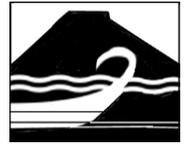




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Ahhh...
Spring is nearly
here – lambs and
daffodils...
Come to the next
meeting of U3A
on 20th
September, in all
your Spring finery!



Election of Officers for 2014.

Notice is hereby given that an election for Officers for the next year will be held at a Special General Meeting to be held in the Wesley Church Hall, 13th Avenue, Tauranga on Friday 15th November 2013.

All positions need to be formally nominated and seconded, and forwarded to the Secretary, U3A Tauranga Inc, PO Box 14 453, Tauranga 3143, no later than 31st October 2013.

The following Executive Committee positions with specific portfolios need to be filled:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Groups Co-ordinators (2)

Membership

Newsletter Editor

Photographer

Persons may also be nominated for Executive Committee without portfolio.

GROUP NEWS – August 2013

Group Coordinators

Vivienne A-F Ph 579 1148

Jean G-Z Ph 579 1918

As the year progresses, group numbers decrease and a couple of groups are at risk of closing because numbers are too small or are changing. These include **Computer Group C**, convener Diane Lusty Ph 544 142.

Antiques and Collectables is making changes next year when Laurel Nixon gives up the position of convenor. Maybe another group could be started in the Tauranga area!

New groups not in the yellow Handbook

Ambling Authors:

Convener: Jillian Brown Phone 576 5008

Venue: Members Homes

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 1.30pm. – 3.30pm

Applied Metaphysics:

Convener: Mike Trow Phone 574 5589

Venue: Members Homes

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

Time: 10.00.-12 noon

Easy Walking Group:

Convener: Eileen Ammann Phone 571 5335

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Time: 9.15.am or as arranged

This is a relaxed, sociable group for members who like to walk for two or three hours on easier terrain than the trampers. Car sharing to the meeting place is encouraged.

The first walk will be on the 14th September around Omokoroa. Members meet at Bethlehem Shops near Countdown and car pool. New members welcome.

Saturday, 28th September: Kauri Point

Saturday, 12th October: Round the Mount

Saturday, 26th October: Waikario/Daisy Hardwick

Courses

Calligraphy:

Tutor: Ray Crafts Phone 577 9562

Venue: The Big Red Barn, Historical Village,
17th Avenue, Tauranga

Meetings: 25th September for 4 weeks

Time: 1.00pm- 3.00pm

Contact Vivienne to join this group, and a list of materials will be sent to you.

History of NZ – last 1,000 years:

This group is full. Jean has a wait list.

Luncheon Group 2 :

Meets on the 2nd Friday of the month and they have just 3 vacancies.

My Music – Anything Goes:

This group is full but Jean has a Wait list for another group.

The format of this group is that members take turns to prepare a programme of their choice and explain why they enjoy the music selected. There are no rules for this group – Anything Goes!!

The Hikers Group 2:

The initial meeting for the second Hiking group took place on Thursday, 1st August. Unfortunately not enough interested members attended to make the meeting viable. The members who did attend agreed that the group would meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month so that members of the Wednesday Hikers group could also join the Thursday group if so wished.

Many thanks to Thelma Cane who gave up her time to come to this meeting with the intention of helping the group to get started. However we can't start this group without a Convener. If you would like to convene this group please contact Jean. Thelma has got plenty of information for walks around the area and is willing to share this information with this group.

Change of Conveners to note in your booklets

Buildings and Cities: Cam Fisher Phone 570 1390

Venue is now members' homes as arranged. Many thanks are extended to Peter for convening this popular group for so long. New members are welcome.

Science Today: Lati Moodie Phone 574 9082

Lati has taken over from Don McMillan. Many thanks to Don for all his hard work in convening this group and for all the work he does for U3A. Get well soon Don!

Words: Jackie Bowers Phone 576 8015

This is a temporary change while Angela recovers. The time the group meets has changed to 1.30pm-3.00pm. Get well soon Angela. New members are welcome to join this group.

New group suggestions

Current Events F: There is a venue in Papamoa for this group to begin in September. Phone Vivienne if you would like your name added to the list.

Local History of Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty

Examine the early history of Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty. Look at world events that have had an influence on the region. Encourage group discussion and individual research.

Current Group – further details

Classical Films Group

Convener David Gordon, phone 544 4179.

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

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

September 19: SOUTH PACIFIC (1958, 151 min., Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor, Juanita Hall).

October 17: AMAZING GRACE (2007, 116 min., Albert Finney, Ioan Gruffudd).

November 21: SHANE (1953, 118 min., Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Jack Palance-THE BEST WESTERN!)

December 19: MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS (1944, 113 min., Judy Garland, Mary Astor, Marjorie Main).

A delicious afternoon tea follows each film.

Handbook for 2014 – a note for the Conveners

Any alterations or changes for the Handbook must be submitted to Jean by the 31st October 2013 for inclusion in the new Handbook.

Please note in your diaries the conveners meeting – 29th October at 10.00am. Details to follow.



Group Visit: Music Appreciation 2 enjoying afternoon tea.

Group visit

Music appreciation is alive and well in Tauranga! On a miserable, grey, rainy day I took the opportunity to visit the Music Appreciation 2 group. The group meets in members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. However, I do need to mention that this group is full.

The meeting was hosted by Lorraine Burdett at her home in Greenwood Park, Welcome Bay. Lorraine chose the music for the afternoon which included pieces by Johann Hummel; Henry Vieuxtemps; Henri Wieniawski; Leo Delibes; Carl Maria von Weber and Max Bruch.

I have to admit that the only composer I had heard of was Leo Delibes but that didn't matter because the members of the group are so knowledgeable about their music and composers and are extremely enthusiastic to share their knowledge. However, with this group is that all one needs to do is sit and listen to beautiful music with a welcoming group of people.

Thank you Music Appreciation 2 for having me to your meeting, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and it was lovely to spend that time with you all.

Jean Garmonsway

New Members Meeting



A New Members meeting took place on Tuesday, 30th July at the home of Jean Garmonsway. Twelve new members attended. Everyone introduced

themselves and spoke about how they came to know about U3A and their reasons for joining.

Jean spoke about the history of U3A and how it was formed. Viv talked about U3A in Tauranga; the committee and their roles and how important the Conveners are, in their roles as administrators of the groups. Jean and Viv also talked about the Newsletter, the website and the monthly General Meetings.

The new members were then encouraged to have a look at all of the Sign on sheets for the groups as well as having afternoon tea.

Jean and Vivienne will continue this format for these meetings where the New Members have a chance to get to know one another in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Remember:

We get motivated by doing things, not thinking about them.



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

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF THE U3A WEBSITE

Your website www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz is the most accessible, public and easy way to follow what is going on in our organisation. Here are a few tips to help you use it effectively.

1. Registration: this is not compulsory! But it will enable you to get to restricted areas of the website. Currently, these include confirmed Executive Committee Minutes, and a list of current members. Conveners in particular may find the membership details useful.
2. Font size: on the top right-hand corner are the words “Font size Bigger.Reset.Smaller”. To enlarge the font, click on “Bigger”. The letters will grow bigger each time with each click. Likewise, smaller will reduce them, again, growing smaller with each click.
3. Immediately under the photo on the left-hand side is the “Breadcrumbs Trail”. This is an easy way to tell whereabouts you are in the website. You will notice that it changes when you click on different menus.
4. Again, under the photo on the right-hand side there are either “Open Info” or “Close Info” options. Clicking on them will either open or close a list of the most popular articles.
5. The left-hand side of the screen has a list of menu choices. Use this to find your way around.
 - a. Groups: information about groups, including new groups, a list of groups, a daily timetable of group meetings, and how to join a group.
 - b. Membership: this explains how to become a member of U3A Tauranga. It includes in blue print a link to an application form.
 - c. Meetings: this gives information about the next monthly general meeting.
6. The rest of the menus are self-explanatory. Interesting events not connected to U3A can be found under “What else is on in Tauranga?” This has links to things such as Café Scientifique, a monthly free lecture evening

in a coffee bar. Waikato University events in Tauranga are also displayed. These events often are not well publicised elsewhere, so merit a good look from time to time.

7. The website is run by a Web Control Group and operates just like any other U3A group. New members are welcome; it is not necessary to be a web specialist – what we appreciate are folk with ideas about content and appearance.

8. Any ideas about how the website could look, or stuff that it should contain, are most welcome. Any comments should be directed to the Secretary, email address don.u3a@actrix.gen.nz .



General Meetings

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

Speaker for Friday 20 September 2013: Judi Spencer, a U3A member, will be giving a Powerpoint presentation on cochlear implants.

Speaker for Friday 15 November 2013: Chris Hector will be talking about his European travels.

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 August 2013 637

Groups: 81

The next newsletter is due in November 2013. All contributions must be in before 31 October 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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