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Greetings to you all from the new committee

The start of the year was quite disastrous, especially for the East Coast. We felt it severely and many of our family and friends have had appalling experiences with Cyclone Gabrielle. The effects of the storm have left many with livelihoods destroyed and infrastructure damaged. It will take months for railway lines and roads to be reconstructed. We can only hope that the resources will be forthcoming to bring our province back to normality which was sunny Hawkes Bay.

The animals have also been severely affected with many swept away and losing their owners. The SPCA have been very proactive in returning animals to their owners and been doing a wonderful job. To this end I have asked a speaker from the SPCA to speak at our May meeting to give us an insight to their work. I hope you will support them and put a small cash donation into the box that will be available.

In lieu of a gift the committee will also give a donation to the SPCA.

We have had some better weather of late and Easter was a wonderful break and I was able to travel to Wellington to see the family. Wellington put on superb weather with sunny days and no wind. I was able to walk around the Southern Coast of Owhiro Bay to visit the famous Greywacke quarry and bring samples back to the Geology group. Greywacke is the foundation rock on which New Zealand is built and we see many samples of it in the Tukituki River.

The committee's first task has been to address a falling membership and rejuvenate our groups. Years ago the U3A and SeniorNet where, just by word of mouth the organisations to belong to for community group activities and technical help with computing. I speak to many people and that is not the case now for they know little about us. Many members of U3A learned their technical skills at SeniorNet as I did starting 23 years ago and I am still a member. Ian Brown, who is President of SeniorNet, and a member of U3A, was invited to come to our recent meeting and has been co-opted onto the committee. In our discussions we will keep both organisations as separate but share resources so members of both organisations can freely access the activities of both. More information is in the newsletter. We have been in touch with the Leader Newspaper who came with a reporter and photographer. We produced a combined advert to go in the Leader. The article will be in their Wednesday edition and is in the Hawkes Bay Today digital edition.

Let us hope that Autumn will treat Hawkes Bay more kindly

Norris Kenwright (President)

Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May 2023

at the Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road, Havelock North commencing at the usual time of 10am. Members and friends are all welcome to attend with just **\$5.00** payable as you arrive in order to cover our costs of morning tea and room hire. This has been subsidised by your committee as the charge would normally be \$11.00 pp.

If you have a Name Badge, please wear it. Contact Trish if you would like a new badge. Thank you.

U3A Havelock North

May General Meeting and Coffee Morning

to be held at the Havelock North Function Centre

Thursday 18th May 2023 at 10.00 am

Our speaker will be

Karen Hacking with assistance from "Diesel"



who is a field officer with the SPCA.

\$5.00 per person payable at the door

Includes morning tea or coffee
Spot raffle prizes for members.

Please do let Trish Loye know before 16th May if you are coming along.

Phone: 878 5920

Email: pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz

Please note: If you find you are unable to attend once registered, PLEASE advise Trish by Wednesday night or before 9 am Thursday morning so as we can adjust the numbers with the caterers. It is very difficult when we find that we could be 10 or 12 short of the numbers catered for and payment is still required.



Karen Hacking is a field officer with the SPCA and will bring along her dog “Diesel” to talk about all the work they do with the lost animals due to Cyclone Gabrielle. There will be a donation box at the meeting for a small voluntary cash donation in appreciation of their work. Thank you.



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Suggested new group: Cards –“500”

One of our members, Laura Bakker is interested in organizing and convening a new group for card players who like to play the “500” card game. As Laura is visually challenged, with low vision she will be using Braille cards and needs to have players verbally read a card when played; otherwise the cards are as normal for all players. She can easily host up to 3 groups of 4 players at each table, and set up that it doesn’t interfere with each other by playing in separate rooms. Laura has all the equipment needed.

Suggested Days are the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1.30 pm, fortnightly or monthly to be decided. **Or** an alternative could be 1st and 3rd Fridays.

If you are interested in joining a fun group, please contact the Secretary, Trish Loye on 8785920 or pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz or you can contact Laura on 877 4136 or email: laurabakker@xtra.co.nz

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WRITING FOR FUN GROUP2 – Chris Phillips Convenor

We’re a small group just getting off the ground. Members bring a piece of writing of their own chosen genre to read to the group, and invite feedback if they want it.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Havelock North library Rongokako meeting room, 10 -11.30am.

Members are free to host it in their home if they wish.

Contact Trish Loye or

Chris on 027 6669692 Email: chrismphillips@hotmail.com



SHAKESPEARE GROUP – Joan Sye Convenor

Every Thursday at 10.30am at Keirunga Theatre a very positive group of U3A members meets to study, enjoy and discuss a variety of Shakespeare plays under the guidance of Ken Keys. Even those who are a bit shy lose their inhibitions and strut their stuff! We meet for two hours with a welcome cuppa for social interaction at 11.30a.m. Our membership is growing but we still can welcome more at this perfect venue. There is a \$5 charge per session to cover hall rental and morning tea. ☕



TRAVEL GROUP – Chris Phillips Convenor

We have 15 members, 3 of these having recently joined our group. We meet at members' homes and the host presents a travel topic of their choice. This can be a recent holiday, a recycled one from past adventures or some flight of fancy. Many members enjoy the sociability as much as the travel experiences. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Contact the Secretary, Trish Loye or Chris Phillips if you would like to join this group.

027 6669692 Email: chrismphillips@hotmail.com



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Group Activities

To assist in running your group would coordinators note funds are available if needed. Please contact our Secretary Trish Loye. In the near future we will hold a special meeting for all coordinators at the H.N. Function Centre.

We used to have some groups that were popular such as Reading Books, Cooking for One, Photography, and Walking. Please show your interest to Trish for we would love to have these groups flourish. We can help with the setting up of groups.

Also a new group “television and Netflix” could be of interest.

Senior Net and U3A joint groups

Members of U3A and SeniorNet who wish to join a U3A group will contact our secretary Trish Loye who manages all the group activities. The full list of **U3A groups** is on our website;-

www.u3ahavelocknorth.com

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SeniorNet is based at the Arohanui Church Hall, 81 Middle Road, Havelock North.

The **SeniorNet** website is www.seniornethb.org.nz

Groups

Photobook Book Course: Contact Marion Crawford:
themeadowseighty@outlook.com Mobile: 027 307 5131

Beginners Genealogy; Contact Gillian Allison
gillianallison@hotmail.co.nz Mobile: 021 148 5922.

Understanding your Smartphone;

Ian Brown iwbrown0344@gmail.com Mobile: 021 655 288

The **iPad Special Interest Group** meets on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. Contact Beryl Grayling

0212605144

For all SeniorNet and U3A members there is a Monday Drop-in 1pm to 3pm for free help with your smart phones, iPads, tablets and apple devices at the Arohanui Church hall. There is plenty of parking.

Recent Bereavements
Marie Russell – member since 2000
Dec'd 6 April 2023
Sincere condolences to her friends
and family



Our committee for 2023

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Havelock North

What is U3A?

We are part of a worldwide organisation comprising entirely of volunteers who have an interest in sharing knowledge with other seniors.

Fees: \$10.00 per year

You can join a large variety of groups such as, Astronomy, Computing, Meteorology, Art, Rummikub, Maj Jong, Singing for fun, Geology, Scrabble, Cycling, Music, Travel experiences, Writing for fun, Genealogy, Lunch Groups and many more. For a complete list and how to join, contact;

Trish Loye 878 5920

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SeniorNet

Hawkes Bay

What is SeniorNet?

We provide a community learning network that supports and motivates people to confidently use technology in their everyday lives.

We specialise in digital skills training for seniors no matter what stage you are at in your digital journey.

We have a weekly drop in centre for help with Smart phones and iPads.

We offer a wide range of learning opportunities suited to your needs.

Our Learning Centre is at the
Arohanui Church,
81 Middle Road,
Havelock North

Contact:

Toni Potter - 022 181 7542

www.seniornethb.org.nz