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President's Welcome

A warm welcome to all U3A members as we enter another year. May you find much to interest and stimulate you in the programmes offered as well as experiencing friendship and even fun. As your new president I look forward to working with my committee who bring their prior knowledge to our planning. Please feel free to make yourselves known to me and share any thoughts you have on the way ahead for Mana U3A. Best wishes, Irene Swadling

First Quarterly Meeting

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Thursday 15 February

North Baptist Church,
Discovery Drive, Whitby

Doors open 12:25 pm
for shared lunch
commencing 12:35 pm

Please bring

- a small plate of finger food
- subscription payment

1: 10 pm Guest Speaker
Louise McCrone
Preservation Services
Manager

Work of the NZ Film
archives including digital
preservation

2.00pm Introduction of
new courses and
seminars

Please wear your name badge

Subscriptions are now due
\$10 per person. Add \$5 if you wish to receive all newsletters in printed form.

Payment options:

- Cash or cheque at the February luncheon in a named envelope please
- Posted to Mana U3A (address above)
- By internet banking to 03 1533 0008763 00
- Enter **subs in the Code section and your surname and your initials in the reference section**
- New members, and those whose details have changed are required to complete a subscription form available on the website

Your new committee

President	Irene Swadling	233 9988
Vice President	Bill Gebbie	237 6514
Newsletter Editor		027 677 0180
Secretary	Carolyn Rait	234 7422
		021 121 0218
Treasurer	Pat Wilson	234 8779
Membership Secretary	Jocelyn Choong	577 1876
Hospitality		
Equipment	Bruce Medcalf	237 9039
Committee	Julie Kropp	233 1066
Committee	Colin Brown	236 8798

New Life Member



At the November meeting of Mana U3A, Whitby resident, Isabel Roxburgh, was appointed a Life member.

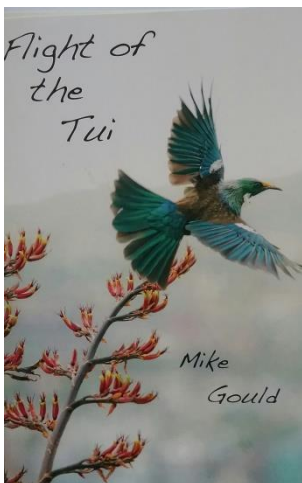
Isabel and husband Irvine attended the 2nd meeting of U3A in 1991 and she has been a consistent and loyal member ever since. She was a founder member of the Book Group, which has been running since the beginning. Her husband ran a very successful course for many years on Comparative religions, which she attended. She took over running the French Group when the coordinator died and kept it going for a further few years. She has been a constant participant in many groups and courses, including the Book Group, as mentioned; the Film Group; the Garden Group; Bridge in the early days; a Political Science group, and attended, when she was home, every meeting of Outside the Square (which ran for 10 years) and the quarterly meetings.

As Isabel was on holiday at the time of the November AGM, a very surprised Isabel was presented with her Life membership certificate and flowers at the Travellers' Tales meeting the following week.

Change of contact details including email

Please advise Jocelyn Choong by phone 577 18760 or email to u3mana@gmail.com This Newsletter has been posted to all Mana U3a members as a number of email addresses are now not operating.

Our U3A Author – Mike Gould



“Flight of the Tui”, a novel of fictional political and economic intrigue, set mainly in and around the Beehive, Wellington, in about 2040. The country, along with the rest of the world is in an on-going deep economic depression that no-one seems able to overcome. People are becoming desperate. A possible solution arises from an unexpected quarter, but it is so radical that there is widespread skepticism as to whether it could actually work. Cabinet ministers must choose between implementing a proposal from wide left field that could blow up in their faces, or maintain the status quo and risk being voted out of office. There are a number of futuristic ideas advanced in the story, which will be of interest to most thinking New Zealanders.

It's a fun read, and is available now at \$29.95 by contacting Mike Gould, Phone 233-0133 or by email mjgould@tauatapu.net.nz.

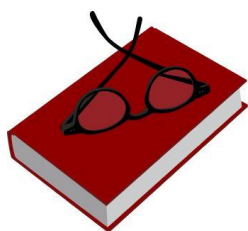
Mike will have copies at the February meeting at a discounted price of \$20



Mana U3A Interest Groups 2018

Contact the group co-ordinator for further details and enrolment

Unless stated 'full', groups have room for new members. Interested in starting a group or suggestions for a new group? Please contact Irene 233 9988



Books (Full)
2nd Tuesday of the month, 10 am



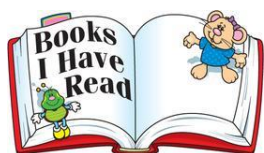
Bridge – weekly Mondays
9:30 am
at Plimmerton Croquet Club

Co-ordinator: Lesley Harrison
Telephone: 234 1677
Email: lesleymargaret@hotmail.com

Each meeting is held at the home of a member who acts as host and leads the discussion. In addition to studying two or three selected titles in detail, we try to cover a wide range of topics and authors in different genres during the year.

Tutor and Co-ordinator: Ian Fowler
Telephone: 233 0045
Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

Previous experience is not a prerequisite to joining this group, nor is it necessary to have a partner. People can come to learn, or to be challenged, by players of varying degrees of skill. There is a small charge levied by the croquet club for the use of their facilities.



Book Discussion
Group 2

2nd Thursday of the month, 1.30 pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait
Telephone: 234 7422
Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

We meet monthly between April – October where we discuss our chosen book according to the month's genre. This introduces members to a wide variety of titles and authors.

Our topics for 2018 are: Historical Fiction, Biography/autobiography; realistic fiction; True life story; Pulitzer or Man Booker Prize Entrant; Australian story or author; Favourite children's literature/poetry If this sounds like you please join us.



Creative Writing
3rd Wednesday 10 am
(Full)

Co-ordinator: Judi Doornbus
Telephone: 233 9693
The teaching of 'how to write' is not an aim for this dedicated group but very positive mutual encouragement and support. Those not currently working on a project of their own enjoy the challenge of writing stories on a subject sentence or collection of words chosen at random from a dictionary each month - some of the results of these assignments have been of a high calibre.



Films at Lighthouse,
Pauatahanui
3rd Saturday of the month

Co-ordinator: Janet Berry
Telephone: 235 9903

Email: Janet.M.Berry@gmail.com

The film group visits the Pauatahanui Lighthouse every 3rd Saturday of the month. The previous Wednesday I choose hopefully an interesting film and ring the members on my list. I would appreciate a prompt reply. The Lighthouse requests that we pick up and pay for our tickets half an hour before starting time. We usually have a coffee before or after the film. If you wish to stay in the group or join please ring Janet and leave your name and phone number.

This Film Group is full. Is there anyone who would like to co-ordinate another group for, perhaps, another day of the month? Please contact Irene Swadling, Phone 233 9988 or Email u3mana@gmail.com



Garden Group
4th Wednesday of the
month, mornings

Co-ordinator: Kay Phillips
Telephone: 027 975 8569
Email: 46nanakay@gmail.com

Monthly events will include will include

- Garden and nursery visits
- Speakers
- Plant sharing
- Anything else members agree on relating to our common interest in gardens and gardening.

Be prepared to contribute by providing details for one monthly event.

New members welcome.



Mah Jong
Wednesdays, weekly,
1:00 pm

Co-ordinator: Irene Stobert
Telephone: 234 1036

Email: candi.stobert@xtra.co.nz

Mah Jong is a small friendly group of both men and women. We play each Wednesday 1 ó 3.-0pm followed by afternoon tea at the croquet rooms Ulric Street Plimmerton. There is a small fee of \$2.50 per session to cover expenses. We welcome both experienced players and those wishing to learn the game. For more information please ring Irene 234-1036 or Barbara 234-8287



Handcraft
Fridays, fortnightly,
1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Pat Levy
Telephone: 238 2808

Email: i.levy@xtra.co.nz

Members practice many forms of needlecraft, embroidery, knitting, crochet etc. We have no formal tutoring but some members are able to provide expert guidance with a number of skills. The first meeting for 2017 will be on Friday Feb. 9th at 26 Milford Street Aotea. If you would like to join our group contact Pat.



Play Reading (*Full*)
1st Friday, May-
September, 10 am

Tutor: Pat Knight

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye

Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310

Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

Pat has sourced a varied range of reading material for us in the past, covering comedy, short skits, Oscar Wilde etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying required. This ensures a copy of the current reading for each person's use. We begin with coffee or tea. This group is not at all serious and we have a lot of fun. Acting experience is not necessary. At present our group is full but Derely can take names for the Waiting List.



Science Group
Mondays,
fortnightly, 10 am

Titahi Bay combined church in Mana Ave,
Titahi Bay.

Co-ordinator: Peter Evans
Telephone: 233 9690
Email: lizpeter@actrix.co.nz

The Science Group meets every second Monday at the Combined Church, Mana Ave, Titahi Bay, commencing on 12th February. We have DVDs, talks and discussion on a wide range of scientific subjects and news reports. New members are always welcome, especially anyone who is willing to contribute

First half year programme

- !2 Feb Summer reports. Short DVD on Earthquakes
- 26 Feb Quantum Theory
- 12 March Development of commercial food crops
- 26 March Africa. Great Rift Valley
- 9 April Easter. No meeting
- 23 April Richard Dawkins on Darwin
- 7 May Nanoscience. Bill Oddie on Dinosaurs
- 21 May Brian Cox. In search of Science, Part 1
- 4 June Brian Cox. In search of Science, Part 2
- 16 June The Great Maths Mystery



Theatrical Shows
Monthly, dependent on
suitable show

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye
Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310
Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

This group was reformed in 2016. We try to support local theatrical groups but have also been to Circa in Wellington. Attendance has shown local shows to be the most popular. We try to take in afternoon sessions. Some prefer to commute by train/bus, others car pool. The choice is yours. Plans to dine either before or after a show can be made independently. All U3a members welcome.



These Changing Times
Thursdays, fortnightly,
10 am

Leader and Co-ordinator: Mike Gould
Telephone: 233 0133
Email: mjgould@tauatapu.net.nz

The focus of each fortnightly meeting, beginning Thursday 5 April at 7A Sunset Parade, Plimmerton, will be to discuss a topical issue, nominated before each meeting by a member of the group, relating to our changing times. Please add your name to the waiting list if this would interest you.



Travellers' Tales
4th Thursday, 1:30 pm
for 2 pm

Co-ordinators: Patsy & Ross Williamson
Telephone: 233 1118
Email: patsywilliamson@xtra.co.nz

Often the tale is told by one of our members but we do have outside speakers too. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month starting in February at **St. Mary's Anglican Church in Whitby. 1:30 pm for a 2 pm start.** The first meeting is on Thursday February 22nd.

In addition to the U3A sub, there is a Travellers' Tales sub of \$10 per person to cover hall hire, speaker gift and afternoon tea. We have fifty members but can still grow; the more the merrier, so please come and join us.



Opera Lovers' Group *(new)*

Co-ordinator: Irene Swadling
Telephone: 233 9988

Email: kiwi.nana.irene@gmail.com
To meet monthly to view DVDs and discuss Opera. Interested? Sign up at the February meeting or phone Irene.

SCHEDULE FOR MANA U3A INTEREST GROUPS - 2018

Course	Coordinator	Telephone	Day	Start Time	Cycle	Starts
Books	Lesley Harrison	234 1677	2 nd Tuesday	10.00am	Monthly	
Book Discussion 2	Carolyn Rait	234 7422	2 nd Thursday	1.30 pm	Monthly	12 April
Bridge	Ian Fowler	233 0045	Monday	9.30am	Weekly	All year
Creative Writing	Judi Doornbos	233 9693	3 rd Wednesday	10 am	Monthly	
Films	Janet Berry	235 9903	3 rd Saturday	Varies	Monthly	
Garden Group	Kay Phillips	027 975 8569	4 th Wednesday	10.00 am	Monthly	21 Feb
Mah Jong	Irene Stobert Barbara Watson	234 1036 234 8287	Wednesday	1 pm	Weekly	All year
Handcraft	Pat Levy	238 2808	Friday	1.30 pm – 4 pm	Fortnightly	9 Feb
Play Reading	Dereley Jaye	233 6187 or 027 244 8310	1 st Friday	10.00 am	Monthly	
Opera	Irene Swadling	233 9988	TBC		Monthly	
Science Group	Peter Evans	233 9690	Monday	10.am	Fortnightly	19 Feb
Theatrical Shows	Dereley Jaye	233 6187 or 027 244 8310	varies		Monthly	
These Changing Times	Mike Gould	233 0113	Thursday	10 am	Fortnightly	5 April
Travellers' Tales	Patsy & Ross Williamson	233 1118	4 th Thursday	1.30 pm for 2 pm	Monthly	22 Feb

SCHEDULE FOR MANA U3A QUARTERLY MEETINGS – 2018

Date	Start Time	Venue	Event	Speaker	Subject
Thursday 15 th February	12.30 for 12.40 pm		1 st Quarterly Meeting With shared lunch	Louise McCrone	National Film Archives including digital preservation
Thursday 17 th May			2 nd Quarterly Meeting	Professor Nigel Roberts (TBC)	Comparative politics
Thursday 16 th August	1.15 for 1.30 pm	North Baptist Church Discovery Drive Whitby	3 rd Quarterly Meeting	Dr Burton King (TBC)	The history of the breast in art and medicine
Thursday 15 th November			4 th Quarterly Meeting Annual General Meeting	John Ansell (TBC)	Dance with Words. The use, abuse, origins and absurdity of the world's craziest language.