



## **Porirua U3A Inc**

### **Newsletter August 2025**

#### **Kia ora to all U3A members**

We hope you are keeping warm and well. I love the sunny days that frosts bring us but I hate getting out of bed in the mornings. I console myself with the thought that maybe it's good for climate change!! In this newsletter we are keeping you up to date with information from not only U3A but also Porirua City.

#### **Note from Bill Gebbie (President)**

"Dear members,

I hope you've managed to dodge the nasty winter bugs and are looking forward to spring, as I am.

Whenever members mention what they've been doing I'm reminded of what rich and varied skills and experience we have among us. Let's make a real effort to share these so others can learn, enriching their lives and helping them make new friendships. Because that's what we're about. We want to hear about your passions and interests, so we can pick up a new skill or simply give something a go. I'd love to hear from you. Contact me on [porirua3a@gmail.com](mailto:porirua3a@gmail.com) or on 027 677 0180 any time.

I'll be overseas for around 5 weeks from early August and will miss you all at interest groups, trips and at our quarterly meeting on Thursday 21 August. Do get along to that meeting if you can ; we have a great speaker lined up, and of course a catered lunch and cuppa.

Finally, please consider standing for our committee at our AGM in November, in particular for the role of Treasurer/Membership Secretary. But any additional help on the committee is always welcome. Talk to anyone on our committee to find out what's involved.

Wishing you all well, and looking forward to seeing you again when I get back.

Bill

## **Quarterly Meetings**

The next quarterly meeting will be held at on the following date:

### **1. Thursday 21 August 2025**

The meetings are held at:

**North Baptist Church at 69f Discovery Drive, Whitby, Porirua 5024**

The meeting will begin at 12.15pm with a catered shared lunch. We are not asking for a koha at this meeting.

**Needing your help with the Quarterly meeting, please:**

**As four members of the committee will be away for the Quarterly meeting, we are asking members to help with the tasks such as setting out the catering and the chairs, helping in the kitchen with the serving of drinks and putting dishes in the dishwasher. After the meeting we will need help with stacking the chairs and vacuuming the entrance area.**

**Guest speaker** – The Guest Speaker at our Quarterly Meeting on **21 August 2025** will be:

**Lindsay Gow, Chair, Guardians of the Pāuatahanui Inlet**

Lindsay will speak about the ecosystem of the Pauatahanui Inlet, and the issues affecting it; and he'll also cover the Whitby Lakes, as they are in close proximity to our venue.

*Lindsay has had an extensive background in public policy and strategy, especially environmental policy, working as Deputy Secretary for the Environment. He retired from public service in 2009. He was a founding Trustee of the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Catchments and Community Trust and a member of the Pāuatahanui Inlet Community Trust (PICT). He became a Committee member of GOPI when it merged with PICT in 2015.*

*Lindsay lives in Whitby, overlooking Pāuatahanui Inlet, and is an active user of Porirua Harbour's waterways and shores. He enjoys kayaking, walking, biking and sailing. He is passionate about improving the quality of the harbour system, the condition of the contributing catchments and public access to the harbour and its edges."*

Source: <https://gopi.org.nz/our-committee/>

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will now be held on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

Further communication regarding the AGM will be sent in October 2025.

### **Attic Artists Gear Homestead Woolshed Attic, Porirua.**

The attic artists are keen to increase their numbers in order to keep the space at Gear Homestead Woolshed Attic.

Paula van Wijmen writes:

*The Attic Artists consists of a group of artists (drawing and painting) that meets every Tuesday morning from 10am to 12pm at the Gear Homestead Woolshed Attic. New members welcome. Contact:*

Paula van Wijmen  
Acting Secretary of Attic Artists  
Tel: 021 181-8584  
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### **Day Trips and other Events**

As Bill is away until September there will be no trips organised until he comes returns from overseas.

### **FUN THINGS TO DO IN PORIRUA OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS**

- **Food is love Festival 1- 31 August 2025**

Kai Tahi, Gear Homestead, The Beer Engine and t bay café and Tuk Tuk Thai are all taking part in this festival. Visit [VISAWOAP.COM](http://VISAWOAP.COM) for information.

- Friends of Pātaka music series has two more concerts, Hobnail on 3 August and Mana college students on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the Helen Smith room at Pātaka.
- There are several exhibitions at Pātaka including Ungeographic by Jasmine Togo-Brisby, Port Nicholson weavers weaving exhibition and the Wood Turners Guild exhibition.

### **Executive Committee 2024/2025**

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If you have any ideas which you would like the committee to consider or items you want included in the newsletter please be in touch.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Quarterly meeting on **Thursday, 21 August 2025**.

**Christine Healy**

**Secretary**

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