

HAVELOCK NORTH



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Greetings from the President ----

Needless to say, the Autumn sun is casting beautiful shadows through the golden leaves. Much of the bountiful harvest of annual crops is completed and it's time to reflect on nature's intricate patterns from the macro to the micro.

Weather "events" have played an important part in recent day-to-day life, so the formation of the new Meteorology Group is timely.

We have over 360 active members in 37 different Groups, many of which have a "cap" on numbers. Nevertheless, if you would like to form a new Group, or join an existing one, please don't hesitate to mention it to a Committee member.

May I encourage you to keep "spreading the word" about U3A. I cannot think of any other organisation where you can get such valuable knowledge and social interaction for a \$10 annual subscription.

So here's a fitting saying .. *The purpose of our lives is to add value to the people of this generation and those that follow. Buckminster Fuller (who coined "Spaceship Earth".)*

I hope that you enjoy the change of season.

Ross McLean, May 2017

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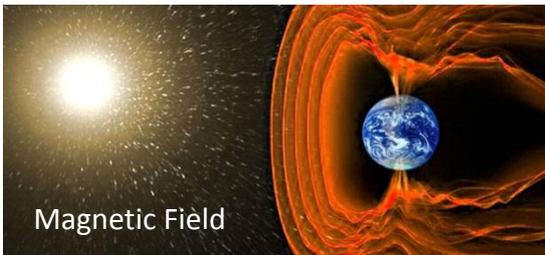
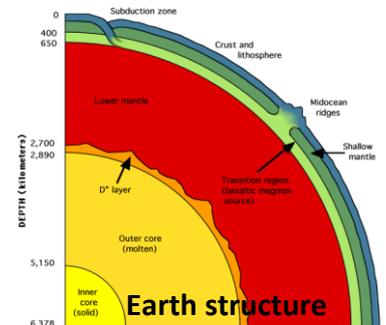
News and reports from some of our groups:

Geology Group Report

We started the year looking at the structure of the earth with its solid nickel-iron solid core and liquid iron outer core where convection currents and earth rotation creates the earth's magnetic field. Then the mantle composed of mainly silica based rocks with a hot plastic upper layer on which the continental and oceanic plates float and where hot magma is produced volcanic activity. Finally above this is our very thin crust where we live.

Continental drift shows how NZ is caught in a grip between subduction zones riding under South Island creating the Alpine fault system and another zone forcing its way under the east Coast of North Island. These conflicting forces meet under the South Island around Seddon, and the Cobb valley forming an unstable environment of Earthquakes which are occurring around Christchurch, Kaikoura, Seddon, Fiordland and across to Wellington. Other topics have been on sedimentary rocks; rising sea levels and the earth's magnetic field.

8000 years ago the Neolithic farmers could walk from Ireland to Britain, France and the Netherlands without getting wet. Dogger Bank was a hill in **Doggerland**; not a fishing area for North Sea cod. Sea levels rose **400 feet** in a short period creating the Irish Sea, North Sea and the English Channel without the industries, Power



stations and oil base transport.

Also evidence is accumulating that the Earth's magnetic field is rapidly moving and weakening and heading for a reversal which will may accelerate global warming and release high levels of solar radiation on the earth.

Norris Kenwright - Convener, Geology Group

Shakespeare Group: Joan Sye



This term on Thursday at 10.30am we have been studying Macbeth under the tutelage of Ken Keys. There are 12 budding thespians in the group and we have a lot of fun discussing roles and interpreting meanings in the language of The Bard. By the time you read this we will have performed to the public ie fellow U3A members and family and friends. As we have difficulty memorising our words we will act with scripts in hand. Amazing what can be achieved when the passion is there. We still have room for more members, why not find your alter ego!!

U3A Havelock North

May General Meeting and Coffee Morning

To be held at the Havelock North Function Centre

Thursday 18th May at 10.00 am

Our speaker will be

Lisl Prendergast

Come along and enjoy a get together and excellent morning tea.

\$10.00 per person payable at the door

Includes morning tea or coffee

Spot raffle prizes for members & guests.

The caterers need numbers attending so if you are coming along please ring or email our Secretary by Tuesday 16th May 2017.

Trish Loye

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Lisl was Principal of Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt from 2000 - 2014, then Interim Principal of Gisborne Girls in 2015. She is probably remembered for an Art History night class she ran in HB from 1988 to 2000.

Lisl is widely travelled and has escorted groups to Italy in 1996, France in 2006 and more recently has travelled in Australia. Her talk will encompass some of her travel experiences and points of interest.

More group reports -----

Scrabble Group: Convener - Joan Sye



Twelve members meet on the first and third Fridays of the month to share a love of words and some healthy competition, great excitement when someone uses all their letters and gains an extra 50 points. We have learned a lot of new words and meanings which is good for our knowledge bank.

Lunch group3: Convener - Joan Sye

Our lunch group continues to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 12.30. At present we have a full capacity of 24 members. A big welcome to our two new members, we hope you enjoy the friendship shared over a tasty lunch. Amazing how food gets you talking, it is lovely to see the fun and interaction of the diners and the positivity in the atmosphere. We have often been asked who we are so we are good advocates for U3A.

A Flat white coffee,
beautifully decorated



Lunch Group2: Convener - Trish Loye

We have a mixed group of 15 members and enjoy going to different venues each month. Recently we went to Boardwalk in Napier and had a lovely lunch looking out to the Westshore harbour and a flotilla of Optimist sailors enjoying their day out for the school holidays. Our group is at maximum at the moment, but enquiries are welcome for other groups.



Yummm -
Dessert at
Boardwalk!

Meteorology Group: Convener - Ross McLean

We have had a good response for the start of this new group with the first meeting taking place on the 27th April with 16 registered members. Hastings City Art Gallery have offered us the use of their meeting room at 201 Eastbourne St, East, Hastings. This venue has more room, plenty of parking on Lyndon Rd, East. Future meetings will be held there on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm.

More members would be welcome if you would like to register your interest, please contact the Secretary, Trish Loye for further information.

Possible new group starting mid year:

Genealogy-Where to start researching your family tree - with Dale Jackson.

Dale is interested in starting up a new group and we would welcome expressions of interest in taking part. Day, dates and time will be advised when we have the numbers.

Please contact the Secretary, Trish Loye at: Email: pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz or Phone 878 5920 to register your interest.

Lastly, a big Thank You to all our Conveners for the excellent work they do collating and running their groups. Without their enthusiasm, giving of their time and homes to hold meetings our U3A would not survive. We are all volunteers doing something we all enjoy and appreciate your company and co-operation in attending our meetings.

Keep warm, be of good cheer and enjoy life.

Our committee for 2017

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