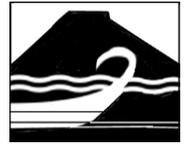




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# NEWSLETTER

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*We might not  
have a maypole  
but you can still  
join your friends  
at the next  
Meeting of U3A  
on Friday 17  
May!*



Let's begin our newsletter with a moment of remembrance – and a poem contributed by Angela Dold (convenor of the Creative Writing Group).



### **Cenotaph**

Climbing up the hill  
in the darkness is hard  
for stiff old bones.

Medals clinking,  
breath steaming,  
numbers dwindling,  
Proudly march the old soldiers.

Memories returning  
all of them seeing  
red poppies blooming  
comrades falling  
In the terror that's war.

Heads bowing, people standing,  
torches shining  
cold dawn glimmering  
In the sky

Names on granite reflecting  
Sun rising  
Bugle sounding  
Tears falling  
Anzac Day's here...once more.

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## SCIENCE GROUP VISIT TO THE COASTAL MARINE LABORATORY



Renate and Don admire some of the species of coral, weed, and fishes in one of the aquariums at the Coastal Marine Laboratory, Crosses Road, Sulphur Point, Tauranga.

This followed an interesting power point talk given by Professor Chris Battershill, Theme Leader: Coastal Marine Ecosystems, Environmental Research Institute, University of Waikato.

The topic of his power point presentation was “Coastal Science: Reefs, Risks, Royalties and Rena”.

The Bay of Plenty is unique because it is the only place in New Zealand that has estuaries, coastal beaches, rocky reefs, off shore islands and an active volcano all within one area.

The issues for Tauranga include excessive swan numbers, sea lettuce, and mangroves.

The multidisciplinary science team collaborates with other universities in the U.K., U.S.A, Germany, China, and NIWA in NZ. Their interests are in natural systems with biodiversity leading to product development and discovery of drugs from nature.

As there are 32 dangerous goods containers from the Rena around the reef there is ongoing testing for metals and contamination in the area.

Other photos can be seen on the U3A website [www.taurangau3a@kiwi.nz](http://www.taurangau3a@kiwi.nz)

## Shave for a Cure.



This is the signature fundraising event for the Leukemia & Blood Cancer (NZ) Foundation. Hundreds of Kiwis across the country become “Shavees” in a bid to raise money to help patients and their families, or for those with a related condition. In 2012 over \$1.4 million was raised.

This year, Janet Ormsby braved the winds and the sideways looks to take part in this very worthwhile fund-raiser, and is elated to have exceeded her target. She received a certificate, and a T-shirt for being one of the first to reach her goal. This is her second time of “shaving” – talk to her and she may persuade you to join in next year!

# Group News for May 2013

## Group Coordinators

Vivienne A-F Ph 579 1148

Jean G-Z Ph 579 1918

There are now 71 active groups and many have vacancies. Phone the convener of the group or the group's Coordinator if you would like to join. A number of groups have been so popular that names are being taken to begin new ones. They are listed below. The conveners are checking group members to ensure subscriptions have been paid.

## New Groups:

***The Calligraphy group*** begins 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.00-12.00am. Carla Van den Hout is the convener ph 552 5175. The cost for tuition and basic kit is \$75.40.

***Computer Apple Mac*** and ipads: This group is being divided into two. Betty Clethero ph 544 2067 and Monica Cox ph 579 3616 are the conveners.

***Foreign Film Classics*** began in the Brookfield area on 9<sup>th</sup> April and was so popular there are now two groups meeting once a month to see the same film. Joan Lussi is the convener; ph 579 2676. These groups are full, so names are being taken for another group.

## Other News

### **Note for Conveners**

If you have members asking to join your group and your group is full please pass their details on to either Jean or Vivienne so that they can be included on a wait list.

One additional member on a wait list could begin a new group.

**Bucket Group:** Janet is taking names for Course 10 which begins September 27, and Course 11 which starts in February 2014. The group projects are very popular and well-constructed, but there is no intention to progress to the 'public' field. Janet advises that they are busy enough as it is, but they do need extra man-power to continue. If you can help please call Janet; her phone number is 576-5008, or email at [janet.L3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:janet.L3@xtra.co.nz)  
This popular course needs an apprentice please - someone handy with a hammer.

**An interesting note: the Rotorua Coffin Club** U3A group was so popular they have disassociated from U3A, and have become an independent Trust called the 'Kiwi Coffin Club'. They make and decorate caskets for the police, hospitals and private clients, and provide tiny caskets for the neo natal and maternity units. People occasionally walk in from the street asking for a 'cheap' coffin.

**Electronic Technology:** There is a wait list for a second group to begin.

**Ethnic Dining 5:** a group that will dine out on a Tuesday evening once a month. There is a wait list for this group. If you would like to join phone Vivienne 579 1148

**Luncheon Group 2:** one more member is needed to start this group. Phone Jean 579 1918.

**Philosophy 3:** This popular group needs 1 more member to begin.

**Travel 2:** Another group will start up as soon as Jean has enough names.

### **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).

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

June 20: *High Noon* ( 1952, 84 min., Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly).

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

### **Suggestions for new groups**

**Art Appreciation** – a new member is willing to begin a group in the Papamoa area. Contact Vivienne if you are interested.

**Current Events** - there is interest in starting another group in the Papamoa area.

**Pen Whisperers** – three more members are needed to begin another group. The convener of the current Pen Whisperers group has volunteered to start this up. Phone Jillian Brown 576 5008 or Jean 579 1918

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

### **General Notes:**

- We need some assistance in keeping our membership records up to date. This requires data entry skills with an Excel spreadsheet. Anyone who would be prepared to assist for a few hours a month should contact the secretary at [don.u3a@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:don.u3a@actrix.gen.nz) .
- Advance notice: The meeting on 19 July 2013 will be held at the Senior Citizens' Hall in Norris Street.
- Computer one-to-one mentors:  
The group needs some more mentors. You don't have to know everything about computers to be able to help. Sometimes it's just the basics. We particularly need people in Tauranga.  
If you are willing to help phone Kathy 576-4060
- Alterations to the Constitution of U3A Tauranga Inc: the changes proposed at the general meeting were passed unanimously; full details can be seen on our website.



**It's always great to receive mail!!**

## **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 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 5/3/2013: (Includes 5 life members)	690	Groups:	71
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**The next newsletter is due in July 2013.** All contributions must be in before 31 June 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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