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December/January 2013/14



From the President

CHATS FROM THE CHAIR - November 13th 2103

Kia Ora and Greetings to all,

Just a few quick comments before the year ends with our AGM on 9 December. I hope lots of you will be able to make it to our last meeting for the year.

Firstly I would like to report on the small stall we had at the Kowhai Festival last month. You will see by the accompanying photos that we had a little bit to show, although the concept of U3A is a rather difficult thing to illustrate. However we did have plenty of people who had never heard of us and were interested to know more. It would be nice to think that some of them will join us at this coming meeting! One young lady was taking a brochure and I had to point that in fact she was too young to join, but she was thinking of her mother who she thought would be interested! What a nice daughter!

Secondly, I wonder how many of our members are aware that Warkworth U3A is one of 25 such groups in the Auckland area. We belong to a group called the Network which meets about 3/4 times a year to discuss matters of interest to us all and to share ideas and speakers etc, etc. Next year, **29 August 2014**, to be exact, we are going to be holding a Jubilee to celebrate **25 years of U3A in Auckland**. In fact as Remuera was the first U3A group in New Zealand it is actually the 25th year of U3A in all New Zealand, but our celebrations will be confined to the Auckland area which includes groups from Franklin in the South to Warkworth in the North. Please make a note of the date and make plans to attend if you can. There will be a speaker, (of course), but we also intend to have a time for sharing highlights and ideas with like-minded people from all over the region. You may know people in other groups who would like to joins us on the day too. Please keep it in mind. The venue will be in Central Auckland, but more definite details will be available nearer the time.

Thirdly, thanks to the initiative of Victor, and the generosity of those attending the last meeting, we were able to make a donation of \$110.00 to Unicef, for which our speaker, Clare Bunt was most grateful. it would be good to think that part of that is going to help those millions of children caught up in the recent catastrophe in the Philipines. Thank you for your kindness.



CHATS FROM THE CHAIR (cont)

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks also for the kind reception I have had as President of this group. I was most anxious about taking on the job, but people have been very kind and have boosted my self-confidence to a dangerous degree, for which I am most grateful. I will be staying on the committee as Past President, which I am sure I will enjoy much more, and I would like to encourage people to put themselves forward or encourage others to accept your nomination to go on the committee. They are a great bunch and I am sure you will all enjoy the commitment and the companionship, as I have. Thank you all again very much, and enjoy the pleasures of Christmas and the New Year.

Valma

A Plea to Members

I would just like to remind members that the next meeting (December 9th at 10.00am) is our Annual General Meeting and nominations are open for the Committee. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are open but there are also other vacancies on the Committee. If you would like to be involved in the management of our U3A, please put yourself forward or be prepared to accept nominations from others. Please consider it.

Valma Gidman
President

A NOMINATION FORM WAS INCLUDED WITH THE LAST NEWSLETTER
(please ignore the date)

Editor's Notes:

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS – OCCASIONAL VISITS

The following groups were not keen on the idea for the reason that numbers were limited by the space/seating at the home being used.

Local History*

Art Appreciation*

Music Appreciation

Medical Developments

Current Affairs

*These two groups travel and could welcome additional members to fill a coach.

However if a member was interested it could be worth contacting the Convenor beforehand to see if it was possible for another to attend.

Jazz Listening & Play Reading would also welcome the occasional visitor but again check with the Convenor that space is available.



Please Note: Newsletter's have been sent from a Gmail address but ALL contact with me should be via the stated Clearnet address.

'Blind' email addresses

There have been suggestions that some (by individual choice) or all email addresses of members receiving the Newsletter should be suppressed. Opinion will be sought at the next meeting as to preference.

Never tell your problems to anyone – 20% don't care and the other 80% are glad you have them.

Lou Holz – Football (American) Coach.

Nigel E Swaffield, Editor

Guest Speaker: (December)

Gay Williams

Her talk is about

TRAVELS IN FRANCE

NEW MEMBERS

There are no new members to introduce this month

Mini Speaker:

There is no speaker this month.

Special Interest Group News:

The Programme for February/March will be issued with the February Newsletter. There is no Programme with this Newsletter. Information on December's programmes is included above where available. Otherwise please contact your Convenor

Group 1: Creative Writing – A Notable Triumph

I am delighted to share the news that Ellen Roundtree of the Creative Writing Group has won first prize in this year's Sunday Star-Times short story competition. Ellen entered the new non-fiction section – an essay based on 'family'. The prize is time spent with a Sunday Star-Times Journalists, a Kobo loaded with Random House books and her story was published in the Sunday Star-Times (November 3rd). This is the first competition Ellen has entered and to win such a prestigious competition that is open to all New Zealanders is commendable. Congratulations Ellen.

There is no meeting of this Group in December

Tricia Ketteringham – co-ordinator..



Music Appreciation Group:

2013 December 5th at 1.30 pm. An Australian Original.
40 Willjames Avenue, Algies Bay

Food for Thought Group:

Our year ends with our last meeting in November.
Shirley Shirley

Jazz Listening Group:

An end of year d inner with live jazz. At Geoffrey Goodwin's, 199 Omaha Flats Road,
from 5.30pm on Monday, December 2nd.
Val Couling

Play Reading Group:

An end of year lunch and one-act sketches. At 25 Gordon Craig Place, on Tuesday,
December 10th, 10.30am.
Val Couling

The Book Group

We will be having their next get together on Tuesday Dec 3rd. It will be at 12 noon at
Matakana Country Kitchen for their end of year lunch. Could members
please contact me if they are unable to come. Ph 425 8647.
Next year Iris Mee has kindly agreed to take over as convener for our group, so your
correspondence should go to her, thanks.
Jenny Noakes

Current Affairs Group

Has nothing planned for December/January at the moment.
The group has had a good year and we look forward to more interesting discussions
in 2014. Anyone keen to join can get in touch with me at any time.
Val Strachan.

Group News submissions for February/March:

Please e-mail to Editor at n-dswaff@clear.net.nz before January 23th 2013

Special Interest Groups

Group Programmes for February/March:

Please e-mail to Editor at n-dswaff@clear.net.nz before January 20th 2013

In future is intended that a Group Convenor, when elected or appointed to the Committee, will be responsible for obtaining Group editorial and programme information.



MISCELLANEOUS

Special Interest Groups – Meetings Schedules

I understand that some members who receive this be e-mail would like to have a printed copy but do not possess a printer. Printed copies will be made available at each General Meeting. This is the best that can be done without reverting to a conventional mail sending for all members.

Contact details:

Please advise the Membership Secretary, Mary-Alice Ryburn (425 0536) when you change your address, phone number or e-mail address, so that we can continue to communicate with you.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting is on DECEMBER 9th at 10.00am. It will be followed by a Christmas Buffet

Duty Groups:

December: Poetry Reading

SCARY STATISTIC



The combined financial assets of
Bill Gates
&
Warren Buffet
equals that of 120 million poor
Americans

GREEN NEWS



Two ancient cavemen are asking themselves – “something’s not right – our air is clean, our water is pure, we all have plenty of exercise, everything we eat is organic and free-range, yet nobody lives past thirty.



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U3A at the Kowhai Festival





**Annual General Meeting
of the Warkworth U3A
to be held 10am Monday 9 December 2013
at the Totara Park Hall Warkworth**

AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies

Minutes of the 2012 AGM

President's Report

Financial Report

Election of Officers

Appointment of the Auditor

Membership Fee

Any Other Business

