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WARKWORTH

Quarterly Newsletter — June 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Social Media.

We all heard how the murderer's video of the Christchurch mosque shootings went live on social media. Information can be shared instantly with millions of viewers on media such as Facebook.

Many of us can remember when we were overseas in former years, communication with family in New Zealand was by aerogram or a telegram for an urgent message. A phone call was very expensive, there was echo on the line, and at Christmas time a call needed to be booked ahead of the day.

Year by year communications have improved with satellites, and then electronic advances giving us email, Skype, Facetime, etc. Now we can see and hear our families around the globe, something which used to be the stuff of science fiction. As well as improved communications for individuals, technology now

enables relief efforts in an emergency to be coordinated rapidly by social media such as Facebook, You Tube, Twitter, etc.

If communication is so much easier for these useful purposes, it is also much easier to communicate bad science, hatred and bigotry, lies and inaccurate history causing division and inciting some to commit atrocities. The March massacre in Christchurch highlights the risk of showing such horrific events to so many in real time.

Our politicians and socially-minded IT experts are trying to work with technology companies to mitigate some of the dangers of social media. This is a complex and difficult task. Blocking social media is not the answer. World leaders need to work together with the companies on this very modern issue.

Best wishes,

Mary Miller

June: General Meeting and Mid-Winter Lunch

Monday, June 10th from 11.30 a.m. at the Warkworth Golf Club. The cost is \$30 per person.

The speaker is Dr Lesley Mynett-Johnson from the Starship Foundation, talking about the work they do in Starship Hospital.

Lunch is two courses and the popular U3A Jazz Group will provide background music before the meal.

Bookings close June 4.

Payment: either Direct Credit to the U3A account:

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(remember to enter the names of the attendees in the reference) or send a cheque to:

Ernie Gidman, 14 Coquette St, Warkworth

(any mailed bookings must reach Ernie on or before 4th June)

Volunteers sought:

Community Publicity Day - July 26

The Warkworth Library is putting on an Information Day for community groups to promote themselves and showcase the wide variety of activities and interest groups that there are in Warkworth.

It is on Friday, July 26th in the Masonic Hall from 10am to 4pm.

It is a free event. We have booked a table for U3A. We will be looking to attract new members - not necessarily grey-haired!

We are looking for volunteers to help man the table for an hour or two during that time.

If you can help, please phone

Mary Miller 425 6301.

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Group Meetings Calendar



Groups and Convenors	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019
All About Plants 10am 4th Thursday Tonara Cuthell Jackie Hormann	Nut Growing Host: Julie Dowland 1124 Sandspit Road, Warkworth.	Plants of the Sea Host: Glenda Came 81 Thompson Road, Warkworth.	Coffee and Tea Growing Host: Prue Dray Ashmore Crescent, Warkworth.
Ancient History 9.30am 1st Friday Pam Bosch	The Rising Continents, American and Asian areas. (DVD) Venue: 25 Rawhiti Place, Snells Beach.	“The Human Odyssey” - Tracing man’s development out of Africa. (DVD) (TBC) Venue: 25 Rawhiti Place, Snells Beach.	TBA
Antiques and Collectables 10am 4th Friday Hilary Lewis	Ships in Bottles - Jennifer Farley David Sculptures - Jenni McGlashan Host: Jennifer Farley 34 Whitmore Road, Warkworth.	Wine Containers - Hilary Lewis Depression Glass - Jennifer Farley Host: TBA	<i>Everyone to bring an interesting “item” for discussion</i> Host: Jennifer Kirker 10 Riverleigh Drive, Snells Beach.
Art Appreciation 1st Wednesday - check for times. Jan Imlach Jacky Whincop	Trip postponed: Venue unavailable	Dagmar Kammler “The Art of Collage”	Bus trip to Auckland Art Gallery to see the Frances Hodgkins exhibition.
Book Talk 10am 1st Tuesday Shirley Shirley	Host: Dagmar Kammler 99 Anderson Road, Matakana.	Host: Jenny Noakes 65 Anderson Road, Matakana.	Host: Hilary de Hillerin Apartment 303, Hoteo Building, The Oaks on Neville.
Current Affairs 2pm 3rd Thursday Geoffrey Bowes	Host: Sue and Bob Stevenson, Apartment 201, Hoteo Building, Oaks on Neville.	Host: Ian Lewis 44 Edwards Road, Warkworth.	Host: Geoffrey Bowes, 257 Mahurangi East Rd, Snells Beach
Developments in Medicine 2pm 4th Thursday Linda Moore	Neuroplasticity (rescheduled) Host: Diane Parton, 441 Mahurangi West Rd.	ADHD Host: Linda Moore, 38 Kawau View Rd, Snells Beach.	Climate Change and Disease Challenges Host: Ian Lewis, 44 Edwards Rd, Warkworth.

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Jazz Listening 2pm 3rd Monday Val Couling	Davis presents “Dorothy Who?” - songs of lyricist Dorothy Fields. Venue: 32 Blue Gum Drive, Warkworth.	Ron presents "Jazz in New Zealand". Venue: 25 Gordon Craig Place, Algies Bay.	John presents “YouTube Selection pt 3.” Venue: TBA.
Local History 10am 4th Tuesday Lorna Laxon	A History of Businesses in Warkworth Speaker: Ken Fearnley Venue: 15A Coquette St, Warkworth.	TBA	TBA
Music Appreciation 10am 2nd Thursday Alison Coates	Midsummer Night’s Dream (Mendelssohn) - the Ballet Host: Colleen Kangwai 1 Hibiscus Ave, Snells Beach.	Topic: TBA Host: Ernie Gidman 14 Coquette St, Warkworth.	The Morton Trio Concert at Warkworth Town Hall Sunday August 11 4pm (Please note change of day and time) For further information contact Alison 425 6408
Play Reading 10am 2nd Tuesday Pam Ellender	McBeth Pt1 Venue: 38 Kawai View Rd, Snells Beach.	McBeth Pt 2 Venue: 25 Gordon Craig Place, Algies Bay.	TBA
Poetry Reading 1.30pm 3rd Wednesday Lynda Spivey	Poet Jill Chan Host: Judith McNeil 3 Shipwright Place, Warkworth.	Poet Mary Oliver Host: Ngaire Gee 19 Paunui Terrace, Snells Beach.	Poet Andrew Motion Host: Susan Howard 387 Wright Road, Matakana.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION at the AGM December 9, 2019

The Constitution requires that any proposed changes be notified to the members at least three months before the AGM at which the changes will be presented, hence this advance notice.

Three amendments to the Constitution are proposed.

Amendment 1:

Remove the current upper limit of ten for the number of committee members.

The current rule:

4-1 The society shall be managed by a Committee of at least six and not more than ten elected members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further committee members to fill casual vacancies. The Immediate Past President shall (ex-officio) be a member of the Committee for one year.

Rationale: There is a lot of organisational work that is needed for an active growing club (166 members as we go to press). Many of the tasks need to have more than one committee member allocated so that the workload can be shared.

Proposed Amendment:

The first sentence be amended to read:

4-1. The Society shall be managed by a Committee of at least six elected members.

Amendment 2:

Define the membership year as being January 1 to December 31, making it distinct from the Financial Year of November 1 to October 31.

There is no specific definition of the membership year in the current Rules. The Financial Year is defined:

6-1 The financial year shall end on **31st October** in each year. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened for the **December** meeting for the purposes as set out in clause 5-1

Rationale: Currently the implied default linking of the membership year to the financial year of November 1 - October 31 creates an anomalous situation where, at the AGM in December, there are very few members who have paid their subscriptions

for the new year. According to the Constitution, however, only those few paid-up members can vote at the AGM. This amendment would resolve that.

Proposed Amendment:

Add a new paragraph:

3-5 The membership year shall be the calendar year of January 1 to December 31.

Amendment 3:

Change the requirement that the accounts be audited to one that the accounts be reviewed.

The current rule:

6-3 The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all the monies received and expended on behalf of the the Society and shall prepare and publish such accounts duly audited at the Annual General Meeting

Rationale: Auditing is an expensive formal process normally used for large businesses. Reviewing is a less stringent formal analysis quite suited to non-profit organisations, but still carried out by a specifically qualified person.

Proposed Amendment:

That Paragraph 6.3 be amended to read:

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New Members

A warm welcome to our new members who have joined since April 1.

Pat Habrle

Gail Corinaldi

Pauline Sargisson

Mary Anne Ellett

Von Walker

Don and Chris Dormer

Maggie Stansfield

(Membership now stands at 166)

April 2019 General Meeting

Mini-presentation

The Local History Group: "Up the Glen Eden River"



The Glen Eden River joins the Matakana River at the Sandspit wharf and runs from there past the yacht marina, turning northwest to run under Matakana Rd and on for a considerable distance to its source. The lower reaches of the river are tidal.

An account of the recent trip of the Local History group on Phil Morris' boat, the "Kotiki", up the Glen Eden river, a tributary of the Matakana river, (see map) was presented to the U3A April General Meeting by Lorna Laxon and Linda Moore. It included descriptions of the boat (see photo), the river, including a waterfall we couldn't see, as the tide was up, and some early history of the Glen Eden area



*On tour! The Matakana Road bridge in the background (named by an early settler to remind him of home.) Unfortunately, nothing remains of the maori pa, the flaxmill, nor the timbermill and its bush-railway, whose sites we passed, but Phil's commentary, partly based on David Grant's book *They Gathered Here* about the Matakana area, made sure that it was an interesting trip which we all enjoyed.*

Linda Moore



Up the creek - not a paddle in sight!

INVITATION TO NOMINATE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

U3A members are invited to suggest members who would be interested in helping on the committee.

They are very welcome to meet with any of the committee members and talk about the many functions that the committee undertakes to see just what would interest them.

Contact Mary Miller 425 6301

Have you paid your U3A Annual Membership dues?

Remember you need to keep your membership subscription up-to-date.

This year's subscriptions were due November 1 2018

Cost is \$20 for individuals and \$35 for couples.

Your paid membership entitles you to attend general meetings and interest groups and to vote at the AGM. As a bonus it also enables you to attend group meetings at other U3A groups in Auckland.

April 2019 General Meeting

Speaker: Dr Gavin Ellis



Dr Gavin Ellis

Dr Gavin Ellis is a media commentator and former editor of the New Zealand Herald. His topic was his assessment of the media coverage following the recent massacre of Muslims in two separate Christchurch mosques.

He began by observing that the perpetrator had prepared for his rampage by equipping himself

with cameras that he attached to his head and to his gun to record and live-stream his actions to Facebook.

After some delay, Facebook was forced to remove them, but the damage had been done — one and a half million copies had already been made and multiple copies are still being circulated despite ongoing measures to intercept and delete them.

Gavin Ellis has seen the video, which is 17 minutes long, and he categorised it as being very similar to a violent video game.

The police arrived, traced and arrested the perpetrator all within 21 minutes of the first alarm.

The two mosques involved still had to be searched in case there were accomplices. It subsequently became apparent that the gunman had acted alone.

Within 12 minutes of the alarm being raised, reporters had arrived and could see the chaos inside the mosques. George Heard, a 21 year old photo-journalist, was recording events and was reprimanded by police, but when he responded “This is history!”, he was allowed to continue.

The Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, impressed the media world-wide with her leadership and her response to the tragedy. Her final statement concerning the victims — “They are us!” — summarised the Government stance of inclusiveness for all religious and racial groups.

Gavin Ellis said he was impressed that the New Zealand press paid more attention to the victims than to the perpetrator. He compared New Zealand’s media response to that of overseas media which gave more sensational coverage to the perpetrator.

He felt that the Christchurch papers had a very professional approach. He was critical of some of the overseas media that had included photos of the scenes and the perpetrator.

Publishing of the perpetrator’s name had been very quickly stopped in New Zealand with the agreement and support of all the media here. It was considered that the publication of such material would be considered voyeuristic and harmful to those whose kin had been killed or injured.

Dr Ellis commented on the conjecture in the New Zealand media about our Gun Laws and our attitude to racism.

Some of his predicted repercussions were:

- 1 Changes to the Gun Laws in New Zealand, particularly with regard to types of weapons.
- 2 Restrictions on hate speech and hate crimes.
- 3 Regard for the effects on victims and their families.

He concluded with the reminder that, in common with all jury trials, publicity about the crime could make the selection of the jury more difficult as the jury members must be seen to have no bias.

U3A Auckland Network

The U3A Auckland Network has its own website:

www.u3a.nz

There you can see information about other U3A groups in the greater Auckland area as well as promotional material about events that the Network has planned.

Note: the Network’s web address is not the same as the Warkworth U3A’s own website address of www.u3a.co.nz



Around the Groups



The Ancient History group at the Museum

Ancient History

The Ancient History group gathered at the Warkworth Museum for their April meeting to learn about the fur trade in North America. The fur trade was initially founded in 1730 on beaver pelts for the manufacture of hats.

In the first instance, fishermen fishing for cod off the coast of Newfoundland would spend weeks ashore drying their catch before returning to England. They established friendly contact with the local Indians and traded beaver pelts for varying items required by the Indians to improve their subsistence life-style.

The Hudson Bay Company was formed to control the trade for the British until 1990 when animal rights factions deemed the use of animal pelts for clothing to be inhumane and the trade was stopped.



A beaver-skin jacket from the collection

After the informative talk, the group moved from the meeting room to the textile storage rooms to see and feel the large collection of furs in the textile collection. This included beaver in its various forms.

Washing hands is obligatory before touching any of the collection.

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Jenni McGlashan

Art Appreciation

The April Meeting was a fascinating talk on Portraiture by Dagmar Kammler. She gave us a totally new insight into how to look at self-portraits both from the artist's and from the audience's points of view.



Comparing the eras of self-portraits gave us an interesting perspective, with the latest craze of selfies as an example.

On May 1st we visited PANiA's exhibition at Te Tuhi. The participating artists explored the cultural consequences in a "what if" situation based on the possibility of a Dutch Colony being set up by Abel Tasman.

Following that we went to the Uxbridge Arts Centre

which featured six quilts from NZ and the Pacific with informative narratives.

*Jan Imlach
Art Appreciation
Co-Convenor*



Antiques & Collectables

The March meeting, held at Michael Penn's home, centred on two very interesting topics. The first one was about clocks and we looked at some of Michael's interesting examples — from a tall, long-case clock to smaller examples. The second topic was silver marks, and those attending used the hallmark guides Michael provided to identify the assay offices and production dates on a number of silver cutlery items. Small enamel boxes provided interesting material for discussion at the April meeting. In Georgian times, small hinged boxes were used for carrying snuff (powdered tobacco) in men's jacket pockets or in ladies' reticules.



A hinged enamel snuff-box

Shallower boxes were used on dressing tables to hold black velvet patches — the cosmetic answer to covering up skin blemishes caused by small pox. (If you were poor and couldn't afford to buy expensive velvet or satin, you used a piece of dried up mouse-pelt instead!)

The May meeting's discussion centred on two topics — lace-making and salt-containers — research done by Jenni and Hilary.



Honniton Lace — an example of an English bobbin-made lace collar

First, Jenni outlined the many different methods used in lace-making over the centuries — from crocheting, knitting and tatting to using appliqué and weaving with bobbins.

She passed around a number of lace samples in many different styles, including a rare and delicate piece of gold lace.

The second topic was salt and its containers. In the Middle Ages you knew you were an important dinner guest if you were seated 'above the salt' — a large, highly ornamented 'nef' often made from a gilded nautilus shell.



The Burghley Nef, (silver-gilt) made in Paris 1527-1528, V&A Museum.

Because of its hygroscopic and corrosive nature, salt has always needed to be kept away from direct contact with silver — hence the famous blue liners of Bristol Glass used in Victorian salt-cellars.

Today, salt-shakers have become the most commonly used containers because of advances made in anti-caking treatments to prevent the salt clumping. (Adding magnesium carbonate was the first method discovered in 1911).

Hilary Lewis

Antiques and Collectables Convenor

This is a relatively recently formed group and we have room for some more members. If you are interested in joining, please contact me at hilary@arcon.co.nz or phone me (425 7042).

Warkworth U3A Meeting Dates — 2019

June	10 th	General Meeting and Mid-Winter Luncheon
July	8 th	Committee Meeting
August	12 th	General Meeting
September	9 th	Committee Meeting
October	14 th	General Meeting
November	11 th	Committee Meeting
December	9 th	General Meeting and AGM

Note: General meetings are open to all current members of Warkworth U3A and are held in the Warkworth- Wellsford Hospice Korowai Room. 10am to 12 noon.

GENERAL MEETINGS

and

DUTY GROUP ROSTER 2019

- June 10 : Golf Club - Mid-Winter Luncheon
- August 12: Tui House - Antiques and Collectables and Art Appreciation
- October 14 : Tui House - All About Plants and Booktalk.
- December 9: Tui House - General Meeting and AGM (Hospice Catering)

The duty groups for the general meetings at the Hospice Tui House venue should be there at 9.30am

Tui House Parking

Your committee members understand that some members are not easily able to walk a distance from the car to Tui House. We encourage car-pooling as much as possible. If you are finding difficulty in arranging a lift, please ask a committee member or your group convener to help you find someone who could pick you up. If you are fit and your legs are OK then take the opportunity for some exercise and park further away!

Couldrey House

The following information has been received from Michelle Gimblett at Couldrey House:

Many people are unaware of our historic house museum located close to the carpark and surrounded by beautiful gardens and mature trees in the heart of Wenderholm, just 25 minutes south of Warkworth.

Owned by charitable trust 'The Friends of Couldrey House', we are open on weekends throughout the year, however we also welcome groups of all sizes (up to 35 people) to visit during the week. We have had many groups including Probus, retirement villages and various interest groups visit us over the years.

We would like to extend a welcome to your members to visit us as a group over the coming months. We can arrange a morning or afternoon tea in addition to a half hour seated talk and/or guided tour of the house. And of course all visitors are encouraged to explore both the house and surrounding gardens at their leisure.

Our costs are minimal and we usually ask for a donation in addition to a per person charge. For a 30-35 minute talk by your Host before going through the house we charge \$6 per person. Alternatively to enjoy simple refreshments of tea, coffee & biscuits before the talk and tour we charge \$10 per person. Guests are then free to wander in the garden and some groups have extended their trip by going on to enjoy the surrounds of Wenderholm. The Regional Park has a large number of very modern, beautifully maintained toilets, along with shaded picnic areas, a lovely beach and varying lengths of easy-moderate grade walking tracks.

Feedback has always been immensely positive, such as these recent comments... "Thoroughly enjoyed seeing the house again and hearing the volunteer's talk, as well as the audio commentaries which weren't there on my last visit."

"Wonderfully presented interior, easy access to rooms (not all roped off) and a real sense of living in the house."

Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss your requirements or ideas around a tour to suit your members. You can email me on info@couldreyhouse.org.nz or call me on 09 440 9366. I look forward to hearing from you!

Michelle Gimblett

Historic House Museum Manager

Phone: 09 440 9366 / 021 811183

Address: 37 Schischka Road - Wenderholm Regional Park - Waiwera - Auckland 0873 - New Zealand

www.couldreyhouse.org.nz



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U3A Lapel Badges

Auckland U3A Network has produced lapel badges for U3A members.

Badges feature the international U3A logo and the words "NEW ZEALAND", as shown.

The badges will be metal and with either a magnetic fastener or with a pin. Price is \$5 per badge.

Ordering: Please email our treasurer: Nigel Swaffield (nswaf43ju@gmail.com)

Payment: either Direct Credit to the U3A account

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(remember to enter the names of the purchasers in the reference) or send a cheque to:

The Treasurer, U3A Warkworth, 8 Wilson Rd, Warkworth.



NAME BADGES: Change of policy

Members are being asked to look after their own U3A name labels from now on and bring them to wear at our General Meetings.

These are the badges/labels that members have until previously collected as they arrived at each U3A General Meeting and then handed in again at the end of the meeting.

There will be the standard "sticky label and felt pen" facility for anyone who forgets to bring their label!

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Committee.

