



Mana U3A (Inc)

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Third Quarterly Meeting

When: Wednesday 22 August 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).

Start Time:

- Doors open - 1.00 pm
- Meeting Start - 1.15 pm
- Guest Speaker - 1.30 pm

Refreshments: Tea and coffee and biscuits will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting. There will be an opportunity to mingle and chat. Plates are not required.

Admission: Please contribute \$2 at the door to help defray costs.

Guest Speaker: David Pimblott - CEO and Executive Chairman,
NorthSouth GIS Group Ltd
David will speak about his career and the transition from the art of drawing maps to the pervasive information technology of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), popularized by such as Google Maps. David will explain how he has built an international, award winning, company from a team based in Whitby, Porirua with offices and representation throughout New Zealand, to also include companies in the United States and India. David will illustrate his talk with New Zealand and international project examples.

A Message from Your President:

Greetings,

The year is progressing and I hope you are enjoying your interest group activities. We have 185 members participating.

When we changed venues we promised that you could have your say about the new venue once we had been there a few times. Attached to the back of this newsletter there's a questionnaire. If you want to have input please complete it and send it to the club's P.O. Box or bring it to the quarterly meeting on August 22.

There's a notice about this meeting on the front page.

Then, the following quarterly meeting will be the AGM on November 21. We will be electing a committee for 2013. New committee members will be welcomed. Please let me know if you would like to be nominated for the committee.

Looking ahead, we would like to be able to offer some new interest groups in 2013. Amongst our membership there are people with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Could you be sharing your interest or knowledge with others? Please contact me if you could be enriching our programme in 2013.

Having just returned from the U.S.A., I am tempted with tongue in cheek, to say, "Ask not what the U3A can do for you, Ask what you can do for the U3A!"

With a smile,

Patsy Williamson.

Notices:

History of Western Music Course

This course tutored by Carolyn Rait, has been very well attended which indicates just how interesting it is. There are still three more modules to be presented in this course and there is room for more people to attend. If you are interested please contact Convener Brian Mosen brianmosen@xtra.co.nz telephone 04 233 0709. The course meets at the Plimmerton Croquet Club Pavilion every other Monday commencing at 1.15 pm.



Members enjoying Carolyn Rait's course on History of Western Music.

A Seminar on Cell Phones

This helpful seminar held on Tuesday, 26 June 2012 and facilitated by Carole Dew of Telecom proved to be very popular. Several people who were not able to attend have asked if we were planning to repeat it whilst others have enquired about the possibility of a follow up course. If you are interested in either of these possibilities please contact Brian Mosen on brianmosen@xtra.co.nz telephone 04 233 0709 to see what is possible.

Important

If your physical address, telephone number or email has changed, please make sure that you advise the U3A Membership Secretary, Mana U3A P O Box 57-042 MANA 5026 Rosswilliamson@xtra.co.nz and your course coordinators.

This is a tribute to all the Grandmas & Grandpas, Nannas & Pops, who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer.....They are the greatest!!!



**The computer swallowed Grandpa,
Yes, honestly it's true!
He pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured him completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
He must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandpa you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' him,
And send him back to me.**



**We do not stop playing because we grow old;
We grow old because we stop playing..
NEVER Be the First to Get Old!**

Questionnaire

Please help us by taking a few moments to answer the questions below then mail to **Mana U3A PO Box 57 042 Mana** by August 22 or bring to the Quarterly meeting on August 22.

For 2012 your committee decided to trial a change of location for our quarterly meetings. Some reasons for change included, uncertainty about future availability of Plimmerton Pavilion, challenges associated with setting up the hall and some issues with acoustics and general comfort level (heating cooling ventilation etc). We promised to consult the membership after trialling St Marys in Whitby. So the purpose of this brief questionnaire is to get your feedback on the new arrangements to help us make the right decisions going forward.

1. Have you attended a quarterly meeting at St Marys in Whitby this year?

Yes No

2. If **Yes** - are you happy with the new venue of St Marys?

Yes No

Comments: _____

3. If **No** – were you a regular attendee at the Plimmerton Pavilion meetings?

Yes No

4. We currently hold four meetings a year. Is this an appropriate number?

Yes No

Comments: _____

5. Interests groups meet on various days and we all have other commitments. Is there a day of the week that particularly suits you for the Quarterly meetings?

Your Name and Telephone Number (optional)

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Whilst we cannot necessarily meet everyone's preferences we will be guided by the majority responses.