

# Mana U3A (Inc)

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## *President's Ponderings*

*Another year passed! One wonders where the years go.*

We arrived back from the hot temperatures of Italy and countries round the Dalmation Coast to the cold weather of NZ. How lovely to be overseas with the lack of wind, to which we are unaccustomed. It was so nice to be able to go out in the evening without having to worry about a jacket.

Mana U3A is supported by many who give their time as committee members, group co-ordinators and tutors.

Without them U3A would not be possible.

Many have given years of service. Perhaps it is time to 'pass the baton on' to our 'newer' members?

I have one life and one chance to make it count  
for something! My faith demands that I do  
whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can,  
for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to  
make a difference.

ô Jimmy Carter

Please consider what you can do to assist the growth of Mana U3A. New interest groups are always welcome.

Congratulations to Lisa Webber who received a Porirua 50 year medal at the recent celebrations. Well done, Lisa.

**Please park away from North Baptist Church and local business premises. Parking is available in the carpark by the Bowling Club with a short walk to the venue.**

## **Fourth Quarterly Meeting and AGM**

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**Thursday 19 November**

North Baptist Church,  
Discovery Drive,  
Whitby

Doors open 1.15 pm for  
meeting commencing  
1.25 pm

### **Programme**

AGM

Guest Speakers:

Neil & June Penman

Book – *A Portrait of Porirua  
The Creation of a Planned City*

Afternoon tea

Please wear your name  
badge

# Nomination form for Mana U3A Committee

We are legally required, along with the Notice of AGM, to send out nomination forms for a new committee.

PLEASE consider putting your name forward.

The completed form must be in the hands of the Secretary (Trevor Cudby) no later than 1.20 pm on Thursday 19 November 2015

## AGM AGENDA

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of 2014 AGM to be passed for signature (pages 3-4)
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Correspondence - if relevant to the 2014 AGM
- President's report (page 5)
- Thank you to tutors, co-ordinators (please attend meeting)
- Treasurer's report. Financial report, Auditor's report
- Setting of subscriptions for 2015-2016 financial year
  - That the subscription for the 2015-2016 be set at \$10 per individual member, with a \$5 additional cost for those wishing to receive printed copies of Newsletters other than the February one. Moved: Carolyn Rait, Seconded: Bruce Medcalf
  - NB. Subscriptions to be paid in the new year. New name labels will be provided for financial members
- Appointment of Financial Reviewer
- Election of Officers and Committee members
- Proposed trip to Norfolk Island (page 6)
- Any other business relevant to this AGM

Copies of the Financial Report will be available at the meeting.

### FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2016 – THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Shared luncheon, introduction of new courses/seminars, guest speaker – Vivienne Hill Team Leader Salvation Army Tracing Service.

**Please bring your subscription payment**

## **MANA U3A (INC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held at St Mary's on Thursday 20th November 2014, commencing at 1.15pm.

### **WELCOME:**

President Patsy Williamson welcomed the 52 members present.

**APOLOGIES** were received from A Larsen (late arrival), A van der Walt, D Jaye, L McGregor, M Toomath, L Oldershaw, R Hickey and M Young.

### **MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

These had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, were taken as read, accepted as an accurate record of business and passed for signature.

Moved and Seconded P Williamson/ T Cudby.

**MATTERS ARISING AND RELEVANT TO THE ABOVE MINUTES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Patsy Williamson gave her report.

In her report she paid tributes to committee member Geoff Cassels who was standing down after seven years' excellent service, and to Sherwood Young who had served three years as Secretary and been co-opted for a fourth year, who was now standing down after completing his term.

Acceptance of the report. Moved and seconded P Williamson/R McKubre. Carried.

Secretary Sherwood Young paid tribute to retiring President Patsy Williamson at the completion of her three years, after which she was required to stand down, under the Club's Constitution. He said Patsy had graced the position and worked extremely hard both overtly and behind the scenes to achieve high standards for the Club. In his role as Secretary her efforts had made his task "a doddle". She had been a fine President.

Members showed their appreciation by acclamation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report was presented by B Mosen in the absence overseas of A van der Walt, the Treasurer.

Moved and seconded B Mosen/G Cassels. Carried.

Financial Reviewer's Report was received.

Moved and seconded B Mosen/G Cassels. Carried.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2014/2015 FINANCIAL YEAR:**

B Mosen proposed, seconded R McKubre, that the subscription be unchanged at \$15 per double, \$10 for a single person, with an \$5 additional cost for those wishing to receive printed copies of Newsletters other than the February one. Carried, after discussion.

### **APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER:**

Gillian Cross was proposed as the financial reviewer for the ensuing year.

B Mosen/P Wilson. Carried.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2014-2015:**

Correctly completed and signed nomination forms were received for the following:

President C Rait (B Mosen/P Williamson)

Vice President B Mosen (T Cudby/C Rait)

Secretary T Cudby (S Young/A van der Walt)

Treasurer A Van der Walt (S Young/G Cassels)

Committee: R Hickey (C Rait/J Choong), S Young (R Hickey/G Cassels), J Choong (B Mosen/C Rait), B Medcalf (R Williamson/P Williamson), A Levy (P Wilson/P Williamson).

There were no further nominations from the floor. The nominees were elected "en bloc".

Moved and seconded P Williamson/R McKubre. Carried with applause.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Sherwood Young proposed, seconded by Ron McKubre, that no \$2 koha be collected at the four quarterly meetings for the 2014/2015 year. The amount collected this year was \$369, and the Club now had accumulated funds of \$4322.14. Brian Mosen moved an amendment, seconded Don Quirk, that koha still be collected at two of the meetings - in May and August. The amendment was lost, and the motion was carried.

Brian Mosen advised the AGM that in 2015 there could be seminars on Laughing Yoga, tuataras and energy use. Lists were available at the back of the room.

Patsy welcomed new committee members Bruce Medcalf and Anthea Levy. Patsy was now standing down from the committee, after one year as Vice President and three as President.

The meeting closed at 1.43pm.

## President's Report to AGM 19 November 2015

It is my pleasure to present the 24<sup>th</sup> annual report of the Mana U3A.

Mana U3A has continued to grow with a membership of 201, with members attending sixteen interest groups and four quarterly meetings.

We are indebted to those co-ordinators who have continued over many years to organize group activities and to tutors who so willingly give their expertise, and a small token of appreciation will be presented to them later in the AGM. This year a French Beginners group was added with Tutor, Lana Shepherd and we welcomed the Mahjong group. The committee is always open to suggestions for other interest groups. Perhaps you have some skill or expertise you would be willing to share with others.

Once again we have worked with the Porirua Historical Association with the seminar on *Parcels from Home and Soldiers' Stuff* given by Dr Kate Hunter from Victoria University on 8 March.

Seminars have included: Pauatahanui Burial Ground with Sharon Evans; Linking eco-restoration and climate to predict the future of the tuatara, given by Anna Carter, a recent biological sciences doctoral candidate, Victoria University; Minimising our power bills given by committee member, Bruce Medcalf; Capital Punishment in NZ given by committee member, Sherwood Young

This year we elected to use the North Baptist Church, Whitby as the venue for our quarterly meetings. We have found the meeting room a good size for these meetings and the use of the large foyer for afternoon tea has been most welcome and allowed for better socializing. The only downside is the lack of curtains which does mean that projected images are not as sharp as we would like.

Again we are indebted to speakers who so willingly give their time to speak at these quarterly meetings. We began the year with a social shared luncheon followed by the introduction of interest groups; Helen Kedgley spoke about Pataka in May; Dr Les Molloy entertained us in August with his talk on *Mountains, Mausoleums and Murder on the Silk Road* and today we will hear from Neil and June Penman on the book they have written about the development of Porirua, a book that highlights the many photographs Neil has taken over the years.

Thanks to Bruce Medcalf we have updated our equipment with the purchase of a new laptop and audio mixer and microphone. Thank you Bruce for all the research you put into these purchases.

Thank you to all committee members for their work this year. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Having completed his three years as Treasurer, Adriaan is stepping down as per the constitution, as are Sherwood Young who has given 5 years and Robyn Hickey as both Membership Secretary and Garden Group Co-ordinator.

You may remember that Brian Mosen has been the Vice-President for a number of years but did not take over as President this last year because of his secretarial commitments to the Porirua Historical Society, which he has now relinquished. I, thus, agreed to fill in for this year as your President. I am pleased to say that Brian is now ready to take on the role.

Thank you everyone for your positive participation and friendship. I wish the in-coming President and committee continuing success in the growth of Mana U3A.

*Carolyn Rait* President 2015

## U3A Travel

Looking for some exciting travel ideas with U3A members?

U3A Melbourne City Inc has organised a UK Universities Tour, departing Australia 1 August 2016 and returning 21 August, 2016. Single en suite rooms at no additional cost. Fully inclusive price A\$12,749, with a A\$500 early bird booking discount if booked by 2 November 2015. Brochures with Trevor Cudby (Secretary) or see Web [www.sagetravel.com.au](http://www.sagetravel.com.au)

## Proposed Mana U3A trip to Norfolk Island

Interested in a trip to Norfolk Island to meet up with Norfolk U3A members?

Holiday package includes

- Return 'seat and bag' airfare to Norfolk Island
- All pre-paid airline taxes
- Meet and Greet at Norfolk Island Airport
- Return airport transfers
- 7 night's accommodation
- 7 days care hire (including surcharge & basic insurance (petro extra))
- Half day orientation tour
- Fletcher Christian's Mutiny Cyclorama (walk inside this unique 360 degree work of art & follow the Mutiny on the Bounty journey)
- Entry to Bounty Museum
- Convict Kingston tour of world heritage listed KAHVA area
- Multiple entry to all four museums
- Pitcairn Settlers Tour
- A Walk in the Wild – a unique rainforest walk
- Complimentary Miniature Golf
- Discount Norfolk Shopping card
- And all this (and more) for approx NZ\$1600 (per person, shared accommodation)

Interested? We are possibly looking at late November 2016 but will be open to other suggested times. If you are interested please put your name down on the list at the back of the room.

## Nursing patient volunteers at Whitireia – can you help?

Whitireia is looking for volunteers to help as actors in scenarios for the nursing students. Whitireia is currently setting up a database of people who would be keen to come along for a day and assist in playing the role of a patient. Rest assured nothing invasive or personal will be visited on the volunteers and scripts will be provided. This allows the students to engage with the patients and actively solve any problems the patients may be experiencing. Lunch etc would be provided.

**Interested? Please contact: Phil Hawes, RN, PG Dip Nsg DD: [237 3103 x 6290](tel:2373103x6290)**

Email: [philip.hawes@whitireia.ac.nz](mailto:philip.hawes@whitireia.ac.nz)

## Nomination for Committee Membership of Mana U3A Inc

At our Annual General Meeting in November, members vote to elect a new Committee for the coming year.

Committee membership is not onerous and does provide some very rewarding insights and experiences for those involved.

To ensure the right mix of experience and new blood, it is desirable that those who stand for office can commit to making themselves available for re-election for the next two or three years.

However it is vital to the continued success of Mana U3A inc. that we have several new members joining the Committee every year.

Committee membership is open to all financial members.

Please seriously consider taking your turn or nominating (with their consent) another member who may be interested.

The Secretary,

Mana U3A (Inc)

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I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

