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Newsletter January - February 2006, #1

From the President

Best wishes for 2006. May the year ahead bring blessings and happiness.

Our next meeting on the 13th February will be the AGM and it would be nice to see as many of you as possible attending.

I have just visited www.u3a.co.nz and was impressed by the work done so far. Alan has used some splendid photos of our attractive town and countryside while describing the origins and activities of U3A Warkworth. The Art Appreciation Group and the Play Reading Group have both contributed offerings regarding their activities and I would ask that every convenor or group organise someone to be responsible for a few notes about their own group's structure and interest. Alan would appreciate whatever you can contribute. Send it to him by email or hand it to him, hand-written on a piece of paper. He does not mind how it comes as long as he gets it!
There are distinct possibilities for several new groups this year and I am not sure

how I am going to fit them all into my already busy schedule. But *where there's a will, there's a way*, or so we are lead to believe. The study of food and its ethnic origins has got me interested as has western philosophy and opera – diverse interests maybe, but all fascinating.

We are going to ask for feedback (pardon the pun) regarding the Christmas Lunch. In December those of us who attended had a fine lunch at the Salty Dog and the children's choir from Matakana Primary School were a joy to listen to and watch. But - with only 45 out of 115 members attending the occasion, the Committee needs to know your views. At the end of this Newsletter, as part of the form to return with your 2006 subscription, we would ask you to tick a box reflecting your preference in this matter.

Iris Mee
President

Editor's Desk

Only 11 months to go before Christmas, so it's time to get down to U3A business again! This issue is an important one since it covers items such as our AGM on February 13th, the need for nominations for the 2006 year's Committee and payment of the annual subscription (same as last year) which is now due.

You will see this issue includes sections relating to nominations and subscriptions which require your prompt input and action so that our U3A can continue to run smoothly. You will also note that two new Groups are being launched in February. Anthea McKergow is convening “Food around the World” and Jim McKinlay is convening ‘Opera Appreciation”. I am sure these new Groups will be well supported. If you have an idea about a new Group, talk to Iris or any Committee member on how to start one – it’s really easy!

Alan Spicer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 13th February 9.45 am at the New Masonic Hall
(The entrance is on top floor of Council/New World car park building)

10.00 am Meeting Commences

DUTY GROUP– Play Reading Group
CONVENORS: - Iris Mee (425-7934) & Lorna Laxton (422-7840)

The programme will be as follows:-

9:15 a.m.	Duty Group arrives to set up
9:45 a.m.	Assemble
10:00 a.m.	AGM Commences
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea
10:45 a.m.	General Business
11:15 a.m.	Guest Speaker – David Cross “Reflections on early days of General Medical Practice in the Warkworth area”

NB: *The Duty Group should prepare the room for the Meeting attend to morning tea and re-instate the room after the meeting The Hall will be open from 9.15 a.m.*

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006 COMMITTEE

Our constitution states the Committee should comprise at least 6 members and not more than 10. Nominations shall be called for either the position of President or a committee member. At our recent Committee Meeting six of the present Committee members indicated a willingness to continue and two are retiring. A Nomination Form is included should you wish to nominate someone, or put yourself forward.

It is not an onerous job, but an important one, as new members always bring new ideas to the table to ensure that our Organisation does not become static. It is in your hands. Please note the receipt deadline of February 7th

GUEST SPEAKER:

David Cross:

“Half an hour is such a short time in which to compress forty years of work experience” David commented when asked about his talk. David’s wisdom, understanding of people, and professional experience will result in a most thoughtful and interesting commentary on the Warkworth District and medical practice of yesteryear.

GROUP NEWS

From Linda Moore, Groups Co-ordinator:

Greetings and a happy New Year to all, and I hope you will find this year’s U3A activities as stimulating and enjoyable as I always do.

- Note that 2 new groups are being planned – do read the paragraphs about them and ring the convenors if you are interested in joining.
- The Group “Grandparent Writing” will not be running this year.
- There will be a brief meeting of group convenors after the AGM for some house-keeping matters.

NEW GROUPS!

Food around the World:

Are you interested in studying food?

A small group will be meeting for the first time on the fourth Wednesday of February (22nd), at 1:30 p.m. – Venue 54 Ashton Rd, Whangateau.

It is proposed to study the history, botany and culture of various ingredients and also the cuisine of different countries. Maybe some tasting if appropriate!

Please contact Anthea McKergow (ph 422-6219) if you wish to join us.

Opera Appreciation:

I have about twelve good opera or operatic videos, each tape is about 180 minutes – far too long for complete viewing at an ordinary Group meeting, so each could be split over two meetings, or by having a presentation by each member in turn with excerpts from the tape. I need now to collect names of people wishing to join the group. We would then get together and decide on a meeting day. My phone number is 422-9063 if you are interested.

Jim McKinlay

Why not visit a new Group? – You may become a convert.

Diary notes:

The next General Meeting of U3A will be on 10th April. The deadline for inclusion of items in the next Newsletter (due out in March) is 20th March.

Visit your Web Site: www.u3a.co.nz

If you would like your next newsletter sent by email please send a blank message to: yes@u3a.co.nz

**NOMINATION FORM – U3A WARKWORTH
FOR 2006 COMMITTEE**

Nominee Name _____ Signature _____

For position of: (tick the appropriate box) President or Committee Member

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Name _____ Name _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

- Please mail this completed form to:
The Secretary, U3A Warkworth, P O Box 520, Warkworth 1241.
- Completed forms must be received by 7th February 2006 latest.

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SUBSCRIPTION FORM – RENEWAL FOR 2006 YEAR

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ email _____

Single (\$20) Tick box Double (\$35) Tick box

I wish to receive my newsletters by email Tick box

I do not wish to renew my subscription for 2006 Tick box

Survey on <u>Annual Christmas Luncheon</u> : - see comment from the President at the start of the newsletter.	
<u>Tick your preference:</u>	<input type="radio"/> Continue as before.
	<input type="radio"/> Change to a mid-winter luncheon.
	<input type="radio"/> Encourage Groups to hold a Group dinner/luncheon
	<input type="radio"/> Discontinue
Other suggestions _____	

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U3A WARKWORTH STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

February - March 2006

STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	Date	February	Date	March
Ancient History	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	3rd	"Bog People" - Video 19 Katene Place, Snells Beach	3rd	TBA
Book Talk	Lorraine Edwards	422-7071	10:00 a.m.	7th	85 Point Wells Rd, Point Wells	7th	2/5 Walton Ave, Warkworth
Current Affairs	Elaine Ellison-Smith	425-9138	2:00 p.m.	16th	2/5 Walton Ave, Warkworth	16th	14 Coquette St, Warkworth
Film Appreciation	Beulah Heaven	425-6545	Varies	27th	Ring Beulah for information	27th	Ring Beulah for information
Food around the World **** NEW ****	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	1:30 p.m.	22nd	See Anthea for details **** NEW ****	22nd	TBA
Jazz Listening	Graham Ryburn	425-0536	2:00 p.m.	16th	Jazz Trumpets 4 Melwood Drive, Warkworth	16th	TBA
Mediaeval History	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	17th	Bloody Mary 38 Kauwau View Rd, Snells Beach	17th	The Merchant Ship "Batavia" 9 Hexham St, Warkworth
Music Appreciation	Pip Perrins	425-6889	1:30 p.m.	2nd	The Waltz 14 Coquette St, Warkworth	2nd	Death of Dr Klinghoffer 1216 Sandspit Rd, Sandspit
NZ Art Appreciation	Berris Spicer	422-2685	10:00 a.m.	1st	A Contemporary NZ Artist, plus planning session 7 Thompson Rd, Warkworth	1st	TBA
Opera Appreciation **** NEW ****	Jim McKinlay	422-9063			See note in Newsletter and contact Jim **** NEW ****		
Play Reading	Iris Mee & Lorna Laxton	425-7934 422-7840	9:30 a.m.	14th	D.Williamson's "Face to Face" 19 Puriri Place, Brick Bay	14th	25 Gordon Craig Place, Algies Bay
Poetry Reading	Yolande Carter	425-5988	1:30 p.m.	15th	Pot-Pourri of favourite poems 1 Hibiscus Ave, Snells Beach	15th	TBA
Stories from Life- An Incident in your Life	Joan Romano	425-5517	1:30 p.m.	13th	35 Alnwick St, Warkworth	13th	Venue TBA