



MANA U3A Inc

February 2021 Newsletter

Lots to read to get us started for 2021. Our February meeting should be great with our fascinating speaker, your 2021 Interest Groups are underway and listed below, some contact details you may need are included, and there are a number of items of interest for you.

February Meeting – we have a super speaker this month!

Date and Time: Thursday 18 February at 12.30 pm

Venue: North Baptist Church, Whitby

Programme:

A shared lunch – please bring light finger food.

Meeting starts at 1.00 pm with a few Notices and some Co-ordinators describing their Interest Groups. (maybe there's one that really interests you.) Our Speaker will begin immediately after the Notices.

Speaker: Steph Knight of Less Mess talks about de-cluttering and Organising – a must for anyone downsizing or already living in a smaller home.

Steph is a professional organiser with her own Tawa business "Less Mess". Steph offers help to de-clutter and organise a room or a house; let go of things you're not quite sure what to do with; find a place for everything; maximise space; sort out your chaotic wardrobe or get your car in your garage; prepare your home to sell; and get advice on moving/downsizing. Above all, Steph's work is about getting rid of the stress of deciding what to do with the things we have. On her website <https://www.lessmess.co.nz/Home> you can find glowing testimonials and I'm sure her talk will provide useful tips for all of us. Again, come along with all your questions and be prepared to be entertained as well as informed.



I recommend this meeting to all members – for those of you who usually only attend Interest groups, this may be a new opportunity for you. New **name labels** for financial members will be

available. The Treasurer will accept **payment of overdue subs** and there will be a list for you to check whether you have already paid. And an opportunity to chat to old and new friends over our shared lunch.

Oh Dear



There are still over 40 members who have not paid their sub of \$10 for 2021. Interest groups and Quarterly meetings are strictly for U3A Financial and Tawa members. PLEASE : this is your *fourth* reminder. Either pay Peter at the Quarterly meeting or online Name: Mana U3A Inc Account Number is 03-1533-0008763-000

Helpful Contacts

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Interest Groups' Co-ordinator: Julie Kropp	04 233 1066	sweet_lute@yahoo.com

Tawa U3A – Interest Groups Courses for 2021

Don't forget that all paid-up members have open access to courses run by our neighbours - Tawa U3A. Here is a link to the wide variety of courses they are offering:

<https://www.u3atawa.org.nz/pdfs/U3A-TAWA-COURSES-2021-BRIEF-VIEW.pdf>

2021 U3A Interest Groups and Courses

Interest Groups will be updated on our website very soon. In the meantime, here is a list and name of each Co-ordinator in case you want further information. Please contact Julie Kropp, who keeps a Waiting List for the Full Groups, if you wish to be added to a Waiting List or contact the Co-ordinator directly to join a group with space. We may be able to start new groups if the Waiting List gets big enough.

If you wish to start a new interest group please contact Julie Kropp and she will help you get organised.

At each Quarterly meeting we will have some of the Co-ordinators describe their groups a little more fully so that by the AGM meeting in November you will have heard from each one.

Bill Gebbie would like to start a **Scrabble Group**. Details are given here so if you'd like to join please contact Bill directly.

Date: Friday 19 February and thereafter fortnightly or monthly as we agree

Suggested Time: 10 to 11.30 every second Friday or as we agree

Venue: we could have our first get-together at my home 9 Ernest Street, Ranui, and after that at members' homes.

Description: I have one Scrabble set. Other players would bring along their own. We could discuss how many players for each game.

Refreshments: The host will provide afternoon tea of tea, coffee and water and biscuits.

Set-up of group: I'll host the first meeting and provide refreshments. Please email me your name and email address if you would like to come along on Friday 19 February. If you have any queries don't hesitate to ring me on 0276770180

U3A 2021 Interest Groups			
GROUP	CO-ORDINATOR	PHONE	Availability
Book Discussion Tues	Lesley Harrison	234 1677	Join Waiting List
Book Discussion Thur	Carolyn Rait	234 7422	
Bridge	Ian Fowler	233 0045	
Creative Writing	Creative Writing	236 8573	Join Waiting List
Family History	Mike Gould	233 0133	More members please
Famous and Infamous	Kay Phillips	279758569	More members please
Lighthouse Films	Rae Collins	234 7476	
Garden Group	Kay Phillips	279758569	
Needlework	Pat Levy	238 2808	Join Waiting List
Mah Jong	Barbara Watson	234 8287	
Play Reading	Derely Jaye	233 6187	Join Waiting List
Poetry Appreciation	Helen Reilly	234 7430	
Science	Joan Conroy	236 7756	
Theatrical Shows	Derely Jaye	233 6187	
These Changing Times	Mike Gould	233 0133	
Travellers' Tales	Patsy and Ross Williamson	233 1118	
Scrabble	Bill Gebbie	0276770180	New group to join

Members of our Garden Group visited the Waikanae Garden Trail in January:

What beautiful gardens people design. We had a full day visiting 16 gardens, which were full of interest, colour and clever design.



I look forward to meeting many members at our Quarterly meeting. It will be great to start off 2021 with a great meeting. Enjoy your Interest Groups.

Kindest regards

Kay Phillips

President

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