

U3A REMUERA

President's Piece – April 2024

Greetings All,

Another month has passed and we are now well into autumn. Probably my favourite time of the year. Cooler days but generally the weather is still very pleasant. The trees are already showing signs of a very pretty autumn to come. I walked around Cornwall Park this morning. Not quite in all its Autumn Glory yet, but on the way.

This month at the general meeting, after greeting visitors and new members, we will go straight to ratification of the Constitution - as previously notified. I have not received any suggestions for alteration so this should be straight forward.



4. Alteration to the Rules This Constitution may be amended with the assent of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a General Meeting. Twenty-one (21) clear days' notice shall be given to members stating the intention to put forward such a resolution **PROVIDED THAT** any alterations, additions, or rescissions to the Constitution and rules of the Society do not change its charitable nature.

I wish you all a happy autumn.

Raewyn

Our April Speaker is Sue Cooper from Remuera Heritage



Our main speaker this month will be Sue Cooper from Remuera Heritage. She is going to speak of "The Great Maori Feast" at Remuera, 11th May, 1844. Here is a contemporary painting of this event by Joseph Jenner Merrett 1816 – 1854. It seems such feasts were not unusual in those days. I am sure her talk will be fascinating.

Out of interest I looked up the meaning of Remuera. This is what google has to say.

The name Remu-wera comes from two words: **remu** meaning edge or hem and **wera** meaning **burnt**. It is said to relate to an incident when a visiting chieftainess was killed and put in an umu (oven), still in her piupiu (skirt).

Our mini speaker is Wallis Walker

An Illustrated talk on 'The Legacy of Captain James Ninnis'

His involvement with Mansion House, Kawau Island, Stone Store Onehunga and New Zealand's first Patent.

2024 Meeting Dates

8th April
13th May
10th June
8th July
12th August
9th September
14th October
11th November
9th December

Meeting Tasks

April

Greeters	Earth Science
Morning tea	SARUS
Mini Talk	Walking Group
Group Reports	NZ History & Foodies

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May

Greeters	Foodies
Morning tea	Use it or lose it
Mini Talk	SARUS
Group Reports	Philosophy, Genealogy

Director of Studies

Initial meetings of Travel and Poetry Study Groups have been held and second meetings planned.

If you are Interested in Poetry or Travel then come our next meeting – see below

Poetry Study Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th April at 1.00pm
Venue: Wallis Walker's home, 42 Wheturangi Rd, Greenlane. Use parking in the drive.

Travel Study Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday 23 April from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

Venue: Wallis Walker's home, 42 Wheturangi Rd, Greenlane. Use parking in the drive.



Reminder of Meeting for all convenors and deputies

Monday 29 April, 10.00am at St Chads.

Wallis Walker Ph 5248 940



Group Reports

New Zealand History Group

The NZ History group meets on the second Thursday of the month at Oceania Meadowbank. We have an interesting variety of talks and some recent topics have been:

- R.M.S. Niagara- its past, present & future
- Pre- Maori stone builders in NZ
- Te Pahi- the Maori leader
- Origins of the NZ Labour Party

New members are welcome.

Mark Wotton, Convenor, Sue Johnstone, Co-Convenor

Foodies Group

Our Foodies Group currently consists of twelve members and we meet on the third Thursday of the month. In February we put together a calendar and each member of the group is expected to arrange a monthly get together.

Our aim is to learn more about cooking and nutrition and this month we will be meeting at a member's house for morning tea. Our speaker will be Alexa Johnston, cook book author.

Last year our activities included:

- A day trip to Waiheke with a visit to a vineyard and restaurant
- A cooking class at AUT where we were fed nibbles by the students
- A visit to Simon Gault's Kitchen where he told us about certain foods with tastings
- A visit to Sabato for a similar experience.

At Christmas we get together at a member's home and the Christmas parties are always a real success. We are a relaxed, friendly group, and we would welcome your company.

Gill Macklin, Convenor

A reminder to all members

Please wear your name badge and if it is lost or broken request a new one. Committee members have a yellow dot.

Passing the baton on from Committee to Committee is standard U3A procedure.

We encourage members be involved in the committee at some time during their U3A membership. With this in mind, each newsletter will include a description of one of the committee roles. Being on the committee is a great way to contribute to your U3A.

Remuera U3A Committee Roles

Tea Coordinator

- Organize and oversee the morning tea at monthly meetings.
- Buy biscuits, tea, coffee etc. for the meeting.
- Notify study group coordinators when it is their turn to help with morning tea.
- Ensure that the morning tea is well-prepared and served.
- Coordinate with study group convenors and group members to ensure a smooth process.
- Check that kitchen is clean and chairs/tables put away after the meeting.
- Plan and arrange the Christmas party, including selecting food and drink options.
- Attend Committee Meetings.

A New Toy

If your computer system is Windows, you may have noticed a new icon has appeared on your toolbar. It is called “Copilot”.

Having checked it was a valid Microsoft addition, I opened it and was invited to ask a question or give an instruction. I asked it to draw a mugwump. This is the result.

Copilot is an AI companion assisting users by providing information, answering questions and engaging in conversation. Copilot can help with a variety of tasks, from answering trivia to generating creative content.



To Contact Remuera U3A

Listed below are the email and website for Remuera U3A. Please give them to anyone interested in knowing more or who is considering joining us.

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