

## From the Chair

We recently had a very successful coffee morning at the Packhouse Café, where I was happy to meet so many members both new and (I can't say 'old') um, established. Thank you to all those who organized and attended. This will be repeated, by popular demand...

Unfortunately Susie and I are going to miss the next General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, but I've had a sneak preview of Alan's talk on aircraft navigation before GPS which I found totally fascinating. Mark it in your diary!

At our last committee meeting we discussed ways to make the Newsletters more enticing! This, together with our Website, are our main sources of information for you to keep up to date with events, meetings and groups. Just recently Susie and I have been going to a quiz night on a Wednesday, which we thoroughly enjoy, so I thought I'd drop in a few quiz questions here to see if there's any interest. No pressure, and no prizes for this one as you have the Internet which has all the answers, but see how many you know before you look them up. Answers next month. If popular, I'll do more. Maybe with prizes! "They're easy if you know the answers".

*Drew Barlow*



## General Meeting

**Monday 21st October at 10.30 am**

**Kerikeri Sports Complex off Waipapa Road between the Heritage Bypass and Landing Road. Please note new venue.**

Members: Please bring finger food for our shared lunch

Kitchen Group: Antiques and Collectables

**Alan Murgatroyd**

will be talking about

**Navigation Before the Days of GPS**

## **Group Convenor**

Our membership continues to grow and we continue to strive to provide a wide range of groups. We are always looking for ideas from the membership.

The morning tea was a great success, with over 40 people attending. The Packhouse Café did us proud and there was a great atmosphere. There was the opportunity to look at the resources and talk about groups. Several new members attended and we were able to guide them to groups they were interested in. This will become a regular fixture by popular demand.

## **Scottish Country Dancing Group**

This has now gained some new members, but more are welcome.

U3A have been given a wonderful opportunity to join an existing group which meets regularly in Kerikeri.

You do NOT need a partner.

See Schedule for date and time.

## **New Group Ideas**

We have had some response to the ideas below. I am repeating this as we have quite a few new members and some returning from overseas.

### **Travel**

This can be anything you want it to be!

### **Famous/Infamous**

The group all take it in turns to share a story of someone magnificent, or maybe notorious, or maybe a bit of both. A lively discussion may follow.

### **Wine appreciation**

This can be about regions, new world verses old, methods, visits to wineries etc.

## **Groups starting in October**

### **The Story of Human Language**

This group will be commencing in October and is almost full. Do get in touch with Mary Johnson if you are interested. (See schedule for date and time)

### **French for Beginners.**

This will be starting in October, on the first Thursday of the month in the afternoon. This group is full at present, but there may be a space, depending on some people's commitments, so get in touch with Susie Barlow if you are interested. (See schedule for date and time)

**Classic Studies - The Roman Empire - Civilization or Submission.** Also starting in October. This is now full, but do get in touch with Susie Barlow if you are interested. (See schedule for date and time)

## **Groups starting February 2020**

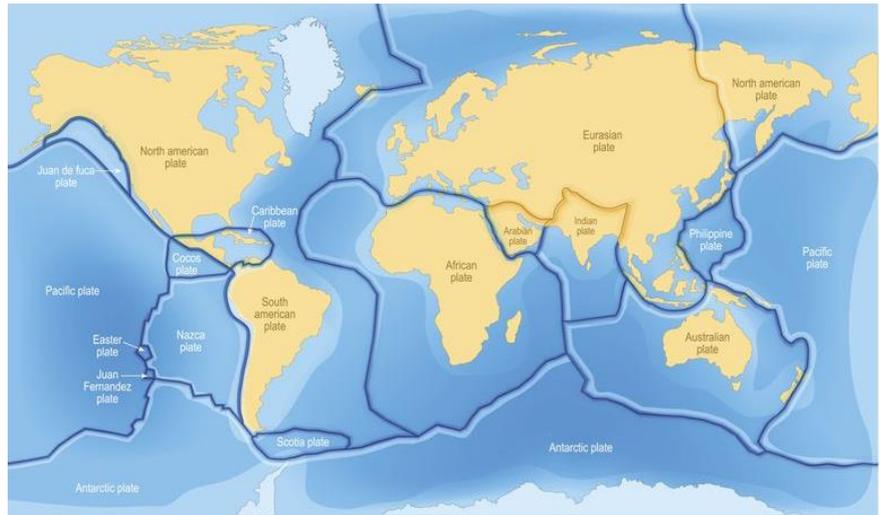
### **Food Group (in addition to the Cuisine Group which continues)**

This will be commencing in February 2020. The group is almost full, but do get in touch if you are interested. We will be looking at all aspects of food, such as methods, cheese making, food processes, health aspects of foods, environmental issues, the plant based revolution, organic versus not, etc.

## Climate Change and Effects on Life since the beginnings of the Earth

This will be a PowerPoint based group led by Ulrike Novak, discussing the beginnings of conditions on earth for life and the constant changes evolving over time, involving tectonic movements of continents, the coming and going of life forms and ever changing climate conditions. As much as possible, attempts will be made to present evidence and explanations for the changes.

It will be a course spanning about 8 months. A keen interest in science is quite essential.



Please contact Ulrike Novak [unovak123@gmail.com](mailto:unovak123@gmail.com) or 09 946 6112 if you are interested in joining the group, which will commence early next year.

### Are you interested in any of the groups above?

Please let me know as soon as possible:

Email [group.convenor.u3a.boi@gmail.com](mailto:group.convenor.u3a.boi@gmail.com) Phone 09 407 9748 or 021 731 748

Group Convenor *Susie Barlow*

## New Members

Since the end of April we have had many new members and U3A Bay of Islands would like to welcome all these people:

Sylvania Bates, Patricia Bawden, Audrey Bulley, Betty Davis, Vaughan Dyer, Trevor Ferguson, Jean Johnston, Jeannette Klomp, Pauline Koreman, Donna McKenzie, Maggie Narbey, Dominic Ritchie, Paul Rose, Danielle Ryan, Trevor Ryan, Edith van der Scheer, Philip White, Jenny Wilson and Ivy Wright.

## Cuisine

This group has now been running for 7 months and what an interesting time we have all had. We have

been travelling around the world via the amazing history and developments in cuisine in several countries. We have been specifically looking at the economy, geography, culture and politics that shape the way cuisine has evolved. So far we have looked at East and West Africa, China and Kazakhstan. We also looked at preserving through the ages and how this differed around the world. We



had two great sessions on the history of food and one on traditional Easter foods. The world is definitely our

oyster and there are plans for exploring Italy, the Far East and many other places. Some members of the

group have great personal experiences of cuisine in far flung places, but for those who have not, it is a wonderful opportunity to hear all about it. The group has been very popular, so we have now decided to start another food related group (see below) to make more room in our hosts' sitting rooms! So there may be space to join Cuisine, or the new Food group which is starting in February

2020. If you are interested in joining either group please contact me.

Facilitator *Susie Barlow*

# Calendar

2019

**Monday, 21 October:** General Meeting, Kerikeri Sports Complex, Corner Heritage Bypass and Waipapa Road, Kerikeri, 10.30 a.m.  
Speaker: Alan Murgatroyd, retired pilot: "Navigation before the days of GPS"

**Saturday, 16 November:** Ceilidh,  
Cornerstone Church,  
Kerikeri Road



2020

**Monday 17 February:** General Meeting, Kerikeri Sports Complex, 10.30 a.m. Speaker: TBA

**Monday 20 April:** General Meeting, Kerikeri Sports Complex, 10.30 a.m. Speaker: TBA

**Monday 15 June:** AGM and General Meeting, 10.00 a.m. Kerikeri Sports Complex

## Quiz No 1

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| 1. In Italian cooking what is 'gnocchi'?                         | 6. What was the first Beatles record to hit the top of the UK single charts?   |
| 2. What does BSA stand for in the make of motorcycle?            | 7. What does a numismatist collect?  |
| 3. Which language does the word 'ROBOT' come from?               | 8. What is a 'filbert'?  |
| 4. What part of New Zealand has the Maori name Rakiura?          | 9. Which is the fastest animal in the world?   |
| 5. Which was the first flag to reach the moon and in which year? | 10. Which of these is NOT a New Zealand invention?<br>A. Sunscreen. B. Referee's whistle. C. Disposable syringes. D. Instant Coffee. |

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