



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update May 2021

Greetings Everyone

Meeting Dates

Next meeting is Monday 17 May – one week later than usual.

Then, you will be pleased to hear, we revert to the 2nd Monday from June through to December. The June meeting is on the 14th.

Meetings are at the Dowse, at 1pm for mix and mingle before a 1.30pm start.

The May meeting will include a Special General Meeting at 1.30pm to approve the Financial Report of U3A Hutt Valley for the 2020-2021 year.

May Speaker – Professor Frank Sligo



“Is Social Media Dumbing Us Down?”

Frank Sligo PhD is Emeritus Professor in Communication at Massey University Wellington and former head of Massey School of Communication,

Journalism and Marketing. Frank's research has been into knowledge management, the knowledge-behaviour gap, and adult literacy.

Last month's Speaker



Professor Mike Berridge, Cancer Cell Biology Group Leader at Malaghan, gave a thought-provoking talk on Covid 19 – its origins, its extraordinary spread and evolution, and the enormous amount of

research on it around the world including the development of effective vaccines.

Following his talk \$279.25 was donated to the Malaghan Institute, made up of U3A members' donations and our speaker honorarium.

2021 Subscriptions

Thanks to all who have paid their 2021 subscription. The sub of \$20 per person, \$30 for couples, is due before the end of May.

You can pay by internet banking to account 02 0544 0209806 00, or bring cash to the meeting. If you require a receipt for your payment see Janet Ketchell at the meeting.

Thanks also to members without email who have supplied a book of stamps for posting the Updates.

Membership List

The current members list will be sent to financial members in June. This is to enable members to contact each other socially and for meetings, transport, and group information.

Members who have opted out of this service will not be on, nor will receive, the list.

Members' Nametags

Our older nametags have an expiry date. This is not needed now as all member information is shown when the barcode is scanned. You can continue to use them.

New cards will not have an expiry date so will not have to be replaced every year. However, if a member's sub is overdue the computer will let us know!

We will print a new set of name tags for the next meeting and you can replace your existing one for one with no expiry date if you wish.

Survey of Members

Attached to this Update is a survey about U3A Hutt Valley – we welcome your ideas. Let us know how we can improve things for you.

We are particularly keen to see new groups get underway so let us know your interests and what new groups you would like to see established.

Please complete and email it to catherinechapman100@gmail.com or bring the completed document to the meeting.

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Walking & local history report

The last day of April gave us a lovely autumn day for the Local History Group's trip to the inner city. We walked up through Cuba Mall and into Upper Cuba Street, reminiscing about places long gone and admiring the architecture of the early 20th century, still visible above the shop verandas in much of Cuba Street.

Tonks Grove is a small historic precinct off Upper Cuba Street, containing houses that were relocated from Tonks Avenue, the street which disappeared when the Inner City Bypass was constructed.

It is easy to drive along Karo Drive, intent on reaching the motorway, and not notice the fine old houses that grace the northern side of the street. Coming, as we do, from Lower Hutt's suburbia, we wondered what it would be like to live so close to the city centre.



U3A groups & their contacts

If you would like to know more about a group or to join a group contact the Convenor. The groups are:

Antiques and Collectibles – 4th Tue 2pm.

Convenor – Catherine Chapman 970 4932.

Books – 3rd Thu 1pm. War Memorial Library.

Convenor – Pam Lee 565 1716.

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.

Convenor – Pam Lee 565 1716.

Theatre – Sun pm several times a year.

Convenor – Christine Williams 568 2342.

Walking and Local History – last day of the month.

Convenor – Brenda Baker 569 5308.

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See you at the Dowse

1pm on Monday 17 May 2021

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