

MANA U3A Inc

April 2023 Newsletter

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**Hello to all Mana U3A Members**

### **May Quarterly Meeting**

Please make sure you have Thursday 18 May in your diary. As usual we will have a catered light lunch, some notices for events and Interest Groups and a great guest speaker as well as a report on the telephone survey of our members. Full details of the meeting will be in the early May Newsletter.

### **Membership Status**

The people receiving this Newsletter are (we think) all paid up members of U3A.

### **Interest Groups**

The **updated pamphlet** has been printed. Some details had changed, meaning we needed to update these for 2023.

To differentiate from the pamphlet printed in November, and to move towards our new name, voted on at the last AGM, we have put a slightly different title on the reprint with the header remaining as before. The pamphlets are being distributed via Interest Groups so if you do not belong to any Interest Groups please let **Michael or Kay** know so we can arrange for a new pamphlet for you.

Please contact Michael (**Tai Chi**) or Kay (**Making Memories**) if you wish to join either of these two new Groups.

**Do you love food? Do you like getting to know new people?** We are considering starting a new Interest Group focussing on a shared lunch once a month at Kay's or other members' homes. There may be demonstrations of preparing different favourite recipes for those who wish to do so. Please let Kay know if you are interested in joining this group. The day will be decided by the members of the group which will be restricted to 8 people.

A quick reminder to Coordinators: we are well past the date for paying 2022-2023 Subs so if there is anyone in your Interest Group who has not paid, they are no longer entitled to attend.

## **Day Trips and Other Events**

Bill Gebbie has been busy looking for events and trips for our members.

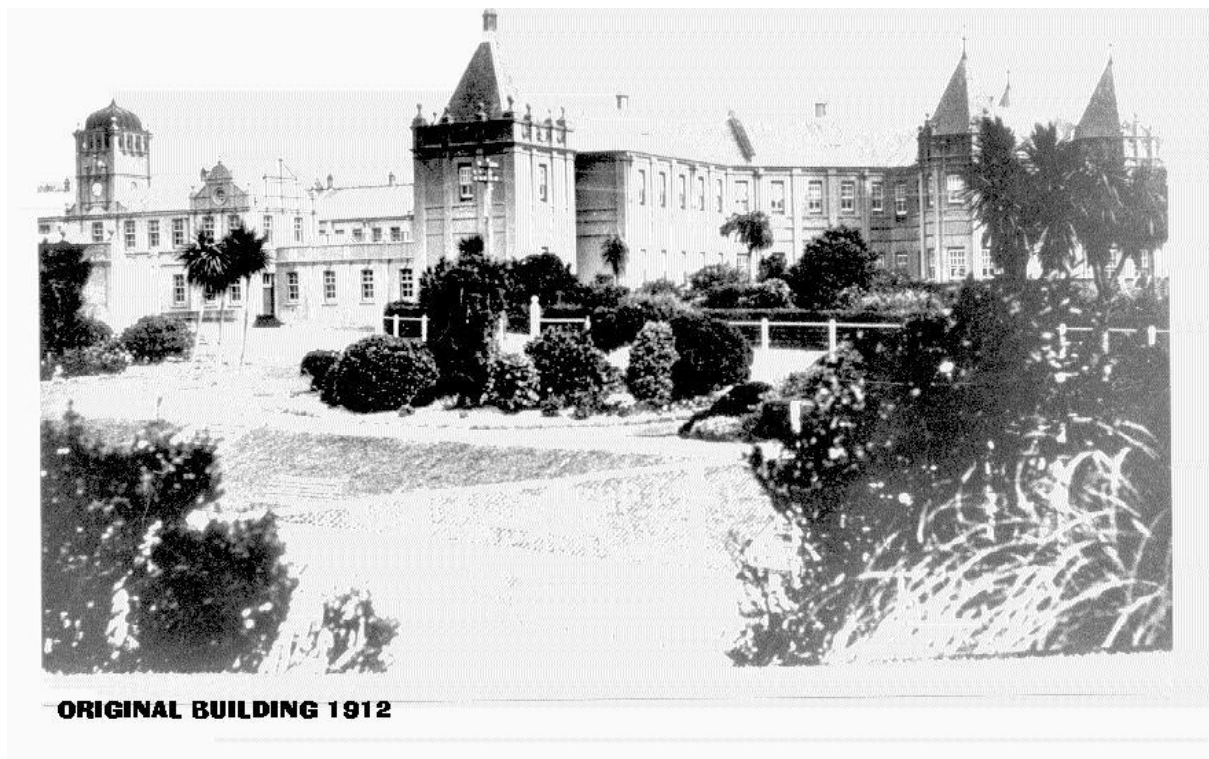
### **Pataka Exhibitions:**

Those of you whose mobile numbers we have, will have received a message from Bill encouraging you to visit an exhibition at Pataka by Kapiti artist, Elisabeth Vullings. Elisabeth is giving a talk on her work on 15 April at 12.00 pm. Bill strongly recommends a visit. (Please text Bill your name and mobile if you want to be added to his message group)

While you are there perhaps you'd like to look at Kura Pounamu which I think is extremely worthwhile with over 200 pounamu precious pieces/taonga on display.

Of course there are other current exhibits and always the Porirua Library to visit too.

### **Mana U3A Tour of Porirua Hospital Museum**



Bill Gebbie has arranged a tour of the Porirua Hospital Museum. Entry is by donation and the tour is scheduled for 11 am on Tuesday 2 May. The Porirua Hospital Museum contains a unique historic collection recording the development of mental health services in this country over the last 150 years. It is the only museum in New Zealand providing such a history so is of importance both regionally and nationally. Allow an hour and a half for the tour. Staff are generously opening the museum specially for us. There is no limit on numbers. You can find out about the museum and the history of Porirua Hospital at this

website <https://poriruahospitalmuseum.org.nz/home/>. Porirua Library holds various resources about the history of the hospital. If you are interested in joining this tour please contact Bill on [billnmary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:billnmary@xtra.co.nz) or ring or text him on 0276770180.

### **Tour of Government House, Wellington**

Bill Gebbie is asking for interest in joining a group to tour Government House in Wellington. The tours start with films and displays in the Visitor Centre, before exploring Government House. Depending on the weather it may be possible to explore the gardens. Tours are free and can be arranged for group of 7 or more. If fewer people are interested we could take a public tour. If you'd like to register your interest please contact Bill on 0276770180 or email him at [billnmary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:billnmary@xtra.co.nz). The tour will probably be scheduled for early May. Bill has



done the tour twice and recommends it highly.

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### **2023 Quarterly meeting Dates**

Please diary these meeting dates if you haven't already done so.

Thursday 18 May

Thursday 17 August

Thursday 16 November (AGM)

## Executive Committee Contacts

Your 2022-23 Executive Committee comprises :

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If you have any items you wish the Committee to discuss, we meet next Tuesday morning.

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