

## Discussion Groups Newsletter September 2018

Well Spring has sprung and the blossoms have been wonderful. However I have noticed a lot have now lost their flowers due to the high winds we have had. After coming from a town that only has two seasons, summer and winter, I am really enjoying the four seasons again. However I would like to do away with the strong winds we have had and I am definitely over the cold.

This month has seen a few changes to the Discussion groups. The Art History group has decided to call it a day and move onto something else.

**I would sincerely like to thank Moya for all her hard work during the three years.** Hopefully at a later date Moya will be interested in starting up a new group. I will keep you informed.

My helper Bill and I have run a survey asking members of U3A just what they would like to see in the way of groups for Discussion. We had a huge response, 221 members gave us their opinions. We now have a firm basis to work from in deciding on new groups.

As a result we would like to ask for interest in groups on; **Science, films, World History and World Politics.**

If you are keen to join a group on any of the above please send me an email; [ngairemichael@gmail.com](mailto:ngairemichael@gmail.com) and I will do my best to set it up for members.

We have already begun a film group which is now full, due to word of mouth, but another one can easily begin.

Enjoy the spring and daylight saving!!!

Ngaire Bates

### Local History Group

This month the Local History Group visited the archives at the Toitu. We were shown around by the archivist Emma, who had laid out some fascinating artefacts for our perusal, including letters, photographs, diaries, maps and stereoscopic photos. For those of the group who had lived in Dunedin all their lives, it led to discussion of the places and people their settler ancestors had known, whereas for the newcomers to the city it was an insight into the way of life for the early settlers to the Dunedin.

### Gallery Group

On September 12th 8 members of the U3A Gallery Group made a trip out to Warrington and Waitati. Our first stop was St.Barnabas Anglican Church, Warrington to see the impressive stained glass windows in one of Dunedin's oldest (1875) and smallest churches. The Rev'd Roger Barker gave a very interesting (and entertaining) history of the church and the meandering journey of four of the six stained glass windows. Devotion, tragic early deaths,

World War I, marital disharmony, long delayed re-burial and post war anti-German sentiments in Australia all played a part in the windows finally arriving at St Barnabas. Uncovering the provenance of the stained glass was a long process and gave us an insight to the work that galleries and art auction houses must go through. Gallery on Blueskin was a step in to the very local and contemporary. The Gallery director, Louise Burnside, has worked to display all local artists. The selection of work covers jewellery, printmaking, paintings, ceramics and sculpture. The gallery has developed over the years and is now working to be a "must stop" for those interested in unique local artwork. Thank you Maryalyce for organising such an interesting trip that was enjoyed by so many of us...great day out.

### Group Schedule October 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>Film Group</u></b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Bill Stanford  <b>Phone;</b> 027 461 5343  <b>Email;</b> <a href="mailto:billstanford9@gmail.com">billstanford9@gmail.com</a>  Next meeting; <b>Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 1.30pm</b>  (Third Wednesday)</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 15th October 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:-<a href="mailto:gretchen.kivell@xtra.co.nz">gretchen.kivell@xtra.co.nz</a>  Phone;:- 473 0031  Next Meeting:- <b>Tuesday 16th October at 10am</b>  (<i>third Tuesday</i>)</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Home of Ngaire Bates  67A Tahuna Road, Tainui  <b>Phone;</b> 454 2170</p> <p><b>Topic – To be advised.</b></p> <p><b>Group Full</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> - Home of Joy Hayward.  195 Portobello Road.  <b>Topic –End of Life</b>  <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  <b>Topic – To be advised</b>  <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 8th October 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>Group full</b></p>

<p><b><u>Gallery</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Tash Hurst  Phone:- 467 9747  Email:- tash.hurst@xtra.co.nz  Next meeting:- <b>Wednesday 10th October at 10.00am</b>  (Second Wednesday)</p>	<p><b>Venue- To be advised</b></p> <p><b>Topic: Trip to Alexandra</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>
<p><b><u>Book Group</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Jean Roulston  Email:- jeanr08@xtra.co.nz  Phone:- 455 0941.  Next meeting:- <b>Friday 12th October at 1.30pm</b>  (First Friday)</p>	<p><b>Venue-</b> Jean Roulstons home 18 Atkinson Street South Dunedin  Phone 455 0941</p> <p><b>Topic:-</b> A book that has been included on a published award list.</p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></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> Changes from month to month</p> <p><b>Group Full</b></p>
<p><b><u>Local History Group</u></b></p> <p>Facilitator:- Stuart Strachan  Email:- <a href="mailto:sjstrachanz@gmail.com">sjstrachanz@gmail.com</a>  Phone:- 482 2339  Next meeting:- <b>Tuesday 30th October at 10.30am.</b> Please note change of day  (Usually fourth Wednesday)</p>	<p><b>Venue:- Gas Works</b></p> <p><b>Research Topic: Henry Fish</b></p> <p><b>New members welcome</b></p>