



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update June 2021

Greetings Everyone

Next meeting

Next meeting is Monday 14th June at the Dowse. Come at 1pm for a cuppa and mix and mingle before the 1.30pm start.

June Speaker Duncan Campbell



VUW Contemporary Chinese Research Centre

It's estimated that by the 1750s more books had been produced in China than in all the rest of the world.

What were these books, and how did Chinese people engage with them?

Duncan Campbell's illustrated talk will explain

the history of the book in China, and feature one library in the southern Chinese town of Changshu during the closing years of the Ming dynasty (1368 – 1644).

Last month's Speaker "Is Social Media Dumbing Us Down?"

Frank Sligo PhD Emeritus Professor in Communication at Massey University Wellington, spoke



about his research into Adult Literacy. He explained how adult literacy teachers now have a way to work out how literate their students are. He linked low levels of literacy to the spread of misinformation on social media and how important the Christchurch Call was for controlling the spread of extremist content on the internet.

He recommended we use reliable sources of information like newspapers and books instead of dubious websites.

2021 Subs & Membership List

Thanks to all who have paid their subs. The list of current members will be sent to financial members later this month. This is to enable you to contact each other socially and for meetings, transport, and group information. Members who have opted out of this service will not be on, nor receive, the list.

Members' Nametags

Our older nametags have an expiry date. This is not needed now as all member information is shown when the barcode is scanned. You can continue to use the one you have.

We do have new nametags without expiry dates which will not have to be replaced every year. Pick yours up at the meeting if you wish.

However, if a member's sub is overdue the computer will let us know!

Survey of Members

Thanks to those who completed the survey. Your committee must be doing things you like because there were few complaints or suggestions for improvements. If you have not yet given us your completed survey, bring it to the next meeting.

If you have ideas for U3A Hutt Valley there is still time to complete the survey. We will have copies at the next meeting.

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Group News

The Theatre Group enjoyed a very funny couple of short plays, *Senior Speed Date* and *A Mad Breakfast*, by the Heretaunga Players in Upper Hutt on 29th May. The next play is "*Elling*" at Circa on the 4th July.

Film goers went to "Cruella", set in fashionable 1970s London, for their June movie.

In May the Antiques and Collectibles explored myths and meanings of nursery rhymes.

As usual CATIG set the world to rights, but unfortunately the weather forced the cancellation of Walking and Local History's planned outing.

Book group continues as usual.

Heads Up!

Our speaker for July is Gail McJorrow on:

"Having your Say on your last Day".

She will speak not only more about affordable options but also letting people know how they can be more involved in the "final despatch" process, and what the law requires.

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New Book by U3A member Sandra Greig



Sandra's new book on Taita, with 108 pages of local history, was launched recently. It is available at Paper Plus, 228 High St Lower Hutt.

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U3A groups & their contacts

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

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.
Acting Convenor – Les Malloy.

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 14 June 2021

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