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From the President

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Valma Gidman, President.

Editor's Notes:

Valma is taking a sabbatical from this Newsletter and kindly volunteered my contribution instead!

New to this job and ruminating about what to write about I concluded that a few words about the past/present and future content of the newsletter could be appropriate.

News from Interest/Study groups is both useful and interesting to the membership at large. I think however this should not be a routine or rota requirement but that the convenor could write a paragraph when something of considerable interest has occurred within the group activity.

Should editorial matter extend beyond matters that are relevant to the activities of U3A?

I would like to see articles about the wider activities of U3A both in New Zealand and elsewhere. Do other local clubs or their members ever meet? Or do anything except exchange News Letters? Should this happen? Can we be in danger of being too remote from this worldwide organisation? (There is a U3A International Conference in Melbourne in October this year) Did you know that there is U3A Asia Pacific Alliance? And there is much more?

Is it acceptable to attend a particular meeting of an interest group without the perceived obligation of attending all or most of the meetings? I raise this question as I see in assembling the next two months programme that there are a couple of activities I would like to attend but other aspects of a Group are not of do not have as much appeal.

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Finally perhaps this enough potential controversy for the Club to absorb. I do hope that it does provoke interest, debate and feedback.

Nigel E Swaffield, Editor

Month: JUNE GENERAL MEETING

**Monday *June 10th* , 9:45
a.m. at Totara Park
Meeting commences at
10:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker: (June)

Gemma Claire of the Nationwide Health & Disability Service
She will be peaking on Advocacy and Consumer Code of
Rights

Mini Speaker:

Victor Hopwood

Group News:**Group 1: Current Affairs**

The Current Affairs group currently has 16 members, more or less, and we have good and amicable debates over a wide range of issues. At our latest meeting there was almost unanimous agreement over what we considered to be the undemocratic dismissal of the Electoral Commission's recommendations regarding changes to the MMP system. What can we as individuals do about this? Why set up a Commission at great expense if its recommendations are to be so blatantly ignored?. If you share this concern, why not write to your M.P.

The proposed Sky City Convention Centre deal also got a big thumbs-down, and, as well, reservations were expressed over aspects of Auckland City's proposed Unitary Plan; since we have only until the end of this month to make submissions on the plan we should all consider doing so urgently.

Anyone interested in coming along to one of our forthcoming meetings is most welcome to get in touch with me.

Submitted by: Val Strachan, Convenor

Group 2:

The "Food for Thought" group of ladies, for their April meeting, met up and carpooled out to "Southern Paprika" on Woodcocks Road.

We were shown through capsicum growing houses and the very computerised packing shed. The group had lots of questions which were well answered by the business manager Jo and the Production Manager Stuart. We were thrilled at the end of our visit to receive several capsicums to take home. The way to cook these and stuff them came from several tips Jo gave us as we made our way home.

We completed our enjoyable afternoon with coffee at the new shop in Morrison Drive.

We have several interesting meetings planned for the rest of the year, if you would like to join our group.

Submitted by: Shirley Shirley, Jt Convenor

Group 3:

The Book Talk group has 15 members who meet at 10am every first Tuesday of the month in a member's home. Normally we take turns to review and discuss the latest book that we have read and give our recommendation or otherwise. However, last week we were invited to bring along the oldest book that we could find in our bookcases and this brought forth a wonderfully eclectic collection for display. Books 100's of years old, including an ancient Danish family Bible, a book written in middle ages German, a 1st edition of Punch and a small Bible & Signals book belonging to a member's father that saved his life at Gallipoli. Next month, another change from our normal program, Maggie Hamilton is coming to talk to us about publishing and authors she has known. Maggie has recently returned from Sydney where she was an executive with Transworld Publishing for 30 years, and we are looking forward to an entertaining morning.

Submitted by: Jenny Noakes, Convemor

Group News submissions for August/September:

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Please e-mail to Editor at n-dswaff@clear.net.nz before JULY 25th 2013

Group Programmes for August/September:

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MISCELLANEOUS

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.

Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are now well overdue. Please make sure your sub has been paid by checking with the Treasurer Geoffrey Bowes (425 4639) or the Membership Secretary- see above.

Mid Year Lunch:

In accordance with the wishes of the majority of members, the Mid Year Lunch will take place at The Stables in Matakana on the 12th of August and will start at 12.00. This our is our usual day for our bi-monthly meeting which will commence at 1100. We will have a speaker followed by lunch. This event is subsidised by our funds. Members pay \$10 pp. This should be a great event and members should pay the Treasurer \$10 asp for each person attending. Send your cheques to *The Treasurer, U3A, Box 520, Warkworth*, or pay him at the next Meeting. The cut-off date for attendance is 1 August 2013. Any queries to Geoffrey Bowes (4254639)

Duty Groups:

June: Ancient History

October: Food for Thought

The first Vienna Vegetable Orchestra will be performing at the Purcell Room, London, on 18 and 19 February. On a variety of vegetable instruments including carrot flutes, celery bongos and a pumpkin drum, nine musicians and one cook will perform a menu of traditional African, classical European and electronic music...As the concert progresses, the instruments are gradually thrown into a large cooking pot and the finale is a large bowl of soup.

Classical Music

Food for Thought
gets together with
Music Appreciation



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