

Newsletter for June 2018

Well winter is here with a vengeance!

I hope everyone is keeping warm and cosy with either their fires or heat pumps. Even a warm cuddly blanket is quite comforting on a cold night although not the warmest article around.

I do hope that over the next month or two that members will decide if they would like any other new groups commenced. Some of you may have wishes that are not catered for at the present time and with the roll over of ideas that have been coming up on the screens at the lecture series you just may have had an idea or two. Please let me know and I will work very hard to make sure your wishes are granted.

We are still requiring a facilitator for the TED talks, Philosophy and Creative writing. So if you keen on any of these topics please get in touch with me and I will guide you through the process.

Keep warm.

Ngaire Bates

Gallery group

The Gallery Group met in the hospital foyer for our May meeting that was kindly organised by Jan Wilson. There we met Barbara Brinsley who is on the committee for hospital art. She took us on an extensive tour of the art treasures on the hospital walls. It is an amazing collection. As many know Barbara has a dynamic personality with a tremendous sense of humour, and this together with her determination, has ensured that most walls in the hospital have some remarkable original paintings. We visited parts of the hospital that many of us had never been to before.

It was a most enlightening visit and next time I am there, like many others I am sure, will give a closer look at the hospital walls!

Monday Current Affairs Group

The Current Affairs group met at John's home and discussed the recent budget. We viewed yesterday's Q & A TV program in which Grant Robertson discussed his budget with Corin Dann and a panel discussion followed. Following our own discussion, I think we were all agreed that this was a 'steady as you go' budget and that the Labour Government has not had a huge amount of time to develop firm plans. Some commentators have expected dramatic new legislation but Grant said that the government has set up several working parties and will listen to what they say before deciding on action. There was general agreement that there has to be some sort of redistribution of income in NZ, but that 'poverty' of the kind seen in NZ at present is common in other similar countries such as the UK and Australia and there is no easy solution.

Group Schedule May 2018

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

<p><u>Art History</u></p> <p>Facilitator – Moya Smith Phone- 4761415 or 0274761415 Email – moya.smith@xtra.co.nz Next Meeting – Wednesday 13th June at 2pm <i>(second Wednesday)</i></p> <p><u>Current Affairs - Monday Group</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Joy Hayward Phone:-454 4996 or 021 150 8387 Email:- joyhayward@hotmail.co.nz Next meeting- Monday 18th June 2018 at 1.30pm <i>(third Monday)</i></p>	<p>Venue: Home of Moya Smith 43 Wharfdale Street</p> <p>Topic – To be advised</p> <p>New members welcome.</p> <p>Venue: - Clare's home 18 Montecillo Lane</p> <p>Topic Poverty in New Zealand</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Current Affairs - Tuesday Group</u></p> <p>Facilitator;- Gretchen Kivell Email:-gretchen.kivell@xtra.co.nz Phone;- 473 0031 Next Meeting:- Tuesday 19th June at 10am <i>(third Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>Venue;- Home of Gretchen Kivell 1 Windsor St Opoho</p> <p>Topic – To be advised.</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Expanding Musical Horizons</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Paul Wheeler Phone:- 476 0462 Email:- wheeler@outlook.co.nz Next meeting:- Monday 11th June at 10am <i>(Second Monday)</i></p>	<p>Venue:- Home of Paul Wheeler 5 Roger Street MacAndrew Bay</p> <p>Topic;- To be advised</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Gallery</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Tash Hurst Phone:- 467 9747 Email:- tash.hurst@xtra.co.nz Next meeting:- Wednesday 13th June at 10.30am <i>(Second Wednesday)</i></p>	<p>Venue- Linda Cullen at the Art Gallery is happy to take us around the Marilyn Webb exhibition</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Book Group</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Jean Roulston Email:-jeanr08@xtra.co.nz Phone:- 455 0941. Next meeting:- Thursday 7th June at 1.30pm <i>(First Thursday)</i></p>	<p>Venue- Home of Ngaire Bates 67A Tahuna Road, Tainui. Phone-454 2170</p> <p>Topic:- A Classic. Be also able to describe why</p>

Poetry

Facilitator: _ Judith Cowley

Meetings and contact details change from month to month.

Local History Group

Facilitator;- Stuart Strachan

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Next meeting:- **Wednesday 27 June at 10.30am**
(4th Wednesday)

you think this book is a classic.

New members welcome

Venue:- Changes from month to month

Group Full

Venue;- First Church of Otago

Research Topic: Rev. Thomas Burns

New members welcome