



MANA U3A Inc

February 2023 Newsletter

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### **Hello to all Mana U3A Members**

My apologies for not getting this newsletter to you earlier.

*There are several actions for various members, so please read on...*

### **February Quarterly Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday 16 February 2023

**Time:** 12.15 pm – 3.00 pm

**Venue:** Porirua North Baptist Church

**Lunch:** There will be a social time and catered light lunch at 12.15pm.

**Speaker:** Our guest speaker is Joanna Piatek who is the photographer behind Captured by Friday Photography. Joanna was born in Sweden and now lives in Kapiti. Her talk will be about displaced people in Ukraine alongside her other work.

Our intended guest speaker, Liz Koh, was unable to attend because a Council commitment has cropped up. However, I think you will find our replacement speaker every bit as interesting. Thanks to Joanna for stepping in.

Your Committee have decided to dispense with members bringing a shared lunch. To assist members with cost of living increases, each meeting this year will have a **light catered lunch**.

### **Your Membership Status**

You will remember from recent Newsletters that all annual subs, **due at the AGM last November**, must be paid by February. If you have not paid by the Quarterly Meeting next week, you will be advised that your membership will lapse at the end of February if your sub is still unpaid. The \$10.00 sub is well,

within most budgets so, if you haven't already paid please deposit your \$10 with into our KiwiBank Account: MANA U3A (INC) **A/c No 38 9023 0226804 00 stating** your name/ U3A Sub. Thank you for this. Our Committee looks forward to seeing you all again this year

### **Interest Groups**

Financial members of U3A are entitled and warmly invited to join and attend any of our Interest Groups. Our Co-ordinator, Michael Lynch has sent a message to all Coordinators requesting their membership lists so these can be cross-checked with our Financial Members' list. Any non-financial members will be dropped from Interest Groups. Intending members of U3A may attend an Interest group once or twice to decide whether this "is for them". Groups very occasionally invite non-members to special events e.g. the Garden Group Trip to Palmerston North last December. Michael has also asked Coordinators to update their groups' details ready for the reprint of our wonderful Interest Groups' pamphlet.

There are a couple of new/restarted Interest Groups this year and these will be described at the Quarterly Meeting.

### **Day Trips and Other Events**

Bill Gebbie is once again planning some special outings for members. Past trips and events have been both successful and popular.

These will get under way in March-April and Bill would like an indication of interest at the Quarterly Meeting next week please. Some suggestions are:

- a tour of Government House and gardens
- a tour of Bolton cemetery
- a sushi-making lunch which I would host
- a walk along the Paekakariki Heritage cum arts trail cum coffee and train trip
- a bus trip to Titahi Bay – public art, Austrian state house, the beach and a cuppa at T Bay café.... and, **you may have others.**

### **2023 Quarterly meeting Dates**

Please diary these meeting dates:

Thursday 16 February

Thursday 18 May

Thursday 17 August

Thursday 16 November (AGM)

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Your 2022-23 Executive Committee includes:

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We still need **another helper or two on our committee** please..."A task shared is a task halved". Nothing onerous. We have only four meetings scheduled for the rest of the year. *Please contact Kay if you can help us?*

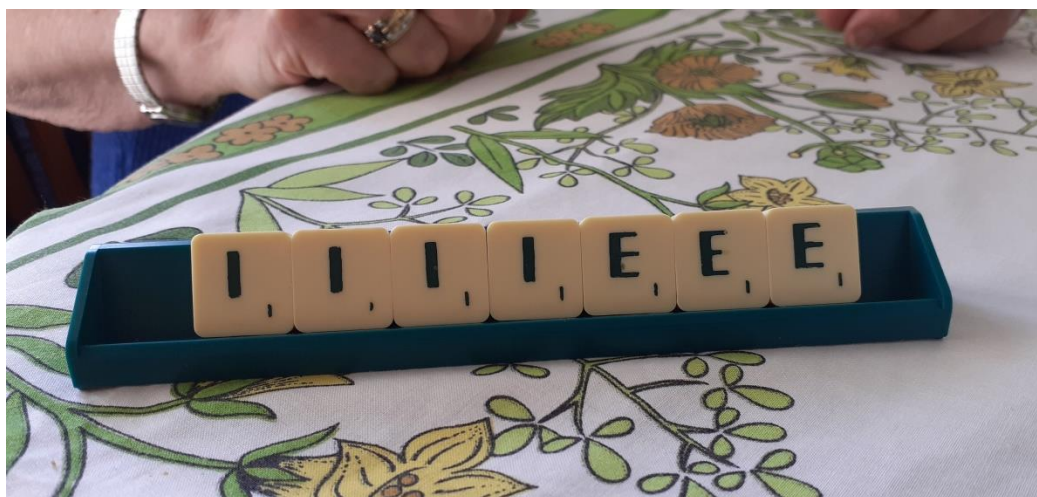
I'm looking forward to seeing a good number of you at next week's Quarterly meeting. It is a great chance to meet and interact with you fellow members and to hear another wonderful speaker.

Please enjoy the photos below sent by one of our Interest Group Coordinators

Kay Phillips  
President  
Mana U3A Inc



Summer is the perfect time to play scrabble outside,



Even if you don't always get the tiles you were looking for...