

## **Newsletter for July 2017**

I do hope everyone has survived the bad weather and everyone is warm and dry. I fortunately never sustained any damage to my house or grounds. This month has seen me complete my first series of lectures and I must say I was most impressed. Both with the way the lectures were run, presented and the content. So now we are onto Series 3 but I don't really find anything in them to take my fancy. So in the meantime I will continue with my small groups. The groups are flourishing despite the awful weather and many members away taking overseas holidays.

The TED talk group I find is shaping up to be really interesting. We decided as a group to take it in turns to decide on the two topics for the month. I have had one member asking to join the Book group but we would like to see one or two members before we open it up again. The same with the Local History group. I am still looking for members and a facilitator for a Philosophy group. So please don't be shy I will give you all the help I can to get it up and running.

Continue to stay warm.

Ngaire

### **Art History Group**

We had to cancel the session in July due to bad weather. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th August, 2-4pm and will be concerned with the painter, Artemisia Gentileschi.

### **Creative Writing Group**

This group had to be cancelled this month due to other commitments by the facilitator. However we will continue with our learning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Ngaire Bates home. We will look at the homework of the members about a conversation between two coats. Give Ngaire a call if you would like to come along and see what it is all about.

### **Current Affairs Group-Monday**

The current affairs group's topic this month was water. We covered a number of aspects of this although much of our focus was on the impact of dairying and on a number of companies wish to bottle water for overseas export.

A number of important topics are in the pipeline but next month we will focus on the NZ election. Everyone is to rate in order of importance which political issues are of most importance to them and why. We hope this will spark lively debate. Joy Hayward

### **Current Affairs Group-Tuesday**

### **Expanding Musical Horizons Group**

Our first session in July (postponed from June) covered the influence of jazz on American classical music and the American musical in the 1920s and 1930s. We also looked at a little of the experimental music that was being written in that period. The two remaining sessions on American music in the 20th Century will be carried over to next year. Our normal "fourth Monday" session was about one of the most popular pieces of classical music ever written – Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Most people recognize it, some know that the four concertos are based on sonnets, but not so many know why it was one of the most vibrant, innovative and stunning collections of concertos of its time. We looked under the bonnet, to see in greater detail how Vivaldi had interpreted the stories and tableaux described in the sonnets.

## **Gallery Group**



The gallery group had to cancel the visit to the framers because of the snow that day. Laurie White organised it and hopefully we can go another time Tash

## **Museum Group**

## **Poetry Group**

## **TED Talk Group**



This month we listened and watched two talks. The first was presented by Michael Sander from Harvard Law School and was called 'The Moral Side of Justice' The second talk was by Sir Ken Robinson and was called Education and Creativity. Both talks were very good and caused a great deal of interesting comments to come out. In August we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at John Burton's home 50 Highgate. If you would like to join us please phone John and let him know.

## Group Schedule August 2017

**Please phone the hostess if you are unable to attend.  
Please contact the facilitator if you wish to join a group**

<p><b><u>Creative Writing</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Ngaire Bates Phone:- 454 2170 Email :- <a href="mailto:mikni@ihug.co.nz">mikni@ihug.co.nz</a> Next meeting ;- <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1.30pm</b> (<i>first Thursday</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Art History</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator – Moya Smith Phone- 4761415 or 0274761415 Email – <a href="mailto:moya.smith@xtra.co.nz">moya.smith@xtra.co.nz</a> Next Meeting – <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm</b> (<i>second Wednesday</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Current Affairs - Monday Group</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Joy Hayward Phone:-454 4996 or 021 150 8387 Email:- <a href="mailto:joyhayward@hotmail.co.nz">joyhayward@hotmail.co.nz</a> Next meeting- <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1.30pm</b> (<i>third Monday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Home of Ngaire Bates 67A Tahuna Road, Tainui Phone number:-454 2170 <b>Topic:- Looking at our writings about two old coats</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome.</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Home of Moya Smith 43 Wharfdale Street Phone- 4761415 or 0274761415 <b>Topic –Artist Artemisia Gentileschi.</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome.</b></p> <p><b>Venue: -</b> Home of Joy Hayward. 195 Portobello Road. Phone number:- 454 4996 <b>Topic – New Zealand General Elections</b></p> <p><b>Please note:-</b> We meet in the Vauxhall carpark at 1.25pm and share a ride up the hill.</p>
<p><b><u>Current Affairs - Tuesday Group</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator;- Gretchen Kivell Phone;:- 473 0031 Next Meeting:- <b>Tuesday 15th August 10am</b> (<i>third Tuesday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue;-</b> Home of Gretchen Kivell 1 Windsor St Opoho</p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>
<p><b><u>Expanding Musical Horizons</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Paul Wheeler Phone:- 476 0462 Email:- <a href="mailto:wheeler@ihug.co.nz">wheeler@ihug.co.nz</a> Next meeting:- <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10am</b> (<i>fourth Monday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue:-</b> Home of Paul Wheeler 5 Roger Street MacAndrew Bay</p> <p><b>Group Full</b></p>

<p><b><u>Gallery</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Tash Hurst  Phone:- 467 9747  Email:- <a href="mailto:tash.hurst@xtra.co.nz">tash.hurst@xtra.co.nz</a>  Next meeting:- <b>Wednesday 16th August at 10.30am</b></p> <p>(Second Wednesday)</p>	<p><b>Venue-</b> As arranged</p> <p><b>We are visiting the Milford Gallery.</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>
<p><b><u>Museum</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Doug Holborrow  Phone:- 477 4573  Email:- <a href="mailto:bdholborow@ihug.co.nz">bdholborow@ihug.co.nz</a></p> <p>Meetings are as arranged.</p> <p><b><u>Poetry</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:_ Judith Cowley</p> <p>Meetings and contact details change from month to month.</p>	<p><b>Venue:-</b> Museum</p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p> <p><b>Venue:-</b> Changes from month to month</p> <p><b>Group Full</b></p>
<p><b><u>TED Talks</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Ravi Vohora  Phone:- 464 0182  Email:- <a href="mailto:vohora@xtra.co.nz">vohora@xtra.co.nz</a>  Next meeting:- <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 2.15pm</b></p> <p>(First Friday)</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Home of John Burtons  50 Highgate</p> <p><b>Topic:-</b> These will be chosen by the host each month.</p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>