

2021 U3A Mana Interest Groups

Coordinator Liaison:

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All meetings are monthly unless noted.

Books

When: 2nd Tuesday, 10 am

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 authors in different genres during the year. If interested please give Lesley a call.

Book Discussion Group

When: 2nd Thursday, 1.30 pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait Telephone: 234 7422 Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

We meet monthly between May and October when we discuss our chosen book 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 9:30 am

Co-ordinator and Club Tutor: Ian Fowler Telephone: 233 0045 Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

The Bridge Group meets at Plimmerton Croquet Club Rooms, Plimmerton Industrial Estate and has a regular attendance of 10 to 12 members. We are always looking to expand participation. Bridge is a challenging card game which requires the use of judgement, planning and strategy, and keeps the mind active. The Bridge Group is run on a casual basis with plenty of social interaction and there is no need to arrange a partner. You don't need to know the game as we will teach you. Just turn up at the venue or contact Ian.

Creative Writing

When: 3rd Wednesday 10 am

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

The teaching of 'how to write' is not an aim for this dedicated group but very positive mutual encouragement and support. Those not currently working on a project of their own enjoy the challenge of writing stories on a subject sentence or collection of words, chosen at random from a dictionary each month. Some of the results of these assignments have been of a high calibre. As this

group is currently full, please contact our U3A Coordinator Liaison, Julie Kropp, to be added to the Waiting List.

Family History

When: 2nd Tuesday 10.30 am

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

We meet at the Porirua Library to discuss the projects we are planning or have under way, and share knowledge, experience and tips. The group needs more members if it is to continue.

Famous and Infamous

When: 3rd Tuesday at 10.00 am from 16 March

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

We meet at Kay's home each month. The (rotating) leader for the month chooses two people for discussion – one famous and one infamous. The two do not have to be connected. The leader prepares notes as the basis for discussion. Would like more members to foster discussion.

Films at the Lighthouse

When: 3rd Saturday; time varies according to session times.

Co-ordinator: Rae Collins Telephone: 04 234 7476 Email: rae.collins@xtra.co.nz

The film group visits the Lighthouse, Pauatahanui to view a variety of films. We have a coffee afterwards to discuss the film.

Garden Group

When: 4th Wednesday, mornings. Times may vary but usually 10.30.

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

We are a friendly group with a usual attendance of about 15 - 20. Most are long-time gardeners with loads 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 a guest speaker and a swap table. We have a small charge of, usually, \$2.00 per month, which we use to buy a small gift for the garden owners and to pay for the hall for the indoor meetings. Please come and "try us out".

Handcraft

When: Fridays, fortnightly, 1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Pat Levy Telephone: 238 2808 Email: i.levy@xtra.co.nz

Members practise many forms of needlecraft, embroidery, knitting, crochet etc. We have no formal tutoring but some members are able to provide expert guidance with a number of skills. As this group is currently full, please contact our U3A Coordinator Liaison, Julie Kropp, to be added to the Waiting List.

Mah Jong

When: Wednesdays, weekly, 1:30 – 3pm

Co-ordinator: Barbara Watson Telephone: 234 8287 Email: bckjwatson@gmail.com

The Mah Jong Group is a small friendly group of both men and women.

We play each Wednesday followed by afternoon tea at the Croquet Club rooms ,Ulric Street Plimmerton. There is a small fee of \$2.50 per session to cover expenses. We welcome both experienced players and those wishing to learn the game. For more information please ring or Barbara, or Irene 04 234-1036

Play Reading

When: 2nd Friday, May-September, 10 am

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

Our Tutor, Pat Knight, has sourced a varied range of reading material for us, covering comedy, short skits, Oscar Wilde etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying 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. As this group is currently full, please contact our U3A Coordinator Liaison, Julie Kropp, to be added to the Waiting List.

Poetry Appreciation

When: 3rd Wednesday afternoon starting 17 April

Co-ordinator: Helen Reilly Telephone: 234 7430, 021 296 1171 Email: helen@reilly.co.nz 12

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, 10 am

Co-ordinator: Joan Conroy. Telephone: 04 236 7756. Email: joancon@xtra.co.nz

The Science Group meets at the Combined Church, Mana Ave, Titahi Bay. We have DVDs, talks and discussion on a wide range of scientific subjects as well as news reports. New members are always welcome, especially anyone who is willing to contribute. We've been meeting since 1991...

Theatrical Shows

When: Monthly, dependent on suitable local shows

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

We try to support local theatrical groups but have also been to Circa in Wellington. Attendance has shown local shows to be the most popular. We try to take in afternoon sessions. Some prefer to commute by train/bus, others car pool. Plans to dine either before or after a show can be made independently. All U3a members welcome.

These Changing Times

When: Thursdays, fortnightly, 10 am March - October

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, 1:30 pm for 2 pm

Co-ordinators: Patsy & Ross Williamson Telephone: 2341581 Email: patsywilliamson@xtra.co.nz

Often the tale is told by one of our members but we do have outside speakers too. We starting start 2021 on Thursday March. In addition to the U3A sub, there is a Travellers' Tales sub of \$15 per person to cover hall hire, speaker gifts and afternoon tea. We have fifty members but can still grow; the more the merrier, so please come and join us.