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NEWSLETTER

Summer – January 2017

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First Meeting for 2017 Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 17 February
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Venue: Wesley Methodist Church Hall
100 13th Avenue

Guest Speaker: **Professor Shaun Holt**
"NATURAL REMEDIES THAT REALLY WORK"

Dr. Shaun Holt, an Adjunct Professor at Victoria University of Wellington, has started two clinical trials organizations and formed Research Review, a company that produce reviews of Pharmacy and Medicine Investigator in over 50 publications in the medical Director and a founder of several pharmaceutical regular contributor on TV1's



medical research. Shaun holds degrees, has been the Principal clinical trials and has over 180 literature. He is the Scientific HoneyLab and an advisor to companies. Shaun has been a Breakfast programme and

national radio shows and is the author of 9 books including the bestseller "Natural Remedies That Really Work". He was a finalist in the 2015 New Zealander of the Year Awards in the Innovator category. More info at www.flavors.me/shaunholt

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Welcome



Message from Vivienne Mills *President 2016*

Welcome to the first newsletter for the year and I wish you all a happy, healthy 2017.

A very busy and challenging year has passed, and we have welcomed 205 new members over the year. The Access data base was successfully implemented from 1st January 2016 and is now in the safe hands of the new membership secretary Sheila Freer. Elizabeth has done a great job putting the 2017 booklet together and that will be sent out to members after they pay their subscriptions.

Subscription invoices have been sent out to all members this month either by email or post. Please advise Sheila or Elizabeth if you have not received your subscription notice.

There will be a few changes within the committee this year, following the AGM in February.

Raewyn is standing down as a committee support person and Diane Moulton is taking over Raewyn's role as the "Meet and Greet" organiser. Marlene McLaren is also standing down, following 2 years as a group coordinator and one year as a committee support person. Chris Hector will be replaced by me as Past President and John Powell moves into the President's role with Jim Pryor taking over as Data Manager. Maryellyn Carr will be taking over the secretarial position from Diane. Joan Gooch is handing over the Speaker Organiser role to Bruce Furze and we have two new committee members, Jan Holden and Bev Taylor. The newsletter is in the capable hands of our editor Kit. Jean and the four group coordinators, Anne, Christine, Kathleen and Marianne, will continue with their valuable roles on the committee.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance over the two years I have been president. Change in a growing organisation is inevitable, and I wish John and his committee well, as the skill, knowledge and expertise of members within U3A moves it into another exciting year. I look forward to meeting you at the AGM in February.



Message from John Powell *President Elect 2017*

As your president elect I would like to extend to all members a warm welcome to 2017.

Elizabeth, I and Poppy our rescue dog, hope that you have all survived the Xmas and new year festivities and are looking forward to meeting your interests that U3A Tauranga provides.

A good number of subscriptions for 2017 have already been received and processed so the handbook is now in the post to those members. Many have also requested a new name badge.

I know that the volunteers who carry out all the business tasks relating to subscriptions have your appreciation for the many hours they put in.

It will be interesting to share with you later whether our membership continues to grow as it did over the last year or has levelled off. I know our 4 group coordinators are looking forward to interacting with you to ensure a happy, enjoyable time is had by all in the one or more groups you belong to. They are also there to help with the setup of new groups and the maintenance of existing groups. Please help them to achieve this goal as it is probably the most important thing we do. It is my intention to visit as many groups as possible over the course of the year

Recently our family enjoyed the sunshine and no wind with a wonderful walk on the beach, along with many hundreds of others, so let us all aim for a wonderful, cooperative and enjoyable year.



Source – Facebook

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of U3A Tauranga Inc is to be held as follows:

Date: Friday 17 February 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Wesley Methodist Church
100 13th Avenue
Tauranga

The AGM will be followed by morning tea and a speaker.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Diane Moulton
Secretary

**General meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month
(except December and January)**

10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Wesley Methodist Church Hall

100 13th Avenue, Tauranga

Main items on the meeting agenda are a “mini” presentation and then morning tea followed by a guest speaker. **There is a \$4.00 charge to cover morning tea.**

The U3A Tauranga web site is always looking for articles, send your article to
webmaster@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Any topic of interest to U3A Tauranga will be considered.

“Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.”

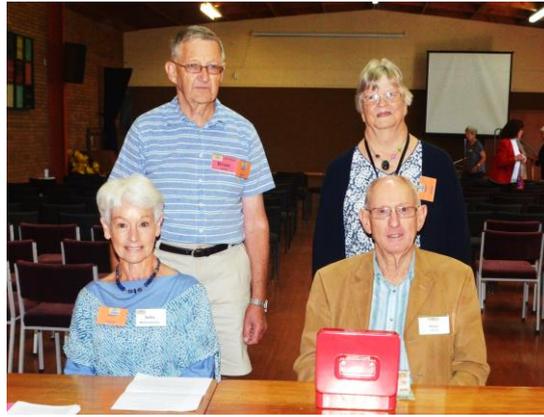
- Benjamin Franklin

November Meeting



The final meeting for 2016 was held on 18 November and was well attended by approximately 200 members. At this meeting the committee for 2017 was elected (see photos and contact details on pp 9 & 10). Angela Dold, Convenor of the Creative Writing Group, read out a very funny, Christmas-themed, piece of writing, which was contributed by one of her group members and several other groups exhibited examples of their work. The Maungatapu Kindergarten Mothers excelled themselves by providing us with fabulous Christmas treats for morning tea. After a very convivial morning tea we were entertained by the Ukulele and Singing for Joy Groups and everyone joined in at the end to sing a few Christmas Carols.

November meet and Greet Team



Group Coordinators' Report

There is little or no activity in the groups at this time of the year, and most groups will start again in February. Happy New Year from the co-ordinators!

Group News

Web Development Group

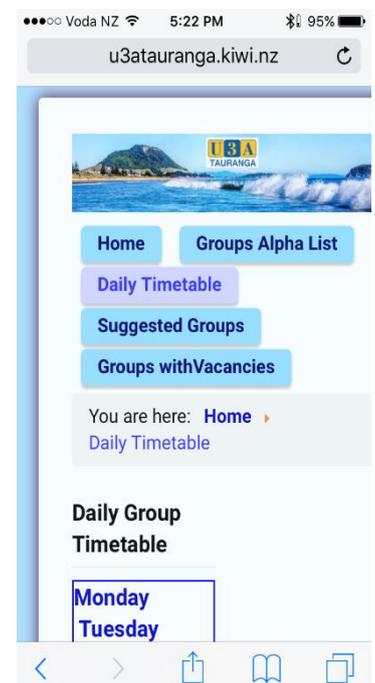
How I use the U3A website:

"I'd like to find a new group for a Wednesday afternoon."

After the member opened her phone, it took less than a minute to find the U3A Tauranga Home page, then a click on Groups and another click on Daily Timetable. Scrolling down to Wednesday, we found a group to interest her on her free afternoon.

While enjoying an afternoon tea during a group meeting, a U3A member mentioned it was annoying to hear about a group, make enquiries and then find out there are no vacancies. "Waste of time," he grumbled.

On his phone, it took less than a minute to get him to the section of the U3A web site that listed "Groups with vacancies". From there, it's just a click to discover the meeting time/place and how to get in touch with the convener. <http://u3atauranga.kiwi.nz> is your up-to-date connection to all U3A matters.



Opera Appreciation 1 and 2

Recently both opera groups did an obscure opera that most people have never heard of, let alone seen on stage or added to their private collections. That opera was Francesco Cilea "Adriana Lecouvreur", which was first staged in 1902. It is a "Verismo" opera rather like Puccini "Madam Butterfly" and "Tosca" featuring real-life passion, murder, agonising death, suicide. Caruso sang in the first performance in America at the New York Metropolitan opera. The opera sank into obscurity for a long period, hence its being little known today, but was revived in 1963 in New York when the well-known tenor Placido Domingo sang in his first performance at the New York Metropolitan Opera along with Renata Tebaldi, famous for her rivalry with Maria Callas. Placido Domingo will be familiar to many as one of the big three tenors who sang "Nessun Dorma" at the football World Cup, introducing millions of football hooligans to the world of opera. Joan Sutherland later sang the soprano role. Recently, 2010 Jonas Kaufman, a top tenor internationally today, sang the tenor role in "Adriana Lecouvreur" and has recorded it. If you like the sound of robust opera, give it a try.

Coordinator -Rob Heath, Phone 574 6468

Buildings and Cities Group Christmas Function



Geology Group

The Geology Group were in a Christmas mood when we visited them for a group photograph, and after a delicious lunch, produced by members, it was down to work and a talk by Robert.

One of their recent Kaikoura earthquake, photographs included damage and land.



subjects was the with a number of which showed the displacement of the

Meetings are 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month; new members are welcome.

Coordinator - Robert Turnbull, Phone 544 2659

Meet the newsletter team

The Newsletter is very much a team effort with Kit Divehall, Jan Holden and Heather Landon making up the team. Between them they have a very broad range of skills, versatility and experience.



Kit Divehall – Editor

Kit enjoys the role of Editor and is always looking for insights within U3A members to share with you and, to provide a wide ranging perspective of U3A news, membership and activities. He has a wide range of skills and experience, as well as being adaptable and innovative.

Aged 72, Kit's career was in the insurance, reinsurance and risk management sector from which he retired almost 2 years ago. As New Zealander, he grew up in Wellington and Palmerston North and commenced work in insurance. Early in his career, he moved to Australia and then spent over 50 years in management positions in Australia, South East Asia, U.S.A. and NZ. This included roles establishing and heading up local operations in S.E.Asia and N.Z. on behalf of two major international companies.

Kit's wife, Barbara, is also a member of U3A and they have two adult children living in U.S.A. and Australia and one grandchild.



Jan Holden – Print and graphics Layout

Jan retired to Tauranga 2 years ago from Auckland and joined U3A in January 2016. She was born and raised in Napier and on leaving school worked in a range of secretarial and administration roles before getting married and raising a family.

As a mature student she trained to become a secondary school teacher and later studied for a Bachelor of Business and graduated with a Master of Educational Management. Her latter career has been mostly in teaching business and computing courses at Polytech level and in educational management.

She has travelled widely and has lived and worked overseas in London and Bahrain. Her contract in Bahrain was interrupted by the Arab Spring uprising in 2010 and it was

a very tense time when troops and tanks from Saudi crossed over the border into Bahrain to quell the protests.

Jan is married to Harry Pollock who is also a U3A member. Together they have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. They both enjoy gardening, going to foreign movies, listening to classical music, reading and travelling



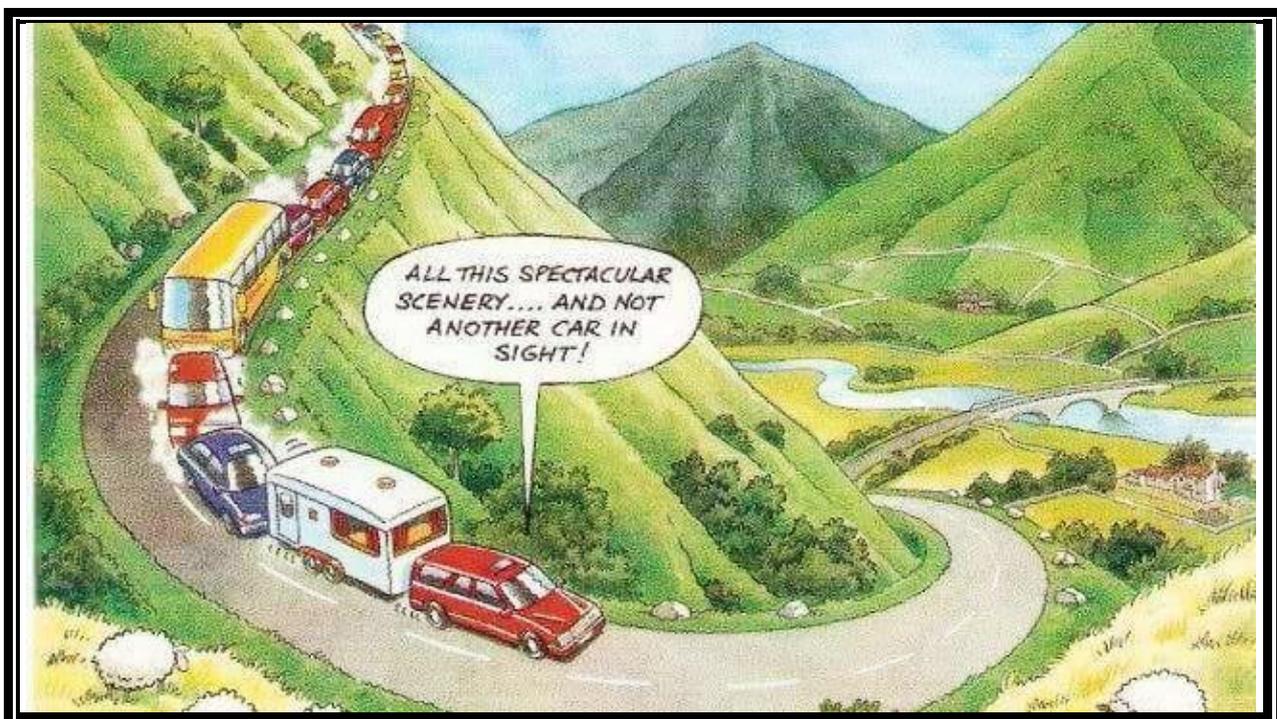
Heather Landon – Print and graphics layout

Heather was brought up on a dairy farm in the Waikato and attended Walton Primary, Matamata College and Tauranga Girls College. She has lived in Tauranga ever since then, bar six months.

On leaving school Heather worked in the office of the dairy factory on the corner of 11 Avenue and Devonport Road. Lots of cheap cream available for the porridge! These were the days when the minutes of the Directors' meetings were typed up with twelve pieces of paper and 11 sheets of carbon paper all in the Imperial or Remington typewriter at one time. Typos were corrected with the aid of 11 little pieces of paper and one eraser.

She has managed the accounts for the family engineering business for thirty-three years and is married with four sons and seven grandchildren.

Scrabble has been her passion for the last fifteen years and she has played regularly at tournaments throughout New Zealand. Her other main interests include making music, which has currently been mainly with ukulele.



Facts and Figures to Date

Membership as at January 2017	851
Life Members	8
TOTAL	859
Number of Groups:	100

Do we have your correct contact details?

If you have moved house or changed your phone or mobile numbers or changed your email address, could you please update these by contacting the Membership Secretary, Sheila Freer - 576 5243

“The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure.”

- Tibetan Proverb



Ovation of the Seas leaving Tauranga Harbour on Boxing Day

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”

- Albert Einstein

2017 Committee Elect



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Vice President



Viv Mills
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Maryellyn Carr
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Groups D to H



Anne Withy
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Christine Denne
Groups R to Z



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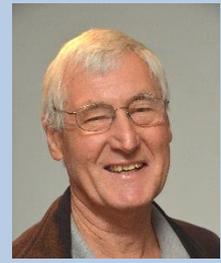
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Next Newsletter

Autumn – March 2017

All contributions must be in before Friday 24 February 2017.

Committee, Convener and Group Reports should reach the editor before the deadline. If you have something to share with U3A members, we ask for short contributions (which may be edited). Inclusion will depend on available space in each newsletter.

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