



Learning is forever **WARKWORTH**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a wonderful summer and a huge tonic after the limitations imposed by Covid. Heralding in the New Year on TV1, the television presenters lined up to give their New Year's greetings; Jeremy Wells summed up by concluding 'and bugger off 2021'!

On New Year's day our residents revived an old tradition of meeting at the end of our cul-de-sac from 4.00 - 6.00 pm for drinks and nibbles and korero. It was well-attended and enabled us to get to know neighbours we had only waved to in the past.

Congratulations to Ralph Cooney on being recognised in the New Year's Honours awards. Ralph has made a significant contribution to Warkworth U3A through his Science and Climate Interest Group and in sourcing excellent speakers for our General Meetings. Our Committee and Group Convenors are meeting later this month to ensure we get off to a good start for 2022.

Nga mihi

Ken Cutforth

President

COVID RULES REMINDER

We are now getting used to the CVC (Covid Vaccine certificate) Orange rules and showing a My Vaccine Pass to use hospitality or participate in events. As explained in the November newsletter U3A meetings operate under the CVC rules for our mutual benefit. We should all be ready to show our vaccine passes on request at meetings, as well as scan a QR code and socially distance.

Anyone who doesn't have a My Vaccine Pass for any reason should talk to the meeting convenor about the possibility of remote access, which the techies amongst us will try to arrange.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The delayed Annual General Meeting of the Warkworth U3A will be held on Monday 14th February at 10.00 a.m. at Totara Park.

Our guest speaker will be

ROD ORAM

who will speak on the topic|

“COP26 outcomes and NZ Climate Policies”

Please put this date in your diary now

Reports of meetings, announcements and other items of interest for the Warkworth U3A bimonthly newsletter are welcome. Please send contributions to me at Steve.Goldthorpe@xtra.co.nz. *Editor*

INTEREST GROUPS

As we get back into being able to hold meetings again, now is the time to try something new. Join a different interest group or start a new one.

Monthly interest group meetings are held:

Ancient History - 1st Friday 9.30am

Art Appreciation - 1st Wednesday

Book Talk - 1st Tuesday 10am

Current Affairs - 3rd Thursday 2pm

Developments in Medicine - 4th Thursday 2pm

Gardening - 4th Thursday 10am

Jazz Listening - 3rd Monday 2pm

Local History - 4th Tuesday 10am

Music Appreciation - 2nd Thursday 2pm

Poetry Reading - 3rd Wednesday 1.30pm

Science and Climate Change - 3rd Friday 2pm

More details are on the Website. The easiest way to join a group is at the invitation of friend who is already a member of the group and knows the location and arrangements. Or you can express your interest to the Interest Group convenor.

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

Art Appreciation



Art Appreciation Group's Christmas picnic morning tea at Snell's Beach on 1 December. Some members talked about art they had created during lockdown. And almost all members decorated their sunhats as requested.

Elle Glazer

U3A Book Talk

Our final meeting for year 2021 was able to be held at the home of Carol Catley. After the three zoom meetings, this change was much appreciated. Seven of us gathered and shared our news over coffee or tea and Christmas tarts, with other goodies. Then, seated around Carol's large table on her front deck, we discussed the books we had brought. As usual, there was a wide variety in these, and a mix of fiction with non-fiction. Some of the comments made included:

"It was a good read."

"This memoir was a compelling narrative"

"This was one of the loveliest books I've ever read"

"I couldn't put the book down".

We all appreciated being able to be together again in a home. It was indeed a real grand finale to this difficult year.

Jeanette Grimmer

Play Reading Group

The Play Reading group is sadly going into recession for the time being.

Pam Ellender

Science and Climate Group:

Rod Oram is speaking to the AGM, including the SC group, about "COP26 outcomes and NZ Climate Policies" on Monday 14th February.

Peter Kammler and Steve Goldthorpe are speaking to the SC group on "NZ Energy Past, Present and Future" on Wednesday 24th February, venue to be confirmed.

I am talking to the Men's Shed group in Auckland on Thursday 3rd February on "Climate Change and New Renewables Technologies"

Ralph Cooney



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