



Newsletter #5

23rd May 2022

Greetings to you all

Recap

Most of you will have heard we had a successful second meeting that included the Special meeting early in May. A new Management Team / Committee was elected and over 50 people attended which was very heartening.

Our guest speaker, Isaac Orchard from the Tauranga City Council, spoke about the types of tsunamis we can expect and he discussed the actions and information that can be found on the internet to assist those who could be affected. He also said that the same procedures should apply when a prolonged and large earthquake occurs

The evacuation routes along the Mount and Papamoa coastline especially in Papamoa East are being redeveloped.

The overwhelming piece of advice was:

Don't rely on others to help you evacuate

He said a clear plan should be prepared by each household including a pack, and to be prepared to travel by foot to a designated safe space set out in the pamphlets he distributed. There are unlikely to be warning sirens built in the area anytime soon, so a smart phone capable of receiving a warning message is going to be essential.

Feedback on ideas put forward at the March meeting.

At the meeting we discussed two items that were brought up:

1. We are trialling a night meeting.

This will take place on Thursday 2nd June at Gordon Spratt Reserve. Its starts at 6.30 pm.

You will be welcomed with the option of a cup of tea and biscuits. There will be 30 minutes for some mix and mingle. At 7 pm our guest speaker Bradley Hook will give his talk.

There will be no formal part to the meeting.

Bradley is a partner and the CEO of the Resilience Institute, which is an international organisation devoted to training people to become more resilient. He will outline the 11 skills and behaviours that are needed which are drivers of exceptional performance. In other words what the drivers of resilience really and fundamentally mean.

It should be a very interesting address.

With talks such this and speakers such as Bradley, we hope to attract other members of the community.

One of the drivers of for setting up U3A Beachside is that we have a great opportunity to do something different.

The Committee believes Beachside can include younger members of the community to partake in the learning and socialising process just like us, at the right time of the day and the right technology.

So, we are asking members who are coming anyway, to bring an adult friend, relative or neighbour to the meeting to check out what U3A is all about.

Our new Groups Coordinator Jennifer Harrison will be there to assist with enquiries about the existing and planned Interest Groups.

There will be the opportunity for new members to sign up as well.

We hope to see you there.

2. Zoom Workshops

The second item was an interest in developing a workshop to learn how to use Zoom as a meeting and instruction tool.

We already have 12 people to run a possible 2 workshop in June, one in the day time and the other at night time.

Both will be held at the Arataki Community Centre and will last about 90 minutes depending on the questions being asked.

There will be training covering both sides of the activity. One part will be on how to set up as an initiator of a meeting and the other part as an invitee of one.

There will be plenty of time to ask questions and have a discussion on the types of activities that Zoom meetings can be employed. Beachside is purchasing a Zoom Pro license and will make it available to interested groups. This license allows unlimited time on each use.

The dates for the workshops will be advised shortly. There will be a \$2 dollar charge to cover expenses.

Help needed.

We are still looking for a key member of the Management team to take over from Graeme who is the acting Secretary. Please discuss with one of the Committee if you are keen to be involved.

We are still looking for more people to help at Arataki Community Centre to lay out the chairs and put them away after meetings

We look forward to catching up with you at the night meeting on Thursday 2nd June at Gordon Spratt.

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