



Mana U3A (Inc)

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From the President

Welcome to our second term. We seem to have been relatively successful over the last three months, most activity groups are well attended but unfortunately there was not enough support to keep the Art Appreciation group continuing. It was good though, to have 27 members turn out for the Seminar on 'earthquakes'. Perhaps it was the 'bit of a shake' we had the night before? We now have a good venue for these two hour seminars on a Monday morning. The seemingly rapid escalation of climate change has been suggested. Any other suggestions for a two hour seminar? *Brian Mosen*

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Second Quarterly Meeting

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Thursday 18 May

North Baptist Church,
Discovery Drive, Whitby

Doors open 1:20 pm for
meeting commencing 1:30 pm

Guest Speaker

Sandra Manderson

Superintendent, NZ Police

will speak on

"Major Sporting Events 2017"

Followed by afternoon tea.

Seminar on Climate Change

James Renwick – Professor at Victoria University in the School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences has agreed to talk to us on "Climate Change" on Monday, 19 June. At this stage we need an indication of numbers to ensure that we have an audience of at least 15 members . If there is sufficient interest this will be held at St Andrews Church, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton, 10 am- 12 noon Please call Brian on 2330709 or brianmosen@xtra.co.nz, if you would like to attend.



Following the Mayor's Advice

You may well remember our Mayor advising one to request a job number when letting the Council know of hazards that need fixing. And it works. Not long after his talk I was out walking the neighbour's dog and found an area of the footpath obstructed by flax bushes. Further on, two storm water covers were open. And so, I phoned the Council. The operator was somewhat perturbed when I asked for the job number for each reported hazard and after much 'stuffing around' with her computer finally gave me job numbers. Eureka! Both hazards were fixed within twenty-four hours. Well done, Porirua Works Department. (Editor)

Speaker for our third quarterly meeting – 17 August

Whizzing All Over the Place - A foreign correspondent's memoir. David Barber is one of New Zealand's most travelled journalists, reporting from more than 50 countries during a 50-year career as a foreign correspondent. Mark this date in your diary

Helpers required for afternoon tea

We would like to establish a roster for those who can help serve afternoon tea. Please contact Jocelyn Choong, Telephone 577 1876, Email joce_choong@hotmail.com A big thank you to Lorna Macgregor, Beryl Cudby, Marie Young and Judy Forbes who have already assisted.

Let me hear about your U3A activities

Put your thinking cap on! I invite you to send in material which relates to our local U3A activities – text and pictures. Send to carolyn.rait@gmail.com

The wisdom of children



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Son and I are playing catch. I make a terrible throw that sails over his head. I say, "Sorry, that was a bad throw." He stops, gives me a kind look and says, "No daddy, that was a wonderful throw." Then takes 2 steps towards getting the ball. He stops again, turns back around and says, "When we say something nice, even when we don't mean it at all, that's called being polite, right?"