



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update March 2022

Greetings everyone

Our Annual General Meeting is on 14th March at 1.30pm at the Dowse.

Bring your vaccine pass, and wear a mask.

On the more cheerful side, we will have coffee and tea available from 1pm to enable you to catch up with and meet other members.

AGM heads up

We are losing two long serving officers - Treasurer Leah Herd and Secretary Brenda Baker. They will be missed, as will Committee Member Janet Ketchell who is not standing again.

Some members are standing again, but we need new members to help keep ideas coming into U3A. Please think about offering to stand or shoulder tap someone who would be a good contributor. The positions of vice president, treasurer, and secretary need to be filled as well as a top up of committee members.

A nomination form is included with this Update.

We are looking for a **secretary**...
Could that be you?

The main duty of the secretary is to take the minutes at the Committee meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 1.30 pm. There is very little correspondence involved. You need basic computer skills - word processing and sending out attachments on your email. (You don't need shorthand or a fantastic typing speed.) As well you need an ability to listen and an interest in U3A Hutt Valley.

Interested? Contact, Brenda Baker, on 5695308 or brendabaker@xtra.co.nz



AGM Meeting speaker Vice President Ray Manning

Ray, convener of the new Armchair Travel Group, will give a talk on -wait for it - What is Armchair Travel!

It may surprise you to find that it's older than you think.

NB Ray may also be talking to you wearing a new hat!

Subscriptions

The Committee will recommend to the AGM that subs remain at \$20 per person this year, but that the discount for two at the same address be removed.

Subs are due from the AGM. You can pay by:

1. Internet banking to
Account BNZ 02 0544 0209806 00 U3A Hutt Valley,
or
2. Cash at the Monday meeting.

To help the committee accurately account for all money and issue receipts please:

- Place money in an envelope on which you have written your name in full.
- If a receipt is required please note this as well.
- If the Members' Update is posted to you please supply a book of stamps.

Thank you for your co-operation. Memberships not renewed by April 30th will be deemed to have resigned.

February Speaker

Simon Wolfe – Photographer



Photography by Woolf has been a part of Wellington since 1934. A Fellow of The Photographic Society of New Zealand, Simon Wolfe treated us to a delightful hour of his family background in photography and his personal experiences photographing Wellington and its people.

He has exhibited his works widely, and has judged many local and international competitions.

Simon was awarded the prestigious James White Scholarship in 2004, as well as a Queen's New Zealand Honour in 1990 for services to the community.

Group News

Antiques and Collectibles – second meeting for the year in February discussed old books.

Armchair Travel Group

This newly established group's second meeting in March took everyone to Antarctica. This was very well received by members.

U3A members are invited to join the group which meets at 1.30pm on the 1st Tue of the month.

Contact Ray Manning ray.manning@xtra.co.nz

CATIG - resumed at 1pm on the 28th February at Russell Keown House – and attempted to solve the mysteries surrounding the occupation of the Parliamentary lawn.

Theatre Group

This group is going to *Sundays at Ira's* on 10th April. A close personal friend of Ira Gershwin, Alice, tells stories and songs from his Sunday Soirées with famous guests.

The next outing will be to *His/Her Story* on 8th May. Price \$30. Ring Christine on 568 2342 to book in for this.

U3A Hutt Valley Groups contacts

Antiques and Collectibles – 4th Tue 2pm. Convenor - Catherine Chapman 970 4932.

Armchair Travel - 1st Tue 1.30pm at Failoa Family Trust Meeting Room 1st Floor, Woburn House. Convenor - Ray Manning 0274 587 565

Current Affairs and Topics of Interest Group (CATIG) - 4th Mon 1 pm. Russell Keown House. Convenor - Ken Baird 564 2579.

Local History - last day of the month. Convenor - Brenda Baker 569 5308.

Theatre - Sun pm several times a year. Convenor - Christine Williams 568 2342.

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See you at the Dowse
Monday 14th February for a cuppa at 1pm and a
1.30pm start.

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