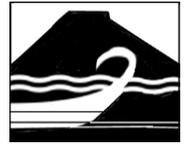




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DID YOU KNOW?
JULIUS CAESAR REFORMED THE
ROMAN CALENDAR (HENCE THE
JULIAN CALENDAR) IN 46 BC. IN
THE PROCESS, HE RENAMED THIS
MONTH AFTER HIMSELF.
HE'S ALSO CONSIDERED THE
FATHER OF **LEAP YEAR.**



GROUP NEWS – July 2014

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

Group Coordinators

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Vacancies:

Most groups have vacancies especially during the winter months when many of our members travel to warmer climes.

Current Events C could take a couple of people. It meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the morning.

Group closed: Bucket group



This group began four years ago in 2010 and has operated successfully with over 63 members taking part. Reluctantly, it will complete the current course and then close. Owing to circumstances beyond its control, it is no longer possible to continue with the current venue and personnel. Henri, the present builder, and Janet wish to thank the U3A Tauranga members who have taken part and supported this unique group. They are thrilled to have achieved their outcomes, and have been successful in promoting D.I.Y. -styled, cost effective coffin making throughout New Zealand.

Group on Hold:

The Spanish Group is on hold due to the incapacity of its tutor. Efforts are being made to find a new tutor to take this group.

New Groups:

Memoirs:

The second course of 'Memoirs' will commence on 24th July 2014. This course of 10 sessions will assist you in writing your life story. There are 4 places available on this course. If you would like help to begin writing your memoirs contact the Convener, Chris Parkes, phone: 576 7143.

Digital Photography 2

The aim of the group is to improve individual photographic techniques in attempting to produce quality photographs and getting the best results possible from our cameras.

The group will operate with input from members, with everyone sharing in decision making and deciding how the group will operate.

We have vacancies for new members. We meet on the second Tuesday morning of each month, meeting in each other's homes. If you would like to join this new group please contact Ken Rose, phone: 572 4472

Classical Music Lovers (Formerly Music Appreciation 2)

Classical Music Lovers is for people who have a basic understanding of classical music and are keen to broaden their understanding and experience. We take turns at turning our homes into concert halls, presenting a programme as if it were a concert using all music formats - CD's, LP's, DVD's, iPods, mp3s, even tapes!

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, starting at 1:15, with up to 2hrs of music and an interval for afternoon tea. We finish by 4p.m. There's no cost because we all take turns. You can use another member's place if yours is too small or if you don't have a stereo system.

Our emphasis is on complete works where possible – with no talking during the piece – just like a real concert! But there's often quite keen discussion about it afterwards!

The host usually gives a brief introduction about each piece or about the composer. This may involve checking the internet, delving into musical books – or just reading the album notes.

Our tastes are wide ranging – from early music to contemporary, from solo instruments to full symphony orchestras. We're always looking for something new, but also enjoy the popular classical favourites.

We have a Christmas lunch once a year – where we each contribute something. This is also a chance to present something different – perhaps a live performance or something hidden in your music vault!

If you're interested in joining the group contact David Munro (5799122 or munrodca@wave.co.nz).

The next New Members Meeting:

Tuesday, 29th July at 2.00 p.m.

A gentle reminder for our Hard Working Conveners about Waiting Lists!!

There has been one or two issues where some Conveners are keeping their own 'Waiting Lists' when their groups are full. We would like to remind you of the following paragraph which is in the '**Guidelines for Conveners**' leaflet:

"Prospective members":

"A financial member of U3A may visit a Group for 3 sessions. A non-financial member may visit for 2 sessions. It is preferable on a visitor's first visit to mention if the Group has vacancies and if not, encourage them, if they're interested, to contact the Groups' Coordinator to be put on a Waiting List, explaining that with sufficient number of members on a Waiting List another Group can be formed. Alternatively they will be contacted when a vacancy occurs in the Group or Groups of their choice. Only financial members of U3A can be put on a Waiting List."

We try and make the 'Waiting List' system as fair as possible so that members are not kept waiting if there is a vacancy in their chosen group. We need your help to do this.

Many thanks for the work that you do for U3A. You are greatly appreciated.

Jean & Marlene

General Items:

1. Donation.

U3A Tauranga would like to thank the Bay Trust for their donation of \$2000 towards our operational costs.

2. Name tags.

Some members who joined after February 2014 and before May 2014 may not have been supplied with a name tag. If this affects you, would you please email Don McMillan at atdon.u3a@actrix.gen.nz and one will be sent to you.

3. ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

Assistance is required with some of the operational matters that are driven by our membership database. The same person has been doing these things for the past four years and is standing down.

Duties:

1. Email the bi-monthly Newsletter to members.
2. Prepare addressed envelopes for sending material to members without email addresses.
3. Miscellaneous printing tasks:
 - a. New and replacement name tags with covering letters.
 - b. Print information leaflets, application forms and other material about U3A Tauranga.

Materials and Equipment:

An Epsom Workforce 630 wi-fi printer, together with paper, inks, envelopes and name tags are supplied. It will be up to the operator to get replacement materials from Warehouse Stationery. He/she will liaise with the Membership Secretary, the Database Administrator, the Newsletter Editor and the Executive Committee.

Skills Required:

The information for these tasks is stored in an Excel workbook located in Dropbox. Information for doing tasks 1, 2, and 3a is prepared using the mail-merge facility in MS Word. Working familiarity with Word and Excel is therefore essential.

Please apply in the first instance to Don McMillan, email don.u3a@actrix.gen.nz phone 579 4916.

4. 20th Anniversary of U3A Tauranga.

To be held on Saturday, 28 March 2015.

Celebration details are still being arranged, but we are planning to have a fun and entertaining two-team debate and are looking for debating ideas, plus names of members who would be willing to be on a team arguing For or Against the motion, plus an adjudicator.

We'd like members (and their partners and spouses) to give their support to the anniversary. We hope to get 250 at the function.

We are taking names now.

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5. Update on the U3A Tauranga Web Site.

The web site address is <http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz>

As technology changes so must the web site. The U3A Tauranga Web Site will be updated Thursday July 17, 2014.

The new site should be better for users who browse with mobile phone and tablets, including iPads.

The web site is for the members. If you would like to comment on what you would like to see on the web site, or what you do not like, please e-mail Brian Wood, oldmankiwi@hotmail.com or leave a phone message, Ph 574 6323.

Any member with web site experience who would like to be part of this exciting development for a few weeks, please contact Brian Wood (as above) for the development web site address. The assistance need not involve meetings or any set time.

There is a vacancy in the group which meets fortnightly on Thursday mornings in the Arataki area. Contact the convener, Brian Wood, phone 5746323.



General Meetings

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

Speaker for Friday 21 July 2014: **This should read 18th July**
Gary Poole, CEO of Tauranga City Council.

Facts and Figures to Date

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

The next newsletter is due in September 2014. All contributions must be in before 31 August 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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