

HAVELOCK NORTH

U3A

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020



Greetings to you all

As the year 2020 is drawing to a close we can reflect on a changed world. Little did we realise that as we celebrated the New Year in January, how very different things would be by November. Embracing change is important for good health and wellbeing and if we concentrate on the positive aspects then we are better prepared to deal with the outcomes of any change.

We are fortunate to live in a country that allows us freedom of thought, freedom of speech and opportunities to live and work alongside peoples from other parts of the world. I believe these opportunities enable us to have a greater understanding and acceptance of different cultures, creeds and races. After all, we are all humans with red blood circulating in our bodies and our basic needs for life are the same.

My first year as President of the Havelock branch U3A hasn't been as I had expected – I had planned to meet as many of you as possible and learn more about the various U3A groups to which you all belong. This plan did not eventuate so I am hoping I will have better chances to do so in 2021.

I am grateful to the hard working U3A Havelock North branch committee who have supported me all along the way. Secretary Trish Loye has gone out of her way to help me in times of need.

To all the Convenors of the various groups, our grateful thanks to you all. This year has been particularly challenging and you have all coped well with the new required Covid-19 health and social measures. Without convenors, the groups would not exist.

On behalf of the committee, I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and we look forward seeing you all in 2021.

A parting thought and I quote from Cen Shen – *“The more one learns, the more one realises one was wrong before.”*

Please keep safe - *Sue Pollard, President, U3A Havelock North*

U3A Havelock North

Christmas General Meeting and Coffee Morning

at the Havelock North Function Centre

Thursday 26th November at 10.00 am

Our speaker will be

Judith Guy

NZ Volunteer Service Abroad in Papua New Guinea

**followed by a bracket of Xmas songs from our own
U3A Singing Group**

\$10 per person payable at the door

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

**Please do let Trish Loye know before 24th
November
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.



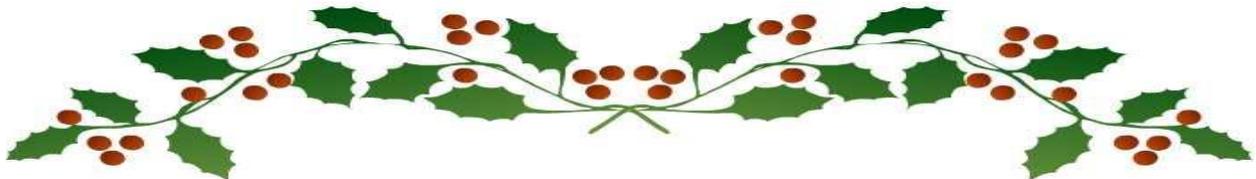
Our speaker - **Judith Guy**

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 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.

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Subscriptions and Fees for 2021

A reminder that our Subscription and Course Fees are due from November until the end of March and in order to secure places in your nominated groups it does pay to renew early. If you wish to pay your subscriptions at the Xmas Meeting please have your enrolment form and payment separate from the door entry of \$10.00. We will have a special table set up for renewal payments – many thanks for your co-operation.

The Enrolment Form and Group list is attached with this Newsletter.

Payments for renewals can also be made on line to the U3A Bank Account, details are on the enrolment form. Please enter your name and group numbers in the Particulars and reference columns on the bank detail lines. Return your completed form by email or post.

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Name Badges When wearing your name badges to group and general meetings it is suggested that we all follow the **ICE** principle – **In Case of Emergency** – and on the back of your name tag, write a first and second choice contact name and phone number, your Doctor's name and contact or any other relevant information.



We have two very interesting reports from Norris Kenwright on his group activities.

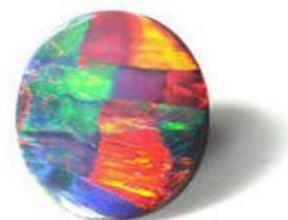
If anyone would like to join these groups for next year please advise Trish or complete on your registration form. Note: A waiting list may apply.

Photo Group As we tidy up for the completion of the course for the year: looking back we made tags for Christmas presents; signatures with Fancy fonts, infilled text with pictures for letters and emails and finally personalised Christmas cards and calendars for family and friends. This has been a very active and co-operative group and we all learned substantially from group discussions about photo editing and printing.

From your coordinators;



Geology Group As usual we had a very interested group examining a huge variety of rocks, minerals and fossils and looking at where they originated and where you could access samples. We saw videos of the world's largest crystals such as the 12 metre (40 feet) gypsum crystals of the Naica caves and a variety of Quartz crystals coloured by metallic ions which also colour precious stones. Later in the year we looked at Italian Marble and the great Australian inland sea which deposited seams of precious opal. Finally the topic was the great Alpine fault in South island and the associated rocks such a Schist, Gneiss, Serpentine and Greenstone.



NEW GROUPS FOR 2021 – ENQUIRIES WELCOME



Astronomy Group - Andrea Arthur, Convener

Andrea will work in conjunction with Arthur Birks, Hastings U3A who keeps the attendance register of when we meet. Members from Hastings and Taradale U3A's attend and we are now offering this to Havelock North U3A members.

ASTRONOMY: The night sky opens up to show things we may have only dreamed of! The group meets at the Holt Planetarium Chambers St, Napier (at Napier Boys High School) from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on the Thursday following the second Wednesday of each month.

The Group is taken by the Planetarium's Director, Gary Sparks, who is absolutely brilliant. There is a \$5 charge each session payed at the door. Each session is normally 2 hours, including afternoon tea. One hour is held in the Theatrette where Gary shows videos and photos, the other hour is in the Planetarium itself explaining the stars and planets as they currently appear.

If you would like to attend these meetings please contact our Secretary, Trish Loye by email or phone 878 5920 to register your interest.

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Book Group. We are still looking for a Convener/Organiser for this group and would appreciate any expressions of interest. There are several names to join up, just a leader required – please.
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A date to note in your 2021 calendar – **Thursday 11th February** will be our AGM. Nominations and expressions of interest in serving on our Committee are welcome at any time from now onwards. Please contact our Secretary, Trish Loye if you are interested in any position on our Committee.





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

Mary Hortop - 23 Aug - a member since 2015, from our Cinema & Lunch groups.

Debe Clark - 2 Oct - a member since 1999 and Co-Convener of Looking at Art Friday group.

Rose Wood - 9 Oct - a very recent member of the MahJong Group.

Greg Rowe - 7 Nov - a member since 2016 and very active in Shakespeare, Poetry, Singing and Cycling Groups.

Our committee for 2020

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