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Greetings to you all.

The year of 2023 has arrived. I do hope there has been a good start to the year for all of you. Our sunny Hawkes Bay weather is with us at long last so many of you will have been out enjoying the lovely summer days. I continue to be very grateful to live in this beautiful part of the world where we experience the benefits of the many aspects for healthy living in a relatively safe environment. Long may it continue!

The convenors for our groups will have been busy organising their timetables for 2023 and once again we are incredibly grateful for their support. As we are all aware, our various interest groups are a vital part of our U3A organisation. Thank you to all group convenors.

This is my final column for the U3A newsletter as I will be stepping down at our AGM in February after 3 years as your president. It has been a most enjoyable 3 years and a great learning experience for me. I will however remain on the U3A committee.

Our community has many talented and interesting people, who come from all different walks of life and who are willing to participate in our U3A branch activities. As your president, I have had wonderful opportunities to meet many of our U3A members. One is never too old to learn new things and this is an important aspect of life and living.

My best wishes and grateful thanks to you all.

Sue Pollard – President U3A Havelock North.

A parting thought:-“If the ruler loves music, there is little wrong in the land” -Mencius (372-289 B.C.)

**The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the
Havelock North U3A**

**Thursday 16th February 2023 at 10.00 a.m. at the
Havelock North Function Centre**

The President's report will be given by Sue Pollard, followed by the Annual Financial Report with the election of officers for the coming year (if required) and general AGM business.

This will be followed by a morning tea of light refreshments from the wonderful ladies of Pure Catering.

For our Speaker this month,

Norris Kenwright

will give a presentation on Climate Change and the effects on the world and Environment.

\$5.00 per person payable at the door
(this has been subsidised by your committee)

Spot raffle prizes for members and friends.

Please do let Trish Loye know before the 14th February
if you wish to attend

Phone: 878 5920

Email: pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz

Please note: If you find you are unable to attend once registered, PLEASE advise Trish by Wednesday night or before 8.30 am Thursday morning so as we can adjust the numbers with the caterers. It is very difficult when we find that we could be 10 or 12 short of the numbers catered for and payment is required even though you didn't attend. Your consideration to this is appreciated.



- A presentation on the factors that have led to climate change and global warming
 - How the sun effects our climate
 - Historical Climate Change
 - Volcanism and climate Change
 - The rise of Greenhouse gases
 - The pressure of a rising world population
 - The continuing effect of the Industrial Revolution
 - Which countries are meeting the challenge to go Green
 - Electricity Generation now and in the future
- Norris has a background in Physics, Geology and Geophysics and presently is Co-ordinator for the U3A Computing and Geology Groups.

Computer Group – Margaret Buckley and Norris Kenwright.

Phone: 844-6393

Phone: 877-8412

1st Tuesday of the month 10.30 am at the Havelock North Club.

We have several vacancies in our group and would welcome more members to come along to improve your computing skills, solve any problems and learn new skills with your Computer.

Group Update:

Garden Group – Laurel Collins with help from Sue Pollard has agreed to co-ordinate the garden group this year which is good news for our members.

New Groups – Apple Ipad, Iphone, Laptop

We would like to start a new group for Apple computer, Ipad and Iphone but need a **Tutor/Convenor** to lead the group. Is there a member who would be willing to offer their skills and time to create a group?



Expressions of interest are welcome from any future participants in order to gauge demand for a group.

Please contact the Secretary, Trish Loye by phone or email to register.



It has been suggested that we could run a small group called **“Yesteryear”** to meet and chat about what we did and where people went in earlier times. We all have memories of the “old days” and it would be lovely to reminisce with likewise members.

For expressions of interest please contact Trish with your thoughts and ideas to set up a social group to keep our memories alive.

Art Groups

It seems that our Art groups are slowly dwindling due to many reasons, mainly health of participants and tutors. These groups have been one of our mainstays of U3A and it would be a shame to lose that knowledge of the Arts. Suggestions would be welcome with ideas to rejuvenate the meetings, encourage new members and perhaps carry on in a slightly different format. To all Art group members, your suggestions to our committee would be welcome for discussion. Thank you.



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There are vacancies in many of our groups and expressions of interest are always welcome. Please contact our Secretary, Trish Loye by phone or email to follow up on your interests.

Writing for Fun

This is a very popular group and we have a wait list of members to join. Colleen has suggested we start up a second group for Writing for Fun for these members and anyone else who would like to be in the writing group. Colleen will help get you started but would not be involved once it is operational. We have four names already so further expressions of interest are welcome. Please contact Trish to register.

**Have YOU any suggestions for new groups, would YOU like to take a group of friends and members and create a group of people with similar interests to share. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions for 2023.
Let’s be proactive and perhaps step out of our comfort zone to share ideas with others.
You can contact any of our Committee members to discuss your ideas.**

Renewal of Subscriptions for 2023

Membership renewals have been very slow this year, which is making it difficult for some of our Convenors to arrange their group meetings, not knowing how many will be attending this year.

It is very easy to renew by Online banking, with your name and group numbers in the relevant boxes and membership is still only \$10.00 (plus any group fees).

For those that wish to renew at our AGM, we will have a separate table set up with forms and group listings if required.

Please have your form and payment separate to your entrance fee of \$5.00

Reminder – all subscriptions should be paid before attending your groups or by the end of March at the latest, in order to remain a financial member.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023

An important and necessary function of our Annual General Meeting is the election of our committee for the coming year.

Our constitution provides for a committee of at least 5 and up to 9 members including the principal officers of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year three of our committee have resigned after many years' service, and will be greatly missed around our committee table and functions, although all will still be U3A members participating in their various groups.

Many thanks and best wishes to:

Joy Palmer – a committee member since 2015.

Jenny Setford – a committee member since 2017

John Pollard – a committee member since 2020.

Nominations for our committee for 2023 are as follows:

President: ----- Norris Kenwright

Secretary: ----- Trish Loye

Treasurer: ----- Jennifer Hartley

Committee: Margaret Buckley

Gary Clark

Eileen Harris

Ross McLean

Robin Nairn

Sue Pollard

If you wish to make any further nominations for any position, please contact Trish Loye for a nomination form. All forms need to be signed by a current financial member and received by Trish seven (7) days before our AGM.

Recent Bereavements

Carol Stanton – Member since 2020 – Dec'd September 2022
Averil Day – Member since 2010 – Dec'd 24 November 2022
Linda Haddock – Member since 2015 – Dec'd 15 December 2022
Barbara Walker – Member since 2028 – Dec'd 5 January 2023



Our sincere Condolences to all their friends and family, they will be greatly missed from their groups in U3A.

Our outgoing committee for 2023

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