



MANA U3A Inc

August 2022 Newsletter

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Quarterly Meeting

Date: Thursday 18 August 2022

Time: Doors open at 12.35 pm for conversation. The meeting begins at 1.00 pm

Venue: North Porirua Baptist Church, Whitby

Speaker: Wendy Betteridge, National Chief Observer of Roadsmart, the New Zealand Institute of Advanced Motorists. This is a voluntary organisation, dedicated to help drivers to become safer. Wendy will present an illustrated talk on driving for the elderly with some amazingly helpful tips. This is a talk everyone will want to hear!

Agenda: includes updates about Interest Groups. A Tawa representative will also give an overview of their Interest Groups. There will be one **special announcement**.

Lunch: Because of the amount of Covid still in Porirua, there will be no shared lunch this month.

New Members

We have several new members in Mana U3A. They will be introduced at our August Quarterly meeting.

Covid-19

Masks are not mandatory but you may wish to wear one. We have decided to continue with Vaccine Passes for a while as we have many very vulnerable members. If you haven't presented our Vaccine Pass at a previous meeting please show it as you enter. If you are unwell, please do not attend the Quarterly meeting nor any interest group meeting.

Subscriptions

All subs should have been paid by February 17 for the 2021-22 year. New members should pay subscriptions to our KiwiBank Account: MANA U3A (INC) **A/c No 38 9023 0226804 00** **stating your name and "Sub"**. Non-financial people have been removed from our

Membership List. If you are unsure about payments please contact either our Membership Manager, Michael Lynch or our Treasurer, Pat Wilson. (Details below)

If you are not vaccinated and wish to put your membership of U3A on hold until such time as Passes are no longer required, please apply for a refund by email to our Treasurer, Pat Wilson at patgar.wils@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Please remember that Interest Groups are a part of Mana U3A and anyone who attends must be a **financial member of U3A**. Sometimes a visit is made by an intending member first and that is fine.

The status of all groups will be re-affirmed at the August meeting.

Kay would love to receive photos from Interest Groups and trips to brighten up our newsletter. Please email any you have to 46nanakay@gmail.com

Poetry Group. Please note that unfortunately the Poetry Interest Group has had to go into recess. Helen Reilly, the Coordinator, deserves huge thanks for the way she has run this small but dynamic group. So, thank you, Helen, from us all.

Colin is adding a new Noticeboard section to our website so please go there soon and have a look at upcoming events.

General News and Activities

1. I have received another update on our Life Member, Isabel Roxburgh, from her family. I attach the full text of the email for those who wish to catch up with how Isabel is and where she is living now. Thanks to Helen and Russell Plume for keeping us in touch.
2. A Covid-delayed afternoon tea was held recently to thank all our Interest Group Coordinators.
3. If there is enough interest, a **Photo Management Seminar** may be offered to members who want to be able to manage their digital photos. Please add your name to the list that will be available at the Quarterly meeting.
4. The Friends of the Wellington Botanic Gardens hold regular Guided Walks within the Botanic Gardens. For 2022 they have some fascinating walks planned. These are free for Friends and have a small charge for others. For the list of walks look on their website at : <https://friendsofthewellingtonbotanic.wordpress.com/events/>
5. The weekly Age Concern newsletter describes many activities and programmes which may be of interest to our members. For example: Staying Safe is a free classroom-based refresher workshop for senior road users. Age Concern delivers this programme in partnership with Waka Kotahi (NZTA). The workshop aims to maintain and improve safe driving practices and increase the knowledge of other transport

options available to help senior road users remain safely mobile. The Age Concern website has further information: www.acwellington.org.nz

6. For those who wish to attend Bill Gebbie is organising a group visit to the Te Papa Exhibition of Robin Whyte's work. If you are interested and haven't done so already please contact Bill (details in Committee list)
7. If you inadvertently pay your sub twice please contact Pat Wilson for a refund. Our system does not allow for a transfer to next year.
8. Travellers' Tale member should note that Tawa has a similar group and you are welcome to join that.
9. Tawa U3A – please check their website for upcoming events. We are building a closer relationship with Tawa so that our and their members have greater opportunities to participate in activities. One of their Branch will give an overview of their Interest Groups at our August meeting.
10. Pat Hammond of Tawa U3A has passed on an invitation to be put to all our members that they are more than welcome to attend her quizzes with the next one happening on: Tuesday 16 August at 1:30pm Venue: Tawa Union Church, [6 Elena Place, Tawa](#). They can just turn up and be part of a team or form their own team. There is a \$2 fee to go towards room hire.

AGM 2022

The AGM of Mana U3A Inc will be held on Thursday 17 November 2022 (Quarterly Meeting and AGM). Official Notice will be sent at the appropriate time. At this stage, we intend to have our usual AGM catered light lunch. Our guest speaker will be Mary McIntyre whose illustrated talk is entitled "**Predator Free NZ' (rodent & possum eradications) good for human health too!**". Mary is a Professor at the University of Otago.

The venue is:

North Porirua Baptist Church
69F Discovery Drive Whitby

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Other U3A Links That May Be Useful:

<https://www.u3atawa.org.nz/>

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/>

<https://u3awellingtoncity.org.nz/>

What other events and activities do you want U3A to provide?

Talk to any Executive Committee member if you are a bright ideas person... Your Executive Committee works at providing an interesting programme for our members. Let us help you find the activity you want. If you would like to suggest a trip or outing please contact Bill Gebbie – details in the Committee chart.

If your friends and acquaintances are interested in the things listed below then maybe Mana U3A is for them.

**Interest and Hobby Groups
A Sense of Belonging
Fun and Companionship
Lifelong Learning
Regular Meetings**

Do you know someone who may enjoy being, and benefit from being, a Mana U3A member? Please give them the Membership Form attached to the newsletter email. Or just bring them along on Thursday 18 August.

Kay Phillips

See you then.

Kindest regards

President
Mana U3A (Inc)