



Members' Update June 2019

Greetings

Next meeting at the Dowse

Our next meeting is one week later than usual - on Monday 17th June.

We are settling in to the new premises and appreciate all The Dowse staff have done for us. We recently had an "extra lesson" from them and expect that all will run well from now on. Also the smaller room – for our mix and mingle – has come available for next Monday and in July so there will be plenty of space to meet old friends and make new ones.

From July we will be back to the usual 2nd Monday of the month.

Speakers' Honorarium

We offer our speakers an honorarium but often they turn it down, or are not able to accept it. Your committee has decided that it is appropriate for Hutt U3A to make a contribution for each of the excellent speakers we are able to attract.

We will now ask speakers who cannot, or do not want payment, to nominate a charity or project, preferably a local one, to which we will make a donation.

Membership List

The circulation of the Hutt U3A Membership list will be made after the meeting next Monday. Only financial members (who have opted in) will be on the circulated list.

If you want to be on the list but have not paid your 2019 sub, you must pay the \$20 at the meeting on Monday 17 June. Membership will lapse for those who have not paid.

The list will be sent out by email.

Members without email who opt in will be given a printed copy on request. Please tell Ken or Marj Baird if you want a printed copy.

Because the list contains members' private information, it must not be given to or used by anyone who is not a member of Hutt U3A.

June Speaker

Jaenine Parkinson

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

Jaenine has a Masters in Art History from the University of Auckland. She has been Programmes Manager for an arts and culture centre in Ottawa,

Canada, and Director of Blue Oyster Art Project Space in Dunedin.

Before her 2017 appointment to the New Zealand Portrait Gallery Jaenine was Arts, Museum and Heritage Advisor at Kapiti Coast District Council and Exhibitions Project Co-ordinator at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki.

Recently she was one of the few representatives chosen to attend the NZ Pavilion at the Venice Biennale.

Jaenine will talk on the History of the NZ Portrait Gallery situated in Shed 11 on Customhouse Quay. She will also discuss the finer points of selected and significant portraits.



Last month's Speaker – Robbie van Dam

Co-founder of Goodnature.



A desire to see endangered wildlife flourish again, in New Zealand and around the world, was the inspiration behind Goodnature.

The challenge was to get on top of pests like rats, stoats and possums without using toxins.

Goodnature develops a range of humane

traps that automatically reset and are easy and safe to use around the home or in the wild.

Groups Information

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



The May topic was glass. Members discussed the history of natural and manufactured glass as well as enjoying some beautiful pieces.

Everyone one knows the old adage about not throwing stones in glass houses, but this was a new one:

If you live in a glass house, you have to open the door!

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. Members thoroughly enjoyed the May film, *One Last Deal*, at the Lighthouse.

Out to Lunch – 2nd Thu at midday. Convenor – Mary Estcourt 973 6421.

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.
Last outing was to Circa's stunning performance of the Samuel Beckett play "*Waiting for Godot*" in May. The June play, the Heretaunga Players' 2019 mid-year show, takes place in the village of Little Grimley. The Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society is faced with a threat to its very existence when Reality TV shows have ravaged their Saturday night audiences. The Chairman has devised a cunning plan to compete head-on with their very own live Saturday night blockbuster, combining the best of X Factor, Strictly Come Dancing and Dancing On Ice. All they need now is an audience, some contestants, four judges, a mirror ball... oh, yes, and some ice.

Walking and Local History – last day of the month. Convenor Brenda Baker 569 5308.
The weather on 31 May was not great, so we chose Plan B and headed for the Petone Settlers Museum on the Esplanade.

If you grew up in the area, you will recall that the museum building was originally the changing rooms for beach goers. You probably remember washing the sand off your feet after your swim. The footbaths are still there along with samples of the swimwear of yesteryear.

Displays and videos cover the history of the Hutt Valley from the various Maori iwi who lived in the valley, to the arrival of the European settlers and the growth of Petone as an industrial area.

Were you a bodgie or a widgie? Remember the Mazengarb Report into the shocking behaviour of teenagers in the Hutt Valley during the 1950's?



Some of them grew into quite good people!

If you have not visited the Settlers Museum for some time, it is well worth going. And it's free.

Monthly Meetings - Please sign in

We are required 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 1pm 17 June.

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Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt needs new volunteers – CAB offers very satisfying work helping people in our community. Training course starts in July – if you are interested talk to Catherine or contact CAB directly on phone 566 6039.