Kia ora tatou ...

The Auckland branch of NZGS promotes the activities of geographers and the development of the discipline in the Auckland region. It has proven an effective platform for hosting and sponsoring public seminars and workshops, and talks by prominent local and international geographers; running competitions for schools; providing opportunities for young geographers to attend conferences; and for bringing geographers together to discuss issues of public and disciplinary concern. One initiative is to seek better links with professional geographers beyond the university and schools.

The Auckland activities include monthly Geography Dialogues with Wine. The Branch invites any members with ideas for activities to bring them forward for discussion and development. It also encourages new members to join. Membership of the New Zealand Geographical Society includes branch membership.

On Tuesday 18 September the Dialogues with Nick Lewis: Assembling Blue Economies

This Thursday 10th October the Auckland Branch is hosting the NZGS AGM at 4.30pm in Old Government House, University of Auckland.

The NZ Geographical Society’s newsletter can be found on http://www.nzgs.co.nz
Past copies of Geography Auckland’s newsletter can also be found in the (Branches) Auckland Branch section of http://www.nzgs.co.nz

What’s on?

MONTHLY GEOGRAPHY DIALOGUES WITH WINE

These meetings give a chance for Geographers to talk informally about their research.

The Auckland Branch invites you to attend the next meeting

Tuesday 22 October
University of Auckland
School of Environment
Building 302, Room 551
Ontology Lab
The Speakers will be Nick Lewis and Richard Le Heron
4.00pm to 5.30pm
Celebrate Geography, Get excited
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‘ASSEMBLING BLUE ECONOMIES’

Nick Lewis and Richard Le Heron

The oceans are increasingly being framed as a rich source of food and other resources. The discursive formation of the ‘blue economy’ has put the oceans firmly on policy and corporate agendas and they face a wave of rapid economisation. Multiple economic actors are seeking to assemble and enact new economies. This paper examines the assembling of a blue economy in New Zealand. It asks whether the moment presents an opportunity to assemble new biological economies that begin to define an ecologically benign and community focused future economy. What does the blue economy moment mean at a time of accelerating environmental change, the breakdown of democracy, and the search for new techno-fixes to growth crises? Does rethinking marine economy in assemblage terms offer opportunities to promote biological and community economies as alternative fixes and/or sustain them as pivotal resources for living well in the post-capitalist ruins? This paper argues that we have no choice but to do economy differently, which at the very least invites rethinking it and acting in advance of collapse.