

U₃A PEGASUS BULLETIN

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Latest U3A News & Updates

- Our website is now live. Check it out on www.u3apegasus.org.nz
- The next U3A meeting is on Monday 18 July.
 Prof Doug Sellman is our guest speaker talking about addiction and alcohol.
- If you want to learn how to retire and enjoy life try this: https://youtu.be/DMHMOQ 054U

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New Members' Lunch

Everyone who has joined us since April 2021 is invited to a finger-food lunch immediately following the Monday 15 August meeting. We usually do this twice a year but Covid meant we couldn't do it last year. The purpose is to introduce you to U3A, explain how it works and the broad range of activities we have. Please RSVP to u3apegasus@gmail.com so we have an idea of numbers.

Learning about Three Waters – drinking, wastewater & stormwater Reform Agenda for New Zealand

Our June guest former Mayor Garry spent decades community and Cantab. He that he thought



speaker was
Christchurch
Moore who has
working in the
is a dedicated
began by saying
we would be as

depressed as he is about the changes to the three waters agenda, by the end of his talk! He supported the right of everyone to have quality water and hoped there will be a plan that is agreeable to the community, to local iwi and to the government. He outlined the current controversy including the politics (small 'p') of trying to find an acceptable solution when the planners

don't always represent the interests of local communities. Many local authorities are highly critical of the government's plan, but in spite of their submissions opposing the concept and coming up with alternative plans, legislation is currently before the House. The South Island has 21 local authorities which administer local water services. This will change under the new legislation. Sadly, Garry said, when he and others have criticised the Bill, they have been accused of being racist. With billions of dollars involved, it is important that people take notice and write to their MPs with their views.

Geology/Botany Group tours the Canty Museum

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The June trip was to explore the early settlement of Polynesian arrivals in New Zealand with reference to discoveries at Waiau Bar. Artefacts show that people lived there in the 14th C. They know that the newcomers

were Polynesian from the tools and jewellery they found. One special tool was a shell axe made from a terebrid shell,



which is not found in New Zealand. It was sharpened at one end to give a cutting edge. Other giant clam shells were filed down using sand to make shell adzes.

Waiau Bar was chosen as a settlement site because food from the sea and rivers was plentiful and rocks were nearby. The newcomers planted bananas for



food, and coconuts for milk and fibre for making rope. Many of their medicines are now used in modern treatments world-wide.

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