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## ROTORUA U3A FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

### NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: **Wednesday 18 February – doors open at 9.30 am.**

Venue: **Bridge Club Rooms, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Rd., Lynmore.**

All U3A members (and friends) are invited to attend

**Guest Speaker:**

**Reynold Macpherson**

**Topic (as supplied by Reynold) :**

**Confessions of a teacher, soldier, leader, researcher, professor, author  
and political philosopher: laughing at being Reynold Macpherson.**



*This will be a 25 minute Powerpoint presentation followed by questions and answers*

Light refreshments will be provided at the beginning of the meeting.

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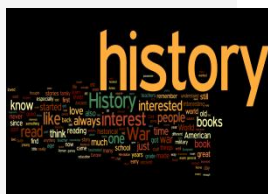
## GROUP NEWS

**The new History Group** is ready to go and is looking for members.

**Brian Gillespie** is the Convenor. He was an English teacher at Rotorua Boys High, and is mad keen on History.

The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 9.30am. The first meeting will be at Brian's home (224 Malfroy Road, Phone 3487611) on Friday 13 February (no he is not superstitious, but just in case, Brian has assured us that he'll chase away any black cats that dare to cross his path).

Brian has some great topics in mind but the first meeting will be to test ideas and all suggestions will be welcome.



### ...and the Walking Group...

**Ann says:** "I'm going to up the frequency of the walking group walks this year. We'll be going twice a month, 2nd and 4th Fridays, meeting at 9.20am."

The walks are now graded - check with Ann Sullivan ([annsullivan@clear.net.nz](mailto:annsullivan@clear.net.nz) or phone 3481991) for this year's programme.



### Poetry Group

You will see from the list on the next page that the Poetry Group has disbanded due to the dwindling number of participants. It may start up again – there was a lot of enthusiasm at the beginning, but holidays may have got in the way. Many thanks to Ann Sullivan and Margaret Lett for convening it.

**If you are looking for ideas, what about Handcrafts? Cooking? Cryptic Crosswords? Music? Even a short Open University Course -**

**Free "Massive Open Online Courses" are available for everyone at [www.mooc-list.com](http://www.mooc-list.com) and could be a lot of fun in a group context.**

<b>Current Rotorua U3A Interest Groups</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Armchair Readers	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 10.00am	Joce Andrews 3459443
Art history (1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Anne Hunt 3487680 annedon@clear.net.nz
Art history (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 2.00pm	Lyndall Hermitage 3624496
Book Reviews (1)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Jill Nicholas 3479647 jill.nicholas@gmail.com
Book Reviews (2)	4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Di Edwards 3483548 diedwards@kinect.co.nz
Cooking for One	Check with Kevin Quick.	Kevin Quick 3572792 kwix@xtra.co.nz
Current Events (1)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 10.00am	Ann Bosomworth 3458339 annbos189@gmail.com
Current Events (2)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesdays 10.00am	Blanche Kingdon 3487990
Current Events (3)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 10.00am	Jim Hartwig 9854146
Ethnic Dining	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6.00pm	Annie Wells 3458494 or 027 4595157
Films/Theatre	1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays, 12.30pm	Jenny Mitai 3483903 Margaret Lett 3439223 margaretlett@gmail.com
History	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 9.30am	Brian Gillespie 3487611
Numero Group	Every Friday, 1.00pm	Margaret Neale 3485696
Philosophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 2.00pm	Peter Wood 3455099 st.peter@paradise.net.nz
Photography (1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 2.00pm	Christine Mills 3455356
Photography (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 10.00am	Val Burrows 3490455
Poetry	In abeyance at present	
Science & Engineering	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 10.00am	Tony Charlton 3322183
Singing – the “Grey Warblers”	Twice monthly – time and venue notified by email	Christine Mills 3455356
Spanish Conversation	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 1.00pm	Joan Wood joan.wood@paradise.net.nz
Travel Goup	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 2.00pm	Doris Scott 3492720
Visits	1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays, 1.30pm	Judy Somerville 3572292
Walking Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 9.20am	Ann Sullivan annsullivan@clear.net.nz Margaret Lett 3439223
Writing for Families	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 9.30am	Kate Gore 3479385

***Thoughts are tax-free.***