

## Learning for Life

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**Our next Members' Meeting** will be on Wednesday 25th November from 10 am till 12 noon at the Nelson Golf Club, 38 Bolt Road, Nelson.

### **The speaker will be Nathan Fa'ave.**

Nathan has been a semi-professional and full time professional athlete for 18 years. During that time he has represented New Zealand at 4 different sports, attending 15 World Championships. He has captained the New Zealand Adventure Racing team to 6 World Championship victories. He has competed in 28 countries. Nathan was the winner of the 'Eco Challenge' the world's toughest race as well as his 6 world adventure racing world championships. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Nathan will talk about Adventure Racing. His website is <https://nathanfaavae.nz/>

### **Topics covered in this Newsletter:**

- Speaker report from the last meeting
- Notice of convenors afternoon tea
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### **From the meeting on September 23rd:**

Hello again U3A members.

Those of you who came to our recent General Meeting no doubt will join me in my praise for our guest speakers, Vicky and Tom Jackson with their outstanding talk, *Living on a Yacht for 35 Years and Cruising the World's Oceans*.

They spoke clearly, eloquently and evocatively about the places they have been and the tribulations, plus delights, of living in such a confined space on their wooden sailing yacht "Sunstone" without a breakdown in relationships.

Please visit [www.sunstonesailing.com](http://www.sunstonesailing.com) to expand on their talk and expand understanding of why people live fascinating lives.

*David Turner, President U3A*

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### **Convenors' afternoon tea**

This is to be held in the Club Room at "Summerset in the Sun", Sargesson Street Stoke at 2pm on Saturday 7th November 2020. Please wear your name badges and bring along any subject you would like discussed. RSVP to Anne ([jellicoe.anne@gmail.com](mailto:jellicoe.anne@gmail.com)) or Wendy ([tonyandwendy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonyandwendy@xtra.co.nz)) or David ([davnan23@gmail.com](mailto:davnan23@gmail.com)) by Friday 30th October (numbers required for catering).

Please be aware that parking on site is limited. We look forward to your company.

## Study groups report

Currently, we have 36 active groups on a wide range of topics, although one or two of them are likely to disband by the end of the year. I'll let members know which as soon as I have official confirmation of that. Unfortunately, we have very little space in groups, with only 10 vacancies spread across those 36, and 3 of those are in Up the Garden Path, and 2 in Great Britain. Members should consult the website or get in touch with me if they want further information on groups, and they should also contact me if they want to take up one of the vacancies.

At the same time, we do have offerings of potential new groups for now and next year. Judy Pittman is looking for people interested in "19th Century Immigrant Ships to New Zealand" and can be reached at [randjpittman@gmail.com](mailto:randjpittman@gmail.com) for more details.

Also, we are still looking for people interested in "Chess" and perhaps another walking group focusing on "Nelson Heritage Walks". Again, please contact me for more information. However, we do unquestionably need more offerings to accommodate scores of interested and interesting people, so do write to me at [steven.shaw51243@gmail.com](mailto:steven.shaw51243@gmail.com) with your suggestions or offerings.

In the meantime, enjoy your studies and stay safe.

*Steven Shaw, Study Group Co-Ordinator*

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## Photos wanted for Website

Professional design of our new website is underway. To showcase it we need a selection of photos for the home page, such as from groups, local scenes, or anything you think would be worthy. Email these to David Wright at [d.j.wright3200@gmail.com](mailto:d.j.wright3200@gmail.com) for consideration.

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## Nelson Arts Festival talks

Nelson Arts Festival has these talks coming up soon that have a historical focus and may be of interest to some members.

### OUR GRANDFATHERS

Come and hear Ian Trafford discuss the very personal experience of bringing alive the raw stories he discovered in his grandfather's secret WWI diaries. Into the Unknown describes the war unfolding through Alick's eyes and reveals contemporary attitudes to the army, to female company, to the enemy soldiers, to the hospitality provided by people under pressure, to the war itself.

Suter Theatre, Sun 25 Oct, 3.30pm, \$16

More info and book tickets here: <https://www.nelsonartsfestival.nz/event/our-grandfathers/>

### HISTORICAL FICTION

Find out how Christine Leunens and Alexandra Tidswell work with both research and imagination when creating characters from the past, and get a glimpse into their current works in progress. Christine is the author of Caging Skies, which was adapted into Taika Waititi's Oscar-winning film, Jojo Rabbit. Alexandra's first novel, Lewisville, was published in 2016, was inspired by the story of her great-great-great-grandmother Mary Anne Luxford, who was born into poverty in the United Kingdom.

Suter Theatre, Sun 25 Oct, 1.30pm, \$16

More info and book tickets here: <https://www.nelsonartsfestival.nz/event/historical-fiction/>

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My cross-eyed wife and I just got a divorce. I found out she was seeing someone on the side.

My wife claims I'm the cheapest person she's ever met. I'm not buying it.

I told my carpenter I didn't want carpeted steps. He gave me a blank stair.