



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update March 2023

From President Ray Manning



Greetings everyone!

I'm delighted to tell you that we have confirmed bookings to return to the Dowse from October.

In the meantime St Marks Church, in Woburn Road, with its

new sound system, is providing us with a great place to hold our meetings.

Our next meeting on 13th March is our Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity for you to be up with the play with U3A Hutt Valley, and to have input into anything you would like to see our group do in the future.

U3A is about ongoing learning and we are open to new ideas for things that people enjoy.

I am standing down as President, so we are looking for several office bearers and committee members. None of the roles are too arduous so think about offering your service and a little time to supporting U3A Hutt Valley.

Notice of the AGM and a nomination form for officers is attached to this Update. Nominations will not be accepted on meeting day.

March speaker

Traditionally U3A Hutt Valley has had an in-house speaker at the AGM. This avoids embarrassment for an invited speaker who may have to sit through the meeting!

This year is different – we are having two in-house speakers!

One will remind us of U3A's purposes and the other will hopefully amuse you about a checkered way to earn a living!

Last month's speaker

Don Manning QSM

CEO Wellington Sailability Trust

Don gave us a fascinating talk about his long service with 'Sailability' and its programmes for sailors with disabilities and the fun they have!

Don help set up Sailability Groups in Nelson, Northland, Hawkes Bay, Rotorua and Tauranga and led Sailability Wellington to take on new bases at Seaview and Onepoto on the Porirua Harbour.



Group Activities

CATIG's first 2023 meeting on Monday 27th Feb welcomed several new members – and did its best to sort out our troubled world!

Armchair Travel Group. . .

is meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 1.30pm at the home of Elizabeth Durbin, 7A Mahoe Street (off Knights Road). Elizabeth will present to the Group on her **Canadian High Arctic Trip**.

Film Group

Film Group's first 2023 outing on 6th March was to "Empire of Light" at The Lighthouse Cinema. Judy and Gordon Heeley contact group members the previous Wednesday. New members are welcome.

Antiques & Collectibles Group's

second meeting for 2023 considered bowls of various sorts, shapes and sizes. There were more than enough to forestall a threatened carpet bowls competition



Local History Group. . .

. . . members enjoyed a very unusual walk through Hikoikoi Reserve at Petone on 28th February.

Things of interest included sculptures and mosaics, various old buildings, a nine-stage Frisbee course, and a variety of views of the Te Awakairangi (Hutt) River.

Hidden away from traffic, the reserve is larger than one expects, and makes a very pleasant walk which can include a snack at the local café.



Theatre Group

This group went to "*In Bed With Schoenberg*" at Downstage on Sun 5th March and enjoyed a very interesting and unusual performance. Next outing is to a Hutt Repertory play, "*The Butler Did It*", in April. To join the group call Christine Williams 568 2342.

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U3A groups & their contacts

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

Armchair Travel - 1st Tue 1.30pm at Failoa Famili 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, Queens Drive.
Convenor - Ken Baird 564 2579

Film – 1st Mon morning at Lighthouse, Petone.
Convenors Judy & Gordon Heeley – 973 8816

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

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

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**See you at St Marks Church
Woburn Road**

1pm Monday 13th March 2023

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