



MANA U3A Inc

May 2021 Newsletter

May Meeting – we have a speaker of great interest to all over 50s this month!

Date and Time: Thursday 20 May at 12.30 pm

Venue: North Baptist Church, Whitby

Programme:

A shared lunch – please bring light finger food.

Meeting starts at 1.00 pm with a few notices. Some Co-ordinators will describe their Interest Groups. Our Speaker will begin immediately after the notices.

Speaker: Shamila Gurr, Community Outreach Coordinator, Porirua Libraries

Much More than Mere Books

This presentation will introduce you to the Porirua library collections and services. Even if you are a regular library user there should be some surprises in store: not only does the collection have some hidden gems, staff are also launching a few new programmes in June that have never been run before. Shamila will present you with ideas on how you can use the Libraries' collections to support U3A interest groups and activities, She looks forward to your suggestions on how the library can best meet your needs.

Again, I recommend this meeting to all members – for those of you who usually attend only Interest group meetings, this may be a new opportunity for you. It is a chance to chat to old and new friends over our shared lunch. It is your chance too, to hear excellent, relevant speakers and find out about other interest groups and U3A activities.

New **name labels** for financial members are finally available. We hope you like them. They're very different from our current ones... They will be kept at the Quarterly Meeting venue ready for you to use each Quarterly Meeting. Perhaps you could use your old name tag for your Interest Groups – for the several new members this year name labels are helpful for them (and some of us with "elderly" memories) to remember names.

Coming Events

Another **Wairarapa Trip** – all those who went last time said it was a great day out. Hear more at the Quarterly Meeting.

We are having a **booth at the Love Local Expo** at Te Rauparaha Arena on Saturday 12 June. Talk to **Marcia Forsman** at the Quarterly Meeting if you're prepared to help on the Roster. We want to promote U3A generally and our Interest Groups in particular.

There's a **Pub Quiz** being held at The Borough in Tawa. It's on Sunday 20 June at 7.00 pm. Cost is \$10 each and there's six in a team. Turn up with your team or come alone and join another team.

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

Talk to any Executive Committee member if you are a bright ideas person...

Helpful Contacts

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Did You Know?

The University of the Third Age began in France. In 1972 in Toulouse, a successful summer school for retired people prefaced the very first Université du Troisième Age. This was quickly followed by programmes in other towns close to Toulouse and the notion spread rapidly, not only in France. Such was the take-up of the idea in other countries that an international body known as the International Association of Universities of the Third Age (AIUTA) was established in 1980.

The University of the Third Age has developed as an international movement dedicated to lifelong learning and gives participants a chance to pursue interests in the company of others.

Here we see Renfrewshire UK U3A learning about paisley shawls; and computer learning in Queensland.



U3A members in Rotorua display tulips made by their knitting and crochet group.



2021 U3A Interest Groups and Courses

We have two new interest groups this year, bringing our total to seventeen.

Interest Groups descriptions and details have recently been updated on our website. Please contact **Julie Kropp**, who keeps a Waiting List for the Full Groups. We may be able to start a **new group** if the Waiting List gets big enough. If you wish to join a group with membership space contact the Co-ordinator directly.

If you wish **to start** a new interest group please contact Julie Kropp and she will help you get organised.

At each Quarterly meeting some of the Co-ordinators describe their groups a little more fully.

Kay would love some photos of Interest Group activities please so we can show all our members more about each group.

U3A 2021 Interest Groups			
GROUP	CO-ORDINATOR	PHONE	Availability
Book Discussion Tues	Lesley Harrison	234 1677	Join Waiting List
Book Discussion Thur	Carolyn Rait	234 7422	
Bridge	Ian Fowler	233 0045	
Creative Writing	Creative Writing	236 8573	Join Waiting List
Family History	Mike Gould	233 0133	
Garden Group	Kay Phillips	279758569	
Lighthouse Films	Rae Collins	234 7476	
Mah Jong	Barbara Watson	234 8287	
Needlework	Pat Levy	238 2808	Join Waiting List
Play Reading	Derely Jaye	233 6187	Join Waiting List
Poetry Appreciation	Helen Reilly	234 7430	
Science	Joan Conroy	236 7756	
Scrabble	Bill Gebbie	0276770180	New group 2021
Theatrical Shows	Derely Jaye	233 6187	
These Changing Times	Mike Gould	233 0133	
Travellers' Tales	Patsy & Ross Williamson	233 1118	
Walking	Kay Phillips	0279758569	New group 2021

Some ideas:



Tawa U3A – Interest Groups and Courses 2021

Don't forget that all paid-up members have open access to courses run by our neighbours - Tawa U3A. Here is a link to the wide variety of courses they are offering:

<https://www.u3atawa.org.nz/pdfs/U3A-TAWA-COURSES-2021-BRIEF-VIEW.pdf>

Do you know someone who may enjoy and benefit from being a Mana U3A member? Bring them along on Thursday 20 May.

See you on Thursday 20 May.

Kindest regards

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