

## **Newsletter for April 2018**

I do hope that members that have attended the latest lecture series have noticed the power point presentation that has been screening at both venues as folk arrive and take their seats.

I have had a few enquiries about groups but nothing concrete as yet.

The new format for the newsletter has also had a few favourable comments so that is great.

I have really had the privilege of being part of the Local History group and we have a wonderful facilitator who has designed our whole year for us. We have visited the Otago University Registry office this past week which was really a great place to see behind the scenes of.

Remember any new ideas for groups or offers of help will be warmly received.

Facilitators still required for the groups in recession. Namely Creative Writing, TED talks and Museum groups  
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### **Monday Current Affairs Group**

The current affairs group have been discussing trends in shopping with particular reference to the impact of Amazon and other internet giants on shopkeepers in the high street. We are very aware of the whole culture of shopping changing significantly within a very short space in time.

Our last topic was The Royal Commission into Mental Health. As submissions are now open, and a number of our group have been involved in this arena, we debated ways the system could be improved and where the resources should be targeted to bring about maximum benefit.

We are happy to have a new member and still have space for another couple of people should others want to join.

Our next meeting is a few days after the budget which will be our May topic.

Joy Hayward

### **Art History**

Here is a summary of the past two months, March and April. In March, I introduced the art history style "Expressionism" and the German and French forerunners to Expressionism as well as the two main schools of Expressionist art in Germany, Die Brücke and Der Blaue Reiter. We concluded with a look at the German women Expressionists such as Marianne von Werefkin and Gabrielle Muntér. In April, we changed the format to a 'round the table' discussion of our reading. There was great input from the group about their current favourite books. Next month, I will introduce one of the most popular painters in northern Germany from the famous artists group in Worpswede, Paula Modersohn Becker. I am really looking forward to our next meeting!

## **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><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 9th May 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 21st May 2018 at 1.30pm</b> <i>(third Monday)</i></p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Home of Moya Smith 43 Wharfdale Street</p> <p><b>Topic – Paula Modersohn Becker</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome.</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> - Home of Joy Hayward. 195 Portobello Road.</p> <p><b>Topic – Budget</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 Email:-gretchen.kivell@xtra.co.nz Phone;- 473 0031 Next Meeting:- <b>Tuesday 15th May at 10am</b> <i>(third Tuesday)</i></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 14th May at 10am</b> <i>(Second Monday)</i></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>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> Next meeting:- <b>Wednesday 9th May at 10.30am</b> <i>(Second Wednesday)</i></p>	<p><b>Venue-</b> Please meet in the Hospital Main Foyer, near the Information desk. Barbara Brinsley will show us round the worthy collection of art on the hospital walls. Thanks Jan for organising this visit. Allow time for parking as it might be tricky nearby.</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 3rd May at 1.30pm</b>  (First Thursday)</p> <p><b><u>Poetry</u></b>  Facilitator:_ Judith Cowley  Meetings and contact details change from month to month.</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 30th May at 10am</b></p>	<p><b>Venue-</b> Home of Jean Roulston 18 Atkinson Street South Dunedin.</p> <p><b>Topic:- A Classic. Be also able to describe why you think this book is a classic.</b></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>Venue;-NZ Heritage Collections, Dunedin Public Libraries</b></p> <p><b>Research Topic: Sir Alfred Reed</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>
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