

60'S UP MOVEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND INC, West Auckland Branch

Meetings are held in the New Lynn Friendship Club Hall
3063 Great North Rd, New Lynn on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10.30am

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Good Morning. Welcome to all Members and Visitors.

Diary Notes

Meetings **Today** We have a speaker from **The Chip Packet Project**. This is an organisation where volunteers make useful things from stuff that would otherwise be thrown away.

Trip **13 March** Come with us on a trip north of the city.

We'll have a coffee stop at **King's Plant Barn** at **Silverdale** on the way up, then go to **Wenderholm** for a look through **Couldrey House**. After that Peter will drop us off in **Orewa** so you can find a cafe/restaurant to buy lunch. **Or**, you might like bring your lunch and eat it at the beach.

Cost \$35.00

The bus leaves the public carpark next to the Friendship Club Hall at **9.20**
and the Countdown bus stop at Lynnmall at **9.30**.

If you book for the outing and find you cannot make it, **you need to call Glenda**.

If you did not book but decide you would like to go, **you need to call Glenda**.

Her contact numbers are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Couldrey House was built in 1857 and is furnished in the Victorian/Edwardian style. It sits in Wenderholm Regional Park. People who have lived in the house include Robert Graham the founder of the nearby Waiwera Hot Springs complex, Major John Whitney the founder of the Colonial Ammunition Company and Mrs Annabella McKail Geddes a founding member of Plunket.

Wenderholm (the land) was sold to Auckland Council in 1965 and became Auckland's first Regional Park. It opened in December '65. The Couldrey family lived in the house until 1973 when it was taken over by the council. Notable visitors to the property were Queen Elizabeth and the actress Vivien Leigh.

2024 is a Leap Year.

Here are some things you may or may not know, about leap years.

We have them because although we say it that it takes 365 days (1 year) for the earth to orbit the sun, it actually takes 365 days **plus** 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. This is rounded up to 6 hours. So every four years one day (4x6hours) is added on to keep everything neat and tidy. The extra day is added on to February, so people born on 29 February only get to celebrate their true birth date every 4 years. It is estimated that at least **4 million** people worldwide are leap year babies.

And now for Dragons

2024 is the year of the dragon in the Chinese Calendar.

People born in the year of the dragon are said to be charismatic, intelligent, confident, powerful and naturally lucky and gifted. I guess that means the rest of us get the leftovers. If you were born in 1928, 1940, 1952,1964 you are a dragon.

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