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DECEMBER 2007 GENERAL MEETING Celebration of First Decade of Warkworth U3A

Monday December 10th, 9:45 a.m. at the New Masonic Hall, Baxter Street

Meeting commences at 10:00 a.m.

DUTY GROUP– Play Reading Group
CONVENORS: Rita Rowsell - Phone: 425-6078
and Mike Glover – Phone: 425-9897

(The hall will be open from 9:15 a.m. to allow the Duty Group to prepare the room and attend to morning tea. Please also clean-up and re-instate the room after the meeting)

Meeting programme:-

9:15 Duty Group sets up
9:45 Assemble
10:00 General Business
Reminiscences from our Founders and Others:
“Did you remember.....?”
Followed by a festive morning tea and time to socialise.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Warm greetings:

It is that time of year when we start looking back over the past twelve months and anticipate what the future twelve months might have in store for us.

At our fast approaching December meeting we plan to look back - not only on the past twelve months but over an eleven year period - the length of the life of U3A Warkworth.

It is time to acknowledge our founding president and committee, and enjoy the nostalgia of 'looking back' with all who were there at the beginning of our local U3A.

So with Christmas around the corner, the December meeting will be a double celebration. Do come and enjoy this special time, with a festive morning tea to follow.

Have you enjoyed your group activities this year?

Have you had any thoughts about leading a new group in the future? The committee would love to see one or two new groups develop - see elsewhere in this newsletter for ideas. It needs all members to be actively engaged to produce a vibrant and successful organisation. U3A has a proud record of vitality and strength - let's keep it that way.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Lorna Laxon, President.

GROUP NEWS

As we come to the end of another year, it is time to look to the future and the changes it might bring.

Members may be considering a change of group – this is a natural time of the year for such changes, and all it needs is a phone call to the new group's convenor, or if you are retiring from a group, an email or letter of resignation to the convenor.

As for study group leaders, it is generally considered that regular changes are worthwhile and should take place regularly. This usually brings new ideas and vigour to a group. Some groups have already settled who is to be their new leader for 2008; others may be considering this. If I do not hear, I shall be telephoning all leaders, new and old in mid-January, for the February-March meeting schedule particulars.

The first General Meeting next year, in February will be the AGM. Immediately following this meeting there will be a brief gathering of the Group Convenors to clarify any issues and bring forward new ideas.

One further plea: If you are unable to attend your normal study group, please could you inform your hostess/host.

As many Groups are not meeting in December and January, there is no meeting schedule published with this newsletter. Please contact your Convenor if in doubt or look at our web site www.u3a.co.nz

Finally, I hope you all enjoy our December General Meeting, have a safe and happy Christmas, and may we all meet again next year.

Linda Moore, Groups Coordinator.

IDEAS FOR NEW GROUPS:

Local History – many members are interested in this topic, all we need is a Convenor to start the ball rolling.

Geology, Mah Jong, Travel, Gardening, Men's Health, Keeping Active, Antiques and Collectables, New Technology, Great Thinkers, or whatever you and others may be interested in. If you are interested in any of these topics or would like to convene a new group, please contact Linda, preferably before the AGM so that the group can start in the New Year.

DAIRY NOTES:

Next General meeting: 11th February 2008 - AGM