



[Havelock North Inc.]



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President's Message

It is hard to believe that our 2009 courses are drawing to a close, and that next month it is time to select our choices for 2010 and to re-ignite our commitment to our U3A by paying our subs for 2010.

Still only \$10---!!! What a small cost for the opportunities available.

Please read the information carefully further down this newsletter about the process of re-registering and making your course choices. This will make our ability to administer all the data processing as efficient as possible.



2009 has been quite a remarkable year with the Recession, Swine Flu, Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Pirates and refugees on the high seas and the ongoing Asian wars. But here we are in one of the most attractive areas of the world protected from the trouble spots but still willing to play our part in protecting the planet.



We look forward to great trade deals which will stimulate our economy and give us the ability to export our natural products to the rest of the world.

We are buoyed by the success of our Rugby, Soccer and Cricket teams and the individual athletes who do us proud. Sadly we abhor the violence to our young and the carnage on the road so often caused by young drunk drivers who do not yet have not yet experience of age to realise that they are not bullet-proof.



Global warming has its detractors and supporters with extremists on both sides but I am still totally confused about **Carbon Credits** that have set an arbitrary baseline as 1990. Amazing that a country with 70% of its electricity production from renewable resources and so many green areas and trees, can be penalised for having too many sheep and cows puffing methane into the atmosphere.

The trading of Carbon Credits just seems a way of making money for traders who have hopped onto the ecological bandwagon. The basis of these was a massive

American Energy trading company, now bankrupted because of massive fraudulent dealings who highly influenced the dubious Kyoto convention as a way of making money. I wonder where any money will end up – perhaps not where it is intended.

However back to more pleasant things. Rita & I have just had a wonderful holiday in Noosa and here in NZ the weather is improving, the roses are lovely and the daylight hours extending. (Don't know why Queensland has a day where it is daylight at 4-30am and dark at 6pm---Aussies!)



To end the year we are having a special speaker with a wide variety of snacks and Christmas cake in the **Community Centre on Tuesday 15th December.**

Do Come ----- There will be a nominal charge of \$10 per person to cover costs and the committee will fund the rest.

PLEASE- We do need your name so that we can give the caterers an accurate number but you can pay at the door. Please phone or email our Secretary or Myself (details above) by 10th December.

The Brunch meeting opens its doors at 10 am for everyone to meet and for money to be collected. Subs can be paid too. Proceedings will start about 10-45am (See details below)

Best wishes to you all this coming holiday period and for Christmas and the New Year

Cheers

Norris Kenwright (President)

This Newsletter, Course details and forms are all available on our Website www.u3ahavelocknorth.com

Important Notices

- ❖ Subscriptions:- For 2010 Still only \$10
- ❖ Brunch:- 15th December \$10

We would be grateful if you would fill in the attached form in order to Re-Register for 2010 and to come to our end of year Brunch on the 15th December at the Community Centre.

If you are unable to come to the Brunch please just submit your membership fee to the Secretary Dale Jackson, 2 Fulford Place, Havelock North, 4130 (8776221).

You can pay both your Sub and fee when you attend on the 15th December but it is **essential** that you contact either **Dale** or **myself** (8778412) to register your intent by the **10th December** so that we can give the caterers an accurate number. **Paying prior will cut down the waiting time on entry.**

The form will be on a separate page at the end of this newsletter so that you can print it off.

Special End of Year Meeting

Tuesday 15th December at Havelock North Community Centre



Special Guest Speaker: Wyn Drabble



Cost \$ 10.00

Wyn, as many of you know is an excellent Speaker, Musician, Song writer and Chef



Doors open at **10-00 am** to collect fees and where you can meet and talk to your friends. When everyone has arrived by **10-45** we will start our proceedings with a welcome and food will be served. This will be a variety of savouries etc and Christmas cake with Tea and Coffee. About **11-15 am** we will welcome our Speaker



Groups for next year

Included with this newsletter is a description of the **interest groups** which will be available for next year.

Note that there are several new groups for 2010

Also there is another form at the end of the newsletter for you to register for these groups. Since the courses will start prior to our first meeting in 2010 it is essential that you register so that we can supply the Convenors with Course lists in January for a February Start.

You will also be contacted to show which groups you are able to attend. Note that there may be a waiting list if you do not register early. We do have a policy that financial members of the H.N. U3A have first choices and members continuing with a course can have priority if they are financial members.

EITHER:- Send the Completed form to our Secretary Dale with your Subscription OR bring the form along to our Special December meeting

Note;- A small change to extra fees which I have decided upon

Some courses have additional fees for Hall hire etc e.g. Mah Jong \$25 and Computing \$15. These extra fees will be collected by the convenors of the groups when you first attend in February and not paid prior to attending.

At Our Last Meeting

George Massingham is now manager of the Hawkes Bay Regional Prison, a heavy responsibility, but George is no stranger to conflict for he served with the British forces in Afghanistan. It was about his experiences in Afghanistan of which he spoke to us. He gave us a real insight to the people and the country, the people and their attitudes and how they have suffered over a series of many wars. Life it appears has always been one of conflict there.



From his photos he showed how the country can be both attractive and harsh and how it is littered with the remnants of wars with guns, and broken military equipment. With the British forces it was part of this job to persuade the men to give up there weapons and trade them in for money and ways of living without war. The British he said had significantly more success than other forces for they were able to capture the hearts and minds of the people. The old war lords were still there and had a much better life style than the general population and were reluctant to give this up. A great talk and an interesting & informative view of the country.



A Request for Assistance

I have been asked to bring the following notice to our members for a very good cause.

Fiona Knobloch, Volunteer Co-coordinator for Cranford Hospice, says that volunteers are urgently needed at Cranford Hospice to help cook patients meals. No experience is required other than simple cooking skills. Full orientation is provided. If anyone could spare a few hours on a regular basis (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) they would love to hear from you.

You can contact Fiona at 878-7047.

A Woman's Poem

He didn't like the casserole
 And he didn't like my cake,
 He said my biscuits were too hard
 Not like his mother used to make.
 I didn't make the coffee right
 He didn't like the stew,
 I didn't mend his socks
 The way his mother used to do.

I pondered for an answer
 I was looking for a clue.
 Then I turned and
 smacked him round the ears
 Like his mother used to do

**Older Men Are Just more Helpful People**

Two guys, one old bloke and one young, are pushing their carts around

Bunnings Hardware store when they collide.

The older bloke says to the young guy, 'Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going.'

The young guy says, 'That's OK. It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate.'

The old bloke says, 'Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife look like?'

The young guy says, 'Well, she is 24 yrs old, tall, with blonde hair, big blue eyes, long legs, big boobs, and she's wearing tight white shorts, a halter top and no bra.'

'What does your wife look like?'

The old bloke says..... 'Doesn't matter --- Let's look for yours.'

Most of us older blokes are helpful like that!!

**Youth Tablets**

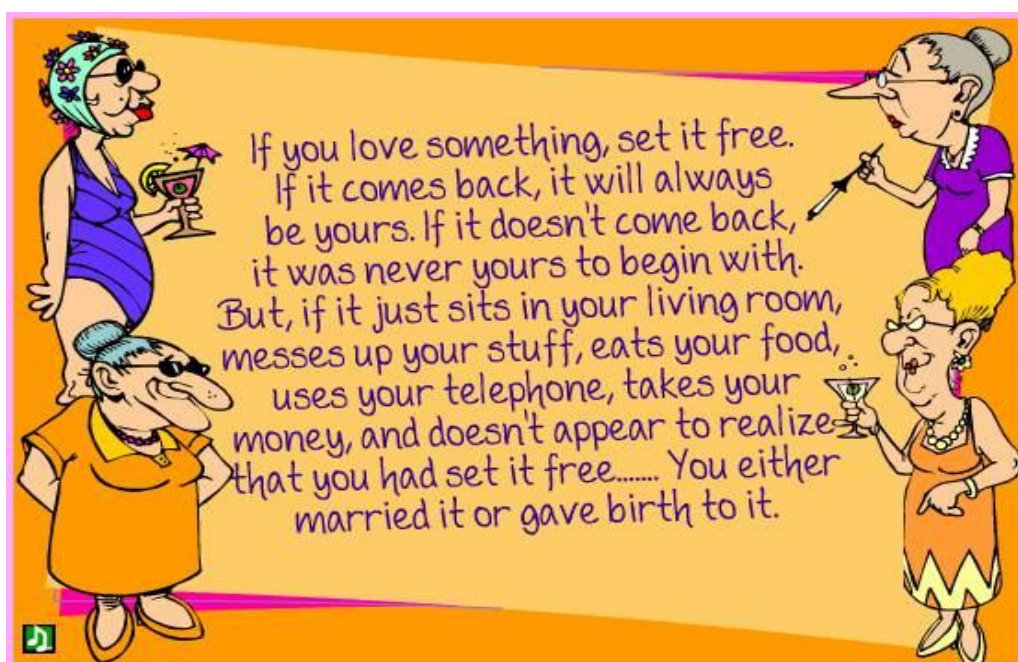
The police recently busted a man selling tablets he said gave eternal youth.

When going through their files they noticed it was the fourth time he was caught for doing this. He had earlier been arrested in 1794, 1856 and 1928.

I was walking down the road when I saw an Afghan bloke standing on a fifth floor balcony shaking a carpet.

I shouted up to him, "What's up Abdul, won't it start?"

I was reading in the paper today about this dwarf that got pick pocketed. How could anyone stoop so low?





ENROLLMENT FORM FOR 2010

And optional payment for those attending the 15th December meeting

Please return this completed form to the Secretary, Dale Jackson, 2 Fulford Place, Havelock North, 4130.

Name :(Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss).....

Address.....

Phone number:

Email;

Annual Subscription..... \$ 10 - 00

I wish to attend the 15th December Brunch (\$ 10) \$

Total

Please make Cheques payable to - "U3A Havelock North Inc."

Would you like a receipt?

Please put a tick in this box and *enclose*
A Self addressed envelope.

U3A Courses I would like to attend in 2010

Your Name: _____

Courses I wish to attend
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Signature

Please Note _____ There is a policy on course acceptance and priority to being on a course. You must be a financial member of U3A. New members in all courses are welcome. When joining a course, members from a previous year have priority; then other members can join. Financial members of the Havelock North U3A take precedence over members from other U3A's.