

# Kāpiti Coast U3A - Newsletter



## September 2022



### Hi Everyone

Here we are in September and already there are spring flowers fluttering away in our gardens reminding us of warmer days to come. Perhaps days with a little less rain would be welcome as well? With that in mind here is a little teaser you may wish to solve – Clue “hijklmno” (5) The answer will be at the end of this newsletter. Good Luck.

Read on, there is more, as always *Happy Reading...*



### Committee Chit-Chat

#### A story about a bank

When Kapiti U3A was founded in 1993 they made the decision to bank with a NZ owned bank. The committee chose Trust bank. In 1996 Westpac, an Australian owned bank, took over Trust bank. In 2022 the wheel has turned a full circle and Kapiti U3A has returned to a NZ owned bank – Kiwi bank.

Another reason to switch to Kiwibank is to make it easier for those members who are not comfortable with online / phone banking. Members will be able to pay their subs in cash at the Waikanae Kiwibank agency. You need to ensure that you give your name and phone number as the details when making a payment.

Members will be given the relevant details, and the website updated, once we have completed the process.

### Welcome to new Committee members

#### Judy Turner

I'm fairly new to Waikanae having moved from Kent, UK in 2018 to be closer to family. I was a member of U3A in Kent and found it a way to follow interests and meet new people and make friends. I was very pleased to find the U3A here and hope to be a useful member of the committee.

#### Paula Morgan

#### Blanche Charles

#### Margaret Stevenson-Wright

### Our website



If you want absolutely current interest group information – the website is the place to go. Our Web Master is very industrious and does focus on accuracy, so your feedback is appreciated. If you do see something wrong or have suggestions for improvement, please contact [webmaster@kapitiu3a.com](mailto:webmaster@kapitiu3a.com).



### New Members

Jim Yates

Kate Livingstone

Ivan and Lesley Shotter

Julie Jensen

Evelyn Smithers

Janet MacPherson

Joyce Goslin



## Interest Groups

Click on [Interest Groups](#) to view interest

group information or go to the website.

To join any interest group, you will find the

contact details are on our website at

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/whatwedo/courses/general-interest/>



## New Interest Groups

Your committee is keen to see some new groups established. All we need are a half a dozen members with a desire to meet and talk about something of mutual interest. Your committee will help the group get started. Ideas are:

### Cryptic Crosswords

Do you want to learn the tricks of the trade, share tricky clues, meet fellow members with an interest in Cryptic Crosswords?

### Movies

We have a book group where members share their views on books they have read. Would you like to be in a Movie Group. Meet once a month and chat with likeminded members about movies you have seen?

### TED Talks

TED stands for "Technology, Entertainment, Design". TED talks are intended to spread new ideas. A TED talk is always 18 minutes or less and there are over 3000 of them available free online.

Is there interest from members in forming a group to watch selected TED talks together and then have a sociable chat about the ideas talked about? These days the technology of smart TV's has moved to the point where it is feasible for a group of people to gather in one member's lounge and watch a TED talk. The talks are recorded at live presentations (there was one in Kapiti earlier this year) and then uploaded to the cloud for all to

watch – free. If you want to see them or learn more then go to <https://www.ted.com/about/our-organization>

If these ideas – or any others - interest you then go to the contact page

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/contact-us/> on our website and let us know. Your committee will then coordinate a get together of people who share your interest and guide the group to get it started.



## Kaleidoscope

The Term 2 programme was very successful with a good range of speakers. We had about 90 to 100 members at each session which was encouraging being the middle of winter.

The Kaleidoscope committee is working hard to put together a stimulating programme of speakers for Term 3. They have already confirmed Professor Ann La Flame from Malaghan Institute, Simon Nathan – retired Geologist who will talk about the photos of earthquakes, eruptions and landslide around NZ taken by Lloyd Home. They have also been able to arrange for a talk by Chris Finlayson QC (former Attorney General) As soon as the term programme is confirmed it will be publicised at

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/kaleidoscope/speaker-list/>.

Members who enrolled for Term 2 will be notified by email later this month to pay their \$15 fee and enrol for Term 3 if they wish. If you didn't enrol for Term 2 but would like to be on the list to be notified for Term 3, please email [kstreasurer@kapitiu3a.com](mailto:kstreasurer@kapitiu3a.com). A reminder paying online before the term starts makes the checking at the door much quicker.

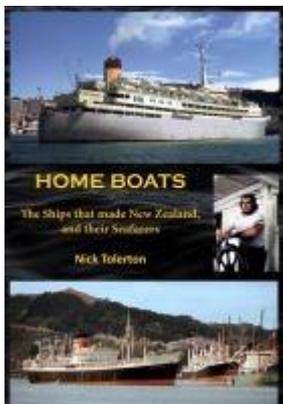
***FYI - Term 3 starts 17 October 2022***

## Obituary Pat Belgrave (Philosophical Discussion Group)

We were sorry to learn of the death of Pat Belgrave. Pat had been the driving force behind the Philosophical Discussion group. Our sympathy goes to Peter and the family. Pat had not been well for the last year or so and the group had been in abeyance. We have been able to restart the group and if you are interested in attending let us know by using the website contact page <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/contact-us/>

## A Book Review

### *Home Boats: Nick Tolerton (pub 2021)*



How many of you are £10 pound poms? Can you recall the time when shipping companies such as Shaw Savill, Port Line, P & O, NZ Shipping Company carried NZ produce to “Home” and brought immigrants from the UK to NZ? If this is you then you

might enjoy reading Nick Tolerton’s book “Home Boats”. It is a history of the boats that helped build NZ. At times it is dry reading with an over emphasis on things like length, GRT, types of derricks and engines but this is balanced with personal perspectives of serving on these boats. It has a comprehensive photo collection which must include nearly every ship that carried people and produce between NZ and the UK from the 1880’s to the start of container ships in the 1970s. The book is available from KCDC Library.

## It is now illegal to ignore “do not knock” stickers

Changes to the Fair-Trading Act, which have come into force, mean door-to-door traders who ignore a ‘Do Not Knock’ sticker risk fines of up to \$30,000.



In addition to imposing fines, the courts can also order the cancellation or variation of a sales agreement, as well as compensation if an uninvited seller ignores a sticker or a direction not to enter a property.

“This is a great win for consumers,” said Jon Duffy, Consumer NZ Chief Executive.

“We have been calling for these changes to the Fair-Trading Act since 2014, when we first launched our campaign. Since then, we have distributed more than half a million stickers to consumers to keep unwanted sellers away,” he said.

You don’t need a sticker to benefit from these new consumer protections. If you tell a seller to stay away from your house, they must do as they’re told for two years. If they don’t do as they’re told, or they ignore your sticker, you can complain to the [Commerce Commission](#).



## Facebook Group

We have a Facebook private group which is a good way to keep you informed at short notice of new groups, changes to our programme, and any other matters. To join, go to our website and click on the link at the bottom of every page.



## Newsletter Contributions

Do you have something to share in the Newsletter? A picture of your group, or a small story of something that happened.

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/contact-us/>

Those who contributed to this Newsletter: Paul Goodhead, Phil Glasson, Judy Turner, Consumer NZ and Marian Cadman

## U3A Online

Did you know that as a U3A member you have the right to access a wide range of online U3A Courses. These are managed by U3A in Australia. The website is <https://www.u3aonline.org.au/home>. If you want to use their resources (notes etc) to help you and a small group of like-minded members learn about a topic they offer then Kapiti U3A will cover the enrolment fee that gives you access to all the courses. Talk to one of the committee members.

## Light laughs

Great news!

Some of the old favourite singers and bands have re-released their greatest hits with new titles and lyrics to accommodate their ageing audience.

Some examples:

Herman's Hermits: "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Walker"

The Rolling Stones: "You Can't Always Pee When You Want"

Credence Clearwater Revival: "Bad Prune Rising"

Marvin Gaye: "I Heard It Through the Grape Nuts"

The Who: "Talkin' 'Bout My Medication"

The Troggs: "Bald Thing"

Carly Simon: "You're So Varicose Vein"

The Bee Gees: "How Can You Mend a Broken Hip"

Roberta Flack: "The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face"

Johnny Nash: "I Can't See Clearly Now"

The Temptations: "Papa Got a Kidney Stone"

ABBA: "Denture Queen"

Leo Sayer: "You Make Me Feel Like Napping"

Commodores: "Once, Twice, Three Trips to the Bathroom"

Procol Harum: "A Whiter Shade of Hair"



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FIRST TELEMARKETER TO CALL.