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WARKWORTH Quarterly Newsletter—AUGUST 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all. I hope none of you have caught the awful flu that is circulating.

It has been an interesting few weeks with the weather - much colder and wetter than I expected but then, it is the people who make a place. I hope U3A study topics and meetings, where we can mix, talk and keep our minds active, are helping you through.

I still think there may be further opportunities out there for us. What about a "Crime Solving Group" or a "What if Group"? The latter could look at things such as "What if the main thrust into Germany had been through the Balkans in WW2?" If you have any ideas let the Committee know.

Whilst on the subject of the Committee - I am stepping down after 3 years but will remain around. Mary Miller has volunteered to stand as President and I totally endorse her. She has been very active in U3A and I know she will make a wonderful contribution to our Club. If any of you are thinking of standing for the Committee please talk to me or another Committee member.

I have heard concern expressed about the numbers in some of our groups and indeed our Club. I personally do not think we should put limits on either. If a group gets too big, there is no reason that group cannot split into two.

I think there are three Current Affairs Groups in the Tauranga U3A. If the Club gets too big to meet in Totara Park there are other venues that could be used. Let's keep our Club as it is - a friendly, well balanced entity promoting education and stimulation for retired members of the Warkworth community.

Best wishes to you all, Geoffrey

Warkworth U3A Meeting Dates - 2017

August	14 th	General
September	11 th	Committee
October	9 th	General
November	13 th	Committee
December	11 th	General and AGM

and before you can blink we'll be putting up the calendar for 2018!

Committee Members

Thank you to the U3A members who have come forward to be on the Committee. It is due to the Committee and the work they do, that U3A can continue, with the Conveners, offering Group subjects and activities that you participate in.

While the Committee currently has the required quorum, we would like you to consider how you might contribute in the future.

If you are unsure of what skills are required, please talk to one of the current Committee who will be able to give you a clear view of what is needed for various positions. Then you can more readily consider what you can offer.

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STUDY GROUP INFORMATION: A huge thanks also to the Conveners; they provide us the opportunity for continuing and enjoyable learning.



Study Group	September	October	November
All About Plants 10 am 4th Thursday Gail Morrison 422 3717 Tonara Cuthill 902 9294	Plant Hunters Gail Morrison 10 Wilson Rd Warkworth	Seeds Prue Dray 2 Ashmore Cres Warkworth	TBA
Ancient History 9.30 am 1st Friday Pam Bosch 425 6384	TBA	TBA	TBA
Art Appreciation 2nd Wednesday - check times with Dagmar Kammler 425 9181	TBA	TBA	TBA
Book Talk 10.00 am 1st Tuesday Dagmar Kammler 425 9181	Peggy Gillman 99 Sharp Rd Matakana	Daphne Halkyard 16a Waimanu Place Point Wells	Rose Sheat 15 Willjames Ave Algies Bay
Current Affairs 2.00 pm 3rd Thursday John Patrick 425 0001	Geoffrey Bowes Ph: 425 4639 257 Mahurangi East Rd Snells beach	Michael Penn Ph: 425 7272 12 Wilson Rd Warkworth	Glyn Williams Ph: 902 9333 2 Heritage Lane Warkworth
Developments in Medicine 2 pm 4th Thursday Mary Miller 425 6301	Patient Satisfaction 28 Awanui Cres Matakana	Food Additives 65 Alnwick St Warkworth	Genetic Testing, personalised 91 Anderson Rd Matakana
Jazz Listening 2.00 pm 3rd Monday Val Couling 425 5766	Bob Ward presents 5 Matakana Rd Warkworth	Nigel presents DVD 25 Gordon Craig Place Algies Bay	Bring a CD 5 Matakana Rd Warkworth
Local History 10.00 am 4th Tuesday Lorna Laxon 422 3562	Visit cemeteries to the west of Warkworth Meeting place to be announced	Visit cemeteries to the east of Warkworth Meeting place to be announced	David Grant's book 'History of Matakana' 15a Coquette St Warkworth
Music Appreciation 1.30 pm 1st Thursday Malcolm Clague 425 9945	Music & Movement Valma Gidman 14 Coquette St Warkworth	Theme to be decided Lorna Laxon 15a Coquette St Warkworth	Contact Convener (Malcolm Clague) for details
Play Reading 9.30 am 2nd Tuesday Pam Ellender 422 2493	Begin 'Juno and the Paycock' Address TBA	Continue 'Juno and the Paycock' Address TBA	TBA
Poetry Reading 1.30 pm 3rd Wednesday Daphne Cocker 425 0570	John O'Donohue Gloria Swanson 57/31 Mansel Drive Warkworth (Summerset)	Looking Backward (edited by C.A. Duffy) Colleen Kangwai 1 Hibiscus Ave Snells Beach	Owen Marshall Christine Fieldsend 8 Piper Lane Snells Beach

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TITBITS:

NEW MEMBERS – a warm welcome to Ann Edwards, Elise Briggs and Kristin Price. We hope you enjoy your time and learning with us.

SHARING OUR TREASURES (thanks Lorna Laxon)

A recent **Local History** special topic meeting was so unexpectedly enjoyable that we wanted to share it with others in Warkworth U3A.

The theme was 'sharing'; members were asked to bring a personal treasure, either tangible or a memory, with a historical connection. And better still if the connection was local.

We first asked why a member was wielding a formidable baton! The answer - the batons were issued to Kiwi farmers in 1913 when labour unrest and strikes were rife. The baton had belonged to the member's father in law, who along with fellow farmers, was expected to use it as required to help Police maintain law and order!

The imposing Somerset cider jug and the yellowed song book issued by Waitakere Tramping Club in 1947, with some rather risqué lyrics. A grandmother's locket, a father's engraved matchbox, a photo of mum with the Tsarina and her daughter princesses taken in 1915.

All these items had wonderful background stories. But while the objects were fascinating, it was perhaps the love and joy each owner showed that was most heart-warming. It was indeed a wonderful experience of SHARING OUR TREASURES.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The University of Auckland is seeking volunteers aged 55+ who have been diagnosed with Knee OA, to participate in an Active Lifestyle, Knee OA and Health Study.

Please email Monica Domaracki – mdom018@aucklanduni.ac.nz for further details if you are interested.

THINGS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER:

I know I bang on about the same old stuff but are you remembering to submit photos to Ina Shaw who keeps U3A Archives? She is eager to have anything of interest; maybe not photos of your grandson and his Rugby trophy or your new rotary hoe, but anything aligned to group activities would be welcome.

And maybe they could go in the newsletter as well; if your group hasn't sent in anything about the activities you do or a photo of the group doing it for a while, then please indulge us. It's great for others to see what the different groups are up to.

I believe the Almoner (Chris Hoogerwerf, 425 5022) is getting some work so that's good. Please continue to let her know of any member who could use a bit of support or cheering up. Given the weather that is possibly most of us!

Another reminder about the '**U3A in Action**' day on September 29th. I don't know if tickets are still available but you may be better placed now to make a decision about going if there are.

GENERAL MEETING – August 14th:

The main speaker for this meeting is Barbara Wedde – the topic 'Juvenal the Roman Satirist'. Things Never Change Do They?

Keith Hopner is the mini-speaker on '3D Printing of Human Tissue'.

And here is reminder of the Duty Group roster for the rest of 2017.

- August 14th** ALL ABOUT PLANTS
- October 9th** ANCIENT HISTORY
- December 11th** DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICINE

If your group is listed, please make a note of the date and organise to have 3 people attend the General meeting. I understand U3A will be fined if we do not clean the hall appropriately and we do not want a black mark against our name.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Hello everyone. We are past the shortest day and the days are noticeably drawing out. Before you know it, we'll have daylight saving and summer ... hopefully.

I am writing this from the Copthorne Hotel in Omapere; so many people had told us how great it is that we decided to reward ourselves after a busy season with our bed and breakfast and enjoy one of their winter deals. It is a handy place from which to explore some of the West Coast and this is an excellent time of the year to do so. We hear such a lot about the South Island West Coast, but actually the North Island West Coast is pretty good also.

We had a slow trip north with side trips to Matakoho Museum, Kai-iwi Lakes, still fairly unspoiled, and Bayly's Beach. My, how the number of baches has grown since I was last there getting toheroa at 6 am on a freezing morning when about 8 years old. I do know one does not collect toheroa now and that is no hardship to me as the sight of them was very unappealing. I could not understand why so many people went to so much effort to gather scungy looking black and green shellfish!

So, I am sitting on the deck of our room looking out at the bar of the Hokianga Harbour with a skyline that changes every few minutes from gathering storm clouds to brilliant sunshine ... brilliant.

I especially love Rawene which is such a step back in time, lovely friendly locals and the ferry to Kohukohu across the water. It's all madness in summer of course, but this time of the year the pace is very relaxed. We're off to revisit Tane Mahuta today to check on his health. There isn't a heap of touristy things to do around the area but if you want to relax, read, do a U3A newsletter etc, it's a perfect spot. Tane Mahuta's health is in danger; we were told that Kauri Dieback is within 50 metres of what is one of our iconic tourist destinations

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