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# Newsletter

**Jan – Feb 2019**



## **February Meeting Annual General Meeting**

- Date:** Friday 15 February 2019  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12 noon  
**Agenda:** AGM, Morning Tea, Guest Speaker  
**Venue:** Wesley Church  
100 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tauranga
- Entry Fee:** **\$5.00**
- Guest Speaker:** Dr Sam Kain



Dr Kain is a consultant ophthalmologist working in Tauranga, and he has specialist training in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma. His talk is about this eye disease and about how it is treated. Glaucoma is the sneak thief of sight and affects approximately 115,000 New Zealanders, with 50% not knowing they have it – are you one of them? In the early stages glaucoma has no to very little symptoms and can steal your sight without warning.

**General Meetings are held on the  
third Friday of the month  
(except December and January)**

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## Quiz Corner

Test your general knowledge with these questions. Answers on page 10.

- 1 If you were at latitude 0 deg N and longitude 0 deg E where would you be?  
a) The North Pole; b) Greenwich, London; c) The Gulf of Guinea
- 2 Which World War I poet wrote the lines: *"Stands the church clock at ten to three / And is there honey still for tea?"*
- 3 What was the earliest invention to break the sound barrier?
- 4 Where is the Coriolis Effect observed?  
a) In the rings of Saturn; b) In Earth's atmosphere and oceans; c) In the Sun's corona
- 5 Which Italian artist painted *The Birth of Venus*?
- 6 How is the everyday substance dihydrogen monoxide more usually known?
- 7 Which of these is smallest?  
a) Virus; b) Bacterium; c) Cell
- 8 Which continent has the highest number of fully sovereign states?
- 9 How many months are named after Roman emperors?
- 10 Which German composer's operas did Rossini reportedly describe as consisting of wonderful moments but terrible half-hours?

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of U3A Tauranga Inc is to be held on Friday 15 February 2019 at the Wesley Methodist Church, 100 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tauranga, at 10.00 am.

The AGM will be followed by morning tea and a speaker. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Lati Moodie  
Secretary

**NOTE:** The Secretary has a new telephone number: 572 0293. Please amend your 2019 Handbook when you receive it.

## Proposed Changes to Constitution of U3A Tauranga Inc

The Executive Committee hereby advise all members that we propose to make amendments to three clauses in the Constitution. This will be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 15 February 2019.

The reasons for these proposed amendments are set out below, together with the wording in the existing Constitution and the proposed new wording. The proposed changes are acceptable to Charities Services. No other changes will be made to the existing Constitution.

**Clauses 3.1 and 17.1:** These proposed changes are required by Charities Services in order for U3A Tauranga to remain a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005.

### 3 OBJECTS

**The Objects of the Society shall be:**

- 3.1 **Existing:** To advance the educational, recreational and social interests of middle-aged and older people in the community.
- 3.1 **Proposed:** To advance the educational, recreational and social interests of older people in the community.

### 17 WINDING UP

- 17.1 **Existing:** If at any meeting a majority of those present and voting shall resolve, by Special Resolution, that the Society shall be wound up, a further Special General Meeting shall be called and held not earlier than 30 days after the day of the meeting at which such Special Resolution was passed, to confirm or reject such Special Resolution, by Special Resolution. If the Special Resolution shall be confirmed at such further Special General Meeting, the Executive shall arrange for the Society's affairs to be wound up and all surplus assets, after payment of all costs, debts and liabilities of the Society shall be distributed to a community organisation or organisations within New Zealand which is or are not carried on for private pecuniary profit of an individual, and

with objects similar to those of the Society, as the Society thinks fit to be held on trust by that organisation or those organisations solely for similar community purposes within New Zealand.

**17.1 Proposed:** If at any meeting a majority of those present and voting shall resolve, by Special Resolution, that the Society shall be wound up, a further Special General Meeting shall be called and held not earlier than 30 days after the day of the meeting at which such Special Resolution was passed, to confirm or reject such Special Resolution, by Special Resolution. If the Special Resolution shall be confirmed at such further Special General Meeting, the Executive shall arrange for the Society's affairs to be wound up. All surplus assets, after payment of all costs, debts and liabilities of the Society shall be distributed to further a charitable purpose or purposes as defined in section 5(1) of the Charities Act 2005 within New Zealand which is or are not carried on for private pecuniary profit of an individual, and with objects similar to those of the Society.

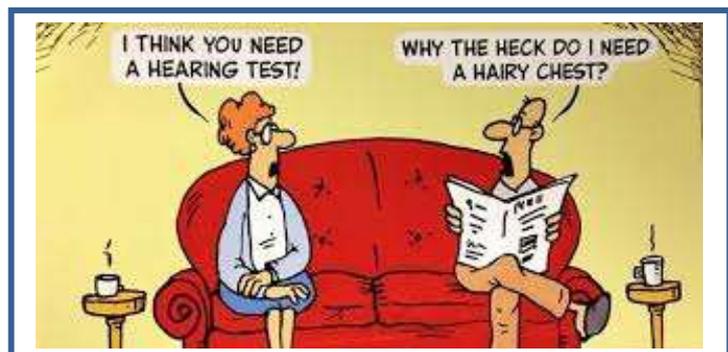
**Clause 9.1:** The change in the number of days required for timely notification of the Election General Meeting is required in order to provide clarity for the administration of the constitution.

## 9 MEETINGS

**9.1 Existing:** The Society shall hold a Special General Meeting (Election General Meeting) in November of each calendar year. Notice of such Election General Meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to all members at least 14 clear days prior to the meeting.

**9.1 Proposed:** The Society shall hold a Special General Meeting (Election General Meeting) in November of each calendar year. Notice of such Election General Meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to all members at least 28 clear days prior to the meeting.

Lati Moodie  
Secretary  
U3A Tauranga Inc  
28 November 2018



# 2018 President's Letter



Dear Members

**W**elcome to 2019. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and new year celebrations with family and friends. I wonder how many of us will repeat the resolutions made for 2018 in 2019. All I can say is keep up with the good intentions.

We seem to have successfully navigated our way through 2018. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the smooth running of U3A Tauranga. To those of you who are leaving our U3A we wish you well on your new journey, we have valued your involvement in our organisation of 900 members.

We have had a few members who passed away during the year, a couple in tragic circumstances, and our thoughts remain with all those involved. As we age, health and wellbeing need to be high on our personal agendas, please take care in every way in 2019.

My involvement on the BOPDHB Health Liaison committee, the Health Consumer Council and the Age Friendly City, gives me hope that things will continue to improve for the seniors of the Bay of Plenty. It will be fabulous for the next generation of seniors with a personal robot, autonomous vehicles and Artificial Intelligence devices to help them get by!

I cannot believe the traffic chaos around this beautiful city over the new year, it was horrendous on Ocean Beach Road from 0900 until 1600 for days on end. I have no idea whether it was the result of visiting out of towners or all the events around the city.

From the end of February 2019, I aspire to be a good Immediate Past President, join more groups - at long last - and participate in the meetings to be held at Arataki and other possible venues in the vicinity.

My fixed 2-year term as President is almost over and I will be handing over the role to Jean Garmonsway at the AGM in February. I am sure you will be well served by the refreshed Executive for 2019.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their voluntary contribution to the smooth running of U3A over the last 2 years. There are literally thousands of hours that are willingly given each year. Those contributors include all convenors, tutors, coordinators, Executive and support roles. This contribution has materially helped us maintain our subscription at \$20 for yet another year.

I wish you all a successful and fulfilling 2019 and I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at the Annual General Meeting in February.

Regards  
John Powell

## 2019 President Elect's Message



I would like to wish all members the very best wishes for 2019. I hope that you have all enjoyed Christmas and New Year and have spent time with family and friends. We can now look forward to another interesting and stimulating year with U3A Tauranga.

January is the busiest time for our Membership Administrator and Treasurer with subscriptions coming in and Handbooks going out!! I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the volunteers who help to keep this process running smoothly.

We welcome two new Group Coordinators this year. The Group Coordinators are so important to our organisation. They form new groups; maintain existing groups; communicate with convenors and new members. We do appreciate the time that they give to U3A.

Last year we had an extra general meeting in Arataki. This was in response to members who live 'over the bridge' in the Mount, Bayfair and Papamoa and to gauge the interest in U3A in these areas. The meeting was a great success and we are looking into holding more meetings in these areas this year, with the first one scheduled for 26 February 2019.

I am looking forward to the challenges of this year and to meeting you at the AGM or at the additional General Meeting at the Mount in February.

Jean Garmonsway  
*President Elect*

### Extra General Meeting Mount Maunganui

**Date:** Tuesday 26 February  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Arataki Community Centre  
Zambuk Way, Mt Maunganui

**\* Guest Speaker \* Morning Tea \* Plenty of parking**

See website ([u3atauranga.kiwi.nz](http://u3atauranga.kiwi.nz)) or local papers nearer to the time for more information.

# 2019 Committee Elect

			
Jean Garmonsway <b>President</b>	Anne Withy <b>Vice President</b>	John Powel <b>Imm. Past Pres</b>	Lati Moodie <b>Secretary</b>
			
Elizabeth Reeves <b>Treasurer</b>	Sheila Freer <b>Membership Administrator</b>	Bruce Furze <b>Meeting/Speakers Organiser</b>	Kit Divehall <b>Publicity Officer</b>
<b>Group Coordinators:</b>			
			
Raewyn Gallagher <b>Groups A to C</b>	Barbara Ward <b>Groups D to H</b>	Anne Briggs <b>Groups I to P</b>	Christine Denne <b>Groups R to Z</b>

**Would you like to be part of the newsletter team?**

**Do you have computing skills?**



There is a vacancy on the newsletter team for a back-up person to help with the design and layout of the bi-monthly newsletters. Creativity in design and knowledge of the desktop publishing features of MS Word (or MS Publisher) are skills required.

**If you are interested please phone the Newsletter Editor, Jan Holden, phone 543 3747 for more information.**

# 2019 Non-Committee Appointments

			
Angela Dold <b>Almoner</b>	Jim Pryor <b>Data Manager &amp; Web Master</b>	Peter Simmons <b>Equipment Manager</b>	Margaret Marsh <b>Handbook Administrator</b>
			
Jenny Pryor <b>Meet &amp; Greet Organiser</b>	Rob Heath <b>Mini Speaker Organiser</b>	Jan Holden <b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Cliff Freer <b>Photographer</b>
	<p><i>The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick, but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me!</i></p> <p><i>My boss told me to have a good day. So, I went home!</i></p> <p><i>A woman walks into a library and asked if they had any books about paranoia. The librarian says "They're right behind you!"</i></p>		
Marianne Lammers <b>Speaker to external Organisations</b>			

## November Meeting

The Election General Meeting was held in November. See photos p7 of Officers and Committee Members that were elected and p20 for their contact details. After the election, members were treated to a Christmas poem written and read by Jean Akers and a Christmas story written and read by Angela Dold. A very big thank you to the Maungatapu Kindergarten Mothers for the delicious Christmas morning tea that they served. During morning tea members could view a selection of art and photography that was on display in the church foyer, which were contributed by members of the Art Practical and Photography 1 groups. Members were then entertained with a variety of musical items from the Ukulele, Acoustic and Singing for Joy groups.

▶ Musical Entertainment

▶ Art & Photography Displays

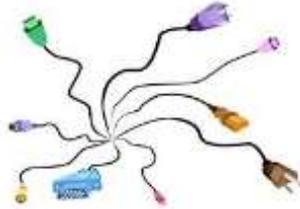


# Meet and Greet Team

November – Shakespeare Group



Would you like to be part of the U3A Equipment Team?



A small Equipment Team manages the projection and sound requirements for general and group meetings held in the Wesley Church complex and other venues. This team is seeking to attract a few more helpers to provide better coverage for last minute unavailability and continuity for the longer term.

Although some technical knowledge is necessary, the team is encouraged to learn from one another – in keeping with the U3A way. Emphasis is placed on collaboration with the team and the wider U3A membership. A preparedness to commit to a task is required.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Peter Simmons, phone 576 0952 or email [petersimmonz@gmail.com](mailto:petersimmonz@gmail.com)

## Quiz answers:

1. c) The Gulf of Guinea. 2. Rupert Brooke. 3. The whip. 4. b) In Earth's atmosphere and oceans. 5. Sandro Botticelli. 6. Water. 7. a) Virus. 8. Africa (54 recognised). 9. Two (July and August - named after Julius Caesar and Augustus). 10. Richard Wagner.

# *The Mysterious Apartment in Paris 2010*

## Transcript of a talk given to Art History 2 group by Joan Gooch



In June 2010, a woman only known as Mrs De Florian, passed away at age 91 in the rustic and peaceful countryside of the South of France. Upon her death, it was discovered among her assets, was an apartment in Paris that few had been aware of for 70 years.

The apartment is located in the 9<sup>th</sup> arrondissement near the red-light district and Opera Garnier. It was up to a team of professionals to step into the apartment and take an inventory of all her possessions. They expected a routine appraisal to provide a neat evaluation of the elderly women's assets. Instead, they found themselves inside a completely different world when they stepped inside. It was like entering a huge time capsule! Upon entering the sealed doors, a thick layer of dust was over everything, but what intrigued them the most was that they felt they had stumbled into the castle of Sleeping Beauty!

The entire place turned out to be a priceless find. They discovered that they were walking through a perfect real example of Paris at the height of its celebrated Cultural Renaissance known as the Belle Époque or Beautiful Era in English. Aside from the dust and some mould, it was as if time had stood completely still!



Under the thick layer of dust, remnants of a social lifestyle that encouraged lavish parties, were everywhere, the furniture was lush, perfume waiting to be dabbed, fancy dresses hung in the closet. It looked like whoever lived there was ready to party like it was 1899!



Taxidermy was all the rage in the early 1900s, and this place was no exception, and this apartment had several extravagant pieces - the most notable was a stuffed ostrich, draped with a shawl, and placed against floral wallpaper and wood paneling. Also, with this were a Mickey Mouse and Porky Pig. Some items in this apartment had suffered with years of decay, but one item in particular stunned all who saw it. This was a stunning portrait of a woman clothed in a pink evening gown. The painting showed an elegant woman embellished with impressive jewels and perched up against a chaise longue. The woman's attire and pose indicated that she was a socialite of the wealthier class of Belle Époque era and possibly a high-class courtesan, because of her hairstyle and dress.

It turned out that the portrait was painted by the famed 19<sup>th</sup> Century Italian painter Giovanni Boldini. However, until the researchers entered that apartment, it had been totally unknown to the world, apart from a few choice people. Art experts believe that the woman in the painting was the grandmother of Mrs de Florian.



Marthe de Florian was the talk of the town in the late 1800s because she was a certain type of courtesan belonging to a group known as the demimondaines - the wild girls of the time. They lived lavish lifestyles, partied frequently and usually had a number of high profile lovers.

When the news broke of this strange apartment and mysterious painting, genealogical records were sifted through to uncover more details about the family and this so called Marthe de Florian. In 2014, the following was reported: birth records and old newspaper clippings showed that Marthe's real name was Mathilde Heloise Beaugiro, and that she worked as a seamstress. She bore 2 children before she turned to acting and the more lucrative "Society Girl" business. But why would Boldini paint her? Was she his secret lover?

Also found along with the painting, was a bundle of letters wrapped in an array of ribbons. The handwriting scrawled on some belonged to Boldini and also to Georges Clemenceau, future Prime Minister of France. Among the letters was also a visiting card from Boldini and he had written on it a love note addressed to his lover, Marthe. Marthe was reputed for her love affairs of famous figures – amongst them the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Presidents of France, and the 68<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Prime Ministers of France, as well as Boldini!

Once her link was established to Boldini, it was then discovered that Boldini's wife Emilia Cardona had written a book about her life and her famous husband in 1951 and it proved to have a revealing detail. Apparently, the painting was finished in 1888, when Marthe was 24 years old. Cardona also mentioned the affair her late husband had with Marthe.

Marthe was indeed a courtesan, born 9 September 1864 and died 29 August 1939. She lived in the 18<sup>th</sup> arrondissement of Paris, daughter of Jean Beaugiron and Eloise Bara, and had 3 younger siblings. Two brothers died young, and records of her sister are sparse. On 12 October 1882 she gave birth to a son named Henri Beaugiron who died 3 months later and 2 years later, another son whom she also called Henri Beaugiron. The boy spent his life in Paris and died 12 May 1966, whilst living at the same address as his Mother's apartment. However, not the one belonging to her. There was no mention of his father, but it seems it may have been Auguste Albert Gaston Florian Mollard, a wealthy banker and Marthe's lover.

Henri witnessed his Mother's death in 1939 and signed the death certificate. He lived in the apartment with his daughter Solange Beaugiron, who when a teenager, was an aspiring playwright and sometimes used the pseudonym Solange Beldo. After the arrival

of the Nazis in Paris, Solange fled to the South of France and her father locked the door of her apartment and it remained like that for 70 years.

Once it was confirmed that the painting was a genuine Boldini, it went up for auction. The starting price was \$331,000 and 10 bidders took it up to \$3.4 million – a World record for a Boldini.

## Proposed New Group Mac Users



As the current Mac Users group is full, Sharron Foxtton has indicated that she is willing to start a second group if there are sufficient numbers. **If anyone is interested please contact Raewyn Gallagher, phone 562 8375**

## Group Coordinators' Report

**T**here is a meeting being held in January to establish a new group, History C in the Mount/Papamoa region. We hope to gain more members at the next Arataki Centre Meeting on 26 February.

Suggested groups have been a Book Lovers group in the Mount/ Papamoa area and Money Matters in Tauranga/Mount.

Some groups have closed or been amalgamated so there is now only one Creative Writing Group and one Opera Appreciation Group.

**The following groups now have new Conveners:**

\*Book Lovers 2 – Margaret Jenner \*Current Events C – Lorraine Burdett

\*Ethnic Dining 2 – Jude Parker

The New Members' meeting was attended by fifteen people. It was interesting to hear from them all and what a range of activities they have been involved in. We welcome them to U3A and hope they enjoy their chosen groups.

The newly elected Group Co-ordinators are Barbara Ward (Groups D-H) and Anne Briggs (Groups I-P). They will begin their role in February (see pp16, 17 for their personal profiles).

Thank you to all the conveners for their sterling efforts during the year. Well done.

**Anne, Raewyn and Christine wish you a Happy New Year**

# Group Activities

## Art History 2



A little bit of Paris came to Tauranga in October when Art History 2 held their Monthly Meeting at the home of the Convenor Margaret Liddell and her husband William. It had been decided to go “All French” as William was to give a talk on the Art Forms of French Chateaux in the Loire Valley in France.

What was normally an afternoon tea following on from the talk, became a French themed Luncheon (complete with wonderful French touches around the rooms). Starting at midday, with a glass of French champagne, and nibbles, and once all had arrived, the luncheon proper commenced. Food and members appropriately styled, of course! Ooo la la!



We enjoyed background French café music, along with live images of Paris, and were entertained by William, who played La Mer (The Sea) on his Clarinet accompanied digitally by a full-blown French orchestra! Divine! There was some dancing, but most were happy to listen, and be transported away, albeit briefly, to “Gay Paree”.

Once the last crumbs of a gorgeous chocolate cake, (thanks Ann) following a lovely array of food, was consumed, we settled down to give our attention to the Chateaux and a bygone age of extravagance.

Over the next hour, we took in a bewildering amount of styles, shapes, and sizes, with the most amazing designs, and colours, that had us wishing for a win in lotto, to be able to take the group to experience the art forms of these wonderful buildings, personally! The Chateau DIY T.V. programme only gives you a small taste of what has been built in the area we were exploring!

Following on from that, Joan gave a talk on a Mysterious Apartment in Paris, owned by a lady who lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Her colourful life, her famous lovers, a forgotten portrait, culminating in her death in 1939, were the subject matter of the talk. (A transcript of this talk is printed on pp 11-13).

On that note, we enjoyed a Café au Lait, bid au revoir to our lovely hosts, and agreed we should enjoy a visit to Italy next time.

## Science



**T**he Science group finished their year off with a bang. Everyone in the group had to do a 5-minute talk about a subject related to science. Raewyn's talk was to set us up with the practical activity from the House of Science, "Making a Rocket".

## Hidden Gems of NZ

*In this series, we let you in on some of our country's little-known treasures.*

### Kiwi heritage comes to life in model world

By Paul Chapman



**I**f you are planning a road trip this summer and happen to be down Taranaki way, be sure to allow time for a visit to Nigel Ogle's Tawhiti Museum. This excellent privately-owned museum deserves to be much better known than it is.

Located on a country road just a few kilometres off State Highway 3, north of Hawera, the museum, together with its associated attraction Traders & Whalers, promises hours of fascinating insights into our Kiwi heritage.

It was in 1975 that Nigel and Teresa Ogle bought the disused Tawhiti Cheese factory with the intention of converting the building into one of the most innovative museums in the country.



Ex-art teacher Nigel is a talented model maker and Tawhiti displays realistic life-sized figures and intricate scale models, all built in the museum's own



workshop, to relate New Zealand's rich story. Minutely detailed dioramas depict everything from Aotearoa's discovery by Maori, all the way through European settlement and the arrival of the railways and industrial technology.



Although impressive by anyone's standards, the model displays comprise only part of what the museum has to offer. A labyrinth of themed galleries is packed with a lifetime's collection of historical artefacts, taking visitors on a colourful tour along memory lane.

Wellington's celebrated Weta Workshop was drafted in to help create Traders & Whalers, just next door to the museum itself. Described as "a hauntingly real and stunningly creative voyage into our past," visitors drift in boats through an eerie world of cleverly constructed caverns where the past is brought vividly to life, illuminated only by the twinkling of lanterns and candles. Distant birds call and water drips from mossy banks as life-sized figures of burly sailors barter with local Maori, exchanging muskets for food and flax.



If you are feeling peckish while on site, the Wind in the Willows-themed Mr Badger's Café offers healthy, delicious victuals at modest prices. There is also an excellent gift shop that sells intelligently designed souvenirs.

Check out the museum's website at <https://www.tawhitimuseum.co.nz/>

## Member Profiles

### Barbara Ward – New Group Coordinator (Groups D – H)



**B**arbara joined U3A a couple of years ago, but it is only now that she is retired that she has the time to get involved and to join some groups. Originally from the South Island, Barbara was raised on a sheep farm in the Marlborough Sounds. Her schooling was by correspondence up until secondary school, when she boarded at Nelson College for Girls. On leaving school Barbara trained as a teacher at Christchurch Teachers College.

Most of her teaching career was with intermediate aged pupils and with children with special needs, but for the final 20 years of her career Barbara worked with adults with learning difficulties. She also spent 3 years as a "Community Connector" with IDEA Services in Tauranga, where she helped the adults with intellectual disabilities to get into community activities or courses that they were interested in. Barbara describes this latter role as her favourite job.

Barbara is well travelled and has spent some time living overseas, eg in the UK and in Perth, Australia. For 3 years in Perth she and her late husband ran a picture framing business. She describes Nepal, as being one of her best adventures overseas and in February she is going on a month-long trip to India. The first stage of the journey in the south of India is with her sister and in the latter part she is going on her own to a yoga retreat in the north of India. Yoga is one of Barbara's main leisure activities.

Of her four children, only one, a daughter, is living in Tauranga. She has another daughter in Christchurch, a son in Vancouver and another son in Tokyo. So, she has many places to visit and she has travelled to Japan many times.

## Anne Briggs – New Group Coordinator (Groups R – P)



**A**nne was born in London and as a child, travelled widely in the UK and Germany following her father to his various postings with the armed forces. She was fortunate enough to finish the last few years of High School at St Martin in the Fields High School for Girls in London. Her fragmented education may have contributed to a lifelong passion for learning.

Prior to coming to New Zealand Anne worked in London and Vevey, Switzerland for The Nestlé organisation and The United States Steel Corporation. She arrived in New Zealand in 1968 with her Kiwi husband and small daughter.

As a mature student she graduated from North Shore Teachers Training College in 1981, which was one of the highlights of her life, even though it was challenging to study full time while bringing up a family. Some years later, due to changes in circumstances she left teaching.

Anne then worked in the legal industry for the next twenty-two years with three of New Zealand's largest law firms. There were many highlights but one of the greatest was being involved in the Project Management team for Chapman Tripp's move in 1991 to the newly built Coopers Lybrand building (now the ANZ building) in Auckland.

On retirement an opportunity arose to teach in a new after-school language programme at Northcross Intermediate School on Auckland's North Shore. She was able to introduce students to a second language in preparation for High School, which she found was a privilege and a joy.

Joining U3A in 2017 gave Anne the opportunity to meet many great people and her current groups are Ballet Appreciation, French Conversation, Jazz, the Rialto Film Group and latterly the new Current Affairs Group at Papamoa.

Since coming to Papamoa, Pétanque has been added to her list of passions, which include travel, languages, literature, music, international films, theatre and cooking for family and friends.

## Facts and Figures to Date

Financial members as at Dec 2018	891
Life members	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>901</b>
<b>Number of Groups:</b>	<b>96</b>

# Tauranga 60+ Continuing Education Group

Venue: Otumoetai Baptist Church, 241 Otumoetai Road

## Programme of Speakers for 2019

All lectures commence at **10.00 am**. A charge of **\$4.00** is made to cover expenses. If you have not previously done so, **please fill in a registration form at the door with your phone number and e-mail address** so that we can keep in touch with you (speakers may change). **Convener: David Gordon 544-4179**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Speaker:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Professor Janis Swan</b> Emeritus Professor of Engineering, University of Waikato	Developing Engineering Education
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>David Love</b> Regional Councillor and Chair Classic Flyers	My Cold War Career
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Karen Peel</b> Senior Associate, BNZ	Scam Savvy
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Dr Raymond Richards</b> Dept of History, Uni of Waikato	American Politics - Update
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ray Dumble</b> CEO Tauranga Airport	Tauranga Airport – Development and Prospects
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kelly Smith</b> Senior Lecturer, Uni of Waikato	Violence Hiding Tactics
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dr Andrew Thompson</b> Eye Surgeon, Tauranga Eye Hospital	Macular Degeneration
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Professor Craig Carey</b> School of Science, Uni of Waikato	The Role of Antarctica in our Changing World
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Paul Geoghegan</b> District Court Judge	TBA
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Professor Peter Kamp</b> Dept of Geology, Uni of Waikato	Uplifting of Central New Zealand

# It's a Funny Old World



## When Tobit's dog had its day

By Paul Chapman

**C**hristmas just past is now a fading memory with, for the believers among us, its enduring tale of Christ's Nativity in a stable, surrounded by cattle and oxen.

Animals, of course, get several mentions in the Bible, including sheep (both those watched by the shepherds and as a Christian metaphor), a donkey (Palm Sunday), horses, and so on. Dogs, when they are referred to at all, tend to get a bad rap, reflecting the Hebrew view that they were dirty, disreputable animals. They are always feral creatures – it seems packs ran wild about the towns and villages of Biblical lands – to be unhesitatingly shooed away from temples.

I was intrigued to learn, however, that there is just one mention in Biblical texts of what appears to have been someone's pet dog. Well two mentions actually, but they are about the same dog. The sole domesticated dog turns up in *The Apocrypha*, the strange collection of books that sits between the Old and New Testaments, and which still has a place in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox (though not Protestant) traditions. This faithful four-legged friend belongs to a young man named Tobias, or Tobit. Both mentions of the animal occur in the *Book of Tobit*, which gets its title from the name of the young man's father, who also happens to be called Tobit. (By the way, the traditional name "Toby" for a dog is said to derive from "Tobit").

Relating a journey the young Tobias/Tobit must go on, accompanied by an angel called Raphael, this is what the *Book of Tobit* tells us, "So they went forth both, and the young man's dog went with them" (*Ch5 v16 in the Revised Standard Version*). When it comes time for their return trip, it relates, "So they went their way, and the dog went after them" (*Ch11, v4*). Picture the good old dog, trotting along devotedly behind his young master and his angelic friend.



During their adventure, Tobias/Tobit goes down to the River Tigris to wash himself. As he bathes, a scarily large fish leaps out of the river "and would have devoured him". Managing to turn the tables on the fish, the young man catches and roasts it. Unlike any other dog I know, Tobit's dog doesn't show up excitedly at the critical moment the dramatic struggle is going on, let alone when it is followed by a free feed. At least, if it does, the *Book of Tobit* curiously omits to mention the fact.

The dog appears in both references without any introduction. Suddenly there it is. There is no information as to its name, what breed of dog it is, nor any explanation – and this has puzzled scholars for centuries – of exactly what it is doing in the story.

Why Tobit's dog gets a Biblical mention at all, I have no idea. But as a dog lover, I'm rather glad it does.

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**Happy New Year!**

