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Welcome to our last newsletter for the year, where we bring you details of our Christmas meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd November, 2018. This will be a special \$15.00 Christmas menu, of which your committee have agreed to subsidise by \$5.00 so you pay only \$10.00 pp.



## Festive Season's Greeting from our President ..

I like to think of the Festive Season as a time when we might reflect on the past year and be thankful that we live in a bounteous country, enhanced by the University of the Third Age .. oops you can't put the word university in any written reference to U3A in God's Own!

A letter from the Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins to Auckland U3A on 17 Sep 2018 states that "section 292 of the Education Act 1989 does not allow the use of the term 'university' .. in any written reference to U3A."

So how do we describe our connection with groups in other countries and our place in the University of the Third Age international movement? That's something to reflect on over the Festive Season.

Another reflection might be who would you like to be your next U3A President, as my term finishes come our next AGM in February 2019.

So whilst you reflect on the above, here's a couple of sayings attributed to Albert Einstein:

*Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth*

*Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.*

Thank you all for your individual enthusiasm for our U3A in Havelock North.

I wish you a safe, fulfilling, reflective and happy holiday time.

Ross McLean Nov 2018

**Our Christmas General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd November, 2018 at the Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road commencing at 10am. Many thanks to Pure Caterers for providing us with their excellent Xmas themed morning tea menu.**

**Our speaker will be Cam McLeay who runs a Tourist Lodge on the Nile**

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**The Kiwi connection to Uganda's Wildwater Lodge is as intriguing as the river it sits beside**

## Uganda: Wildly wonderful on the Nile



*Adventurer Cam McLeay turned a teenage love into a career that changed an African community. Photo/Paul Taylor*

*In 1996, Cam led a team of adventurers on the first known descent of the river in Uganda, before co-founding a rafting company there. A decade later, he led the first expedition to trace the Nile through five countries, from its mouth to its source in Rwanda's Nyungwe rainforest.*

*Having spent so much time on the world's longest river, at some 6650km, Cam, who moved to the east African country in 2001, became passionate about preserving as much of it as possible while also supporting locals.*

*He decided to build a lodge, aiming to employ workers from surrounding communities on construction and to run the resort long-term. About 150 local people joined in the daunting work of constructing Wildwaters, 90km from the capital Kampala, between two extreme rapids. Wildwater's restaurant sits beside one of the two rapids. Activities range from Jet boats to jacuzzis, beers or bungy jumping.*

*Cam and his wife Kate now live in Havelock North, but return to the continent, where in 2010 Cam discovered one of the original boats used in the classic 1951 Hollywood film *The African Queen*. The old, diesel-powered vessel was found on a Nairobi garden trailer. Cam "took a punt on the investment" and had her restored.*

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**U3A Havelock North**

**Christmas General Meeting**

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Mata Rd, Havelock North**

**Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

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Adventurer on the Nile**

\$10.00 p.p. payable at the door  
Includes morning tea  
Spot raffle prizes for members.

Please do let Trish Loye know before 20th November 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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## Reports from some of our Groups

### Singing for Fun - Convener - Carolyn Woon

Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 2.00 -3.00. Our emphasis is on enjoyment and relaxing together. There is room for one or two more members to join us.

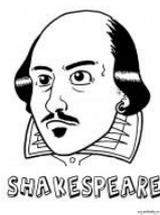


### Scrabble group - Convener - Joan Sye



Twice a month we meet to expand our knowledge of words and their meaning with a short pause for a cuppa between games. There are 12 members and 3 card tables. The winners in the first game play against each other in the second game and this provides lively competition. There is a triumphant buzz when a member scores a 7 letter word using all their tiles and scoring 50 bonus points! Sorry - there are no vacancies at the moment.

### Shakespeare Group - Convener - Joan Sye



This group has been meeting weekly and has enjoyed exploring the works of Shakespeare under the tutelage of Ken Keys. We read, interpret and act out the plays with amazing talent and dedication and have a lot of fun and laughter. There are 15 people in the group plus our tutor and we rely on a venue thanks to members. Grateful thanks to Greg, Jenny and Cherry for being our hosts so far this year. Expressions of interest for next year would be welcome.

### Rummikub Group - Convener - Val Galbraith

We play on a Friday afternoon at the Havelock North Club and new members for 2019 would be most welcome. If you would like to join us, please contact the Secretary to register your interest.

### Lunch Groups

We have four lunch groups with meetings held once a month on various days - see the Group list for more information.

For enquiries on vacancies for any of the above groups and all other groups please contact our Secretary, Trish Loye for more information on vacancies and availability.

## Registrations for 2019

It will soon be time to renew our subscriptions and course fees for 2019 to secure places in our chosen groups and register for new placings.

With this in mind, I have attached a list of the courses available and membership forms. Please make sure you include the groups you wish to attend for next year and if you are no longer able to participate please let the Secretary know as we do have waiting lists and enquiries for all group places. Your co-operation in this respect is most appreciated. For those wishing to pay by Internet Banking the information is now included on the subscription form.

**Please note:** I still require you to return a completed form for our records if you are paying in person or on line. Online forms can be completed, saved and then emailed back to me. Please DO NOT scan as a jpg as I cannot file such a document.

For those that wish to pay their subs at the Xmas meeting on the 22nd November. Please have your subscription payment and form separate to your \$10.00 morning tea fee. We will have a separate table set up for these.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

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### **A new President and Committee Members are required for 2019.**

Expressions of interest from members or a friend to be our President for the coming year would be appreciated. It is not arduous or difficult as we all work as a team on the committee. Meetings are held 6 - 8 weeks apart to help with the running of our U3A and input of new enthusiasm and ideas would be appreciated.

We would also like to have two more Committee members and it would be great to have another male, but then of course we can't be gender specific in our PC society.

Please contact the Secretary if you or a friend would be interested in joining.

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Our next AGM will be held on Thursday 14th February, 2019.

Nominations for any position on our committee need to be received at least 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting. Please contact the Secretary for nomination forms and further information.

#### **Our committee for 2018**

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**On behalf of the President and Committee we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



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