now have 83 U3As throughout New Zealand.

Our group here in Takapuna spun off Browns Bay, Devonport and Birkenhead.

Recently U3A Network started a new group in Kaipara South (Helensville) and we are now looking at Waiheke as people over there have shown interest in starting a group.

Last month we had Mandy and Jo from the Hospice Organisation to talk about Hospice and changes that are happening. Our mini speaker gave a fascinating talk on the First Emperor of China. Both these talks are available on our U3A website.

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

Please do try to attend our AGM as it is an important part of the organisation and we do have a chance to thank people retiring from our committee.

Ron Wilson

President

U3A Takapuna Annual General Meeting Advance Notice

The AGM will be held during the monthly meeting on Wednesday, 7 August 2019. It will include the President's Report, the Treasurer's Report and the election of the Committee for the 2019 – 2020 year. The Minutes of the 2018 AGM can be viewed online at

u3atakapuna.org.nz/files/AGM_2018.pdf and will also be available

at the meeting. The posts of **Vice President, and Committee**

Members are still vacant. If you are interested, please contact

Ron.

Hosts	Famous & Infamous
	Four members at 9.15am please
Morning Tea	U3A Travel
	Two members at 9.15am and a further 4 at 10.25am please
	All to help clean up please

Committee Members for 2018/2019

President	Ron Wilson	☎ 478 2490
Vice President	Vacant	
Treasurer	David Gibbs	☎ 482 3006
Secretary	Elizabeth Lind-Mitchell	☎ 426 3362
Speakers Convenor	Christine Ball	☎ 410 7789
Catering Convenor	Marcia Roberts	☎ 418 0397
Reception	Sue Pearson	☎ 021 622 783
Membership	Jan Judson	☎ 021 396 152
Hall Liaison	Rowena Scaletti	☎ 445 8842
Study Group Co-ordinator		
Committee	Jeannette Maddox	☎ 488 9928
U3A Network	Ron Wilson	☎ 478 2490
Other Responsibilities		
Audio Visual	Garry , Barry, Chris and Boyd	
Hall Setup	Phil and Pauline	
Newsletter Distribution	John Hanna	☎ 489 4425
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IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YET, PLEASE PAY NOW - Single \$36.00 Couple \$62.00

Preferred payment option is by online banking to our account **12 3026 0822110 00** and make sure you include **your name as a reference please.**

You can also pay at our August AGM or at any ASB branch by paying cash or a cheque to our account.

Don't forget to give your name as reference.

Not sure if you have paid? Check your bank statement or cheque book stubs OR contact our Membership convenor for confirmation. Jan Judson: 021 396152 or membership@u3atakapuna.org.nz



Deadline Date for September 2019 Newsletter

Saturday 17 August 2019

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New Study Group: Jung



Carl Gustav Jung was a Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst who founded analytical psychology. Jung's work was influential in the fields of psychiatry, anthropology, archaeology, literature, philosophy, and religious studies. Jung worked as a research scientist at the famous Burghölzli hospital, under Eugen Bleuler. He was a man well before his time. Medically trained, eventually specialising in psychiatry, before expanding his knowledge, extensively, covering many areas.

Facilitator - Graham Ritson

Jung – The workings of a perfectly healthy mind

Venue: Yet to be arranged – depending on numbers

Time: Yet to be determined, but probably on the morning of 2nd or 4th Monday of each month

Format: to be determined by the group. It will be a teaching format, not a therapy session.

Years ago I did a counselling course and one of the psychologists we covered was Carl Jung. Recently I did a brief presentation on Jung to the “Mind Body group” and I realised how much of Jung I had absorbed and how much I had forgotten. Now, I believe he is more relevant today than ever before. Register your interest with Graham and receive a more comprehensive overview about the study group.

Graham Ritson: email: graham@ritson.co.nz or ☎ 09 489 5366



Celebrating U3A – 2019

Auckland 30 August 2019

LIFELONG LEARNING - SHARING KNOWLEDGE - FRIENDSHIP - LEADING EDGE INFORMATION

AUCKLAND U3A NETWORK WELCOMES YOU TO A DAY OF CELEBRATION
at **Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre – 44 Northcote Road, Northcote**

Friday 30 August 2019 - 9.30am (for 10.00) to 2.30pm

Guest Speaker: **Mike King** - New Zealander of the Year

Presentations from U3A Members

Morning Tea and Lunch – all inclusive - \$25

Register for this event at www.u3a.net.nz

New Study Group Classic Movies

Take a nostalgic trip down memory lane as we enjoy some of your favourite old movies on a large TV screen. Followed by afternoon tea whilst we have some potentially interesting discussion on the merits of the storyline, the actors, the actresses, the musical soundtrack and the movie overall.

August Movie

“ Some Like it Hot ” starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon

Venue: 58 Balmain Road Birkenhead

Date: 3rd Monday of the month 19 August

Time: 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start

Convenor: Ian Morris Phone 09 480 0919

ian.morris@actrix.co.nz

Classic Movies



7 August 1908

First train Runs Length of Main Trunk Line

The first train to travel the length of the North Island main trunk line, the 'Parliament Special' left Wellington on the evening of 7 August. On board were Prime Minister Sir Joseph Ward and other members of Parliament heading to Auckland to greet the American navy's '[Great White Fleet](#)'.

The train travelled over a temporary, unballasted track in the central section of the still-unfinished main trunk line. It was hauled in turn by locomotives from the Wellington & Manawatu Railway Company, New Zealand Railways, the Public Works Department and New Zealand Railways again. The trip took 20½ hours.

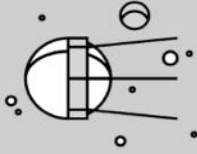
The main trunk line was not formally opened until 6 November, when Ward drove home a final polished silver spike at Manganuioteao, near Erua. Regular services began soon after, and an express train introduced in February 1909 made the trip in 18 hours.



Study and Special Interest Groups



IMAGINE



EXPLORE



LEARN



THINK



KNOW

Architecture and Design

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

Meets: 3rd Wednesday - 21 August at 9.45am.

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

Topic: Computer-aided design for Architecture (CAD) 1980 – 2019
An overview - Murray Pearson, . + Discussion

Astronomy *

Peter Cradwick ☎ 021 0229 3289 pcradwick@gmail.com

Meets: 4th Friday - 23 August at 9.45am.

Venue: Peter Cradwick's home: 45 Jutland Road, Hauraki, Takapuna

Topic: Carl Sagan's COSMOS - Episode V. Blues for a Red Planet

Auckland Heritage

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

Meets: 3rd Friday – 16 August at 10.00am

Visit the 160 years old St James Anglican Church, Mangere Bridge.

Details 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 - 8 August at 1.30pm

Venue: Liz's place, I 317 Northbridge, 45 Akoranga Drive (Come in Gate 1)

Topic: 5 to 19 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 – 26 August at 9.45am

Venue: Hearts and Minds on second floor of building next to Northcote Library

Each week has a presentation followed by facilitated discussion

Chinese Painting and Art Studies *Doreen Brown ☎ 473 0871
doreen22@orcon.net.nzMeets: 2nd Friday – 9 August at 1.30pm

Venue: The Orchards, Stanley Street, Glenfield

Topic: Squirrels

Classic MoviesIan Morris ☎ 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nzMeets: 3rd Monday - 19 August at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Topic: "Some Like it Hot " starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis
and Jack Lemmon.Followed by afternoon tea whilst we discuss the storyline, the Actors
and Actresses, the musical soundtrack and the movie overall**Classical Opera**Jenny Adams ☎ 489 5914 golfingjen@hotmail.comMeets: 3rd Tuesday - 20 August at 1.30pm

Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge

Topic: Lyn will tell us about Bea's favourite opera The Marriage of
Figaro.**Famous and Infamous ***Brucilla Wright ☎ 480 0150
brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nzMeets: 2nd Friday – 9 August at 10.00amVenue: Sue Charlton's residence, Apt 7204,
The Poynton, 142 Shakespeare Rd

Presentations by two members about Famous and Infamous people

Finance and InvestmentGraham Alcock ☎ 473 5607
1705ga@gmail.comMeets: 3rd Monday - 19 August 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 793Meets: 4th Monday - 26 August at 1.30pm

Venue: Garden Lounge at Northbridge Village

Topic: Members will be advised by email

* = New members welcome 7

Foundations of Western Civilisation

Graham Ritson ☎ 489 5366

graham@ritson.co.nz

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday - 13 and 27 August 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.

August 13th 41. The Holocaust 42. The failure of Diplomacy

August 27th 43. World War II 39-42 44. World War II 42-45

French *

Ann Andreassend ☎ 410 3297 duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz

Meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesday – 7 and 21 August at 2.00pm

Chacun voit midi à sa porte

Geology

Boyd Miller ☎ 488 7595 boydmnz@gmail.com

Meets: 3rd Tuesday. 20 August at 9.45am

Venue: 46 Sylvan Park Ave, Milford. Judy ph 09 489 4425

Topic: Current geological events, the Little Ice Age

Globalisation *

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

Meets: 4th Thursday - 22 August at 2.00pm

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

Topic: Refugees and Migrants

New members most welcome

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

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thursday – 1 and 15 August

Venue 1st August: 14 Brett Ave, Takapuna at 10.00am

Topic 1st August: Vera Muchina

Venue 15th August: Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland Central
10.30am sharp, bring \$12 cash.

Topic 15th August: Guided group tour - Frances Hodgkins Exhibition

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

Meets: 2nd Monday - 12 August at 9.45am

Venue: Hearts and Minds (By the Northcote Library)

Topic: Open

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 - 2 and 16 August at 1.30pm

Venue: Okura Hall, Okura River Road

Keep playing Mah Jong, it makes the winter go faster

..and keeps the grey cells active

Newcomers and Learners always welcome

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

Meets: 1st Thursday - 1 August at 10.00am

Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village

Topic: Medical treatment victorian England

Maori Studies *

Martyn Geary ☎ 027 4443219

mbgeary@xtra.co.nzMeets: 4th Wednesday. 28 August at 1.30pm

Venue: Top floor, 31 Craig Rd. Milford.

Topic: Language, culture, and history

*Newcomers and Learners always welcome***Mind Body Medicine** Graham Ritson ☎ 489 5366 graham@ritson.co.nzStephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 stephen.warnes@gmail.comMeets: 2nd Thursday – 8 August at 9.45am to 12 mid-day

Venue: Activezone, 30 Dowling Street, Glenfield

Topic: 7. Forget me not – cognitive function

8. Mind over matter – Cognition in everyday life

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

Carolyn Harvey ☎ 489 6334

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday. 6 and 20 August at 9.45am

Venue: 3a Mandica Place, Sunnynook

Topic: Novels in translation to English since 1945

*We would welcome new members***Modern History ***

Martin Lee ☎ 294 7820

robinsonlee@xtra.co.nzMeets: 2nd Wednesday – 14 August 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, 12 and 26 August at 9.45am

Venue: Sky Lounge, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road

12th August: Choral music: from one voice to many

26th August: Proliferation and reformation(s)

New Members very Welcome

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

Meets: 2nd and 4th Monday, 12 and 26 August at 2.00pm

Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay

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

Meets: 4th Tuesday - 27 August 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 12 August 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 7 August at 1.30pm

Venue: Martyn's, 3/31 Craig Road, Milford. 0622 (Down R.O.W.)

Topic: Mass (v weight)

New Members very welcome

Scrabble * Sue ☎ 021 622783 sue@suepearson.co.nz

Meets: 1st Friday - 2 August at 9.45am to 12 noon

Venue: 5A Rahopara Street, Castor Bay

Please call Sue ☎ 021 622783 if you intend to come.

Topic: Play Scrabble to increase word knowledge

New members very welcome

Shakespeare *

Graham Alcock ☎ 473 5607

1705ga@gmail.comMeets: 3rd Monday - 19 August at 1.30pm

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

Topic: Study of Henry VIII

Social Issues *

Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866

stephen.warnes@gmail.comMeets: 1st Friday - 2 August at 1.30pm

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

Topics: Forms of Social Discrimination (a discussion)

Spanish Culture *

Pam Robinson ☎ 489 4494

peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.comMeets: 2nd Friday

This group in recess until further notice

U3A TravelJocelyn Spinley ☎ 445 3329 spinleys@gmail.comMeets: 3rd Monday - 19 August at 10.00am

Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport. Jocelyn 09 445 3329

World War II *Ian Morris ☎ 480 0919 ian.morris@actrix.co.nz*From pre war causes to post war recovery*Meets: 2nd Tuesday - 13 August at 1.00pm

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Topics: Chronological: D Day 6 June 1944

Featured Military Leaders: Allied Command Team Eisenhower / Tedder / Montgomery / Bradley / Ramsay / Leigh-Mallory / Smith

Featured Additional Subject: V1 Flying Bombs

More members welcome