

## 2021 U3A Interest Groups

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***All meetings are monthly unless noted.***

Contact the group co-ordinator for further details and enrolment Unless shown as full groups have room for new members. Interested in starting a group or suggestions for a new group? Contact Michael or send information to [46nanakay@gmail.com](mailto:46nanakay@gmail.com) to go in the newsletter.

### Book Discussion 1

**When:** 2nd Tuesday, 10 am

**Co-ordinator:** Lesley Harrison; Telephone: 234 1677 Email: [lesleymargaret@hotmail.com](mailto: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 2

**When:** 2nd Thursday, 1.30 pm

**Co-ordinator:** Carolyn Rait; Telephone: 234 7422 Email: [carolyn.rait@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Healey; Telephone: 236 8573 Email: [candjhealy@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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: 233 0133 Email: [mjgould@tauatapu.net.nz](mailto:mjgould@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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:46nanakay@gmail.com)

We are a friendly group some of whom 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 morning tea, a guest speaker, benching, a swap table and sometimes a raffle. In summer we have a small charge of \$2.00 per month, which we use to buy a small gift for the garden owners and \$3.00 in winter to pay for the hall. 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](mailto: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 – 3.30pm

**Co-ordinator:** Barbara Watson; Telephone: 021328072 Email: [bckjwatson@gmail.com](mailto: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 \$3.50 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 1:30 pm for 2 pm

**Co-ordinators:** Patsy & Ross Williamson; Telephone: 04 2341581 Email: [patsywilliamson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:patsywilliamson@xtra.co.nz)

Often the tale is told by one of our members but we do have outside speakers too. 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.

## **Walking Group (new group)**

**When:** Tuesdays; weekly at 9.30

**Co-ordinator:** Kay Phillips; Telephone: 0279758569 Email: [46nanakay@gmail.com](mailto:46nanakay@gmail.com)

We meet near a cafe around Porirua, designated the week prior. We go on a 40-60 minute walk near that place and then for those who wish we have coffee/tea together. Our goal is to maintain or improve fitness without being too strenuous. Each person walks at their own speed. Everyone welcome.