

NEWSLETTER JULY, 2020

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Greetings Members

I hope that everyone is managing to stay warm and positive in these cold and sometimes dreary days of winter. There are several items which I would like to inform you of:-

- The 'What is Wisdom?' study course has now finished. We ran this group on a trial basis of twice a month to see how members liked it. This group enjoyed the continuity that meeting once a fortnight afforded it. With this in mind, we have decided to hold a new study group, details below, which will start August 6th and run once a fortnight.

NEW STUDY COURSE THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2pm to 4pm **NEW ZEALAND HISTORY PRE-EUROPEAN TO 1914**

WHERE? : 1 Sunvale Terrace, Cashmere, Christchurch 8022

COST: No cost to members

PREAMBLE: The course will run twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays) for eight sessions. The programme is intended to further our understanding of the events that have shaped New Zealanders' ideas and visions since early European settlement. The group will be using internet information which is currently available on two excellent websites:

<https://teara.govt.nz> and <https://nzhistory.govt.nz>

Other websites may be referred to during the course. Members will need to bring their own laptop, phone or tablet to each meeting. This study course is dependent on the input of all group members. Unlike past study groups, there is no set reading material. Members of the group will all participate in the selection of appropriate references within the set time-frame that we are collectively studying. If the member communicates the references to the group prior to the meeting, this will allow all course members to look at the material before a meeting and make further suggestions at the start of the meeting which might be of interest or augment the selected material. This course is run by members for members and is intended to be flexible and meet the interests and preferences of individual members.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR THE COURSE:-- Session 1, pre European-1800, Session 2, 1800-1820 Session 3- 1820-1830, Session 4-1830-1850 Session 5- 1850-1870 Session 6- 1870-1890 Session 7 1890-1900 Session 8- 1900-1914

I shall start the course by leading Session 1. Vivienne Boyd has volunteered to lead session 2 which will be helpful in allowing members to familiarise themselves with the internet resources. I would advise members who are interested in this course to visit the websites indicated and make a decision as to whether or not this course suits your interests and timetable.

To express an interest please contact me quickly as places are limited to the number that I can comfortably seat in my house.

Contact : Wendy Gallagher at 0220905982 or 3375962 or e-mail gwaswendy@gmail.com

SESSION 1 OUTLINE

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/encounters>

Encounters Nga Iwi o te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa

European voyaging and discovery

Early meetings between peoples

Of interest: Biography of James Cook and Abel Tasman

<https://teara.govt.nz>

Early Maori Culture; Early Maori Sexuality; Pacific Migration-Summary

- Once again, could I remind people of our food collection at each meeting. Our donations go straight to the Aotearoa Foodbank in Christchurch from where it is distributed to needy homes. At this time of post-Covid

19, there is a lot of material hardship in this city. My feelings are that, if our organisation can ease some of the pains of hunger, we should. Please remember each meeting to bring along a contribution.

- Please send an apology to interest group leaders if you are unable to attend a meeting that you have made a commitment to. It is disconcerting to wait for a member at the start of a group meeting, only to find that that person is not attending that session. Also, if you decide to withdraw from a group, courtesy dictates that you let the leader know of your intentions. We have had quite a few members drop out of groups and activities that they have signed up for and circumstances have prevented their attendance. This is entirely acceptable, but please let your group leader know your intentions.
- Please remember to check the website regularly at www.u3aporthills.org.nz Details of all forthcoming speakers and trips are on our website which is updated regularly.
- The next outing is to the disability workshop: 'Kilmarnock' on Wednesday 26th August. There is a sign-up sheet for this visit at the next monthly meeting. More details are on our website.
- The annual fee should be paid by August 5th Monthly Meeting. Thank you to most of our members who have already paid. The committee have agreed that any member who defaults on their fee will be unable to attend any meeting, including the subsidised Christmas Luncheon, until the start of next year. At this point they can re-join the organisation by paying the 2021 fee.
- At this time of year the committee starts to consider possible study courses for next year. This year we have decided to canvas members' ideas as to what they would enjoy, and support, in terms ongoing learning. As you are aware, ongoing learning is a core premise of our organisation. We currently run three study groups, but could run a fourth if there is sufficient interest. If you have any suggestions, please feed them through to me or any member of the committee.
- A reminder that the Sales Table will commence next week at the monthly meeting. Items for this table can be donated for sale, money from the sale being put into the general fund.

Should any member have an item for this newsletter, please forward it to me. This newsletter is intended for all members, and it would be wonderful to hear of any news, suggestions, or information that you think would benefit others.

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