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## Greetings to you all for 2024.

I hope that you have had a good summer break and we look forward to meeting you all once more. Hawkes Bay has put on some typical hot weather with some refreshing rain. Last year Cyclone Gabrielle was we hope, once in a lifetime with over NZ\$2 billion dollars of damage for Hawkes Bay and the year broke a 144 year record for rainfall.

It is good to see Havelock North looking buoyant with a new Metlifecare retirement village to be built in Brookvale Road and also around a thousand new homes to be constructed on developments in Howard Street/Havelock Road; Middle Road; Brookvale Road; behind Oderings; and Arataki Road in the near future.

Thank you to you all who made 2023 very successful with our increased membership and activities. I am proud of the work our committee has achieved. The association with SeniorNet with President Ian Brown has brought more successful opportunities, especially with smart phone technology and Apple devices.

The coming year will have its challenges for retirement villages are providing activities that we have always offered and we will need to work closely with them. Our coordinators and liaison members have worked hard for our society and I sincerely thank them. There will be room for creating more interests and group activities and recently "International Lunch" and "Planes, Trains and Autos" groups are good examples. We used to be very strong in a variety of Art groups but these have almost disappeared and we desperately need a member to revive an interest. Groups and activities are at the core of our society, please consider if you have one you can share. Also remember that our continuing membership is by you encouraging friends to join. This is far more effective than advertising.

Our committee; a really good supportive committee this year. When we work together as this committee has done, the actual time spent is worthwhile and passes quickly. I would like to thank retiring members Gary Clark and Robin Nairn for their excellent contributions and wish them well. This does mean we have vacancies and at the AGM we will need nominations. For such a short commitment you will be a valued contributor. Please contact our talented Secretary Trish Loye if you wish to nominate someone.

Best Wishes to you all.

*Norris Kenwright – President 2024*

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

**Thursday 15th February 2024 at 10.00 a.m. at the  
Havelock North Function Centre**

The President's report will be given by Norris Kenwright, 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.

For our Speaker this month we have

**Megan Port**

who will give a presentation on:

**The House of Science NZ  
A Charity that provides science kits to schools**

**\$10.00 per person payable at the door  
(There is a small subsidy by the Committee this year)**

**Spot raffle prizes for members and friends.**

**Please do let Trish Loye know before the 13th February  
if you wish to attend**

**Phone: 878 5920**

**Email: [pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz](mailto: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.

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## House of Science NZ

Megan Port is the Hawke's Bay Branch Manager and she will give us an interesting and informative talk about what the House of Science is doing for our school children in the area, providing science kits for experimentation and instruction.

With the proliferation of social media and "fake news", science teaches us how to gather and interpret information, and to make informed decisions.

Our future economy depends on innovative advancements. A scientifically literate workforce will have the necessary skills to embrace and support this future.

Science enables individuals to make informed choices about things like diet, exercise and medical treatment that directly impact health and wellbeing.

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### Renewal of Subscriptions for 2024

This is a reminder that your Membership renewals are now due and should be paid before attending your groups for 2024. It is important to register with your Co-ordinators to secure your place in a group and if there are then any vacancies for new members or waiting list placements.

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 \$10.00**

Many of you have paid your subscription from the Christmas meeting, so do check that you have not already paid. If you are unsure, just contact our Secretary Trish Loye by email or phone in order to avoid a double up of payments. Many thanks.

### Group updates

It is with concern and regret that we notice that several of our groups can no longer operate due to retirement and health reasons of our Convenors. There are no longer any Art groups which we have enjoyed over many years. I am sure that many of you will be missing your discussions and meetings and I would ask that perhaps you could liaise with each other with a view to starting a new group or two, perhaps in a different format than before. Help can be given by our Committee with suggestions if required. Please contact Trish to discuss any options.

There are vacancies in several of our groups and expressions of interest are always welcome as are suggestions for new groups. Please contact Trish.

## The New Constitution

Over 2023 I have spoken on several occasions about the need to revise our constitution as required by a new act of Parliament. Over the year the committee has discussed this and in August 2023 we agreed on a format to bring to the AGM. At the General meetings I have brought to your attention the main changes needed by the Government on Privacy (protecting the information you give us to be a member) and Conflict Resolution if there is a serious problem between members. Also small changes have been made to our finances to reflect on replacement costs due to inflation and committee structure when the last constitution was agreed upon in 2007. The changes that reflect on the government requirements must be passed by the society at an AGM and then forwarded to the "Registrar of Incorporated Societies" in Wellington for adoption. The 2007 Constitution and the new 2024 constitution can be viewed on our website under the Tabs "More" and "Constitution" **or** by clicking on the link below you can read or download the new constitution from our Google Drive. Please read the constitution if you wish to have questions for the AGM.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11En3LrJwZBsQu-RcRIBSIlbS-iQDsCpP/view?usp=sharing>

I will propose the new constitution at the AGM

Norris Kenwright. President U3A Havelock North

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Remember to let Trish know by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February if you wish to attend the AGM. 10am at the Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Rd, Havelock Nth.

Entrance charge is still \$10.00 to cover the room hire and morning tea, this has been partly subsidised by your committee to cover rising costs of catering. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the Meeting.

### Recent Bereavements

John Fitzgerald (Life member) Dec'd 26 November 2023  
Member since 2000

Dianne (Di) Taylor Dec'd 11 December 2023.  
Member since 2000

Anna Wood Dec'd 24 December 2023.  
Member since 2008

Graeme Dreadon Dec'd 27 December 2023.  
Member since 2006

Sincere Condolences to their friends and family. They will be missed.



## ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2024

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 10 members including the principal officers of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year two of our committee have resigned due to family commitments, 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 Gary Clark and Robin Nairn.

### **Nominations for our committee for 2024 are as follows:**

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>President:</b>	Norris Kenwright Ian Brown	Gary Clark
<b>Secretary:</b>	Trish Loye Margaret Buckley	Eileen Harris
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jennifer Hartley Trish Loye	Robin Nairn
<b>Committee:</b>	Margaret Buckley Trish Loye Ian Brown Robin Nairn Eileen Harris Margaret Buckley Chris King Ian Brown	Chris King Gary Clark Jennifer Hartley Gary Clark

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.

### **Our outgoing committee for 2023/2024**

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