

Members' Update July 2019

Greetings

Next meeting at the Dowse

Monday 8th July is our next meeting. This brings us back to our usual meeting day – the 2nd Monday of the month – after last month's meeting was a week later than usual. But it was well worth the wait to hear Jaenine Parkinson.

Last month's Speaker Jaenine Parkinson

Director of the New Zealand Portrait Gallery, Te Pūkenga Whakaata.

Jaenine gave us a whole new perspective on portraits. For example Frances Hodgkins' *Still life: Self-portrait* painted c 1935 which does not show the artist herself, but features items that were important to her including a handbag, scarves and a hat. Te Papa Tongarewa purchased this painting in 1999 with NZ Lottery Grants Board funds.

Also explained was this photographic portrait of C. F. Goldie in his studio - attributed to Alfred Hill, ca. 1905-1910.



Goldie is working on a portrait of Patara Te Tuhi which can be seen on the easel on the right.

The New Zealand Portrait Gallery is in Shed 11, a heritage building on Wellington's waterfront. It is free and open daily including weekends from 10.30 - 4.30.

July Speaker

Geoscientist Joshu Mountjoy

"Beyond New Zealand's coastline - Our Underwater Landscape."

NIWA's marine geoscientist studies seafloor processes including earthquakes, canyons, landslides, and the implications these have for society.

Thousand metre deep submarine canyons, subduction fault zones and mountain scale landslides work together to shape this hidden landscape.

NIWA's mapping efforts over the last 15 years have revealed much of this seafloor giving insight into the processes and time scales over which they occur.

Events like the 2016 Kaikoura Earthquake demonstrate just how dynamic our country is.



Joshu completed his PhD with the University of Canterbury and NIWA. He has a broad interest in seafloor geomorphology spanning submarine canyons, landslides, active tectonics, gas and gas hydrate systems and lakes.

Membership List

The list of Hutt U3A Members who have opted to have their contact details circulated to other members was emailed out recently.

A few members' details needed updating so we will circulate an amended list, by email, about the same time as you receive this Update. Please delete the earlier version.

Members without email, who have opted in can pick up their paper copy at the July meeting or contact Marj or Ken Baird to have one sent.

In future this list will go out once a year, in June, to those who opt in and pay their subs by 31 May.

Notes from groups

Textiles were discussed at **Antiques & Collectibles** including felt, which came before woven cloth, and was made from animal fibre from rats and muskrats. Textile samples ranged from a hessian apron made at school to this hand woven carpet made in Chengdu in China.



Book Group topic for the June meeting was a 'Crime Story' - both fiction and non-fiction. A book about Marconi's wireless invention leading to Dr. Crippen's arrest was intriguing while Donna Leon's detective, Commissario Brunetti, proved to be a popular read among members. July's topic is 'Letters or Diaries'

News media was the general topic at June's well attended, **CATIG** meeting. Members were critical of the media in general, and the limited amount of overseas news. However, most valued RNZ's National Programme, particularly Nine to Noon on weekdays. Discussion lead on to the global trends in right wing populist movements.

Weather permitting **Walking and Local History** will explore West Petone including the oldest house in Petone, built by the Collett family on land previously farmed by William Riddler.

Coming up

Next Circa play is *Burn Her* by Sam Brooks - a searing political thriller on Sunday 4th August at 4pm.

It's election night and a fledgling new party led by the charismatic and idealistic Aria Robson clinches one seat in Parliament. That same night an intern comes to her with a scandal that could sink the party by morning. Aria must decide what or whom to sacrifice.

If you want to go you must pay \$30 by 23rd July. Pay Christine at the meeting on the 8th July or transfer into account 123 142 0064054 50.

Groups

Antiques and Collectibles – 4th Tue 2pm. Convenor – Catherine Chapman 970 4932.

Books – 3rd Thu 1pm. War Memorial Library. Convenor - Pam Lee 565 1716.

Current Affairs and Topics of Interest Group (CATIG)

4th Mon 1 pm. Russell Keown House, Queens Drive. Convenor – Ken Baird 564 2579.

Film – 1st Mon morning. Convenor – Pam Lee 565 1716.

Scrabble – 2nd Tue and 4th Wed at 1.30pm. Convenor – Pam Lee 565 1716. Plays in members' homes.

Theatre Group – Convenor – Christine Williams 568 2342.

Walking and Local History – last day of the month. Convenor Brenda Baker 569 5308.

June Word of the Day ailurophile - a cat lover

Italian ailurophile Maria Assunta left a fortune to her cat Tommaso. *The Guardian* of Nov 2011 reported: *Since the death of his 94-year-old mistress last month, he has become a property magnate — or perhaps mogname — with flats and houses worth an estimated €10m scattered from Milan in the north to Calabria in the south.*



June Thought for the Day

The tragedy in the lives of most of us is that we go through life walking down a high-walled lane with people of our own kind, the same economic situation, the same national background and education and religious outlook. And beyond those walls, all humanity lies, unknown and unseen, and untouched by our restricted and impoverished lives.

Florence Luscomb, architect and suffragist (1887-1985)

Monthly Meetings - Please sign in

We need to know who is at our meetings in case of emergency. Pick up your badge when you arrive. Non-members who come to hear a specific speaker are welcome, but must register and pay a donation.

See you at the Dowse for a cuppa 1pm 8 July.

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