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## Greetings from our President ..

Autumn, ah autumn. What a spectacular display of reddish colours from the exotic trees in our neighbourhood. What a delight to walk our multitude of tracks with the rustle of fallen leaves under our feet, which remind us of the cycles in nature.

As you search through your wardrobe for warmer clothing, why not reflect on the bountiful harvest of annual crops, some of which require a winter chill to stimulate fruiting.

Exotic plants, whilst initially being commercially attractive and sometimes visually spectacular, have a rather unfortunate history of becoming invasive in NZ. The process from introduction to serious invasion can take from 10 to 40 years, which can be hard to recognise, but if you have a plant which seems to spread easily, please check it out with the HB Regional Council. The HBRC are trying to nip the problem in the bud.

So here's a fitting saying ..

***To solve any problem, here are three questions to ask yourself:***

***First, what could I do?***

***Second, what could I read?***

***And third, who could I ask?" -- Jim Rohn***

I hope that you enjoy the change of season as much as I do.

***Ross McLean, President U3A Havelock North - May 2018***

**Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 31st May 2018**

at the Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road, Havelock North commencing at the usual time of 10am. Members and friends are all welcome to attend with just \$10.00 payable as you arrive in order to cover our costs of morning tea and room hire.

Our speakers will be representatives from the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank, Omahu Rd, Hastings and Linda has provided the following background information on their operation.

*"The Knowledge Bank is a digital archive situated at Stoneycroft, one of the oldest houses in Hastings.*

*The Knowledge Bank has taken on the onerous task of preserving the history of Hawke's Bay.*

*The work is completed by a team of volunteers, with two paid staff members, Rachel Johnson and Linda Bainbridge.*

*Rachel has been with the Knowledge Bank for 4 years and comes from a IT background. Rachel originally came as a volunteer, and has been the Technical Manager for 3 years this September.*

*Linda has been with the Knowledge Bank for 18 months and comes from a business background, and is the Office Manager"*

Both Linda and Rachel will come along to our meeting to give a presentation and talk on the work and stories that they compile for archiving. Some of our members have already contributed their life stories and history and this can be viewed on their website

[www.knowledgebank.org.nz](http://www.knowledgebank.org.nz)

See our notice on Page 3 of your newsletter for the information on the meeting details.

Don't forget - the caterers need numbers so if you are coming along, please ring or email our Secretary by Tuesday 29th May to advise of your attendance.

**Trish Loye - Phone: 878 5920**

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

**U3A Havelock North**

**May General Meeting and Coffee Morning**

**to be held at the Havelock North Function Centre**

**Thursday 31st May 2018 at 10.00 am**

**Our speakers will be  
Linda Bainbridge and Rachel Johnson  
from  
The Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank**

**\$10.00 per person payable at the door**

Includes morning tea or coffee  
Spot raffle prizes for members.

**Please do let Trish Loye know before 29th May if you are coming  
along.**

**Phone: 878 5920**

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

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**Please note: If you find you are unable to attend once registered, PLEASE advise Trish by Wednesday night or before 9 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.**

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### Recent Bereavement

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of Rita Kenwright on 11th May, 2018, wife of Norris Kenwright a past President of our U3A. Rita had participated in several groups within U3A and has been his support for 56 years of their marriage. Rita will be missed by her many friends and co-members. Our sincere condolences to Norris and his family.



### Reports from some of our group Convenors:

#### **Meteorology Group - Ross McLean, Convenor**

Weather “events” play an important part in day-to-day life, so the formation of the Meteorology Group last year was timely.

The Met Group as it is commonly called, is interactive. Members are asked if they would like to research and contribute on a subject.

The format is to discuss recent local weather, followed by a look at the Met Office website, followed by viewing an online chapter of a structured course on meteorology from Yavapai College in Arizona,

followed by members contributions. Of course the subjects of Global Warming and Climate Change frequently come up, wherein we try and keep to the science.

Monthly sessions are held at the Hastings Art Gallery on the last Thursday of the month, from 2pm until 3:30pm.

New members are most welcome.

[ross@neptuneproducts.co.nz](mailto:ross@neptuneproducts.co.nz) or call 8777 502



#### **Poetry Appreciation Group - Jenny Setford, Convenor**

We meet at 10am on the second Monday of each month at my house in Clive. At the moment we have 10 members participating, which is interesting and a lot of fun.. We choose a topic for each month and it is amazing that we seldom choose the same poem or poet!

We could take 2 more members, if this sounds like you, please give Jenny a call on 870-1195 or Trish on 878-5920 to register your interest.





**Writing for Fun Group - Gill Eggers, Convenor**

We have six regulars plus myself in attendance at the moment and all appear to be enjoying the experience of writing about various topics. We would love to have a few more members to expand the group, if you are interested please give Gill a call on 876 4923 or Trish on 878 5920.

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A big thank you to all of our members who have now renewed their subscriptions and enrolled in their various groups (oops - some of you paid twice, which has necessitated a refund being generated) If you are not sure if you have paid, please give Trish a ring or email to check at any time. It is a requirement that all members should be fully financial including special group fees, by the end of March of the current year in order to attend their nominated groups.

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**Our committee for 2018**

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