



TAURANGA

NEWSLETTER

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General Meetings

The next general meeting
of U3A Tauranga Inc.

is to be held as follows:

Date: Friday 15 July 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Wesley Methodist Church
100 13th Avenue, Tauranga

Guest Speaker: Jocelyn Mist, the Information Librarian at Tauranga City Libraries, will speak to us about "It's okay to be curious: using the library to find out about people's lives".

Jocelyn will cover the many ways in which our libraries can be used, an update on what's happening in the library, the wide range of available resources and other aspects.

Mini Speaker: Alison Richards will give a brief presentation on Early New Zealand Travel Posters following her Art Group presentation.

The August meeting is set for

Friday 19 August 2016.
(same time, same place)

Speaker: To be advised.

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Meet the Committee



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YOU
Future
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Non Committee Positions

Committee News

Welcome to the July newsletter.

I am saying very little this newsletter as we have a lot of space taken up with the photographs of the committee. A number of members are unaware of who we are and what we do so I hope the “rogue’s gallery” will give you a face to the name.

We meet on the second Friday of the month at 9.30 am in the Wesley Church small hall. Any member is able to come along and see what we get up to! Be aware that there are a lot of other members working behind the scenes keeping U3A Tauranga running smoothly. All of us are volunteers enjoying what we do for a great cause.

Have a great two months and please advise Jean at 579 1918 if you change your address, phone number or email server.

Vivienne

President

Committee Vacancy - Membership Secretary

We have a vacancy on the Committee for a Membership Secretary. The purpose of the role is to ensure that members are enrolled with properly validated procedures.

Skills required:

It would suit a person willing to process information on our Access database in an accurate manner.

Be able to work within an active committee and attend monthly meetings.

Tasks:

- To keep the U3A database up to date.
Training will be given on how to use the Access database
- Membership enrolments.
Liaise closely with the treasurer to send out invoices in January for the years subscriptions.
Collect and process mail from the U3A PO Box.
Supply to members the relevant Handbook following the receipt of their subs.
Supply to new members a New Members pack.

If you are interested in this role please contact Jean Garmonsway, phone: 579 1918, email: pommyj123@xtra.co.nz. Jean is acting as Membership Secretary and is happy to answer any questions about the role and the procedures.

Angela Dold – Almoner

Angela Dold has just taken over as our Almoner from Doris Hamer, who did the job so ably for many years. This is a role catering to the needs of both U3A members and their wider families by simply letting them know U3A members are thinking of them during a sad or worrying time.

She has held many positions in the organisation since joining U3A in 2009, and is well-known to many members. Over those years, she has been our Publicity Officer, Vice President, President and Past President. She was involved in the Art Auction to fundraise for the Christchurch Earthquake Mayor's Fund, the U3A Survey, the annual Christmas parties, to name a few. She writes for the webpage and, now, has taken over the Almoner's role.

In 2009, she took over one of the Creative Writing groups, and recently started a second group.

She is also a member of English History & Classical Movies.

Apart from her writing skills, Angela paints watercolours. A painting of hers is pictured here which quietly reflects her feelings as "Almoner".

Her photograph is at the end of those of the Committee on page 2 of this issue.



Margaret Douglas – Archivist

Margaret has recently been appointed to this role. U3A had been seeking a suitable candidate for 12 months. Holding her Library Certificate with practical experience at Tauranga Library and as Team Leader at Greerton, she is ideally equipped for the role. Her background includes sorting information, categorisation and many other aspects of data collection.

U3A has a huge amount of information covering many aspects of the organisation. Margaret has been confronted by a lot of duplication and having to discard much of it! Basically, she is working on "sorting it all out" and cataloguing. Yes, going through page by page, subject by subject and then to consider where each document fits. A big challenge which she can handle.

Margaret has been a U3A member for over 5 years. She was a founding member of Philosophy 2 and has been involved in Genealogy, Art History and Geography.

Her photograph is at the end of those of the Committee on page 2 of this issue.

MEMBER PROFILE

Ann French

Ann has been a U3A member for many years and helped establish both the Creative Writing and Pen Whisperers Groups over a decade ago. As a member of these groups her talents also enabled her to assist members develop their word and language skills. This led to them improving their writing in stories, poetry and editing in all genres.

She began writing in her late 50's. Following entries into various writing competitions she took up writing seriously as she realised the power of the written word and how it can influence people and their opinions. She had some success with entries into writing competitions, then turning to science fiction. Sometimes she would send off a poem and to her surprise was quite successful becoming a convert to verse.

Huia Publishing then came along and over the past few years Ann has achieved high standards thanks to them. Huia have published many of her stories and novel extracts and she has an impressive body of published work by Huia and other publications.

Over the years Ann has attended night school Creative Writing and was also the first person to receive the Whitireia Diploma of Creative Writing.



*An intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex.... It takes a touch of genius and a lot of courage – to move in the opposite direction. **Albert Einstein***

Group News

Message from the Co-ordinators

NEW GROUPS AND/OR NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Art History 2. Two or three more people are needed to get this group established. Contact Kathleen Fraser.

Tai Chi should begin in July. Watch the Website for details of when and where, or contact Anne Withy.

Spanish (conversational) began last month and is going very well. Additional members welcome. Contact Anne Withy

Memoirs. This course guides you to record aspects of your personal life through stories and poetry. More people are needed to ensure the next course gets off the ground. Contact Anne Withy.

Word Press. This is a group where you will learn to build a website that will allow you to easily share and control access to information. More information is on the Website. Contact Anne Withy.

Shakespeare Studies. Lots of scope as to what material this will cover. First suggestion is that Shakespeare's plays could be studied in their historical contexts. Once established the group will be self determining. Contact Anne Withy.

VACANCIES.

Cards 500.

Camera Basics

Horticulture and Gardening

History B (Studying Italian history)

Lunch Group 2

MISCELLANEOUS.

Foreign Film Classics 1 has changed its name to Film Classics.

New Conveners: The Rialto film Group --- Alan Reynolds.

Buildings and Cities ---- Marg Carryer.

CONVENERS.

The Committee still needs the lists of groups' members. Those conveners who have not yet done so, please send these to your Co-ordinator ASAP.

Please keep us up to date with changes within your groups. E.G. conveners, changes of meeting times and/or places. The Website needs to be kept updated.

Submit short articles & photos about your group activities to the Webmaster.

NEW MEMBERS MEETING.

There will be a meeting for members who have joined since mid March on July 27th at 2 p.m.

An email will be sent out to all early July inviting you to attend, and outlining the programme.

Groups A – C: Co-ordinator: Kathleen Fraser Ph 576 2175

Groups D - L: Co-ordinator: Marianne Lammers Ph 021 804403

Groups M – Z: Co-ordinator: Anne Withy Ph 579 0430

Sea Group:

This group have subjects to keep them going forever; they discuss everything which is connected with the sea. From oceans to ships of every kind that sail upon them to the fish and shells which live in the waters. Sport is included, namely yacht racing, and strange phenomena such as ghost ships.

The effect of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. The subject for today was a talk on Clippers.



Back Row: Margaret Downs, Pat Chainey, Marion Jenson, Vernon Atherstone,
Pauline Pibworth, Annette McLachlan

Front Row: Bill Hay, Roger Downs, Colleen Bogun, Sandra Atherstone, Shirley May

Hikers 1 Group:

On the 15th June 2016, the group went to The Redwoods in Rotorua and hiked the Pohaturoa Track. We set off through the Redwoods and then the track climbed steadily up through quite open areas with views of Rotorua city to Lake Rotorua, the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and the Waipa Sawmill. There was a steep climb to a trig and then undulating terrain through forested areas and along a short piece of road and back to the Redwoods. We had lunch close to the information centre at the picnic tables.

We then walked the new Redwoods Tree Walk – it is ½ km long with 21 suspension bridges traversing the gaps between 22 majestic 110 year old Redwood trees. The bridge sections gradually incline from 6m to 12m. Quite an experience and we recommend it as a fun thing to do with family or visitors. It has been open since Christmas and they have had 30,000 people through since then. There are plans to extend the walk too.

We finished with coffee at the Sequoia Eatery after another great day out.

Thelma Cane
Convener



One of the most profoundly human things you can do is talk to someone instead of about them.

Snaps from the June General Meeting.



Guest Speakers:

Above: Kim Westerskov

Above Right: Pam Foster

Right: Meet and Greet Team.
The "Singing for Joy" group.



Link to the U3A Tauranga website, <http://www.u3atauranga.kiwi.nz/>



The U3A Tauranga web site links you to what other U3A members are doing. Contributions about group activities or items that may interest U3A members are welcomed, e-mail to webmaster@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Have your own Web Site -

A new Wordpress Website Group is being formed for members who want a web site they control. You can have your own website within an hour, and this group will share ideas as you progress. Interest is high, so contact Anne Withy if you would like your name on the list or can assist others.

General Meetings

Note: General meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month
at 10.00 am
in the Wesley Church Hall,
13th Avenue, Tauranga.

Facts and Figures to Date

Membership as at 22 June 2016:

Financial	759
Life Members	<u>8</u>
TOTAL	767

Groups: 98

Members' Forum

The editors would like to reach more members. If you have something you would like to share with U3A members, we ask for contributions of about 50 to 100 words. Printing will depend on available space in each newsletter.

The next newsletter is due Spring – September 2016.

All contributions must be in before 29 August 2016. They should be short, about 200 words, and may be edited.

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