



U3A WARKWORTH

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Warkworth



Learning is forever

Easter April - May 2011

NEWSLETTER From our President - Beulah Heaven

First there was Christchurch! Then there was Christchurch again. And then it was Japan, and it's still Japan. And it's Libya. And it's so many other troubled spots around the world where the inconceivable just keeps on happening. So many crises, and so many instances of courage and bravery and rotten bad luck.

I've just spoken to my brother who's on the hill in Christchurch. He was telling me about his 80 year old widowed neighbour who has had to quit her house - it will never be habitable again, and yet on either side of her the houses face only fairly moderate repairs. How daunting is that! To have to start all over again, camp with rellies and share their chemical toilet, remember to boil the water for the teapot. And a girlfriend (now a widow and in Christchurch), told me this afternoon that someone had just come round and sawn off the downpipes from her spouting so that she can put buckets underneath to catch the water.

It's Carpe Diem time all right. So many people talking about the risks of having children, of bringing them up, the world we are leaving them. The worry of going on

holiday to just about anywhere and indeed there is pretty widespread doom and gloom everywhere you look.

But then, we hear about a good cricket result, or we see some children splashing around, laughing and chasing the dog. For me it's the song of the grey warbler which has been very frequent lately. Heartwarming indeed. The little things are precious to us all.

And I don't think we need to worry too much about the next generation. Do you remember how our parents used to despair for us? And when you look at how a 10 year old can work your dvds and programme your computer and google just about anything. You have to hand it to them. They'll cope. Don't worry, they'll cope. (I haven't even mentioned their texting.)

My immediate problem is finding the best recipe for making marmalade from my Seville oranges. With winter looming, the thought of hot toast and fresh marmalade sounds pretty good.

All good wishes - Beulah

GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11th April 2011 at 10a.m.

Totara Park Community Hall, Melwood Drive, Warkworth

Duty Group – Book Talk - Convenor – Hilary Waymouth Ph 422 6683

The hall will be open to allow the Duty Group to prepare the seating in the Games Room at 9.45 and set up and serve morning tea. Please also clean up and reinstate the room after the meeting.

Meeting Programme:-

- 09.45 Duty Group set up
- 10.00 General Business
- 10.30 Mini Speaker – Jeanette Grimmer
- 10.45 Morning Tea
- 11.00 Guest Speaker – Linda McDonald – Scientist whose talk is entitled “In Search of the Taiko”
- 1200 Closure

Next Meeting:- Monday June 13th at 10a.m.

Duty Groups for the 2011

- Feb 14 Ancient History – Jim McKinlay
- Apr 11 Book Talk – Hilary Waymouth
- Jun 13 Food for Thought – Diane Parton
- Aug 08 Jazz Listening – Val Couling
- Oct 10 Local History – Anthea McKergow

DAYLIGHT SAVING

For those who want to keep pace with the rest of New Zealand, turn back your clocks one hour on Sunday 3rd April.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Lambert, Brinda Reilly, Jeanette Grimmer and Jean Mason – enjoy your time with us!

OUR GROUPS REPORT

Art Appreciation

The Art group met at the Didsbury Glasshouse for the first meeting of the year. I think it is architecturally a fine building, designed by Noel Lane, beautiful in the setting and reflecting in the lake.

Most of the group walked the trail, finding some new exhibits to discuss, and we particularly liked the freewheeling aerodynamic pylons described officially in the brochure as “Kinetic Form” by Phil Price. The previous weekend the floods had coursed down the waterways but any damage had been repaired. The boardwalks are well conceived and built and it is comfortable walking.

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Judith, Mary-Alice and Julie enjoy the sculpture walk at Brick Bay on 2nd February

Play Reading

Our convenor Magz Krey called us together for a planning meeting in January. We mapped out the year ahead and are enthusiastic about the plays we have chosen to read.

We aim to read one Shakespeare play each year, and we started this year by reading *Julius Caesar*. It is good to return to the master playwright on a regular basis, and on each occasion that we do this, we are reminded that Shakespeare has become so much part of our day to day life, that we quote him while perhaps forgetting the origin of what we say. Last meeting brought forth a little chortle when Casca declared “It was Greek to me” (Act I, Scene II). How often we have said that without thought of where it came from?

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Book Talk Group

The selection of books below were read and reviewed by a number of our members during 2010, and we thought we would like to share with other members of U3A these book titles, the majority of which may be borrowed from the Rodney Library.

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak
The Black Water Lightship - Colm Tóibín
A Pearl in the Storm- Tori Murden McClure
Three Cups of Tea - Greg Mortenson
Mao's Last Dancer - Cunxin Li
Wildflower - Mark Seal
As The Earth Turned Silver - Alison Wong
Dreams of My Father –Barrack Obama
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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks- Rebecca Skloot
Dark Star Safari - Paul Theroux
The Help - Kathryn Stockett
Lottery - Patricia Wood
The Lucuna - Barbara Kinsolver

WITH APOLOGIES TO BLONDES

A plane is on its way to Houston when a blonde in Economy Class gets up and moves to the First Class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket. She then tells the blonde that she paid for Economy and that she will have to sit in the back. The blonde replies: "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Houston and I'm staying right here!"

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and co-pilot that there is a blonde sitting in First Class who belongs in Economy and won't move back to her seat. The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for Economy she will have to leave and return to her seat. The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Houston and I'm staying right here!"

The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest the blonde woman who won't listen to reason.

The pilot says "You say she is a blonde? I'll handle this. I am married to a blonde. I speak blonde".

He goes back to the blonde, whispers in her ear and she says "Oh, I'm sorry", and she gets up and moves back to her seat in the Economy section.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss.

"I told her, First Class isn't going to Houston."

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UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please check your records and ensure that your subscription for this current year, i.e. 1st January to 31st December has been paid. Delivery of the Newsletter and attendance at group meetings is dependent on financial membership.

The subscription is \$20 (\$35 for a couple) and can be paid in cash at the next general meeting, sent by cheque to The Treasurer, U3A, P O Box 520, Warkworth, or paid online to BNZ account 02 480 0133880 00

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STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	Date	Apr	Date	May
Ancient History	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	1 st	Food & Agriculture in Ancient Greece and Rome	6th	Greek & Roman Architecture
					549 Sharp Rd Matakana		120 Perry Rd Warkworth
Book Talk	Hilary Weymouth	422-6683	10:00 a.m.	5th	Book reviews	3rd	Book Reviews
					654 Takatu Rd Matakana		65 Anderson Rd Matakana
Current Affairs	Val Strachan	425-9497	2:00 p.m.	21st	14 Coquette St Warkworth	19 th	392 Pukapuka Rd Mahurangi West
Food For Thought	Diane Parton	422-0166	1:30 p.m.	27th	Visit Honey Centre & Puhoi Cheese	25th	Nuts & Seeds
					Meet at Honey Centre 1.30pm		TBA
Jazz Listening	Val Couling	425-5766	2:00 p.m.	18th	Brazilian – Latin American Jazz with DVD	16th	Young at Heart
					25 Gordon Craig PI Algies bay		32A Rivendell PI Warkworth
Local History	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	10:00 a.m.	26th	Takatu/Tawharanui	24th	Glen Eden & Lower Matakana
					Matakana Anglican Church		TBA
History	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	15 th	Robert de Bruce	20 th	William and Mary
					16A Waimanu PI Pt Wells		45 Ashmore Dr Warkworth
Music Appreciation	Mary Miller	425-63016	1:30 p.m.	7th	Music Letter G	5th	TBA
					32A Rivendell PI Warkworth		8 Westpark Glen Warkworth
Art Appreciation	Iris Mee	425-7934	10:00 a.m.	6th	Creative Design & Mounting Art Exhibitions	4 th	Visit TSB Bank Wallace Art Centre
					1140 Sandspit Rd Sandspit		Hillsborough Auckland
Play Reading	Margaret Krey	4226407	9:30 a.m.	12 th	The Cherry Orchard	10th	The Pohutukawa Tree
					1001 Sandspit Rd Sandspit		3 Shipwright PI Warkworth
Poetry Reading	Colleen Kangwai	425-4333	1:30 p.m.	20th	Robert Lovell	18 th	TBA
					5 Deerness Cres Algies Bay		1 Hibiscus Ave Snells Beach
History of Medicine	Sue Stevenson	422-0585	2pm	14th	Leprosy	12	Penicillin
					8 Harbour View Rd Pt Wells		441 Mahurangi West Rd Mahurangi West