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## ROTORUA U3A JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

### NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: **Wednesday 19 June - doors open at 9.30 am**

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

Topic: **Drilling Brothers submarine volcano: how and why.**

Speaker: **Dr. Cornel de Ronde**

Cornel is a world-leading expert on undersea volcanic activity and mineral deposition. He is currently a principle scientist and research geologist with GNS Science at Avalon, Lower Hutt.



After this presentation Cornel will answer questions regarding his involvement in the search to locate the Pink and White Terraces – as highlighted in the *Beneath New Zealand* documentary screening on Prime TV, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 130 years since the eruption of Mt Tarawera.

Light refreshments will be provided at the beginning of the meeting

***All U3A members and friends are invited to attend.***

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**A reminder to all Rotorua U3A members;**

Mel Bowen is our **U3A Almoner**. He is always ready and willing to visit, call on or telephone any one of our members who may be unwell. If you (or someone you know) would like to get in touch with Mel, please call him on

345 3221, or email [almoner@u3arotorua.com](mailto:almoner@u3arotorua.com)

**From the Group Convenor**

At the last count, Rotorua U3A had **410** members and **28** Interest Groups.

In order to keep in touch, the Committee has asked **John Turner** to visit each of the Interest Groups from time to time. **This is your opportunity for letting us know how things are going with your activities.**

**Subscriptions**

Our annual subscription is still \$10 per year.

A cheque (payable to U3A Rotorua), or cash, can be handed to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

Cheque or cash can be mailed to:  
**Ann Sullivan (Treasurer,  
Rotorua U3A), 16c Grey Street  
ROTORUA 3010.**

**Badges**



**MEMBER**

We are most grateful to **Dorothy Bowen** who has taken on the task of providing a name badge to each of our members. This is a big job, and the Committee has been discussing the best way to organise it. We have decided that:

- Name badges are necessary and should be worn at the U3A Forums and on any public occasion where a member is representing U3A.
- Badges will be issued to new members by post when they join U3A.
- Members should keep and care for their own badges.
- As from August 2019 (the AGM) the cost of replacing each lost/mislaid badge will be \$5.00. There will be an amnesty for badges requested before August.
- Group Convenors will decide whether badges are to be worn at group meetings. This isn't usually necessary in small groups.
- Group Convenors don't normally retain badges but if they do, should keep a duplicate set paid for by the group.
- Members who choose not to be labelled will not be penalised in any way.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

If you receive this newsletter by post and there is a coloured sticker here → →→→ your subscription to Rotorua U3A is due. Please pay to:

Bank: **ASB** Name: **U3A Rotorua** Account Number: **123155 0129267 01**

Or contact our Treasurer, Ann Sullivan (Ph 3481991).

**POLICE REMINDER – IF IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED, PHONE 105, NOT 111**



**At our last Committee meeting** we decided that as Rotorua U3A has a lot of talented members it would be a good idea to highlight current achievements as they come to notice. We don't do commercials, but we'd like to hear about achievement in any field of endeavour. If you know of a member who has recently accomplished something special, please let our Newsletter Editor know by e-mailing [ruth.gadgil@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruth.gadgil@xtra.co.nz).

This month we congratulate **Jim Spiers** on the publication of his book ***When forestry was fun***. Now 95 years old, Jim is an Honorary Member of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry. In 1941 he took up one of the first technical trainee positions with the NZ Forest Service in West Otago, and in his 43-year career he ran the Whirinaki Forest in the Urewera, managed Kaingaroa Forest and was director of the Logging Industry Research Association. He retired in 1984. Jim joined Rotorua U3A soon after it started and has been a member for about 10 years.

### Age Concern Expo

The Rotorua U3A stall at the Expo on 14 April received a good amount of attention and we signed up five new members as a result.

Many thanks to the people who made and responded to the roster.

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### A gift



Did you know that The New Zealand Remembrance Army donated the morning tea biscuits for our April Forum?

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### Visit to the Kaharoa Kokako Trust



On 14th May eighteen U3A members managed to get to Kaharoa before dawn (7 am!). They were amply rewarded with sight and sound of the kokako and many other birds.

### Letter to the Editor

*I would like to say how much I enjoyed, our last guest speaker: Annette Stock, Speech Therapist. Thank you, Annette for sharing your speech skills with us. What an eye opener it was to learn about the struggles our young children are having with speech. I truly admire your dedication in this field. I hope we can have another session with you at some time.*

**U3A** is certainly well worth joining. With the many interest groups on offer, and the chance to make new friendships with like-minded people and the bi-monthly Forums, how lucky are we who make the effort!

*I have recently joined **The Arm Chair Readers**; who share a love of books and their authors. A huge thank you to Coral Day for being such a hospitable hostess.*

Pauleen Wilkinson.

## ROTORUA U3A INTEREST GROUPS

Shading indicates that the group currently has vacancies (June 2019)

Topic	Time	Contact
Armchair Readers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 10.00am	Coral Day 349 3336 seeday@xtra.co.nz
Art History (1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Anne Hunt 348 7680 anneanddonhunt@gmail.com
Art History (2)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Cate Frey 3468562
Book Reviews (1)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Jill Nicholas 347 9647 jill.nicholas@gmail.com
Book Reviews (2)	4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2.00pm	Di Edwards 348 3548 diedwards@kinect.co.nz
Cooking for One	Check with Kevin Quick.	Kevin Quick 357 2792 kwix41@icloud.com
Current Events (1)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 10.00am	Ann Bosomworth 345 8339
Current Events (2)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, 10.00am	Blanche Kingdon 348 7990
Current Events (3)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 10.00am	Jim Hartwig 985 4146
DVD Movies Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 2.00pm	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
Ethnic Dining	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 12.30pm	Annie Wells 027 4595157
Films	1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays, 12.30pm	Jenette Mitai 348 3903
Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 2.00pm	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
History	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 10.00am	Brian Gillespie 348 7611
Numero Group	Every Friday, 1.00pm	Margaret Neale 348 5696
Philosophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 2.00pm	Peter Wood 345 5099 stpeterwood@gmail.com
Photography (1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 2.00pm	Rose Hendry 3575194
Photography (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 10.00am	Carol Patterson 357 2523
Poetry	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 2.00pm	Margaret Lett 343 9223 margaretlett@gmail.com
Science and Engineering	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 9.30am	Mel Bowen 345 3221 mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz
Singing – The “Grey Warblers”	Twice monthly – time and venue notified by e-mail	Kevin Quick 357 2792 kwix41@icloud.com
Spanish Conversation	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 1.00pm	Jenny Joyce genevievejoyce@gmail.com
Square Dancers	Tuesdays 10.30am	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
Travel Group	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 2.00pm	Doris Scott 349 2720
Visits	1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays, 1.30pm	Judy Somerville 357 2292
Walking Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 9.20am	annsullivan822@gmail.com Peter Wood 345 5099
Writing for Families (1)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 9.30am	Yvonne Rock 357 5665
Writing for Families (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 10. am	Pauleen Wilkinson 348 6244 <a href="mailto:Pauleen.w@xtra.co.nz">Pauleen.w@xtra.co.nz</a>

