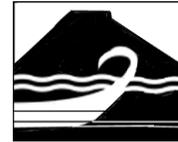




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# NEWSLETTER

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# U3A

## Newsletter

# is now on line!

By now, all of you should be fully aware that U3A Tauranga has started to publish our monthly newsletter on-line instead of posting it out to individual members. November 2012 is the first edition done this way.

If you gave us your email address when you joined, you will simply click your mouse on the attachment (magic wands are optional and extra) and it will appear. So, if you are reading this on your computer now, then you've found the magic word, or I should say, correctly clicked on it to access it.

Print the newsletter as a hard copy if you prefer, make a cup of tea, and read it at your leisure. Alternatively, you can read it on our new website, <http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz> . Some of you haven't got a computer, or still want to receive it through the mail, so we will continue to post it to you as usual.

It is a big change for us and we hope we can make the changeover seamlessly and without any hiccups.

## **NEW WEBSITE**

We have a new website, located at <http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz> . Not much has changed; it has all the things you are used to seeing on it, also a few more.

Hopefully you will find the new one just as useful and informative as the previous one. It has the advantage of being 'user friendly' - group co-ordinators and others can enter their own information directly without having to go through a third party.

We are most grateful to Alan Freer and Betty Clethero for the excellent work they have done in keeping the previous website going for so long. Over the years, Alan particularly, has spent countless hours working on the website, with Betty's aid, and they must be given a huge thank you from us all.

Cheers, Don.

## Santé—Cheers from the French for Travellers Group

The French for Travellers course ran for ten weeks and in that time we learnt the basics of everything we needed to know to get around France: buying a plane ticket, sorting out accommodation; asking directions and finding our way around; shopping, eating and drinking, to name a few.

The course was run by Sue Rawson, a U3A member, and she made it so much fun! No one felt awkward or embarrassed when trying to get the pronunciation correct. We role played and had conversations which produced some hilarious moments. At the end of each two hour session we finished with a song relevant to that week's lesson.



As you can see from the photograph the group ended its ten week course with nibbles, wine and a sing-song in French, of course. Thank you to Cyn and Tom Fielding for inviting us to their home for this 'end of course' get-together.'

## Ethnic Dining

One of the more popular groups this year has been Ethnic Dining. It meets the need for members to socialize and try different ethnic foods at restaurants around Tauranga.

A convener was appointed and this group began to meet in February 2011. This group has been meeting regularly for nearly two years now, and close friendships have developed.



Ethnic Dining group 1, Marion, Joy, Thelma, Margaret and Lyn are at the front table and the rest of the group are at the table behind.

In this group, over the course of the meal every one changes seats so they meet up with each other.

U3A now has four active Ethnic Dining groups meeting once a month and there are spaces in the groups that meet on a Friday or Tuesday.

To enable members to meet without going out at night, a luncheon group has started.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, maybe in the New Year, give Vivienne a call - Ph 579 1148.

## GROUP NEWS

### Group Coordinators

Groups A-F Vivienne Ph: 579

1148Groups G-Z Jean Ph: 579 1918

The following group is new so is not in the 2012 Handbook.

### **Philosophy 3**

Convener: Irene Cameron

Phone: 574 1930

Meets: on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at members' homes.

Time: 1.30p.m to 3.30p.m.

This new group is going to be interesting as well as fun! At this early stage we are planning to discuss both individual philosophers and "general" topics, both decided by the group at each meeting. There are eight of us, and we feel we have room for several more participants so.....if you think you may be interested in joining us and able to contribute at our meetings, then please phone the convenor, you would be most welcome.....

### **Group in recess:**

Luncheon Group 1 which met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month is in recess and will be reviewed next year.

### **Other News**

**Bucket Group:** Janet Ormsby is taking names for the next course. Her phone number is 576 5008.

**Computer Support B:** Ken is stepping down as convener of this group, so a new convener will be needed next year. Thanks to Ken for leading this group which has retained full membership throughout the year.

**Cryptic Crosswords:** This group needs a new convener next year. Thanks to Shirley Bonthron who has led the group for the last three years. A new beginners group may be started. If you would like to join this group phone co-ordinator Vivienne .

**Currents Events B:** Jim Hughes, ph. 579 3057, has taken over as Convener for this group following the death of Judy Jones. who will be greatly missed.

**Discover It:** The emphasis of this group is for members to research and present any topic of their choice. No new members have joined the group this year and it is at risk of closing. For more information about joining, contact the convener Jane Kemp ph 576 1374.

**500 Cards:** Our very enthusiastic 500 Cards group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at Tauranga Citizens' Club, 13th Avenue, from 1-4pm. We play for fun and are a mixed group from beginners to experienced. If you would like to join us or come and give it a go, please contact Jill Nutsford on 5780930.

**French Conversation:** Ouida Rice is the new convener of this group, ph 579 1979. Thanks are extended to Marion Arts who has led the group up until now.

We have enough members now to start a **Spanish** group but need to find a tutor.

If you can help or know of anyone who could tutor Spanish at a basic level please contact co-ordinator Jean.

### **Suggestions for new groups**

**Art History:** we have a Convener for this group and three members who are interested. If you would like to join, phone co-ordinator Vivienne.

**Calligraphy** – from the Greek meaning ‘beautiful writing’ – If you are interested in this subject please contact co-ordinator Vivienne.

### **General Meeting - Friday, 16th November 2012**

This will be the last General Meeting of the year and will consist of a Groups’ Participation Event. An informative and fun meeting is expected.

There are now **77 active groups** but attendance numbers have dropped off for some groups because of illness, or members are overseas.

There are vacancies in many groups. Phone the convener of the group or the coordinator if you would like to join.

Check out the website for updated information under group news

[www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz](http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz)

### **New Members Meeting – Thursday, 29th November 2012**

There will be a **New Members** meeting on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the lounge at the Wesley Church, 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tauranga.

Ph Vivienne 579 1148 and

Jean Ph 579 1918

### **AGM**

The next AGM is on 15 February 2013, at 10 am at the Wesley church hall.

Nomination forms are included with this newsletter.

The U3A newsletter is now being put together by Beryl Crowther, who is very appreciative of the help given by all members of the Committee.  
Please do not contact the editor directly.  
Items for publication must be given to your *Group Co-ordinators*.

### **General Meetings**

Held on 3rd Friday of the month at 10.00am in the Wesley Church Hall,  
13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tauranga

**The next meeting will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

There will be no set speakers, as for this final meeting of the year we will be featuring group participation, with both static displays and performance items. We hope they will get you in a Christmas cheer mood!

### **Facts and Figures to Date**

Membership: 645

Groups: 77

The next newsletter is due in January 2013.

All contributions must be in before 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013, so please note material will not be accepted from groups after this date. Items need to be short, up to 200 words.

Editor: Beryl Crowther

NB: The editor advises that when necessary all members' written contributions will be edited.

Aim to be at the  
Annual General  
Meeting on 15  
February 2013,  
ready with your  
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