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November 2017 Newsletter

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Notice is hereby given for the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held on Thursday 16 November at 1:30 pm.

Included with this Newsletter

- AGM Minutes 2016
- Agenda
- Financial Report
- Committee nomination form

Dates for your 2018 Diary

Quarterly meetings: 15 February, 17 May, 16 August, 15 November

Fancy a trip to Norfolk Island? Interested in Country Music? Read the message from Norfolk Island Travel Centre below. From \$1597 per person, twin share, ex-Auckland 19-26 May 2018

Over the past three years Australian U3A members have visited our local U3A Club on Norfolk Island and shared friendship and learning while enjoying a holiday together. We are writing now to specially invite your members to Norfolk Island in May 2018 to enjoy not only a unique U3A experience, but to also be here to attend our 25th Anniversary Norfolk Island Country Music Festival. The Festival is a highlight on our annual calendar and brings together Kiwi and Australian performers for a fabulous week of music and fun.

To bring you to the Festival we have secured an Air New Zealand charter service that will provide a return service ex Auckland between 21 to 25 May 2018.

The First Release of headline performers just announced are Dennis Marsh, The Topp Twins and En Tranzet from New Zealand; and Travis Collins, Mason Hope and Fanny Lumsden from Australia. More performers are soon to be announced.

Included in your week will be a meeting with our local U3A over canapes and a welcome drink. Mix this together with fabulous country music and you know that a unique experience awaits.

Please contact me at christan@travelcentre.nf or freecall 0800 0088 10 for more information

Fourth Quarterly Meeting

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Thursday 16 November

North Baptist Church,
Discovery Drive, Whitby

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

1:30 pm AGM

1: 50 pm Guest Speaker
Louise McClone
NZ Film Archives

'The work of the Film
Archives including digital
preservation'

Followed by
Christmas afternoon tea.

Please wear your name badge.

President's Annual Report 2017

The last 12 months has been a good year for Mana U3A. Our membership has stabilised in the 180s. We are financially secure with a small surplus in this year's accounts and more importantly we continue to learn for Leisure and Pleasure.

The seminars we have held this year in St Andrew's Hall on Monday mornings have been well attended (50 members at one of these), which confirms the fact that if you get a good presenter with a current education and informative topic, then you will get a good response.

The Baptist Church in Whitby is a satisfactory venue, except for limited parking. However, it is a big hall and it would be good to get quarterly meeting attendances back to the 70 level. One sign of our success though is that many of our activity groups have full membership but this in itself as a deterrent for increasing overall membership to our organisation. The challenge is to develop new or subgroups to continue to recruit and retain membership.

I have enjoyed my year as President and working with a small but effective committee has been a great experience. I thank them and all the tutors/coordinators once again for their help and commitment.

In the process of writing this report I realised that I have been a U3A member for 23 years, (Waikanae, Tawa, Mana) and know too well that this organisation would not work without member participation. My message is, get involved where you can.

Unfortunately this will be my last AGM as I am off to retire in Wanganui. We are therefore looking for someone to take over the role of President and as I won't be leaving until December I will be pleased to show the ropes to the new person before I go. . Call me. Brian Mosen 233-0709.



The **Tawa U3A choir** is presenting a programme of songs and carols for friends and family on Thursday 7 December at 7.30 at Tawa Union Church Hall. The varied programme includes songs by Elton John, Bach, Leonard Cohen, Jenny McLeod, Faure and Cole Porter. Entry is by koha and everyone is welcome. Contact Bill Gebbie on 027 677 0180 if you want any more information.

Seminar on Social Economics, 18 September

Michael Reddell, economist, presented a most interesting seminar to thirty Mana U3A members. He spoke about social economic issues, and particularly on how immigration has impacted on our economy

