

Auckland Unitarian Church Services Auction 2022

Email Auction: Monday 28 November- Friday 2 December

Live Auction: Saturday, 3 December, 4-6pm at the Church

Instructions

- Read over this catalogue and decide which item(s) you want to bid on.
- Place your first bid(s) for one or more items by emailing Mary Mason at marymillermason@hotmail.com by 7:00 pm Tuesday 29 November. The amount of the starting bid is stated alongside each item.
- Please include in your email to Mary:
 - The item name(s) and number(s) for which you are placing your bid(s)
 - The amount of your bid(s).
- Mary will tally all of the bids after 7 pm Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, she will send out a follow-up email showing all of the bids thus far and inviting further bids by 7 pm that same day. Mary will continue this process on Thursday and Friday, with final bids to be submitted to her by 9 pm on Friday 2 December.
- Five LIVE auction items are located on the last pages of this catalogue. They will be auctioned live at the Church on Saturday, 3 December
- If you have any questions about this year's auction, please do not hesitate to get in touch with:

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CATALOGUE

1. Intro to Cocktails 2.0 on Sunday 12 February at 4:30pm - (Ted Zorn) 4 spaces available, bids starting at \$40pp

Back by popular demand and better than ever! Ted is offering a short course in how to make delicious and fun cocktails to impress your friends and family...and especially your own palate. Without sugary mixers or outrageously expensive (and unnecessary) ingredients, Ted will teach you to make a range of well-known classics (eg, martinis, margaritas and mojitos); lesser-known classics (eg, the Side car, the Last Word, and the Bijou); as well as how to come up with your own tasty innovations. The course will involve first asking you some preliminary questions about your goals, resources (ie, what's already in your liquor cabinet and kitchen and what might be added if necessary) and taste preferences, and then offering a customised course of approximately 2 hours. (Ted can also show you how to make your own infusions – ie, flavouring vodka or gin with your favourite fruits or herbs).

The course will take place at the home of Betsy and Leigh Marshall (65 Kelvin Road, Remuera) on **Sunday 12 February starting at 4.30 pm**. As the event host, Betsy will be offering some accompanying hors d'oeuvres. If desired, she also will be available to provide transport to and from her home to those living on the city side of the bridge or from/to the ferry to those living on the Shore for an additional \$25 per trip donation to the church.

We'll focus on the key tools needed (and "hacks" that you can use if you don't want to buy more stuff), key ingredients to have on hand (beyond the obvious), how to make some of my personal favourites, how to enhance the presentation of your drinks (eg, garnishes and glass choices), and how you might organise your notes so that you can recreate new discoveries and variations on your favourites. Ted will bring along some special ingredients so you can try some things that you might want to consider. And we'll try a few "mini" cocktails to test and possibly expand your tastes (but small enough to still allow you to drive home if you want!)



Course offered by Master Boozer Dr N E Briate, PhD (Dipsology), MSc (Spirits of Life), BS (lots of it). (aka Ted Z).

Disclaimer from Ted: *I'm not actually qualified in any way, just someone who likes to experiment and keep lots of notes, and I have my biases (eg, I love sours, enjoy dry drinks like martinis, and don't particularly like creamy, very bitter [eg, Negroni] or overly sweet drinks). I'll try to be adaptable to different tastes, though. Regardless, we'll have fun experimenting and learning together! Bottoms up! Proost! Salute! Skål!*

3. One-way Airport Ride – (Mary Mason) Starting bid \$50

One-way trip to/from Auckland Airport. Mary has a 7-seater vehicle so can take several people and all their luggage. To be arranged at a mutually agreeable time, but it will never be too early or too late by her standards (I have raised two very social teenage daughters.) Open to making this a round-trip offer if you're willing to pay double!

5. Cheesecake of your Choice Delivered (Tess Brothersen)

Starting bid is \$35.

A quick GOOGLE shows the most popular cheesecake flavours include strawberry, pumpkin, chocolate, turtle, blueberry and cookies & cream. What's your favourite? You name it and Tess will bake it and deliver it to you within the Auckland area.



*Whipped cream not included.

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6. Guided Walk of Auckland Domain on Saturday 11 February 2023

(Shirin Caldwell) 8 spaces available with bids starting at \$25pp.

Uncovering some ancient stories of Pukekawa/Auckland Domain.

A guided walk

Offered by Shirin Caldwell.



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Shirin offers a new walk based on the intriguing new book: ***Shifting Ground by Lucy Mackintosh***

Lucy is a curator at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Her book illuminates the many layered stories of Tamaki Makaurā and the inescapable legacies of empire and colonialism. "*Vibrations of a deeper time are important for understanding our long and multiple pasts that have led us to the present,*" writes Lucy.

From the ancient stirrings of Matuaaho, the god of volcanic forces, 'a living breathing ancestor of Māori,' habitation by pre-European Māori, to our early colonial Pakeha history of the domain, come walk with me and hear a little of:

- The volcanic cone of Pukekawa/Auckland Domain
- The less visible places that tell larger more complex stories about Auckland's past
- Our Domain, from ferns and wetlands, to pasture, crops, playing grounds and public park
- Potatau Te Wherowhero paramount chief of Waikato, had a house built for him by Government forces in the Domain. Te Wherowhero invited renowned Ngāti Toa chief Te Rauparaha to live with him there in 1847 after he was released from government custody.

- And...more.

When: Saturday February 11th 2023 from 0930 to 11am.

Meet at Wintergarden Café above the Duck Pond in The Domain; Finish with coffee at the Museum.

7. 4 hours of expert builder services (Hamish Mackenzie)

Starting bid is \$200; market value is \$300

Church member and expert builder Hamish is offering 4 hours of his professional services. Hamish owns and operates Villafixation, a company that specialises in small carpentry jobs on villas and bungalows. Hamish can do repairs & renovations to maintain the fantastic character of these beautiful homes. He delivers a reliable and expert service for your important home maintenance repairs and renovations.

8.Iberian Brunch (Traditional Cuisine from Portugal and Spain) on

Saturday 10 December -- (Viv Allen and Jos Vroegop) 6 spaces available with bids starting at \$30pp



Come and enjoy a summer brunch with food from the Iberian peninsula, including traditional dishes such as:

- Tortilla – potato cake
- Gazpacho – chilled tomato soup–a secret recipe from Viv’s Spanish teacher in Barcelona
- Portuguese custard tarts
- Savoury platter of traditional ham, cheese and olives.

Rain or shine at the home of Viv and Jos at 18 Gwilliam Place, Freemans Bay at 10am on Saturday 10 December

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Portuguese Custard Tarts (Viv Allen) bids starting at \$35



12 x delicious warm Portuguese tarts (Pastéis de Nata) delivered to your door on a mutually agreeable date via Viv and her EV - so not only scrumptious but also environmentally friendly. These delicacies will be ready to eat and share with your family and friends. If you've never been to Portugal these will transport you there. It is one of Portugal's great culinary gifts to the world and one of the greatest pastries to binge on: crisp, flaky pastry holding a creamy custard centre, blistered on top from the high heat of an oven.

10. Personal Shopper for the UU Little Food Pantry (Anne Goodfellow)

2 spaces starting at \$25 per person

Are you always meaning to bring in items for the church's Little Food Pantry but don't quite ever remember to make it happen? Tired of carrying all the groceries in on a Sunday morning? Help is at hand and its name is Anne. With your guidance, Anne will select and purchase the items and then stock them in the pantry. You can even choose the month if you'd like. Anne is willing to do this for 2 different bidders, so the top 2 bidders win.

11. A morning of antique silver cleaning at the church - (Jenny Boyd and Alexandra Bruce) Starting price \$40

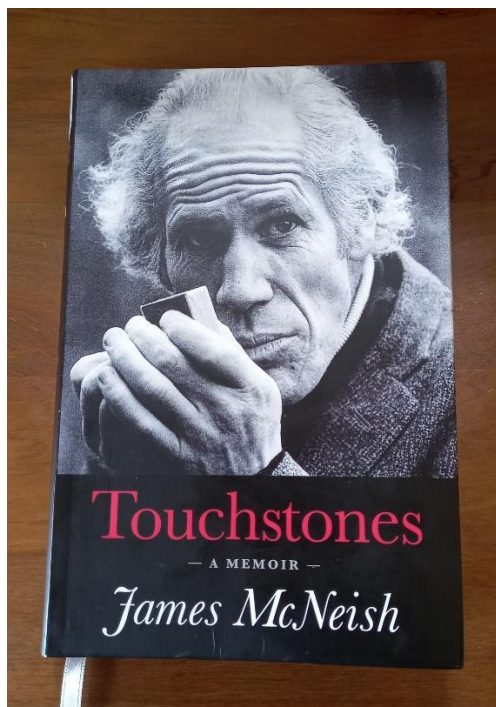
Do you have some beautiful but tarnished pieces of silver from your grandmother that you are embarrassed to display at home? Worry not! We will have them shining like new at our 'antique silver cleaning working bee' at the church. You bring it, we clean it. To be done on a mutually agreeable date.



12. Book: *Touchstones, A Memoir by Sir James McNeish* -- (Corinne Henrikson) Blind Bids at the live auction at church on Saturday

When he died in 2016, Sir James McNeish's obituary said: "Sir James McNeish was a prolific journalist, broadcaster, novelist, playwright and biographer whose diverse work matched his adventurous life. From helping an anti-mafia campaigner in 1960s Sicily, to reimagining the life and death of the champion New Zealand runner Jack Lovelock, to coolly appraising the Bain family murders, McNeish devoted himself to a wide and vital range of subjects. Like many of the writers and artists of his era, he had an ambivalent relationship to New Zealand, leaving often, sometimes wondering why he had returned, and always possessing something of the outsider's status. The distinction was reinforced by his striking appearance: McNeish had a mane of shoulder-length hair, and a long face that one fellow writer described as belonging on a "Renaissance prince". But he believed passionately in his craft, and left a body of work unusual in New Zealand writing. He came to believe, he wrote in his 2012 memoir *Touchstones*, "that writing is not something one does for amusement or even primarily for a living; that a book is not a toy or a plaything but rather something that can become a motive force or an instrument for action."

This book is McNeish's own account of his life ... his memoir published in 2012. Other books by McNeish include *Mackenzie, 1895*, *The Glass Zoo*, *As for the Godwits*, *Art of the Pacific*, *Belonging*, *Lovelock*, *My Name is Paradiso*, *Dance of the Peacocks*, and *The Sixth Man*.



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13. Hot What Buns with Rachel and Clay on Good Friday 2023 (7 April),

(Rachel Mackintosh and Clay Nelson) 8 spaces starting at \$20 per person

Come at 11:00 am on Good Friday for morning tea (or coffee), Rachel's famous Hot What Buns fresh-from-the-oven and other goodies. There may even be a mystery activity to keep you entertained or you may just enjoy the view from our deck and the company of fine people.

You might have had these hot what(?) buns sometimes in church on Easter Sunday, but you've never had them fresh from the oven

Yummmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm and theologically appropriate too!



14. Fabric Art (Audrey Moss and Mark Werman) By negotiation

This striking and versatile piece of art was created by a New York artist in the early 1980s. It is comprised of cream/off-white raw silk with a range of red silk colours where the material is parted. The size is 79.5cm (31 3/8 inches) x 79cm (31 1/8 inches) - basically a square - and can be hung 2 different. The piece is signed by the artist.

Please direct expressions of interest to purchase this artwork to Audrey and Mark, who can arrange a viewing and discuss pricing. Proceeds will go to the church.



15. Christmas Cake (Karn Cleary) – starting bid at \$30

An Auckland Unitarian Christmas tradition, this delicious cake has featured in every AUU Service Auction ever held. Ingredients of this 20cm square confection are: butter, sugar, eggs, flour, baking powder, spices, jumbo raisins, sultanas, green & red glace cherries, mixed peel, and pecans.



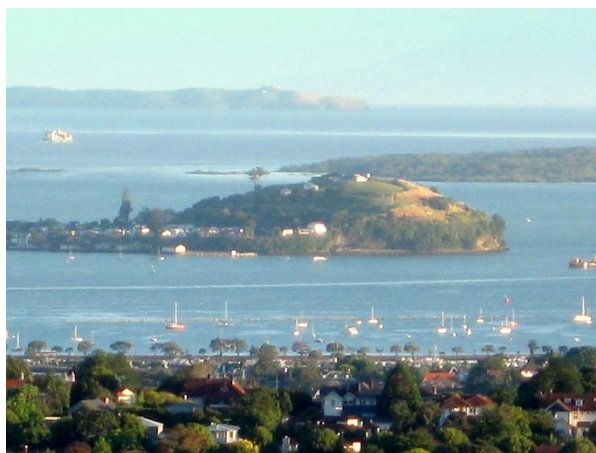
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16. Walk on the Historic North Head in Devonport on 5 March 2023 –

(Gary and Brenda Bendall) unlimited spaces available at set price \$20 per person

Come and join Gary and Brenda at 10:30am on 5 March for a walk around the Historic North Head (Maungauika) in Devonport and enjoy panoramic views of the Hauraki Gulf and Waitemata Harbour. Bring your torch and explore the tunnels, learn about the history (*and the tunnel secrets!*).

Nibbles = to enjoy on the walk will be provided, and those who wish may purchase your own lunch at the Torpedo Bay Café at the end of the walk.



The walk is a combination of paths, level grass areas and a few short steepish climbs, so good walking shoes or runners and a moderate level of fitness are necessary. Please pack your sunhats, sunscreen and water, and we look forward to exploring the maunga with you!

Alternative rain date is 12 March 2023.

17. Coastal Tidal Walk – Narrow Neck to Cheltenham on Saturday 21st

January – (Gary and Brenda Bendall) unlimited spaces available at set price \$20 per person

This is one of Gary and Brenda's favorite walks in the Narrow Neck / Devonport area, and they'd love you to join them! The walk starts at their place, 24a Niccol Avenue, Devonport (plenty of on-street parking) and walk around the foreshore and rocks from Narrow Neck Beach to Cheltenham Beach. Returning on the many paths and back-streets in the area, you will finish back at their place for a refreshing afternoon tea which they will provide.



Please bring your sunhats, sunscreen and plenty of water. There is a wonderful milk bar at Cheltenham for an ice-cream stop if you wish! Please bring your togs, for those who don't want to miss the opportunity for a quick swim afterwards.

(Alternative rain date: Sunday 19 February)

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18. Waiheke Island Summer Excursion Package for up to

5 people (Richard and Leslie Hamilton) – bidding starts at \$200 for the package (that's only \$40pp)

The package price includes the following for one group of up to 5 people: Arrival and departure transfers from the Waiheke ferry dock, followed by your choice of activities ... maybe tramping, olive oil tasting, swimming, art galleries and/or an island tour. Transport, tour guide and bar-b-que with wine on the island is included. Good opportunity to celebrate an occasion or just have a fun time with a group of friends. The excursion will be held on a mutually agreeable date.

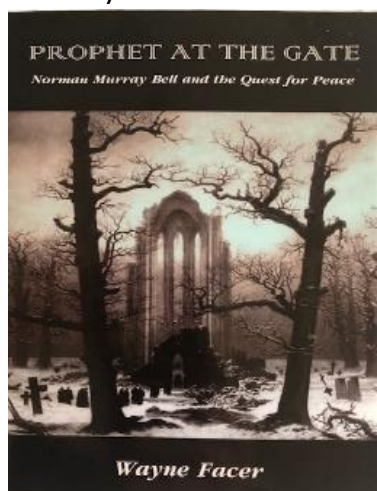
Note: Transport on the ferry from Auckland to Waiheke and return are not included

19. Team Games Night at the Church (Kay Parish) – unlimited spaces available at set price \$10 per person or \$25 per family

Kay will organise a fun evening of games at the church on a mutually agreeable Saturday night in February 2023. One example is a great word game that's a combination of Taboo, Pictionary and Charades. The event will be suitable for all ages. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

20. Book: Prophet at the Gate. Norman Murray Bell and the Quest for Peace by Wayne Facer (Wayne Facer) – blind bids at the live auction at church

When the army called Norman Murry Bell in 1917, he flatly refused and was imprisoned for two years with hard labour. As one of New Zealand's 2,320 military defaulters from WWI, his civil rights were curtailed for 10 years.



Donated by its author and long-serving member of our Church, Wayne Facer, this fascinating biography published in 2021 details Bell's peace activities as well as his leadership in the Unitarian Church. Upon reading this book, Sir Lloyd

Geering said that "Norman Murray Bell deserves to have his life recorded" and he had "enjoyed reading it and seeing the grand collection of photos".

22. Kylie's Homemade Kimchi (Kylie Chye) starting bid \$30 for 1 kg

1 KG Kimchi – try saying it fast three times! If you enjoy Korean cuisine, you'd like this offering. Kylie recommends this to be best served as a side dish or even as a soup. (Kimchi/tofu soup with stock). Pick up from Kylie's house in Northcote or she will deliver in the Auckland area.

24. Men's leather jacket – your choice for one out of 5 on offer! - (David Fougere) starting bid \$20

A friend had an unusual neighbour who developed rapid onset dementia and had to move to a resthome. The good food there has meant he has put on a lot of weight!

Unknown to my friend, this neighbour was a bit of a hoarder, or you might say long-term planner. He had 6 beautiful men's leather jackets, 5 of which are now up for auction! Now too small for the owner. Photos below. (Some may remember I offered 6 of these last year and one sold -- that's why there are 5 this year!)

They are all in good condition. Probably bought from op shops, but most showing very little sign of use. They fit me well (very average good Kiwi bloke size, M, maybe slightly skinny) – though one is a bit tight!

Take your pick! Just one up for sale at this auction. If you're the winner I'll bring them all to your place (in Auckland) and you can try them all on. No obligation to choose any particular one to bid on! You'll get the "best of the 5" when you actually see them all!

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25. That boat ride ... again (!) – (David Fougere) Bids start at \$70

With the blessings of several people who've won this top-selling auction item in the past but are still waiting on their boat ride (think Covid and two summers of La Niña dodgy weather), I'm delighted even so to be able to offer a boat ride at this auction too.

Along with many "satisfied customers" from the church I've greatly enjoyed these boat rides over many years of these auctions.

Try this for an over-the-top presentation/rave-up: Imagine yourself cruising around the Hauraki Gulf, one of the best boating harbours in the world, in your own boat for the afternoon, crew at your beck and call. Lunch provided, a lovely summery sunny calm day (it had better be, since the boat is tiny and you could get very wet from spray in waves of any size!).

Also needs to be warm since it has no windscreen. Oh that lovely feeling of the wind blowing through your hair. (Aka, no luxuries such as a windscreen.)

Just you and someone you love, apart from your friendly crew (sorry, not good for more than about 3 adults, 4 at a stretch, crew included), though an extra little or two could be OK. Or you could opt for several more people and simply go rather slowly, taunting the Plimsol line (not that this boat has one of course).

Depending on weather we could get adventurous and head to Rangitoto and/or Brown's Island, or up one of the many lovely small waterways (great if your environmental streak goads you into loving mangroves). Lucas Creek (all the way up to Albany, following the historic route of NZ's first ever exports - apples to the UK), or up past Greenhithe and Herald Island to Sunday afternoon jazz at Riverhead. There are many options: if we got lucky, even lunch with the penguins off the end of the Whangaparaoa. Fishing a possibility too (but be warned, your host almost never catches anything!)

Or if you're really adventurous (and either a child or of rather Gandhi like proportions) this little boat could even take you and family water-skiing (one at a time only though).

A half-day cruise with a difference. Fully post-modern, yet to be created by the participants. Fullers could never compete with this.

Be my guest! Wholesome lunch provided if we run over lunch time, hearty snacks and drinks if we do just a morning or afternoon.

Best done sometime before the summer runs out, likely dates February to May next year, very weather and tide dependent, could be also dependent on satisfying already paid-up auction winners first!

Life insurance not included. All care, no responsibility. Swimmers preferred just in case. Experienced skipper with modest Coast Guard training. Not too bad at dodging rocks. Has seen dolphins, a whale and huge sting rays from this boat on rare occasions. Many sea birds too. And on a trip from one Unitarian service auction we saw seals on the north side of Rangitoto.

Passengers with an inclination to being litigious not accepted. Anything could happen here! Lifejackets **are** provided though. Moderately full gamut of safety equipment on board including marine radio, flares, fire extinguisher, anchor, GPS, depth sounder, and "alternative means of propulsion" (oars – these could be for you!)

Starting bid (covers as many as you choose to cram into this little boat) \$70.

Sorry, this is the only picture I have. It does float though:



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26. Enjoy a telescope for most of next year! -- (David Fougere) Bids starting at \$40



Overwhelmed by an urge to commune more deeply with nature and the cosmos, David bought this a while ago. However you can only commune deeply for so long before it gets a bit boring. So he has come to think of this as "Fougere's folly" – more about overwhelm by consumerism. Do I really need this thing?

Help ease my angst about rank consumerism by enjoying it for several months next year (approx February to November inclusive). It might even save you from the same folly.

It's WONDERFUL to lie there and look at the details on the face of a full moon, the phenomenal number of stars you can't see with the naked eye on a clear night, a distant island, or roosting birds. For a while ... !

Magnification up to X60. Great for inspiring kids too, but does need to be handled carefully (moderately vulnerable to shock). Comes with a full sized and separate smaller table-top tripod. You can also take photos through it.

Ethically David has to ask you don't turn this on your neighbours!

35. Two Session of Habit-Coaching -- (Dr. Rebecca Stafford) Bids starting at \$100

2 x habit coaching sessions with Dr Rebecca Stafford, our guest speaker at church on Sunday 27 November. Rebecca helps with a range of habits, including exercise and emotional eating habits. But she also helps with mental habits of stress, anxiety and procrastination (yes, they are habits, and habits can be broken!). Retail price = \$350 per 90-minute online session.

Here's a few testimonials and, if interested in bidding, please check out Rebecca's testimonials page to help assess if you would work well together ... <https://rebecca-stafford.org/testimonials/>

KRISS JUDD, [WORDSLINGER-AT-LARGE](#), KENTUCKY, USA

"Hi Rebecca! Wanted to let you know about my victory after our procrastination-busting coaching session — late Thursday last week I was assigned ten articles to write, due a week later on the following Thursday (i.e. tomorrow). I finished the last one before noon Monday!!!"

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MIRIAM THIEL, [BUSINESS & PARENTING COACH](#), ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

"Rebecca is a warm and skilled coach, and I loved working with her. As a coach myself I tend to be skeptical because many coaches don't touch what is going on at the roots of a problem but she did it very skillfully and quickly without being insensitive!"

"I struggle with an eating habit which I know if I'd just let that habit go, I'd stop gaining weight. But letting go of habits isn't always that easy. Rebecca unlayered in just one session what's really going on, and took away the shame I feel for not just breaking this habit that is bothering me and causing me trouble. She knew the exact questions to ask to go deeper without being pushy or untactful. She connected dots I was missing and gave me helpful tips. I would highly recommend her to anyone and would work with her anytime again!"

TERESA AHERNE, AUCKLAND, NZ

"I've tried everything over the years to stop smoking, and then, a month ago, Rebecca fixed my brain (well, the part that wants to smoke) in 10 minutes. I haven't smoked since."

36. Online Singing Lesson – (Sally Mabelle) starting bid \$50

Sally has spent the last 25+ years developing her SAMA activation method of voice coaching...helping people to express their authentic voice, presence, awareness, intuition, and emotional/spiritual connection. Combining her professional background in singing and dancing, communication, education, psychology, meditation, acting, and intercultural song and chant, she helps people step up, speak up, and sing out.

Benefits of voice work include:

1. More joy and fun in self-expression
2. Become a better communicator...be more aware of how you say what you say and your impact on others.
3. Learn about the connection between your voice and expressing your life's gifts.
4. Become more aware of which parts of your voice are unexpressed and undeveloped and which parts are alive and well.
5. become a better listener...focusing not just on people's words...but on what's underneath their words.

Testimonial from singing group clients:

"We found Sally online and thought we'd send a guinea pig to check her out. Sally nailed everything on the head. Even though she had never worked with a barbershop quartet before, everything she was saying was completely in line with our art form. Sally worked on vocal production, the theatrical aspect of our performance and the believability. She

provided multiple tools to get the results...and boy did she as we took out title of Champion Quartet in a very competitive arena. She was exactly what we needed to find that unit approach to our quartet. Thank you!" Jocosa Bruce, Sweet Adelines New Zealand

Sally began her voice and life coaching practice, in Boulder, Colorado in the early 90's. Since then, she has sung and led holistic singing and movement workshops in the Pacific on Maui, Kauai, and Fiji, and Aotearoa New Zealand as well as in Philadelphia and Baltimore, England and India.

Through the years, her focus has shifted from the physical vocal and movement techniques to a more emotional and energetic healing and expression through voice and movement, inspired by Rudolf Steiner's Eurythmy and the Werbeck singing approach and her time studying Alexander Technique, mantric and raga-singing in India and hula dancing in Hawaii.

What Sally offers: She is available to support developing leaders as a mentor in person or online, and can support you in finding and strengthening both your singing voice and 'voice of leadership'.

She can support you with basic guitar chords, strums, and finger-picking techniques to support your singing if you want to accompany yourself.

Sally's website for businesses wanting professional development coaching for their leaders and teams is www.sallymabelle.com

Phone +64 (0)21 0222 8782 or email sallymabelle@gmail.com

Teaching Info: During your coaching session, you can expect to enter a fun, nurturing environment, where you will be given specific, easy to learn singing and movement exercises to empower your most natural voice and expressiveness. Sally uses simple songs with natural movement to free your breathing, improve your tone, rhythm, and expressive qualities.

She works with simple songs and rounds, pop, folk, and world music chants and rounds which best facilitate a natural style of singing and self-expression.

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37. "MINDSET CHANGE" Session using PSYCH-K and Emotion Code –

(Janet Thomson, aka David Fougere's wife) bids starting at \$60

Change your subconscious negative limiting thoughts and behaviours into something spontaneously more positive and life-enhancing with a one-hour Mindset Change session. Janet has extensive training (in NZ and Australia) in the use of these modalities for personal change and has been helping and working with others as a PSYCH-K facilitator since 2006. Retail price \$80-\$100

FOUGERE'S MARKETPLACE

A Variety of Items offered by a colleague of David's with all proceeds going to the church. David will deliver the items in the Auckland area for no extra charge!

28. Pair of arm chairs with matching foot stool – bids starting at \$10

The style is "Stressless", though not that exact brand. Vinyl but reasonable imitation of leather. The backs have adjustable tilts. Could use a brush over with vinyl restorer.

Small tear in left armrest of one chair (see blow-up image). May be fixable with some deft superglueing.



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29. Folding massage table/bed – bids starting at \$10

Excellent condition. Fully lockable legs so very secure once erected. Also has a light towelling cover (shown in one of the pics).



30. Trout fishing waders – petite women's size – bids starting at \$10

Full suit with gumboots and shoulder straps. Women's foot size 6, 5 feet tall.

Chap who made them said it's the smallest he'd ever made. Good condition, no leaks.



31. Mirror in wooden frame (quite heavy!) – bids starting at \$10

Has chains so can be hung horizontally or vertically.



32. Cane Armchair– bids starting at \$10

Good/excellent condition, well sprung, very comfortable.



33. TV Trolley – Bids starting at \$10



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33. Folding single bed, king size -- bids starting at \$20

Excellent condition, comfortable. Dense foam mattress, 8mm thick.



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LIVE Auction Items

2. Customised Volcano Visit with a Volcanologist (Kate Lewis) Bids starting at \$100 for a group of 6 people

This tour package is for one group of family/friends of up to 6 people

Suggested date is Saturday, 4 March with a rain date 11 or 18 March. One winner. Bids start at \$100 for the group of 6.

Your group will be able to customise your tour to suit your interests and learn about the Auckland Volcanic Field with professional volcanologist Kate Lewis. How many volcanoes are in Auckland and how old are they? Will the volcano in your neighbourhood erupt again? How much warning will we have before another volcano pops up in Auckland? Find out the answers to these questions and more on a customised volcano adventure.

Kate is a volcanologist who has been teaching about volcanoes and other natural hazards and leading tours of Auckland's volcanoes for >10 years. She specialises in science communication, translating scientific concepts and language for non-specialists.



Auckland and the North Shore from Rangitoto. How many volcanoes can you see?

The winner of this auction item can choose for their group either of the following options:

1. A day-trip to Rangitoto

We will walk to the summit, talk about volcanoes and lava, volcanic history and human history of the island, which could be about 4 hours long. If you choose a longer trip (5 or 6 hours) we will go through lava caves, explore a little more, and have some extra time to look at the historic baches near the wharf.

People need to be relatively fit for this trip; it's about an hour uphill to the summit on a rocky, uneven track. We can go slowly, but you need to be able to keep solid footing up an occasionally steep slope and walk up stairs at the summit. Kate admits to stopping frequently to give little talks, so there will be a

series of breaks to drink water and have a snack. It can be hot and/or it can rain, although we will reschedule if the weather looks too bad. You would need to purchase your own ferry tickets.

2. A visit to a volcano of your choice in Auckland by car and foot. For example, Pupuke Volcano in Takapuna, which includes a fossil lava tree forest. Or Mt Eden for an overview of Auckland's volcanoes. Or a trip to Devonport to climb Mt Victoria and North Head. This choice would involve driving and then getting out of the car to wander around. There will be some walking but it is more accessible than Rangitoto. This trip is a half day, up to 4 hours depending on where we go. Kate will meet you there.

For both of the above options, Kate will provide the expertise. You and your group of up to five others will need to provide your own transportation as well as your own snacks and drinks. Either option is weather dependent and rescheduled if the weather forecast is too bad.

4. Chocolate Guinness Cake Delivered to You -- (Nina Khouri)

Starting bid is \$35.

Following in the footsteps of the UK's Domestic Goddess Nigella Lawson, AUU's own cake baker Nina Khouri will prepare and deliver for you Nigella's famous Chocolate Guinness Cake. Here is Nigella's description of the confection: "This cake is magnificent in its damp blackness. I can't say that you can absolutely taste the stout in it, but there is certainly a resonant, ferrous tang ... it has a cream cheese frosting to echo the pale head that sits on top of a glass of stout."



21. Kylie's Lemon Ginger Kombucha (Kylie Chye) starting bid \$30 for 6-pack

Kombucha brewer Kylie is offering 6 x 750ml bottles of her special lemon ginger blend. It will be great for summer picnics and even better with gin (for those who imbibe). Please enjoy them chilled or with ice. Pick up from Kylie's house in Northcote or she will deliver in the Auckland area.

23. VIP tickets for two to a 2023 Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra

Concert – (David Fougere) starting bid \$120 for the package for 2 people
David's company (Phoenix Research) provides research services to the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra (APO), which is how he is able to offer these 2 VIP tickets. Your choice of (almost) any concert next year – though of course totally Covid-dependant.

If you opt for a Town Hall "main stage" concert, you get tickets in the balcony, a fabulous place for a spectacular view and appreciation of the orchestra (including all those instruments at the back that you can barely see from the stalls!) Plus you'll benefit from the special hosting for VIPs in the Town Hall Balcony area, with a glass of wine before the concert and further refreshments at interval. Here's how the APO describes the VIP package on their website:

- "Premium reserve concert seats
- Pre-concert and interval refreshments, including a selection of Villa Maria wines and platters by Dawsons
- Hosting in the APO's VIP hosting area with other VIP guests
- Complimentary concert programmes for each guest
- Price: \$140 per person + GST"

Tonight's auction winner gets a copy of the 2023 APO Season Brochure, to drool over and think about which concert you'd like to come to. David will post a copy to the winner.

For the full list of upcoming APO concerts and events see:

<http://apo.co.nz/concert-events>

27. Choose a Sermon Topic (Clay Nelson) Bids from \$30

Always a popular item at the church auction ... Choose a sermon topic for Clay to preach on in the next year.

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BLIND BIDS

Name your price during
the online auction or at
the live auction at the
church on Saturday

***"Touchstones" Book/
McNeish Memoir**

***"Prophet at the Gate"
Book by Wayne Facer**

SET PRICE
NO LIMIT ON NUMBERS
sign up
in the email auction or
at church on Saturday

***Gary and Brenda's Walk
at North Head**

***Gary and Brenda's
Coastal Tidal Walk**

***Kay's Games Night**

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