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WARKWORTH

Quarterly Newsletter — December 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

PEACE

As we approach Christmas we read messages of peace and goodwill to all. Sometimes our world doesn't seem very peaceful, whether in the news, in neighbourhoods or even in families. It is probably wise to ignore the things which we cannot change, as Linus does in this Charles Schultz cartoon. When we can change things let us do so, perhaps by forgiving a hurt, by helping the younger generation to see a situation objectively or by contributing to organisations which are working for change in the wider world.



I wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas with time to reflect on beauty, time to enjoy the good company of friends and family and time to relax and read. We also at this time enjoy our memories and the anticipation of things to come.

Best wishes

Mary

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members who have joined since 1/9/2019

David Sidders

Linley and Alan Von Tunzelman

DUTY GROUP ROSTER 2020

February 10: Current Affairs & Developments in Medicine

April 20: Ancient History & Jazz Listening

August 10 Local History & Play Reading

October 12 All About Plants & Poetry Reading

The duty groups for the general meetings at the Totara Park venue should be there at 9.30am

December: AGM and General Meeting

Monday, December 9

AGM

Matakantata Choir

Christmas Morning Tea

Venue: Tui House

Catering: The Hospice Team

2020 Meetings Planner

January 13	Committee Meeting
February 10	General Meeting
	Gaye Stratton: Macular Degeneration
March 9	Committee Meeting
April 20	General Meeting
	Professor Ralph Cooney: Science
May 11	Committee Meeting
June 8	General Meeting
	Mid-winter Luncheon
	Alison Talmage: Music Therapy
	(at the Warkworth Golf Club with music by "Duo")
July 13	Committee Meeting
August 10	General Meeting
	Dr Jenny Collins: History of Schools
	in the Mahurangi District
September 14	Committee Meeting
October 12	General Meeting
	Dr Jonathan Lee: Afghanistan
November 9	Committee Meeting
December 14	General Meeting AGM
	Watch this space!
All meetings except the June luncheon to be at Totara Park.	
Committee Meeting meetings use the smaller room, General Meetings use both rooms.	

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Group Meetings Calendar



Groups and Convenors	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020
All About Plants 10am 4th Thursday Gail Morrison Jenny Blackmore	No Meeting	No Meeting	Plants of the Sea and Beach.
Ancient History 9.30am 1st Friday Pam Bosch	Xmas Lunch: Bring a plate. 11am for discussion on next year followed by Lunch 8 Piper Lane, Snells Beach.	No meeting	TBA
Antiques and Collectables 10am 4th Friday Hilary Lewis	No Meeting	No Meeting	1. Hilary Lewis: Writing Antiques. 2. Michael Penn: Misc. Silver Host: Jennifer Kirker, 10 Riverleigh Dr, Snells Beach.
Art Appreciation 1st Wednesday - check for times. Jan Imlach Jacky Whincop	Planning meeting and elect new convenor(s) at Totara Park.	Possibly Manukau Gardens Sculpture Trip.	TBA
Book Talk 10am 1st Tuesday Shirley Shirley	No Meeting.	No Meeting.	No Meeting.
Current Affairs 2pm 3rd Thursday Geoffrey Bowes	Christmas Get-Together. Details TBA	No Meeting.	Geoffrey Bowes, 257 Mahurangi East Rd, Snells Beach.
Developments in Medicine 2pm 4th Thursday Linda Moore	No Meeting	No Meeting	Sjögren's syndrome Douglas Brown Venue: TBA
Jazz Listening 2pm 3rd Monday Val Couling	No Meeting.	25 Gordon Craig Place - live music.	TBA

Groups and Convenors	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020
Local History 10am 4th Tuesday Lorna Laxon	No Meeting.	No Meeting.	Why choose local history? Venue: 81 Thompson Rd, Warkworth
Music Appreciation 10am 2nd Thursday Alison Coates	Bring favourite CD tracks (Xmas theme) Host: Malcolm Clague. 23 David William Place	No meeting	The Berlin Philharmonic. Host: Mary Miller, 40 Willjames Ave, Algies Bay
Play Reading 10am 2nd Tuesday Pam Ellender	No meeting	No meeting	TBA
Poetry Reading 1.30pm 3rd Wednesday Lynda Spivey	No meeting	No meeting	Banjo Patterson. Presented by Pam Ellender. Venue 32 Blue Gum Drive at 1.30pm

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

It would greatly assist club accounting if, when making online payments, members could adhere to the following procedures:

The standard Entry fields are:

PARTICULARS	CODE	REFERENCE
<i>What the payment is for — eg “Subs” or “luncheon” etc.</i>	<i>This field is reserved for cheque numbers, invoice numbers etc</i>	<i>The Name(s) associated with this payment</i>

PRIVACY ISSUES

The increase in spam emails and fraudulent phone calls from criminal organisations has prompted the Auckland U3A Network to advise U3A groups to avoid publishing personal email and phone numbers. Accordingly, we have ceased publishing personal emails and phone numbers.

There are two phone numbers (without names attached) on our website for use by individuals who would like to get more information about our club.



2019 President's Annual Report Warkworth U3A

I have pleasure in presenting the Warkworth U3A annual report for 2019. Our membership is currently 163. We have had an interesting year of learning new things, meeting old friends and making new friends. New members have joined us each month throughout the year.

I am particularly grateful to the committee who have each contributed much and always work harmoniously together. Special thanks go to those retiring during the year, Mary-Alice Ryburn, Hospitality convenor, and Chris Hoogerwerf, Almoner, both of whom have given many years of service in several different roles. Glyn Williams, Network Representative and Publicity, is retiring at this annual meeting and I am very grateful to him for his contribution and especially his close link with the Auckland U3A Network. Our valued secretary, Diane Parton, died quite suddenly and is missed by us all.

Glenda Came, has been co-opted to take over as secretary and has willingly and ably done so. Kristin Price has been co-opted as Hospitality Convenor and Tonara Cuthell as Almoner. Alison Coates, our Membership Secretary has agreed to become Vice-President. Other committee members include Nigel Swaffield, Treasurer, Hilary Lewis, Groups Convenor, Jean Mason, Hospitality Convener, Bill Robertson, IT, and Mary Miller President. Ian Lewis is a committee member and editor of the newsletter which he produces ably and professionally. The web-site is managed and is being revised by Alan Spicer. We appreciate his skills and contribution in this field. Alan is an ex-officio committee member.

The speakers at our general meetings have included Heather Baigent, the Auckland Network president, on Inspirational Exporters, Gavin Ellis on the Media Response to the Christchurch Mosque Shootings, Lesley Mynett-Johnson on Starship Foundation at our annual luncheon at the Golf Course, where we were welcomed by the Jazz Group, Phil Sai-Louie on First/Christian names of the British Isles and Kobus Mentz on Urban Design.

In December 2018 we were mightily entertained by the Play reading group performing their original play about a wedding, 'A Bit of a Do'.

Mini-speakers, all from our own membership, included the Local History Group with "Up the River", with "Furs" from the Museum Textile Team, and John Patrick on "Behaviour Change: Who Me?"

Members have promoted U3A to the public in the Clubs and Groups Day at the town hall, and at the Huge Day Out when we had a stall at the Kowhai Festival.

A group of our members attended the Network event 'Celebrating U3A 2019' where Mike King was the inspirational main speaker and there were nine excellent mini-speakers. This was also an opportunity to meet other Auckland U3A members and share ideas.

Thanks are due to all the Group Conveners who play such a vital role in organising the twelve study groups on widely varying topics. These study groups are a unique feature of U3A, wherein those who teach also learn and those who learn also teach.

Finally thanks to all members who make up our organisation. Skills and experiences from many different careers are represented here and all of us have a contribution to make.

Tui House has been our venue for 2019 and although the meeting room is extremely well-appointed with electronic equipment, remotely controlled screen and blinds, etc., there is only one meeting room with few on-site parking spaces. The committee has decided that in 2020 we will return to Totara Park where the separate room and adjacent kitchen are more convenient for serving morning tea and for conversation, and more parking is available close to the building.

The committee is continuing to plan for next year and we look forward to an interesting year of shared knowledge and experiences.

Mary Miller

Convenors' Meeting Report

(Meeting held at Totara Park on Monday, 18th November, 2019)

Thank you to all the Group Convenors who attended the Morning Tea and to the President, Mary Miller, and those Members of the Committee who attended as well.

A useful discussion was held where all present were asked to offer their comments about the various ways in which group meetings are held in Warkworth U3A.

The following topics were covered:

Membership:

Convenors were reminded of the need to check that all their group members have paid their annual U3A subscriptions. At the beginning of each year, convenors are asked to send a list of members' names to me (Hilary Lewis), and then send any additional names of new members as they arrive throughout the year. This enables Alison Coates (Membership Secretary) to maintain an up-to-date data-base of all the groups and their members.

1. Small Groups: For those groups with small numbers, the suggestion was made that the convenors might do some "recruiting" at the General Meetings where, as an alternative to having a Mini-Speaker, these convenors could outline what their groups do and how they are run, etc.

2. Large Groups: Convenors should remember that, if a group becomes too large for a private home, there are two alternatives available — either, hire Totara Park (or another of the many small halls around the district) and charge a gold coin entry fee, or, suggest a second group be established to discuss the same topic.

Venues:

When you use Totara Park and charge an entry fee, please remember to give the collected money to Nigel Swaffield (Treasurer) together with a note giving the name of your group and the date you booked the venue.

Some larger groups are happy to use only five or six people's houses on a rostered basis because many retirees' homes have limited room for meetings. The suggestion was made that those who don't do any hosting might contribute to the group's catering needs, or might help in some other capacity.

Catering:

Most groups include morning or afternoon teas at

their meetings, but those present at today's meeting agreed that hosts need only provide tea/coffee and some plain biscuits. Those who want to, of course, may choose to provide more lavish spreads, but we all need to remember that it's not a competition bake-off!

Publicity:

Concern was expressed about many people in the local community not knowing anything about U3A and how it functions. Mary Miller, Club President, outlined the actions taken by the committee over this last year to publicise our activities (for example, with a stand at the Kowhai Festival's Big Day Out, and a table at the Clubs & Organisations Day held at the Town Hall, as well as having some speakers' talks at our General Meetings reported in local papers. (This last, however, is controlled by a newspaper's available space and editorial policies, and not by the U3A committee.) It was noted that the "What's On" section in Mahurangi Matters cannot be used for publicity purposes because all our meetings are open only to the membership and are not, in fact, public meetings. The best advertising, it was agreed by all present, was by "word of mouth", so group convenors are asked to encourage members to talk about U3A to their friends in the community.

Convenors' Duties:

1. Appointment of Convenors: Some groups — especially the larger ones such as Art Appreciation with its membership of 41 — have appointed several people as co-convenors in order to spread the workload and responsibilities of running a group.
2. Writing Reports: The Newsletter Editor (Ian Lewis) reminded convenors of the need to write up their meeting reports as part of the promotion of their own groups — and remember, too, the value of photos in these reports! [Note: the reporter and photographer can be anyone in the group — not necessarily the group convenor.]

All in all, a very useful discussion of the duties of group convenors and their importance in the success of our local U3A, with thanks, once again, to all who attended.

Hilary Lewis (Groups Convenor)

Around the Groups

Local History



The Local History Group with Roger Williams (back-left)

U3A Local History group met for their final meet of 2019 at Bridgehouse with Roger Williams to learn of the history of Browns Timber Mill 1844 and Palmers flour mill 1855. Both of these were powered by water wheels driven by water from the Mahurangi River diverted through water races.

These races are still just visible beside the river walk. Roger Williams related this history and the history of the three lime works 1858 -1876 of Coombes & Daldy.

Lorna Laxon



The plaque on the bridge pier



The plaque on steps - opposite the Bridge plaque

Music Appreciation Group 2019

Our November meeting featured live music from some of our members, and a guest musician, Bruce Borthwick. It was held in the Community Church foyer in Snells Beach, and featured solos on trumpet, cello and piano. In addition Lorna Laxon shared memories of a chamber music festival she attended in Australia earlier in the year.

Earlier in the year our group met prior to a Warkworth Music Society concert, and Ann Edwards talked about String Trios which was great preparation for the Concert at the Town Hall which featured The Morton Trio. Other meetings throughout the year have featured presentations on such topics as a Tchaikovsky Opera, The Orchestra in the Age of Enlightenment, Music for Meditation, a Midsummer Night's Dream, the ballet and Music for St Valentine's Day.

Alison Coates



*Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
by Ruetlinger c1888*

U3A Annual Membership dues 2020

Remember you need to keep your membership subscription up-to-date.

The 2020 subscriptions became due on November 1 2019

Cost is \$20 for individuals and \$35 for couples.

Your paid membership entitles you to attend general meetings and interest groups and to vote at the AGM.

As a bonus it also enables you to attend group meetings at other U3A groups in Auckland.

Art Appreciation

Art appreciation enjoyed a movie on Degas in September at the Matakana Cinema then Colin McCahon and a Denmark Design exhibition at the Auckland Gallery.



One of the clerestory windows for the Convent Chapel of the Sisters of our Lady of the Missions, Auckland 1965



Landscape theme and variations (series A) 1963



*Paul Henningsen
PH 4/3 Lamp 1966*



Denmark Design Arm Chair

Antiques and Collectables

The first half of the September meeting of Antiques & Collectables centred on the various production methods used in silverware.



Nigel's display of items illustrated a wide variety of silver-working methods — from those worked in heavy beaten silver to those created in delicate silver filigree. The items represented a wide range of cultures and featured a full range of silver use — from cutlery and household wares to jewellery and ornamental use.



An intricate silver filigree peacock dish.

The second half of the meeting centred on the history of wine containers — from animal skins and bladders used as wineskins to modern decanters made of glass and crystal. The Kvevri, found in Georgia are some of the earliest pottery containers dating back to 6,000 B.C. Their outsides were coated with beeswax to waterproof them and they were buried in the ground

to ensure climate control for the fermentation of the wine.



Georgian Kvevri

The Roman Dolia were also earthenware containers but were made in various shapes that allowed them to fit perfectly inside a ship in order to leave minimal empty space.



Roman Dolia

Amphorae became the ancient world's standardised way to transport wine, olive oil and other prized liquids. They reached their peak in usage and standardisation in ancient Greece and Rome because they were easy to produce and, most importantly, easy to transport.



Amphorae

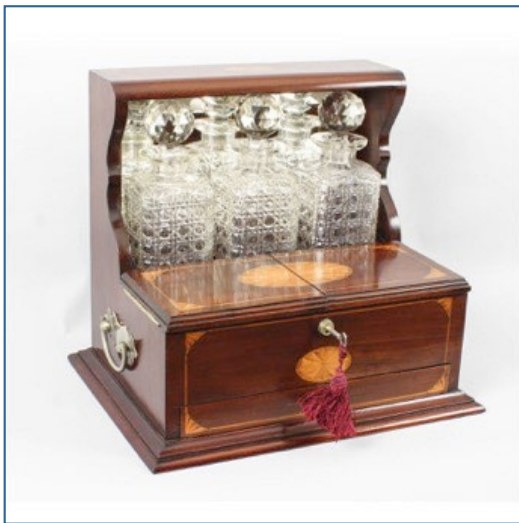
The Celts are recognized as the inventors of the wooden barrel, but it was through the Gauls that the Romans adopted them. Following the lead of the Roman army, merchants quickly adopted wooden barrels in place of amphorae. Wooden barrels are stronger than clay, weigh far less and can be turned on their side and rolled – which was especially helpful to the ancient Roman soldiers transporting food supplies.

By the third century AD the transition to storing and transporting wine in wooden barrels was virtually complete, ending clay's 5,500 year period of dominance.

Glass

Though glass vessels have certainly been around since Roman times, glass bottles are relative newcomers to the wine containers scene. It wasn't until the 17th century, when coal-fuelled furnaces replaced wood-burning ones, that it became possible to blow glass into thicker and darker bottles than previously. With the addition of the fashion for using cork stoppers, glass bottles suddenly became suitable for the transportation and aging of wines.

Fashion was responsible for the wide variety of glass and crystal wine containers which proliferated over the last three centuries. From 'sack' bottles to whiskey decanters, from stirrup cups used before the hunt to the Tantallus (designed to prevent theft of wine by servants) and from claret jugs to the Rodney (a type of ship's decanter with a heavy base named after a British Admiral famous for his military achievements during the American War of Independence — wine containers have been produced in many forms over these times.



A Tantallus — used to prevent servants helping themselves! The key to unlock it would remain with the butler or the owner.



A Victorian Silver Stirrup Cup



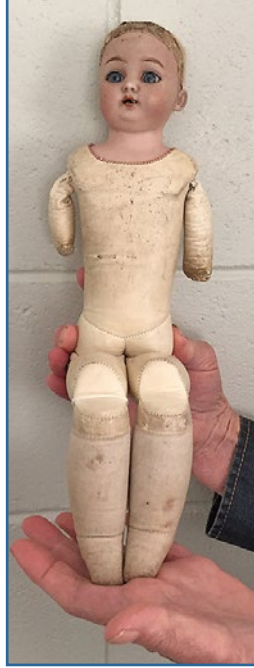
The 'Rodney' — a heavy-based ship's decanter — designed for stability at sea

It was decided at the October meeting that, since it was held over Labour Weekend and many of the members were away, that the two talks would be repeated at the first meeting in February next year — so more details in the next newsletter!

The November meeting was held at the Warkworth Museum where Jenni provided an interesting commentary on the history of dolls — especially those found in early colonial NZ homes.



String puppet Pinocchio



A doll with articulated joints



A kitset doll — the face was already painted, so you just had to stuff it.



A Victorian model.

Hilary Lewis

Travelling Overseas

If you are planning to travel this year, please do remember to register with the Safe Travel website, operated by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. If anything happens while you are travelling – floods, earthquakes, terrorist attacks – and the Ministry knows you are in the area, the local NZ Embassy will look for you and check that you are OK. They also work closely with local authorities so are able to get information that your travel company may not have access to. Go to www.safetravel.govt.nz.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION at the AGM December 9, 2019

The Constitution requires that any proposed changes be notified to the members at least three months before the AGM at which the changes will be presented, hence this advance notice.

Three amendments to the Constitution are proposed.

Amendment 1:

Remove the current upper limit of ten for the number of committee members.

The current rule:

- 4-1 The society shall be managed by a Committee of at least six and not more than ten elected members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further committee members to fill casual vacancies. The Immediate Past President shall (ex-officio) be a member of the Committee for one year.

Rationale: There is a lot of organisational work that is needed for an active growing club (166 members as we go to press). Many of the tasks need to have more than one committee member allocated so that the workload can be shared.

Proposed Amendment:

The first sentence be amended to read:

- 4-1. The Society shall be managed by a Committee of at least six elected members.

Amendment 2:

Define the membership year as being January 1 to December 31, making it distinct from the Financial Year of November 1 to October 31.

There is no specific definition of the membership year in the current Rules. The Financial Year is defined:

- 6-1 The financial year shall end on **31st October** in each year. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened for the **December** meeting for the purposes as set out in clause 5-1

Rationale: Currently the implied default linking of the membership year to the financial year of November 1 - October 31 creates an anomalous situation where, at the AGM in December, there are very few members who have paid their subscriptions for the new year. According to the Constitution, however, only those few paid-up members can vote

at the AGM. This amendment would resolve that.

Proposed Amendment:

Add a new paragraph:

- 3-5 The membership year shall be the calendar year of January 1 to December 31.

Amendment 3:

Change the requirement that the accounts be audited to one that the accounts be reviewed.

The current rule:

- 6-3 The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all the monies received and expended on behalf of the the Society and shall prepare and publish such accounts duly audited at the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale: Auditing is an expensive formal process normally used for large businesses. The formal Reviewing process still requires specialist qualifications for chartered accountants.

We have been advised that an examination of the accounts by a finance sub-committee is appropriate for non-profit organisations,

Proposed Amendment:

That Paragraph 6.3 be amended to read:

- 6-3 The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all the monies received and expended on behalf of the the Society and shall prepare and publish such accounts duly reviewed by a Finance sub-committee at the Annual General Meeting.

U3A Auckland Network

The U3A Auckland Network has its own website:

www.u3a.nz.

There you can see information about other U3A groups in the greater Auckland area as well as promotional material about events that the Network has planned.

Note: the Network's web address is not the same as the Warkworth U3A's own website address of www.u3a.co.nz

December Meeting: AGM

Warkworth U3A Annual General Meeting

December 9, 2019

The AGM will begin at 10am on December 9, 2019, at Tui House.

Agenda

1. President's Report

Mary will present her report on U3A Warkworth for the 2019 year

2. Election of officers

Officers and Committee members standing for re-election

Mary Miller	President
Alison Coates	Membership Secretary
Glenda Came	Secretary
Nigel Swaffield	Treasurer

Ian Lewis	Editor
Hilary Lewis	Groups Convenor
Tonara Cuthell	Almoner
Jean Mason	Hospitality
Kristen Price	Hospitality
Glyn Williams	Publicity and Network Representative
Bill Robertson	IT and Equipment

Nominations received as at 20/11/2018

- Alison Coates has been nominated by Mary Miller for the position of Vice President.
- John Williamson has been nominated by Mary Miller to join the Committee

3. General Business

Items of General Business should have been received by the Secretary on or before December 2, 2019.

Statement of Accounts

INCOME	2019 - \$	2018 - \$
SUBSCRIPTIONS -158	2950.00	3225.00
INTEREST Rapid save & cheque	47.32	48.37
TOTAL	2997.32	

EXPENDITURE	2019 - \$	2018 - \$
(summary excl Mid-Year Luncheon)		
HALL HIRE*	510.00	385.00
CATERING CLUB MEETINGS	237.70	?
SPEAKER DONATIONS	400.00	500.00
STATIONERY	276.49	219.60
SERVER HOST	171.35	?
INCOME TAX	15.85	?
SERVICE FEES (BNZ)	0.90	?
	1612.29	

EXPENDITURE	2019 - \$	2018 - \$
(summary excl Mid-Year Luncheon)		
	1612.29	
MISCELLANEOUS	1116.00	629.25
PRINTING & COPYING	60.10	219.00
TOTAL	2788.39	

MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

MID-YEAR LUNCHEON – MEMBERS PAYMENTS	1560.00	1500.00
MID-YEAR LUNCHEON – VENUE	270.00	270.00
MID-YEAR LUNCHEON – CATERING	1512.00	1431.00
MID-YEAR LUNCHEON – CATERING	90.00	-
REFUND 18.06.19		
TOTAL COST	1692	1701
DEFICIT MID-YEAR LUNCH	-132.00	-201.00

YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER – BALANCE RATIONALISATION

EXPENDITURE (summary)	CHEQUE ACCOUNT	RAPID SAVE ACCOUNT
INCOME	2987.32	2484.74
EXPENDITURE	2771.64	
BALANCE	215.68	
LUNCHEON DEFICIT	-132.00	
Transfer to Rapid Save	(-120.00)	
Liquid assets (Cash/Stamps)	95.00	
		2484.74
Excess Income/Deficit	+83.68	2516.1

ASSETS	2019 - \$	2018 - \$
CHEQUE ACCOUNT	1291.49	315.44
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	2484.74	3330.47
PETTY CASH	30.00	-
POSTAGE STAMPS (60 @ \$1.30)	65.00	?
U3A BADGES (35)	175.00	250.00
PROJECTOR (& computer records)	0.00	522.47
FLASH DRIVE 16GB	0.00	-
	4046.23	-

October 2019 General Meeting: Mini-presentation

John Patrick : Behavioural Change — Who Me?

John gave an interesting summary of his career, including teaching, Presbyterian Ministry and Counselling.

In the latter we learnt just how a counsellor doesn't provide any answers, but works with the subjects to let them identify the real issue(s). Then, in their own

words, they may be able to come up with a range of actions that they could willingly undertake to ease the problem. It takes time and has a degree of success — even for one couple he spoke about who decided that verbal conflict was actually their comfort zone!



October 2019 General Meeting: Kobus Mentz — Urban Design



Kobus is Director of Urbanismplus Ltd and has extensive international experience in urban planning and design.

He is also the Adjunct Professor for the Masters of

Urban Design course at The University of Auckland.

Although Kobus did help the Auckland Council develop the Warkworth Structure Plan, the focus of his talk was to emphasise the need for the citizens of Warkworth to engage in the future of their town — in particular, the purpose and identity of the town.

Some startling background facts were presented as flags for the pressure that is driving the growth of towns and cities: global population increases (1.6 billion in the next 20 years) and consumption increases (“The rise in consumption from the global middle class is expected to treble by 2030”).

In the context of energy consumption, he showed comparative data:

1. A moderately efficient single family home with three cars capable of 11 km/litre will consume about 270 MBTU/year (Million British Thermal Units/year).
2. An energy efficient apartment with one similar car requires about 103 MBTU/year.



This highlights the effects of apartment living and public transport - even before you get to electric vehicles, etc.

Kobus then asked “What can you advocate for?” so that our town keeps its identity yet grows to accommodate the increased population that is inevitable.

- Quality building designs
- Quality public spaces
- Balance between car and pedestrian spaces
- Trees and biodiversity
- Public transport
- Social services

He then pointed to the trade-off scenario with “What can you sacrifice?”

- Local convenience for global gain
- Amenity for density
- Traffic needs for public places

Kobus concluded his presentation with a reminder for everyone to contribute to and examine the ongoing plans for Warkworth and to:

- Be issue-based, not ideological
- Support not-for-profit organisations
- Encourage businesses to be more sustainable
- Welcome newcomers
- Promote arts and events
- Attract more jobs

This was a wide-ranging presentation that showed what good design outcomes have been completed in a number of New Zealand and overseas towns and cities.

He also emphasised that the people need to be actively involved to ensure the character and identity of their town is maintained while it grows.

U3A WARKWORTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Mary Miller
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Hospitality	Jean Mason Kristin Price
IT, Equipment and Venue Management	Bill Robertson
Editor	Ian Lewis

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IT/Web/Grapevine Alan Spicer

U3A Warkworth Online

The scope of the U3A Warkworth website (U3A.co.nz) is steadily expanding.

Apart from the newsletters (going right back to 2005) it features the following:

- the calendar for the current quarter.
- the list of groups with a description of each.
- two methods for membership applications:
 1. A membership application form as a pdf for downloading for those who prefer to use a conventional printed form for posting.
 2. An online membership application form.

The information from these forms goes to our membership secretary, Alison Coates.

Our website has been in its current form since its inception, so Alan has offered to redesign and rebuild it to modernise it.

NAME BADGES:

Members are being asked to look after their own U3A name labels from now on and bring them to wear at our General Meetings.

These are the badges/labels that members have until previously collected as they arrived at each U3A General Meeting and then handed in again at the end of the meeting.

There will be the standard "sticky label and felt pen" facility for anyone who forgets to bring their label!

U3A Lapel Badges

Auckland U3A Network has produced lapel badges for U3A members.



Badges feature the international U3A logo and the words "NEW ZEALAND", as shown.

The badges will be metal and with either a magnetic fastener or with a pin. Price is \$5 per badge.

Ordering: Please email our treasurer: Nigel Swaffield (nswaf43ju@gmail.com)

Payment: either Direct Credit to the U3A account

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(remember to enter the names of the purchasers in the reference) or send a cheque to:

The Treasurer, U3A Warkworth, 8 Wilson Rd, Warkworth.

Tui House Parking

Your committee members understand that some members are not easily able to walk a distance from the car to Tui House. We encourage car-pooling as much as possible. If you are finding difficulty in arranging a lift, please ask a committee member or your group convener to help you find someone who could pick you up. If you are fit and your legs are OK then take the opportunity for some exercise and park further away!

The December meeting is the last in Tui House - we are returning to Totara Park after Christmas.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Committee.

