

HAVELOCK NORTH



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It's U3A newsletter time again! Welcome to the first newsletter of the U3A year. Group meetings are now well under way with our 39 groups and 357 members. This newsletter brings details of the next general meeting to be held on 30 May and also has news from some of our groups.

From our President Joan Sye:

A big welcome to another year of learning and sharing. I am honoured to be your president and I have a solid group of committee members to keep me on the right track! Without our committed convenors using their expertise to run such a variety of interest groups we would not have an organisation, so a big thank you to all.

Please know that you are appreciated!! Some groups have tutors for their courses and their effort and interest is also acknowledged and appreciated.

I recently met, on behalf of U3A, with a group of U3A cyclists from Redlands in the Brisbane area. There were 17 of them and what fun they were having on our cycle ways. They pleaded with me to get a cycle group going here and Bruce Allen stated he would consider being a convenor so we may have a nucleus for a new group.

There is an amazing amount of talent in our U3A community so please if you have an interest you would enjoy sharing, do consider forming a group. Your committee is here to help publicise and encourage membership of this thriving organisation.

Signing off now by wishing all an enjoyable and productive year in U3A.

Joan Sye
President

Our committee for 2013:

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U3A Committee

We would welcome another person on the committee and would very much like a volunteer to join us or perhaps suggest a friend who would be willing to assist us. The committee meets approximately every 6 weeks to plan coming events and attend to the general running of our Havelock North U3A. We are a friendly bunch who enjoy a laugh along with our more serious business discussions. Please contact Trish Loye, our Secretary, if you would be prepared to join us or have any suggestions.

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

The May General Meeting

Thursday 30 May 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

We are fortunate to have an excellent speaker

William Gray

A civil engineer who visited Christchurch after the earthquakes will speak about

Liquefaction and other things

\$10.00 p.p. payable at the door

Includes morning tea

Spot raffle prizes for members.

The caterers need numbers so if you are coming please ring or email our secretary

**Trish Loye - Phone 878 5920 or
email pals.bkh@xtra.co.nz**

News from our groups

Rambling - with Patricia Lloyd

We have had three Rambles so far this year - the 1st a pleasant walk on a lovely day in the Pakowhai Country Park, and the 2nd one was a beach walk at Te Awanga when the tide was out - and we enjoyed a coffee in the Clifton Cafe afterwards, the third was around the Ahuriri Estuary.

Coming up: Endsleigh Rd loop, then a walk around Ahuriri, next a Rotary pathway from Clive Bridge, Kopanga and Pufflet Rd loop, then Napier, Anderson Park and the lucky last for the year Karituwhenua Stream.

There is room enough for more - we seem to drift from around 10-16 folk depending on whether people have the time free on that particular Saturday. We have flat, easy walks, of an hour's duration.

Computing April 2013 - Tony Briggs and Norris Kenwright

Tony and Norris have continued with discussions, programs and information about computing this year.

Topics which have been covered are: malicious toolbars that accompany programs and unwanted extra programs; using your system restore to counteract problems; moving Files and Folders with a Right click Menu; using Foxit reader instead of Adobe; problems associated with Windows 8; how to create a fast PowerPoint slideshow and make a video from it; what to do with your old computer so no-one can access data from it; buying Printer Inks; how to use Format Factory to edit video clips from your camera and then making a video to put on YouTube with Windows Movie Maker.

As usual there has been a wide variety of informative and amusing videos downloaded from YouTube and Norris's cats.

Geography Group - Angela Janes

We have a membership of fifteen, all keen and all contributing. We have always studied countries and cities but this year have expanded our areas of interest

to include various geographical features such as River Valleys, Mountain Ranges, Desert areas and so on. Topics covered in our first 3 meetings have been the Ganges River, Great Lakes, Waitaki Valley, Iberian Peninsula, Estonia & Tallin and California.

The History of Science and Technology group meets on the last Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in members' homes. Each month two members present a paper of their choice, with interruptions and discussion. So far we have covered a wide variety of topics from photography and antibiotics to the bicycle, syphilis, radar, and beer. We have a couple of vacancies, so come along and blow your mind. Contact Rosalind and Murray McKenzie 877 5623 Our email address is mrmck37@gmail.com.

"Writing for your Grandchildren2" - with Pat Frykberg - has been lively and creative. Criticism is frank and helpful and quite intimate. We aim to write even better!

There are at present 11 members when all are there, which is small I suppose, but it takes all morning from 9.30 to midday to get through the readings and discussions.

There are no vacancies at present.

The Wednesday Book Club - Margaret Bain.

The book group is held in the Havelock North Library and is alive and flourishing this year. We have 2 new members and have room for 1-2 new members also. We read a range of excellent books, all choices of each individual member and a monthly review of all books read and talked about at the meeting is distributed to each member.

Spanish - Jim Woodward

After 37 years living in Argentina I now speak Spanish reasonably well and enjoy using it. The majority of my group has wanted to learn the language because they have one or more members of their family living in different parts of the world. We get sent messages by their extended family and friends, which we enjoy reading and translating into English. This helps the group to perfect their use of Spanish. I have a few books which also help the group.

There are 3-5 vacancies if anyone else would like to join in. Contact Jim on 877 4882.

Music Appreciation - Jim Woodward

I have over 500 CD's of classical music of different composers of different types - Symphonies and Concertos, Chamber Music and more. I make up a program lasting up to 2 hours of all these and am usually able to give my members some idea of the composers from books I have.

There are vacancies for 3-4 new members. Contact Jim on 877-4882

Remarkable People - Fred Ebbeling

We are eleven strong but have not yet registered as a soccer club!. As convener I can say without fear of contradiction that our members show a strong commitment to the group and that we have great fun whilst learning a plethora of fascinating facts about men and women who, for various reasons, have become Remarkable.

We meet monthly at a different member's home and listen to presentations, sometimes accompanied by a DVD, on such diverse characters as Placido Domingo, Barry Brickell, Ned Kelly, Sidney Nolan, Ben Carson and F D Roosevelt. We look forward to Oscar Wilde and Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton due to be presented in our May session.

The group has no vacancies at present.

Cycle Group to be run by Bruce Allen



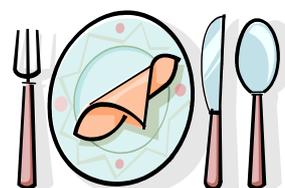
Do you like to cycle for fun and fitness? Would you like to join a U3A Havelock North cycle group to explore our excellent cycle tracks and pathways?

Times and days will be arranged when we have a suitable response. You must be a current member of U3A to take part.

If this is for you, please contact our Secretary - Trish Loye on 878 5920 or email: pals.bkh@xtra.co.nz to register your interest.

New Lunch Group

Would you like to start up a new Lunch Group? We have several new members who would like to join in for lunch groups, but those already in operation are full. It is quite easy to run, the organiser/convenor selects a suitable café or lunch venue, contacts their members to meet on the day, and an enjoyable time is had by all.



Please contact Trish to register your interest.

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

End quote from Benjamin Franklin

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”



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