

At last it's...



Next General Meetings

September

Date: Friday 15 Sept 2017
Speaker: Ray Dumble
Airport Manager

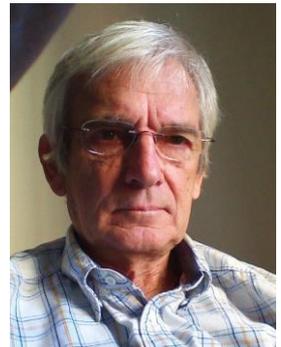
Ray is speaking on Tauranga Airport past, present and future.



October

Date: Friday 20 Oct 2017
Speaker: Gerry Hodgson

Gerry's talk and screen presentation will cover recent travels south of South America, including islands and ice formations as well as time on the ice in Antarctica. Gerry's son also participated in a marathon run on the ice while in Antarctica.



10.00 am – 12.00 noon

\$4.00 entry

**Wellesley Methodist Church Hall
100, 13th Avenue, Tauranga**



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President's Report



Greetings from me here in the wonderful Bay of Plenty. We are so lucky to live in New Zealand when we see the terrible things going on

in parts of the world. We need to value our way of life so exercise your democratic right to vote.

On a sad note; with the recent death of Alan Freer we no longer have a photographer. Fortunately, Cliff Freer has stepped into the breach specially to cover our general meetings for an interim period. So, thank you Cliff.

However, we do need to make a more permanent arrangement in due course so anyone who would like to fill this important role please contact myself or anyone on the executive

The Future Planning team still has work to do on many fronts.

A few of us have visited several venues to see if there is anything more suitable than the church we currently use for

the monthly General Meetings. It is not the church particularly but rather the challenges and frustrations of parking. We will be providing an update in the newsletter.

Many of you will know that we had an incident at the church that required us to activate our insurance policy. The claim has been accepted but we have a \$500 excess. Our coordinators are reviewing all the various facilities our groups hire and any documents that Conveners have had to sign. The executive will review the findings.

The executive is undertaking an evaluation of a membership administration system over the next three months. Believe it or not the system provider (Infoodle), is a local Mount Maunganui company. How I only discovered them in the last few months I do not know but there you go. Infoodle currently provide services to some 250 churches and community groups In New Zealand and abroad at very reasonable prices. (cont. p3)

By that I mean approximately the same as we pay for our accounting system or about 72 cents per member per year. It provides many real benefits such as being multi user and multi-device compatible to name only two.

The Constitution: We have received feedback from our honorary solicitor and the team will incorporate his advice. It will then be reviewed by the executive. We will then call a special meeting to put the new constitution before the membership. We naturally hope that the membership will support the complete review that we have undertaken. It has been a challenging task; no wonder constitutions are not reviewed often.

We continue to have excellent speakers at our General Meetings. Debbie Cunliffe provided us with great insight into the diabetes problem facing the NZ health system, the individuals affected and their families coping with the various forms of diabetes. Thank you again for an inspiring presentation that was scary, fun and informative.

The executive rounded the House of Science donations up to the nearest hundred dollars and a grateful acknowledgement has been received from them. Thank you to all those who donated.

You may remember that we applied to COGS (Community Organisation Grants), for a grant. Just a few days ago,

we received notification that we were successful with a \$3000 grant. Thank you to Vivienne Mills and Elizabeth Reeves for their help to me in putting the application together

Sheila informs me that we now have approximately 860 financial members and 9 life members. This is in spite of the fact we have made no recruitment drives. There have been nearly 130 new members since January. Welcome to all new members. I note that some 30 of you attended the 'New members' meeting' in late July. These are very informative events and a great way to meet each other. If you have never attended one of these meetings, please free to participate. I repeat the statement from my last report "Please make yourselves known to new members and in that way, all of us will better enjoy the experience that is U3A Tauranga".

Regards
John Powell
President

Puns for Educated Minds

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

Photos from Previous Meetings



*July Main Speaker – Bruce Burgess
“Fire Safety”*



*July Mini Speaker – Peter Simmons
“Florence”*



*Aug Main speaker – Debbie Cunliffe
“Diabetes Help”*



*Aug Mini Speaker – Angela Dold
“The Origins of English”*

Meet and Greet Teams

July – Tai Chi



August – Horticulture and Gardening



Obituary



Alan Freer

30 September 1936 – 31 July 2017

Alan Freer was a highly-respected stalwart of Tauranga U3A, which he joined in 2000. At that time, he started up the Digital Photography Group, having been passionately involved in photography for almost all his life. Over subsequent years he was also involved in numerous U3A groups with his last role as our official photographer. In 2013 he was awarded the U3A lifetime Membership Award.

Alan was born in York, England. He left school at the age of 15 and later joined the army for National Service and, after completion trained as an agricultural engineer.

Alan sailed to New Zealand aboard the Oriana 50 years ago, in 1967. His previous experience in agricultural engineering enabled him to secure a position with Massey Ferguson and later with Tauranga Motors. Other roles included being a postman and a vehicle inspector at VTNZ. His various interests included cricket, ballroom dancing, music, photography, classic aircraft and travel.

Alan is survived by his wife, Sheila, two children, two step children, grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Group Coordinators' Report

New Members' Meeting

A very successful new members' afternoon was held on Wednesday, 26 July which was well attended by some 30 members with around 70 expressions of interest in different groups. Good feedback on the meeting and the running of U3A was received from those present.

New Groups

A new group **Google Applications** will have their first meeting on Monday 21 August at 9.45 am. The tutor will work through all that each application offers, one at a time. Interested people can contact Marianne Lammers 021 804 403 for more information.



Proposed Groups



At the new members' meeting, it was suggested from the floor that a new group **Ballet Appreciation** be formed. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Fraser 576 2175 a2c.groups@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz after 6 September.

We would like to set up a second **I-pad** group. Please contact Anne Withy 579 0430 i2p.groups@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz if you have the skills to lead this group.



Additionally, members have expressed an interest in an **Android Applications** group. If you have the skills to lead such a group, please contact Kathleen Fraser or Anne Withy.



The **Rummikub** group which was set up earlier this year has been so successful it is closed to new members so we are hoping to form a new group. Please contact Christine Denne 543 9483 r2z.groups@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz if you are interested in joining this second group.

Vacancies

The following groups are looking for new members:

- **Art History 2** – contact Margaret Liddell 570 0385
- **Art Practical** – contact Barbara Inkster 544 8939
- **Computer Applications** – contact Brian Wood 574 6323
- **500 cards** – contact Jill Nutsford 578 0930
- **Hikers 1** – contact Kathy Gibbs 574 9111

- **Lone Rangers 2** – contact Jane Gibbens 218 8879
- **Luncheon 1**- contact Ina Oliver 544 5047
- **Luncheon 2** – contact Sue Reynolds 543 3101
- **Mah Jong** – contact Karen Trebes 572 4126
- **Nature Study** – contact Mary Sanson 571 2509
- **Opera Appreciation 1** – contact Rob and Rosemary Heath 574 6468
- **Opera Appreciation 2** – contact Kathleen Fraser 576 2175 (after 6 September)
- **Rialto 2** – contact John Russell – 562 3467
- **Singing for Joy** – contact Maggie Windsor-Brown 578 4297
- **Tai Chi** – contact Paddy Knight 021 128 5282
- **Travel** – contact Annette McLachlan 571 3188
- **Ukulele for Beginners** – contact Catherine Brougham 543 5029
- **War Films & Documentaries** – contact David Gordon 544 4179
- **Weekend Walkers** – contact Nancye Lucas 543 0978
- **Yoga 2** – contact Peter Simmons 576 0952

A further **Memoirs Writing** course is being run starting at the end of September and has one vacancy. Contact Anne Withy 579 0430.

In Recess

German Conversation is in recess at the moment, but if you would like more details about when it is likely to reconvene, contact the Convener James Cave 571 4941.

Change of meeting venue

Mah Jong now meets at the Elizabeth Street Bay Venues hall. The meeting time will stay the same 1.00pm-4pm on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. The cost is \$2.00 per session. Contact Karen Trebes 572 4126 if you are interested.

Contacting Coordinators by email

A request from the secretary - If you wish to contact a coordinator by email, can you please use the **email address as listed in the handbook or advertised on the website** for the coordinator you wish to contact, not the U3A email address.

Conveners' Meeting

The last Conveners' meeting for the year is shown in the handbook as 20 October, whereas **the correct date is Monday, 30 October** at 10.00 am in the Wesley Church Hall. We will contact Conveners nearer the time.

Coordinators: Kathleen – 576 2175, Marianne – 021 804403, Anne – 579 0430 and Christine – 543 9483.



Group News

Attention Group Conveners

We would love to hear about the activities of your group. Articles, together with a photograph, if possible, would be very welcome. Please send to Newsletter Editor, Kit Divehall Ph 576 8100

newsletter@u3atauranga.kiwi.nz

Travel Group

The Travel Group meets on the 4th Tuesday each month. Their monthly meetings usually have at least two speakers and they generally discuss different parts of the world, not just one.



Members enjoy the personal experiences shared at these meetings and plan their own trips. Group duties are also shared amongst a few members to an extent and not all dependant on one person.

The Travel Group are seeking new members so, if you are interested in joining, please call Annette McLachlan on 07 571 3188. She would love to talk to you.

U3A Science Group

In May, the science group had an interesting visit to the research and development arm of TiDA, the Titanium Industry Development Association Ltd, based at Toi Ohomai Institute Windermere campus, Tauranga.

The laboratory specialises in titanium powder metallurgy. They design products and develop processes and prototypes for clients using a variety of methods that we could see, such as:

- Inspection by scanning electron microscopy
- Material identification
- Laser particle sizing
- Tensile and compression testing

- Rotating bend fatigue testing
- Vacuum furnace heat treatment
- Metal 3D printing

The group watched the titanium powder 3D printer in action and handled a few examples of printed objects. There was great interest in the electron microscope as well as the explanation of the use of titanium in the medical field, for example for hip joints and heart valves. Group Coordinator Christine phone 543 9483

Creative Writing 1 & 2

Angela Dold is the Convener of both Creative Writing groups. At the August General Meeting, she was the mini speaker and spoke on "The Origins of English". It was a fascinating speech explaining the development of English back from Anglo Saxon, Jute and Dane times through to Roman, Latin and Scandinavian times. Then the Normans brought French and many other influences have followed.



English is now the richest language in the world, it is our heritage and such an important part of our culture. Incredible!

If you would like to join a Creative Writing Group, please phone Angela on 571 6767.



Group Coordinator Vacancies for 2018

We are looking for three new Groups Coordinators for 2018. The Coordinators work as a team and are supportive of each other.

The Coordinators are responsible for the establishment and running of groups and provide Conveners with opportunities to offer ideas and voice concerns.

If you are interested in this role you need to have administration skills, be a good communicator and can relate to others.

The main tasks are supporting and forming new groups; publicising new groups and groups who need more members: reporting to the Committee at the monthly Executive meetings; arranging Conveners meeting twice a year and arranging New Members meeting three times a year.

This role is fundamental to U3A Tauranga. Without our Group Coordinators we couldn't function. However, it is really rewarding, interesting and a great way to be involved in U3A Tauranga.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact:

Jean Garmonsway Email: pommyj123@xtra.co.nz Phone: 579 1918



Member Profile

Annette McLachlan



Annette is Convener of the Travel Group and is a keen traveller/adventurist, having been to many countries, mainly in the UK and Europe. At the September U3A General Meeting, she is the Mini Speaker and will share her insights into "Why" people travel. There are many different reasons!

Annette has many other interests. An accomplished artist who likes life drawing and portraits, she has been a tutor on occasions for the U3A Art Practical Group and belongs to several art societies. Also, for over 40 years, she has been keenly involved in genealogy and family history, a member of the Genealogical Society of N.Z and the U3A History A Group.

Annette spent her career in law offices and as a Judges' Personal Assistant with the Ministry of Justice.



Items of Unused Equipment

Four items of equipment, the majority donated to us by members, have not been used for several years due to the prevalence of technology today. In keeping with past practice, unless a desire to retain any item is indicated in the next month, the following items will be given to a charity shop such as the Red Cross:



- **One Panasonic VCR Player**
- **One Sanyo DVD Player**
- **One Digitech Portable Wireless Amplifier**
- **2 National Panasonic Speakers**

If you think your group could benefit from any of these items, or have any questions or suggestions, please phone Peter Simmons on 576 0952.

Future Planning Sub-Committee

Summary:

1. **General Meeting venue:**

No further progress. The City Church, Otumoetai Road and the Citizens Club are still under consideration.

2. **Succession Planning:**

Website – future/succession planning. If the Webmaster was not available, one or two members of the web development team might be able to take over the maintenance of the website.

3. **New Database:**

The computer company, Infoodle, was visited for a demonstration of their database application. This company works only for churches, fund raising, non-profits organisations, volunteer and community groups.

Some of the advantages of the new database are as follows:

- The database can be 'custom made' for U3A
- Existing Access data can be transferred across to Infoodle
- More than one person can access the database at the same time
- Mailchimp can email from Infoodle
- Letter templates
- Monthly Stats Reports
- Function for Group Membership (Conveners can update their group membership if they so wish)
- Function for Group Attendance (Conveners can update their group attendance if they so wish.)
- Email to U3A members direct from the database without having to use Outlook etc.,
- Text to U3A members
- History of contact with Member - retains emails, letters, etc.
- Support: Infoodle will maintain and backup the database. A 90-day trial of this database is available to us.

4. **Publication Team:**

A meeting took place on Thursday, 10th August with the Newsletter team and three other U3A members to brainstorm how this Publication team will work. Outcomes include: Jan Holden and Margaret Marsh to take over the updating and production of the Handbook. Sheila Freer will update all templates relating to the Membership, New Members, Questionnaires etc. These templates will be help in Dropbox.

Facts and Figures to Date

Financial members as at 20 Aug 2017	860
Life members	9
TOTAL	869
Number of Groups:	103

Do you have a U3A Computer?



If you have a U3A computer, can you please advise
Peter Simmons phone 576 0952

The Almoner



Angela Dold is the U3A Almoner and offers understanding and support to all members when needed. Please let Angela know if you become aware of a member, their spouse, partner, or family members who are ill or, if there has been a recent bereavement.

Angela needs your advice when such incidents occur to keep her informed and, enable her to carry out this role. Phone: 571 6767.

Email: anndold2811@gmail.com



U3A Tauranga - website and email shortcuts

Here are some hints to save you typing email or web addresses full:

Email - when writing an email, put your cursor in the "To" box and type "u3a". If you have sent emails to a U3A addresses before, they will appear in a list of email addresses. Then, just click on the address needed and it will appear in the "To" box.

U3A Tauranga Website - in the address box in your web browser, type "u3atauranga", the U3A Tauranga web address will appear if you have used the address before.

OR in Google type "u3atauranga" in the Search Box - a list will appear. Select U3A Tauranga and click on it. You will then have access the website.

We hope some of you find this helpful.

Have you collected your name badge yet?



Sheila Freer distributing name badges at the Aug meeting



Upcoming Events

New Zealand International Film Festival – Rialto
Tauranga – 24 Aug – 17 Sept - www.nziff.co.nz

Continuing Education Tauranga Meetings- Tues 19
Sept and 17 Oct –
www.acontinuingeducation.weebly.com

Rotorua Tulip Festival – 1 – 9 October -
www.tulipfestrotorua.co.nz

Tauranga Arts Festival – 19 – 29 October –
www.taurangafestival.co.nz

U3A Tauranga Special Meeting – 17 November –
Election of 2018 Committee.



**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**

2017 Committee

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Jean Garmonsway - 579 1918

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Archivist:

Margaret Douglas – 579 4429

Next Newsletter

Nov 2017

All contributions must be in by Monday 23 Oct 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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