



Courses

Autumn 2017: February to June

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The details in this booklet are correct at time of printing. Please check the website www.kapitiwea.org.nz for any changes in dates, venues etc. Enrolled students will be advised of any changes.

How to enrol

Pre-enrolment for courses is essential. Lasses may be cancelled one week from the scheduled start if there are insufficient numbers to meet administrati9n costs.

Enrol by post or email.

You will be contacted if the class does not proceed.

Refunds are made if classes do not proceed or if notification is given of inability to attend one week before it is scheduled to start, but are not usually given once a class has started. Please contact our office if there is any special circumstances affecting your enrolment.

We wish you a happy semester of stimulating learning opportunities and new experiences.

Course profiles

ARTS and LITERATURE

1704 A Foreign Correspondent at home

Tutor: David Barber
Session: Saturday 4 March, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

Foreign correspondent David Barber will present on his career and life experiences in many foreign settings, encompassing politics, the media and the state of newspapers today. He will have copies of his latest book “Whizzing All Over The Place: a foreign correspondent’s memoir” for sale.

1710 Shakespeare’s Sonnets

Tutor: Janet Secker
Session: Saturday 8 April, 10 am – 3 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$50 members \$75 non-members

This one day course will discuss the challenges of the sonnet form, and look at what these wonderful poems reveal of Shakespeare’s life and his poetic skills.

1712 Shakespeare’s *Othello*

Tutor: Janet Secker
Sessions: 5 Mondays: 24 April – 22 May, 2 pm – 4 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$75 members \$100 non-members

Othello is one of Shakespeare’s better known tragedies. The story revolves around four central characters: Othello (a Moorish general in the Venetian army); his beloved wife, Desdemona; his loyal lieutenant, Cassio; and his trusted but ultimately unfaithful ensign, Lago. The course will explore its varied and enduring themes of racism, love, jealousy, betrayal, revenge and repentance.

Class members need to bring a copy of the text.

1715 Political Cartooning in NZ

Tutor: Bob Brockie
Session: Saturday 27 May, 10 am – 12.30 am
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members, \$55, non members

Bob Brockie is a cartoonist, scientist, columnist and graphic artist, and has sketched nearly 2,000 political cartoons for the national Business review since 1975. He will

present a magic picture show of techniques and methods of caricature, speech balloons, political insights, whizz lines, cartooning hassles, political incorrectness and a cavalcade of New Zealand politicians over the last 60 years.

1718 War Poets and their stories

Tutor: Harry Ricketts
Session: Saturday 24 June, 10 am – 3 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$50 members \$75 non-members

Harry Ricketts is a teaching professor of English Literature at Victoria University. His published books include *Strange Meetings: The Poets of the Great War* (2010), and he will discuss war literature (NZ and foreign) and its legacy. (to be updated by Harry).

HISTORY

1702 The Waikato War - July 1863 to April 1864

Tutor: Bryan Wells
Session: Saturday 25 February, 1 pm – 4 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

Bryan Wells will examine the defining conflict in New Zealand history. It did not take place on the Western Front in WWI, or at Gallipoli, or in North Africa in WWII. Instead it happened right here in New Zealand. On 12 July 1863 the biggest and most significant war ever fought on NZ shores commenced less than 40 miles from Auckland, as British troops crossed the Mangatawhiri River – that boundary between Kingitanga Maori & European settlers agreed between the Waikato chiefs and Bishop Selwyn – and invaded the Waikato. This action was to yield a bitter crop for the Waikato tribes and set back Maori/Pakeha relations by generations.

Bryan will discuss the lead up to the Waikato War, the battles that ensued after the British invasion, and the consequences and lessons we can draw from the campaign.

1708 Ancient Egypt for beginners

Tutor: Sarah Vidler
Sessions: 4 Wednesdays: 29 March – 19 April, 10 am – 12 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$100 members \$125 non-members

The world of Ancient Egypt is something that has fascinated people from the Roman era to the modern day. We see references to it constantly in contemporary art, stories, monuments, architecture, and entertainment, but how much do we really understand? This series of talks aims to answer some of those questions you may have always wanted to ask. Covering history, art, architecture, literature, and even the rediscovery of

Ancient Egypt by modern archaeologists, it aims to provide the perfect introduction to Egyptology as it's understood in the 21st century.

Sarah Vidler studied Archaeology & Egyptology at Liverpool and UCL, has undertaken multiple study tours of Egypt, as well as working on excavations in Europe and Israel, and has been teaching Egyptology at Victoria University Continuing Education since 2008.

SCIENCES

1705 Meteorology: homespun weather wisdom

Tutor: Don Niccol
Session: Saturday 11 March, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

Weather forecasting is important, whether we are travelling, fishing or deciding on a picnic. This course will provide resources for those wanting to know more about the forces that influence weather, how the information is displayed and how to interpret it. The course will include access to publicly available websites and a guide to interpreting them. Notes will be provided.

Don Niccol was an Air NZ pilot, and has retained a keen interest in the weather.

1706 Algebra for everyone

Tutor: Graham Chapman
Session: Saturday 18 March, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Women's Centre, 7 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

Algebra, one of the foundations of new mathematics, remains as mysterious to many of us today as it was in our school days. In this course, Graham Chapman will explain algebra using our language, and find practical examples for its use. This will be an interesting session for mathematicians and non-mathematicians alike.

1711 Mind and Brain

Tutor: Helen Gaeta
Session: Saturday 22 April, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

How does mind emerge from brain function? In turn, how does mind modify brain networks? The first part of the session will explore current notions on the relationship between mind and brain. The second part of the session will consider changes that occur in mind and brain with ageing.

Helen is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Health and Environment, Auckland University of Technology. She graduated Ph.D. from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Auckland. She spent seven years in the U.S.A. researching the ageing brain, after which she returned to New Zealand and took up her current position in 2006.

1713 A taste of wine - the theory and practice of wine appreciation

Tutor: Tom Ranson
Sessions: 4 Saturdays: 29 April – 20 May, 3 pm – 5 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$80 members \$105 non-members

Common chemical wine components will be explained and illustrated with tactile molecular models. You'll be provided with notes to make the discussions interactive and lively. There will be blind tastings with course tutor Tom Ranson (M.Sc.Biochemistry/ Dip.Ed).

1714 Geology – the Kaikoura quakes, before and after

Tutor: Hamish Campbell
Session: Saturday 6 May, 10.15 am – 1 pm
Venue: Paraparaumu Library, Ivor Trask Place, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

Hamish Campbell is a geologist and paleontologist at GNS Science; a widely published author, and has contributed to the television series “Coast New Zealand”. In this course he will update us on the science behind, and geological learning from, the Kaikoura earthquakes that occurred on 14 November 2016.

1715 Evolution and freaky scientists

Tutor: Bob Brockie
Session: Saturday 27 May, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

Bob Brockie is a [cartoonist](#), [scientist](#), [columnist](#) and [graphic artist](#). As a biologist he is interested in animal populations, animal behaviour and diseases, and did his PhD on hedgehog ecology. He has published material on butterfly evolution, behaviour of sparrows, magpies, possums, starlings, mange mites, animal roadkill, flax flowering, and cabbage tree disease.

Bob has been a science columnist for the Dominion Post newspaper since 2001. He takes a strong interest in refuting popular myths, and this presentation will explore the science of evolution, and challenge what we think we know.

1717 Our Rivers: learning from the past to create a better future

Tutor: Catherine Knight

Sessions: Saturday 17 June, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

The government has recently introduced a standard for our rivers as 'wadeable' - that is, safe to have skin contact with but not swim in. But many New Zealanders are questioning whether this is good enough – why should the standard not be 'swimmable' rivers? In this workshop, Dr Catherine Knight will provide an introduction to the field of environmental history, before discussing the complex – and often conflicting – history of our interactions with rivers since humans first settled in Aotearoa New Zealand. She will also discuss how we can learn from the past to provide for a better future – in this case rivers that our children and grandchildren can freely enjoy as many of us did as children.

Catherine Knight is an environmental historian, and will have copies of her latest book *New Zealand's Rivers: An environmental history* (Canterbury University Press, 2016) for sale.

OTHER SUBJECTS

1709 PHILOSOPHY – Eastern Philosophy

Tutor: Jay Shaw
Sessions: 3 Saturdays: 1 April, 10 June, 5 August, 10 am – 3 pm
Venue: Presbyterian Church Hall, Ngaio Road, Waikanae
Cost: \$130 for all 3 sessions, or \$50 per session (members)
Non members – as above plus \$25 membership

Session 1 – Saturday 1 April

Who are we? The nature of human beings: East and West; mind, body and self

Session 2 – Saturday 10 June

Concepts of Harmony: Comparative philosophy. Non western philosophy with an emphasis on Indian topics. Religion, cultural harmony and peace

Session 3 – Saturday 5 August

Freedom – East and West. Do we have control over our own lives or is everything predetermined? Our actions are affected by our beliefs. The discussion will consider different points on the continuum between free will and determinism from both a Western and Eastern point of view.

A supporting paper will be provided for each session.

Dr Shaw has a Ph.D. from Rice University, and has taught philosophy for 51 years: including 42 years at Victoria University, 3 years at the University of Hawaii, 1 year at Alabama University, and 5 years at Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

RELIGION – Beauty in Islam

Tutor: Christopher Longhurst
Session: Saturday 25 March, 10 am – 3 pm
Venue: Paraparaumu Library Meeting room, Ivor Trask Place, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$50 members \$75 non-members

An inspiring and informative exploration of Islam, its ideas and forms of beauty. The course provides examples of the rich philosophical and theological framework behind the Islamic sense of beauty combined with classical and local traditions. Modules include the mosque, Qur'an, mysticism and connections with Christianity. Dr Longhurst has held university posts in Morocco and Italy.

POLITICAL SCIENCE - Political Communication

Tutor: Claire Robinson
Session: Wednesday 31 May, 10 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

In this course, Claire Robinson will discuss how political communication is changing in a digital age. Her team at the College of Creative Arts have created the *On the Fence* interactive tool that made a tangible difference to youth voter turnout at the 2014 general election, and the team's current project is *VoteLocal*, an online interactive tool designed to encourage young New Zealanders to engage with and vote in the 2016 local body elections. Through design, the *Design + Democracy Project* explores how to get young people engaged with political processes and how to make them informed confident participants in the democratic process of choosing their governing representatives. There will be an opportunity for questions.

Claire Robinson is Professor of Communication Design, and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Toi Rauwharangi College of Creative Arts at Massey University, and is recognizable as a media commentator on NZ politics.

1719 Death and Dying in New Zealand

Tutor: Paul Morris
Session: Saturday 1 July, 1 pm – 3 pm
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$30 members \$55 non-members

This course will discuss death, dying and religion in New Zealand: facts, debates and concerns. It will explore the changing nature of death in contemporary New Zealand, and look at some of the moral issues surrounding the end of life. This is an introduction to an often taboo subject, and we intend offering further courses on this topic in the second semester.

Dr Paul Morris is a teaching Professor at the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies at Victoria University.

1701 Gold Card Pick'n Mix

One day each month the group travels around the Wellington area by public transport using the gold card to discover places and items of interest. Some examples in past years have been visits to Somes/Matiu Island, Roxy Theatre, Archives and Katherine Mansfield House. Plans for 2017 include trips to Wairarapa, Malaghan Institute, Victoria University Classics Museum, galleries, and events within the Wellington region. Contact the WEA office or kapitiwea@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the notification list for Pick'n Mix. (Free to members)

About Kapiti Coast WEA Inc

The WEA (Workers' Educational Association) was set up in 1915 and is the longest-serving provider of adult education in New Zealand. Kapiti Coast WEA (established in 1977) is a registered charity and a member of the Federation of WEAs in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We are an elected committee of volunteers. Our aim is to provide community-based, stimulating and varied educational activities that develop knowledge, skills, creativity, understanding and enjoyment of life. We offer courses in relaxed environments, using the best tutors available.

We believe in life-long learning through courses, field trips, workshops and lectures for those who would like access to adult education but are not formally enrolled in a tertiary programme.

We gratefully acknowledge support from community organizations including: Kapiti Coast District Council, COGS, NZ Post, Beach FM, Coast Access Radio, Kapiti Community Centre, Victoria University Continuing Education, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, CLANZ, Philipp Family Foundation, Arbmed Ltd (arbitration and mediation), and the Federation of WEAs, in helping us achieve this goal.

Membership

You are encouraged to become a member to enrol in our courses. The membership fee is just \$25 a year. We are for the most part self-funded, and depend on membership fees to meet costs not recovered through the course fees.

The advantages of membership include:

- receiving newsletters (emailed) and programme brochures
- your membership subscription is recovered through discounted course fees
- helps ensure that courses will be offered in future

We value our members because:

- feedback ensures our programmes are relevant and exciting
- membership shows our funders that we have community support for our activities
- members keep the governing committee in touch with the community.
- membership shows support for upholding the WEA principles of encouraging lifelong learning and strengthening communities
- Course fees are structured to encourage membership and on-going participation

Enrol in more courses and save !!

If you enrol in more than 2 courses this semester, the lowest-fee third and subsequent courses are at half price. For example, taking 2 half-day courses (\$30 each), any further half-day courses are \$15. Discount applies to single half-day and full day courses only. Contact the office to confirm your discount.

Enrolment Form

- *Enrolment for courses is essential. Please contact our office if there are any special circumstances affecting your enrolment*
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**Please fill in details and return form to our office, or
email your enrolment details to kapitiwea@gmail.com**

Name: _____ Member Y / N
Address: _____

Phone: _____ (day / evening) Mobile: _____
Email: _____

Course code / title	\$ Fee	office use
2017 annual membership	\$25	
Donation (tax rebate applicable)		
Total	\$	

I am paying by (please circle):

cheque / cash / internet banking

Please make cheques payable to: Kapiti Coast WEA.

Our bank account: Westpac 03-1531-0014895-00

Please include your name and course code in the details when paying by direct credit. It would help us if you note the date of payment on this form if paying by direct payment.