



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010

**Welcome. Welcome**

Welcome to New members who have joined U3A during the previous two months.

**In Memory**

Our condolences to family and friends of:

**Brian FITZGERALD**, (June 2010) 87A Smiths Rd, Matua, Tga 3110.

**John PENKETH**, 93B Forrester Rd, Welcome Bay, Tga 3112. Ph 544-1817

**Clyde MICHIE**, 225 Bellevue Rd, Tga 3110. Ph 576-6719

**Next General Meeting Details**

Wesleyan Church Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tga. 10a.m.

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

**1<sup>st</sup> Speaker:** Shirley Brander. (Life in Canada)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker:** Betty Penning. (The background of English surnames).

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**1<sup>st</sup> Speaker:** Mary Klein. Travel Experiences

**2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker:** Jim Middleton. Experiences with IHC.

**Cost:** \$3.00 per person. Please pay as you enter.

**GROUPS NEWS****NEW GROUPS FORMED****RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD**

We study Religions of the world. The group is using a U3A Online Australia Course from Griffiths University.

**Convener:** Frances Druiff ph 578-0876

**Venue:** Members homes as arranged

**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

**COMPUTER :****Learning Power Point**

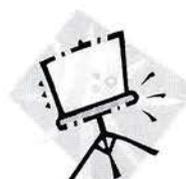
This group is designed to help members gain the skills to prepare presentations using PowerPoint software, including the use of the data projector. This is a short course for 3 -5 people, held as required throughout the year.

Members need to have PowerPoint software loaded onto their computers.

**Convener:** Monica Cox ph 579-3616

**Venue:** 107 Orange Lane, Bethlehem.

Please contact Thelma if you are interested in this group. Ph 574-6222

**COMPUTER:****For Beginners**

This group is for members who are interested in getting a computer and learning to use the internet, web and email. A group to help you get started!

**Convener:** Marilyn Coverdale  
Ph 575-5236

**Venue:** As arranged

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

**Time:** 10.00am – noon



**A Reminder** that when you join a group you make a commitment to participate in that group. Regular attendance is important. Our conveners give so much to their groups and it is very disappointing for them when there is a lack of regular attendance.

**GROUP CLOSED:** Digital Photography C

**SUGGESTED NEW GROUPS****BRIDGE**

Meeting in Mount / Papamoa

We have 4 members interested so a few more and the group could start. Not for beginners, sorry.

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS.

Is any member able to teach other members to do Cryptic Crosswords.

## SHAKESPEARE AND MODERN DRAMA FROM 1870.

**CHI KUNG HEALTH** – Some-what like Tai Chi.

If you are Interested in any of these new suggested groups please contact Thelma ph 574-6222

## CONVENER CHANGES

### TRAMPING

Convener: Jean Garmonsway  
Ph 579-1918



### ART AS YOU LIKE IT

Convener: Denise Fisher  
Ph 575-7265



## GROUP NEWS

### HORTICULTURE & GARDENING :

Would welcome new members.  
Ph Margaret Richardson 576-5292

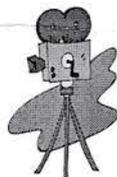
### JAZZ & BLUES APPRECIATION TGA GROUP.

Would welcome new members.  
Ph George Stewart 576-6170

Visit the website if you want to know which groups have space for new members.  
[www.u3atauranga.org.nz](http://www.u3atauranga.org.nz).

## CLASSICAL FILMS:

Convener: David Gordon  
Ph 544-4176  
Venue: 8 Sunridge Est.  
Welcome Bay  
Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. 1.15 – 4pm.



**August 19. THE GLENN MILLER STORY (1954)**  
Jimmy Stewart, June Allyson, Louis Armstrong, Gene Krupa. The music is the real star here. Together with the documentary-film 'Glenn Miller-America's Musical Hero' (1992). This is our Mid-winter Xmas Lunch, so please bring a heavily laden plate. We start today at **12.30pm** to fit in feast and films!

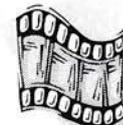
**September 16. VERTIGO (1958)** Jimmy Stewart, Kim Novak. Haunting, dreamlike thriller. One of Alfred Hitchcock's best and most discussed films.

**October 21. THE JAZZ SINGER (1927)** Al Jolson, The legendary first 'talking' film. Not to be missed.

**November 18. PRIDE AND PREJUDICE (1940)**  
Laurence Olivier, Greer Garson, Maureen O'Sullivan, Ann Rutherford, Edmund Gwenn. Outstanding Oscar Winner.

In December, by tradition, we show a great comedy. In January a musical – yet to be chosen.

## WAR FILM and DOCUMENTARY GROUP



Convener: David Gordon. Ph 544-4176  
Venue: 8 Sunridge Est. Welcome Bay  
Time: 2nd Thursday. 1.30 – 4pm.

**August 12. PATHS OF GLORY (1957).** Kirk Douglas, George Macready, Adolphe Menjou. A shattering study of the insanity of war. Stunningly directed by Stanley Kubrick.

**September 9. THE ENEMY BELOW (1957).** Robert Mitchum, Curt Jurgens. Fine submarine chase tale. Won an Academy Award.

**October 14. THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY (1957).** Hardy Kruger. The true story of the only Luftwaffe fighter pilot to escape from British captivity back to Germany.

## BUILDING YOUR OWN COFFIN

The suggestion for this group came from the publicity on TV, radio and Newspapers about Rotorua U3A who formed their group in Feb 2010, and have generously sent us their plans, specifications, and designs. Some members may be appalled by this idea but to others it will be a challenge and a special project.  
So where are WE up to??



We have 7 interested members  
We have the offer of a garage/workshop  
What else do we need?

- A person to kitset the coffins from MDF13-mm wood.  
- A member who has the skills, equipment and space who would be willing to do this?  
If you are interested in this group, or can help, please contact Thelma Cane, Ph 574-6222.

**AN APOLOGY.** I apologise to the Weekend Sun Newspaper for my entry in the 'Hot Topic' column in our June newsletter. I implied they may have their facts wrong in the write-up for the U3A Art Exhibition. However, it was not the Weekend Sun, rather another newspaper who had placed the article and I meant no slur on either the Weekend Sun or its reporters.  
(Ed. Janet Ormsby)

## FREAKY PHOBIAS

*Paraskavedekatriaphobia is the fear of Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Panophobia is the fear of everything.*

I did check the spelling – twice!!

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## Reports of General Meetings Speakers

### MAY 2010 SPEAKER

**Speaker: Ric Balfour** TECT All Terrain Park. Knowledgeable, quietly-spoken Park Manager of the TECT All Terrain Park, held our interest as he told us about a unique development that has the potential to become one of NZ's premier venues for active outdoor recreation.

Some 1638 hectares of land, largely comprising of forestry, which is partly owned or subject to cutting rights and native bush, is located on Pyes Pa Rd, between Tauranga and Rotorua. It was purchased by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council with the support of naming rights sponsor TECT (Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust) in 2004.

Initial construction activities got underway in 2008 and now provides opportunities for outdoor education and youth development. It caters for recreational users with a possible 50 groups eventually being established. Abseiling, dog sledding, tramping, and orienteering are just a few.

Early in 2010 Pyes Pa school pupils received the title of 'First Overnight Campers In The Park'. Roads have opened up the first tracks for motorcycle use; mountain bikers and equestrians are close to starting a trail; a track to the Te Rerenga stream with a boardwalk and camp site in the original native bush area is being established. The Medieval Society is keen to set up in the park also.

At this stage plans are underway to develop the park in stages over the next two decades. This staged development will allow different areas of the park to be developed over time to cater for a wide range of active and passive recreational activities.

Significant interest has been shown by different groups to hold international and world championships at the park which will provide tourism and economic benefits to the region.

The goal of the TECT All Terrain Park is to successfully establish and facilitate a regional destination that caters for a wide range of adventure and educational activities in a managed, sustainable way.

**Speaker: Denis Toovey.** 'Better Health for You' was the title of Denis' talk. He is a pharmacist and health specialist with 40 years community, clinical and hospital pharmacy experience. He explained how he helps people understand and become more knowledgeable about nutrition, medicines and the food we eat.

He is a keen advocate of showing people how to look after their health so their body can look after itself.

### JUNE 2010 SPEAKERS

**Speakers: Jocelyn and Stephanie** from the Tga Library.

Most of us take the Library for granted. You get a library card, you choose your book or books, you get them issued (simple isn't it?) and home you trot, carrying a treasure trove of information or entertainment or whatever tickles your fancy. But just how much do we know about what's hiding behind those booked-filled walls? Unless we have something specific to find, we don't worry too much. We can walk up to the librarian and say "I know it's here, but how can I find it?" and with a few taps on the computer keys she finds the information, points us in the right direction and will even take us over to it. *Brilliant!*

Jocelyn and Stephanie were the knowledgeable librarians who explained the right direction and what we can access in our Tauranga Library. We can 'E-learn' for \$4; join a Book Club; join 'The Friends of the Library' group.

The New Zealand Room has Seven Treasures: Local NZ History; Genealogy; Maori History; Photos and Films; Archives; Rare Books, Stories. There are early watercolours; a 1888 copy of The History of the Birds of New Zealand; Parkinson's Journal 1773 botanical illustrator, draughtsman on Endeavour with Captain Cook; copies of letters (1867 Surveyor's letters"); maps of early development in the area; a 1935 plan of The Strand, and many other wonderful items.

The library is far too extensive and time was precious at our meeting, so Jocelyn and Stephanie suggested we go online [www.tauranga@library.govt.nz](http://www.tauranga@library.govt.nz) or email [library@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:library@tauranga.govt.nz) or simply call in for a customised tour.

*(Note: the Tauranga Council bowed to pressure and decided to 'think again' about raising charges for all books, but since the 1 July 2010 some changes have been made re charges for top title books/magazines/DVDs and some mag/CD/DVD loan periods have been reduced).*

Visit direct or go to the website.

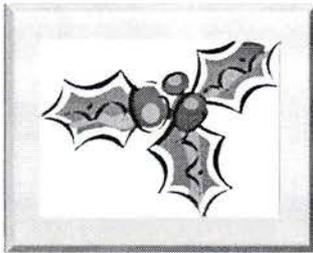
### JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2010 SPEAKERS.

The stories **Pam Pryce** gave to the group on this date can be read on our website, or a copy will be available at the next General Meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Speaker: David Love.** David's talk, which will be available on our website and as a copy at our next meeting, is a MUST READ! His description and experiences in China made captivating listening, which changed many preconceived ideas.

[www.u3atauranga.org.nz](http://www.u3atauranga.org.nz)

Reports by Angela Dold



## U3A TGA

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV

(AFTER THE GENERAL  
MEETING)  
11AM – 2PM

Only \$15.00 each

Requests for tickets to attend this function are inserted in this newsletter and will also be available at the September and October General Meetings

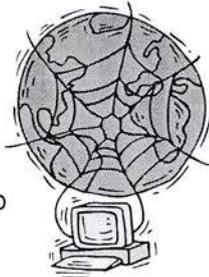
**NO DOOR SALES**

## U3A WEBSITE

[www.u3atauranga.org.nz](http://www.u3atauranga.org.nz)

Have you checked the website? Did you find the Newsletter? Is your group news or activity pictures there? Give Betty Clethero your opinions, or suggestions so everyone can read it. .

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## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Due out October 11<sup>th</sup> approximately.

Last date for information to be received

**04 October 2010.**

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## CHARITIES COMMISSION

Secretary Sheila Forrest, Ph 544-4043 recently attended the Charities Commission Forum on behalf of U3A Tauranga Inc. Sheila has compiled a report which is available on request.

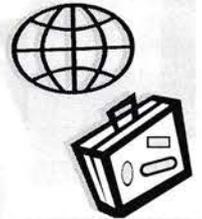
The U3A Tauranga Charities Commission number is **CC25993**.

The Charities Commission website is:  
[www. Charities.govt.nz](http://www.Charities.govt.nz).

## Another reminder.

It is U3A Policy and a courtesy to your hosts, to pay a gold coin donation towards their costs at each meeting you attend in their homes. We encourage you to respect this policy.

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*'The Future in Mind'*

**U3A NETWORK NSW Inc  
2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Wesley Conference Centre,  
220 Pitt St Sydney  
**AUSTRALIA**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Registration forms on website

[www.nsw.u3anet.org.au](http://www.nsw.u3anet.org.au)

Attention Ainslie Lamb

(Sec. U3A Network NSW Inc.)

I have been in touch with Ainslie Lamb who will be sending an email registration form in the next week or so. They will be available at the General Meetings or contact me.  
Janet Ph 576-5008.

We have the suggested programme which I can send to you, or you can get a copy at the next U3A General Meeting – August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## U3A Tauranga Statistics At 01 August 2010

Total Membership	615
New Members during 2010	95
Current groups available	72

## LATE NEWS:

Hello Everyone,

**Eunice White** died last night. (1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 2010). Eunice along with her husband, who died some three months ago, was a long standing and hard working member of U3A for many years. At their house in Maxwell's St. they hosted several large groups for many years. If you need to know more details contact David Gordon (Ph 544-4179) who for years was convener of at least one large group that met in the White's home.

Ken Rose