

HAVELOCK NORTH



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2020



Greetings from our President – Sue Pollard

When we reflect on the changes we have had to make in our lives since the world first learned of a coronavirus outbreak, many of us, for the first time in our lives, have had restrictions placed upon us. For some people it was an unwelcome change to everyday lives, for others it was seen as a challenge and an opportunity to learn new things. However we have been through lock-down followed by the easing of restrictions to our daily lives and we have survived!

We now find ourselves in a better situation compared to many other countries, particularly our good neighbours, Australia.

New Zealanders are great travellers and often at this time of the year, we head off to warmer climes. At present we cannot travel to our favourite holiday spots or to visit family who live overseas.

Today our travel plans are centred on domestic experiences, seeing more of the wonders of our own beautiful country. Thousands of tourists from overseas have been enjoying these wonders for many years.

We have platforms, such as The Internet, Zoom and FaceTime so this enables us to keep in touch with offshore family and friends. Many of us have learned new communication skills and have become quite proficient with using these platforms.

It is important in times of change, for us to focus on what we have to gain rather than what we have to give up.

Throughout the months of change and concern there has remained a constant- U3A where you will meet old friends, make new ones, share interests and develop new skills.

“A person’s life is limited. But Learning is boundless.”

– Quote from Chuang Tzu

Welcome to all our members and new members who have joined us in the last few months. It is good to hear that our groups are now getting together again after the Covid-19 lockdowns. Although we are still on Level 1, it does feel that we have more freedom to go out and about.

Our next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th August, 2020** at the Havelock North Function Centre commencing at the usual time of 10 am.

As a “Welcome Back” Special the committee have agreed to subsidise the normal entrance fee of \$10 so that you will only need to pay **\$5.00** for our usual morning tea and room hire.

The theme will be “Welcome to Spring” and suggest that we all wear a spring flower or create a spring hat decorated with flowers from our gardens (or a neighbours garden!) to celebrate.





Our speaker will be **Judith Guy**

Country: Hong Kong

School: Victoria Shanghai Academy

Judith has had a very interesting career in teaching and volunteer services overseas and will accompany her talk with a display of slides. A résumé on Judith’s career is set out below.

Recently the Head of Academy at Victoria Shanghai Academy, Judith GUY moved from Enka Schools in Istanbul where she was Director of Schools. Beginning her career as a science teacher (and subsequently teaching in Samoa, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, the UK and the Netherlands), she moved into school administration before joining the International Baccalaureate Organisation in 2003. Judith served for six years as the Regional Director for IB Asia Pacific and a further two years as the global Director of Access and Advancement.

On “retiring” from Hong Kong, last year Judith once again joined New Zealand Volunteer Service Abroad and spent six months in Papua New Guinea as a Secondary Schools Adviser for the East New Britain Provincial Division of Education. Judith has a BSc [HONS] degree in Bio-Sciences from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand; a DipEd from Massey; an MA in Education from the University of Bath, England and a PhD in Education from the University of Sydney, Australia.

See our notice for further details on the General Meeting on the next page. Remember to reply to our Secretary, Trish Loye by phone 878 5920 or reply to this email to advise if you are attending.

U3A Havelock North

Our Welcome back meeting and Welcome to Spring

August General Meeting and Coffee Morning

at the Havelock North Function Centre

Thursday 20th August 2020 at 10.00 am

Our speaker will be

Judith Guy

NZ Volunteer Service Abroad in Papua New Guinea

\$5 per person payable at the door

Please wear a Spring flower from your garden to celebrate

**Includes morning tea or coffee
Spot raffle prizes**

**Please do let Trish Loye know before 18th August
if you are coming along.**

Phone: 878 5920

Email: pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz

Please note: If you find you are unable to attend once registered, PLEASE advise Trish by Wednesday night or before 9 am Thursday morning so as we can adjust the numbers with the caterers. It is very difficult when we find that we could be 10 or 12 short of the numbers catered for and payment is required.

Here are some interesting reports from some of our Conveners:

Art 1 – Helen Caley, Convener.



Our 10 members of the Art group gather each fortnight at various members' homes. Some of us managed to keep painting during Lockdown, and it was good to get back together to see these and talk about our experiences. We work in all mediums and really enjoy getting together to inspire each other and view each other's work.

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Art Interest Group – Linda Ryan, Convener

Our Art Interest group met in June and then July. We were all very pleased to see each other as it seemed so long due to lock down. Some of us found YouTube was very useful to look up galleries and shows. In fact our first meeting was about Anthony Gormley, the English sculptor was from a programme on YouTube. Entertaining and informative. July's meeting was about Sydney Nolan the Australian painter recorded from the Arts Channel.



Some of our cycling group taking a winter break on the eroding beach front opposite the Haumoana Four Square store. The building has an amazing mural on the Eastern end, which has unfortunately been recently vandalised.

Ross McLean - Convener Cycling

Geology Group

We were pleased to restart the Geology group after the lockdown but members were sent weekly updates of geology tutorials to keep them up-to-date. As soon as restrictions were lifted I went to Taupo with family to do some studies of the geothermal areas and to collect rock samples and take lots of photos to make a slideshow for our first session back. Group members also brought rocks for identification from their travels as well.

Here is a link to the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfIHKiK9F6o&t=341s>

Norris Kenwright



Photo Digital Group

We started back by completing the topic of converting old slides and negatives into photographs and also automatically colouring old black and white photographs. (My mother from a B & W photo 1915)

Then Margaret took a session of different methods of inserting images into a Word document and in the last session I demonstrated how to make slideshows and videos from photos using Windows 10

An example is “Flowers in my garden” in the link below



<https://youtu.be/nNPzqpG8LKM>

Margaret Buckley & Norris Kenwright

Jazz and Rock Appreciation.



We have an enthusiastic group who hate to miss out on our monthly meetings..... so Covid lockdown was a bit hard . We gather at Villa 100, Mary Doyle every third Monday and are treated to an amazing presentation of our favourite artists thanks to an internet programme bringing them right into the lounge. Thanks go to David Edilson who coordinates all this for us.
Helen Caley, Convener.

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Shakespeare Group

Shakespeare group still being active and enjoying lively discussion on the variety of Shakespeare’s plays. While reading Antony and Cleopatra before lockdown Jenny really got in the mood when she turned up with her head dress. We meet at Keirunga Theatre on Thursdays 10.30 to 12.30 with a break for a cuppa. There is a charge of \$5 per session to cover hall hire and tea/coffee. New members welcome! Joan Sye – Convenor



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U3A Book Group



Are you an avid reader? Enjoy sharing and commenting on the books you read with others?
We would welcome expressions of interest to manage and convene a new book group.
This can be of a day and time to suit you and could be only once a month or fortnight.

We would love to see this group start up again. Help will be provided contacting members to arrange a group of interested readers. Contact Secretary Trish to register your interest.



Our Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the families and friends of members who have recently passed away.

Basil Coates – member since 2016
 Sylvia Franklin – member since 2007
 Russell Smith – Hastings U3A member
 (Travel Group)

Our committee for 2020

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