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Second Quarterly Meeting

When: Wednesday 23 May 2012

Where St Mary's Church
Cnr Discovery Drive - Whitby Shopping Centre
(Drive to the Whitby shopping Centre. As you go up the drive to it, turn left away from the shops. St Mary's Hall is on the left nearest to the road).

Please Note

Later Start: Doors open at 1.00 pm Guest Speaker at 1.30pm

Refreshments: Tea and coffee and biscuits will be provided at the conclusion of meeting. There will be an opportunity to mingle and chat. Plates are not required. Please note that a \$2 contribution would be appreciated to defray costs.

Guest Speaker: Victor Young
Victor comes from a seafaring family that includes mutineers from the BOUNTY and merchant seamen, going back to 1780. He has written three maritime reference books and compiled a library of 100,000 maritime photographs. A lifetime of shipping has included work in cable laying ships and 15 years as a waterfront Customs Officer. After 20 years with Air New Zealand and Lufthansa, he now has part time duties with Wellington Harbour Radio, marine photography and writing.

Notices:

Seminar on Cell Phones

Tuesday, 26 June 2012 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the supper room of the Plimmerton Pavilion, Carole Dew of Telecom will provide ideas and instruction on the best way to use your cell phone and an explanation of the shutdown of the Telecom CDMA Network.

Please register with Brian Mosen on brianmosen@xtra.co.nz and make sure to tell him whether your cell phone is with Telecom or with Vodafone or with 2 degrees.

Earth Sciences or Geology Group

The geology group recently called Earth Sciences is changing course again and opening their sessions up to general science. The other big change is that Ned Pattle is handing over the Coordinators role, after 21 years, to Peter Evans. Anyone wishing to join this group which meets fortnightly in the Titahi Bay Bowling Club could give him a call Peter on 2339690.

Membership Subscriptions for 2012:

Just a gentle reminder that membership subscriptions for 2012 are due for payment. Subscriptions remain at \$10 per member or \$15 per couple. Payment can be made:

- By personal cheque made out to Mana U3A and mailed to, The Treasurer, Mana U3A P O Box 57-042 MANA 5026
- In cash to the Treasurer at the door at a quarterly meeting.
- By internet banking. Please direct credit to:
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Please make sure you include your name under particulars to appear on our account.

Important

If your physical address, telephone number or email has changed, please make sure that you advise both the U3A Membership Secretary, Mana U3A P O Box 57-042 MANA 5026

Rosswilliamson@xtra.co.nz and your course coordinators.

Obituary - Joan Morrell 1915 - 2012

Long time members of Mana U3A may remember Joan Morrell who died on 31 March this year. She was an active member in the latter half of the 1990s and early in this century. She had spent the last 10 years of her long life in Harborview Rest Home where several U3A members saw her fairly regularly.

Joan was a woman with a fearsome intellect, a strong interest in the rights and advancement of women and a real world view, recognised by her Life Membership of the United Nations Association and work with the YWCA. Joan was on the U3A committee for some years, when it was largely made up of men and Secretary for a couple of years. History was her background and a lifelong study and she specially enjoyed the U3A Friday morning Have Your Say Group where she would indeed have had her say and made a real contribution to the discussions.

I feel enormously privileged to have known Joan for a small section of her life, she was one of the few people I count as Wise Women in my own life and I am grateful to Mana U3A as the channel that enabled this acquaintance and friendship to happen.

Dorothy Mitchell

"Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans." ~ John Lennon