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Hello U3A Members

Following our Committee meeting last week and the announcement that Auckland was remaining in Level 2.5 until 11.59pm on Wednesday 16th September (to be reviewed on Monday 14th September) I would like to advise you of our plans for this month.

At present, on Level 2.5, we can continue with Study Groups limited to 10. We know that many of you are keen to resume your U3A activities and we believe that we can do this in a safe manner. See the message below from our Study Group Co-ordinator, Dianne, for further information.

We agreed to continue with our General meeting on Tuesday 22nd September at the Westlynn Gardens provided that we drop to Level 1, when 100 can meet again. If, on the 16th September, we do not go to Level 1 the General meeting will be postponed.

However, if this meeting goes ahead, we will have the pleasure of having Raewynn Robertson from Research West, Waitakere Library to share some of her extensive knowledge with us. Raewynn is the Senior Librarian Local History and there is not much about the 'west' and its history she doesn't know. She is well-known for the numerous exhibitions she creates and installs and has a huge portfolio of fantastic pictures. Raewynn has suggested our members may like to bring a piece of Crown Lynn from their cupboards for show and tell.

At this stage we are planning our AGM and End of Year Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 24th November. At the meeting on 22nd September we will take a show of hands if you are likely to attend since we need to book our catering. This of course, like everything, could change at any time.

We have two members of our Committee retiring at the AGM. If you would like to join our Committee please speak to me or any member of our Committee.

These are difficult and tricky times and we know that they are not going to go away any time soon. As has been said by both the Prime Minister and the Director-General of Health, we are going to have to learn to live with the tailend of the virus in a safe manner.

Hopefully, we will all meet up again on the 22nd September. Take care. I am off to start yet another jigsaw and listen to Concert FM.

Kind regards
Heather

Message from Study Group Co-ordinator

Kia Ora

This is a trying time for us all and it has been hard to know how to progress with our groups. However, it has been gratifying to see that some groups have been able to maintain their enthusiasm and studies during Lockdown in Levels 4 and 3 through the use of emails. It was great to see the recommencement of groups that happened when we moved to Level 2 and then 1. Thank you to all my convenors.

However, now we are still in Level 2.5, there are two things to keep in mind: that we must follow the government requirements; and the convenor of the group must feel comfortable and not pressured to start a group until he or she feels it is safe to do so when they are running the group at their home. Your group may wish to look at the possibility of an alternative venue if that is feasible.

The committee held a lengthy discussion about this and confirmed that Study Groups do not resume unless Covid-19 Guidelines can be adhered to, and only then if the Convenor is comfortable with the safety of the venue and any social distancing requirements.

The next government announcement in mid-September should clarify this issue of what level we will be at; and we as a branch will follow those requirements for the safety of all our members and their families.

Kia kaha!

Best wishes

Dianne

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