



## U3A WARKWORTH

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### President

Greetings to you all - Members of U3A Warkworth.

Firstly let me remind you all that our **Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 8 December at the Totara Park Hall at 10am.**

After the Speaker we will adjourn for some Christmas Cheer – finger food, wine, tea and coffee. I hope you will all, health permitting, make the effort to be there and to participate in the discussions and voting. At this Meeting we will elect a Committee for the next 12 months. At this stage the following current Committee members have indicated that they will make themselves available for the Committee – Chris Hoogerwerf, Ernie Gidman, Mary Alice Ryburn, Vivienne Mickelson, Nigel Swaffield and myself (Geoffrey Bowes). Mary Miller has said she will stand and I understand another Member will also stand, however we can do with more members on the Committee. If you would like to stand please ring me and talk it over (Geoffrey 425 4639). The maximum allowed in our Constitution is 10. Please think about this. **A nomination form is enclosed.**

The following are stepping down from the Committee – Tim Ellison (actually stood down last month), Valma Gidman and Victor Hopwood. I thank them all for their commitment to our U3A.

I recently noticed that the Whangarei U3A had a large number of groups however they also have a great deal more members. But this led the Committee to talk about Groups and indeed are we meeting our Members needs, Suggestion for new Groups are given below and I will also bring this up at the AGM, I welcome suggestions from you all. If you think there is an activity that could warrant attention please ring me (Geoffrey 4254639)

I would also like to thank our small group that helped on the stall during the Kowhai Festival. I think it is good that we were represented at a Community activity.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish all Members and their whanau a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

Geoffrey Bowes  
President

### Editorial:

#### SLAVERY – AN ONGOING INTERNATIONAL DISGRACE

The ‘Scary Statistic’ panel in this edition relates to Slavery. Because it is, I believe something that we all need to be aware of for any thing to be done about I have chose to research and write about it further.

The subject has receive much attention in the media over the last week or so (20.11.14) in particular if you log on to:

[www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/morningreport](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/morningreport)

and then ‘Episodes’ and go to the November 18<sup>th</sup> items and listen to:

“Estimated 600 people enslaved in New Zealand” (3m 48s) &

“Report say 600 people are enslaved in New Zealand” (3m 59s)

You will learn more about the problem in this country.

There are a number of definitions of SLAVERY. Three of the most apt are:

- **The subjection of a person to another person, especially in being forced into work.**
- **One person takes another persons liberty thus enslaving them.**
- **Work done in harsh conditions for low pay**

Statistics from today's global landscape of slavery:

1. An estimated 29.8 million people live in modern slavery today
2. Slavery generates US\$32 billion for traffickers globally each year
3. Approximately 78% of victims are enslaved for labor, 22% of victims are enslaved for sex
4. 55% of slavery victims are women and girls
5. 26% of slaves today are children under the age of 18
6. Iceland, Ireland and the United Kingdom tied for the ranking of 160 in the 2013 Global Slavery Index. However, even with the top ranking in the survey, these countries are not free from slavery. In the United Kingdom alone, there are an estimated 4,200 to 4,600 victims of slavery. In Australia the estimation is 6000 and in New Zealand 600  
**Rankings are determined based on three factors: a country's estimated slavery prevalence by population, a measure of child marriage and a measure of human trafficking.**
7. The country with the highest percentage of of its population in slavery is Mauritania with approximately 4% of the total population enslaved. This amounts to roughly 140,000 to 160,000 people enslaved — Mauritania's total population is only a mere 3.8 million.
8. India has the largest number of slavery victims at a horrifying 14 million

Nigel E Swaffield, Editor

### SCARY FACTS – SLAVERY

**Of human bondage**

Three women were found apparently being in slavery in south London. According to the Global Index on Slavery, there are 29.8 million slaves around the world compared with 25 million in 2008. Which countries have most slavery?

Slaves per million population

Country	Slaves per million population
Mauritania	40,900
Haiti	30,600
Pakistan	11,800
India	11,290
Nepal	9,420

Percentage

Country	Percentage
Iceland	68
Ireland	69
U.K.	70
New Zealand	112
Switzerland	130

### SLAVERY – A HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH



## U3A EVENTS

### UK Universities Tour - August 1915

Supported by U3A Melbourne City following successful tours in previous years appreciated by many U3A members. The tour departs Australia on August 1<sup>st</sup> and finishes on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It includes stays at the universities of Exeter, Oxford, Cumbria, St Andrews, Durham, Cambridge and LSE. The inclusive cost is AU\$11,837.00 pp with an Early Bird saving of AU\$300.00 for bookings before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Flier and more details contact our Secretary.

## AGM

A raffle will be held and tickets will be available at the door, price \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. There will be one prize with a value of \$75.00.

### Guest Speaker: (December)

Eye specialist, **Dr Mark Donaldson** will be presenting on what **glaucoma** is, how it is detected and treatment options.

## MEMBERSHIP

### COMMITTEE

An influx of new members is needed to assist with the running of the club. Please contact Geoffrey Bowes if you are interested and a nomination form is included below.

### AUDIO/VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

A volunteer is required to assist with the setting up of this equipment at our meeting when this is required. Please contact the Secretary or President if you are able to help.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION** Your committee have decided that this will remain at \$20.00 (single) and \$35.00 (double)

### NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Malvene Rohloff - [1937malv@gmail.com](mailto:1937malv@gmail.com)

Michael Penn - [michael.penn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:michael.penn@xtra.co.nz)

### BI-MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting is on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. As a reminder The General Meeting takes place on the second Monday of every other month.

### DUTY GROUPS:

DECEMBER: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Duty groups are selected in order from the Meetings Group Schedule, ie the next Duty Group for FEBRUARY 2015 will be Jazz Listening.

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## NOMINATION FORM

### U3A WARKWORTH - 2014 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, 0941.
- **Completed forms must be received by December 5th 2014.**

## OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS?

### "Bioethics and Film"- Summer School

The University of Otago is running a Summer School paper in Auckland this year called "Bioethics and Film". The course is taught in a Block Course Format, from 9.00-5.00 on 16, 17, 18 January; 30, 31 Jan, 1 Feb.

If you think that this may be of interest to some of your members I can give you more details if you contact me on my email address.

Dr Lynne Bowyer" [lynne.bowyer@otago.ac.nz](mailto:lynne.bowyer@otago.ac.nz)

### Auckland Natural History Club

My name is Sharleen Bishop and I am a committee member and webmaster of the Auckland Natural History Club. Our club has some things in common with U3A in that we have a mature membership and we also focus on learning (natural history and local history in our case). We do fortnightly trips either in the bush/ coastal or city walks. In addition we have a study morning quarterly with a guest speaker on a conservation/natural history topic, and also two weekends away per year.

Our club is a very old Auckland club (established in 1925) that grew out of Auckland University's botany department. One of the most popular features of the club is that we have a chartered bus for our walks and have three pick-up points covering the wider Auckland area.

We are wondering if there might be some U3A members who would enjoy the activities/learning opportunities in our club. We would be very grateful if you were able to send our contact details (website address) out to your branches highlighting what we do and inviting any enquiries.

[www.aucklandnaturalhistoryclub.org](http://www.aucklandnaturalhistoryclub.org)

### U3A Norfolk Island – Visit Us

A U3A Group was incorporated in Norfolk Island (pop circa 1500) in 2013. They now have 63 members. Together with a local travel company they have put together a special one week travel package. As well as including air fares, car hire, accommodation and access to local historic and other sites the package includes involvement with U3A activities and members. It seems to be very good value for money at from \$1499.00 per person. All the information will be found on a flier that is being held by our Secretary.

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

28th, 29th May 2015 BRISBANE CITY HALL, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Speakers from: Australia, England, France, India, Mauritius, Portugal and Singapore.

Organised by **U3A Network Queensland Inc. & U3A Asia Pacific Alliance**

### Special Interest Group News:

There is one report this month from the Convenor of **Current Affairs**.

As usual we have had an interesting year and at present we have around 20 members. A wide variety of topics have been aired, ranging from what children around the world eat for breakfast through to the current rather worrying state of the world and a great deal more in between.

At our latest meeting we discussed the seemingly inevitable spread of Ebola, with one member putting forward a radical and controversial theory that the more we do to reach out and 'help' the worse the situation will become. According to one medical school of thought, the only way to halt the spread of this deadly disease is to isolate infected people immediately, leave them alone, sedate them, burn down their huts and cremate the bodies, not bury them. Also, efforts should be made to eradicate the fruit bat in West Africa as evidently this is the source of the virus.

This year's general election came and went without much comment at all. In contrast, a great deal of discussion has centred around local matters - how and why did Rodney manage to get railroaded into becoming a cash cow for the Auckland City! It was completely undemocratic and has proved to be something of a disaster for our region, especially since the latest budget cuts mean that our roads maintenance will be almost negligible for the next decade. Many of us support the Northern Action Group in its renewed bid to break away from the super city's tentacles.

Another controversial topic that recently has had an airing - should N.Z. be involved in the fight against ISIS, and to what extent?

No doubt there'll be plenty of developments to discuss over the following year - life could get tedious without these knotty problems to try and solve over a cup of tea.

**Val Strachan, Convenor**

**It would be great if there were more interest group reports (Ed)**

**Medical Group:** Mary Miller is the new Convenor for this group

### Special Interest Groups News

Please e-mail to Group Convenor at [clmh@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clmh@xtra.co.nz) before January 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, or earlier if possible.

### Special Interest Group Programmes for December/January:

Please e-mail to Group Convenor at [clmh@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clmh@xtra.co.nz) before January 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, or earlier if possible.

### GENERAL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE - 2015

January	12 <sup>th</sup>	Committee
February	9 <sup>th</sup>	General
March	9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee
April	13 <sup>th</sup>	General
May	11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee
June	8 <sup>th</sup>	General
July	13 <sup>th</sup>	Committee
August	10 <sup>th</sup>	General
September	14 <sup>th</sup>	Committee
October	12 <sup>th</sup>	General
November	9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee
December	14 <sup>th</sup>	General

### COMMITTEE 2014

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### SECOND DUMBO (BLONDE)

Two blondes are walking down the street. One notices a compact on the pavement and picks it up. She opens it, looks in the mirror and says, "Hmm, this person looks familiar." Her blonde friend says, "Here, let me see!" So the first blonde hands her the compact. The second one looks in the mirror and says, "You dummy, it's me!"