



Mana U3A (INC)

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First Quarterly Meeting 2015

When: Thursday 19th February 2015

Where: **North Baptist Church, Whitby**

Cnr Discovery Drive - Whitby Shopping Centre

(Drive to the Whitby shopping Centre. As you go up the drive into the Shopping Centre, turn left away from the shops. North Baptist Church is to the south end of the road. Please note no parking in dedicated areas. It would be appreciated if you could park in the carpark by the bowling club/ Adventure Park and walk up the new path to Discovery Drive)

Time: Doors Open 12.25 pm for finger food lunch 12.30 pm

Lunch: Please bring a plate of finger food to share with others over a cup of tea or coffee before the meeting.

Meeting Format:

Shared Lunch: 12.35 pm to 1.20pm

Presentations: 1.20 - 1.40 pm Course Coordinators course introductions

Guest Speaker: Humorous video clips

From the AGM held November 2014

1. Agreed that there would be no door fee (koha) for the Quarterly meetings. Please do come along and enjoy these meetings.
2. Reciprocal rights at meetings and interest groups at other U3As. Contact has been made with other greater Wellington groups with responses from Tawa, Kapiti, and Wairarapa. Provided one is a financial member of another group, members are welcome to attend functions, interest groups and seminars provided the group places have not been filled by their own members. Please be prepared to show your Mana U3A name badge and proof of financial membership for the current year.

President's Report to AGM 20 November 2014

It is my pleasure to present the 23rd annual report of the Mana U3A.

Our 15 interest groups have been enjoyed by many of our 193 members.

Thank you to our co ordinators, tutors and hosts that lead these groups. Some of these people have filled these roles for many years.

Three new groups this year have been, Old time movies, French and Technology. New groups are always welcome as long as a co ordinator can be found.

Seminars have enriched our programme. We began with a Historic Bus Tour of Porirua which followed the three sessions on the History of Porirua held last year.

We have worked in with the Porirua Historic Association to offer, "The Great Strike of 1913" and "Motor Pioneers Through the King Country".

Recently we had a seminar about, "Powers of Attorney."

At our Quarterly Meetings we listened to Richard Long, "Let's Save Our Papers"; Christiane Mortelier telling us about, "The Chateau de Vaux-le-Vicombe"; Dr. John Larkindale considering "Australia and New Zealand -Two Countries, One System?" and our AGM speaker will be Peter Allport, Consul for Mongolia.

Thank you to all the committee members for their work this year. It has been a pleasure to be in such a team. Both the President and the Secretary have completed the three years that the constitution allows so new appointments to these roles will occur.

Sherwood Young has been Secretary for four years (one co-opted) and is standing as a committee member. Thank you Sherwood for your work as Secretary.

Geoff Cassels has decided to retire after seven years of service. Geoff produced the newsletter for several years and has managed the web site and looked after our list of potential speakers. We appreciate and thank him for his contributions.

Most current committee members have accepted nomination for the coming year and new nominees are welcome.

Thank you everyone for your positive participation and friendship. I wish the in-coming President and committee continuing success.

Patsy Williamson President 2014

Are you a financial 2015 member? A subscription form is included in this mailout. Please complete and bring to the meeting on 19 February 2015



Can you help us?

Wanted a computer developer to design a database for the club's use. Please contact Carolyn Rait, President, carolyn.rait@gmail.com or phone 234 7422

SCHEDULE FOR MANA U3A INTEREST GROUPS - 2015

| Course | Coordinator | Telephone | Day | Start Time | Cycle | Starts |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Books | Lesley Harrison | 234 1677 | 2 nd Tuesday | 10.00am | Monthly | 10 February |
| Bridge | Ian Fowler | 233 0045 | Mondays | 9.30am | Weekly | All year |
| Creative Writing GP 1 | Judi Doornbos | 233 9693 | 3 rd Wednesday | 10 am | Monthly | 16 February |
| Creative Writing GP 2 | Irene Swadling | 233 9988 | TBA | | | |
| Films | Janet Berry | 235 9903 | 3 rd Saturday | Varies | Monthly | 21 February |
| French Refresher | Pat Wilson | 234 8779 | 2 nd and 4 th Monday | 1 pm – 3 pm | Fortnightly | |
| French for Beginners | TBA | | | | | |
| Garden Group | Robyn Hickey | 233 0664 | 4 th Wednesday | 10.00 am | Monthly | 22 January |
| Have Your Say | Jennifer Cassels | 233 9155 | Fridays | 10 am | Fortnightly May - Oct | 8 May |
| Home Movies | Brian Mosen | 233 0709 | Tuesdays | 1:15 pm – 3 pm | Fortnightly April - June | 7 April |
| Mah Jong | Barbara Watson Irene Stobert | 234-8287 233-1482 | Wednesdays | 1 pm | Weekly | All year |
| Needlecraft | Pat Levy | 238 2808 | Friday | 1.30 pm | Fortnightly | 13 February |
| Outside the Square | Lisa Webber | 234 7458 | Varies | Varies | Monthly | |
| Play Reading | Derely Jaye | 233 6187 or 027 244 8310 | 1 st Friday | 10.00 am | Monthly May - September | 1 May |
| Public Speaking | Rob Waanders | 239 9680 | TBA | | | |
| Science Group | Peter Evans | 233 9690 | Mondays | 10.am | Fortnightly | 2 February |
| Theatre Group | TBA depending on interest | | | | | |
| Travellers' Tales | David and Velma Knight | 04 299 1539 | 4 th Thursday | 9.45 am | Monthly | 26 February |
| Places of Interest | Ruth Maclean | 233 8287 | 1 st Tuesday | TBA | Generally Monthly May to October | 5 May |

SCHEDULE FOR MANA U3A QUARTERLY MEETINGS – 2015

| Date | Start Time | Venue | Event | Speaker | Subject |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 19th February | 12.30 for 12.35 pm | North Baptist Church Discovery Drive Whitby | 1 st Quarterly Meeting With shared lunch | Shared lunch Then → | Co-ordinators introduce interest groups. Humorous video clips |
| Thursday 21st May | 1.15 for 1.30 pm | | 2 nd Quarterly Meeting | Helen Kedgley Director of Pataka | Pataka a Unique Institution |
| Thursday 20th August | | | 3 rd Quarterly Meeting | TBA | |
| Thursday 19 th November | | | Annual General Meeting | TBA | |

2015 U3A BRISBANE CONFERENCE

You will recall that at our AGM in November 2014, Secretary Trevor Cudby advised of an invitation (to all New Zealand U3A groups), from the U3A Network Queensland and U3A Asia Pacific Alliance, to attend their International Conference, which will be held in Brisbane on 28 and 29 May 2015. The theme for the Conference is *Cherish Today - Challenge Tomorrow*.

Venue

The Conference Venue is the recently-restored Brisbane City Hall in King George Square in the centre of the Brisbane business district. It is close to transport, shopping, restaurants, accommodation and cultural venues.

Guest speakers

Confirmed guest speakers to date include:

- Professor Jan Thomas, Vice-Chancellor University of Southern Queensland (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)
- Mrs Barbara Lewis, Chair of the Third Age Trust, UK
- Prof. Carlos Santos, Deputy Secretary General of IAUTA, Portugal
- Mr Tom Holloway, World U3A, India
- Mr Kim Seng Goh, President of U3A Singapore
- Garry Humphries, Regional Manager, Department of Communities
- Adrian Caneris, Principal Wildlife Expert, BAAM Pty
- Sophie Ryan, UQ student
- Sue Attar, Senior Account Manager, Copyright Agency
- David Locke, Assistant Commissioner, ACNC
- Shane Stewart, Managing Partner, Bay Consulting Group
- Dr Glenda Powell AM

Programme and registration

The detailed Conference Programme is expected to be available in April. Registration is available now.

More information (including registration and costs)

Please refer to the conference website at <http://www.u3aqldconference.org/>

If you have difficulty accessing the website, Trevor may be able to assist. Please call him on 976 2128.

2015 UK UNIVERSITIES TOUR

This tour, which is being promoted by Melbourne City U3A, will take place over next August (about 28 days).

Trevor has limited copies of the brochure on this tour. If interested, please contact him on 976 2128.