

Mana U3A (Inc)

PO Box 57 042, Mana 5026

www.u3amana.org.nz

February 2016

President's Welcome

Welcome to 2016. I am happy to be the new President of Mana U3A and I am lucky to have inherited a viable organisation, thanks to our past presidents and committees. During the year, with the help of members, we plan to arrange interesting and challenging speakers for the quarterly meetings. *Brian Mosen*

Subscriptions are now due

\$10 per person. Add \$5 if you wish to receive all newsletters in printed form.

Payment options:

- Cash or cheque at the February luncheon in exchange for a new name badge
- Posted to Mana U3A (address above)
- By internet banking to 03 1533 0008763 00 Enter **subs in the Code section and your surname and your initials in the reference section**
- New members, and those whose details have changed are required to complete a subscription form available on the website



The two shows to be held at Pataka include an intimate evening with [Archie Roach](#) before he performs with [dirtsong](#) the following evening at the Michael Fowler Centre in the city. And, the delightful-family performance of [Chalk About](#) that will play a schools matinee and an evening show.

Tickets available from Ticketek.

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.

First Quarterly Meeting

...

Thursday 18 February

North Baptist Church,
Discovery Drive,
Whitby

Doors open 12:25 pm
for lunch commencing
12:45 pm

Programme

12:45 pm Shared lunch

Please bring

- a small plate of finger food
- subscription payment
- name holder for new name badge

1:15 pm New courses
introductions

1:45 pm Guest Speaker:
Vivienne Hill

*Salvation Army Family Tracing
Service*

Mana U3A Interest Groups 2016

Contact the group co-ordinator for further details and enrolment

Unless stated 'full', groups have room for new members

Art Appreciation (*new*)

1st Thursday of the month

Co-ordinator: Margaret Brown

Telephone: 234 6551

Email: m.camb@xtra.co.nz

The group will review forms of art by visiting galleries, watching DVD's, visiting art and sculpture gardens, sharing books and magazines.

The group will take advantage of "Kick up the Arts" New Zealand Festival events (26 February – 20 March 2016) by visiting two FREE events in February. An introductory get together from 2-4pm on **Thursday 4 February 2016**, will be held at 18a Latitude Close, Whitby. All are welcome. Please bring a small plate of food for afternoon tea and any art you are working on or are interested in.

26 February – Galleries visit

7 March – possibly another Festival event

3 April – Video clips

Books (*Full*)

2nd Thursday of the month, 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.

Book Discussion Group 2 (*new*)

2nd Thursday of the month, 1.30 pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait

Telephone 234 7422

Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

Limited to 12 members, the group will meet to read and review 5 books over the winter months. Initial meeting to choose books will be on Thursday 10 March.

Estimated fee for hire of 5 books and notes \$50

Bridge – weekly Mondays 9:30 am

at Plimmerton Croquet Club

New members welcome

Tutor and Co-ordinator: Ian Fowler

Telephone: 233 0045

Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

Previous experience is not a prerequisite to joining this group, nor is it necessary to have a partner. People can come to learn, or to be challenged, by players of varying degrees of skill. There is a small charge levied by the croquet club for the use of their facilities.

Creative Writing

3rd Wednesday 10 am (*Full*)

Co-ordinator: Judi Doornbus

Telephone: 233 9693

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.

Films at Lighthouse, Pauatahanui

3rd Saturday of the month *(full)*

Co-ordinator: Janet Berry

Telephone: 235 9903

Email: Janet.M.Berry@gmail.com

Films Group 2

at Lighthouse, Pauatahanui

(new group suggested – co-ordinator please)

French Refresher

2nd and 4th Mondays

Tutor: Josie Karavasil

Co-ordinator: Pat Wilson

Telephone: 234 8779

Email: patgar.wilson@xtra.co.nz

This enjoyable course was introduced in 2014. Some knowledge of French is desirable but most of those attending are still learning. The course will be varied to suit the needs of those interested.

What might the Future hold? *(new)*

Fortnightly

Co-ordinator: Mike Gould

Telephone: 233 0133

Email: migould@tauatapu.net.nz

The group will review the mega drivers of change identified by the NZ Futures Trust in May 2009 (e.g. new knowledge, water, global economy, social inequity, belief systems and multi-ethnicity, climate change, population dynamics, energy) and discuss the impacts and consequences of these changes to New Zealand. Other issues affecting the future will be addressed as the group feels the need.

New interest groups?

Can you contribute? Suggest another interest group? Co-ordinate a Film outing group? Begin a second 'Have Your Say' group?

Contact Brian Mosen, telephone 233 0709

Email: brianmosen@xtra.co.nz

Garden Group

4th Wednesday of the month, 10 am

(new members welcome)

Co-ordinator: Peter Evans

Telephone: 233 9690

Email: lizpeter@actrix.co.nz

The first meeting for the year will be held at the home of Joan Conroy, 7 Whitehouse Road, Titahi Bay at 10 am. Bring your ideas and suggestions to this meeting – eg gardens to visit, interests, speakers on relevant gardening topics. Be prepared to contribute by arranging one monthly event.

Have Your Say

Fridays, fortnightly May-October, am

Co-ordinator: Jennifer Cassels

Telephone: 233 9155

Email: Jennifer.cassels@xtra.co.nz

This group meets fortnightly, over the winter months, from 10am-12 noon, to discuss topics of interest to members. One member presents a topic of interest to them at each meeting and other members are invited to discuss or debate around that subject.

Home Movies

Tuesdays, fortnightly April-June

1:15 pm

Leader: Alan Brown

Co-ordinator: Brian Mosen

Telephone: 233 0709

Email: brianmosen@xtra.co.nz

Alan Brown is the Leader for a series of "interesting, award winning and classic" not very often seen movies that will be shown in the Coordinator's flat on either the U3A big screen or a 50" TV monitor depending on numbers.

Mah Jong

Wednesdays, weekly, 1:00 pm
(*new members welcome*)

Co-ordinator: Irene Stobert

Telephone: 234 1036

Email: candi.stobert@extra.co.nz

A small group of both men and women who meet for social Mah Jong every Wednesday 1.00pm – 3.30pm in the Plimmerton Croquet Club rooms, Plimmerton Drive (off Ulrich St.) Tuition will be given, if required. There is a small charge of \$2.50 per week for room hire and tea/coffee.

Needlecraft

Fridays, fortnightly, 1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Pat Levy

Telephone: 238 2808

Email: i.levy@extra.co.nz

Members practice 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.

Outside the Square

Monthly

Co-ordinator: Lisa Webber

Telephone: 234 7458

Email: lisamwebber@hotmail.com

For "One Off" educational experiences outside your comfort zone, this is the group for you! Each member has the opportunity to organize an activity for group participation and email notice is posted. We do this on a monthly basis, no set day and no set time with costs limited to \$15.

Play Reading

1st Friday, May-September, 10 am

Tutor: Pat Knight

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye

Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310

Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

Pat has sourced a varied range of reading material for us in the past, covering comedy,

short skits, Shakespeare etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying so that we each have a copy on the day. This group is a lot of fun and not at all serious! No Oscars will be nominated!

Science Group (*new members welcome*)

Mondays, fortnightly, 10 am

Titahi Bay combined church in Mana Ave,
Titahi Bay.

Co-ordinator: Peter Evans

Telephone: 233 9690

Email: lizpeter@actrix.co.nz

We have a mixture of speakers and DVD presentations on a range of science subjects. Where possible, time is allowed for discussion.

Travellers' Tales

4th Thursday, 1:15 pm for 1:30 pm

(*new members welcome*)

Co-ordinators: Patsy & Ross Williamson

Telephone: 233 1118

Email: patsywilliamson@extra.co.nz

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

We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month starting in February at **St. Marys Anglican Church in Whitby.**

In 2016 we have a change of time. Doors will open at 1:15 p.m. for a 1:30 start.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday February 25th.

There is a Travellers' Tales sub of \$10 per person to contribute to room hire and a gift for the speaker.

Mana U3A Trip to Norfolk Island

Sunday 20 – 27 November 2016

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait

Telephone: 234 7422

Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

Names accepted now. Please indicate your interest. 20 places available.