



PO Box 14453, Tauranga 3143
www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Newsletter

Sept - Oct 2019

Next General Meetings

September - Tauranga

Date: Fri 20 September
Venue: Wesley Methodist Church Hall
100 13th Avenue, Tauranga

Guest Speaker: Matt Ford
Dominion Salt, Mt Maunganui

During 1973 – 1974, Dominion Salt commissioned a vacuum refinery at Mount Maunganui. Matt will be speaking about the history and processes involved in the NZ salt industry.



October - Tauranga

Date: Fri 18 October
Venue: Wesley Methodist Church Hall
100 13th Avenue, Tauranga

Guest Speaker: Heidi Darcy
Intellectual Property Manager,
Comvita

Comvita was started in 1974 with its vision of:
"connecting people to nature and good health".
The topic of Heidi's talk tba.



October - Papamoa

Date: Wednesday 30 October
Venue: Papamoa Sports & Recreation Centre,
80 Alice Way, Papamoa

Guest Speaker: To be advised - refer to website closer to the date.

Check in 9.45 am for 10.00 am start. Finish 12.00 noon.



In this issue ...

General Meetings	1
Quiz Corner	2
Notice of EGM	3
President's Message	4
Notices	5
July & Aug Meetings	6-9
Facts & Figures	9
Group Coordinators' Report	10, 11
Well Fancy That	12, 13
Group News	14-17
It's a Funny Old World	17-18
Quiz Answers	18
Executive Nomination Form	19
2019 Committee Contacts	20
Next Newsletter	20

Newsletter Team:

Jan Holden - Editor and Layout Design

Paul Chapman - Quiz and Feature Articles

Kit Divehall – Interviews and Proofreading

Jon Stone – Layout Assistant

Cliff Freer – Meeting Photographs

Quiz Corner

Test your general knowledge with these questions. Answers on page 18.

- 1 In Einstein's celebrated equation $E = mc^2$, what is c ?
- 2 Which is closer to Tauranga, the Equator or the South Pole?
- 3 What name is missing from this list: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and?
- 4 Who gave Theseus a thread so he could find his way out of the Minotaur's labyrinth?
a) Damocles; b) Ariadne;
c) Cassandra
- 5 What is the highest female singing voice?
- 6 The Renaissance Greek artist Doménikos Theotokópoulos painted most of his masterpieces while living in Spain. By what name is he better known?
- 7 Which battle was the turning point of the American Civil War?
- 8 A native of Liverpool is a Liverpudlian. What is a native of Manchester called?
- 9 In which film did Michael Caine say the famous line "You were only supposed to blow the bloody doors off"?
- 10 Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth?

NOTICE OF ELECTION GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ELECTION GENERAL MEETING OF U3A TAURANGA INC TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019 IN THE WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH HALL, 100 13TH AVENUE TAURANGA AT 10.00 AM

In accordance with the 2019 Constitution, an Election General Meeting of U3A Tauranga Incorporated is to be held to elect the 2020 Executive and set the annual subscription for 2020.

The Executive elected at this meeting will take office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in February 2020.

As described in paragraph 12.3 of the 2019 constitution, the following positions are open for nomination:

Officers: President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Committee Members: Group Coordinator(s)
Membership Administrator
Speaker Organiser/General Meeting Organiser
Publicity Officer

There is a copy of the nomination form on page 19. Please contact the Secretary if you wish to receive a posted nomination form, phone 572 0293, email u3atauranga@gmail.com.

The nomination form is also available on the U3A website: <http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz>.

Completed nominations forms must be received by the Secretary or Acting Secretary by 1 November 2019 and may be:

- Given to the Secretary in person
- Scanned and emailed as an attachment to the Secretary at u3atauranga@gmail.com
- Posted to: The Secretary
U3A Tauranga Inc.
PO Box 14453
Tauranga 3143

Lati Moodie
Secretary
22 August 2019

President's Message



Dear Members

It's almost that time again when the November Election General Meeting will be upon us. This newsletter provides all the required information and nomination form.

The organisation requires a team of dedicated volunteers to operate smoothly. Indeed, the success of Tauranga U3A depends on a happy, dedicated group of people who ensure you, the members, get to enjoy 100 groups and the friendships made.

There are several Executive members who are standing down. They have all been Committee members for a number of years and have contributed a huge amount of time and effort into making sure that U3A Tauranga prospers.

I would like to acknowledge what they have done for the organisation and give them a huge 'thank you' on behalf of myself and you, the members. They are:

Marianne Lammers	Acting Group Co-ordinator
Christine Denne	Group Co-ordinator
Raewyn Gallagher	Group Co-ordinator
Bruce Furze	Speakers/General Meetings

If you would like to put your name forward for any of the above positions, please contact me or any Committee member.

Mount/Papamoa General Meetings

We have a new sub-committee to organise the General Meetings in the Mount and Papamoa areas and a second Audio/Visual team for these meetings. I would like to welcome all of them to our team of volunteers and thank them for undertaking these roles.

The next General Meeting in Papamoa is at the Papamoa Sports and Recreation Centre on **Wednesday, 30 October**.

U3A 25th Anniversary

The date is confirmed as 22nd May 2020 at the Club Mount Maunganui. We also have an MC and Main Speaker both confirmed.

There are many on-going arrangements still to be organised but the sub-committee for this event are determined that it will be an event to remember!

Regards
Jean Garmonsway
President

1995

U3A Tauranga
25th Anniversary

2020

A celebration event will be held on

22 May 2020

9.45 am to 3.00 pm

at

Club Mount Maunganui

Fun, Food, Entertainment!

Watch this space for further details.



Thinking of Living in a Retirement Village?

FREE community education seminar in Tauranga in October at the RSA

NOTE: The Commission for Financial Capability is an autonomous Crown agency, offers objective, impartial information. **This is not a marketing event.**

The seminar discusses, in very frank and robust terms, the personal, legal and financial implications of retirement village living and what people need to consider before becoming a retirement village resident.

Registering to attend is free and is important because seats in the room are strictly limited and tend to fill fast once word gets around! We need to have an idea of numbers as we supply tea and materials to registered attendees!!

People can register online via eventfinder (link below) or register by calling Paul Niccolini on 021 565 321.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/thinking-of-living-in-retirement-village/tauranga>

See the recent monitoring report into the interface of retirement villages and aged care facilities here: <https://www.cffc.org.nz/retirement-villages/monitoring-and-reports/monitoring-reports/>

Troy Churton | National Manager - Retirement Villages & Ageing Workplace

July and August Meetings



The speakers at the July General Meeting in Tauranga covered some scary and thought-provoking topics. Oliver the Church cat sought comfort on the knee of Newsletter Editor, Jan. Making it very difficult for her to make notes on the presentations!

The mini presentation was given by **Pat Chainey** on the topic of, ***“The Great Pacific Garbage Patch”***. Her talk was illustrated by



some alarming photos of the North Pacific Gyre, which is a large circular pattern of ocean currents, which trap plastics, chemical sludge, other trash, marine debris such as buoys and fishing nets and suspended microscopic plastic particles. The North Pacific Gyre contains 80,000



metric tons of plastic and is getting bigger. The plastic attracts marine life (birds, dolphins, whales, seals fish etc) which they eat or get trapped. The garbage is mainly coming from China, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. There is an ocean clean up project occurring, but it is estimated it will take at least **5 years to clean up what is currently there.**



Bronwyn Groot, Manager Fraud Education from the Commission for Financial Capability, was the main speaker at the meeting and her topic was, ***“Get Savvy on Scams”***. Bronwyn travels the country to raise awareness of the scams doing the rounds and she also works with the victims of scams. In 2018 losses in NZ through scams was \$33 million, which is only the tip of the iceberg as many scams go unreported. Scams are becoming more sophisticated. Fraudsters are smart, friendly, charming and persuasive. Their websites look professional and it can be hard to tell a scam apart from a

genuine approach. Some of the scams involve: investment, identity theft, romance scams, business email compromise scams, phishing (unsolicited email) and smishing (unsolicited text message) scams, tax scams, door-to-door selling scams, emergency scams, subscription scams, health and medical scams and purchase of merchandise scams. Some of the take home messages from Bronwyn were: never open an unsolicited email, or if you do, do not click on any links; never give your personal or banking details to anyone you do not know; and never send money to anyone you have not met face-to-face and trust. If you get a phone call or email from someone

purporting to be from a legitimate organisation, ask for their name and say you will call them back. Then ring the organisation yourself and check to see if this a legitimate call. A recommendation for anyone who could not attend this presentation is to go to the Commission's website, www.cffc.org.nz and request a free copy of their very helpful booklet, *"The Little Black Book of Scams"*. This booklet gives information about each of the scams noted above together with tips on how to protect yourself. The booklet also gives addresses of where you can report scams. As well as this booklet you can protect yourself by consulting numerous trusted websites for more information such as, www.scamwatch.govt.nz.

In July there was also a General Meeting at the Arataki Community Centre, Mount Maunganui. Before morning tea there were three mini talks.

The first talk was by **Ian Morrison** who is the convener of **Philosophy 3**, which is a new group started up on the Mount side of the bridge. Ian's definition of philosophy is, *"a search for understanding through rational discourse"*. He says it is about what we think, why we think it and whether our argument is sound. Topics for discussion come from the group members and the object is to learn, even though there may be opposing views, to become wise. The group meets in members' homes on the 4th Wednesday of the month 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Contact Ian if you are interested in joining, phone 021 236 3199.



Money Matters is a suggested new group and **Keith Muir** outlined some of the many topics aligned to "money" that could be discussed, such as the banking system or how the stock exchange works. Members of the group would choose the topics, but please note, however, that no investment advice will be given. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please contact Keith in late September, phone 572 2660.

The final mini talk was given by **Graeme Wilson** who is the convener of a new group, **Yoga 3**, which meets in the Beachside Room in the Papamoa Sports and Recreation Centre every Tuesday at 9.30 am. The tutor, Ana Viera, has 16 years' experience and she ensures that older folk have gentle exercises. Beginners are very welcome. All you need is a yoga mat and the \$7.00 entry fee. If you are interested in this group please contact Maggie Bowcock, phone 562 8137.



After morning tea, the main speaker, **Pat Goldstiver**, gave a very interesting talk, *"All at Sea and Other Stories"*. Pat's first memory of sailing the oceans was when she was 2 years old

when she sailed from England to New Zealand on the *Rangatiki*. Pat recounted many stories of her sailing experiences, including exciting times and mishaps such as her husband falling overboard in Wellington Harbour, losing a rudder on a voyage to Fiji and on another occasion an overturned Zodiac. She also described the delights of seeing leaping dolphins, turtles, beautiful sunsets, starry skies and phosphorescence in the water at night.

In 1997 she and her husband sailed in the Sydney to Hobart Race in their yacht, "Icefire". Pat was awarded the Jane Tait Memorial Trophy for the first female skipper to Hobart. Since her husband's death, Pat has crewed on many voyages including the Greek Islands, Tonga, Bali, Jakarta, Samoa to Rarotonga and Sydney to New Zealand. She was also the "Second Mate" (or chief crew and bottle washer) twice on a yacht taking passengers to Pitcairn. Pat was hosted on Pitcairn by Tom and Betty Christian. Tom is a descendant of Fletcher Christian of the Mutiny on the Bounty fame. Pat's talk concluded with anecdotes and photos of life on Pitcairn. However, these days Pat and her partner only go to sea on cruise ships!



At the August General Meeting in Tauranga the mini presentation was given by **Mary Sanson**, who is the convener of the Nature Study Group. Mary informed us that fungi are the third kingdom of living things after animals and plants. She outlined some of the different types of fungi

and described how they can sometimes be parasitic on plants and trees and other times symbiotic. Did you know that there are 1,000,000 varieties of fungi in a rain forest? Mushrooms, toadstools etc are the fruiting part of the fungus and fungi are spread by spores that are



Shelf fungi

distributed by various means such as by wind, water or on the coats of animals etc. Many varieties of fungi can be used as food, but Mary warned us that it is crucial to know which ones are poisonous!

David Gordon was the main speaker. David is a Life Member of U3A Tauranga and he gave a very informative talk about the history of the battle of Gate Pa as seen through the eyes of Dr William George Nicholas Manley. The much-decorated William Manley (photo next page) is the only man to be awarded both the VC and the Prussian Iron Cross. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1852 and joined the Army Medical Corps in 1854. He served in the Crimean War and saw the Siege of Sevastopol. He was posted to New Zealand in 1864 to serve in the Land Wars.





On 28 April 1864 on the eve of the Battle of Gate Pa (Pukehinahina) Manley was one of nine or ten British officers who were not on duty who gathered at The Elms, Tauranga to have dinner. He was the only one to survive the battle the next day. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for attending to Commander Edward Hay as he was carried away mortally wounded and for then returning to the pā to search for more wounded.

Meet and Greet Teams

July – Apple Mac Group



August – Garden Ramblers 1



July – Arataki - Volunteers



Facts and Figures to Date

Financial members as at 9 August 2019	891
Life members	10
TOTAL	901
Number of Groups:	98

Group Coordinators' Report



Details of New Groups

Apple Mac Users

Convener: Sharon Foxon, phone 544 3452 (0274 75953). This group is aimed at Apple Mac users or those considering upgrading to a Mac. Phone Sharon if you are interested in joining this group which meets on 1st Tuesday of the month in members' homes in the Tauranga area.

Garden Ramblers 4

Convener: Thelma Cane, phone 574 6222. Venue: Operating in the Mount/Papamoa area. Members take turns in selecting a garden to visit. Meetings on 4th Thursday of the month at 10.00 am followed by lunch afterwards in a café to discuss the visit.

Philosophy 3

Convener: Ian Morrison, phone 021 236 3199. Venue: Members' homes in Mount Maunganui/Papamoa area. Meetings monthly on fourth Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm.

Yoga 3

Convener: Graeme Wilson, phone 574 2392. Venue: Beachside Room, Recreation Centre, Gordon Spratt Reserve, Papamoa. Meetings weekly on Tuesday morning at 9.30 a.m. \$7.00 for venue and tutor.

Suggested New Groups

- **Ancient History**
- **Bridge**
- **Card Making**
- **Current Events G** in the Mount/Papamoa area
- **Introduction to Mac** – Margaret Marsh is prepared to run a three-week course of 2 hours each when she has sufficient numbers. If you are interested, contact Margaret, phone 281 2408.
- **Introduction to Photo Editing** – Margaret Marsh is also offering a 6-week course for beginners who would like an introduction to Photo Editing. If you are interested, contact Margaret, phone 281 2408.
- **Money Matters** – Sufficient members to call an inaugural meeting when the Convener, Keith Muir, returns from overseas late September
- **Mini Hikes 4** waiting list – only a few more needed before being able to start up this group
- **Memoir Writing** in Papamoa – Contact the co-ordinator, Anne Briggs, phone 975 1888 if you are interested in joining this group.
- **Photo Enhancing** in the Papamoa area

- **Ukulele** in Papamoa area – A few more people are needed to start this group.

Groups seeking New Members

Art Practical, Cycling, Geography, History B, Hikers 1, Poetry, Rialto 4, 500 card game, Singing for Joy and Ukulele (needs more male members). Please contact the conveners of these groups if you are interested in joining. Their details are in the handbook although the convener of Singing for Joy has changed to Judith Keys, phone 579 1935.

Conveners' Meeting

The date of the next conveners' meeting has been changed to Thursday 31 October 2019 as the date advertised in the handbook clashes with the Papamoa General Meeting booked for Wednesday 30 October.

New Members' Meetings

The last new members' meeting for the year will be held on 6 November in the Wesley Church lounge at 2.00 pm. New members will be sent an invitation to attend closer to the date.

Vacancies Monday's Ukulele Group

The 7 male members of our group would really like to have a little more support from other male members of U3A. Our group has a healthy membership of 30 and meets every Monday afternoon from 1.30pm-3.30pm at the Pavilion in Cliff Road.

So, if you are at all musical and enjoy some of the good songs from yesteryear feel free to come along and check us out. Even if you haven't played the uke it is one of the easiest instruments to learn so don't let that deter you.



Contact a Convener: Eileen Ammann, phone 576 3183
or June Pharo, phone 542 3114

Geography Group – Seeking New Members



Each month a group member researches and presents a topic pertaining to a selected country. Some of the topics include: map and general geography; climate; population; language; culture; economy etc.

So, if you would like to learn more about the world we live in, **please contact the convener: Shirley Sleep, phone 543 1170.**

Attention Grandparents!

FREE Children's ebooks

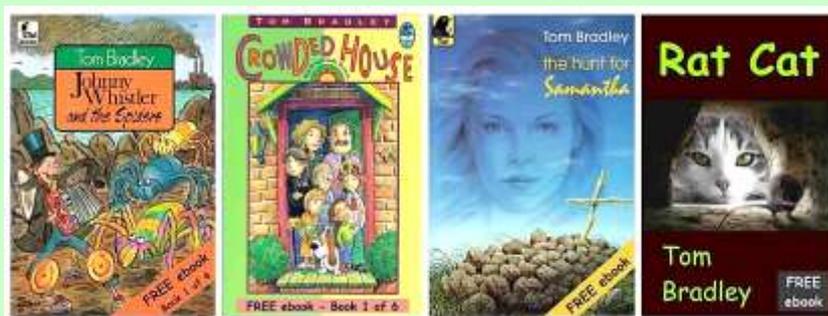


Well known former TV newsreader **Tom Bradley** has re-released 14 of his HarperCollins NZ titles as **FREE ebooks**. He is keen for these stories to reach a new generation and hopes that you might pass this on to teachers, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts etc.

These **Junior Fiction (age 7+)** and **Young Adult (age 10+)** ebooks are intended for personal reading pleasure or classroom use.

All FREE ebook titles can be downloaded from www.bradley.nz in three digital formats: MOBI (Kindle), EPUB and PDF, with no limitation on the number of copies.

The website contains more information on each title including what the stories are about and what the media critics have said about them.



Well, Fancy That!

In this series we look at some remarkable but not so well-known facts.

The strangest day in human history

By Paul Chapman

For much of Europe, 5 October 1582 was the day that didn't exist. Neither did every other day from 6 October to 14 October inclusive.

The reason was Pope Gregory XIII had issued a Papal Bull ordering that the old Julian calendar – so called because it had been implemented by Julius Caesar in 45BC – be torn up and replaced with a new one. For Gregory's calendar to take effect, 10 days had to go.

A cunning innovation of Julius Caesar's calendar had been the introduction of leap years, by which every fourth year has 366 days instead of 365, allowing for the Earth to orbit the Sun once every 365.25 days. All well and good, except for the fact that the Earth actually takes



Gregorian Calendar

an even more inconveniently messy 365.2422 days to go once around the Sun (in what is known as the solar year).

In the 1,500 years or so since Julius Caesar's day, the difference between 365.25 days and 365.2422 days had started to add up. As a result, the Julian calendar was "slow" by 11 minutes per year, or one day every 128 years. That meant the timing of the Spring Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere had got out of kilter with 21 March, the date that had been set for it by the Catholic Church. By 1582, the equinox

was occurring about 10 days later than it should.

This variance was crucial because Easter Day, the most important festival in the Christian world, was always celebrated on the first Sunday following the first Full Moon after the equinox. In turn, many other dates in the calendar depended upon when Easter fell.

Gregory's solution – arrived at by a Jesuit mathematician and astronomer named Christopher Clavius, who was charged with sorting the mess out – was to drop a leap day three times in a 400-year cycle. That meant every year divisible by 100, but not by 400, would lose its scheduled leap day. Thus 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years but 2000 was. The result comes pretty close to the true solar year.

One unwitting "casualty" of the change was St Theresa of Avila, a venerated Spanish nun (her portrait was painted by Rubens) who had the misfortune to die on the night of 4 October 1582, most likely after midnight. Her feast day is celebrated on 15 October, which would have been the next day.



Although most of Western Europe switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1582, England, in a typical gesture of rejection of anything Catholic, did not make the change until 1752, by which time 11 days had to be skipped to bring the two into alignment.

The Calendar (New Style) Act, introduced into Parliament in 1751, brought Britain and its overseas territories into line with the rest of Western Europe. It meant that Wednesday, 2 September 1752 would be immediately followed by Thursday, 14 September.

Not everyone was happy about the change, with many people believing their lives were being shortened by 11 days. However, the so-called "calendar riots," in which people supposedly took to the streets chanting "Give us back our 11 days," are now considered by most historians to have been a myth. The switchover also created problems for historians researching colonial America, who are often unsure whether dates referred to in first-hand contemporary sources relate to the "old" or "new" calendars.

One man who was reportedly very happy about it all was one William Willett, of Endon, Staffordshire. Something of a joker, he laid a wager that he could dance non-stop for 12 days and 12 nights. He started his jig around the village on the evening of 2 September 1752, continued all through the night, and the next morning, 14 September by the new calendar, he stopped dancing and claimed his winnings.

Group News



Art Practical

Our mornings work in pastels with the tutor Susan Jones. We experiment with various art media and we have tutors for painting in water colour, oils, pastels and pen and wash, as well as lessons in drawing and composition. We have vacancies for new members so if you would like to come and join us please phone the Convener: Barbara Inkster, phone 544 8939.



Science Today



Taste Testing by the Science Today Group Members were investigating the distribution on the tongue of some of the basic tastes: sweet, sour, salt and bitter. The experiment was organised by Raewyn McAlonan (back row, 2nd from right).

Opera Appreciation

Neglected Opera Re-Discovered

Recently the Opera Appreciation group watched and listened to the DVD of a 2017 production of Bellini's "Norma". Ever heard of it? Many haven't, including some members of the group. It was a new New York Metropolitan opera production featuring Canadian-American soprano Sondra Radvanovsky in the title role (photo right) and the Met's own Joyce DiDonato as Adalgisa. The tenor was Joseph Calleja and the conductor Carlo Rizzi. The opera is set in ancient Gaul in 50 BC.



Bellini composed the romantic opera in 1831. After initial success it fell into obscurity for many decades until rescued almost single-handedly by Maria Callas at Covent Garden in 1952 and created a sensation. Joan Sutherland later performed the role. It is now considered standard repertoire, famous for the soprano aria "Casta Diva". Maybe New Zealand Opera will perform it one day.

Convener: Rob Heath, phone 574 6468.

Garden Ramblers 1

Weather-wise July can be an unpredictable month for garden visits, so this year the group decided to go out for a mid-winter lunch instead. This was a very popular option and members met at the Nautilus Restaurant for a buffet meal and catch up. Convener: Elizabeth Reeves, phone 562 2767. **There are vacancies in Garden Ramblers 3 and 4, so if you are interested please contact Marianne Lammers, phone 021 804 403.**



Apple Mac Users



The new **Apple Mac Users Group** had its second meeting in Maungatapu on Tuesday 2nd July (10-12 noon). This week we covered the Apple Menu and Finder controls; system preferences for the track pad and mouse; how to add buttons to the Windows including a Delete button (which is easier to use than dragging files to the Trash Bin); how to add

programs to the Dock; and how to setup the Window's Sidebar. We also use some new keyboard shortcuts which speeded up using the Mac. We were 4 strong but we are looking for more Apple Mac users to come along with their Macs and join us on the first Tuesday each month. Are you considering upgrading to a Mac? Then come along and see how it works. If you are interested in joining our friendly group, please ring our Convener: Sharon Foxon, phone 544-3452.

History B

This year the History B Group is studying European History in the 18th Century.



Chaium Poppy, Artistic and Musical Director of Scholars Baroque Aotearoa and Organist and Choirmaster at St Peter's Anglican Church, Mt Maunganui (photo left), agreed to present a talk on music development in the 18th Century. Chaium arranged for us to hold the event at St Peter's Church (free of charge) so he could use the piano and organ to demonstrate the music. He also provided a handout with information on the timeline from Baroque (1600-1750) through to Classical (1750-1820) together with notes on musical terms such as polyphony/homophony, fugue, canon and sonata.



The event was open to all U3A members and the general public with a modest fee of \$3.00. The

advertising and publicity plan must have worked well because, on the day, over 70 people attended and there was a definite air of expectation as the audience arrived.

Chalium held the audience spell-bound as he enthusiastically talked about change in the 18th Century whereby society moved away from superstition and education by religious groups to The Age of Enlightenment and the beginning of humanism. He explained that the term “Classical” music is one used by musicians for a style that evolved between 1750 and 1820, notable composers being Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. He described the changes that happened musically from the chaos and organised genius of Bach’s baroque frenzied music (demonstrated on the organ) to the simpler, serene and sublime music of Beethoven. There was a search for greater expressiveness. Composers were able to support themselves by composing their own music rather than being dependent on employment by royalty, the Church or wealthy sponsors.

Chalium mentioned Mozart’s music and played examples on the piano. He talked about opera, which had mostly been composed and sung in Italian, of which most people didn’t understand a word even if they enjoyed the music. At the end of the lecture, the audience had been treated to an entertaining, humorous and very educational afternoon.



Nature Study



Our group enjoyed a presentation by Barbara McGillivray, Chair of the Aongatete Trust, about Aongatete Forest. Many volunteers are working on pest control, planting and improving tracks etc. A patch of rare king fern (photo left) was found in an area inaccessible to deer which roam the forest so the deer stalkers built an enclosure so that several small king ferns can grow safely. Bird numbers have improved and the little rifleman has returned to the forest.

Aongatete is becoming a model of what the whole Kaimai Range should be, but of course there are not enough volunteers for such a plan.

Two weeks later volunteer, Anne Graeme, led us through the forest as a follow up and pointed out many items of interest. A tiny frond grew out of the moss on a tree trunk (photo right) which David Bellamy was very excited about it when he paid a visit. It has a small leaf with a tiny dot in each leaf axil and is a forerunner of conifer trees. Our forests are much less disturbed than European ones, so we still have a few ancient treasures.

All agreed it was a most enjoyable and informative day. Convener: Mary Sanson, phone 571 2509.



It's a Funny Old World

When scrambled letters spell lots of laughs



By Paul Chapman



It's purely an internet spoof, but the imaginary English village of Anagram sports a road sign reading 'Please drive curly flea through the village' instead of 'carefully' and the word 'OWLS' painted on the road rather than 'SLOW'.

I love the English language but, while I hold it in high regard, sometimes having a bit of fun with it is just irresistible. Among the most enjoyable playthings in the toy box of language are anagrams.

How wonderful it is, for instance, that the letters making up SLOT MACHINES can be magically transformed into CASH LOST IN ME. Who can dispute that SNOOZE ALARMS truly means ALAS! NO MORE Z'S?

Surely there's a mystical force at work in the Universe when ELEVEN PLUS TWO can be written as TWELVE PLUS ONE, and A DECIMAL POINT changes to I'M A DOT IN PLACE.

THE MORSE CODE actually means HERE COME DOTS, and political candidates might feel unsettled to realise that ELECTION RESULTS turns into LIES, LET'S RECOUNT.

As for THE EYES, well THEY SEE, and what else is an ASTRONOMER but a MOON STARER?

I would, of course, never subscribe to the theory that a MOTHER-IN-LAW is a WOMAN HITLER, and I couldn't possibly tell you whether a PRESBYTERIAN is BEST IN PRAYER.

An overspent DEBIT CARD may, however, lead to BAD CREDIT, and if there is HEAVY RAIN on the way it could be good advice to HIRE A NAVY.

Sometimes anagrams can take an oddly grim turn, such as when PRINCESS DIANA eerily becomes ENDS IN A CAR SPIN, or NUCLEAR WEAPONS transmutes into the chilling ONE WAR CLEANS UP.

On a more cheerful note, conjuring with famous names can produce some smiles. I wonder if any of her appreciative patients ever told FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE that she should FLIT ON, CHEERING ANGEL, though there can be no doubt she was an ANGEL OF THE RECLINING.

Given the variations in the way he wrote his own signature, the great playwright and poet WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE may have admitted I AM A WEAKISH SPELLER but, to be fair, WE ALL MAKE HIS PRAISE. I somehow doubt he ever had an EDITOR who told him to REDO IT.

After winning not one but two Nobel Prizes, that pioneer of radiation research MADAME CURIE may well have proudly announced ME, RADIUM ACE, but whether the handbag-wielding British Prime Minister MARGARET THATCHER was really THAT GREAT CHARMER I leave for you to decide.

Then, of course, there are those diehard fans of the King who would point out that ELVIS is an anagram of LIVES, though they need to be ready for the sceptics who have noticed that his full name ELVIS AARON PRESLEY contains the hidden message SEEN ALIVE? SORRY PAL!

That modern teen heart-throb JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE may not be happy to learn that his name becomes I'M A JERK ... BUT LISTEN, though it's easy to believe that JENNIFER ANISTON looks FINE IN TORN JEANS.

Oh, and ladies, if you are ever invited out to dinner with ANTONIO BANDERAS, be prepared to find NO BRAINS ON A DATE. Unlike ALBERT EINSTEIN, who could boast the equivalent of TEN ELITE BRAINS.

Finally, though it may be somewhat dispiriting for us all to accept, A HOMER SIMPSON actually represents MR HOMO SAPIENS. There's surely a moral in that.

Quiz answers:

1. The speed of light; 2. The Equator at 4,190km away (the South Pole is 5,817km away); 3. Sword (they are the D-Day beaches); 4. b) Ariadne; 5. Soprano; 6. El Greco ("the Greek"); 7. Gettysburg; 8. A Mancunian; 9. The Italian Job; 10. Mount Everest.

**U3A Tauranga Inc
2020 EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM**

The Election General Meeting to elect the 2020 Executive and set the annual subscription for 2020 will be held on Friday 15 November 2019. Note that the incoming Executive will take office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in February 2020.

In accordance with the 2019 Constitution, written nominations on this form must be received by the Secretary or Acting Secretary by 1 November 2019.

NOMINATION

I hereby nominate

For the position of

Signed: Date:

Print name:

(Financial Member making this nomination)

SECONDER

Signed: Date:

Print name:

(Financial Member seconding this nomination)

CONSENT: I consent to this nomination:

Signed: Date:

(Financial Member being nominated)

As a registered Charity, our Executive members must qualify under Section 16 of the Charities Act 2005.

To qualify, an officer must not be:

- an individual who is an undischarged bankrupt
- an individual who is under the age of 16 years
- an individual who, or a body corporate that, has been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty (section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961) or tax evasion or other offence under section 143B of the Tax Administration Act 1994 and sentenced within the last seven years
- an individual who is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the Companies Act 1993, the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013, or the Takeovers Act 1993
- an individual who, or a body corporate that, has been disqualified from being an officer of a charitable entity by the Charities Registration Board under section 31(4) of the Charities Act 2005
- an individual who is subject to a property order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, or whose property is managed by a trustee corporation under section 32 of that Act (this relates to people who are not fully able to manage their affairs)
- a body corporate that is being wound up, is in liquidation or receivership, or is subject to statutory management under the Corporations (Investigation and Management) Act 1989
- an individual who, or a body corporate that, does not comply with any qualifications for officers contained in the rules of your charity.

I have read the above criteria and advise that I qualify to be an officer:

Signed: Date of Birth:

Full Address:

2019 Executive Committee

President:

Jean Garmonsway - 579 1918

Presidentu3atauranga@gmail.com

Vice President:

Anne Withy - 579 0430

amiona@xtra.co.nz

Immediate Past President:

John Powell - 575 4540

Secretary:

Lati Moodie - 572 0293*

u3atauranga@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Reeves - 562 2767

treasurer@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Group Coordinators:**Groups A to C:**

Raewyn Gallagher - 562 8375

a2c.groups@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Groups D to H:

Marianne Lammers - 021 804 403

d2h.groups@u3atauganga.kiwi.nz

Groups I to P:

Anne Briggs - 975 1888

i2p.groups@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Groups R to Z:

Christine Denne - 543 9483

r2z.groups@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Membership Administrator:

Sheila Freer - 576 5243

membership@u3atauranqa.kiwi.nz

Speakers/General Meeting Organiser:

Bruce Furze - 579 1627

furzepringle@gmail.com

Publicity Officer:

Kit Divehall - 576 8100

publicity@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Co-opted Members:**Committee Support:**

Marianne Lammers – 021 804 403

Newsletter Editor:

Jan Holden - 543 3747

newsletter@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Webmaster:

Jim Pryor - 219 7840

webmaster@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Non-Committee Appointments:**Almoner:**

Angela Dold - 571 6767

Data Manager:

Jim Pryor - 219 7840

data@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Equipment Manager:

Peter Simmons - 576 0952

Handbook Administrator:

Margaret Marsh - 281 2408

Meet and Greet Organiser:

Jenny Pryor - 219 7840

Mini Speaker Organiser:

Rob Heath - 574 6468

Photographer:

Cliff Freer - 578 9960

***Note: The Secretary's phone number is incorrect in the 2019 handbook. Please amend your copy.**

Next Newsletter - November 2019

Deadline for contributions is Saturday 26 October 2019

Editor: Jan Holden - Ph 543 3747 newsletter@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz