



## **U3A WARKWORTH**

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### **Newsletter** **February - March 2008**

#### **From the President**

New Year greetings to all U3A members.

May 2008 be a satisfying year for us all, particularly in our pursuit of learning through our unique organisation of U3A.

With our AGM just around the corner, thoughts turn inevitably to the people who might be able to help 'steer the good ship U3A Warkworth' for the next year or so. While all the current committee members will continue we would warmly welcome some new faces - please give it some serious thought.

Linda Moore has been our efficient group convener for the past 5 years, and now wishes to move aside from this role. We express our very warm thanks to Linda for her responsible caring of all our groups over this period. We are pleased that she will remain on the committee to share her experience and wisdom with us.

Please support us at our AGM in February.

Best wishes for the year ahead,

**Lorna Laxon, President.**

#### **Editor's Desk:**

This newsletter issue is an important one since it covers items such as our AGM on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the need for nominations for the 2008 Committee, and payment of the annual subscription (same as last year) which is now due.

You will see this issue includes sections relating to nominations and subscriptions which require your prompt input and action so that our U3A can continue to run smoothly.

Also included is a membership nomination form that you may like to give to a friend who could be interested in joining us.

As editor, I always welcome contributions, and ideas that will make this newsletter more interesting and useful to our members.

**Alan Spicer, Editor.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 a.m. at the New Masonic Hall, Baxter Street**

**Meeting commences at 10:00 a.m.**

**DUTY GROUP - Book Group  
CONVENOR: - Judith Larsen. Ph: 425-0571**

(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 cleanup and re-instate the room after the meeting)

Meeting programme:-

9:15 Duty Group set up  
9:45 Assemble  
10:00 Annual General Meeting  
10:30 Morning tea  
10:45 General Business  
11:15 Guest Speaker – We are awaiting final confirmation from a very interesting speaker.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2008 COMMITTEE**

Our constitution states the Committee should comprise at least 6 members and not more than 10. Nominations shall be called for either the position of President or a committee member. At our last Committee Meeting, all of our present Committee members indicated a willingness to continue for the 2008 year. We could do with two more committee members to help spread the load, particularly when members are away on holiday etc. It is not an onerous task, with short committee meetings every two months. To ensure that our Organisation does not become static, it is vital that new people with their new ideas are added to the Committee each year. A Nomination Form is included should you wish to nominate someone, or put yourself forward. The future Committee is in your hands.

Please note the nomination receipt deadline of February 5<sup>th</sup>

### **GROUP NEWS**

#### **Note to Group Convenors:**

After the AGM there will be a brief meeting of Convenors with Lorna Laxon to discuss any issues relating to the group programs and ideas for the year ahead.

#### **Philosophy Study Group**

Our first meeting is at Heron's Flight restaurant, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 13 February.

"Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust", is intoned at funerals, signalling the earthly fate of the physical organisms that constitute our bodies. A few exceptions have been claimed. Elijah, for example, was said to be "taken up by a fiery chariot"; Jesus, said to have "ascendeth into heaven"; Mohammed,

according to some Islamic accounts, likewise ascended to heaven. For the rest of us, the long-term fate of our bodies is the scattering of our atoms, re-absorption of some of “our” atoms in other persons’ bodies (a problem for the Christian notion of a bodily resurrection), and an ultimate sharing in whatever cosmological fate the universe has in store for itself. Survival of our physical constituents, whatever “ultimate” particles our bodies are made of, hardly counts as survival of us as persons.

But is that all there is to us as persons? Are we nothing more than physical organisms, with nothing to look forward to after bodily deaths? What about our minds? And what about our souls? People commonly use the expression “Body, mind and soul (or spirit).” Are these three different things? If not, what do “mind” and “soul/spirit” refer to? And how do they relate to our bodies? Could any of them persist after our bodily death? If so, where? And for how long?

These are some of the questions we’ll discuss in 2008. And, if time allows, we may even take a look at a connected question: “Do we have a free will?” (Keeping in mind the possibility of reserving that for 2009).

**Contributed by Raymond Bradley.**

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## **U3A Online**

The following courses will be offered, with a Course Leader, from January to May 2008.

This information is accurate as of now but is subject to change.

At any time you can check the information by going to [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au) and clicking on Courses in the left hand panel and then on “Looking Ahead” from the drop down list.

All courses are completed online -- but with a Course Leader you have the benefit of the help and support of the Course Leader and are encouraged to make contact with others, doing the same course, via the Discussion Forum.

11 February 2008: Renaissance Italy

18 February 2008: Writing Family History

7 April 2008: Religions of the World

14 April 2008: Design in your Life

5 May 2008: The Night Sky

Please note that the first week for all these courses is set aside for “housekeeping” and getting everyone set and ready to start the course proper in the second week.

To enrol in any of these courses:

- Go to [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au)
- Click on the Login tab at the top of the screen
- Enter your Username and Password and click login (Contact Alan Spicer for details)
- Click on Enrol in the left hand panel
- Scroll down until you find the course you are interested in and click on Enrol to the right of the course name --- do not click on the course name.
- Follow the prompts through the payment options.

## **DIARY NOTES:**

**Next General meeting:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

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If you would like your next newsletter sent by email please send a blank email message to:  
[yes@u3a.co.nz](mailto:yes@u3a.co.nz)

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**WARKWORTH U3A**  
**SUBSCRIPTION FORM - RENEWAL FOR 2008 YEAR**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single (\$20)     Tick box                Double (\$35)     Tick box

Subscriptions are the same as last year and are due now.

I wish to receive my newsletters by email                                 Tick box

I **do not** wish to renew my subscription for 2008                                 Tick box

Please make your subscription cheque payable to U3A Warkworth.  
 Please mail subscription form and cheque to:  
 Warkworth U3A, c/o Treasurer, P O Box 520, Warkworth, 0941.

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**NOMINATION FORM**  
**U3A WARKWORTH - 2008 COMMITTEE**

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For position of: (tick the appropriate box)    President       or Committee Member  

Nominated by:    Seconded by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

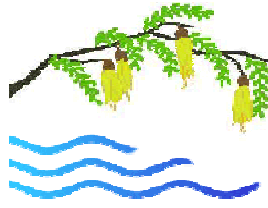
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- Please mail this completed form to:  
 The Secretary, U3A Warkworth, P O Box 520, Warkworth, 0941.
- Completed forms must be received by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Below is a nomination form that you may wish to give to a friend who could be interested in joining Warkworth U3A.



## U3A WARKWORTH

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Information on this form will not be divulged to any person other than the U3A Committee.

Surname: .....

First Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Post code: .....

Home Phone: ..... Email: .....

Would you like your newsletter sent by: Email , or Post  (Tick box)

Previous Occupations:

Current Interests, Club Involvement, etc.

Indicate the subjects you might be interested in studying:

Are you willing to help as a: - Committee member      Yes  - No   
   Group Convenor            Yes  - No

Please indicate any particular ways you would be willing to help e.g. access to Computer, Photo Copying, Word Processing, Speaker Contacts, etc.

On the reverse side, if you wish, please write something about yourself.

U3A WARKWORTH STUDY GROUP MEETINGS 2008

Key	STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	Date	February	Date	March
anh	<b>Ancient History</b>	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	1st	Kublai Khan (Neville) - Pot-luck lunch 120 Perry Rd, Warkworth	7th	"Ankor Wat" W. Massey 9 Bennett St, Warkworth
bot	<b>Book Talk</b>	Judith Larsen	425-0571	10:00 a.m.	5th	16a Waimanu Place, Point Wells	4th	209 Sharp Rd, Matakana
cua	<b>Current Affairs</b>	Val Strachan	425-9497	2:00 p.m.	21st	32a Rivendell Place, Warkworth	20th	TBA
for	<b>Food For Thought</b>	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	1:30 p.m.	27th	"Herbs" - Ina 17 View Rd, Warkworth	26th	Topic TBA - Lorna 15a Walton Ave, Warkworth
jal	<b>Jazz Listening</b>	Val Couling	425-5766	2:00 p.m.	18th	"Jazz through the decades" - Bob Ward 5 Matakana Rd, Warkworth	17th	"History of Jazz" - Paddy 136 Ngarewa Drive, Mahurangi West
meh	<b>Mediaeval History</b>	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	15th	"Jamestown" - Chris 9 Hexham Street, Warkworth	21st	Topic TBA - Joan 20 Kahurangi St, Snells Beach
mua	<b>Music Appreciation</b>	Beverley Tipling	425-9936	1:30 p.m.	7th	"A Certain Composer" 26 Alnwick St, Warkworth	6th	"Note the Difference" 1216 Sandspit Rd, Sandspit
nza	<b>NZ Art Appreciation</b>	Deb Green	422-7785	10:00 a.m.	6th	"Celtic Art" 17 View Rd, Warkworth	5th	Visit to Terry Stringer's "Zealandia" Mahurangi West Rd.
phi	<b>Philosophy</b>	Prof. Ray Bradley	422-9222	10:00 a.m.	13th	"The Immortality of the Soul" Heron's Flight Vineyard	12th	Discussion continues. Heron's Flight Vineyard
plr	<b>Play Reading</b>	Anne Todd	425-9746	9:30 a.m.	12th	Ibsen's "The Doll's House" 19 Puriri Place, Brick Bay	11th	Play TBA 19 Puriri Place, Brick Bay
por	<b>Poetry Reading</b>	Colleen Kangwai	425-4333	1:30 p.m.	20th	"Great Last Lines" - Veronica Harris Venue TBA	19th	"World War II Poetry" - Anthea McKergow 54 Ashton Rd, Whangateau
wcp	<b>Watercolour Painting</b>	Yvonne Elliott	422-6653	10:00 a.m.		No meeting in February		March - 1st and 3rd Mondays Totara Park, Melwood Drive, Warkworth
wrs	<b>Writing Stories of Your Life</b>	Joan Romano	425-5517	1:30 p.m.	11th	35 Alnwick St, Warkworth	10th	35 Alnwick St, Warkworth