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Hello all

We have our second meeting for the year next Thursday 16 May. Red Cross provide help and support to refugees, people seeking asylum, people in immigration detention and other people who are vulnerable as a result of migration. A Red Cross speaker will talk about their work in Porirua where they help migrants settle into their new lives in New Zealand.

After our speaker there will be a chance to catch up with U3A friends over a cuppa. We have invited Tawa U3A members to join us, so please introduce yourself to visitors. I would ask you all to get together briefly in small groups to discuss what you want from U3A and tell me about your ideas. This feedback will help the committee design programmes that meet your interests.

The National Library holds a variety of fascinating resources and we have organised a tour of their cornerstone exhibition He Tohu on Thursday 23 May. Please let Irene Swadling know by the end of next Thursday 16 May (preferably at our meeting, by text or phone) if you are coming so we can advise our tour guide of the numbers. You can find Irene's contact details at the end of this newsletter. Everyone coming should gather at the library by 10.15 at the latest. Hopefully we will be joined by a group of Tawa U3A members.

And finally, please remember that some subscriptions are still due. Please pay them at our meeting next week and pick up your new name badges.

Bill Gebbie
President

Second Quarterly Meeting

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Thursday 16 May
North Baptist Church, Discovery Drive, Whitby

Doors open 1:00 pm
Speaker from Red Cross Refugee Services in Porirua
at 1.30 pm

Please wear your name badge

If you have hearing difficulties please sit at the front of the hall near the speaker
Over a cuppa afterwards talk about what you want from your U3a and give the committee your feedback to help us better design our programme to meet your interests

Our Interest Groups

Interested in joining a new interest group?

You can find details of our interest groups by using the search function on our website. We welcome any ideas for suitable new interest groups from members who might be able to convene or lead such a group. A few of us are keen to get together to explore ethnic foods, perhaps going out for lunch one month and having a shared lunch the next. Sounds yum? Please let me know if you're interested in joining or coordinating our group.

Another idea is to get together to play games such as Scrabble. Good for our brains and lots of fun. Again, please let me know if you're interested in joining or coordinating such a group.

A short note from Irene about the upcoming opera viewing

A warm invitation is extended to U3A members to the Opera Group meeting on Monday 13 May, 1.15p.m. at 58 Bodmin Tce, Camborne. We will be showing The Pearl Fishers, composed by Bizet. If you are new to group please let Irene know so that seating can be arranged please phone 2339988 or text 0274371888.

We have an open invitation to join U3A interest groups in Tawa

Don't forget to look at the interest groups run by Tawa U3A. If you look at their website you will see a special invitation to Mana members to drop into the Roundabout pub in Tawa every other Sunday for a session of "Drop-in Philosophy".

All good fun with tippie from Pinot Gris to coffee (cash bar). New and stimulating viewpoints are welcomed!

A trip to the National Library – Thursday 23 May

We are organising a trip to the National Library which runs tours for the public. The variety of resources there is amazing, including a wonderful collection of prints, family histories, music scores, special exhibitions and more. The National Library holds too much material to cover in a single visit so this first tour is about He Tohu, its award-winning cornerstone exhibition. He Tohu is a permanent exhibition of three constitutional documents that have shaped New Zealand as it is now. We will learn about the significance of the documents, how they are cared for, and how they are exhibited. We'll be gathering on the ground floor of the library at 10.15. A Kapiti train gets into the station at 10am, giving members plenty of time to make the short walk up Molesworth Street to the library. The National Library has an excellent cafe where we can have a cuppa and something to eat after our visit or members might want to look at the other exhibitions currently on display.

Joint Seminar Programme with Tawa U3A

Our collaboration with our U3A neighbours is going well and we are working on a seminar programme together. We haven't yet finalised dates, speakers or venues but we'll most likely be holding the seminars on the first Tuesday of the month from July through to November. Note those dates in your diaries. We are likely to be meeting at venues in both Tawa and Mana. Tawa U3A have good ideas and the programme should be more interesting than ever. More details to come.

Please pay any outstanding subscriptions

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Your committee

Don't hesitate to contact any of us with ideas or any concerns. We want to provide a programme that's fun and interesting, with the opportunity to make new friends. We need you to help us do that

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