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Second Quarterly Meeting 2015

When: Thursday 21st May 2015

Where: North Baptist Church, Whitby
Corner Discovery Drive - Whitby Shopping Centre

Reminder: No parking beside the church or in dedicated local business parking places.
Parking is available over the road by the Adventure Park.

Time: Doors Open 1.20 pm for meeting commencing 1.30 pm.

Guest Speaker: **Helen Kedgley** Director of Pataka Art + Museum

Subject: **Pataka – a Unique Institution**

Ms Kedgley is a board member of Creative New Zealand and is widely connected with the art community nationally and internationally. She has worked at Pataka for 14 years and has curated over 50 exhibitions of Maori, Pacific Island and contemporary New Zealand art, many of which have toured nationally and internationally including Toi Maori . the Eternal Thread which toured the USA.

As a painter also, Ms Kedgley has participated in numerous exhibitions in France, England, India and Zimbabwe. International Museum work includes the Science Museum, Oxford, England and the National Gallery of Zimbabwe.

Ms Kedgley is director of Pataka at a time when the City of Porirua is celebrating 50 years. Hopefully she will be our book to reveal secrets of its development and future direction.

Afternoon tea will be provided following the speaker.

President's Ponderings:

What a glorious summer we have had and now we look forward to winter. According to the weather forecasters we may actually be in for a warm winter though the South Island may not have agreed with this in the recent cold snap.

The February Quarterly meeting was very well attended and the shared luncheon lovely. Thank you to all the activities co-ordinators who spoke about their groups. The new venue at the Whitby Baptist Church seemed to work well.

A number of people signed up for Theatre Outings and we now need to find a co-ordinator for that activity. Duties are not onerous, so how about volunteering? What are the duties of a co-ordinator? Refer to page 2 of the Information booklet for 2015.

By now most group activities have begun and a number of successful seminars completed. A big thank you to seminar presenters, and to Brian Mosen who has hosted a number of groups in his home theatre. If you register for a seminar or group activity and are unable to attend, it is gracious to let the co-ordinator know. Your place may then be able to be filled up another member.

Enjoy your activities and I look forward to seeing you at the Second Quarterly meeting on Thursday 21 May.

Carolyn Rait (President)

SEMINAR ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN NEW ZEALAND

The subject of capital punishment in other parts of the world has been headlined in our news media recently. New Zealand imposed this penalty from 1840 until 1989, for various offences, not just for murder. Although it has been abolished here, New Zealanders are in a minority of the world's citizens who live in a jurisdiction where capital punishment no longer applies.

Committee member Retired Chief Inspector Sherwood Young MBE has written a book about New Zealand's experience with capital punishment and will tutor a seminar on the subject for interested Mana U3A members.

It will be held at St Andrews Church Hall, Steyne Ave, Plimmerton on **Thursday 18th June, commencing at 2.00 pm.**

A fee of \$5 will be charged for those attending, to cover expenses.

Please advise Co-ordinator Brian Mosen on 233 0709 or <brianmosen@xtra.co.nz> by **Monday 8th June** to register your attendance.

Notices

New members:

We welcome the following as new members of Mana U3A and hope they enjoy their association with our organisation.

Lew Jillings, Raewyn Hill, Janice King, Anne Watts, Tony and Veronica Allum, Jennie Kilvington Joyce Stretton, Tom Kneebone and Paula van Wijmen-Kneebone

Subscriptions:

These are now overdue. A committee member will be contacting you if yours is outstanding to ask if you want to continue as a member and to facilitate your payment.

President Carolyn suggests this might be of interest:

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/communication/click-this-see-how-huge-the-universe.html>

Found:

White plate left at the shared lunch in February. Contact President Carolyn if this is yours.

Interest groups:

Membership changes from time to time so please feel free to contact the co-ordinator of a group you are interested in.

Up-to-date information on all courses / groups is available on the website.

Reminder:

Please remember to wear name badges to meetings!

Calling for theatre lovers to assist as ushers at the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt:

Pam Hindmarsh, Production Manager for Nextstage Theatre Company, is looking for theatre loving people who would like to be part of a team of ushers and who would get to see plays for free in exchange for ushering for the night. This would involve helping people to their seats and helping people exit in an emergency evacuation. Nextstage Theatre Company is bringing Professional Theatre to Lower Hutt and will be presenting four plays this year.

Their first play is a comedy - "Sleeping Around" written by Geraldine Brophy, directed by Cathy Downes and performed by Carmel McGlone and Geraldine Brophy. It will perform on 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th May. There will be a gala opening night and Nextstage Theatre Company will be launched by Mayor Ray Wallace. Please contact Pam if you are interested by Email pam.hindmarsh@mindware.co.nz or by phone 027 240 4531.

Looking for an audience to support our young musicians:

Demonstration Concert on Thursday 28 May at 6.30 pm

A colorful poster for the Kapi-Mana Music Festival. The top section has a dark purple background with the text "Kapi-Mana Music Festival" in a white, elegant script font, followed by "proudly presents two exciting performance events for school students" in a smaller white font. Below this is a white rectangular area containing the following text: "You are warmly invited to attend a Demonstration Concert to be held on Thursday 28 May 2015 at 6.30pm", "Performing Arts Studio, Pataka Art+Museum, Norrie Street, Porirua (concert duration approximately one hour)", "For details visit our website at www.kapimanamusic.org.nz or contact Carolyn on 234 7422 or 021 121 0218", and "This concert will be a culmination of the Kapi-Mana Music Festival to be held on Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th May 2015 at the Performing Arts Studio, Pataka Art+Museum. Free entry." The bottom of the poster features a vibrant, abstract design with musical notes, a treble clef, and various musical symbols in shades of purple, blue, yellow, and red.