



Members' Update May 2019

Greetings

New meeting place

The April meeting was our first at the Dowse Art Gallery's James Coe room and it was exciting to see so many people there.



We have booked the Dowse for this year and 2020. However please note that the June 2019 meeting is moved out one week to the 17th June. The Dowse had a previous booking for the room on the second Monday in June. From July we will meet on our regular 2nd Monday at 1pm for the foreseeable future.

Membership List

A list of U3A Members will be circulated in late May. It will have the names, addresses and phone numbers of current Members who have opted to be included.

Everyone needs to opt in or opt out of the circulated list. If you haven't done this, please do so as soon as possible. You can do so at the registration desk at the meeting, or download a form from our website <https://huttu3a.weebly.com/>

You must be a financial member to be on the circulated list, so if you want to be on it and have not yet paid your sub, pay by the 13 May meeting.

The list will be sent out once by email. Members without email who opt in will be given a printed copy on request.

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.

May Speaker

Robbie van Dam

Co-founder & Design Leader of Goodnature, Robbie has a degree in industrial design.



Concern for critically endangered New Zealand's birds prompted Robbie and co-founder Craig Bond to set up Goodnature - with a little help from the Department of Conservation.

To get on top of a bunch of pests – rats, stoats and possums for a start - they invented an automatic trap that is safe, easy to use, humane and resets itself. Goodnature now has some 50 staff selling products into 20 countries.

Last month's Speaker - Karen McDonald

The Deputy CEO Consumer NZ spoke of the work of this long-standing organisation which is dedicated to getting New Zealanders a fairer deal through testing products and services, advising consumers about their rights and how to exercise them, and campaigning for law changes to benefit consumers.



Consumer NZ has distributed nearly 100,000 "Do Not Knock" stickers since the launch of its campaign to fight back against dodgy door-to-door sellers.

If you missed out and would like one they are available at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Russell Keown House.

Subscriptions

2019 subs are due. \$20 per member, \$30 per couple. Membership will lapse if subs are not paid within 3 months of the AGM i.e. by 11 June 2019.

You can pay at the meeting or by internet banking to account 02 0544 0209806 00.

Theatre Group

Shakespeare lovers recently enjoyed an excellent production of Anthony and Cleopatra by Hutt Repertory Theatre.

Our next play is Circa's "Waiting for Godot" on Sunday 26th May at 4pm.

This Samuel Beckett play, directed by Ross Jolly, is about two homeless men waiting on a bare road with a single tree. In no particular time or place - they argue, get bored, clown around, repeat themselves and wait. They are waiting for the one who will never come. "Waiting for Godot" is about lying in the gutter but looking at the stars.

Convenor Christine Williams is taking names now and you need to pay her \$30 by 13 May, meeting day.

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.

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

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

Theatre Group – Convenor – Christine Williams 568 2342.

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

Are you puzzled?

These interesting items are from recent meetings of the Walking and Local History and Antiques and Collectibles groups. Can you solve them?

What and where was this building?



What is this?



There will be prizes for the best answers at the meeting on 13 May!

Members of Walking and Local History and Antiques and Collectibles are not eligible to enter!

Monthly Meetings - Please sign in

We are required to know who is at our meetings in case of emergency. Pick up your badge and let Marj or Ken know you are there.

This is also your chance to opt in or opt out of the U3A membership list which will be circulated in May.

See you at the Dowse 1pm May 13th.

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