



Mana U3A Newsletter Update *1 March 2012*

We have new courses beginning. If you want to join one please contact the coordinator. If you have already registered your name you do not need to again, except if now that you have the details of dates and times you can no longer attend, please contact the coordinator to say so.

Play Reading Group - This group with Pat Knight as Tutor, will meet on the first Friday morning of each month at 10a.m. The first session will be at Pat Knight's, 6 Whitianga View, The Ridges, Paremata. at 10a.m. May 4.

A maximum number of twelve applies. After that there will be a waiting list formed. Please contact the coordinator: Dorothy Mitchell, Ph. 233 1346 r.d.mitchell@xtra.co.nz.

Creative Writing Group 2 - (refer to our February newsletter) This new writers group with Gene Brown as Tutor will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The inaugural meeting will be at Lisa Webber's 73 Discovery Drive Whitby at 1:30 on March 14.

Please contact the coordinator: Lisa Webber Ph. 234 7458 lisa.webber@hotmail.com.

History of Western Music - Carolyn Rait will be the Tutor for a series of talks giving a broad overview of the changes and development in western music over the centuries.

The presentation will include history, art and development of musical instruments and music, through use of slides and music recordings.

Eight or nine talks and discussion held fortnightly on Mondays, commencing 21 May at Plimmerton Croquet Clubrooms, Ulric Street off Plimmerton Drive; 1.15 pm - 2.30 pm.

Cost per session to cover use of rooms and afternoon tea \$3.

Please contact the coordinator: Brian Mosen Ph. 233 0709 brianmosen@xtra.co.nz

A Second Book Group - We would like to start a second book group if there are enough people wanting to join it. If you would be interested please contact the present book group coordinator and ask to be put on the waiting list.

Coordinator: Lesley Harrison: Ph. 234 1677

A Seminar - This is the year that New Zealand starts to progressively change from the current analogue television system to a digital one. Our area will be changed over on 29th September 2013.

Mana U3A has arranged for Guy Burns, a Going Digital Community adviser from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, to give a one-off talk on **Monday 26th of March, 10 am to 12 noon, in the supper room of the Plimmerton Pavilion, Sunset Parade.**

He will help with some of the misconceptions that are being talked about over the changeover and answer any questions.

At the same meeting it is hoped to have someone talk about the new smart television sets you can buy that let you get into the Internet for all sorts of activities. Also someone will be there to explain how you can view Australian preview television, the SBS stations for example and many others-for free. This is a good option if the Government cease to fund TVNZ7. There will be a \$2 charge to cover hall hire.

Call Brian Mosen to register: Ph.233 0709.

(These notices were given out at the Quarterly meeting on February 22)

Whitby Walkfest Sunday March 25th 2012 12 noon to 3.0p.m.

H.Q. Saint Mary's Church, Whitby shops.

Come and explore Whitby's lovely walking routes.

Make it a social outing, bring a picnic. Maps available at H.Q.

Contact: Lisa Webber: Ph: 234 7458

Jan Bennet would like you to know that the Wellington Waterfront Watch, Environmental Court Hearing about Variation 11 re waterfront buildings will be held at the District Court, Ballance Street Room 9 at 10a.m. on Monday 12 March. Jan will be in the Public Gallery and welcomes others. For more information

Contact: Jan Bennett Ph:233 8804

This is the Poem Gene Brown wrote and read at the quarterly meeting on February 22 as we remembered the people of Christchurch.

Christchurch

Under the Southern Cross
Atop a Shaky land
The earth danced a jig
Downing sacred, stone icons
Proud Corporate towers
Into the work a day city
Packed with people
In moments many busted
broken in nightmare time
Tears gush as rivers
For loved ones lost
Imprinted with foreverness
Of those moments
The bravery of those moments
The readiness for sacrifice
Christchurch now forever
In hearts and minds
Far beyond the city
How will you show your face in years to come.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be on May 23 at St.Mary's Hall

Subscriptions. Thank you to those of you who have paid your subs. If you have yet to do this, a Membership renewal form was attached to the back of your February newsletter or can be found on our website www.u3amana.org.nz.

Please send Single: \$10, Double: \$15 to:

The Treasurer
Mana U3A(Inc)
P.O. Box 57 042 Mana.

If you do not intend continuing as a member of the Mana U3A please contact Ross Williamson: Ph 233 1118.