



# U3A TAKAPUNA INC

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## September 2019 Newsletter

Meeting on Wednesday 4 September at 9.45am

Citizens' Centre, College Road, Northcote

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**Guest Speaker: Tessa Duder OBE**

**Topic: First Map: How James Cook charted Aotearoa  
New Zealand**

Tessa's latest book tells how Lieutenant James Cook created the first chart of Aotearoa New Zealand. The illustrations are by Dunedin artist David Elliot. Published by HarperCollins this month, it is timed to coincide with *Tuia - Encounters 250*, the commemorations of Cook's arrival in New Zealand in October 1769.



Since it was published in 1773, Cook's chart of New Zealand has been regarded as one of the most extraordinary achievements in the history of cartography. Tessa's book tells the human story behind its creation, following the progress of Cook's six-month circumnavigation of New Zealand over the summer of 1769-70.

Tessa trained as a journalist and has published more than forty works of fiction and non-fiction. Her best known work *Alex* (1987) was adapted for a 1993 movie, and recent books include biographies of Margaret Mahy, Sir Peter Blake and Auckland's 'First Lady' Sarah Mathew. She has appeared at literary festivals around the world. Her awards include a number of children's fiction prizes, the Storylines Margaret Mahy Medal (1996), the Katherine Mansfield Fellowship to Menton (2003), Artists to Antarctica award (2007), the OBE (1994) and an honorary doctorate from the University of Waikato (2008). She serves on the boards of the Storylines Children's Literature Trust and the Spirit of Adventure Trust. She has four daughters and two grandchildren and lives in Auckland, where she enjoys sailing, concert-going, teaching creative writing and reading.

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**Mini Speaker: Rob and Sue Percival**

**A global MAGIC 7 years in our VW Van**

**How every day can be an adventure**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well our AGM is over and we have a new committee which is featured elsewhere in this Newsletter. We also farewelled two long serving members of our committee. Elizabeth Lind-Mitchell who finished her stint on our committee as Secretary and Marcia Roberts who looked after Catering.

Unfortunately I completely forgot to organise presents for these two and we will remedy that in the next week. Hopefully Elizabeth and Marcia will forgive this lapse. Our speaker for August was Dr David Belgrave from Massey University who talked about Huawei and our relationship with China. Very interesting talk and David provided something for us all to think about.

Our finances are looking much better than last year with the increase of \$5 for our Christmas Function. We also anticipate that with more members opting to receive their Newsletter by email that we will remain in a good financial position for the next 12 months.

*Ron Wilson, President*

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## CATERING

With the recent retirement of Marcia Roberts we did not have any ready replacement for the Catering Convenor. We asked membership if there were any willing members to pick up this role but received no offers.

Your committee spent some time on this matter and we tentatively decided for September to reduce the offering to water and biscuits. It would be impossible to cope with our usual offering without someone to oversee the Kitchen and make sure all the required items were ordered etc.

We finished our meeting and I was tasked to write and tell you that it would be water and biscuits for September at least. Then our new committee member, Brucilla Wright, thought about that and decided she would pick up the role of Catering and we are extremely grateful for her kind offer. It will be a little awkward at first as Brucilla will have a lot going on, so please bear with us while she learns the ropes. The good news is we will not feed you with Biscuits and water, instead it will be back to biscuits and Coffee/Tea

Please be sure to thank Brucilla when you see her at our September Meeting.

We would also like to have an assistant to work with Brucilla so that she can have breaks from time to time. Please think about whether you could offer to help.

**Deadline Date for October 2019 Newsletter**

**Saturday 14 September 2019**

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# 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	Brucilla Wright	☎ 09 480 0150
Reception	Sue Pearson	☎ 021 622 783
Membership	Jan Judson	☎ 021 396 152
Hall Liaison	Rowena Scaletti	☎ 09 445 8842
Study Group Co-ordinator	Rowena Scaletti	☎ 09 445 8842
Committee	Jeanette Maddox	☎ 09 488 9928
U3A Network	Ron Wilson	☎ 09 478 2490

## Other Responsibilities

Audio Visual	Garry , Barry, Chris and Boyd	
Hall Setup	Phil and Pauline	
Newsletter Distribution	John Hanna	☎ 09 489 4425
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## SUBSCRIPTIONS REMINDER

**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 September Meeting or at any ASB branch by paying cash or a cheque to our account.

**Don't forget to give your name as the 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](mailto:membership@u3atakapuna.org.nz)



### Hosts

### Finance & Investment Group

Four members at 9.15am please

### Morning Tea

### Auckland Heritage Group

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

**All to help clean up please**

# U3A Takapuna Committee for 2019-20

## **Ron Wilson**

Born in Blenheim, New Zealand. Worked for Public Broadcasting in its various guises for 54 years ending up in Technology & Networks. Moved to Auckland when Broadcasting was broken up and has lived on the Shore ever since, currently in Browns Bay. Retired and keep myself busy in politics, piano, singing, Bridge, Mahjong, Skeptics, Science and now U3A.



## **Stephen Warnes**

Born in UK and trained there for the Anglican priesthood before going to work in South Africa. Lectured in the Department of African Studies at the University of Natal, Durban, with emphasis on Religion, Politics and Bantu Law. Became Director of Training for Ministry for the Anglican Church throughout southern Africa. Came to New Zealand in 1994 and retired in 2005.



## **David Gibbs**

Born in Wellington, studied Arts and Architecture at Canterbury and Victoria universities. Moved to Auckland in the 80's and worked in design, building & finally finance. Now retired and enjoys travel, golf and wine. Also involved in volunteer work. Other interests include history, religion, philosophy and politics.



## **Erica Brash**

Brought up in East Africa and emigrated to Nelson as a teenager. Trained in Christchurch as a Secondary teacher and taught in Wellington then Australia. Five years in Washington D.C. as an information officer at the N.Z. Embassy, followed in Auckland as a fulltime Mum. Then social services administrating, owning a small business and adult Literacy tutoring followed. She is now married to Karel Lorier and has 4 adult children and 7 special grandchildren.



## **Christine Ball**

Christine worked in education, first secondary, then adult ESOL, finally six years training ECE teachers at AUT University. She completed an MEd with a thesis on ESOL children and the importance of retaining their home language, and then retired. Now she enjoys U3A, performing with Rose Singers, politics, conservation, keeping fit with Nordic Walking and Pilates, and her seven grandchildren.



### **Brucilla Wright**

Born in Paeroa and raised on our dairy farm. I have worked most of my adult life, at Management level, in large corporations in Communication, Freight and Market Research. Managing productive focused teams, in particular designing Processes and Procedures. I enjoy working closely with people and I retired at the end of 2017.



### **Sue Pearson**

Born in Christchurch. Retired in 1999 as GM of Diabetes Auckland. Nearly 30 years volunteering and working in Diabetes Support locally, nationally and internationally. Travelled extensively and lived in UK for 11 years then settled in Auckland in 1989. Started U3A Scrabble Group and enjoys being a part of U3A.



### **Jan Judson**

Came to NZ in 1975. For many years I was a full time mum and carer for my parents, combining that with many roles in the community drawing on my qualifications as teacher and counsellor. As a singer I performed around the Shore with various groups and as solo performer. In 2002 I returned to university to complete a B.Mus. CAB, U3A and Quaker involvement and my two grandsons keep me busy today - with a little bit of singing!



### **Rowena Scaletti**

Born in Christchurch moving to Auckland as a teenager. Qualified and worked as an occupational therapist and counsellor for many years in a variety of settings. Specialised in mental health working with children and their families. Enjoys house renovations, landscaping and U3A.



### **Jeanette Maddox**

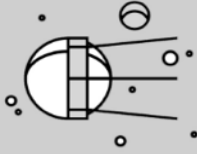
Born in Whanganui and an Aucklanders from 6 years of age. Trained as a nurse, but eventually became an Accounting Technician in a Chartered Accounting Practice with Diplomas in Business Studies and Management. Past Interests: Girl Guides North Shore Provincial Treasurer, Civil Defence North Shore Emergency Medical Unit, Pakuranga Choral singer and running. Now: Family, North Shore Hospice volunteer, Yoga and Mairangi Walkers.



# Study and Special Interest Groups



IMAGINE



EXPLORE



LEARN



THINK



KNOW

## Architecture and Design

Judy Hanna ☎ 489 4425 [hannaj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hannaj@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 3rd Wednesday - 18 September at 9.45am.

Venue: DEVONPORT MUSEUM, 33A Vauxhall Road Devonport

Topic: Devonport Repurposed- Session Two,  
(more details will be sent via email)

## Astronomy \*

Peter Cradwick ☎ 021 0229 3289 [pcradwick@gmail.com](mailto:pcradwick@gmail.com)

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - 27 September at 9.45am.

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

Topic: Carl Sagan's COSMOS - Episode VI. Plus Dark Energy Episode 2.

## Auckland Heritage

Christine Ball ☎ 410 7789 [cball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cball@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – 20 September at 10.00am

Christine will be in touch via email

## Cabbages and Kings

Anne Young ☎ 486 3317 [annejim.y@xtra.co.nz](mailto:annejim.y@xtra.co.nz)

Liz Milne ☎ 021 269 5151 [lizhmilne@gmail.com](mailto:lizhmilne@gmail.com)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 12 September at 1.30pm

Venue: Annes place. 3A Earnoch Ave

Topic: 5 to 19 minutes on anything

## Chinese Civilisation: Why it lasts \*

Wing On SO ☎ 021 040 4019 [wingon.so@mac.com](mailto:wingon.so@mac.com)

Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 [stephen.warnes@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.warnes@gmail.com)

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – 23 September at 9.45am

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

System based presentation precedes facilitated discussion

Systems A: geography, beliefs, script

Systems B: social economic political education integration

\* = New members welcome

**Chinese Painting and Art Studies \***Doreen Brown ☎ 473 0871  
[doreen22@orcon.net.nz](mailto:doreen22@orcon.net.nz)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – 13 September at 1.30pm  
Venue: The Orchards, Stanley Street, Glenfield  
Topic: Daisies

**Classic Movies**Ian Morris ☎ 480 0919 [ian.morris@actrix.co.nz](mailto:ian.morris@actrix.co.nz)

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 16 September at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start  
Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead  
Movie: Rear Window - starring James Stewart / Grace Kelly /  
Wendall Corey / Raymond Burr (Ironsides)  
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.com](mailto:golfingjen@hotmail.com)

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 17 September at 1.30pm  
Venue: Chelsea Room, Knightsbridge  
Topic: We will join Britt to watch Puccini's Turandot.

**Famous and Infamous**Brucilla Wright ☎ 480 0150  
[brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brucilla.wright@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – 13 September at 10.00am  
Venue: Residence of Ian Morris, 58 Balmain Rd, Birkenhead  
Presentations by two members about Famous and Infamous people

**Finance and Investment**Graham Alcock ☎ 473 5607  
[1705ga@gmail.com](mailto:1705ga@gmail.com)

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 16 September 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](mailto:judyganley@xtra.co.nz)  
Or best by text to 0274 432 793

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - 23 September at 1.30pm  
Venue: Garden Lounge at Northbridge Village  
Topic: Members will be advised by email

\* = New members welcome

## Foundations of Western Civilisation

Graham Ritson ☎ 489 5366

[graham@ritson.co.nz](mailto:graham@ritson.co.nz)

This month run by Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 [stephen.warnes@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.warnes@gmail.com)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 10 and 24 September 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.

September 10<sup>th</sup> 45. American hegemony, Soviet Challenge.

46. Rebuilding Europe.

September 24<sup>th</sup> 47. The New Europe

48. The meaning of Western Civilisation

## French \*

Ann Andreassend ☎ 410 3297 [duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz](mailto:duellingoaks@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 4 and 18 September at 2.00pm

*Chacun voit midi à sa porte*

## Geology

Boyd Miller ☎ 488 7595 [boydmnz@gmail.com](mailto:boydmnz@gmail.com)

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. 17 September at 9.45am

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

Topic: Current geological events, Measuring sea level and changes

## Globalisation

Chris Ball ☎ 410 7789 [cball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cball@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 26 September at 2.00pm

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

Topic: Chris will be in touch

*New members most welcome*

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**Great Artists**Cherry Worger ☎ 486 0615 [geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz](mailto:geoff.worger@xtra.co.nz)Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 5 and 19 September at 10.00amVenue 5<sup>th</sup> September: 39a Huka Rd, BirkenheadTopic 5<sup>th</sup> September: Christ the Redeemer, Rio de JaneiroVenue 19<sup>th</sup> September: 14 Brett Ave, TakapunaTopic 19<sup>th</sup> September: Rockefeller Centre**Historical Studies \***Andrew Pack ☎ 418 1925 [andpack@gmail.com](mailto:andpack@gmail.com)

Liz Milne 021 269 5151

Meets: 2nd Monday - 9 September at 9.45am

Venue: Hearts and Minds (By the Northcote Library)

Topic: Open

**Jung**Graham Ritson ☎ 489 5366 [graham@ritson.co.nz](mailto:graham@ritson.co.nz)

Meets: 2nd Monday from 9.45am until noon

Venue: Meeting room, Activezone, 30 Downing st. Glenfield.

First meeting will be on Monday 11 November.

*About 30 people have registered interest in this new group.**Topic details will be published in November newsletter***Latin**Geoff Sheehan ☎ 620 5169 [theosheevg@gmail.com](mailto:theosheevg@gmail.com)Meets: Generally on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz)Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - 6 and 20 September at 1.30pm

Venue: Okura Hall, Okura River Road

*Amongst the bamboo is sparrows sanctuary**Newcomers and Learners always welcome***\*** = New members welcome

**Making History \*** (Inter U3A Group)

Georgie Maurice ☎ 473 0404  
[u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:u3atakapuna@slingshot.co.nz)

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - 5 September at 10.00am

Venue: Knightsbridge Retirement Village

Topic: Let there be light

**Maori Studies \***

Martyn Geary ☎ 027 4443219  
[mbgeary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mbgeary@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. 25 September 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.nz](mailto:graham@ritson.co.nz)  
 Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866 [stephen.warnes@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.warnes@gmail.com)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 12 September 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](mailto:ptho@xtra.co.nz)  
 Carolyn Harvey ☎ 489 6334

Meets:

Venue: *No Meeting in September. Next*

Topic: *meeting will be 15 October*

*We would welcome new members*

**Modern History \***

Martin Lee ☎ 294 7820  
[robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:robinsonlee@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 11 September 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

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**Musical Studies \*** Jan Judson ☎ 021 396 152 [janqpies@gmail.com](mailto:janqpies@gmail.com)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 9 and 23 September at 9.45am

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

9<sup>th</sup> September: Music and the Reformation

23<sup>rd</sup> September: The flowering of polyphony

*New Members very Welcome*

**Musical Troubadours \*** Betty Dance ☎ 478 7621 [b.dance@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.dance@xtra.co.nz)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 9 and 23 September at 2.00pm

Venue: 7 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay

**Other Peoples Lives \*** Patricia Lissette ☎ 489 9465 [pat.lissette@gmail.com](mailto:pat.lissette@gmail.com)

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 24 September 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](mailto:v.j.overington@gmail.com)

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9 September 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](mailto:geoffrey@bourke.gen.nz)

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 4 September at 1.30pm

Venue: Marlene's

Topic: Epigenetics

*New Members very welcome*

**Scrabble \*** Sue ☎ 021 622783 [sue@suepearson.co.nz](mailto:sue@suepearson.co.nz)

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 6 September 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*

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**Shakespeare \***

Graham Alcock ☎ 473 5607

[1705ga@gmail.com](mailto:1705ga@gmail.com)Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 16 September at 1.30pm

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

Topic: Study of A Winter's Tale

**Social Issues \***

Stephen Warnes ☎ 027 646 3866

[stephen.warnes@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.warnes@gmail.com)Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 6 September at 1.30pm

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

Topics: How [often] should we vote?

**Spanish Culture \***

Pam Robinson ☎ 489 4494

[peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com](mailto:peterrobinsonnz@hotmail.com)Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

This group in recess until further notice

**U3A Travel**Jocelyn Spinley ☎ 445 3329 [spinleys@gmail.com](mailto:spinleys@gmail.com)Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 16 September at 10.00am

Venue: 38 Jubilee Ave Devonport. Jocelyn 09 445 3329

**World War II \***Ian Morris ☎ 480 0919 [ian.morris@actrix.co.nz](mailto:ian.morris@actrix.co.nz)*From pre war causes to post war recovery*Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 10 September at 1.00pm

Venue: 58 Balmain Road, Birkenhead

Topics: Chronological: The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot

Featured Military Leaders: Admirals Raymond Spruance /

Mark Mitscher / Jisaburo Ozawa / Kakuji Kakuta

Featured Additional Subject: Prisoners of War (Europe)

***More members welcome***

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