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## **General Meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00 a.m**

**This will be a Zoom meeting which will be recorded and posted to our Website**

### **THIS MONTH, WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> April – Main Speaker - Victoria Passau – Auckland Museum**

**Victoria Passau, Collections Manager, Auckland Museum.** She will speak on the “Online Cenotaph” which is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year.

Victoria Passau has been Collections Manager for the Online cenotaph and Pou Maumahara at Auckland Museum since 2014. She is responsible for the expert stewardship and content development of the Museum’s online Cenotaph database project and the Museum’s war related collections through the Pou Maumahara Memorial Discovery Centre. She has developed a deep understanding of how personal memory and commemoration can enrich official histories.

You will find a recorded version of our Zoom meeting our website under "What's On" or, alternatively, click this link <https://www.stheliersu3auckland.com/what-s-on>. The recording will be posted to our website by end of day Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Mini Speaker Wednesday, April 20 10.00am, via Zoom Angela Edgington**, a member of U3A St Heliers, who lives between Kohimarama and Cheltenham, England, will speak about U3A in Cheltenham.

**NEXT MONTH – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May–** Community Centre, additional notes below

**Main speaker:** Professor John Collins

**Study Group Presentations:** The Scribblers & Gallery Visits 1

**Mini Speaker:** Robin Bowkett “Ocean Adventures”

**Kitchen Duty:** Global Issues & Famous and Infamous

### **President’s Message:**

Here we are at the end of March. By now we all know someone who has, or has had, Omicron. I hope that your friends and family are like mine – no one requiring a hospital stay. While we are advised that the Omicron peak has been reached in Auckland, and then next day told that we haven’t seen the worst yet, we at U3A continue to be flexible as we get on with our lives.

Your Committee has decided that we will have a ZOOM speaker in April and then we are planning to return to the Community Centre in May for a ‘normal’ meeting. We don’t know yet whether we will be required to have reduced numbers at the Community Centre in May and/or be able to have morning tea. We just need to be flexible and be ready to change plans if we need to. We will keep you posted.

This is an opportunity for me to also thank your Committee who are doing a fantastic job keeping us in contact and continuing to plan innovative ways to keep us connected. What a great group to be working with.

## **General Meeting Wednesday May 4**

**Main speaker: Professor John Collins.** John Collins is a St Heliers local, a retired surgeon with a long career at Middlemore Hospital, the University of Auckland and with the education of surgeons. He is originally from Galway, Ireland. John has recently completed a PhD in the History of Medicine at the University of Auckland, focusing on "the Professionalization of Surgery: An examination of Surgeon-Patient Encounters in Britain 1745-1785".

**U3A Network Event: "Celebrating U3A in Action 2022"** will be held on Saturday 30 July, 9:30 am to 2.30 pm. The venue is the Salvation Army Auckland Corps, 18 Allright place, Mt Wellington (off Carbine Road). Full details of the event can be found on our website. Registration will be available in early April.

**Study Groups:** Your Committee is always keen to learn of any subjects or topics for Study Groups that members would like to be considered for inclusion in our Schedule. Please contact our Study Group Co-Ordinator, Gary Preston [gcwpreston@gmail.com](mailto:gcwpreston@gmail.com) with your ideas. The issue is always to have someone prepared to be Convenor, ie contact person, for any new group so, if you have an idea, be prepared to address that also,

**St. Heliers U3A Website:** Our website [www.stheliersu3aauckland.com](http://www.stheliersu3aauckland.com) is updated every month by Kathy Slater. Newsletters, recent photos, relevant information on Study Groups and much more can be found on this interesting site.

**U3A On-line Courses:** These are available to all members. The online contact details are: [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au) There is no requirement for payment to access the course content. Access will enable a review of the study content and further details relating to independent or supervised study. If you are interested in any of the papers, please let Kathy Slater know, [kathyslater@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kathyslater@xtra.co.nz) or phone 5783232, and she will download the material for you as the Auckland U3A Network has already registered and paid for all 27 U3As in the Auckland region.

**Name Badge:** A reminder to all members, and especially our new members, that you should put the name and contact details of your preferred emergency contact person on the back on your name badge. Please ensure that you wear your name badge to all U3A meetings or activities. If you lose or damage your badge, contact our Membership Secretary, Janice Figge, for a replacement.

**U3A St. Heliers History Booklet:** This interesting booklet was updated and reprinted for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 and is available for purchase at \$10. Copies will be available at the next meeting. Highly recommended, especially for our new members. See Heather Baigent.

**U3A Lapel Badges:** We have both 'pin' and 'magnet' lapel badges. These are available for purchase (\$5 each) at each meeting. See Heather Baigent.

**Almoner:** If you are aware of any member who is ill or incapacitated, or suffering bereavement, please contact our Almoner, Susan Soper, 0211444242 or email [suesoper2@yahoo.com](mailto:suesoper2@yahoo.com)

**Monthly Meeting Protocol:** Please ensure that you register at the Greeting Table when you arrive. Please send any apologies to Stella McDonald, at [stella@dataquest.co.nz](mailto:stella@dataquest.co.nz), (09) 575 1661.

**DEADLINE for April 2022 Newsletter & Study Groups Update:** email to Margaret Waters, at [maggierae34@gmail.com](mailto:maggierae34@gmail.com) by Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April or earlier which is my preference.