



MANA U3A Inc

May 2022 Newsletter

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Quarterly Meeting

Date: Thursday 19 May 2022

Time: Doors open at 12.35 pm. Meeting begins at 1.00 pm

Venue: North Porirua Baptist Church, Whitby

Speaker: Ed Forsman : “The Road to an Electric Future”.

Agenda: includes updates about Interest Groups. Remember we are seeking someone to take over as Coordinator of Travellers’ Tales, please. As our most popular group it would be a huge shame to see this group fold. There will be one **special announcement**.

Apologies: are not necessary this month as there will be no lunch.

New Members

We have several new members in Mana U3A. They will be introduced at our Quarterly meeting next Thursday.

Covid-19 and Vaccine Passes

If you did not attend the February meeting or have not had your Vaccine Pass checked at an Interest Group meeting, please bring your Vaccine pass and show it at the door. Masks are not mandatory but you may wish to wear one. We have decided to continue with Vaccine Passes for a while as we have many very vulnerable members. If you are unwell, please do not attend the Quarterly meeting nor any interest group meeting.

Subscriptions

All subs should have been paid by February 17 for the 2021-22 year. If for any reason you have not paid for this year and wish to remain a member able to attend Quarterly and Interest group meetings please pay now into KiwiBank Account: MANA U3A (INC) **A/c No 38 9023 0226804 00 stating your name and “Sub”**. Please do not pay into our former account with Westpac. If your Internet Banking still has the old account number, **PLEASE** do change

it before making the payment. Non-financial members will be removed from our Membership List after Thursday's meeting.

If you are not vaccinated and wish to put your membership of U3A on hold until such time as Passes are no longer required, please apply for a refund by email to our Treasurer, Pat Wilson at patgar.wils@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Anyone interested in joining the Walking Group on Thursday mornings please email Kay at 46nanakay@gmail.com

The status of all groups will be re-affirmed at next week's meeting.

Kay would love to receive photos from Interest Groups and trips to brighten up our newsletter. Please email any you have to 46nanakay@gmail.com

General News and Activities

1. Would you like a guided tour of Kapiti Museum?

A reminder that Bill Gebbie has arranged a trip to the Kapiti Museum on Friday 27 May at 10.30 am.

Kapiti Museum is a short walk from Waikanae Railway Station. The museum is home to a variety of objects, photographs, archives and displays, including items from local history and a unique collection of historic communications equipment. Bill visited it over Wellington Anniversary weekend and was fascinated by the variety of items displayed in the museum and the stories about its collection.

The trip would involve a train ride up to Waikanae, a short walk to the museum, a guided tour, and a possible refreshment stop at a nearby cafe before returning home on the train. Entry to the museum and the tour will be by koha – possibly around \$5 per person.

Let Bill know on 0276770180 or billnmary@xtra.co.nz to confirm your inclusion in this trip.

2. If there is enough interest, a **Photo Management Seminar** may be offered to members who want to be able to manage their digital photos. Please add your name to the list that will be available at the Quarterly meeting.
3. The Friends of the Wellington Botanic Gardens hold regular Guided Walks within the Botanic Gardens. For 2022 they have some fascinating walks planned. These are free for Friends and have a small charge for others. For the list of walks look on their website at : <https://friendsofthewellingtonbotanic.wordpress.com/events/>
4. The weekly Age Concern newsletter describes many activities and programmes which may be of interest to our members. For example: Staying Safe is a free classroom-based refresher workshop for senior road users. Age Concern delivers this programme in partnership with Waka Kotahi (NZTA). The workshop aims to maintain and improve safe driving practices and increase the knowledge of other transport options available to help senior road users remain safely mobile.
5. **The Age Concern website has further information:** www.acwellington.org.nz

Quarterly Meeting Dates 2022

We are staying with the third Thursday of the quarterly months for 2022. Each quarterly meeting includes a guest speaker, interest group information and other notices deemed important to members.

Dates you should have in your diary are:

Thursday 19 May 2022

Thursday 18 August 2022

Thursday 17 November 2022(Quarterly Meeting and AGM)

The venue is:

North Porirua Baptist Church

69F Discovery Drive Whitby

Time: This varies according to whether we have a shared meal. This month there is no shared meal so the doors will open at 12.35 pm for conversation, followed by the meeting at 1.00 pm.

Your 2022 Executive Committee

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U3A Links That May Be Useful

[https:// www.u3amana.org.nz](https://www.u3amana.org.nz)

<https://www.u3atawa.org.nz/>

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/>

<https://u3awellingtoncity.org.nz/>

What other events and activities do you want U3A to provide?

Talk to any Executive Committee member if you are a bright ideas person... Your Executive Committee works at providing an interesting programme for our members. Let us help you find the activity you want. If you would like to suggest a trip or outing please contact Bill Gebbie – details in the Committee chart.

If your friends and acquaintances are interested in the things listed below then maybe Mana U3A is for them.

Interest and Hobby Groups

A Sense of Belonging

Fun and Companionship

Lifelong Learning

Regular Meetings

Do you know someone who may enjoy being, and benefit from being, a Mana U3A member? Please give them the Membership Form attached to the newsletter email. Or just bring them along on Thursday 19 May.

See you then.

Kindest regards

Kay Phillips

President
Mana U3A (Inc)