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From the Chair

Thank-you to everyone who participated in our recent group facilitators' meeting. It was interesting to hear what each group does, and I'm sure most of us picked up some good ideas. Isn't it great to have such enthusiastic members providing such interesting groups in comfortable venues, and the best thing is that the facilitators enjoy their roles. One of our newer facilitators even wished that she could join more groups. If only we had the capacity! If you have an idea for a new group, or, better yet, would like to run one, please pass your idea on to our Group Convenor.

The 2018 AGM will take place before this month's General Meeting. Please put this on your calendar and note the early start time. It's important that we have a good turnout since we'll be considering changes to our constitution. New name tags for 2018/19 will be available. Please pay your sub before 13th June so yours will be ready when you arrive at the meeting (wearing your old name tag).



Lesley McNaughton

AGM 2018

10.00 am Monday 18th June

St. John's Ambulance Hall 367 Kerikeri Road

General Meeting *open to the public* at 10.30 am following the AGM

Kitchen Duties: Local History

After the AGM a talk by Tania Belz - Lawyer

At the Family Court Coal Face

A very brief history and overview of the Family Court

What the Family Court does in this day and age

A typical Northland Family Court Case from whoa to go

Current challenges for the Family Court



Group Convener's Report

The Current Affairs Opua Group has now finished. Our thanks to Don Jansen for hosting this group, and to Stuart Leitch for being the facilitator. The Kerikeri Current Affairs groups are continuing and thriving.

The recent facilitators' meeting was well attended and we had a good exchange of ideas. There seemed to be a common theme among the groups which I hope you can think about. If you are a member of a group and cannot, for any reason, attend the monthly meeting could you please notify the host or facilitator? We would like to thank all the members who do follow this recommendation and appreciate their courtesy.

The Board Games and Photographic Expeditions groups would like some more members, please contact the facilitator of these two groups if you would like more information about them.

I will not be standing for re-election at the AGM, so I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of U3A for all the help and support I have received. As always if you have an idea for a new group please contact the new group convener, the email address will remain the same.

Judy Ramsey

Constitution changes

The committee will be proposing some constitution changes - we have to add two clauses required by the Inland Revenue Department before they grant us exemption from Resident Withholding Tax ---- and we wish, at the same time, to make some small changes that will tidy up the constitution. We'll send the proposed changes to all members in May - please consider them before the meeting.

Election of Committee Members

The other important business of the AGM will be the election of the new committee. Since many members of the current committee will not be standing for re-election, we really need new committee members. We need a mixture - some fresh blood, perhaps younger members or relatively new members, and also members who have been involved in U3A long enough to know how and why it works.

All positions will be open and it would be healthy to have enough nominees to actually have an election. As usual, we need to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 other committee members who will be prepared to take on one of the other committee roles.

A nomination form was sent out with the proposed constitution changes. Nominations must be signed by the nominee, the mover and the seconder, all of whom must be financial members. Completed nomination forms must be received by our Returning Officer, Stuart Leitch, before 10th June. They can be handed to him or posted to Returning Officer, U3A BOI, P.O. Box 833, Kerikeri 0245.

Subscriptions 2018-2019

Membership subscriptions for the 2018 to 2019 year were due in May. The subs are \$20 per person. Thank you to those who have already paid.

If you haven't paid yet, please try to do so before 13th June so that we can process your payment and have your name tag ready for you to collect from the fast-track table at the AGM.

We prefer payments by online banking: Payee: **U3A BOI**, Account: **02 0352 0020910 000**. Please include your surname, first name (or names) and the word "subs" as a reference.

Alternatively, you can post a cheque payable to **U3A BOI**. Write your name or names clearly on the reverse of the cheque and your name and address on the back of the envelope. Post the cheque to: The Treasurer, U3A Bay of Islands, P.O. Box 833, Kerikeri 0245

You can still pay and collect your name tag at the AGM but this will take a bit longer. Bring your sub to the AGM in an envelope with your name and address written clearly on the outside.

New Members

Welcome to Lloyd Parris, Diane Scott, John Stockley and Christopher Williams. We hope you enjoy our activities and make lots of new friends in U3A.

Local History Group

The group explores 'history where it happened', visiting places where significant, interesting or maybe quirky things happened in the past. We've visited Christian mission sites, looked at the battles of the Northern War, explored the development of Kerikeri township, and heard the stories of some lesser known people linked to well known places. In Paihia for example we discovered NZ's first cricket match (1833), a garden shed (1870s), a family home (1920), and then NZ's first French Fries (1772).

Usually facilitator Stuart Park guides the group to a place and tells the stories of the people of that place, often with enlarged photographs or paintings showing what it was like there in the past.



In May, however, group member Howard Smith led us along the Puketī – Waipapa bush tramway, which operated between 1909 and 1919 to harvest kauri from Puketī forest and freight it to the timber booms at Waipapa Landing, for towing by sea to the [Australian] Kauri Timber Company mills in Auckland or at Great Barrier. We began where the logs reached the sea at Waipapa, then followed the 22km tramway route to the timber camp at Puketī, where the current landowner showed us the remains of the tramway and its associated buildings. Historic photographs showed us the tramway, logs being hauled along the route, the locomotive and the Puketī settlement.



Just off Waipapa Road, the group gathered for a photo, standing on a section of the tramway in someone's back garden. Note the umbrellas – the group's visits are 'weather permitting', but the rule is the weather always permits.

Stuart Park

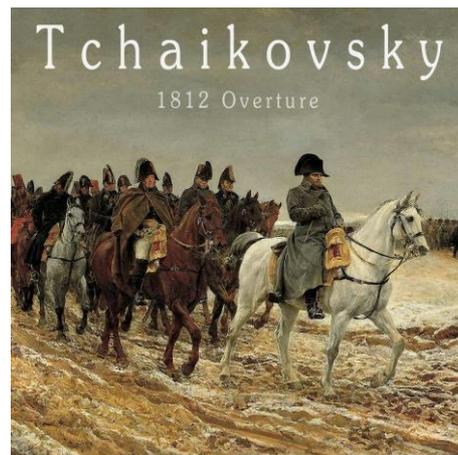
Music appreciation

We have just completed Robert Greenberg’s course, where we looked at music from Ancient times through the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical to the Romantic. We will eventually cover Modern and 20th century music but as an interim we are going to look at another of these courses: “Music as a Mirror of History”.

Professor Robert Greenberg offers a fascinating and provocative premise: Despite the abstractness and the universality of music—and our habit of listening to it divorced from any historical context—music is a “mirror” of the historical setting in which it was created, and certain works of music do not just mirror the general spirit of their time and place, but even explicitly evoke specific historical events.

In this unique and eye-opening course, Professor Greenberg presents an in-depth survey of musical works that were written in direct response to contemporary historical events—events that both shaped the composers’ lives and inspired the creation of the works in question. Here Professor Greenberg reveals, in stunning and poignant detail, the ways in which history influenced some of the great (and not so great!) works of music, and how they in turn influenced history.

This is as much a course about history as it is about music, and anyone with an interest in history or music will find it both enthralling and richly informative.



Jack Beggs



Do come along to the opening of our exhibition, admire the art, have a glass of wine and a chat with fellow U3A members. Feel free to bring family and friends. If you are unable to make the opening all is not lost as the exhibition will run until late August.

Moira Warnock

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