



TAURANGA INC

NEWSLETTER

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Hello from your 2011 President

Hi everybody my name is Ken Gillan.

Thank you to those who attended the AGM to elect your new committee.

I have been a member of U3A for five years, a convenor for the last four years and a committee member for the last two years. I've found the hard work our committee (and past committee members) put in for U3A Tauranga cannot be over-stated.

I hope I can contribute to your committee as much as our past Presidents; I have big shoes to fill.

Let's not forget U3A is there to provide opportunities for retired people to meet and share experiences and pursue interests held in common.

One hundred years ago the average life span for a man was 47 years. **WOW!** Look what U3A has done and can do for us.

Ken Gillan.

2011 COMMITTEE

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Archives	Can you offer to fill this position? Just a <u>little</u> bit of time and space.		



Welcome to the incoming Committee for 2011

With thanks to those who offered their support

Next Newsletter is due out the second week of May. If you wish anything to be inserted please forward by **4th May**;

To Editor: Janet Ormsby 576-5008. janet.L3@xtra.co.nz

News from Your Executive Committee

General Meetings:

1. Held the 3rd Friday of each month from 10 to 12, usually with two speakers and morning tea provided. Wesley Church Hall, 13th Ave. Occasionally we will present talks from some of our 76 groups instead of having a first speaker.

❖ **March 18.** 1st Speaker - Simon Deane – A new Inspirational Speaker
☞ **11-12:45 An hour for Christchurch. Please come.**

See pg 8.

❖ **April 15.** 1st Speaker – Presentation from some of our Groups
2nd Speaker - Henning Axt – Pitcairn Island travels.

2. Door Charge. Currently we are charging \$3 to enjoy the General Meetings. However, morning tea costs have risen to \$4 per person. After discussion your executive is in total agreement U3A Tauranga will subsidise this rise. Your committee also agreed to continue subsidising hall hire for this meeting.

3. Group Co-ordinators. Due to our increased membership and the number of interest groups we run, it was been agreed to have two Group Co-ordinators. Please note which co-ordinator is responsible for your group.

Please note:

Groups whose titles begin from **A to F** are under the direction of
Thelma Cane. Ph 574-6222

Groups starting from **G to Z** are now under the direction of
Monica Cox. Ph 579-3616

4. End of Year Function. This early notification is for you to mark your calendar for the 'Celebration of Learning and Achievement' for the 2011 year.

Date: **9th December**, a luncheon from 11 to 2.30. The venue will be at the Citz Club again. A sub-Committee, under the V.P., will keep you informed. This year will be the best yet. Something different – which ALL can enjoy. Book the date!! A list of un-paid members will be issued to all conveners who should ensure those attending groups are 'paid-up' or are expected guests. Accounts were issued with the Dec N/L which we have found many did not receive. ???

Your receipt number is your proof of payment. Please stick it to your handbook

5. Membership. If you have **not received** your 2011 handbook, please check whether the Membership Secretary has received your subscription of \$20 for the 2011 year. Ph Winn Tipping, Ph 570-2370 or Don McMillan, Ph 579-4916.

6. Non-Committee Positions.

- a. Thank you to Peter Simmons who is willing to continue his role as U3A Tauranga Funding Representative. We are fortunate to have Peter in this position. He never fails to 'deliver'.
- b. Thank you to Doris Hamer who is also willing to continue as our Almoner. Doris is the person to contact if you hear of any of our members who have died. Doris sends our condolences to the family plus cards or flowers if appropriate. Her ph no is 571-8184, email address: hamer@bopis.co.nz.
- c. Thank you to Alan Freer who manages U3A Tga website. If you have any suggestions for updates, group news or improvements, Alan will welcome these. Ph 576-5243. al.freer@ihug.co.nz
- d. Thank you to Betty Clethero who gives her time to the U3A website when Alan is not available. Ph 544-2067. bettyce@value.net.nz
- e. Thank you also to all members who help out at the General Meetings or give their time to helping U3A Tga function as the well-oiled machine it is. Especially all conveners.

7. Correction: 2010 talk by Peter Jackson on 'Tea in East Africa'. Peter has provided the following précis of his talk which I had printed with some mistakes. My apologies Peter. *Ed.*

'Jambo' means 'hello' in Swahili, the lingua franca of the region. There are several ways of manufacturing black tea. He spoke about the CTC (cut ,tear, curl) method, much of which goes into tea bags. Peter pointed out the style of orthodox manufacture and of green tea. It takes about 4.5 kgs of freshly plucked tea to make 1 kg of black tea. He pointed out the importance of keeping manufactured tea fresh as it is very hygroscopic, picks up moisture and taints readily. Tin foil and vacuum packing was discussed. The particle size determines the 'grade'. The 'dust style' is generally the one used in tea bags, being more dense and doesn't require as much space for packing. Peter explained the difference between 'loose leaf tea' and 'tea bags', stating that one is as good as the other depending on the quality and grade of tea utilised.

8. Handbook Change

Digital Photography. Members interested in this group should phone Thelma Cane – 574-6222.

*Please bring friends to the **Special General Meeting March 18th**.
We need as **many visitors** as possible. (See pg 8.)*



TRAMPING GROUP

The Tramping Group commenced the new season with a tramp to Waitengauē Track and Ananui Falls in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park. (Doc Kaimai to Coast booklet). We had a terrific day out and lots of laughs as we struggled through raging torrents (slight exaggeration) and climbed steep hills. It's a great way of getting to know people and of course we relived the whole thing again in the coffee shop on the way home! Interested ph Jean Garmonsway, 579 1918 Email: pommyj123@xtra.co.nz"

The U3A International U3A Conference will be held in Singapore 8-9 August 2011. Information, Costs and Registration form can be found at <http://u3asingaporeinternationalconference2011.org/>

News from the Groups

Suggested New Group

Ethnic Dining: A suggested group to experience the various ethnic restaurants in our city. To gather a group of members for a convivial dining outing, a luncheon meeting would be best. Four names have been forwarded. If interested Ph Thelma 574-6222.

Bridge: in Mount/Papamoa area. Need 2 more members to get started. Could that be you? Contact Thelma 574-6222 if interested.

Groups Closed

Chi Kung & Religions of the World. Both closed due to lack of numbers. We could try again sometime.

Groups with vacancies. *These groups would welcome new members.*

Bridge.	Ph Audrey 578-7617	Meet every Tuesday pm
Creative Writing.	Ph Angela 571-6767.	1 st & 3 rd Mondays am
Discover-it.	Ph Jane 576-1374.	3 rd Thursday am
Drama.	Ph Joni 578-2525.	2 nd & 4 th Monday pm
French.	Ph Ann 579-9902.	Every Wed. 7pm – 8.30pm
Horticulture & Gardening.	Ph Margaret 576-5292.	4 th Thurs. pm
Jazz & Blues Appr.	Ph Ken 572-4472.	2 nd & 4 th Thurs. 7-9.30 pm
Psychology.	Ph Pam 575-2775.	2 nd & 4 th Wed am
Scrabble.	Ph Cynthia 578-1533.	1 st & 3 rd Wed. pm
Technology-Old & New.	Ph Glenda 576-6267.	1 st Friday am.

Thought of someone you can bring to March 18th General Meeting?

Don't just think about it - please ask them now! ☎

Did you know: When you see a statue of a person on a horse, if the horse has both front legs in the air the rider died in battle; if only one front leg is in the air the rider died of wounds received in battle; if all four legs are on the group the rider died of natural causes.

(Courtesy U3A Wanganui Newsletter)

Tauranga U3A President's Report for 2010.

"It is my pleasure to present your President's Report for the past 12 months. Unlike so many other surveys of the past year, I can confidently say that this has been another good year for Tauranga U3A and that we can all feel optimistic about the future of the Society.

"Our membership numbers continue to grow-about 650-as does the number of groups, now well into the 70s. We cannot be more definite about either figure as so many people join throughout the year and, of course, there are the inevitable resignations and departures for one reason or another. As for the Groups, new ones form all the time.

"No great event occurred in U3A this year. Last year we elected three people as life members and I would like to mention them again. Ken Rose , Warwick Kingston-Smith and Peter Simmons were recognised for their tremendous contribution in making Tauranga U3A what it is today and they continue to contribute in so many ways, not least in invariably being at all monthly meetings, setting out the Hall and the equipment and by not only being members of so many Groups, but also being Group Convenors.

"Specifically I would like to thank Peter Simmons for his work each year in applying for COGS funding-and getting a large part of it.

"The Committee: Frankly, the President's job is made easy by the hard work of so many people, not least the Committee members. Perhaps my main job has been to try to keep order at monthly committee meetings, not always successfully, although I have to say we have got through business with no serious disagreements and differences of opinion have always been resolved amicably.

"I think it right that, once a year, those people who make U3A work should receive recognition. First, retiring Committee members: Uli Hoppe, Immediate Past President, and Doreen Anderson who helped Thelma Cane with the Groups, Paul Wooding, Treasurer and Jim Taylor, in charge of arranging speakers for the monthly meetings. Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

"The rest of the Committee are all standing again. (At the time this report was given to the AGM the election of officers had not taken place, but, not surprisingly, as there was only one candidate for each position, all were duly elected.)

"Ken Gillan, Vice-President. Ken has been a tremendous support .Enthusiastic, cheerful and hard-working, he will be a wonderful President. Sheila Forrest, Secretary. Sheila is very hard-working, proactive and efficient-just the sort of secretary a president needs. Winn Tipping, Membership Secretary. As you would expect with a membership of around 650, Winn is kept busy throughout the year, but especially now, at the beginning of the year and with subs being paid. Winn handles this job efficiently and with no fuss. Don McMillan, Skills Registrar. Don joined us this year and has done a great job in obtaining and keeping a list of members with particular skills. This is very useful as it enables us to approach people with these skills and give jobs to them! Don will also be an assistant to Winn this year. Thelma Cane, Groups Coordinator.

With over 70 groups, this is quite a job. After all, this is our "core activity". I sometimes think the best way to run U3A would be to have a committee of two, Thelma and one other person, who would be absent at committee meetings ! But this would be to downgrade all the work so many others do. This year Thelma will be joined by Monica Cox, who will share the work with her. Welcome onto the Committee Monica. Angela Dold, Publicity. Thank you Angela for your work on publicity and we welcome you as our new Vice-President. Janet Ormsby, Publications Officer. I think you will all agree the Newsletter, under Janet's editorship, goes from strength to strength thanks to Janet's enthusiasm and hard work.

We welcome on to the Committee, Peter Benson, as Treasurer, who must have made the mistake of disclosing his work as an accountant to the Skill Registrar. Ruby Cusworth, to be Meetings/speakers' presenter. Monica Cox, to join Thelma as Groups Coordinator. And Val Green as Publicity officer.

"Others who have contributed throughout the year are Doris Hamer, Almoner, David Walpole, in charge of sound at monthly meetings and Alan Freer and Betty Clethero, Website Masters.

Finally I remember my son, when at school, telling me that the expression "Maths (or Science) is fun" were tricks to persuade students to work--because they weren't fun. Whether that was the case or not, I believe that what U3A has done is to make learning fun--long may it do so!"

Martin Dumbill

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Walking Group. The first walk for the new walking group was enjoyed by 13 members and 1 visitor. The Te Waihou Walkway is an extremely beautiful walk following the river which is very clear. The blue green colours of the water and the water weed are amazing. A picnic lunch at the memorial stones - walking back to the cars - and a coffee stop on the way home - it was a great day!

The next walks are the Twin Kauri Walk up the Rapurapu Stream on 2nd March and the Crown and Windows Walk in the Karangahake gorge on 16th March. This group meets on 1st & 3rd Wed each month. Interested? Ph Thelma 574-6222. (*Your stunning photo will be printed in next Newsletter. Sorry. Ed.*)

Travel group. We have had our first meeting for 2011. The first speaker spoke of travels, wandering though Europe. The 2nd speaker spoke on travels to Slovenia. The later also dwelt on the historical background behind European places, as well as travels with a suitcase. A very informative and entertaining morning was held by all. We are welcoming new members. Ph Lesley Hollis: 575-6527 or email: lesleyhollis@kinect.co.nz

Psychology Group. First discussion was on 'Beliefs'. What a diverse meeting!

Please read and action

Christchurch Earthquake National Disaster

There are no words to describe the pall of sadness covering New Zealand at this time. Our sincere condolences go to all those who have family or friends involved. Our thoughts are with you.

Pres. Ken Gillan

Some points to consider:

- Your U3A Tauranga will be setting aside the last hour of our next General Meeting (18th March, 11-12am) to action donations or compassionate thoughts for the Christchurch relief fund. (*See pg 2*)
- Art Practical group (via Mary Brooks) have offered a wide collection of works for sale, auction, or your offers to purchase for this meeting. Please contact Mary, 578-5600, if you have any art, sculptures, ceramics or art works which can be added to this collection. (Note: Ellen Orr of Bay Auctions has offered to conduct this auction for free. Thank you Ellen).
- Three groups have combined to provide a large Book of Condolence. This will be sent to the City of Christchurch after all groups have had the opportunity to sign. This will be available from 18th March.
- If you have suggestions of ways U3A Tga could assist don't hesitate to email or ph President Ken or V.P. Angela. (*Details on Pg 1*)
- Be careful who you give your monetary donations to. Already there are collectors on the streets and email requests, which are not authorised. Every cent will be needed. Be wary of those coming to your door. Your bank is the best place to go.
- If you are a praying person, pray. If not, send kind thoughts, messages of hope, email the TV stations with your feelings. As has been said, no action of compassion is too small.
- This is a National Disaster so we will all be affected in some way. Be kind to one another. *Ed.*