



# U3A Hutt Valley

## Members' Update April 2021

### Greetings everyone

#### Meeting Dates

Our next meeting is Mon 12 April – our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Please note that our May meeting will be one week late – on 17 May - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

From June we revert to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month through to December.

Meetings are at the Dowse, at 1pm.

#### April Speaker



#### “Research at the Malaghan and the Covid-19 response”

Professor Mike Berridge  
BSc, MSc (Hons), PhD  
(Auckland)

Mike is the Cancer Cell Biology Group Leader at Malaghan. He completed a doctoral degree in cell biology in Auckland in 1971. He researched molecular biology at Purdue University, USA, and worked at the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, UK, before returning to Wellington in 1976 to establish the Cancer Cell Biology Research Group.

We will accept donations at the meeting for the Malaghan’s work on cancer research.



#### Last Month’s speaker Outgoing President Allen Heath

Allen introduced us to his favourite ticks! Allen worked at Wallaceville Animal Research Centre for over 50 years

researching veterinary parasitology, studying the ecology and control of a wide variety of livestock parasites, with the occasional foray into medical parasitology.

### 2021 Committee

The AGM elected a new committee for 2021. We acknowledge the contributions made over many years by Mike Clear, Pam Lee and Cleswyn Rogers. Special thanks also to outgoing President Allen Heath and Committee Member Maria Heath.

The new committee has some new faces, and some longer standing members.

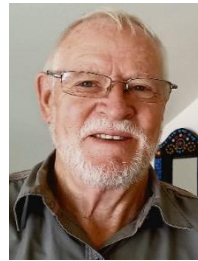
#### President

As President Allen Heath did not want to carry on, and Vice President Mike Clear has family commitments, Catherine Chapman was elected President.



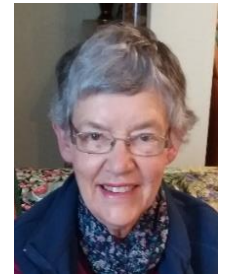
#### Vice President

Welcome to Ray Manning newly elected Vice President.

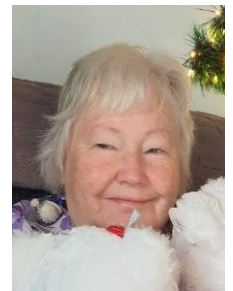


#### Secretary and Treasurer

We are very fortunate to welcome back Secretary, Brenda Baker and Treasurer Leah Herd.



Returning committee members are Janet Ketchell, who is looking after our finances while Leah is unwell, and Eric Wadsworth.



New Committee members elected by the AGM are Cheryl Baughen-Manning and Chris Jared . . .



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Committee  
Members  
Don Rennie  
and Malcolm  
Law.



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## 2021 Subscriptions

Subs are now due - \$20 per person, \$30 for couples. You can pay by internet banking to account 02 0544 0209806 00, or bring cash to a meeting. Those who have not paid by the 31st May will be removed from the membership. Members without email please supply a book of stamps. Bring it to the April meeting or post it to Secretary, U3A Hutt Valley, 6A Atiawa Crescent, Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt 5010.

## Membership List

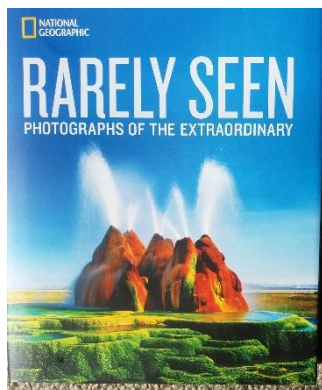
A copy of the up-to-date membership list will be sent to all members, except those who have opted out, in June. This is to enable members to contact each other socially and for meetings, transport, and group information.

## Survey of Members

Your new Committee is planning to survey members next month to invite ideas for us to consider. This can include the programme for the monthly meeting, your opinions about our groups, and suggestions for new groups. The survey will be attached to the Members' Update in May.

## Rarely Seen: Photographs of the Extraordinary

If you haven't yet see this National Geographic exhibition at Expressions in Upper Hutt go before it ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. It has stunning images of places, events and natural phenomena. Entry is by donation.



## Interested in History?

[www.timewisetraveller.co.uk](http://www.timewisetraveller.co.uk) offers a history of people and world events for the period 1066-1901. Developed by Derek J.P. Waldie PhD, MA, BA, BSc (Econ), PGCE, this site is adopted as a resource by U3A UK. It's easy to read, well documented and illustrated, and there are no ads to contend with!

## Group Activities

We would like to see more interest groups start up. If you have an interest - e.g. philosophy, armchair travel, poetry, sketching, art history, rambling, a game, writing for grandchildren, crafts, photography, following the stock market etc - there may well be other U3A members interested too. Talk to a committee member and we can promote your idea to members.

## U3A groups & their contacts

**Theatre Group** is marking Easter Sunday by going to Circa's *The Artist* - promoted as an incredible feat of physical strength, skilled theatrics, and comedic storytelling.

**Catig Group** will be focusing on climate change in its discussions on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**Walking and Local History** had to cancel its Matiu-Soames Island trip on 31 March because of inclement weather, so explored some High Street history.



If you would like to know more about a group or to join a group contact the Convenor. The groups are:

**Antiques and Collectibles** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tue 2pm.

Convenor – Catherine Chapman 970 4932.

**Books** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu 1pm. War Memorial Library.

Convenor – Pam Lee 565 1716.

**Current Affairs and Topics of Interest Group (CATIG)** –

4<sup>th</sup> Mon 1 pm. Russell Keown House, Queens Drive.

Convenor - Ken Baird 564 2579.

**Film** – 1<sup>st</sup> Mon morning.

Convenor – Pam Lee 565 1716.

**Theatre** – Sun pm several times a year.

Convenor – Christine Williams 568 2342.

**Walking and Local History** – last day of the month.

Convenor – Brenda Baker 569 5308.

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**See you at the Dowse**

**1pm on Monday 1<sup>2th</sup> April 2021**

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