



## **Porirua U3A Inc**

### **Newsletter February 2025**

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

Happy New year. We hope that you all have had an enjoyable time during the festive season. It is good to have the warmth and sunshine return and hopefully it will last for some time.

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

I hope the new year is treating you well. Interest Groups are meeting again and there will be opportunities to visit places of interest in Porirua or across the region in the year ahead. I'll keep you informed of those, and hope you can join us.

With the support of our committee, I'm continuing to look for ways to work together with other U3A groups in the Wellington region to broaden opportunities for members to enjoy fresh experiences, take up new interests and broaden their friendships. I'll let you know as those opportunities become available.

And of course, as always, please let me know if you'd like to start up an Interest Group, visit a place of interest, or if there's an event you think might interest other members.

My thanks to my committee who work hard on your behalf, and I look forward to seeing you at our first quarterly meeting for 2025.

#### **Quarterly Meetings**

The quarterly meetings will be held at on the following dates:

1. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025
2. Thursday 15 May 2025
3. Thursday 21 August 2025
4. Thursday 20 November 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. You are asked to give a koha to cover costs. The speaker will begin shortly after 1pm.

The speaker is from the **Banking Ombudsman Resolution Team**. More information will be made later. This is a change from our previous speaker who was unable to speak due to family commitments.

### **Interest groups – A note from Michael Lynch (Co-ordinator Interest groups)**

- The 2025 Porirua U3A Interest Group brochure is printed and copies will go out to our Interest Group co-ordinators over the coming week. They can be picked up when members attend their respective meetings or at our next Quarterly Meeting on Thursday 20th February. The 'Flyer' promoting Porirua U3A will also be available at our Quarterly meeting.
- The following groups would like more members:
  - These Changing Times
  - Tai Chi
  - Astronomy
- The walking group has been dropped as there was no-one to co-ordinate it. If members are interested in resurrecting the walking group please be in touch with Michael
- We are keen to set up more Interest Groups. If you have an interest or an idea of a group which you would like to set up, please be in contact with Michael.
- Members can also access the Tawa U3A interest groups [www.u3atawa.org.nz](http://www.u3atawa.org.nz)
- You can check out the interest groups on our website [www.porirua3a.nz](http://www.porirua3a.nz)

### **Day Trips and other Events**

Bill Gebbie continues to find interesting things to do. Please be in touch with Bill if you have an idea for an outing. The following outings are planned or being planned.

- Te Rito Gardens on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 11am
- Mini Golf at Pirate's Cove, Porirua on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 5pm
- A visit to Maraeroa Marae is in the planning stages.

Please let Bill Gebbie know if you are interested in any of these outings.

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

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If you have any ideas which you would like the committee to consider please be in touch. We look forward to seeing you all at the Quarterly meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**Christine Healy**

**Secretary**

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