



General Meeting for Members: Tuesday 1st Feb 10am - 12 noon

**GUEST SPEAKER: Patricia Smith**

**Title: Dale Chihuly glass artist and sculptor**

Dale is an American glass artist and sculptor. He is known for vibrantly-coloured blown and sculpted glass baskets, seashell-like shapes, chandeliers, and large and ambitious sculptural installations found in gardens and museums around the world.



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Happy New Year to all members!

I am sure that you have all been able to have a catch up with friends and New Zealand based family after such a long lockdown; I know that I did. After feeling hopeful because Delta Covid19 numbers have been tracking down, we are now facing an Omnicom version, so I can't guarantee that we will be able to hold all our meetings as we would like to – face to face. Let's just plan month by month.

As I noted in my December newsletter Report, the February meeting will include our Annual General Meeting. According to the Orange traffic light category, we can hold an annual general meeting of members on 1<sup>st</sup> February provided we adhere to the vaccine pass rules.

We regret to advise that no member may be admitted to the hall to attend the meeting without showing a vaccine passport.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING IT WITH YOU**

For those members not able to attend, a proxy form is available on request from the President (Val), Treasurer (Piers) or Secretary (Bess). This will enable your views to be recorded at the meeting.

The aims for the Committee in 2022 will include continuing to record attendees at our meetings for Health and safety reasons; keep on meeting face to face as much as we

can, and letting members know as soon as we are advised that other arrangements must be made; consolidating the new SIG groups activities; and continue to promote participation in interesting and meaningful learning and social interaction.

We welcome your thoughts and look forward to your willing participation in helping us to achieve these aims.

While it can be difficult at times, I am trying to enjoy the warmth, as I know that we have only three months until Autumn. At least my crops are enjoying the warmth, and luckily, our damns are full.

Val Lloyd

## **NEWS FROM THE RECENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Committee meeting**

Your committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, to deal with matters arising, and to agree and finalise your newsletter. This means you are up to date with the Committee's deliberations. The Committee meeting has been included in the table of SIG meetings.

### **Notice of Meeting**

This newsletter is being sent out earlier than normal to meet our statutory requirements to give notice of our forthcoming AGM which will be held on 1 February 2022.

## **Unable to attend the AGM?**

A proxy form is available on request from the President, Secretary or Treasurer. Proxy forms must be received by the Secretary no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

## **Joining the committee**

It's great to be able to give back to an organisation that you belong to, and one of the ways you can do this is by joining the committee. A static committee is the death knell of a club. A successful club is open to new thoughts and ideas – fresh blood in other words. We have found it very successful to have Committee members with no specified role who can learn about how our committee functions, without the pressure of having a specific role.

Here is what Ngaral has to say about her time as a committee member shadowing our Convenor Co-Ordinator Elizabeth McNee:

*"I joined the committee about one year before I took on my role as SIGs Convenor. I am so pleased I did as it gave me a chance to meet and get to know the other committee members who are all very welcoming and helpful, and it gave me the opportunity to shadow Elizabeth whom I took over from.*

*I would encourage anyone who feels the urge to become involved in U3A Browns Bay decision-making to come and join our Committee. We look forward to hearing from you."*

If you are nominating someone for the committee, the nomination form (included in this mail out) must be

nominated, seconded and signed by the person being nominated.

### **Attendance at our Main Meeting**

In line with the Government regulations we will be requiring attendees to produce their Vaccine Pass either on their phone or as a printed copy. This will be scanned before you can attend the meeting. Face masks are not mandatory, but may be worn if desired. These requirements may change dependent on government instructions.

### **SIG meetings in private homes**

We will be following the Government regulations and restrictions relating to face masks, continuing social distancing and use of vaccine passes.

### **SIG meetings at the Heart of the Bays**

We will be following the regulations set by the Auckland Council. Please note that SIG's using the meeting rooms will now need a key to get in the street and foyer doors. All SIG Convenors will be advised of these before 1 February.

### **Subscription year**

Your committee has decided that the subscription year for the Club shall be from 1 January to 31 December, i.e. a calendar year. Subscription notices will be sent out in February 2022. All members who are currently financial will be considered as paid up to 31 December 2021.

# NOTICES

## Upcoming speakers

Our Speaker Co-ordinator Gloria Ward advises the following speakers have been scheduled for the next 2 months. (Note these may be subject to change)

- **February:** Patricia Smith one of our members talking about the sculptural work of Dale Chihuly
- **March:** Shaun Lee on restoration, conservation and pollution prevention in the Hauraki Gulf

## Learning what other SIG groups do

If you know in advance what the topic is going to be for your next SIG meeting you might find it an advantage to broadcast it in your SIG report for the newsletter. As long as you clear it with the Convenor first, you are welcome to attend any Browns Bay SIG meeting.

## New Inquiries to join U3A

If you know anyone who is interested in joining our U3A, please pass their names onto our Membership Liaison Myfanwy Van Hoffen. Your committee has prepared a whole “interest pack” for any such inquiries. Myfanwy’s contact details are in the list of contacts above.

## U3A Browns Bay Facebook page

Come and join us on U3A Browns Bay Facebook. You can add your photos and all the exciting topics and outings of your SIG for others to read and maybe gain more

members. The only rule is that all content must be related to U3A and its members.

As this newsletter is being sent out earlier than normal, all December 2021 & any 2022 SIG reports sent to the Newsletter Editor will be included in the March newsletter.