



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update October 2022

Greetings everyone!

From President Ray Manning



The end of 2022 is in sight and we have great speakers lined up for October and November. Our Christmas meeting on 12th December is also organised. As in the past we have excellent entertainment arranged for this meeting which will be popular so, as it was last year, it will be for

members only. If you know of someone who is thinking of joining U3A or has been coming along as a visitor, maybe now is the time to get them to join up at our half price membership fee of \$10 which will carry them through until after our AGM in March 2023.

The next AGM also marks the 30th Anniversary for Hutt Valley U3A, and if anyone has any suggestions on how we should celebrate that milestone then let your committee know. We have some ideas but we welcome input from you. Send an email to ray.manning@xtra.co.nz or call on 0274 587 565. We have had new members join U3A recently including Alan Thorburn, Christine Taylor, Ian Burns, John Rushton and Bob Rowell. Welcome to you all, and please don't hesitate to get in touch with the organisers of any groups that you would like to try.

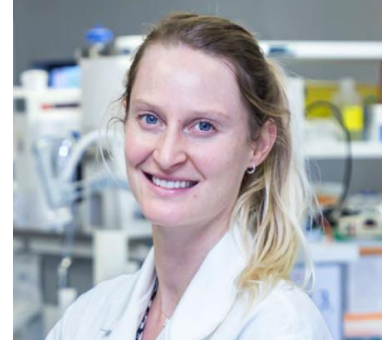
If you can't find your U3A membership tag give Eric Wadsworth a call on 04 938 1947 or email ericar1017@outlook.com and he will have a new one ready for you at our next meeting.

We look forward to seeing members old and new on 10 October at the Dowse. Come early from 1pm for a chat and a cuppa and biscuit, or bring your lunch. The formal meeting starts at 1.30pm



October Speaker

Dr Rebecca McKenzie grew up in Wellington, attending Onslow College then going to Dunedin to complete a BSc(Hons) majoring in Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Otago.



It was here that she found her passion for bacteria. Rebecca received her PhD from Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, in the department of Bionanoscience under the supervision of Dr. Stan Brouns.

Her thesis involved developing time-lapse microscopy methods to characterise CRISPR-Cas defense - the first known form of adaptive immunity in bacteria.

Earlier this year Rebecca returned to New Zealand and started her current position as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research where she is working for the Vaccine Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand (VAANZ).

Rebecca will talk to us about the exciting Medical Research being carried out at the Malaghan Institute and provide some insight into her work to set up a pipeline to support research and development of mRNA vaccine technologies in New Zealand.

Last month's speaker Don Rennie



It was a privilege to have U3A member Don Rennie speak to us about the history of ACC and how it has deviated from the organisation originally envisaged. The Woodhouse Report of 1967 proposed a "no fault scheme" based on five principles:

- Community responsibility
- Comprehensive entitlements
- Complete rehabilitation
- Real compensation
- Administrative efficiency

It also abolished the right to sue for damages for personal injury. However, subsequent amendments removed ACC's independence to represent the needs of accident victims and made ACC follow Government policy.

In 1989 the Shipley Government allowed insurers to join the scheme and compete with ACC. However, the 2000 Clark Government stopped private insurers from offering ACC cover.

If the Woodhouse principles had been adopted, ACC now would cover sickness and incapacity from any cause.

Group Activities

Film Group

Film Group is the first Monday each month so the Update is too late to advertise the next film. If you are interested join the group so Judy and Gordon can contact you about upcoming movies. Phone 04 973 8816 or email heeleyjudygordon@gmail.com.

Armchair Travel

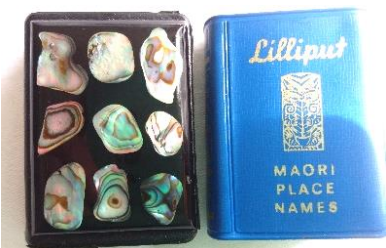
All HV U3A members are welcome to join the group which meets at the Failua Famili Trust rooms, 1st Floor Woburn House (Cnr Knights Road and Bloomfield Tce) on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm.

Local History

Bad luck with weather on the last day of the month has continued to plague this group. However, Brenda Baker has interesting programmes lined up for October and November.

Antiques and Collectibles

The September meeting focussed on tiny things and much talk and information they raised, including this dictionary of Maori place names and its paua shell encrusted container.



CATIG

This group has missed meetings lately including the public holiday for the Queen. **CATIG will meet on Monday 31st October.** Come along and share in the discussions on various current affairs. 1pm at Russell Keown House in Queens Drive.

Theatre Group

Last outing for 2022 is to Circa's "Owls Do Cry" on 6th November. Contact Christine Williams on 568 2342 if you'd like to go.

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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 Cinema, 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 568 2342

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**See you at the Dowse
1pm on Monday 10 Oct 2022**

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