



May 2020

# Discussion Groups NEWSLETTER

**Good Day Everyone!**

Well another month has whizzed past and we are still not operating our Discussion Groups because of Covid-19.

Your committee has had a short discussion about the issue and even though the group meetings number are now up to 100 for some gatherings, we feel that we should wait until July to start looking at the commencement of the groups.

However, this will remain a decision that we feel each individual group should make based on the merits of their own situation. If you wish to start up your group this month and feel you can do it safely then go for it. But we think the groups numbers that meet must be no more than 10.

We are still looking for interested people for the following groups that we wish to start up when we get going again.

As has been stated before we are looking for members who would be interested in joining the **Book Group** which meets on the third Friday of the month beginning at 1.30pm.

We read any book we like and during the month and then give a report on it at the meeting. There is also an opportunity to swap books with others if one takes your fancy.

Also, we still have the offer from Bridget Brown to begin classes on using **NZ Sign Language** (an

## **Book Club Friday**

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## **Dining group**

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## **Expanding Musical Horizons (full)**

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## **Film Group (full)**

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## **Gallery group**

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## **German Language**

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official language in its own right in New Zealand). We have two members interested but would require at least another four members to make it worthwhile.

The day and time for this group would have to be decided at the first meeting.

Please refer to February 2020 newsletter on the **Discussion Group website** page to read more about it.

The **Photography Group** that has had its initial meeting still would like to have more members also. The idea is we would go out and about taking images when the weather permits. When it doesn't permit, we would meet up at someone's home and learn to use either Photoshop or Lightroom by helping each other with issues we are having in processing our images.

The **Dining Group** also has room for more members.

*If any of the above take your fancy please contact Ngaire and talk to her about it.*

We are also hoping to begin groups on **Podcasts**. The idea is we would listen to a Podcast during the month and come together to discuss the issues that have been raised in the lecture.

Also, the use of the **Internet** and how to get the most out of its use, particularly in regards to being able to operate around the U3A Dunedin website.

Finally, the **Film Group** hopes to restart in July, when there may be openings – though we need to restrict participation to 10 people we think. Meanwhile some of us are viewing recommended movies via the free, Library associated streaming service Beamafilm.

So, if any, or all of these catch your eye that you may wish to learn more about please contact Ngaire firstly to register your interest and she will do her best to try and get any or all the groups up and running. Have a great month!

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### **Walking Group**

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## Walk and Talk Group

A small group of us met May 14 and did a short walk on St Clair beach followed by coffee at the Esplanade :



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