



U3A WARKWORTH

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From the President

CHATS FROM THE CHAIR - 30 July 2103

In this issue of the newsletter I would like to introduce a brief history of U3A in our region. Next year is the 25th Jubilee of U3A in Auckland, and in New Zealand. A group of people, including Dr John Stewart and his wife Marjorie, Dr John Hinchcliff, Nan Lovell-Smith and Rosemary Faull, had all, at various times, visited U3A groups in the U.K. and had returned full of enthusiasm for the idea.

In 1989 a group formed in Remuera with Alison North as the first "Director of Studies". Since then 23 groups have formed in the Auckland area, from Franklin in the South to Warkworth in the North. Representatives from each group get together about four times a year to provide support and exchange information about speakers, ideas for groups etc. The Chairperson of our nearest group, Keith Hanning from Hibiscus Coast will be attending our Mid-winter Lunch on 12 August to tell us a bit about his group.

What follows is the story of the formation of U3A in Warkworth, contributed by our first Secretary, Joan Earl-Daniels:

The Warkworth branch of U3A began with a meeting at the home of John and Joyce Williams in Brick Bay, attended by Dr John Stewart who had started the first New Zealand U3A in Remuera, Auckland. He outlined the aims and origins of U3A in France in the 1960's. Graham Ryburn then arranged a date and venue for John to introduce U3A to Warkworth. A notice was put in the paper, posters were arranged in a dozen areas from Puhoi to Algies Bay, and on Monday 11 November a meeting was held in the Catholic Church Hall with 28 people attending. U3A Warkworth was on its way!

At a meeting in November a committee was formed consisting of

Chairperson	Graham Ryburn
Secretary	Joan Earl-Daniels
Treasurer	Peter Whelan
Social Organiser	Gerald Warner
Newsletter	Christine Gardiner
Groups Convenor	John Clarke

and two others.

The first newsletter (featuring an Academic duck, which unfortunately has not survived) was sent out in January 1997 announcing a meeting on 10 February. Three study groups were formed and a list of fifteen other topics were considered.

Thank you Joan, for your contribution and for all the work you have done for U3A Warkworth in the years since 1996.

There will be more news about the Jubilee in later issues.

That's about enough for now.

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Valma

Editor's Notes:

INTEREST GROUPS – OCCASIONAL VISITS

Referring to my thought/suggestion in the last Newsletter that members might be able to 'dip' into particular subjects that interest them I had hope for some response at the last General Meeting. This did not happen so Valma 'picked up the cudgels' so to speak and contacted each Group Convenor. She was able to speak to all but two.

The following groups were not keen on the idea for the reason that numbers were limited by the space/seating at the home being used.

Local History*

Art Appreciation*

Music Appreciation

Medical Developments

Current Affairs

*These two groups travel and could welcome additional members to fill a coach.

However if a member was interested it could be worth contacting the Convenor beforehand to see if was possible for another to attend.

Jazz Listening & Play Reading would also welcome the occasional visitor but again check with the Convenor that space is available.

Please Note: Newsletter's have been sent from a Gmail address but ALL contact with me should be via the stated Clearnet address.

Nigel E Swaffield, Editor

**Month: AUGUST
GENERAL
MEETING**

**Monday *August 12th* ,
11.00a.m. at Stables
Restaurant, Matakana
Lunch commences at
about 12:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker: (August)

MARTIN FARRAND

Owens a 100 year old NZ built 6m yacht. He will talk about a visit to Scandinavia and Newport, Rhode Island

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Wiki Walker

Ailsa Wilson

Christine Wornham

Mini Speaker:

No speaker for this meeting

Group News:**Group 1: Creative Writing**

The group has been meeting for eighteen months and has settle into being a constructive small group of writers. By getting to know each other we have become comfortable reading our work and freer in our writing. At each meeting we discuss the basics of writing, presentation and editing and enjoy what we are doing. Our group is small and if anyone is interested in joining please contact the convenor.

Group News submissions for October/November

Please e-mail to Editor at n-dswaff@clear.net.nz before September 23th 2013

Interest Groups

Below is a list of some of the interest groups of other clubs. Any member interested in forming a new Interest Group should discuss this with the Committee.

Nautical History

Modern History

Military History

NZ History

Painters Group

Gallery Visits

Theatre Visits (inc NT at Matakana)

Discovering churches

Philosophers

Famous and Infamous people

Photography

Singing for pleasure

Crime & Detection

Film & Television

Armchair travelers

Classical Studies

Group Programmes for October/November:

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MISCELLANEOUS

Interest Groups – Meetings Schedules

I understand that some members who receive this be e-mail would like to have a printed copy but do not possess a printer. Printed copies will be made available at each General Meeting. This is the best that can be done without reverting to a conventional mail sending for all members.

Contact details:

Please advise the Membership Secretary, Mary-Alice Ryburn (425 0536) when you change your address, phone number or e-mail address, so that we can continue to communicate with you.

Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are now well overdue. Please make sure your sub has been paid by checking with the Treasurer Geoffrey Bowes (425 4639) or the Membership Secretary- see above.

Mid Year Lunch:

Being held at The Stables 12 August 2013 starting at 1100. Due to demand the cut off date for enrolment has been put back to 5 August 2013.

Please advise Geoffrey Bowes if you would like to come (425 4639). Cost is \$10 per member AND PAYABLE AT THE DOOR,if you have not already paid

Duty Groups:

October: Food for Thought

November: Jazz Listening

DID YOU KNOW

'That there were aristocrats so terrified of the lower orders that they had the staff wash the small change they had amassed after visits to the smarter shops. That farthing or threepenny bit has been touched by common people might be contaminated'

*Servants: A Downstairs View Of
Twentieth-Century Britain*
By Lucy Lethbridge

'By its nature, or supernature, royalty gets credit for whatever is good and evades blame for whatever is bad. Two centuries ago, the Journalist William Cobbett noticed that the Brits referred to the Royal Mint but the *national debt*.'

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