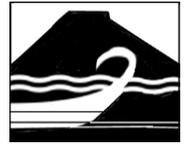




U3A Tauranga Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

## July 2013



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*Something to make you smile  
despite the winter!*

The rain, it raineth every day  
Upon the Just  
and Unjust fella.  
But more upon the Just,  
because  
The Unjust hath the Just's  
umbrella...



Bring your brolly to the meeting on  
Friday 19 July, at 10am, **at the Senior  
Citizens' Hall in Norris Street.**

## Coordinators' notes for July 2013

Check out the website for further updated information under Group News, [www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz](http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz)

### New Groups

**Luncheon Group 2** is now up and running. The Convener is Val Steedman, ph 574 5554. They will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month at 12.00 noon at venues decided by the group. The first meeting was held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at Grindz Café and it was a very lively, relaxed meeting with plenty of chatter and interaction between members.

**Philosophy 3** has begun and this group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month. The Convener is Judith Callow, and the group is based in the Tauranga/Western Bay areas. It has met a couple of times now and there has been much lively discussion.

This group is full and a wait list has been started for a Philosophy 4 group based in the Mount/Papamoa areas. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Jean.

### **Applied Metaphysics**

For people interested in the question of how we can apply key metaphysical concepts in our everyday lives – this is the focus of the group. Initially, group discussion will cover the ideas first outlined by Ernest Holmes in 'Science of Mind'.

Convener: Mike Trow, ph 574 5589  
Venue: Members' homes as arranged  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month  
Time: 10.00 am – 12 noon

### **Ambling Authors**

We aim to improve our skill in writing poetry, short stories and memoirs through interactive learning, encouragement and ambitious scribbling.

Convener: Jillian Brown ph: 576 5008  
Venue: 379b Ngatai Road, Otumoetai, Tauranga  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month  
Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Change of Convener for Metaphysics:** Ynys Douglas, ph 577 6042, will take over as Convener from Maggie Windsor Brown. Many thanks to Maggie for all your hard work in convening this group

**Wait Lists:** names are being taken for the following groups:

**Calligraphy** - to be held later in the year.

**Opera** – a second group, based in the Tauranga area.

**History of NZ** – last 1000 years

**Music** – Anything Goes 2

**New Writers.**

**Philosophy 4**, based at the Mount/Papamoa.

**The Hikers group** – this will probably meet on either Tuesdays or Thursdays

### **New group suggestions**

A suggestion for a group relating to **Motor Homes** has been put forward by a new member. If you have an interest in this please contact Jean.

A new type of **walking group** has been suggested for those members who would like to do easy walks of maybe just 1 or 2 hours duration. Please contact Jean if you are interested in this.

### **Current Group – further details**

#### **Classical Films Group**

Convener David Gordon, phone 544 4179.

Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 1.30pm to 4pm approximately.

(A *War Film & Documentary* is held on the preceding Thursday of the month).

**July 18:** La Vita Bella / Life is Beautiful (1997, 116 min., Roberto Benigni)

**August 15:** Ryan' Daughter (1970, 194 min., Robert Mitchum, Trevor Howard, Sarah Miles, John Mills, Leo McKern).

(Our mid-winter pot-luck, at 12:30 - bring a dish groaning with goodies!)

**September 19:** South Pacific ( 1958, 151 min., Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor, Juanita Hall).

## **Your chance to win fame and glory (well, a little bit!)**

The website has a gallery for photographs. If any member would like one of theirs displayed, they should email it to Alan Freer at [al.freer@ihug.co.nz](mailto:al.freer@ihug.co.nz) . Alan sets the standard for publishing members' photo contributions, and he will publish worthy items under 'Pics of the Month.'

## **The Bucket Group**

A meeting was held recently at Janet Ormsby's home for members of this group, who had completed their caskets. They have decided to meet monthly on a social level and not as part of U3A.

Paddy Knight, one of the members, summed it up nicely in her poem:

This group of friends from U3A  
Gathered together to find a way  
To continue friendships we had started  
As we screwed and glued our caskets.  
We opened up on many things -  
Our families, our praises now sing.

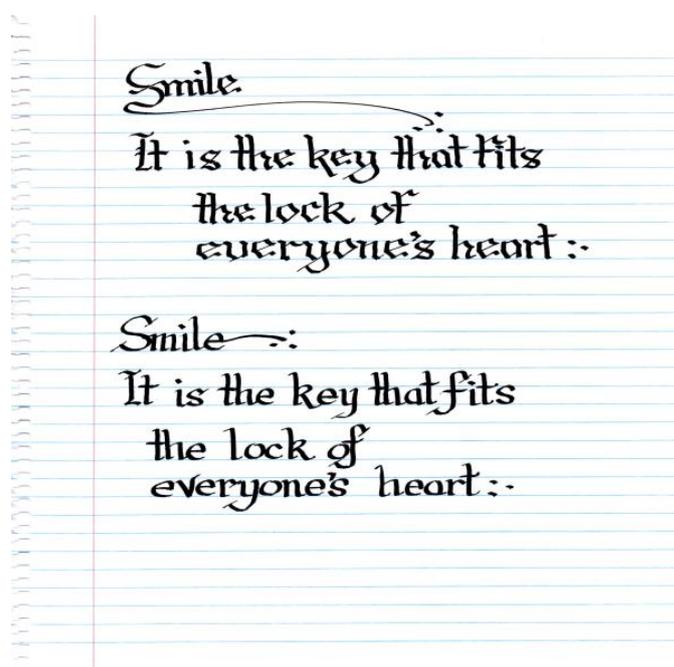
So we have formed a survivors group!.....



## Calligraphy

The first five week course tutored by Ray Craft has finished. Seven U3A members attended and learnt basic calligraphy skills. They included round hand, italic and gothic upper and lower case, and participants finished the course by learning about the addition of water colour to their work. Work sheets were provided and equipment previously purchased was used.

The aim of the course was for each participant to produce a quotation that could be put on display or be framed



Two examples of the script done by Jill Nutsford are shown above.

Gael Smart, a participant, expressed the group's view that they all felt they received value for money, and enjoyed studying with Ray, as well as acquiring a new hobby. His patient, encouraging and generous way of tutoring was much appreciated.

This group is going to continue to meet monthly to put their new-found talents towards scrapbooking, certificates, photo displays, Christmas cards and even a cook book.

The first meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30p.m. -3.30pm, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in August.

Names are being taken for another **Calligraphy Course** later in the year. Phone Vivienne 579 1148 to join this.

## **Vivienne and Jean at Otumoetai Probus Meeting**

Vivienne and Jean were invited by Don Sewell to speak about U3A at the Otumoetai Probus Group on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. Don is the tutor for the *Digital Photography for Beginners* course.

They began the talk by introducing themselves and saying why each had joined U3A. Jean also talked about the history and origins of U3A from its beginnings in France, where it is mostly associated with a local university, to the evolution of the organisation as we know it today.

They explained the democratic way that groups functioned; the important role of the Conveners as the administrators of the groups, and that new ideas and subjects are always welcome. At the end of the talk there were some questions which Viv and Jean did their best to answer!



## **General Meetings**

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

**Speaker for Friday 19 July 2013:** Jocelyn Mist is an Information Librarian, and will talk on different aspects of the library.

***Please note the different venue for this meeting.***

## **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 14/6/2013:  
(Includes 5 life members)

614

Groups:

80

**The next newsletter is due in September 2013.** All contributions must be in before 31 August 2013, so please note we will not accept material after this date. They need to be short, up to 200 words, and may be edited.

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Ken Rose took this photo of a Kereru at Maungatautari.

He entered it into a competition, and it was selected with eleven other entries to become part of The Maungatautari Trust's 2014 Calendar (the first one they have produced).