

2022 Mana U3A Interest Groups

BOOK DISCUSSION 1

When: 2nd Tuesday

Time: 10am

Co-ordinator: Lesley Harrison; Telephone: 234 1677 Email: lesleymargaret@hotmail.com

Each meeting is held at the home of a member who acts as host and leads the discussion. In addition to studying two or three selected titles in detail, we try to cover a wide range of topics and author in different genres during the year. If interested please give Lesley a call.

BOOK DISCUSSION 2

When: 2nd Thursday April - November

Time: 1:30pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait; Telephone: 234 7422 Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com
Cellphone: 021 121 0218

Members read and talk about the book they have read according to the month's genre. This introduces members to a wide variety of titles and authors. If this sounds like you please join us.

BRIDGE

When: Weekly Mondays

Time: 9:30am

Co-ordinator: Ian Fowler; Telephone: 233 0045 Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

This group meets every week at the Plimmerton Croquet Club rooms, Ulric Street, Plimmerton Industrial Estate. The group plays social bridge and no bridge experience is necessary. Prospective players can just turn up or contact Ian.

CREATIVE WRITING

When: 3rd Wednesday

Time: 10am

Co-ordinator: Christine Healy; Telephone: 236 8573 Email: candjhealy@xtra.co.nz

The aim of this group is to write for enjoyment and the sharing of stories with others. A focus for our writing is decided at each meeting and can include 'Anniversary', 'A Trump story', 'Maps', or an 'ABC', mystery. Sometimes we explore the intricacies of writing poetry. At other times we write about our own experiences or explore writing fiction. We share our stories at the meeting. At times members of the group share past stories. We enjoy our time together over a cup of tea or coffee and something to eat. We take turns to meet in each other's house.

FILM GROUP AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

When: 3rd Saturday

Time: Varies according to session times.

Co-ordinator: Rae Collins; Telephone: 234 7476 Email: rae.collins@xtra.co.nz

The film group always meet at the Lighthouse, Pauatahanui and try to find suitable films in the middle of the day. Members are advised of the decision on the Thursday or Friday prior. We have coffee afterwards to look at few reviews and discuss the film.

GARDEN GROUP

When: 4th Wednesday

Time: Mornings but may vary but usually 10:30am

Co-ordinator: Kay Phillips; Telephone: 027 975 8569 Email: 46nanakay@gmail.com

We are a friendly group some of whom are long-time gardeners with a lot of knowledge which they happily share, whilst others, like me, are new gardeners. We visit gardens and discuss all things gardening with the owners in the summer. From May-August we meet at St Theresa's Church Hall and have morning tea, a guest speaker, benching, a swap table and sometimes a raffle. In summer we have a small charge of \$2 per month which we use to buy a small gift for the garden owners and \$3 to pay for the hall. Please come and "try us out".

MAH JONG

When: Wednesdays, weekly

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Co-ordinator: Barbara Watson; Telephone: 021 328 072 Email: bckjwatson@gmail.com

We meet every Wednesday at the Plimmerton Croquet rooms, Ulric Street. There is a small fee of \$3.50 per session to cover the room hire. This is a social group suitable for both experienced and new players. Lessons will be held throughout the year. If you are interested in joining us please ring Barbara or Irene on 234 1036

PLAY READING

When: 2nd Friday, May-September

Time: 10am

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye; Telephone: 233 6187 Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com
Cellphone: 027 244 8310

Our tutor, Pat Knight, has sourced a varied range of reading material for us, covering comedy, short skits, Oscar Wild etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying as required. This ensures a copy of the current reading for each person's use. We begin with coffee or tea. This group is not at all serious and we have a lot of fun. Acting experience is not necessary.

POETRY APPRECIATION

When: 3rd Wednesday starting in April

Time: Afternoons

Co-ordinator: Helen Reilly; Telephone: 234 7430 Email: helen@reilly.co.nz
Cellphone: 021 296 1171

We meet at Optimist Way, Whitby. Each month we choose a different theme, such as: ballads, New Zealand poetry, medieval poetry, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th or 20th century poetry, war poetry, narrative poetry, humorous verse, political poetry etc. One group member chooses the next month's theme and leads the discussion. The emphasis is on enjoyment rather than in-depth academic analysis.

SCIENCE GROUP

When: Mondays, fortnightly beginning 24th February

Time: 10am

Co-ordinator: Joan Conroy; Telephone: 236 7756 Email: joancon@xtra.co.nz

The Science Group meets at the Combined Church, Mana Ave, Titahi Bay. There is a small fee of \$3 to \$5 to cover hall hire. We begin with a cuppa, a great assortment of biscuits and a friendly catchup. Our venue has a large TV screen, so Colin brings our programme on a USB stick. We have a selection of documentaries, 15 minute TED Talks or snippets from YouTube. They vary from the solar system to bacteria; crows; dung beetles to mushrooms; women in science to healthy looking cats running around the ruins of Chernobyl and anything in between. Discussions can get lively. Everyone is welcome. You do not need a science background to enjoy this group. The group has been meeting since 1991. New members are welcome.

SCRABBLE

When: Fridays, Monthly.

Time: 10am

Co-ordinator: Bill Gebbie; Telephone: 027 6770 180 Email: billnmary@xtra.co.nz

The scrabble group meets once a month at a member's home. After a cuppa (including an assortment of delicious cake or biscuits) and a catch up, we make up two teams and play one (or sometimes two) games. It doesn't matter whether you've played scrabble a lot or only occasionally; we always have fun, and come away having spent a great morning together. Contact Bill if you're interested in joining our group.

THESE CHANGING TIMES

When: Thursdays, fortnightly. March - October
Time: 10am

Co-ordinator: Mike Gould; Telephone: 027 243 3868 Email: mjgould@tauatapu.net.nz

Meeting at 7A Sunset Parade, Plimmerton. The group discusses a topical issue, nominated before each meeting by a member of the group.

TRAVELLERS' TALES

When: 4th Thursday from March
Time: 1:30pm for 2pm
Place: St Mary's Anglican Church, Whitby

Co-ordinator: Patsy & Ross Williamson; Telephone: 234 1581
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Often the tale is told by one of our members, but we do have outside speakers too. There is a Travellers' Tale annual sub of \$15 per person to cover hall hire, speaker gifts and afternoon tea. We have 50 members but can still grow; the more the merrier, so please come and join us.

WALKING GROUP

When: Every Thursday
Time: 9:30am

Co-ordinator: Kay Phillips; Telephone: 027 975 8569 Email: 46nanakay@gmail.com

We meet at a specified place each week. This changes as we alter our route for interest. The walks are at a steady pace but not too brisk. After each walk those who wish gather at a local cafe for a drink and chat.