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Newsletter October 2023

Life is for learning.....learn for life

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 October at 10 am (meet and greet at 9.45 am) at the Church Hall of Chartwell Co-operating Church located on the corner of Comries Road and Belmont Avenue (opposite and near Chartwell Mall).

Following the guest speaker's presentation, we have morning tea/coffee and a chance to chat.

Speaker

Our speaker will be Dr Ann McEwan, Heritage Consultancy Services
Her presentation is titled 'The Future of Heritage'

Dr Ann McEwan is an independent heritage consultant with a national practice. Born in Oamaru, which might be where the interest in architecture comes from, Ann studied at the University of Canterbury and lectured at the University of Waikato for ten years before setting up her own business. She has been writing an article for the Waikato Times' history page since 2011 and is moving home to Christchurch next year.

Meet and greet

October Shakespeare Group
November Wine Appreciation Group

Morning tea helpers

October Sheila Emslie, Lesley Dunn
November U3A Committee

President's report

Tēnā koutou – greetings to you all.

Our September speaker was Richard von Sturmer, who was the University of Waikato's writer in residence in 2020. During his residency he explored the Waikato region, writing on its towns and geographic features. The result is now a book, *Walking with Rocks, Dreaming with Rivers: My Year in the Waikato*. Richard gave us selected readings of poetry and prose from his book, with accompanying images that gave us a glimpse of the rich history and topography of the Waikato region, much of which would be unfamiliar to members.

Please contact our Almoner, Colin Williams, if you know of any member or a family member who is unwell or otherwise in need of moral support. Colin's contact phone number is 021 157 3470.

Bob Wilcock, President

New Chair Organiser

Gorham Milbank has indicated that he intends 'retiring' at the end of this year from setting out the chairs and tables at or monthly meetings and returning them afterwards. If anyone would like to help by coordinating the chairs and table organisation at our monthly meetings, please let Bob Wilcox or another committee member know, either by email or at one of our meetings.

Interest Groups

From the Interest Group Organiser

As I will be out of town at the time of our next meeting, I'll be unable to have the Groups table available for you.

If you wish to talk with me about any group matter, please send me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as I'm back in town.

Graham Harrison, Committee. Phone 855 6217. Email Gfharrison26@gmail.com

Interest group news

Hiking Group

For our September outing, the Hiking Group walked around Lake Ngaroto between Ohaupo and Te Awamutu. The weather was fine but there was a cold wind blowing and a couple of members brought along guests which was an excellent opportunity to widen our circle of conversations during the walk.

We were fortunate to see several spoonbills in the swampy area near the end of the walk which was a bonus.



For the October walk we are going doing the Te Tapui Loop Track again as those who did it October last year really enjoyed it.

Des Johnston

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Book Discussion group 2

The U3A Book Discussion group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Hockin House, Selwyn Street (near Waikato hospital) at 1.30pm. We spend about two hours discussing books we have recently read – any genre, any topic. The group is limited to eight members. With one of our members having recently relocated to Tauranga we currently have a vacancy so, if you enjoy reading and would like to join us, please give Graham Harrison your details.

Sheila Emslie

Ukulele Groups - Uke3A Jam and Beginner Group



The Uke3A Jam has a growing membership. We play many songs from yester-year which we really enjoy both playing and singing. If you would like to learn to play this simple instrument and join our happy group, do join us. We provide individual or group tuition to anyone who would like to learn, or upgrade their skills.

Uke3A Jam will meet on Tuesdays 24 October, 14 and 28 November from 1.15 pm– 2.45 pm at Hukanui Reformed Church, 159 Rototuna Road, Hamilton. Anyone who can play a few chords is welcome to

come along.

Judith Hickman 027 664 6712 and Janet Pope 824 8079

Coffee Companions Group

The next outing for the Coffee Companions is 10.30 am on Friday 10 November at French Tart Cafe 548 River Road.



On Friday 8 December we will meet at Botannix Cafe at Palmers Garden Centre, Frankton for our final gathering in 2023. Joining us for coffee (or tea) is a nice way to get to know a few people when you're new to U3A. Just contact me to get yourself on the mailing list and we'll look forward to seeing you whenever you are able to join us.

Judith Hickman 027 664 6712

Singalong Group



Our final sing-song for the year will be on **Wednesday 1 November**. We like singing all sorts of songs from yesteryear to more recent times. Our next gathering will be at 1.15 pm at the Hukuanui Reformed Church, 159 Rototuna Road, Rototuna. The more people singing, the better the sound and even some harmony, so if you haven't tried us out do come along. Everyone, including friends and visitors, is welcome.

Wayne Wright 027 408 3653

Membership

Our total membership is currently 259 with 48 new folk having joined us so far this year. During August/September we welcomed Bernadine Jessep, Helen Vaz, Margot and Keith Buick, Rae Hooper and Rosemary Mercer.

Please contact me either on hamiltonnzu3a@gmail.com or text/call 027 664 6712 if your phone, email or address changes, or if you are leaving U3A, so that I may keep our membership database current.

Judith Hickman

Messages

Downsizing or decluttering?

If you have good quality items that you wish to donate then VaVaVoom, the quality hospice shop, is very appreciative of donations.

They accept good quality clothes, including shoes, linens, ornaments etc. and even small furniture (up to tea trolley size.)

You can drop them off at VaVaVoom 546 River Road or call 07 855 9531 or Carol 021 683 422 if you need items to be collected.

Apparently good quality linens are particularly popular to use for Christmas events!