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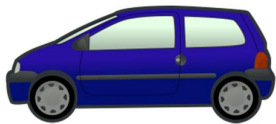
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Message from the President

All changes to phone numbers, addresses (postal and email) should be sent to Brian Mosen brianmosen@xtra.co.nz
With several long standing committee members standing down at the AGM in November please give consideration to nominations to the committee - four meetings per year.



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.



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For those of my generation who do not use and cannot comprehend why

Facebook exists, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

Third Quarterly Meeting

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Thursday 18 August
2016

North Baptist Church,
Discovery Drive,
Whitby

Doors open 1:20 pm
Meeting 1:30 pm

Speaker

John Goddard

John has had an interesting, varied career, everything from the NZ Navy to Police Officer and a professional actor and singer in between. This is sure to be an informative and engaging afternoon.

**Topic: Organised Crime –
It's What We Do**

Followed by afternoon tea

**Please wear your name
badge at meetings**

Update on Activities



Have your Say

Do you like to discuss events with friends?

Have Your Say is a non-threatening environment in which topical events and areas of interest are discussed. We currently meet every second Friday from 10 am – 12 noon in Papakowhai. If this sounds like you, please contact the co-ordinator, Carolyn Rait, phone 234 7422, email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

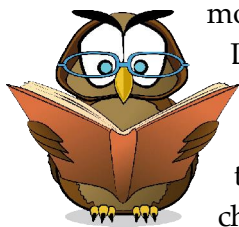


As part of the World War I Commemorations the Porirua Historical Assn. invites U3A

members to a presentation on:

Conscientious objectors and why Archibald Baxter and many other men refused to fight in the Great War. The speaker will be Marilyn Boyes and the venue is **the Porirua Club at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 August** – Free Entry.

Calling all book lovers. The second Book group meets on the second Thursday of the month, 1.30 pm at 3 Leeward Drive, Whitby.



Members read their own chosen book on a theme and discuss their choice with others. Next

meeting 11 August: non-fiction. Contact Carolyn Rait on 234 7422.

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As a member of the U3A Futures Group I have joined an interesting bunch of people to discuss aspects of life and

our environment that will have an impact on the future.

I have found the experience stimulating but also a bit startling with the realisation of just how fast everything is changing. I guess it has been this way for every generation but my personal observations are that changes in our environment, science and technology are escalating to the extent that it is almost impossible to predict the future. Mike Gould, our coordinator and tutor is taking us through all the major drivers of change and one thing that we have recognised is that the supply of energy as a key to the way we all live.

To be continued, hopefully. Brian Mosen

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Virtuoso Strings Charitable Trust was established 3 years ago with the aim of providing 'accessible, inclusive and holistic musical education generating social benefit through the pursuit of musical excellence in a community-based setting with an emphasis on group music-making'. As such it provides free instruments and tuition to students. At the time of writing a total of 117 Porirua school-aged students from fifteen different Decile 1 schools participate in the Virtuoso Strings Music Programme. The Virtuoso Strings Orchestra (students from the scheme) will present a Fund Raising Concert on **Saturday 15 October, 7 – 8:45 pm at Aotea College Auditorium. Tickets \$20 will be available from Carolyn Rait and Door Sales.** Please support these talented students.