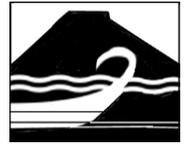




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Forget the
wintery winds –
keep warm in the
company of
group friends.



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For more information, check the U3A website www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

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New Group - History of New Zealand

This new group is an 'off-shoot' of the 'History of NZ- last 1,000 years' group. The members of this new group will be investigating a wide range of topics both local, national and international where they have had an influence on NZ; from the beginnings of civilisation in NZ to the present day.

Convener: Bill Lemberg Phone: 578 3426
Venue: Members homes as arranged
Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Groups Closed: Computer Support B & C groups are both closed due to lack of members.

Groups on Hold: The Bucket Group is on hold until later in the year.

Wait Lists: names are being taken for the following:

Calligraphy Course

French for Travellers Course

History of New Zealand

Change of Conveners:

Ethnic Dining 3: Ray Goldfinch has taken over as Convener of this group from Jim Taylor. Many thanks to Jim who has convened this group from the start.

Computer One to One Mentors: Diana Lusty will take over this service from Kathy Fathers. Many thanks to Kathy for administering this service. We greatly appreciate her support.

History of New Zealand: Derek Hesford has taken over from Bill Lemberg as Convener for this group. Many thanks to Bill for organising the initial meeting of this group.

Conveners Meeting:

A Conveners meeting took place on Tuesday, 29th April at the Wesley Church, Thirty-four Conveners attended and twenty-three Conveners apologised.

Chris Hector opened the meeting by thanking the Conveners for the great work they do for U3A.

The following issues were discussed:

- Ideas for promoting new membership to groups
- Aggression in groups
- How to deal with a group member who monopolises the group
- Group members taking turns to host meetings
- Inter-group visits
- Unpaid subs – members deleted from the membership
- Web Page Forum
- 2015 - 20th Anniversary for Tauranga U3A

All Conveners contributed to the discussions on the above issues.

New Members Meeting:

A New Members Meeting took place on Friday, 28th March at the home of Marlene McLaren .Thanks to Marlene for organizing and hosting this meeting and also to Committee members who gave their support.

Dates for the next New Members Meetings:

Tuesday, 29th July at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday, 30th October at 2.0 p.m.

Meetings are held at the homes of the Group Coordinators.

MORE MEMBERS NEEDED:

This is an SOS for more MALES to join the WEEKEND WALKERS GROUP

The Weekend Walkers group is continuing to enjoy its fortnightly Saturday morning walks around the Tauranga area.

However, although group numbers have grown to around 18 (usually only about 10 join us) we really could do with a few more men!

If you can walk at a steady pace for 1-2 hours on alternate Saturday mornings the 2-3 males in the group would appreciate not always being out-numbered by the females.

If you would like to join this group please contact the Convener: Eileen Ammann, phone: 571 5335.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

The first meeting of the new **Antique and Collectables group** took place on Tuesday, 6th May at 2pm at the home of the Convener, Mary Koukourakis, phone 575 9532. Members wish to encourage other members of U3A to join the group.

If you have any ideas to encourage other members to join this group please contact the Convener. The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Please do pass on the word that new members would be made very welcome.

MY MUSIC – ANYTHING GOES (2)

Anything Goes is a [musical](#) with music and lyrics by [Cole Porter](#). The musical introduced such songs as "[Anything Goes](#)", "[You're the Top](#)", and "[I Get a Kick Out of You](#)". If you would get a kick out of creating your own musical programme, the **My Music – Anything Goes (2)** group would make you very welcome.

If you would like to join this group and make music of whatever type you choose, please contact the Convener, Jan Watson on 544 0712. The group meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

PHILOSOPHY 3

Philosophy Group 3 would welcome more thinkers.

Are you seeking the answers to Life's Big Questions?

Well, we may not find them, but our group has a lot of fun debating the historical and current philosophies that inform our thinking on morals, ethics, politics, justice and many other diverse topics.

We meet at 9.45 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in members' homes around Tauranga.

We take it in turns to host meetings, with generally about 10 members.

Please contact Judith Callow: peter@catseyes.co.nz or phone: 552 6755

Contact your Convener

If you are unable to attend a group especially where arrangements have to be made to accommodate the group i.e. restaurants/cafes, you must advise your Convener of your **attendance** or **non-attendance**. Please see page 3 in the Handbook.

Fund-raiser to remember Jim Thomson.

We all remember our great friend, the late Jim Thomson. Our Rotary Club has established a fund-raiser in his name to fund the equipment to furnish the ophthalmology clinic aboard "MV Pacific Hope" that is based here in Tauranga and is currently under-going refit.

I invite you to consider our fund-raiser and personal or group contributions to the memorial for Jim.

Copies of our brochure are available from the Rotary Club. All contributions should be made direct to the Club.

Best wishes

David Garland

General Meetings

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

Speakers for Friday 16 May 2014:

Sports administrators Gary and Sheryl Dawson.

Facts and Figures to Date

Membership as at April 2014:	685	Groups:	81
		Courses	5

The next newsletter is due in July 2014. All contributions must be in before 30 June 2014, 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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