



An Introduction to



now in our 29th year

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A Little History ...



Tauranga

Definition of University (ancient)

“A group of people who gather together to study a particular topic of interest”

At U3A there are no exams and no formal lectures
It is not a university in the legislated sense

Qualifications required:

A passion for on-going learning and
the will to actively contribute to interest groups



*The School of Athens
By Raphael*

The U3A Philosophy

U3A shall consist of a body of persons who
undertake to help others learn:

*“Those who teach shall also learn
and those who learn shall also teach”*

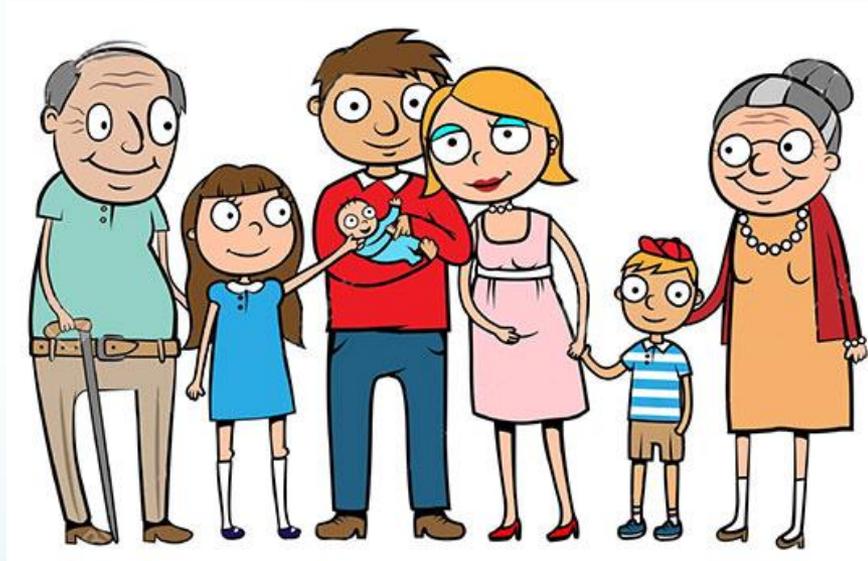
- Peter Laslett, founder of U3A UK

The 3 Ages:

1st ... childhood

2nd ... working life

3rd... the rest of our life



“The Third Age” is the European term for retirement

History

1973: Toulouse, France – U3A was launched
its aim was to present a programme of university-based
continuing education (attending lectures at universities) to provide
stimulation for those in the third stage of life

1982: England

unlike France it evolved as a community-based system of
independent self-run groups

1989: Remuera – the first U3A in New Zealand

1995: Tauranga – inaugural meeting held at St Enoch's Church

New Zealand has 84 U3A's

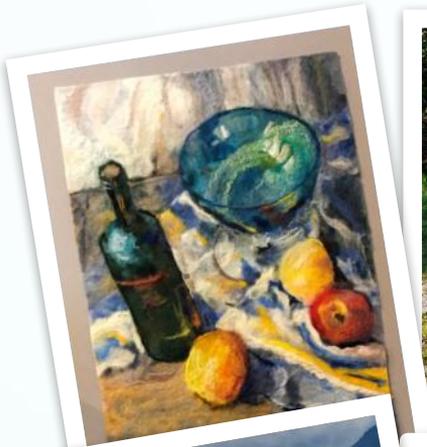
Australia has 300 U3A's

UK has 1000+ U3A's



2024 - Tauranga

With over 900 members and around 80 special interest groups we are one of the largest U3A's in New Zealand



How our groups function ...



Group Structure

- Convener:* the leader and a member of the group, there may also be a Co- or Sub-Convener.
- Content:* set by the group
- Meetings:* held in members' homes or in venues decided by the group
- Days & Times:* decided by the group

Waiting Lists for Groups

- Some groups you want to join maybe full. In that case contact the Convener of the group to have your name added to a waiting list. When a vacancy occurs, you will be invited to join the group.
- Alternatively, when a waiting list comprises 6+ interested members, the Group Coordinator will call a meeting to set up a new group.

Group Participation

- All members are encouraged to participate in the groups to which they belong.
- This **may** involve making a presentation to the group as per the U3A philosophy of learning from and teaching others.



We have a wide variety of groups to choose from...

- Art & Design
- Books & Writing
- Card & Board games
- Computing
- Current Events
- Dining Out
- Films
- Health & Exercise
- History
- Languages
- Music
- Nature
- Photography
- Sciences
- ... and more



Ideas for New Groups

Ideas are welcomed from members who wish to organise a group with a particular focus. Please contact one of our Coordinators for more information.

Administration

The Executive meets once a month

In addition to the usual roles of
President, Secretary and Treasurer

the full list of administration roles
required to run U3A Tauranga
can be found on page 4 of your
Handbook

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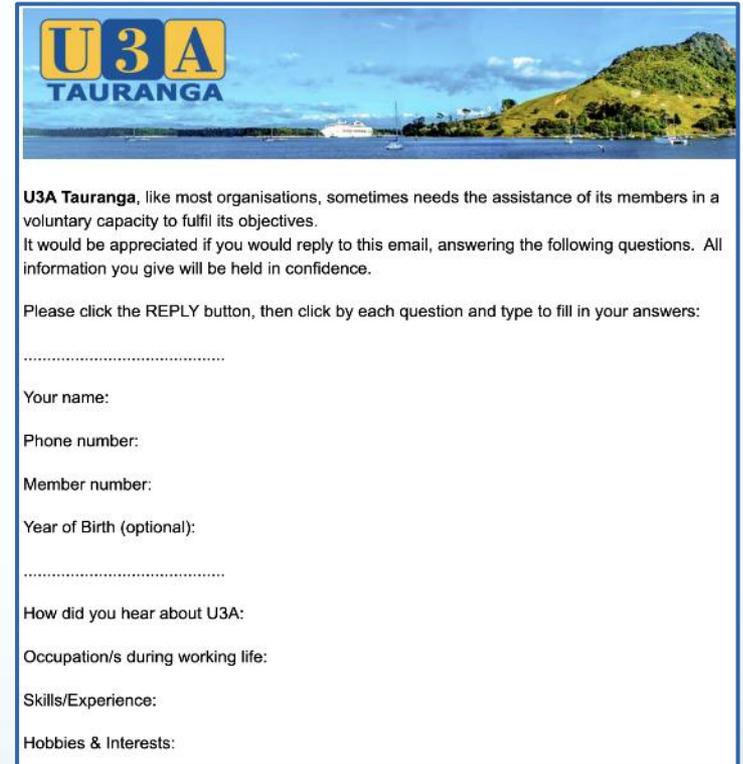
Skills Questionnaire

As a voluntary organisation, we rely on the help and assistance of our membership to fulfil our objectives.

To that end, you will shortly receive our Skills Questionnaire via email.

It would be appreciated if you would reply, setting out your experiences, abilities and skills which may be used in our organisation.

All information you give will be held in strictest confidence.



U3A Tauranga

U3A Tauranga, like most organisations, sometimes needs the assistance of its members in a voluntary capacity to fulfil its objectives. It would be appreciated if you would reply to this email, answering the following questions. All information you give will be held in confidence.

Please click the REPLY button, then click by each question and type to fill in your answers:

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Your name:

Phone number:

Member number:

Year of Birth (optional):

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How did you hear about U3A:

Occupation/s during working life:

Skills/Experience:

Hobbies & Interests:

Tauranga Monthly Meetings

Open to all members and visitors

Meetings are held monthly (*except January and December*)

on the 3rd Friday of the month, 10-12 noon

at the

Tauranga Yacht & Power Boat Club

90 Keith Allen Drive, Sulphur Point, Tauranga

A light morning tea is provided

Entry fee \$5.00



Tauranga

Katikati Monthly Meetings

Open to all members and visitors

meetings are held monthly *(except January and December)*

on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10-12 noon

at The Hub, 21 Main Road, Katikati

A light morning tea is provided

Entry fee: \$3



Newsletters

You will be notified by email when our bi-monthly newsletter is available for viewing on our website. It contains details of upcoming events, group information and interesting articles.

Our website is kept up to date and can be viewed at:

www.U3ATauranga.kiwi.nz



Any Questions ...

Please talk to one of our Group Coordinators:

A–C Groups Margaret Marsh, 07 281 2408

D–H Groups Pat Goldstiver, 021 491 652

I–P Groups Jan Holden, 021 109 9848

R–Z Groups Margaret Down, 07 562 3655

Katikati Allan Mathews, 022 161 5313

People join U3A Tauranga to:

Continue their passion for learning

Keep their mind active

Enjoy the fellowship of like minded people

Make new friends, and ...

... Oh! Yes ... have fun!

Welcome to U3A Tauranga

