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Port Hills U3A Newsletter April 2024



Next Meeting: Wednesday, 3 April

Venue: St Martin's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Martins Road, St Martins

9:30 Morning tea and socialising

10:00 Speaker: Errol Wood The NZ Wool Industry – Past – Present and Future

Errol is a graduate of the University of Canterbury, with a BSc (Hons 1) degree and PhD in physics, and a Diploma in Teaching with Distinction. He has been a teacher of physics and mathematics at Cashmere High School; a scientist, research leader and division head at the Wool Research Organisation of New Zealand (WRONZ) at Lincoln; halftime professor and head of the Department of Wool Science and Technology at Lincoln University; and Education and Information Services Manager at WRONZ. He has published over 50 journal papers and technical reports on wool processing, wool metrology, and digital imaging of textiles.

After finishing at Lincoln University, Errol set up a private training establishment at WRONZ, and was responsible for the resource development and delivery of NZQA-certified training to the scouring, yarn spinning and carpet manufacturing sectors in New Zealand. He has also contributed significantly to the establishment of advanced wool technology programmes at the University of New England, Australia, and the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology.

Since Errol retired in 2010, EWE (Errol Wood Education) has continued to provide textile courses for AUT University and various businesses in the NZ wool processing pipeline. From 2000 to 2013 Errol was a part-time lecturer in Environmental Physics at Lincoln University. Currently he provides technical writing courses, on behalf of the Organisation Development Institute, for scientists and engineers in CRIs, local bodies and private companies.

11:00 Monthly Meeting



Membership Subs

Membership subs for 2024 are due now. The annual sub is \$30 per person. It would be greatly appreciated if you are planning to renew your membership, that this is done by the end of April. There are two ways to pay your sub:

1. You can make an internet payment to our bank account: **38-90060413325-00**. Please write your name in the reference box so we can know who is making the payment.
or
2. Pay by cash at the monthly meeting.

Thank you,
Mureen Turfrey, Treasurer, Port Hills U3A

The membership waiting list is still in place. The decision to accept new members will be made when current members' subs have been paid and we know how many existing members have rejoined.



Volunteers Needed

The Port Hills U3A has a waiting list for membership. People want to join our organisation because we offer a good program of life-long learning and friendship for our members. This is all possible because of our great volunteers who work well together to make our monthly meetings, special interest groups and study groups possible.

Speaker Thankers

We have an invited speaker at each of our monthly meetings. To thank the speaker, at the end of their talk our *speaker thanker* presents them with an envelope containing an honorarium, and says a few words of thanks on behalf of our members. This only needs to be a short 'thank you', and if you would like, we can give you suggestions on how to do this. The whole 'thank you' might only take 30 seconds.

Interested? We would love to hear from you.

Contact Malcolm Robinson malcolm.robinson55@yahoo.com



Special Interest Groups

Art Appreciation Group outing to the
Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden Annual Autumn Exhibition.



Study Groups 2024 Update

The Romans study group has started their monthly meetings. The History of Espionage study group was a popular choice with 17 members joining. Because of the great interest in this study group, it was split into two separate groups, both of which will be meeting at private houses on the same day.

The Antarctic study group will not be meeting this year as many of the people who asked for this course, also asked for and are now attending the History of Espionage study group. The Antarctic course along with other two courses, The Romans, and the History of Espionage, are available online for members wishing to engage in independent study.



Spring Bus Trip

We would like your Suggestions

Following our successful and enjoyable day bus trip to Kate Valley Landfill last November, the U3A Committee is looking at organising another day bus trip this spring in October or November.

Some of the suggestions we have received include a tour through the Red Zone, and a similar tour through various locations through the city. Also, one of our previous guest speakers Sam Hampton talked about groups visiting the local GeoPark.

Any other ideas? Let us know. We are really interested in your suggestions. We would like the day bus tour to happen in October or November and we do not want to have to travel too far.



Contributions and Donations

Thanks to our members for their continued support to the Hoon Hay Foodbank and knitting wool community projects.

Foodbanks

We are continuing to collect cans and/or packaged food, including baby food, as well as fresh food such as fruits and vegetables at our monthly meeting.

Please place your contributions in the boxes in the entrance foyer.

Thanks for your contributions.



December food collection

Knitting Wool

The wool is used by volunteer knitters to crochet blankets or knit jerseys for pre-schoolers. Finished items are mainly given to the Plunket Outreach programme, Salvation Army programme and other charities as needed. Please contact Naida Murray on 338 5030 if you have any questions, or check at our monthly meeting.

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