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Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th June

- Venue:** St Martin's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Martins Road, St Martins
- 9:30** Morning Tea and Socialising
- 10:00** Speaker: Xanthe Rose Title: Patriotism, Food and Kiwiana
- 11.00** Business Meeting

Our June Speaker

Xanthe Rose is a current PhD candidate and tutor in the History Department at the University of Canterbury. Inspired by her upbringing in the small South Island town of Tākaka in Golden Bay, her research focuses on primarily investigating the role that European explorers in Aotearoa New Zealand have played in the construction of ideas about identity, Māori and Pākehā relations, international relations, and decolonisation. More broadly, her research interests have been centred around analysing a range of transnational commemorative events for the Dutch explorer Abel Tasman as well as aspects of Kiwi culture and New Zealand history.

Xanthe received her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History at the University of Canterbury in 2024 and was the top History Honours Student in 2023. She has given guest lectures for history courses offered by the University of Canterbury and has also given talks at the New Zealand Historical Association Biennial Conference as well as the New Historians Postgraduate Conference hosted by Victoria University of Wellington.

Speakers for 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
June	Xanthe Rose	Patriotism, Food and Kiwiana
July	Dr Viv Levy	Identifying victims of Japan tsunami
August	Brad Lake	The use of hemp products

Midwinter Lunch

Bookings for the lunch on Wednesday July 2nd have proved popular and there are just four spaces left. The venue is the Tai Tapu Hotel. If you would like to come please email joy.paulevans@gmail.com and I will give you details.

Second Lecture Series 2025 August 2025

Our second lecture series Extraordinary New Zealanders will begin on Friday 1st August.

EXTRAORDINARY NEW ZEALANDERS IN WORLD WARS 1 & 2 (5 lectures)

This series will look at the outstanding and unique contributions of five lesser-known Kiwis in the world wars.

Ettie Rout was a safer sex pioneer in the First World War way ahead of her time. We will see how she sought to protect women's health in New Zealand from the disease that would inevitably follow many men home from war. Why was Ettie Rout's prophylactic campaign allowed no publicity in her own country?

Harold Gillies is widely recognised as the father of modern plastic surgery. The large numbers of facial injuries caused by World War One trench warfare provided the opportunity for Gillies to lead the collaborative response that would allow thousands of disfigured men to resume more normal lives once the conflict had ended. Which ground breaking techniques did Gillies perfect? What differentiated Gillies from contemporary surgeons?

Keith Park. In this lecture we explore the pivotal role played by Park in 1940 during the Battle of Britain, which helped to ensure the United Kingdom's survival during the darkest days of World War 2. Why was Park such a successful leader? Why was Park then dismissed from his command of Fighter Command's 11 Group that had borne the brunt of the Luftwaffe's onslaught against England?

Nancy Wake was the most decorated Allied servicewoman of the Second World War. How did she transition from French high society to danger and hardship? We'll discover what made her the Gestapo's most wanted person. Why was Nancy Wake such a successful Resistance leader and how did she survive in such a man's world?

David Low was the most influential political cartoonist of the 1930's and 1940's and indeed of the last century. We will admire his unique talent for caricature and ridicule. What was it about Low's cartoons that infuriated Hitler so much? How did Low react to editorial requests to tone down his satire?

We will be taking names for people who would like to attend at the end of the meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting please email Richard Naylor on richard.naylor6@gmail.com to put your name on the list.



Funding for Tonga trip

At our last meeting Debbie Munro and her students told us of the great work they are doing in Tonga. Liam Bately the co-ordinator of the project asked me if I would put the following in our next newsletter.

Thank you for joining us to hear about our work in Tonga, where we repair life-saving medical equipment and train local hospital staff. We're now fundraising for our next trip and would be so grateful for your support.

To donate, please visit: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/donating-to-uc/donate-now>

When making a gift, select 'Other' under the 'Designation' drop-down and write 'Tonga' or 'Tonga Biomedical' to ensure your donation goes directly to the programme.

If you know of any contacts in companies or organisations who may be interested in supporting us, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we'd love to connect.

Thank you for helping us make a lasting impact!

Kind regards,
Liam

Interest Group Reports

Now we have decided not to have interest group reports at our monthly meeting, if any of our interest groups would like to send a short piece about their activities during the month, together with any pictures, it would be great to include them in the newsletter.



Foodbank

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

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

Thanks for your contributions.



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.

Would you like to be a **volunteer knitter and/or crocheter** making blankets and jerseys for pre-schoolers? Please let Naida know on 338 5030 .