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From the President

I am still enthusing about my three and a half week trip to Wellington where the main focus was on the International Festival of the Arts. For me, there were also three days in the Wairarapa and time on the Kapiti Coast catching up with old friends. At the end of the Festival came the Writers and Readers Week and it was there that I met and talked to so many Warkworth people as they too lined up for coffee between sessions or agonised over which books to add to their shelves at home. Happily there were also some ex-Warkworthians and U3A members - amongst them Amy, and Glenda and George. It was so nice to catch up with them again.

Returning home to the first meeting of our new Committee it was a pleasure to welcome Elaine, Lorna and Jocelyn. Their contributions will be appreciated. Elaine and Lorna have undertaken the task of arranging speakers for our general meetings and Jocelyn is treasurer.

The Committee felt that you, the Members, had given a clear indication of your wishes regarding the U3A social events, and I have to thank all who contributed to the survey by stating your preference. As a result of the survey, this year we are planning a mid-year luncheon following our June meeting. At Christmas time, when it seems that many are preoccupied with other events, the individual groups will be left to decide how they would like to celebrate the end of the year.

Papatoetoe U3A are organising The Auckland Network **Conference 2006** scheduled for 30th May, at the Greenlane Christian Centre in Auckland. The subject for the day is "*Are we our nation's worst enemies?*" There are two excellent speakers, Dr John Walsby and Mr Jack Craw. The tickets are \$25 and include lunch. If you would like a ticket, please contact me at home (425 7934) or see me at the General Meeting on 10th April.

Iris Mee
President

Editor's Desk

Jocelyn our new Treasurer has asked me to thank everyone who has paid this year's subscriptions, but as a reminder for those who are yet to write out their cheque, a subscription form is enclosed with this newsletter. If you have paid and receive an enclosed reminder, please contact Jocelyn so that the records can be corrected.

The number of Members who have nominated to receive Newsletters by email is steadily increasing and if you wish to join that group just send a blank email to yes@u3a.co.nz and I will add your name to the list.

Now on a personal crusade. Since we moved to Warkworth we have found the radio reception for National Radio and Concert FM is very poor. I don't know if that is because of our location, or whether it's a general problem in the District. Our local unsatisfactory reception became obvious after a few days stay in Auckland recently where again I was able to get clear, static-free programs.

I have talked to the people in Wellington responsible for that sort of thing and their reply was: "We have limited funds to deal with these problems, and it is up to the Politicians to make the move".

If there are any other members who are having a similar experience, I'd be pleased to hear from you so that we can start action to fix the problem, if indeed there is one.

You will notice on the back page of this newsletter is a new list of your committee and their contact numbers.

Alan Spicer, Newsletter and Web Editor

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10th April, 9.45 am at the New Masonic Hall
(The entrance is on top floor of Council/New World car park building)
Note that parking spaces in the parking building can be short.

10.00 am Meeting Commences

DUTY GROUP– Jazz Listening Group
CONVENOR: - Graham Ryburn (phone: 425-0536)

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.	General Business
	Mini Speaker – Christa Melville
	“Tapestry art”
10.40 a.m.	Morning Tea
11:00 a.m.	Main Speaker – Dr Roger Grace
	“The Ecological Benefits of Marine Reserves”

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.*

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Christa Melville:

Christa is well known locally as proprietor of Wilson House, the home of Tapestry Decor, near the old cement works in Wilson Rd, Warkworth. Christa will talk to us on her specialty of traditional European woven tapestry and canvas art.

Dr Roger Grace:

Roger is a marine biologist and underwater photographer who discovered several new marine species when SCUBA diving during the 1960s and 1970s with other well-know underwater pioneers – Kelly Tarlton and Bill Palmer. His early interest in the sea lead him to become one of New Zealand's most prominent marine biologists. Roger's studies on establishing Marine Reserves at Mimiwhangata and Tawharanui will no doubt set the scene for his talk on the Ecological Benefits of Marine Reserves.

GROUP NEWS

From the Groups Co-ordinator:

I hope everyone has found a study group to their liking and is happily involved.

Some housekeeping matters for Group Convenors: Please could you let me have a copy of your group membership list if I don't already have this, and phone me if you don't have the hall layout plan and instructions for restoring the Masonic Hall when your group is on duty. (There is also a plan on the hall wall, near the kitchen.)

All study group members: Your group Convenor will have given you a list of all group members, with their addresses and phone numbers. Please keep this in your U3A file, as it will be handy if you need to ring in an apology for non-attendance. (Everyone DOES ring if unable to attend a meeting – don't they? You can ring your group convenor if you don't know who your host is.)

All groups will again be submitting a short paragraph to the Newsletter, detailing the group's activities, at some stage in the year. This was very popular last year. It is up to the group convenor to make sure this is done, but the convenors don't have to be the writers. Please send a copy to Alan Spicer (email: alan.spicer@xtra.co.nz or Post: P O Box 444, Warkworth) in the middle of the month of your turn.

Group news submissions as follows:

May Newsletter: Ancient History, Music Appreciation, Poetry Reading groups.

July Newsletter: Book Talk, Mediaeval History, Play Reading groups.

September Newsletter: Film Appreciation, NZ Art Appreciation, Jazz Listening.

November Newsletter: Writing Stories of your life group.

With the groups who have already contributed this year, that's everyone. Of course, your group may write more than once a year, but we must give every group at least one turn.

Hoping everyone has a very happy and worthwhile year,

Linda Moore, Groups Co-ordinator

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

Diary notes:

The next General Meeting of Warkworth U3A will be on 12th June.
The deadline for inclusion of items in the next Newsletter (due out in May) is 20th May.

U3A Regional Conference

Tuesday May 30th, 9:30 a.m.
Greenlane Christian Centre, Marewa Rd. (Off Southern Motorway)
Contact President Iris for tickets.

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U3A WARKWORTH STUDY GROUP MEETINGS
April - May 2006

STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	Date	April	Date	May
Ancient History	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	7th	Ancient Rock Art 14 Kitty Fraser Lane, Omaha (Jim)	5th	Video - "The story of ONE" 19 Katene Place, Snells Beach (Rita)
Book Talk	Lorraine Edwards	422-7071	10:00 a.m.	4th	Chez Vivienne 57 Willjames Ave, Algies Bay	2nd	Chez Angela Kissling 654 Takatu Rd, Matakana
Current Affairs	Elaine Ellison-Smith	425-9138	2:00 p.m.	20th	99 Sharp Rd (Peggy)	18th	35 Rivendell Place, Warkworth (Elaine)
Film Appreciation	Beulah Heaven	425-6545	Varies	24th	Ring Beulah for information	22nd	Ring Rita Boswell for information ph: 425-6078
Food around the World	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	1:30 p.m.	26th	Beulah on Turkish Food Claire Sims, 2 Merehai Place, Snells Beach	24th	Pacific Food Christine Gardiner, 22a Westpark Glen, Warkworth
Jazz Listening	Graham Ryburn	425-0536	2:00 p.m.	20th	Shelly Manne, Drummer & Friends Rod & Barbara O'Neil's, 20 Twilight Bay, Omaha	18th	Smooth Jazz Graham Ryburn's, 4 Melwood Drive, Warkworth
Mediaeval History	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	21st	Sir Walter Raleigh 38 Kawau View Rd, Snells Beach - (Daphne)	19th	TBA 198 Sandspit Rd, Warkworth - (Helen)
Music Appreciation	Pip Perrins	425-6889	1:30 p.m.	6th	The Death of Klinghoffer 1216 Sandspit Rd, Sandspit. - (Bev.T)	4th	Meaningful Lyrics 44 Fidelis Avenue, Snells Beach - (Pip)
NZ Art Appreciation	Berris Spicer	422-2685	10:00 a.m.	5th	New Zealand Photography Jennifer Froude's, Jones Rd, Omaha	3rd	Art's Desire Gallery Neville St, Warkworth - (Mona)
Play Reading	Iris Mee & Lorna Laxton	425-7934 422-7840	9:30 a.m.	11th	D.Williamson's "Charitable Intent" 1001 Sandspit Rd, Sandspit - (Iris)	9th	TBA
Poetry Reading	Yolande Carter	425-5988	1:30 p.m.	19th	John Kinsella 54 Ashton Rd, Whangateau	17th	Humerous Poems - BYO 5 Deerness Crescent, Algies Bay
Writing Stories of Your Life	Joan Romano	425-5517	1:30 p.m.	10th	Chez Monica 45b Alnwick St, Warkworth	8th	Chez Nola 24 Melwood Drive, Warkworth