

HAVELOCK NORTH



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Welcome to our August newsletter which contains details of our next general meeting to be held on Thursday the 22nd August in the Havelock North Function Centre. We have an excellent speaker on a topic of concern to all home owners. Insurance companies are in the process of changing the basis on which they offer home insurance and it is clearly important to us all to gain an understanding of what is happening. Our speaker, Debbie Gordine, is just the person to enlighten us. She has 36 years of experience in the insurance industry, has been with Aon New Zealand in Hastings for 21 years and is now Branch Manager, Hastings.

From our President Joan Sye:

Warm wishes to all U3A members as we enjoy these crisp mornings and lovely days.

Thank you for your positive comments about our last speaker, William Gray, on his role as a chartered civil engineer. Your committee thought as a sequel to William's talk we should learn about the changes to insurance and become more informed.

Our speaker on Thursday 22nd August is Debbie Gordine from Aon.

I have recently been appointed to a Consumer Council for Health at the District Health Board. The aim is to give consumers a voice on what is working and what is not. Should you have any bouquets or brickbats regarding the system, please feel free to ring or email me. It is only when issues are discussed that change can happen.

Thought for today:- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

*Joan Sye
President*

Committee news

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, our committee believed that we would benefit from an additional member and we are fortunate that David Ward has agreed to be co-opted. Dave was previously a member of the committee for some years and his experience will be very valuable. Thanks Dave and welcome!

Havelock North Function Centre
(formerly known as the Community Centre)

The August General Meeting

Thursday 22 August 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

We are fortunate to have a knowledgeable speaker on pending important changes to home insurance.

Debbie Gordine
Manager for Hastings of Aon Insurances
will speak on

“What’s changing with insurance”

\$10.00 per person payable at the door.
Includes morning tea
Spot raffle prizes as usual.

The caterers need numbers so if you are coming please ring or email our secretary **Trish Loye - Phone 878 5920** or email her at pals.bkh@extra.co.nz

Farewell Keith Mills

We are sorry to record that one of our members, Keith Mills, has passed away. Our sympathy goes to Barbara and family

A word to our wonderful group convenors

From time to time it happens that new participants who are not members of U3A are accepted into groups without reference to secretary Trish Loye. If you agree to accept some one new to your group, would you please enquire whether the person is a member and if the answer is no, invite that person to get in touch with the secretary to join up. Thanks!

DVD and Video group

Brian Butler has a good collection of DVDs and videos of great artists such as Gauguin and Picasso and is willing to convene a group to enjoy these on a large screen television at his home in Summerset Village in Havelock North.

Anyone interested is invited to contact the secretary, Trish Loye, on 878 5920 or pals.bkh@xtra.co.nz and we will arrange a time and a day, perhaps once a month to view and enjoy these with him.

News from our groups

Photography Interest – with Sheila Bowden

We've been experimenting with pushing imagination as far as possible and exploring new ways of finding interesting compositions with our topics and are going to experiment a lot with using macro settings black and white ,sepia, and colour variations using filters and other colour changing effects, repetition of images into new patterns colours and textures, taking maybe 50 - 100 pictures of one thing in different ways making our eyes see new and differing things instead of snapping the first and maybe most obvious view that attracts us doing this in camera as well as with some basic programs along the lines of the early Photoshop and Elements. Our group seems to have been hit by bad health and family problems recently. The stalwarts battle on but there is room for a few new members who might be interested in having some fun with these things
Contact Sheila on 877 5765 or email sdbowden@xtra.co.nz if you would like to join her photography group.

Contemporary NZ Art.- with Barbara Holland

We generally continue to visit exhibitions with our Tutor Roy Dunningham. The last two months have been very different.

First - a visit to Roy's home where he spoke about some of his own collection. Second - a 'Show and tell' when Group members brought along something special to them and talked about it. We had a huge variety from a miniature Bible and Prayer book, to Silver and Glass, To African baskets, to Paintings, to Fabrics.

It was fascinating.

SORRY BUT AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE NO VACANCIES.

Media Views Group - with Joyce Browning

Most of our 2012 members returned for another year but we also have two new members who add their own interests to the discussion. Subjects recently have included the local councils & plans for the future of the area, climate change, pollution, quality and subject matter of the media both printed & TV, the justice system & lots more as they say in the advertisements.

Writing for your Grandchildren, Grp 1 - Laurel Collins & Shirley King

We have eight enthusiastic members this year in our group.

The members have written some very interesting, nostalgic and humorous stories that are read at our monthly meetings. We are steadily gathering our stories and are hopeful that they will reach book form by the end of the year! We are a very light hearted and happy group who fit in well together.

Rummikub - with Anne Mahon & Glenys Fitzpatrick

Several new players have joined our happy group this year, where we now meet at the Havelock North Club on Friday afternoons. Once a month afternoon tea is provided by the Club at a small fee and is very much looked forward to where we gather together to chat after our Rummikub games and hear the interesting things people are doing.

Cinema Group - with Trish Loye

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Cinema Gold, Havelock North for their Seniors Morning Tea and then go to the movie of the day. We have seen some interesting films this year - "The Guilt Trip" starring Barbara Streisand was very funny and a good insight into possessive mothers. "Performance" and "Song for Marion" on successive months was about aging, which were humorous but with touches of sadness. "The Great Gatsby" was very glamorous and showed the excesses of the 1920's.

Preliminary news of a Lifestyle Expo on 3 October 2013

Age Concern Havelock North together with Heartway Mobility are holding an Expo in the Havelock North Function Centre in the morning of 3 October 2013. The theme is "Next Step" and the aim is to show what is available for those who are 55 plus and to give them and exhibitors the opportunity to network. For more information contact Carol or Ria 877 6488 at Age Concern.

Other local U3As

As a member of the Havelock North U3A, you are eligible to join groups held by other U3As in our area. Details of courses run by the Hastings U3A may be obtained from their President Richard Jennings di.ric.jennings@gmail.com and courses run by the Taradale U3A may be obtained from President Mrs Pat Ballard, PH: 844-0103



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