



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Membership

We planned for a small increase in membership this year and our predictions were correct. Currently we have 1,000 members and based on historical figures 183 members will not renew their membership but more new members will increase overall U3A membership. Chris Winstanley is pleased with her new digital membership renewal system and the increasing technical expertise of our members. 51% of renewals this year used PayPal compared to 38% last year and the number of cheques fell from 30% to 18%.

This year Chris has also successively introduced a permanent bar-coded membership card for every member. We have bought a scanner and small computer so that the new plastic cards can be scanned at entry where members subscription status can be assessed. Aidan Kay is going to run a scanner trainer program for the "Front of House" team. Chris, you have ensured your successor as membership secretary is going to have a much easier life - thank you.

Fees

Unchanged. \$35 annual membership fee, \$5 visitor fee for lectures.

Finances

Details available on our website. Tony Thomson, our treasurer has maintained our finances in a healthy state. We posted only a small deficit for the year despite having to buy a new Laptop computer, a small computer to run the scanner, new permanent membership cards and increased rentals for special interest group meetings. The functions with a large income and outgoings are all self-funding. The only exception is the November social function which is paid for by U3A. Tony has asked a reviewer to review our 2016-2017 annual accounts. Since we are a registered charity Tony has sent a report to the Charities Services.

Lecture Programme

Again, a hugely successful year. Thank you, Roger Chapman for organising the Tuesday Lectures and Bruce Medcalf the Friday Lectures. Roger must retire at the AGM, having served his 5 years on the committee but has kindly volunteered to continue generating and sending-out the weekly emails. Alan Wright with help from Ian Goodwin and Colin Sarten has run the technical aspect of the presentations. The projection side has worked very well but the speakers, kindly lent to us by the Abundant Life Church need constant fine tuning. Alan is also retiring at the AGM. Thank you, Alan for your technical skills and cheerful optimism.

Jim Thomson, who organises the "front of house" volunteers reports that everything is in good order. The volunteers enjoy not having to collect the \$3 admission fee which was abolished this year. There is always a willing volunteer nearby if someone forgets or comes on the wrong day. Lecture attendances this year have averaged 191 for Tuesdays and 160 for Fridays. Inevitably this is under recorded as we know quite a few members attend without registering. Professor Nigel Roberts had the largest attendance – 282 members. At the AGM, volunteer forms will be available for members to sign up for 2018. Thank you, Jim.

Although we have some lectures booked for 2018 we need your input and suggestions for speakers in 2018. We like to finalise most of the 2018 programme at our planning meeting on 6th November this year.

Special Interest Groups

Margaret and Ian Garrett have been in close contact with the SIG's especially regarding their expenses. The U3A committee have agreed to meet the following expenses:

- (i) Venue hire costs, including ancillary charges such as internet access but subject to prior approval by the committee.
- (ii) Operating expenses up to a maximum of \$100 per annum per interest group.
- (iii) No remuneration for any costs/charges for food or drink.

Thank you, Margaret and Ian.

The Midweek Film Group has expanded to 50 members and so now offers two films a month, on the 2nd Tuesday and last Wednesday.

Visits and Events

Aidan organised very successful mid-winter lunch at the James Cook where Dave Armstrong was the guest speaker. This venue works very well and therefore has been booked for the 2018 mid-winter lunch. The end-of-year cocktail party at the Victoria Bridge Club was as always, a well-attended and happy occasion. Aidan arranged a marvellous holiday programme which included, Walk Wellington and Art Walks. He has gauged there is sufficient interest to run a day trip to Stonehenge in the Wairarapa during the October holidays. Thank you, Aidan.

Newsletter

Heather Nelson has produced 3 excellent newsletters this year, each containing a wealth of essential information. U3A is very fortunate to have an editor that keeps everyone up to the mark and on time throughout the year. Thank you, Heather.

Victoria University U3A Award

Christine Bogle won the \$2000 award this year and will present her study, "Democratisation in Asia-Pacific monarchies" on Tuesday 5th September.

Website

The revamped website has been a great success. Thank you, Rodger Sparks.

Move to the Embassy

Tuesday 26th September will be our last day at the Paramount. Our 3 years at the Paramount have been good years. It is in the right place for transport, it is the right size for U3A which has allowed us to increase our membership and it is a venue we can afford. Venues like this are very important for Wellington. U3A worked closely with the Wellington Film Society and the Abundant Life Church to try and find a solution for when the building was sold but failed. Our first lecture at the Embassy will be Friday 29th September and the October and November lectures will continue at the Embassy. We are still negotiating with the Embassy about hire fees for 2018 and if these are reasonable we will stay there.

Committee

Chris Winstanley is retiring after completing the huge task of digitalising our membership system. Well done Chris.

Roger Chapman like Chris has served his 5 years and can no longer stay. As well as running the lecture programme Roger has updated our constitution but above all he has been a source of wise council.

Alan Wright our technology support person who has kept our speakers happy and relaxed is retiring.

We are therefore looking for two new committee members for whom job descriptions are on pages 13 and 14 of the Newsletter.

The remaining committee members have accepted their renominations.

A big thank you to Barbara our wonderful secretary.

Peter Hatfield

President

MEMBERSHIP

Membership currently stands at 1,000.

We are pleased to welcome 84 new members to the Wellington City U3A. They are: Natali Allen, Zeke Alley, Ann Atkinson, Beatrice Baigent, Janet Barkas, Russell Bell, Pamela Bramley, Pendreigh Brown, Carl Burgess, David Cameron, Diane Carle, Jocelyn Chalmers, Catherine Chapman, Angela Coleman, Christine Buick Constable, John Cormack, Ross Cuthbert, Sue Dahl, Nicky Darlow, Janet Eden, Trevor English, Emily Friedlander, Phil Glasson, Richard & Rosemary Greager, Doug Helps, Neale Howcroft, Jill Hudson, Joan Isaac, Beverley Jackson, Peter & Wendy Jenkin, John & Jennifer Jenner, Jean Jones, Hilary Keenan, Yun Lee, Margaret Lowe, Sue MacDonald, Kerry Martin, Maurice Manttan, Margaret McGregor, Diane Morcom, Peter Moyes, Jane Muir, Judith & Simon Nathan, Allan Neilson, Allen Ng, Richard Norman, Jennifer Norris, Beverley Orchiston, Jane & Ian Paterson, William & Rosalind Paterson, Kevin Peacock, Martin Penrose, Neil Plimmer, Lesley Pollock, Pat Quinn, Ernie Rosenthal, Jennifer Sarfati, Eva Schellevis, Carol Shand, Wayne Sharman, Paul Stapp, Sue Smith, John Spencer, Carol Stigley, Susan Sutcliffe, Heather Sutton, Pete Targett, Barbara Taylor, Maggie Trodahl, Hilary Troup, George Vignaux, Margaret & Owen Walker, William Wakelin, John Weatherley, Kelly Wright, David & Lynda Young, Noor Azlina Yunus.

Renewals progressed smoothly with an increased uptake of electronic options. Comparison of the systems used in the last two years shows: Paypal 51% (38% 2016), Internet banking 31% (32% 2016), Cheques 18% (30% 2016).

Permanent plastic cards with barcode scanning capabilities have been supplied to all current members. **From now on if you arrive at a lecture without your green card or evidence of your current membership you will be required to pay a visitor fee.**

Scanning trials show the bar code system works smoothly and automatically supplies a record of numbers attending each lecture. Volunteers will still be required to welcome members, show them how to scan their cards, collect money from visitors and sort out any problems.

Through our remaining weeks in the Paramount we will experiment with the new technology while still continuing with the paper system we are used to. At the Embassy, however, when we are all familiar with the new technology, we will give up signing in and rely entirely on the scanning system.

At this point the Committee is looking for a replacement for the role of Membership Secretary as I have already served my five year term on the Committee. The work load attached to the role has been reduced by the implementation of electronic systems for enrolling and renewing as well as the move to permanent membership cards. The role does require a degree of skill with using technology as our records are held on a CRM database. I would be happy to train anyone interested in taking up the role. (Job description on Page 13). I can be contacted to find out what the role involves at phone 478 6178 or by email at winstanley@xtra.co.nz

Chris Winstanley
Membership Secretary

U3A LECTURE PROGRAMME 2017

Lectures are held at the Paramount Theatre, 25 Courtenay Place,
from 10.30 am until 12 noon – Up until 26th September

From 29th September lectures will be held in
The Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Terrace

Friday 25 August

Upping the Ante on Antibiotics

Dr Rob Keyzers

Rob Keyzers from Wellington used his 2016 Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Award to research the use of microbial imaging mass spectrometry to fast-track the discovery of new antibiotics at the Skaggs Institute of Pharmacy, University of California in San Diego. Currently, scientists can culture less than one percent of bacteria that exist on Earth and this one percent has provided most of the antibiotics we currently use in medicine. But resistance to these antibiotics is spreading, so we need to turn to the unculturable bacteria to find new drug candidates.

Tuesday 29 August

My life in film

Gaylene Preston

Gaylene Preston, one of New Zealand's leading producers and directors of feature films and documentaries, discusses her work over the past 40 years. She has received many awards and distinctions for her films, including the Arts Foundation Laureate Award in 2001. She has chaired the Academy of Film and Television Arts and the Film Innovation Fund, and has served on the boards of the NZ Film Commission and NZ on Air. For her services to filmmaking she has received both the New Zealand Order of Merit and the NZ Women of Influence Award. Gaylene was honoured by SPADA becoming Industry Champion 2016.

Friday 1 September

Digital Futures and Learning

Prof Steven Warburton

Professor Warburton has recently been appointed as the first person to hold the newly-created role of Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Digital Futures) at Victoria University. He works closely with Victoria's multidisciplinary group formed to carry out research into new technologies, understanding the impact and possibilities of a digital future and preparing students to be educated citizens in a digital society. Professor Warburton led the strategic vision for the University of Surrey's digital learning environment and was the academic lead for technology and education. He has had extensive involvement in the successful implementation of digital projects, such as the development of active learning spaces and lecture capture that have helped lead Surrey to become one of the top universities in the United Kingdom.

Tuesday 5 September

Prospects for democracy in Asia-Pacific monarchies

Christine Bogle

Christine Bogle is a former New Zealand diplomat who worked for MFAT in Wellington. Overseas she served in Peru and Italy and was Head of Mission in Madrid, Tonga and Mexico City. In 2014 she began a PhD on *Democratisation in Asia-Pacific monarchies: drivers and impediments*, comparing the cases of Tonga, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand in their respective transitions to (or regressions from) democracy. She is the recipient of the 2016 Wellington U3A Victoria University scholarship for mature students. Her talk will describe some of the theories of democratisation, and present some conclusions from the comparative study of the four cases, noting how they conform with or differ from the theory.

Friday 8 September

Antarctica

Kevin Norton

Dr Norton is a **Senior Lecturer** in the School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences at Victoria University. His research aims to determine which processes are responsible for generating the landscapes that we see today and to measure the rates at which they change. He draws on expertise from across the geosciences (e.g. tectonics, petrology, geochemistry,

geomorphology) and applies a variety of methods including; cosmogenic nuclides, geochemical tracers, GIS, surveying, and numerical modelling to geomorphic problems. Using these tools, previous research has focused on topics ranging from historic sediment movement in non-tidal coastal settings, to numerical modelling of glacio-isostatic rebound in alpine settings, and the relationship between chemical and physical weathering rates.

Tuesday 12 September

Frances Hodgkins, people painter

Dr Pamela Nunn

Frances Hodgkins is often described as a landscape painter or as a progressive artist best represented by her late works in which subject takes second place to expression. In fact, from the start of her career, she was inspired by people as much as any other subject-matter. This talk will illustrate the extent and variety of her use of human figures as subjects. This interest resulted in a wide range of pictures, from caricature through anecdotal genre to portraits and group compositions. Dr Pamela Gerrish Nunn has been an art historian for over 30 years. She came to New Zealand in 1989 as a specialist in British art and women artists to teach at the University of Canterbury. Well known internationally for her publications and exhibitions, she is now a freelance researcher, teacher and curator.

Friday 15 September AGM

Agenda and AGM Documents on Pages 11 and 12

Minutes from the 2016 AGM available on the U3A Website

PLEASE NOTE 10.00 START – FOLLOWED BY:

Development of thermal insulation for NZ houses

Nigel Isaacs

Dr Nigel Isaacs is a senior lecturer in the School of Architecture at Victoria University. Earlier in 2016 he was on a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Illinois, exploring the background to a 1922 building code which travelled to NZ in the form of the 1924 NZ building code. This lecture traces the development of thermal insulation in NZ from the traditional Maori whare, through to the requirements of the modern NZ building code. It explores insulation materials such as raupo reed, pumice, cork, perlite, glass fibre, rock fibre, polystyrene and polyester.

Tuesday 19 September

Sue Kedgley

A Suffrage Day reflection on progress for women since winning the vote

Sue Kedgley has been actively involved in women's issues since the early days of the women's liberation movement, when she founded Auckland University Women's Liberation and the National Organisation for Women. She worked in the Women's Secretariat at the United Nations in New York in the 1970s, and has written five books and made five documentaries about women's issues. She is a Board member and past President of UN Women NZ and was a 2016 Westpac Woman of Influence award winner. She is a Wellington Regional Councillor; a Board member of Consumer New Zealand and Capital and Coast District Health Board. She was a Green MP for twelve years from 1999-2102 and a Wellington City Councillor for 8 years from 1992-1999.

Friday 22 September

Prof Lionel Carter

Antarctica, the Southern Ocean and a cold day in Wellington.

Lionel Carter is Professor of Marine Geology at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, trained in geology and oceanography at the universities of Auckland and British Columbia, Canada. Wellingtonians are well aware of Antarctica's influence via those bone-chilling, southerlies that frequent the province. Lionel Carter, Professor of Marine Geology, will reveal how the great polar weather machine and its surrounding Southern Ocean affect New Zealand's maritime realm. This discussion is especially timely as the modern ocean is undergoing great change. Climatic and oceanic forces from the South Pole and equator are battling it out and our ocean is right in the middle.

Registration Reminder for two October Events

October – Visit to the New Zealand Schools of Dance and Drama. Date and time to be arranged and details will be given at U3A meetings and put on the U3A website at a later date.

Saturday 7th October – Visit to Stonehenge, Wairarapa. Train departs 9.55 am, arrives back in Wellington at 6.25 pm. \$25.00 to be paid in the last week of September.

See Page 8 for full details.

Enrol at events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

Tuesday 26 September

The Great War for New Zealand: Waikato, 1800-2000

Dr Vincent O'Malley

Vincent O'Malley is a founding partner of HistoryWorks, a Wellington consultancy specialising in Treaty of Waitangi research, and is the author of several books on New Zealand history, including *The Meeting Place: Māori and Pākehā Encounters, 1642–1840*, which was shortlisted in the general non-fiction section at the New Zealand Post Book Awards in 2013, and *Beyond the Imperial Frontier: The Contest for Colonial New Zealand*. His 2016 book, *The Great War for New Zealand*, tells the story of what he argues was the defining conflict in New Zealand history. The war in the Waikato in 1863–64 shaped the nation in many ways: setting back Māori and Pākehā relations by several generations and allowing the government to begin to assert the kind of real control over the country that had eluded it since 1840. Spanning nearly two centuries from first contact through to settlement and apology, the book focuses on the human impact, origins and aftermath of the war, and is written in the conviction that a mature nation needs to own its history, warts and all.

NB Lectures from 29 September on will be held in the Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Tce

Friday 29 September

New Venue, Embassy Theatre

NZ China relations in the Trump Era

Dr Jason Young

Jason Young is Acting Director of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre and Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington. His research interests focus on Chinese politico-economic reform, Chinese foreign policy and New Zealand-China relations. Jason is author of *China's Hukou System* (Palgrave 2013) and a number of journal articles and chapters in both English and Chinese as well as a frequent commentator in New Zealand and international media. Jason was the recipient of a 2013 Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fast Start to investigate investment in rural China. His current research focuses on Chinese international relations writing on the Belt and Road initiative.

Following decades of domestic growth China is going global at a time when the U.S. appears to be looking inward. What does it mean for New Zealand that China has embarked on the 'project of the century' seeking to economically connect the Eurasian continent to China and fund development projects from Suva to Athens under its Belt and Road Initiative? How ready is New Zealand for a more internationally active and engaged China?

NO LECTURES – TERM BREAK

Tuesday 17 October

New Venue, Embassy Theatre

Writers and cricket

Professor Harry Ricketts

Harry Ricketts teaches English literature and creative non-fiction at Victoria University. He has published 30 books, including *The Unforgiving Minute: A Life of Rudyard Kipling* and *Strange Meetings: The Poets of the Great War*, numerous articles on Kipling, personal essays and ten collections of poems (most recently *Half Dark*, 2015). He has also co-edited several anthologies of New Zealand poetry, a collection of new essays about WW1 (*How We Remember: New Zealanders and the First World War*, 2014) and, most recently, with Gavin McLean, *The Penguin Book of New Zealand War Writing*. His book on cricket, *How to Catch a Cricket Match* (2006), has been regularly broadcast on Radio New Zealand. This talk looks at the great cricket writers from Richard Nyren's *The Cricketers of My Time* (1833) to Gideon Haigh's *On Warne* (2012). These include C L R James, Neville Cardus, John Arlott, Alan Ross, Jack Fingleton and Dick Brittenden, and cricketers who have written memorably about the game, such as Mike Brearley, Jeremy Coney and Martin Crowe.

Friday 20 October

Urban Development in NZ

Dr Arthur Grimes

Arthur is Senior Fellow at Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, and Adjunct Professor of Economics at Victoria University. He has a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics. Auckland is now quite clearly the pre-eminent city in NZ, but still small in world terms. We examine the causes of population growth, and what these trends tell us about whether Auckland growth is a sign of success or a harbinger of a forthcoming bust.

Tuesday 24 October

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, two hundred years on

Dr Heidi Thomson

Frankenstein (1818) has become the most famous gothic novel of the Romantic Period. Mary Shelley began work on it during the abysmal summer of 1816, when the ash cloud of the catastrophic eruption of Mount Tambora caused a year 'without a summer'. The darkness in the sky was reflected in the mood and concerns of this exceptional novel. This lecture explores who is the monster in *Frankenstein*. More than ever, its concerns about the scientific and moral limits of humanity ring true. Dr Heidi Thomson is English Programme Director at Victoria University and President of the Romantic Studies Association of Australasia. She is the author of *Coleridge and the Romantic Newspaper* (2016) and her current research focuses on the connections between Wordsworth and France.

Friday 27 October

The history of the breast in Art and Medicine

Dr Burton King

Dr Burton King started his career as a Surgeon with a special interest in breast surgery and abdominal wall reconstruction. Now an Oncology surgeon, Burton talks about breast cancer, being in the army, and his experiences in NZ and overseas.

Tuesday 31 October

Who owns the sea and the seabed?

Bill Mansfield

Prospects for peaceful use or conflict

This talk will outline the history of the law of the sea, discuss some of the complex interests and issues involved in the negotiation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and assess its present and future significance for NZ and the Pacific island countries. Bill was the first chair of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation and chaired the international negotiations that led to its establishment. He was counsel for NZ before the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea and served a five-year term as a member of the United Nations International Law Commission. Bill has held senior positions in the Public Service, including Director-General of the Department of Conservation, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Justice, and Head of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He was a member of the NZ delegation to all negotiating sessions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Working towards a sustainable future for NZ**Wendy McGuinness**

Wendy McGuinness, BCom (Auckland), MBA (Otago) and FCA, is the founder and chief executive of the McGuinness Institute. As a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) specialising in risk management, Wendy has worked in both the public and private sectors. In 2004 she established the McGuinness Institute as a way of contributing to New Zealand's long-term future. An observation made by participants at a 2015 McGuinness Institute workshop was that poverty in New Zealand is too complex an issue to be resolved with a one-size-fits-all solution. Instead, solutions must be developed and implemented at a local level as poverty has vastly differing characteristics for people in different areas of New Zealand. To explore this idea, the McGuinness Institute undertook six one-day workshops (in Queenstown, Manawatu, Rotorua, Gisborne, Kaitia and Kaikohe) specifically designed to provide a platform for local voices to address poverty. This talk will reflect on the ideas that came out of these workshops, including a policy proposal to the prime minister for demarcation zones which would enable local councils to tackle poverty in their areas.

U3A OCTOBER EVENTS

- October** Two hour visit to the New Zealand Schools of Dance & Drama. To be arranged in the October break. (Between 2 - 13 October).
Date and time will be given at U3A meetings and put on the U3A Website at a later date.
11 Hutchison Rd, Newtown (the former Winter Show Buildings). To arrive by car or No 11 Bus to John Street. (Free of charge)
- Sat 7 Oct** A leisurely trip by train & bus to Stonehenge Wairarapa. Train departing from Wellington Railway Station at 9.55 am and returning 6.25 pm.
After an hour and a half in Greytown for lunch and a stroll, we have a full hour and a half at Wairarapa Stonehenge, before a final hour and a half at Carterton for a coffee and stroll again, before departing for Wellington at 5.05 pm.
- Programme:** 9.55 am Train departs Wellington Station
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| 11 am | Woodside, thence by railways bus to Greytown 11.12 am.
1 ¾ hours for lunch and a stroll. Followed by 20 mins on Tranzit bus to Stonehenge for the 1.30 pm tour. |
| 1.30 – 3 pm | At Stonehenge.
Followed by 20 mins Tranzit to Carterton for a coffee and stroll. |
| 3.30 - 5 pm | Carterton, departing on 5.05 pm train for Wellington, with arrival at 6.25 pm. |
- Cost:** Train & bus - Gold Card
Tranzit bus - \$10 each
Stonehenge - \$15 each
Lunch etc - own cost

Enrolment effective at any time at events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

Additional to enrolment, the Stonehenge visit requires \$25 prepayment in the last week of September to U3A Acc No 03-1540-0009019-01 – with identification of self and event. This may be facilitated on-line or by a teller at your own Bank.

INTEREST GROUPS FOR MEMBERS

Antiques Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10 am at Gaynor Stewart's home on The Terrace. **Contact:** Doug Helps, 232-4881 or dougyvonne1@gmail.com

Art History Group

Meets on alternate Thursdays from 10.30 am to 12 noon St Ninians Church, Karori.

Contact: Anne Lee, 970-8644 or anne.lee@clear.net.nz

Book Group 1

Meets on the 1st Wed. of each month at the Johnsonville Community Centre meeting rooms at 10 am.

Contact: Ineke Dijkstra, 569 3229 or gwdijkstra@gmail.com Currently there are no vacancies.

Book Group 2

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am – 12 noon at members' homes. There are no vacancies at present.

Contact: Sheila Williams 479-2226 or sheila.williams@clear.net.nz

Book Group 3

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in Oriental Bay. This group is currently full. Contact Pamela if you wish to go on the waiting list or to start another group in the Eastern suburbs.

Contact: Pamela Jefferies, 801-6620 or pamelaaj@xtra.co.nz

Current Issues

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.00 am.

Contact: Michael Hodgen, 478 6303 or michael.hodgen@xtra.co.nz

Film Group

Meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Penthouse (daytime), with the film followed by a discussion at a café. New members welcome.

Contact: Colleen McClymont 027 5277202 or Bob McClymont, 027 5277203 or mcclymont1@xtra.co.nz

Mid-Week Film Group

Meets on second Tuesday and last Wednesday of the month usually at the Paramount, Embassy or Cuba Lighthouse cinemas.

Contact: Suzanne Blumhardt, 384-7046 or hatblum@xtra.co.nz (Tues) or Aidan Kay 021 0282 2082 or aidankcp@gmail.com (Wednesday)

German Conversation

Meets on alternate Mondays from 10 am in members' homes. New members welcome.

Contact: Diana Barnes, 479-2947 or dgbarnes@xtra.co.nz

Social Walking Groups – Wellington City U3A Members Only

Group One Small social walks meeting at Karaka Café (beside the Wharewaka on the waterfront) at 9.30 am **every Monday** morning excluding public holidays). No need to call - just turn up – finishing by 11.00/11.30 with a coffee. **Contact:** Heather 021 1582816

Group Two Longer walks (Monday mornings 9.30am to 12 noon approx.), around and about Wellington during U3A terms. Walks end at a café for coffee. Transport is usually based around Gold Card times. Carpooling when necessary. New members welcome.

Contact: Jeannie Buxton 472-3456 or pebuxton@xtra.co.nz

Music Group

Meets on alternate Thursdays from 10 am until 12 noon (excepting school holidays) at St Ninians Church, Karori. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara Hammond, 476-7300 or bhammond@clear.net.nz

Philosophy Group

Meets in the Common Room of St Andrews on the Terrace at 2pm on the first and third Mondays of the month. We will also be looking at how the writing of the great philosophers are relevant today. We look forward to new members joining us.

Contact: Diana Winn winnich@xtra.co.nz or Dougal Congalton 476-8498 dc.congalton@xtra.co.nz

Performing Music Group

New members welcome.

Contact: Jennifer Timmings, 479-5325 or jennifer.timmings@paradise.net.nz

Shakespeare Studies

Meets on alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am until 12 noon. Numbers are limited to 10.

Contact: Laurie Atkinson, 568-5883 or westhill@globe.net.nz

Writing Group

This group is aimed at those wanting to write their memoirs. The group is currently full, please contact John if you wish to go on the waiting list.

Contact: John Bonallack, 971-8531 or marathon@paradise.net.nz

U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC - COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016/2017

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U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC

AGENDA

**FOR THE 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A WELLINGTON
CITY INC TO BE HELD AT 10.00 am Friday 15 SEPTEMBER 2017
AT PARAMOUNT THEATRE, COURTENAY PLACE, WELLINGTON**

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES
3. MINUTES of 23rd Annual General Meeting held 14 October 2016.
4. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
6. REVIEW OF CHANGE TO SUBSCRIPTIONS
7. MOVE TO EMBASSY THEATRE
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
9. GENERAL BUSINESS

At the conclusion of the AGM Nigel Isaacs will talk about the development of thermal insulation for New Zealand houses.

Please email apologies to Barbara Crump at bjcrumpnz@gmail.com or phone 977 7385.

U3A WELLINGTON CITY INCORPORATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Notes	YE 30 June 17	YE 30 June 16
<u>Income</u>			
Subscriptions	1	41,712.00	31,181.00
Lectures	2	1,213.80	27,506.05
Functions		5,216.00	3,928.00
Special Interest Groups	3	-	2,124.60
Bank Interest		1,240.28	1,382.44
Other	4	248.70	-
Total Income		49,630.78	66,122.09
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Rent - Paramount	5	23,631.09	20,496.00
Book Vouchers	6	7,505.00	2,802.50
Functions		6,181.67	5,955.91
Rent - Special Interest Groups		2,165.00	1,465.00
Donations		105.00	100.00
Newsletter Expenses		654.40	639.20
Postage & Stationery		1,095.34	978.89
IT Equipment & Services	7	4,654.34	3,295.64
Other Equipment	8	1,868.38	49.00
Sundry		2,215.62	1,981.97
Total Expenditure		50,075.84	37,764.11
Surplus / (Deficit)		(445.06)	28,357.98
FINANCIAL POSITION		as at 30 June 17	as at 30 June 16
<u>Bank Accounts and Cash Balances</u>			
Westpac 01 Account		23,941.09	30,343.70
Westpac 02 Account		6,111.79	14,885.71
Westpac Term Deposits		45,000.00	30,000.00
Paypal Account		2,657.73	2,349.28
Petty Cash		50.00	50.00
Total Bank Accounts and Cash		77,760.61	77,628.69
CASH FLOWS		YE 30 June 17	YE 30 June 16
Opening Cashbook Balance		77,628.69	49,270.71
Surplus / (Deficit)		(445.06)	28,357.98
Closing Cashbook Balance		77,183.63	77,628.69
Add Incomplete Payments		576.98	-
Closing Bank Accounts & Cash		77,760.61	77,628.69

Notes:

1. A year-on-year comparison is not valid because of the change in the lecture fees/subscriptions mix as from 1 July 2017.
 2. The only 'Lectures' income in the latest year was from visitors.
 3. Previous year's income was from SIGs' collections for rent payments.
 4. This item is primarily a small sum being held on account for the Philosophy SIG.
 5. Item comprises 13 monthly payments; the July 2017 payment was made in advance.
 6. Total purchases in the latest year cover approximately one-and-a-half years' actual requirements.
 7. Latest year's purchases included a new PC and one-off costs for the new membership admin system.
 8. Latest year's purchases included a new microphone and associated equipment.
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Committee Replacements for 2018

U3A Wellington City - Membership Secretary

1. New Members: (about 200 a year)
 - Send letter of welcome and copy of latest newsletter if available
 - Record details in Civic CRM if application hard copy or via internet banking (most come via PayPal which updates automatically)
 - Order plastic membership cards from Morph Industries in batches and post to new members when they arrive
2. Annual Renewal: (about 900 a year)
 - Record details in Civic CRM if renewal via cheque or internet banking – in 2017 51% came in via PayPal which requires no action
3. Committee Meetings & Newsletters:
 - Attend and report back at 4 Committee Meetings
 - Provide membership update for 3 Newsletters
4. Regular throughout year:
 - Clear PO Box (in Manners Street) as most of mail relates to membership
 - Liaise with Sam Devoy, Web Developer, re sending out renewal notices and any database/website problems
 - Provide Rodger Sparks (Webmaster) with any updated material re membership
 - Provide monthly PayPal reports to Treasurer Tony Thomson

U3A Wellington City - Tuesday Lecture Programme Co-ordinator

Responsible for co-ordinating and overseeing the 27 or so Tuesday lectures each year.

The main duties are to –

Attend the planning meeting in November to begin formulating the following year's programme and assigning to individual members the tasks of approaching and engaging speakers

- Periodically contact those members to ensure that the programme is finalised in good time
- Liaise with and assist those members as necessary
- Receive and record suggestions from members about future speakers
- Liaise with the Friday lecture programme co-ordinator
- Liaise with the newsletter editor to arrange publication of each half-year's programme
- Maintain and, where possible, enhance the quality of the programme
- Report to the committee.

To help the incoming co-ordinator, our previous co-ordinator can supply –

- Copies of the information sheets and other materials given to speakers and to members approaching them
- Details of speakers and topics since 2008
- A specimen of the spreadsheet used to record progress in organising the year's programme
- A list of suggested (but as yet unused) possible speakers.

For anyone interested in the committee positions could you please fill out the Nomination Form (on Page 15), and email/fax/post to Peter Hatfield.



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NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

I (Proposer) _____
Please print Signature

and (Seconder) _____
Please print Signature

Nominate _____
Please print

I accept the nomination:

Signature of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ and _____

Email: _____

Date: _____