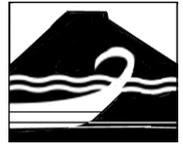




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# NEWSLETTER

## March 2013



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You don't have  
to be the  
Mad March Hare  
to enjoy  
a tea-party  
with your friends  
at the next  
Meeting of U3A  
on 15 March – see  
you there!

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## U3A Tauranga President's Report February 2013

Thank you to all who attended our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, and thank you for supporting our monthly meetings.

The committee decided this year not to have an aggressive approach in advertising for new members; however we still gained 112 new members.

We did a presentation to Green Park retirement village, and to Papamoa Probus. We will continue to do these presentations as requested. We also had a ½ page promotion in the *Golden Ages* magazine supplement of the Bay News. Our Membership now stands at 645 and we have 75 groups. In Groups A to F we had eight new groups that started during the year. In Groups G to Z we had six new groups that started during the year. For members wishing to join groups which are full, we keep our waiting lists up to date and are always ready to start new groups, whether for new subjects or additional groups to those that are full.

The item that took the most organising this year was our Questionnaire; this helped us understand what you want, and helped us review and achieve our goals.

One item that came out of this was a majority vote for a Christmas morning tea on our final meeting of the year, in November 2012. It was very well attended, and went down well with everyone.

If we want good professional speakers, we have to supply up to date modern equipment. This all costs money, so therefore we have to allow for this in our yearly budget.

We are hoping to save money in future by e-mailing out our newsletters. Our 1<sup>st</sup> run of this was our November 2012 issue.

Also in Oct/Nov we launched our new website, [u3atauranga.kiwi.nz](http://u3atauranga.kiwi.nz).

The committee say good bye this year to Thelma Crane. Thelma sat on the committee this year to back up Jean Garmonsway and Vivienne Mills, our Group Coordinators.

Also we say good bye and thank you to Jane Benson, who edited our Newsletters this year. Thank you also to Margaret Dunton who helped us with our September issue. This position was then taken over by Beryl Crowther. I would like to say thank you to Angela Dold, for the support and advice I have received this year.

Peter Benson, our Treasurer, has kept us on the straight and narrow. Ann Sligo our Secretary - thank you Ann for your work this year.

Winn Tipping and Don McMillan for sorting out our membership and skills register.

Chris Hector, our Meeting and Speaker's co-coordinator, has been working on a list of new speakers for 2013.

Alan Freer - thank you Alan, and Betty Clethro, for the work you did on our original Website. Also, Alan, we know you are always there if we want a good photo taken.

Our Non-Committee Member, Doris Hamer our Almoner, has agreed to do another year; thank you Doris.

Let's not forget our Ladies at the front desk, Nancy Betts, Lesley Hollis and Winn Tipping.

Thank you to all the above and of course to you the members of U3A, for the support you have given me these two years.

I will now be standing down to allow new blood to flow though our committee.

Thank You.

Ken Gillan

U3A Tauranga President 2011 and 2012

Thanks Ken from us all!



## **Coordinators' notes for March 2013**

Welcome to another busy year. There are a number of vacancies in groups. Ring the convener if you would like to visit a group, or join up. If the group is full, contact Viv or Jean to be put on a wait list.

The 2013 Handbook has been printed and will be available when you pay your 2013 subscription (due now!)

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

#### **New Groups**

##### **Art History**

The first meeting took place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013. A format was agreed on as to how the group would operate. Because the history of art covers the entire history of mankind, a timeline was produced which included Stone age cave painting; Egyptian art; Neoclassicism; Romanticism; Impressionism, and many others. It shows what a huge and diverse subject this is. However, group members were keen to choose their particular favourite period of art and had no problems in organizing the subjects of meetings for the next six months.

To start us off John Phillips gave a talk and presentation about Romanticism and particularly the works of Turner (1775-1851). This instigated a great deal of discussion, bearing in mind that the American Revolution and the French Revolution occurred, and Napoleon was crowned emperor of France, during this period.

If you would like to join this lively and friendly group please contact the Convener: John Phillips Phone: 548 2096

##### **Calligraphy**

This seven week course will teach Round Hand, Italics and old English, etc. There will be a cost for the kit. Contact Vivienne to join this group.

Tutor: Ray Craft

Venue: The first meeting will be held at 91 Oliver Road, Bethlehem

Meetings: Weekly from Tuesday 7th May 2013

Time: 10.00am to 12.00 noon

##### **Digital Photography for Beginners**

Names are being taken for the next three week course in April. Phone Vivienne 579 1148 to join.

### **Foreign Film Classics**

No blockbusters, but the very best in contemporary European cinema. We show films that are released for a very limited time in selected cinemas only – hence we have often missed them. Members receive an advance email with title and brief synopsis of the upcoming month's two films. Sit back and enjoy.

Convener: Joan Lussi, phone 579 2676  
Venue: 5 Jacob Street, Urban Ridge, Brookfield  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

### **French for Travellers**

This 10 week course begins 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Tutor: Sue Rawson  
Venue: 22 Taupo Road, Arataki, (behind BayFair)  
Meetings: Wednesdays 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00 for the course

### **Genealogy 1**

**This group is full.** Genealogy 2 has vacancies. If you are interested in joining please contact the Convener, Lorrimer McAllister, or Jean, to be included on a wait list for a third group.

### **Group Convener Management Course**

This aims to improve the smooth running of your group  
The course was advertised in the Handbook, but it was too early in the year for it to take place.  
Conveners wishing to participate, phone Jean 579 1918, and the date and time will be advised.

### **History C – The History of China**

Group members can choose any subject or area relating to the history of China. This makes for varied and interesting presentations and discussion. There are two vacancies in this group, which meets mainly in the Mount, Papamoa and Te Puke areas. If you are interested, please phone the Convener Judy Walsh, 573 5579.

### **Luncheon Group 1**

**This group is full.** Jean has a wait list for a second group.

### **Music Appreciation 1**

Change of Convener: Jane Kemp has taken over the Convener role for this group. Her phone number is: 576 1374, or email janmark@kinect.co.nz.

The group will continue as it has in the past, with one member presenting and hosting their choice of music per session at their venue. If a member is unable to provide an adequate venue or audio equipment, but still wishes to present their concert choice, another member will provide space in their own home so that everyone is able to have a turn of their choice. Some pertinent information will be given on the program but the emphasis is on listening and mutually sharing a love of enjoyable music. Questions can usually be answered by a group member.

And of course at interval time there is always afternoon tea, which is generally more than tea and biscuits.

### **My Music – Anything Goes**

This group is full. Names are being taken for a second group. Please contact Jean if you are interested.

### **Philosophy**

Following the closure of the Philosophy 3 group there is still interest in another Philosophy group. As a result a waiting list has now been started. Please contact Jean if you are interested.

### **Digital Photo Enhancing**

The initial meeting of the Digital Photo Enhancing Group, first discussed in 2012, was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March at Mary Goldfinch's home - contact her on 574 400 to find out more.

Group members plan to meet monthly, to learn how to enhance photos on their cameras and computers. The programmes on their computers include Picasa and Faststone. Other learning will include removing areas from photos, and altering or changing colours. Members plan to go on outings to take photos, and use photos to make Christmas cards and novelty objects etc.

## **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).

March 21: *Showboat* (either the 1936, 113 min. Paul Robeson version or the 1951, 107 min. one with Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel).

April 18: *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962, 216 min., Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins).

May 16: *The Inspector General* (1949, 102 min., Danny Kaye).

### **Groups now closed.**

#### **French**

This group is presently in recess due to lack of numbers. If numbers increase it may be restarted. Special thanks go to convener Louise Konings for her hard work in trying to keep this group together.

#### **Spanish for Beginners**

This group will not now go ahead due to the costs incurred in using an external tutor. The group members have been advised to contact Tauranga Girls College, who are running 'Spanish for Beginners' and 'Intermediate Spanish' courses.

## **Amendments to the Handbook 2013**

### **Antiques and Collectables**

Please note the convener's change of phone number

Convener: Laurel Nixon Phone 5701560

### **Luncheon Group**

Amendment to Convener information for Jean McGuinness, her phone number is **578 7027** not 578 5027 as in the Handbook. Apologies for this mistake.

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

## **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 15 March 2013:** Peter Williams is a retired detective. He was involved in apprehending the Rainbow Warrior bombers and will talk about this and a number of other unusual operations during his time with the NZ Police.

**Speaker for Friday 19 April 2013:**

Penny Jackson, Director of the Tauranga Art Gallery  
Exact details are yet to be finalized, but Penny will be talking about some aspects of establishing an art gallery in Tauranga and the challenge of securing interesting exhibitions.

**Speaker for 17 May 2013:**

Andrew Dallas (Local businessman/contractor)  
Andrew was one of a small group of people picked to go on a trip to Antarctica with Gareth Morgan, along with some scientists. He will talk about the trip, which had an environmental emphasis.

## **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: (Includes 5 life members)	645	Groups:	78
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**The next newsletter is due in May 2013.** All contributions must be in before 30 April 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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