

## Discussion Groups Newsletter for April 2018

We have decided to trial only two or three reports each month to see how it goes. I hope that this meets with everyone's approval.

Those of you attending one or more of the lecture series this Autumn will notice that from next week there will be a power point presentation shown before the lecture starts on the Discussion Groups each time you go. The idea is to try and get more members interested in the Discussion groups and to try and get a bigger range of groups underway. If you are sitting next to someone who wants to know more about them please either refer them to Ngaire or try and answer some of the questions yourself.

I do hope you are all having a lovely Easter. The weather so far has been great. Long may it last.

Ngaire

### **Creative Writing Group**

This group is in recession but we do have a possible venue and a possible facilitator so if you would like to take part in this group please phone Ngaire on 454 2170 to register your interest.

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

The Tuesday Current Issues group had an enjoyable meeting in March. Conversation moved across the local - the 100th anniversary of the Dunedin National Council of Women; that this excellent organization now has significantly fewer contributing groups, and in fact there are many community groups getting smaller/going out of business, which is a concern – the national – the fallout from the Young Labour camp; will Simon Bridges be good at the job? – and the international – Cambridge Analytica, and how it works, and should we worry; and the nature of Truth (it comes in many guises).

### **Gallery Group**

Seven of us had a most enjoyable visit this morning to Rob Piggots gallery on Jetty Street. It was an in depth insight into understanding the pros and cons of a working artist running their own gallery. We also had much more knowledge about how Rob went about his series of compositions and the absolute need to be creative, and the frustrations when other aspects of life interrupted the flow of work.

Our next group activity is to visit a gallery in Alexandra, that has an exhibition of Elizabeth Stevens work. Maryalyce is organising this day.

### **Museum Group**

This group is in recession.

### **TED Talk Group**

This group is in recession but is looking for more interested members to join in our discussions.

Please phone Ngaire if you are interested.

### Group Schedule April 2018

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

<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 11th April at 2pm</b> (<i>second Wednesday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Home of Moya Smith 43 Wharfdale Street</p> <p><b>Topic – To be advised.</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome.</b></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 16th April 2018 at 1.30pm</b> (<i>third Monday</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Current Affairs - Tuesday Group</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator;- Gretchen Kivell Email:-gretchen.kivell@xtra.co.nz Phone;:- 473 0031 Next Meeting:- <b>Tuesday 17th April at 10am</b> (<i>third Tuesday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> - Home of Joy Hayward. 195 Portobello Road.</p> <p><b>Topic –To be advised</b></p> <p><b>Please note:- We meet in the Vauxhall carpark at 1.25pm and share a ride up the hill.</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p> <p><b>Venue;-</b> Home of Gretchen Kivell 1 Windsor St Opoho</p> <p><b>Topic – To be advised.</b></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@outlook.co.nz">wheeler@outlook.co.nz</a> Next meeting:- <b>Monday 9th April at 10am</b> (<i>Second Monday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue:-</b> Home of Paul Wheeler 5 Roger Street MacAndrew Bay</p> <p><b>Topic;- To be advised</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</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></p>	<p><b>Venue-</b></p>

<p>Next meeting:- <b>Wednesday 11th April at 10.00am</b> (Second Wednesday)</p>	<p><b>Topic: Trip to Alexandra</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>
<p><b><u>Book Group</u></b> Facilitator:- Jean Roulston Email:- <a href="mailto:jeanr08@xtra.co.nz">jeanr08@xtra.co.nz</a> Phone:- 455 0941. Next meeting:- <b>Thursday 12th April at 1.30pm</b> (Second Thursday)</p>	<p><b>Venue</b>-Kris Bennetts home 165 Surrey Street Phone</p> <p><b>Topic:- A book about Egypt or written by an Egyptian.</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>
<p><b><u>Poetry</u></b> Facilitator:-_ Judith Cowley Meetings and contact details change from month to month.</p>	<p><b>Venue:-</b> Changes from month to month</p> <p><b>Group Full</b></p>
<p><b><u>Local History Group</u></b> Facilitator;- Stuart Strachan Email:- <a href="mailto:sjstrachanz@gmail.com">sjstrachanz@gmail.com</a> Phone:- 482 2339 Next meeting:- <b>Wednesday 24th April at 10am</b></p>	<p><b>Venue;-University of Otago</b> <b>Research Topic: James Macandrew</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>