



## U3A WARKWORTH *Learning is forever*

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### From the President

Someone said to me at the recent AGM that I seemed always to be *stepping up* or *stepping down* and seemed confused. No more than I am! But here I am again, your president once more and very happy to be in the Chair for another term. I am planning to be away for some of the year so there could be a bit more *stepping* and even some *filling in* to be done but with the very able and experienced Committee I work with, the transitions should be smooth and seamless.

Earlier this month I attended the U3A Auckland Network meeting. We are the most northerly of the Network with Franklin marking the southern boundary. The meetings are held every three months to discuss regional matters and exchange news and views. It is the Auckland Regional Trust that sets up the competitions held each year and at this point I must apologise to our writers who entered the *Short, Short Story Competition* last year. The results were published and sent by way of a Network Newsletter but they were not passed on and included in our own newsletter. I am very sorry about this and assure you that we will watch very carefully that this omission is not repeated. I have a copy of the results and also ten copies of the Collected Stories which include the winner and the highly commended entries. The Committee has agreed to buy the booklets and they will be

available free to competitors and interested members at the next General Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

This year's competition will appeal to the artist members and is for a bookmark. Details are in this newsletter and entries must be received by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck to all contenders.

Peter Hinchliffe, a retired journalist of Huddersfield UK has opened a website for U3A writers worldwide to submit work. I can recommend the website to you-[www.openwriting.com](http://www.openwriting.com) and you can email him at [peter@openwriting.com](mailto:peter@openwriting.com).

Meadowbank U3A is setting up eight new groups this year but two of them do not quite have the numbers to make them viable. There is one place available in *Creative Writing* and several in *Great Scientific Developments*. You would have to be prepared to drive to Meadowbank each month for meetings, and if anyone is interested, they should ring Barry Thorne, 09 575 8999 for details.

With our own groups meeting again, there is now doubt we shall have another good year at U3A. Don't forget, if you have an idea for a new group, find a leader and talk to Linda Moore. By the way, is there a Latin teacher out there?

Iris Mee,  
March 2005

## **EDITOR'S DESK**

Perhaps I should introduce myself as your new Newsletter Editor. I'm Alan Spicer. I live with my wife Berris on the edge of Warkworth village next to the Parry Kauri Park and Museum. We moved here almost three years ago from Whangarei where I had a Pharmacy business. We wanted to be nearer one of our sons who lives in Auckland, and a little nearer the other who works in the U.K. Soon they will both be in the UK! Although we loved living in Whangarei, our new home town is a great delight to us and we are very happy here. I have found U3A a wonderful way to meet interesting, like-minded people after arriving in a new area. If each of us could invite a newly arrived neighbour or friend to our group all would benefit.

I am looking forward to keeping you all in touch with what is happening at U3A Warkworth.

Communication is a two-way process, so please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or items for future newsletters. What about a "readers write" column?

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### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45 a.m. at the New Masonic Hall**  
(The entrance is on top floor of Council/New World car park building)

10.00 am Meeting Commences

#### **DUTY GROUP - BOOK TALK:**

CONVENOR: Lorraine Edwards      Phone 422 7071

The programme will be as follows:-

9.15 a.m.	Duty Group arrive to set up
9.45 a.m.	Assemble
10.00 a.m.	General Business
	Mini Speaker - Tricia Clarkson (Hospice)
	Mini Speaker - Jo Ritchie (TOSSI)
10.45 a.m. (approx)	Morning tea
11.05 a.m. (approx)	Main Speaker - Noel McGrevy

**NB:** *It would be appreciated if the Duty Group could also assist with the room preparation for the Meeting. The Hall will be open from 9.15 a.m.*

## **SPEAKERS**

- Hospice is an organisation that has positively impacted in a profound way on the families of many of our members in the past and may do so in the future. Tricia Clarkson, a registered nurse, is a manager of the North Shore Hospice Volunteers. She will tell us about what Hospice does for our community, some plans for the future, and opportunities for rewarding voluntary work with the Organisation.
- Tawharanui Open Sanctuary is New Zealand's first integrated mainland park where farming, public recreation and conservation of native species combine. It will be a place free of plant and animal pests where native plants and animals can breed successfully. The Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society Inc (TOSSI) is a group formed to support this project through fund-raising, volunteer work and other activities. Jo Ritchie will give a short outline on the progress of this imaginative project.
- Our main speaker is Noel McGrevy who is Studio Director of Wrightway Studios of Auckland, specialists in Art restoration of all forms – wood, canvas, porcelain, ceramics, fine china, crystal, marble etc. Noel, who was born in New Zealand, is an anthropologist specialising in the material culture of the Pacific Basin. He worked on many projects in linguistics and anthropology in various Pacific Islands which led him to a position of research associate at the Bernice Bishop Museum in Honolulu and a Director of the Council for Hawaiian Heritage and The National Trust for Historic Preservation. On returning to New Zealand in 1989 he led the successful campaign resulting in the possibility of residents free holding land from the St Johns College Trust Board. Noel joined Wrightway Studio in 1993, where he developed the Objets d'art and Appraisal department. He became Studio Director in 1996. Noel will talk about his work in the fascinating field of art restoration and appraisal and no doubt will offer some insights into the way art is a reflection of local culture and materials.

## **GROUP NEWS:**

### **Play reading Group:**

Iris Mee and Lorna Laxton took over the convenorship from Linda Moore at the beginning of this year.

The emphasis is on learning more about the playwright, his/her play, and the social backgrounds of both the play and the original audience. With the same play being studied for two sessions more time is available "to set the scene" beforehand, and enjoy an appreciation-type discussion afterwards.

Two members of the group share the leadership for one play.

By the end of 2005 we hope to have studied plays by Wilde, Mason, Chekhov and Priestley.

## **DIARY NOTES**

The next General Meeting of U3A will be on 13<sup>th</sup> June. The deadline for inclusion of items in the next Newsletter (due out in May) is 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## **NOTES FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Following discussion at the AGM on the suitability of the New Masonic Hall as our General Meetings venue, the Committee considered the options and unanimously agreed that we should continue to meet there. It was agreed the removal of the partition wall and when appropriate the use of the balcony would assist in increasing the open area available. Arrangements are underway to permanently store our sound system in the hall.

## **U3A AUCKLAND NETWORK TRUST**

### **Painting/Drawing competition.**

The Trust is calling for entries in their Painting/Drawing Competition 2005 in the form of a design suitable for a bookmark.

There are 3 categories: 1. Landscape. 2. Figure, human or animal. 3. Abstract.

There is a prize of \$150.00 for the winning entry in each category. No entry fee.

The piece must be original. Computer graphics are not permissible. Dimensions to be no larger than 210mm x 45mm, presented on an A4 sheet.

You can submit only entry per person in each category. The work will be judged by an experienced person.

The closing date is 30 June 2005.

An entry form (which must accompany your work) is on the last sheet of this newsletter.

South Auckland U3A is planning a 2006 conference on 'environmental concerns'.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Many thanks to all members who have paid their subscription. As a reminder for those whose subs are outstanding, look for an "x" on the address label of this newsletter (Please ignore this if you have paid within the last 2 weeks)

The cost, unchanged from last year, is \$20 (single) or \$35 (double).

It would assist the Treasurer in checking our present membership records if you could fill in all the details on the subscription form which you find on the last page of this newsletter. Your prompt co-operation in renewing your subscription would be appreciated.

You will note the form includes an item concerning non-renewal (which I hope nobody contemplates!). Seriously, if for whatever reason you do not wish to continue your subscription in 2005, it would help our Membership Committee people very much if you would still complete the form and mail it back to our P.O. Box number. This would reduce the work involved in checking with members whose subscription is not received over the next couple of months and ascertaining their intentions.

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**Entry form: U3A Network Trust Painting/Drawing Competition 2005**

No entry will be accepted without a completed entry form.  
Please do not attach it to your entry.

Category:                    A                    B                    C                    (circle as appropriate)

Name:.....

Address:.....

U3A:.....

Do you want your work returned after judging?      Yes\*                    No  
\*Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Entries to:      U3A Network Trust Competition  
                         P O Box 74002,  
                         Market Rd,  
                         Auckland 1005

Entries to be received by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005