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November Newsletter 2021

President's message

Tēnā koutou, greetings to you all.

It is regrettable that we have to cancel our final meeting of the year due to Covid restrictions. The committee will meet in January to decide on a programme for 2022 and how attendance will be managed. Meanwhile, some interest groups are continuing to meet virtually. Others are meeting in person, either in their normal venues or outside (weather permitting!).

One of our members sent us a link to a video which explains measures that may help to prevent you catching the covid virus and to manage this illness at home. The committee viewed this video and decided it could be useful for our members to watch, if they wished. Beverley Bell has uploaded it to our website. Here is the link. <https://u3ahamilton.org.nz/home-management-of-mild-covid-19/>

The committee has decided to offer a reduced subscription of \$20 for the 2022 year to those 2021 financial members. This is in recompense for the number of cancelled general meetings.

Many of us were fortunate to attend events of the Hamilton Gardens Arts' Festival earlier this year. Their committee is working hard to ensure that there is another festival in 2022. While they have reached their crowd funding target, you can still support them by donating via the link below.

<https://boosted.org.nz/projects/hamilton-gardens-arts-festival>

Many of the people I have spoken with have found the lockdowns and uncertainty of 2021 harder to manage than those of 2020. It is especially difficult for members living alone and for those with family and friends unable to travel to be together. One of the strengths of U3A is the friendships made and I know that these are a support for many of our members.

It is not clear what the upcoming holiday season is going to be like in terms of gatherings but I hope that, whatever your situation, you can enjoy it as much as possible.

Take care of yourself and those around you.
Alison Fagan

Online Learning Blog

In October, these posts were made to our online learning blog

<https://u3ahamilton.org.nz/online-learning/>:

- Home management of mild Covid-19
- Listeners' Pick of Classical Music
- Swearing in of Dame Cindy Kiro as Governor General
- Is Halloween a pagan tradition?
- Australian writers group: Jane Harper
- Hydrangeas - growing well in New Zealand
- Māori Youth TV channel

Suggestions for new postings are always welcome.

Beverley Bell

A Message from the U3A Almoner – A Reminder

As U3A Almoner, it is my job to contact members who might appreciate a message of condolence, support, or congratulations. Please let me know if you are aware of any member for whom such an acknowledgement might be appropriate. This could include illness, bereavement, a disabling event or any significant milestone or cause for celebration.

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Covid records and vaccination certificates

It has become apparent that, in the future, a digital vaccination certificate will be required for travel, entry to events and functions.

Although these are not yet available, it is possible to get a record of your vaccination status.

To get this record;

1. Log onto this website <https://app.covid19.health.nz/>
2. You will then be invited to create a My Health account by entering your email address.
3. A unique code will be sent to this email and you use this to register by entering a secure password.
4. You need to have some sort of pictorial identification, such as a driving license or passport, available when you register.

Alison Fagan and Carol Carr