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WARKWORTH Quarterly Newsletter—May 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings everyone.

I urge all members thinking of attending our Mid-year lunch to book NOW. Phone Ernie (425 9869) as cut-off date is 12 noon June 5th. This is a very popular event and a wonderful chance to catch up with other members and hear the Matakataka Group. It would be great to have your support.

I also urge members considering putting their name forward for our Committee, to talk to a Committee member; you will learn it is not an onerous task but rather an opportunity to contribute to U3A. Your Committee is now talking to members with a view to co-opting them to put their name forward at the AGM. There are only 6 meetings yearly!

I was surprised to learn that 13 members have not paid their subs. Please check and if you have forgotten, act now by phoning Ernie.

As you are aware Duty Groups are rostered for General Meetings at Totara Park. As a reminder, Clare needs 2 people from the Duty Group to help in the kitchen with the others putting out chairs etc in the meeting room. After the meeting, the Group puts the chairs etc back and vacuums the 'eating area'. We are very dependent on these Groups and most grateful for their efforts. If you have any questions on the duties involved, please ask Clare or myself. I am writing this from Martinborough where I am house and dog sitting. CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK – it's so cold here.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

As Geoffrey says, we need 2 new Committee members. Will you be one of them? We are a great bunch to work with and have very good morning teas at our meetings.

2017

U3A WARKWORTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Geoffrey Bowes	425 4639
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Membership		
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Warkworth U3A Meeting Dates - 2017

June	12 th	Mid-winter lunch
July	10 th	Committee
August	7 th	General
September	11 th	Committee
October	9 th	General
November	13 th	Committee
December	11 th	General and AGM

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STUDY GROUP INFORMATION: many thanks to Mary-Alice Ryburn for collating and supplying this information. A huge thanks also to the Convenors; they provide us the opportunity for continuing and enjoyable learning.



Study Group	June	July	August
All About Plants 10 am 4th Thursday Gail Morrison 422 3717 Tonara Cuthill 902 9294	Medieval Plants Tonara Cuthill 16 Coquette St Warkworth	Plants that Inspired Children's Stories Julie Dowland 1124 Sandspit Rd	Succulents Shirley Shirley 46 Ashmore Cres Warkworth
Ancient History 9.30 am 1st Friday Pam Bosch 425 6384	The Stevenson Name in History 390 Pukapuka Rd Mahurangi West	Bits & Pieces: (1) How Cycles Determine History 12 Piper Lane Snells Beach	Bits & Pieces: (2) How Cycles Determine History 65 Alnwick St Warkworth
Art Appreciation 2nd Wednesday - check times with Convener Dagmar Kammler 425 9181	June 14 th Auckland Art Gallery bus trip – 'The Body Laid Bare'	July 12 th TBA	TBA
Book Talk 10.00 am 1st Tuesday Dagmar Kammler 425 9181	Ina Shaw 17 View Rd Warkworth	Angela Kissling 18 Melwood Dve Warkworth	Jenny Noakes 65 Anderson Rd Matakana
Current Affairs 2.00 pm 3rd Thursday John Patrick 425 0001	TBA	TBA	TBA
Developments in Medicine 2 pm 4th Thursday Mary Miller 425 6301	Each member to bring an item of medical news 45 Ashmore Cres Warkworth	The Larynx and the Voice 21 Tamatea Drive Snells Beach	The First Nine Months of Life 390 Pukapuka Rd Mahurangi West
Jazz Listening 2.00 pm 3rd Monday Val Couling 425 5766	Mike Nisbet presents 22 Kawau View Rd Snells Beach	Jazz Jury 25 Gordon Craig Place Algies Bay	Dave presents Blue Gum Drive Warkworth
Local History 10.00 am 4th Tuesday Lorna Laxon 422 3562	Sharing - Our Treasures 15A Coquette St Warkworth	Sharing - Our 'hard- case' Stories Ashton Rd Whangateau	Sharing - Our Pioneer Profiles Venue: TBA
Music Appreciation 1.30 pm 1st Thursday Malcolm Clague 425 9945	Understanding Opera 23 David William Pl Warkworth	Classical Vienna & the Hapsburgs' Influence 23 David William Pl Warkworth	Music & Movement 14 Coquette St Warkworth
Play Reading 9.30 am 2nd Tuesday Pam Ellender 422 2493	'Charley's Aunt' – Complete Reading 5 Matakana Rd	Begin 'Othello' reading 38 Kawau View Rd Snells Beach	Complete 'Othello' 38 Kawau View Rd Snells Beach
Poetry Reading 1.30 pm 3rd Wednesday Daphne Cocker 425 0570	Estuary Arts Orewa	Sheilah Jowsey on Anthony de Mello 69b Wilson Rd Warkworth	Judith Mc Neil on Emily Dickinson 15a Coquette St Warkworth

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TITBITS:

A REMINDER - U3A IN ACTION DAY:

Friday September 29th – Mary Miller says *‘those of us who have attended previously have found it most valuable. It is ‘first in, first served’ so book early to ensure a ticket.’*

The enrolment form is attached at the end of the newsletter with the necessary information.

NEW MEMBERS – a warm welcome to Lyn Dromgool and Ginette Ayers. We hope you enjoy your time and learning with us.

ART APPRECIATION:

Dagmar presented a very informative and entertaining talk on the importance of ‘Art Participation’ for the 22 members at our group on May 3rd. She explained that engaging with an art installation gives an understanding of the work and offers the opportunity to gain social and political awareness.

We were shown a 1970’s art installation of a naked man and a naked woman standing either side of the entry door to a gallery - anyone entering the gallery would have to touch either one or both the models as the entrant slid through the narrow gap. Imagine how you might handle this and the questions it might give rise to for you.

Dagmar also discussed a book by Lee Mingwei about the art of participation *‘Lee Mingwei and His Relations’*. During his visit to New Zealand, Lee carried out an exercise in which he wrote to his dead grandmother relating his experiences and knowledge that he wanted her to know of.

He also collected 10 stones and, once home, cast each stone in bronze. People could purchase one but had to choose between the real stone or the bronze casting. The one not chosen was thrown away!

CHANGE OF CONVENERS:

A big thank you to Clare Hamel, who along with providing awesome morning teas for meetings, has been Convener of the All About Plants group. Clare has stepped down and Tonara Cuthill and Gail Morrison have stepped up. Thanks to you both the group can continue. Does another group have a new Convener or a change of contact details? Please let us know.

MORE ON MORNING TEA AND THE DUTY ROSTER: (we hope to have this topic finalised by 2019)

Just when we thought it was sorted, it wasn’t. So, here is the lowdown on what is needed from Duty Groups for General meetings. (Some changes relate to requirements for the Totara Park Hall Committee.)

‘It would be appreciated if 3 members from the nominated Duty Group could be at Totara Park Hall by 9.30 on meeting day to put out tea and coffee cups, make and serve tea and coffee and clean up afterwards. This includes putting away chairs, vacuuming and generally ensuring the areas are tidy.

And here is the Duty Group roster for the rest of 2017. The June meeting is excluded because of the mid-winter lunch. (Please, if your group is not mentioned, don’t fret, you will get a turn)

August 14th	ALL ABOUT PLANTS
October 9th	ANCIENT HISTORY
December 11th	DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICINE

Please, if your group is listed, note the date and organise to have 3 people attend that meeting to help. I understand U3A will be fined if we do not clean the hall appropriately and we do not want a black mark against our name.

GENERAL MEETING – August 14th:

Barbara Wedde is the main speaker; her topic is ‘**Juvenal the Roman Satirist. Things never change do they?**’ This will be followed with discussion on how Ovid’s work relates to modern issues. Barbara is a member of Remuera U3A Latin Group; she is a dynamic and humorous speaker. This talk may well change your opinion of the Ancient Romans and the study of Latin!

Our own **Keith Hopner** is the August mini-speaker on ‘3 D Printing of Human Tissue’.

AN ITEM FROM REMUERA U3A:

A Medical Survey is to be run by Southern Clinical Trials Remuera, headed by Dr Phillipa Murray.

They will study whether the risk of colds and flu or chest infections, during the winter flu season, can be reduced by an investigational treatment. To participate you must be 65 years or older. To learn more about the research phone Dr Phillipa Murray, 021 836908 or email the research team at sctrialsremuera@yahoo.co.nz

MID-WINTER LUNCHEON:

The President of Hibiscus Coast U3A, Chris Curtis and Vice President, Kay MacLean, have been invited to the mid-winter luncheon. Chris is the author of a historical novel '**Exits and Entrances**'. The book is being launched (St Stephen's Anglican Church, 3 Stanmore Bay Road, Whangaparaoa) at 12 midday on Sunday June 18th. Chris will talk about her book briefly at our luncheon and will bring a few pre-launch copies.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

In any group or committee, a lot of ‘stuff’ goes on behind the scenes. Not the sort of ‘stuff’ you may be thinking of, though that may happen and I would be totally unaware of it.

The sort of ‘stuff’ I’m thinking of is the stuff that glues a group together, the stuff that makes meetings happen (with marvellous catering) and establishes a system that allows mid-winter lunches and AGM’s to magically take place and information to be gathered and issued as a newsletter. With that in mind, I thought you may be interested to know the process for getting the newsletter delivered to your computer or mailbox.

Information starts being delivered to me from Group Conveners or Committee members, usually in the second week of the relevant month. I edit articles, do lay-out etc. When I receive last minute Study Group information, a copy of the draft newsletter is emailed to a committee member for proof reading. When this is completed, I email the finished product to the IT/Sub-Editor who emails it to members. I endeavour to get the newsletter delivered to the IT/Sub-Editor at least 4 days prior to the end of the relevant month.

The Sub-Editor emails the newsletter to Copyworks who print the required number of hardcopies and name and address labels. Our secretary (thank you, Vivienne) collects the newsletters and labels from Copyworks, buys envelopes, inserts the newsletters into envelopes and posts them.

So, you can see this is a team effort requiring commitment. And it can be that ‘stuff’ happens during the weeks of preparation that delays the process for any one of the team working on the newsletter. I hope you are not too inconvenienced if the newsletter is a few days late and find the end result worthwhile anyway.

A useful thought I received on a card recently: ‘Age and treachery will triumph over youth and skill’.

When having lunch at Ransom Wines recently a vociferous group were seated at the long table in the foyer. My husband and I wondered about the group and what the occasion was. It turned out it was a wine tasting group (makes sense, I guess) from U3A, Hobsonville. We wished them luck with their tasting; they were still debating the pros and cons of each wine more than an hour later when we left!



U3A in Action - 2017

Auckland, 29th September 2017

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AUCKLAND U3A NETWORK WELCOMES YOU TO A DAY OF CELEBRATION

St Chad's Church, Auditorium, 38 St Johns Road Meadowbank.

Friday September 29th 2017

Cutting Edge Speaker. Presentations from U3A Study Groups.

Morning tea and lunch – all inclusive - \$20

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Registration Form

Please complete and post to: **U3A Network, PO Box 317 025, Hobsonville 0664**

Or attach to an email to: u3a.network@outlook.com

Name		U3A	
Phone	Email	Cross out which does not apply	
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<p>Please pay the \$20 fee for the day, by one of the following methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By internet banking. [see next page] • Make a bank deposit to our account [see next page] • Mail cheque and form to the address above • PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR REGISTRATION FORM 			
<p>For more information or answers to questions, contact: Fay Weatherly (09)473 0324 [fweatherly@xtra.co.nz] or email us at u3a.network@outlook.com</p>			

We look forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you

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