



U3A Hibiscus Coast Newsletter for January/February 2020

Next Meeting

Monday, 20 January, **9.40 am**,
at the Salvation Army Hall, 32 Greenview Lane,
Red Beach, Hibiscus Coast.
Tea duty: World Today and Writers

From our president

What an exciting start to our U3A year commencing with a management meeting this morning when all the members representing you tabled their news and recommendations for the next twelve months. A very professional hard-working committee whom I have been very fortunate to work with.

Our speaker secretaries Pauleen Whetton and Graham Lamont have the programme finalized until September and the picnic will go ahead on Monday 17th February at Orewa just through the gates by the surf club, parking and toilets very near, cake, bubbles and orange juice provided, bring your lunch, chairs and sun hats. It will commence 11.30 am and finish around 2.30pm.

The 25th anniversary of HBC U3A celebrations is this year. This was discussed, and enquiries are already being fielded for a luncheon in October which is the month the organisation was founded

There are a few foundation members still current which is very exciting.

The membership stands at 173 a healthy figure, but don't forget your subs at the next General meeting Monday 20th, details at the end of the newsletter.

A big thank you to Barry Dale for convening the Discussion Group for over ten years and to Fay Dale for her long-standing commitment as pastoral care member for many years. Both are stepping down from their roles. We were hoping to honour Barry and Fay at the November General meeting but due to ill health this was not possible,



So plan B was actioned with myself presenting them with thank you gifts during the last Discussion Group meeting for the year, photos enclosed.

Another memorable event was The World Today's last meeting with Jennifer Ward Leyland speaking. So interesting and entertaining that we have successfully recruited her for our AGM meeting as she had many more memories to share.

There is a nomination form attached for Management Committee roles as per the Constitution. If you have a desire to be nominated it is an excellent way to use your talents and get to know other members very quickly. It is a commitment to on average 4 meetings per year in addition to the duties involved. The only role that is taken by right is that of President having served as Vice President for a year, which Judy Keall has diligently and professional filled.

I am available to be contacted if you require any information on being on the above; the roles are from the 16th March 2020 until March 2021.

Looking forward to seeing you at the General Meeting. 9.40am Salvation Army Hall on Monday 20th January.

Trish Litherland
President

Honouring Barry Dale at Discussion Group meeting



Thanking Fay Dale



Meeting Timothy Spall at a cinema outing and to the right is World Today speaker Jennifer Ward-Lealand and convener Jon Henerson.



Committee 2019

President	Trish Litherland
Vice President	Judy Keall
Secretary	Judy Lilley
Treasurer	John Tucker
Membership Secretary	Kaye Bennetts
Newsletter Editor	Maureen Jansen
Speakers Secretary (shared position)	Graham Lamont Pauline Wetton
Webmaster Editor	Gerard Straka

This month's speaker: Charlotte Gordon, audiologist

Charlotte is an audiologist interested in hearing and its relationship to general health. She works as a clinician and as an academic researcher.

She will talk about how we hear, hearing loss, risks of untreated hearing loss, hearing aid technology.

Charlotte Gordon BSc (Hons), MAud (Hons), MNZAS

Phonak Audiologist

Phonak New Zealand, Chester Building Level 2, 28 The Warehouse Way, 0627 Northcote, Auckland, New Zealand



News from the groups

Regional NZ and the Pacific

This group will meet for the first time this year on Thursday 23rd January in the Pohutukawa Room of the Whangaparaoa Library at 10am. We will continue talking about Northland NZ. Later on we will progress to the Islands around New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, especially those NZ had responsibility for. New members are welcome to attend this, our first meeting of the year. Please remember to wear your name badges!

This photo shows some of our members enjoying our annual Christmas lunch last year!

Happy New Year, everyone !!

Barbara Tucker
Convener



Short Film Group

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPRUI5cgAtwWOovBzOkLWhQ>

It's time to remind people of the sterling work done by this group, including the series called "The Duskteers".

Here is a photo of the team taken last year.

You can click on the You Tube Channel above to see their work.

Conveners

Nancy and Ian Miller



Cinematique and Film Discussion

We enjoyed a number of good movies at our local cinema last year and during the beginning of January a number of us attended *Little Women* to revisit our youth.

I was very fortunate to meet Timothy Spall during the showing of his latest movie, *Mrs Lowry*, at a Rotary fundraiser. Very welcoming and down to earth actor. See photo under President's Report.

Please email your name and contact number to me if you wish to be included in the list to be invited to either Cinematique or Film Discussion.

Trish Litherland, Convener

AGM March 16



Nomination forms for committee positions are attached. Willing people are needed!

Annual Picnic 17th February

11.30 am to approx. 2.30pm.

Orewa Beachfront, just through the gates by the Surf Club, parking and toilets very near.

Cake, bubbles and orange juice provided. Bring your lunch, chairs and sun hats.



SUBSCRIBE

2020 Subscriptions

These are due and payable in January – for the financial year: January to December 2020.

Single \$25, Couples \$40

Three payment options are available – as shown below

1. To the Treasurer at the January General meeting on 20 January (cash or cheque only)
2. By mail to the Treasurer. John Tucker, HBC U3A, P.O. Box 314, Orewa, 0946
3. Online to the HBC U3A account atASB 12-3046-0275951-00

(Include your initials and full surname as the reference)

Please Note: If you choose to receive your newsletter by mail, please add \$10 to your sub payment to cover postage and costs.

SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT GROUPS

as at November 2019



Ancient History

As its name suggests, this group studies ancient civilizations.

Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am

Venue: The Peninsula Club (call convenor for directions).

Convenor: Ayad Hussona

Archaeology

This new group is exploring archaeological sites from around the world and is well worth attending for its thought-provoking content.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Kay McLean

Book Club

We each read the same two selected books every month and then we have good discussions about them. Some of us like the book and others don't – makes for a lively and interesting morning.

Meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 10.00 am

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host.

Convenor: Sheila Hussona

Book Review

As the title suggests – the group discuss books which have been read by the members.

Meeting on the third Friday of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host.

Convenor: Cheril Clarke

Cards and Games

This is a cheerful, fun loving group where we exercise our brains at the same time. We are happy to teach you any games that are new to you. New members welcome

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30.

Venue: Pohutakawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Diana Pipke

Cinematique

Ad hoc depending on what is showing locally. We now work in with Hoyts Senior Mornings usually on a Tuesday at 10am for free coffee and morning tastes. If you are a Hoyts member the charge is only \$8 00, if not it is \$8.50. We are supporting this kind venture.

Any members who wish to be notified of the cinema mornings, contact Trish Litherland,

Convenor: Trish Litherland

Discussion

Topics discussed by this group are chosen on an ad hoc basis, based on whatever its members currently find of interest or concern.

Meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: Hibiscus Coast Retirement Village (call convenor for directions).

Convenors: Bob and Jenny Kelly

Famous, Infamous and Origins

This group is in recess.

Art Appreciation

This group is in recess.

Film Discussion

We discuss any films we have viewed together, plus any others deemed suitable.

Meeting 10.30. last Friday of the month. New members welcome.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Trish Litherland

History

This group is for anyone who has a keen interest in history. It covers all aspects and members read interesting papers on a wide variety of topics.

Meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa

Convenor: John Hoby

Mah-jong

Our group is a friendly group who strive to achieve as many different hands of the seventy seven available to us. It can be a frustrating game but offers plenty of challenges in order to work out which of the many hands you could try at each stage of the game. It certainly keeps the brain alive!

Meeting first and third Tuesday of the month at 2pm.

Venue: Convenors' Home

Convenor: Geoff or Sheila Taylor

Regional New Zealand

This group takes specific regions of New Zealand and studies each from an historical, economic and demographic perspective. Members with a special relationship to a region often provide insightful or humorous aspects about the area under study – a learning experience about our own country.

Meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10.00 am.

Venue: Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Barbara Tucker

Short Film Making

This group is comprised of members with an interest in the art and craft of making short films. The group has, of necessity, no set time or venue for its meetings. Meeting times and locations vary.

Convenors: Ian and Nancy Miller

The World Today

The group's aim is to help members gain an understanding of the background and implications of what is happening on the world stage. Members are asked to research particular aspects of a topic and then to share what they learn with other members.

Meeting on the first Friday of the month at 9.45 am.

Contact: Pauline Wetton

Venue: Whangaparaoa Library

Convenor: Ria Kamerbeek

The Writers

A group for people who enjoy writing. We are now trialling a set but optional theme for the month and positively critiquing those who want to improve their writing.

Meeting on the first Friday of the month at 10.00 am

Venue: In our own homes, taking turns to host

Convenor: Cheril Clarke

Travel

The travel group meets every month to discuss aspects of travel. At most meetings a member gives a talk, usually accompanied by a slide presentation, on a trip they have taken. The range of amazing places people have visited makes this a very interesting group and promotes lots of questions from other members.

Meeting on the second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm Venue: Pohutukawa Room – Whangaparaoa Library.

Convenor: Noel Newling

Remember! Pay subs at this month's meeting on 20 January in cheque or cash, post to John or pay online. See page 5.

Annual Picnic is on 17 February.

See attached nomination forms to nominate people for the committee. Contact Trish if you would like to offer your services.

SCHEDULE OF GROUP MEETING TIMES

As at November 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>1st week am</u>		History 10 am			The Writers 10 am World Today: 9.45am
pm		Cards and Games 1 pm Mahjong 2 pm			
<u>2nd week am</u>	Short Film Making (time and venue varies)	Discussion 10 am		Book Club 10 am	
pm	Travel 2 pm				
<u>3rd week am</u>	*General* Meeting 9.40 am	History 10 am		Famous and Infamous/ Origins (In recess)	Book Review 10 am
pm		Mahjong 2 pm	Archaeology 2pm		
<u>4th week am</u>	Cinematique (Days, Times and Venues vary)	Discussion 10 am Ancient History 10 am		Regional New Zealand 10 am	Film Discussion 10.30 am (last Friday whether it be the 4 th or the 5 th Friday)

**General meetings are held bi-monthly, on the third Monday of
January, March, May, July, September and November, at 9.40 am
at the Salvation Army Hall, Red Beach.**