

# Mana U3A (Inc)

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## *President's Welcome*

Welcome to 2017. During the year, with the help of members, we plan to arrange interesting and challenging speakers for the quarterly meetings. I look forward to meeting with you at the quarterly meetings and interest groups. *Brian Mosen*

### **Subscriptions are now due**

**\$10 per person. Add \$5 if you wish to receive all newsletters in printed form.**

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- Cash or cheque at the February luncheon in exchange for a new name badge
- Posted to Mana U3A (address above)
- By internet banking to 03 1533 0008763 00 Enter **subs in the Code section and your surname and your initials in the reference section**
- New members, and those whose details have changed are required to complete a subscription form available on the website

## *Seminar: Earthquakes - Monday 27 March*

Coordinator: Brian Mosen 233 0709

Tutor: Warwick Smith

Warwick Smith, a retired seismologist gave a very good PowerPoint presentation and experienced talk on earthquakes at the Science Group last year. It was the day after the Kaikoura/Wellington earthquakes.

Unfortunately half of the Science Group was unable to attend as a result of the earthquake and for this reason Warwick has kindly offered to hold a 2 hour seminar that will be open to all members of Mana U3A. Time: 10 am. Venue to be confirmed. For those interested in attending, register with Brian before the end of February.

## *First Quarterly Meeting*

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**Thursday 16 February**

North Baptist Church,  
Discovery Drive,  
Whitby

Doors open 12:30 pm  
for lunch commencing  
12:45 pm

### **Programme**

12:45 pm Shared lunch

Please bring

- a small plate of finger food
- subscription payment

1:20 pm New interest groups and seminars introductions

1:45 pm Guest Speaker:  
Mayor Mike Tana

*Porirua's Future Directions*

## President's Report to AGM 2016

It's only since I've been President that I have fully realised the contribution and support given by individual members to provide Mana U3A with the wide range of activities that keep us all "off the streets".

In this, my first annual report, I would particularly like to thank Carolyn Rait who acted for me while I was away for a month and Geoff Cassells who keeps our website alive, plus all the committee members who have made my year such an enjoyable one.

We must all acclaim, Sherwood Young, Trevor Cudby and Derely Jaye who are leaving the team after years of time and effort that have contributed to our success. And we have had a successful this year with some seminars and new activities added to our schedule, such as Futuring, art appreciation, theatre visits, and the resurgence of a new book group and a new writing group.

It would also be good to continue with the 'one off' seminars in the next year's programme. We do need ideas though for seminars and for speakers at our quarterly meetings to come from members. You don't have to be on the committee to contribute. But if you do want to join the committee for about four meetings a year, please indicate this today or contact me later for information.

*Brian Mosen*

## Committee responsibilities 2017

**Brian Mosen** Phone 233 0709: Chair/Membership/Speakers

**Carolyn Rait** Phone 2347422: Secretary/Newsletter; **Pat Wilson** Phone 234 8779: Treasurer

**Bruce Medcalf** Phone 237 9039: Equipment; **Jocelyn Choong** Phone 577 1876: Hostess

**Bill Gebbie** Phone 2376514: Interest Group Liaison; **Julie Kropp** Phone 2376514: Mailouts



## *Seminar: Internet Data and Picture Back-up (The Cloud)*

Tutor: Bruce Medcalf 2379039

Coordinator: Brian Mosen 2330709

Email: brianmosen@xtra.co.nz

Bruce Medcalf, our Committee Equipment Officer is going to hold another 2 hour Seminar this year to illustrate how to use the Internet for a number of activities, including storage of your information and files. Those who attended the sessions Bruce held last year on Smart Phones found them to be very helpful. It will be on a Monday morning in April from 10 to 12 noon. For those interested in attending, please register with Brian before the end of February.



### *Mana U3A Interest Groups 2017*

*Contact the group co-ordinator for further details and enrolment*

*Unless stated 'full', groups have room for new members*



Art Appreciation  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

Co-ordinator: Margaret Brown  
Telephone: 234 6551  
Email: m.camb@xtra.co.nz

The group will review forms of art by visiting galleries, watching DVD's, visiting art and sculpture gardens, sharing books and magazines.

An introductory get-together from 2-4pm on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 (the time of the month is open to change depending on what exhibitions are on and times)**, will be held at 18a Latitude Close, Whitby, where we will show a video. All are welcome. Please bring a small plate of food for afternoon tea and any art you are working on or are interested in.

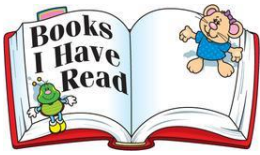
2 March – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting  
6 April – Efil Doog  
4 May – NZ Portrait Gallery



Books (*Full*)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month,  
10 am

Co-ordinator: Lesley Harrison  
Telephone: 234 1677  
Email: lesleymargaret@hotmail.com

Each meeting is held at the home of a member who acts as host and leads the discussion. In addition to studying two or three selected titles in detail, we try to cover a wide range of topics and authors in different genres during the year.



## Book Discussion Group 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 1.30 pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait  
Telephone: 234 7422  
Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

We meet monthly between April – October where we discuss our chosen book according to the month's genre. In April we begin with Historical Fiction, followed by NZ Author; Realistic Fiction; Booker prize entrant; Asian author; Non-fiction; Autobiography/biography. This introduces members to a wide variety of titles and authors. If this sounds like you please join us.



## Bridge – weekly Mondays 9:30 am at Plimmerton Croquet Club

Tutor and Co-ordinator: Ian Fowler  
Telephone: 233 0045  
Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

Previous experience is not a prerequisite to joining this group, nor is it necessary to have a partner. People can come to learn, or to be challenged, by players of varying degrees of skill. There is a small charge levied by the croquet club for the use of their facilities.



## Creative Writing 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10 am (Full)

Co-ordinator: Judi Doornbus  
Telephone: 233 9693

The teaching of 'how to write' is not an aim for this dedicated group but very positive mutual

encouragement and support. Those not currently working on a project of their own enjoy the challenge of writing stories on a subject sentence or collection of words chosen at random from a dictionary each month - some of the results of these assignments have been of a high calibre.



## Films at Lighthouse, Pauatahanui 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

Co-ordinator: Janet Berry  
Telephone: 235 9903  
Email: Janet.M.Berry@gmail.com

The film group visits the Pauatahanui Lighthouse every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. The previous Wednesday I chose hopefully an interesting film and ring the members on my list. I would appreciate a prompt reply. The Lighthouse requests that we pick up and pay for our tickets half an hour before starting time. We usually have a coffee before or after the film. If you wish to stay in the group or join please ring Janet and leave your name and phone number.



## Garden Group 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, mornings

Co-ordinator: Peter Evans  
Telephone: 233 9690  
Email: lizpeter@actrix.co.nz

The first meeting for the year will be held at the home of Peter Evans, 9 Gordon Road, Plimmerton on Wednesday 22 February at 11 am. BYO luncheon followed by strawberries and cream. Bring your ideas and suggestions to this meeting – eg gardens to visit, interests, speakers on relevant gardening topics. Be prepared to contribute by arranging one monthly event.



**Home Movies**  
 Tuesdays, fortnightly  
 April-August  
 1:15 pm

Leader: Allan Brown  
 Co-ordinator: Brian Mosen  
 Telephone: 233 0709  
 Email: brianmosen@xtra.co.nz

For the 3rd year Allan and Brian will suggest a series of "interesting, award-winning and classic" seldom seen movies that will be shown in the coordinators flat on either the U3A big screen or a 50 inch TV monitor, depending on numbers attending. Early registration will ensure that you are able to join this group as accommodation restricts numbers to 15. Tuesday's, 1.15 pm fortnightly, mid-April – mid-August.



**Mah Jong**  
 Wednesdays, weekly,  
 1:00 pm

Co-ordinator: Irene Stobert  
 Telephone: 234 1036  
 Email: candi.stobert@xtra.co.nz

Mah Jong is a small friendly group of both men and women. We play each Wednesday 1 ó 3.-0pm followed by afternoon tea at the croquet rooms Ulric Street Plimmerton. There is a small fee of \$2.50 to cover expenses. We welcome both experienced players and those wishing to learn the game. For more information please ring Irene 234-1036 or Barbara 234-8287



**Handicraft**  
 Fridays, fortnightly,  
 1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Pat Levy  
 Telephone: 238 2808  
 Email: i.levy@xtra.co.nz

Members practice many forms of needlecraft, embroidery, knitting, crochet etc. We have no formal tutoring but some members are able to provide expert guidance with a number of skills. The first meeting for 2017 will be on Friday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 26 Milford Street Aotea. If you would like to join our group contact Pat.



**Play Reading (Full)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, May-  
 September, 10 am

Tutor: Pat Knight  
 Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye  
 Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310  
 Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

Pat has sourced a varied range of reading material for us in the past, covering comedy, short skits, Oscar Wilde etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying required. This ensures a copy of the current reading for each person's use. We begin with coffee or tea. This group is not at all serious and we have a lot of fun. Acting experience is not necessary. At present our group is full but I can take names for the Waiting List.



**Science Group**  
 Mondays,

fortnightly, 10 am  
 Titahi Bay combined church in Mana Ave,  
 Titahi Bay.

Co-ordinator: Peter Evans  
 Telephone: 233 9690  
 Email: lizpeter@actrix.co.nz

We have a mixture of speakers and DVD presentations on a range of science subjects. Where possible, time is allowed for discussion.

Programme 20 Feb – 26 June (1<sup>st</sup> half of year)

20 Feb. Brief account of some important aspects of astronomy

- 6 March Jim Hickey gives an explanation of NZ weather
- 20 March Paul Hockey, Earthquake Investigations
- 3 April Brian Mosen, Deserts and Canyons of south west United States of America
- 17 April Easter – no meeting
- 1 May Tony Robinson, Responses of ancient humans to climate changes. Parts 1 & 2
- 15 May Tony Robinson, Responses of ancient human to climate changes. Parts 3 & 4
- 29 May David Attenborough. Conquest of the skies. Development of flight in animals, Part 1
- 12 June Peter Evans. NZ rocks and minerals. Part of DVD on Greenstone
- 26 June A look at the planet Jupiter

Due to popular demand following the closure of the 'Futures Group', and the 'Have Your Say' group, it is proposed to start a new discussion group within Mana U3A entitled "These Changing Times". The focus of each fortnightly meeting, beginning Thursday 9 March at 5A Beach Road Plimmerton, will be to discuss a topical issue, nominated by a member of the group, before each meeting, relating to our changing times. Some examples: this year's election, the latest Trump tweet, etc.



Theatrical Shows  
Monthly, dependent  
on suitable show

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye  
Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310  
Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

This group was reformed in 2016. We try to support local theatrical groups but have also been to Circa in Wellington. Attendance has shown local shows to be the most popular. We try to take in afternoon sessions. Some prefer to commute by train/bus, others car pool. The choice is yours. Plans to dine either before or after a show can be made independently. All U3a members welcome.



Travellers' Tales  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:15 pm  
for 1:30 pm

Co-ordinators: Patsy & Ross Williamson  
Telephone: 233 1118  
Email: patsywilliamson@xtra.co.nz

Often the tale is told by one of our members but we do have outside speakers too. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month starting in February at **St. Mary's Anglican Church in Whitby. 1:15 pm for a 1:30 pm start.** The first meeting is on Thursday February 23rd. There is a Travellers' Tales sub of \$10 per person to cover hall hire, speaker gift and afternoon tea. We have fifty members but can still grow, the more the merrier, so please come and join us.

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people change,  
situations change,  
relationships change.  
The only thing  
constant is change.  
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These Changing Times  
(new group)  
Thursdays, fortnightly,  
10 am

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