

Website Newsletter Number 7 – 11 June 2026

New Web Page Editor

The new editor has now been available to all u3as in New Zealand for the last three months. About 25 u3as have taken a look. Four have started to create a Home page. Here is a slightly modified version of one of them:

 **u3a**
learn, laugh, live
u3a K
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Welcome to u3a K

Return to Text editor

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Meeting venue
Demonstration Hall, Albany

Meeting time
1:30pm 1st Monday except January, December

Information
This is a sample webpage created using the u3a.nz web page editor.

Your new retirement community
Step away from work into the world of u3a K. It's where you'll find a local community and place to explore new interests and activities with others who are semi or fully retired. You will have opportunities to meet new people and make new social connections.



Monthly Speaker:
Thursday 4 June 2026
Rob Harley
'A Life of Journalism'







Explore new interests
Our u3a K Interest Groups are many and varied, providing opportunities to pursue a past passion or explore new interests or activities with a group of friendly and like-minded people. Some involve informal shared learning experiences whilst others are more social or activity-based groups.

Our Interest Groups operate across different days in a month and most of our members participate in multiple groups. Discover what's on offer by clicking on our Interest Groups button.

Making more out of life
Making more out of life is what u3a K is all about! Since 1997 we have been providing members with lots of opportunities to learn, laugh and live in shared times together; aspects known to be vital to aging more positively in retirement. Come join us at one of our monthly meetings!

Monthly meetings
Our monthly meetings provide members with an opportunity to come together to hear from interesting speakers and find out what is happening across our own and wider u3a network. Plus, there's also a chance to socialise together over afternoon tea. Visitors are always welcome!

Our newsletters
Keep up to date with what's been going on at u3a K via our monthly newsletters. To access, just click on our Newsletters button.

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Member Login

This page is intended to show what is possible with the editor. It is not the Home page of any u3a. The pictures are just suggestions. The [Blogs] button is intended to link to a blog page which is still under development.

We have just added a major enhancement to the web page editor. It has always supported external links to other websites. Now it supports internal links to other pages on a u3a's own site. Users can, for example, create links within their text that take site visitors to individual Interest Group pages or individual PDF pages.

For the time being pages created using the web page editor will still not be displayed to visitors on your website. There needs to be more people using the editor and more feedback before this is possible.

Logging in

As has been explained previously, visitors to the u3a.nz website can login to Extended sites using their u3a's name and password. This allows optional member only pages to be displayed. **Logging in to Primary and Basic sites using the u3a's name and password to make changes to the website is no longer possible.** Amongst other things, this was becoming a security issue with passwords not being changed for years.

Users wishing to make changes to their site must now login individually with their first and last name and their personal password. If they cannot remember their password or do not know it they can enter their names and leave the password blank. If their name is in the system and if they have an email address the [Login] button will change to [Email me!]. Click on the button to have the password emailed.

Nine New Zealand u3as had no members on their list or the listed members had no name or no email address. This would make it impossible for them to make changes to their pages. Each of these u3as has now has a dummy member added with first name Login and last name the name of their u3a. This dummy name has been flagged not to be displayed on their Home page. If you are one of these u3as then enter the UserName Login followed by your u3a's name and leave the password blank. The [Login] button will change to [Email me!] if there is a match. Click on the button for the password to be emailed to your u3a's email address. You can then login using the dummy name and make changes. Start by replacing the dummy name.

Do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it.

On this issue, u3as with just one member who can login would be wise to add at least one more. Remember that names listed for your u3a do not have to be displayed but do allow additional logins and provide contact details for our website newsletters.

Viewing PDF files on the u3a.nz site using an Apple device

We have had one complaint many months ago and one recently saying that PDF files did not display correctly or even at all on Apple devices. We have also seen this for ourselves. This problem has now been corrected with a PDF viewer that flips the page for you when you click the 'Next' button. One Apple user has confirmed that this works perfectly. Let us know if you have any further problems with Apple devices.

Finally

We strongly recommend that you take a good look at the web page editor. Now that it includes the internal linking function it is a wonderfully easy way to produce professional looking web pages without having to learn how to use a professional web page builder. If you can use a simple word processor and a very simple spreadsheet, then that is all that is required to use our editor.

You can set up your own Domain – u3afoxton.nz for example - at a cost of around \$40.00 per year. This domain can be linked directly to your pages on the u3a.nz site so visitors can enter the web address u3afoxton.nz and end up viewing your site. This, effectively, gives you your own website which you can manage yourself and it costs around \$5.00 per month! **You will never get a better deal than this.**

If you have questions or problems please direct them to John Ewen.

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