

## MANA U3A INTEREST GROUPS 2020

Contact the group co-ordinator for further details and enrolment  
Unless shown as full groups have room for new members. Interested in starting a group or suggestions for a new group? Please contact Julie Kropp on 233 1066.

### **Books**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10 am

Co-ordinator: Lesley Harrison  
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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. If interested please give me a call.

### **Book Discussion**

Group 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 1.30 pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait  
Telephone: 234 7422  
Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

We meet monthly between May and October when we discuss our chosen book according to the month's genre. This introduces members to a wide variety of titles and authors. Our topics for 2020 are: Historical Fiction, Biography/autobiography comparison; crime or mystery: film and book comparison; non-fiction. If this sounds like you please join us.

**Bridge** – weekly Mondays 9:30 am  
at Plimmerton Croquet Club

Tutor and Co-ordinator: Ian Fowler  
Telephone: 233 0045  
Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

The Bridge Group, which meets every Monday at 9.30am at the Plimmerton Croquet Club rooms, 2 Plimmerton Drive, Plimmerton Industrial Estate, has a regular attendance of 10 to 12 members. We are always looking to expand participation.

Bridge is a challenging card game which requires the use of judgement, planning and strategy, and keeps the mind active.

The Bridge Group is run on a casual basis with plenty of social interaction and there is no need to arrange a partner. You don't need to know the game as we will teach you .

Just turn up at the venue or contact the convenor, Ian Fowler on 2330045 or email idnfowler@hotmail.com

## **Creative Writing**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10 am (*Full*)

Co-ordinator:

Christine Healy

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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**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, time varies

Co-ordinator: Rae Collins

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The film group visits the Lighthouse, Pauatahanui, every third Saturday of the month.

## **Garden Group**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, mornings

Co-ordinator: Kay Phillips

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We are a small (about 20), friendly group and have a usual attendance of about 12-15. Most are long-time gardeners with loads of knowledge which they happily share whilst others, like me, are new gardeners.

We visit gardens or meet on the fourth Wednesday each month, except December, and discuss all things gardening with the owners. The visits/meetings usually begin at 10 or 10.30 and finish about mid-day. Some of us lunch at a local cafe to chat after the meeting/visit. This is not a formal part of the meeting but a social add-on for those who enjoy the company.

In June and July we meet at a Church Hall and have a guest speaker and sometimes other activities.

We have a small charge of, usually, \$2.00 per month, which we use to buy a small gift for the garden owners and to pay for the hall for the indoor meetings.

Please come and "try us out".

## **Mah Jong**

Wednesdays, weekly,  
1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Barbara Watson  
Telephone: 234 8287  
Email: bckjwatson@gmail.com

Mah Jong is a small friendly group of both men and women. We play each Wednesday 1.30 – 3pm followed by afternoon tea at the croquet rooms Ulric Street Plimmerton. There is a small fee of \$2.50 per session to cover expenses. We welcome both experienced players and those wishing to learn the game. For more information please ring Irene 234-1036 or Barbara 234-8287

## **Handcraft (full)**

Fridays, fortnightly,  
1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Pat Levy  
Telephone: 238 2808  
Email: i.levy@xtra.co.nz

Members practise 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. If you would like to join our group contact Pat.

## **Play Reading (waiting list)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 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, Oscar Wilde etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying required. This ensures a copy of the current reading for each person's use. We begin with coffee or tea. This group is not at all serious and we have a lot of fun. Acting experience is not necessary. At present our group is full but Derely can take names for the Waiting List.

## **Science Group**

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

The Science Group meets every second Monday at the Combined Church, Mana Ave, Titahi Bay, commencing on February. We have DVDs, talks and discussion on a wide range of scientific subjects and news reports. New members are always welcome, especially anyone who is willing to contribute

## **Theatrical Shows**

Monthly, dependent on suitable local shows

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye  
Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310  
Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

This group was re-formed in 2016. We try to support local theatrical groups but have also been to Circa in Wellington. Attendance has shown local shows to be the most popular. We try to take in afternoon sessions. Some prefer to commute by train/bus, others car pool. The choice is yours. Plans to dine either before or after a show can be made independently. All U3a members welcome.

## **These Changing Times**

Thursdays, fortnightly,  
10 am

Leader and Co-ordinator: Mike Gould Telephone: 233 0133  
Email: mjgould@tauatapu.net.nz

The focus of each fortnightly meeting, beginning Thursday 5 April at 7A Sunset Parade, Plimmerton, will be to discuss a topical issue, nominated before each meeting by a member of the group.

## **Travellers' Tales**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:30 pm for 2 pm

Co-ordinators: Patsy & Ross Williamson  
Telephone: 2341581  
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Often the tale is told by one of our members but we do have outside speakers too. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month starting in February at **St. Mary's Anglican Church in Whitby. 1:30 pm for a 2 pm start.**

In addition to the U3A sub, there is a Travellers' Tales sub of \$15 per person to cover hall hire, speaker gift and afternoon tea. We have fifty members but can still grow; the more the merrier, so please come and join us.

## Opera Lovers' Group

Co-ordinator: Irene Swadling

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month to view DVDs and discuss Opera.

## Poetry Appreciation

Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:30 am

Co-ordinator: Helen Reilly

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**How it would work:** Each month we would choose a different theme, such as: ballads, New Zealand poetry, medieval poetry, 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century poetry, war poetry, narrative poetry, humorous verse, political poetry etc.

One group member would choose the next month's theme and lead the discussion. Everybody would bring a poem in keeping with the theme which the group would read and then collectively discuss. The emphasis would be on enjoyment rather than in-depth academic analysis.