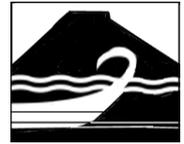




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Welcome to a great New Year!

Have you made your New Year resolutions yet?

Don't forget to include the firm resolution to meet up with friends at U3A on the 3rd Friday of every month!

We'll see you at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 15th February 2013, ready with your nominations for Committee Members.



Coordinators' notes for January 2013

Welcome to the New Year, from group coordinators Vivienne and Jean; we wish you all good health and happiness for 2013.

The 2013 Handbook has been printed and will be available after 2013 subscriptions are paid.

There are vacancies in many of the groups. Phone the convener of the group first to check if you are able to join, or if the group is full, to put your name on a wait list.

Group News – see the Handbook for a full list of Groups.

Apple Mac Support

This is a question and answer support group for members with Apple Mac computers and iPads.

All are welcome.

Convener: Betty Clethero, ph 544 2067

U3A Bucket Group

Next course begins 22nd February 2013, from 10.00 – 12.00 noon

If you are interested in building a casket, receiving a workbook for your next-of-kin, and taking part in interesting field trips, contact

Convener: Janet Ormsby, 07 576 5008. janet.L3@xtra.co.nz

Digital Photography Course for Beginners

Names are being taken for the first 3 week course of the year. Date to be advised

Phone Vivienne to join or to put your name on a list.

Digital Photo Enhancing

This is a good follow up from the beginner's course
Convener; Mary Goldfinch Phone 574 4000
Venue: Member's homes as arranged
Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month
Time: 9.45 – 11.45am

French 1

Tutor: Noelene Taylor
Convener: Louise Konings Ph 574 9489
Venue: Matua Bowling Club, Levers Road, Tauranga
Meetings: Every Thursday afternoon
Time: 1.30 – 3.00pm

French for Travellers

Learn phrases and language to improve your French, and have fun. A 10 week course.

Convener and Tutor: Susan Rawson Ph 572 2011
Venue: 22 Taupo Avenue, Arataki
Meetings: Wednesday 13th March 2013 for 10 weeks
Time: 1.30 to 3.30pm

Luncheon Group 2

Names are being taken for a new Luncheon Group. Contact Jean.

Genealogy 3

Names are being taken for a new Genealogy Group. Contact Jean.

History C

This year the group will be studying the history of China, and would welcome more members. This group meets in the Mount, Papamoa and Te Puke area

Convener: Judy Walsh Ph: 573 5579
Venue: Members' homes as arranged
Meetings: 2nd Friday of the month
Time: 10.00am – noon

Philosophy 3

Full and frank discussion topics are decided by the members.

Convener: Irene Cameron Ph: 574 1930

Venue: Members' homes as arranged

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Web Control Group

This will be a course for group members to learn how to manage a website and, when competent, navigate the U3A Tauranga website. If you are interested in learning how to manage a website and committing to this please contact either Don McMillan or Jean Garmonsway

Convener: Don McMillan Ph 579-4916

Venue: Members' homes as arranged

Meetings: Every Thursday morning

Time: 9.30am – noon

The first meeting of this group will be on Thursday, 21st February 2013 and thereafter weekly.

Check out the website for further updated information under Group News,
www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Nature Study Group

CAMP AT KAUAERANGA VALLEY

In early November, 17 members arrived at the DoC camp early afternoon. Many took advantage of the bush walk behind the camp lawn, then explored the beginning of the Wainora track to the Kauri.



A dinner of lasagna and trifle was much enjoyed in the evening, followed by a relaxing time of reading or playing games.

The following day, we all set off up the Wainora track where we found three species of native orchid. People did various distances of the walk and 9 intrepid trampers tackled the 735 steps at the top to see the big kauri.

On Thursday we went down to the Visitors' Centre and did short walks to a model kauri dam. The waters were released to let logs flow down the river. In the afternoon 8 people went rock hopping along a stream collecting rocks (some for the geology group), then about half of us went to the top of the road and crossed a long swing bridge to see the Billy Goat Falls in the distance.



Alas, on Friday we had to be up early and packing to be out of the camp by 9 am, but it was a great experience!

New Zealand Caregiver of the Year

At a recent awards ceremony at Mills Reef, Barbara Ollerton was awarded the 2012 NZ Caregiver of the Year. She was presented with a plaque, a personal letter and a lovely painted plate from the principal of the USA Omaha Nebraska head office. Barbara works for Home Instead in Tauranga. Another real achiever in our midst!



End – of – year General Meeting, 16 November 2012.

There was a big turn-out of members for this meeting, and they were treated to talks, song, dance and audio-visual items from various groups, as well as static displays and a Christmas themed morning tea.

One item in the static display was this beautiful wall-papered coffin made by Jillian Brown, convenor of the Bucket Group.



General Meetings

Held on 3rd Friday of the month at 9.00am in the Wesley Church Hall,
13th Avenue, Tauranga

Friday 15 February 2013

Speaker: Maurice O'Reilly, discussing his travel from China to London in a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Not to be missed!

Members Forum

The editors would like to reach more members. If you have something to comment on U3A Tauranga we ask for contributions of about 50 to 100 words. Printing will depend on available space in each newsletter.

Facts and Figures to Date

Membership as at 5/11/2012: 645
(Includes 5 life members)

Groups: 78

The next newsletter is due in March 2013. All contributions must be in before 31 February 2013, so please note we will not accept material about groups after this date. They need to be short, up to 200 words.

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