



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update September 2022

From President Ray Manning



Greetings everyone!

We're always looking to attract new members to our U3A so if you know someone who might like to join us please bring them along. Our subs fall 50% from this month, so joining only

costs \$10 for the rest of the U3A year.

If you feel we are not delivering up to your expectations please tell us. Send an email to ray.manning@xtra.co.nz, or call him on 0274 587 565 and we can see how we can do better. All suggestions are welcome.

Are our speakers good enough? Is the content of their presentation up to standard? Are there topics that you think we should be trying to find a speaker for? Is there something else you want?

You have a great hard working committee and interest group leaders and my thanks go to them. We are well advanced in our planning for entertainment for our December meeting and our 30th Anniversary celebrations coinciding with our next AGM.

If you can't find your membership tag give Eric Wadsworth a call on 04 938 1947 or email ericar1017@outlook.com and he will have a new one for you at our next meeting.

Our Interest Groups are doing well. At the next meeting of the Armchair Travel Group. Barry Warner will take us on the final leg of his 1961 overland journey from London to Kolkata. Then in October, we will visit the country of Jordan.

The word is getting out and others in the Hutt Valley are wanting to hear some of our travel group presentations. Ray is presenting his Israel journey to Hutt Probus on Monday 19 September.

September Speaker Don Rennie on ACC

From internationally admired compensation scheme to Gov't owned insurance company – what happened to ACC?



The 1967 Woodhouse Report:

- recommended a scheme that put the needs of the injured at the centre
- was radical and inspirational, but its full scope was not implemented
- rejected the old workers' compensation system that pandered to insurance companies and lined lawyers' pockets
- foresaw expansion to cover disability caused by sickness

New Zealanders gave up the right to sue for this. BUT the Muldoon Government abolished the independent Commission in the 80s in favour of a Corporation owned by Government – so ACC is not an independent representative for claimants.

Last month's speaker



A good number of U3A members came to hear Caitlin Cherry, from Consumer New Zealand, talk about the issues they deal with.

Consumer NZ is an independent, non-profit organisation working to get New Zealanders a fairer deal. Funded largely by its membership it is not Government funded. However, some work they do testing products is paid for by Government departments. On an issue that affects us all, Caitlin welcomed the Government's decision to introduce the Grocery Industry Competition Bill which aims to stop supermarkets making super profits at the expense of struggling consumers. Consumer will keep pushing to get the detail of the new law right including a mandatory code of conduct and the powers of the regulator.

Group Activities

Film Group

Monday 5th September's film was "A Stitch In Time" which was rated by Stuff NZ:

****1/2 "A wee Aussie Gem of a movie well worth seeking out.

Film Group is the first Monday of the month so the Update is too late to advertise the next film. If you are interested is it important to join the group so Judy and Gordon can contact you about upcoming movies. Their contact details are 04 973 8816 or email heeleyjudygordon@gmail.com.

CATIG

The August meeting of this group considered the various aspects of climate change that we are seeing about us today.

Local History

But for a quirk of history, we could be living in Aglionby City! British MP H.P. Aglionby was involved in the New Zealand Company and a settlement on the western bank of the river was named for him. However, a change in his political fortunes saw the river named after another MP, William Hutt.



Local History group enjoyed a very pleasant wander in Alicetown including a stroll, a bit windblown, along the river bank. The area was originally forested. In the 1840s sawyers were in great demand, and this was the main occupation in the town. However, one writer has suggested that the area was popular because they could spend their wages in the Aglionby Arms!

Theatre

The planned August trip to see "Wednesday to Come" was cancelled by Circa because of illness in the cast. Circa refunded the ticket money. The next outing is to *Fate's Thread*, a one-act ghostly comedy at The Studio on Ward Street in Upper Hutt on Sunday the 25th of September. Contact Christine Williams, 568 2342.

* * * * *

U3A groups & their contacts

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

Armchair Travel - 1st Tue 1.30pm at Failoa Family Trust Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Woburn House.
Convenor - Ray Manning 0274 587 565

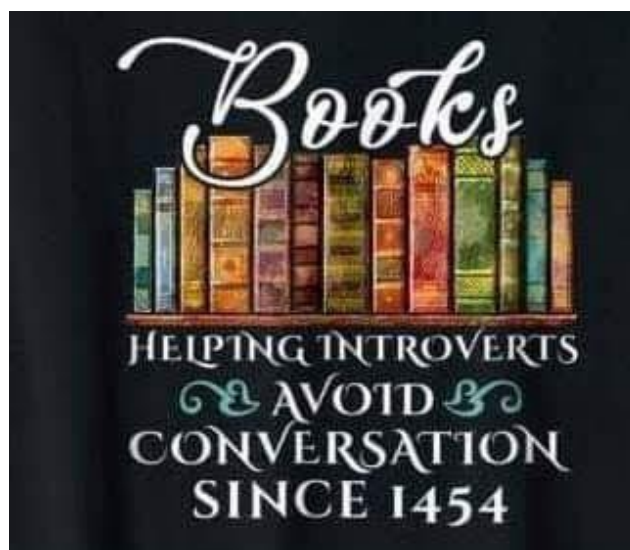
Current Affairs and Topics of Interest Group (CATIG) –4th Mon 1 pm. Russell Keown House, Queens Drive.
Convenor - Ken Baird 564 2579

Film – 1st Mon morning at Lighthouse Cinema, Petone.
Convenors Judy & Gordon Heeley – 973 8816

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

Theatre – Sun pm several times a year.
Convenor – Christine Williams 568 2342

* * * * *



**See you at the Dowse
1pm Monday 12th September
2022**

**For membership enquiries and all
other information about Hutt Valley
U3A please visit our Website**

<https://u3ahuttvalley.weebly.com/>