

HAVELOCK NORTH



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Welcome to our November newsletter of the U3A year for 2014 with lots of news from our groups and for upcoming events. Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday the 20th November as usual in the Havelock North Function Centre. This will be our special pre-Christmas meeting and also the last for 2014.

Your committee hopes it will bring you some early Christmas cheer with a special \$15.00 Christmas menu. Your committee have agreed to subsidise this by \$5.00 so you pay only \$10.00 pp.

It's also time to prepare for 2015 and attached to this newsletter are membership forms and a list of courses available.

From our President:

Greetings U3A members, it seems no time since the last newsletter! We are now into November and I hesitate to remind you that Christmas is just around the corner with hopefully lovely weather and fun family times. The blossom is breathtaking as the gardens come alive so good for the soul. Making time to enjoy the simple things gets quite hard in a busy retirement life, how did we manage and work as well? All groups appear to be functioning well and are a source of enjoyment and learning in a social environment.

Please group convenors do your best to encourage continuance of the group should you step down from the role, don't forget enthusiasm is infectious so spread it!

Joan Sye
President

Committee news:

Some of our Convenors are retiring this year due to other commitments, if there is anyone who would like to fill the gaps or start up a new group please let us know.

A big thank you goes to the following Convenors who are retiring this year:

- Angela Aitken - Gardening Group
- Dale Jackson - Card Making and Genealogy
- Angela Janes - Geography
- Margaret Bain - Wednesday Book Group. (Janet Hood will be the new Convenor of this group).

Our committee for 2014

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This newsletter brings details of our Christmas General Meeting to be held on

Thursday 20th November 2014 at 9.45am
Havelock North Function Centre

Our guest speaker will be Ken Keys who is well known in Drama circles in the "Bay" and will give a fun and whimsical look at drama. Please note the new start time of **9.45am**, with morning tea at approximately 10.45 after the entertainment.

Please notify our Secretary, Trish Loye on or before Tuesday 18th November if you wish to attend the meeting.

Email: pals.bkh@xtra.co.nz or phone 878 5920

Thank you.



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Christmas General Meeting

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Thursday 20th November 2014 at 9.45 a.m.

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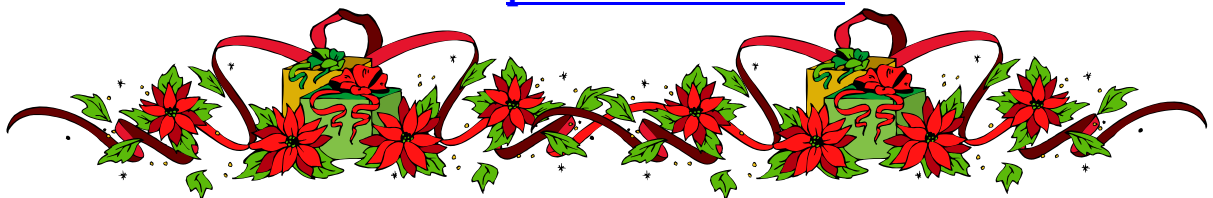
“Shakespeare Alive”

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

The caterers need numbers so if you are coming please ring or email our
Secretary by Tuesday 18th November

Trish Loye - Phone 878 5920 or

Email: pals.bkh@xtra.co.nz



News and updates from some of our groups:

Mah Jong Group:

25 members are registered and we have an average of 15 attending the meetings every Tuesday at 1.30 - 3.30pm at the Havelock North Bridge Club. We are a very friendly group who enjoy their games and we would welcome any members who would like to join us. There is tuition available to those who are newcomers to the game or who wish to refresh their knowledge. The games are very relaxed; we do not 'count'.

Margaret Elliott, Convenor. Phone 877 7844.

Art 1:

Our Art 1 group has had a good start to the year, with more than 10 members working in each others' homes. . Some of the members have been working in Acrylics, others in Watercolours, Pastels, Charcoal, Oils, and more recently Inks. Emphasis has been on sketching quickly, scenes and figures with some success. We hope to use these in larger works.

We have room for one or two more members.

Jackie Crespin, Convenor. Phone 877 8372

Photography Group:

We have done some experimental work with slow shutter speeds as well as exploring art movements of Abstraction and the basics of composition which help lift photos from quick snaps towards works of art. Some have been very thought provoking for all of us and we have often surprised ourselves with the images we have managed to create . There is now room for a few new members if any would like to join in with our group - 2nd Friday of the month 1.30- 3.30pm at Sheila's home .

Sheila Bowden, Convenor. Phone 877 5765

Shakespeare group:

Our group of 9 has studied and playacted scenes from Romeo and Juliet and As You Like It under the tutelage of Ken Keys to whom we are so grateful. We have completed our first 5 week course in the lovely setting of Keirunga Gardens theatre. Comments such as "This is such fun" and "school was never like this" has stimulated another 5 weeks this time studying Othello We have discovered skills we never knew we had and also baking talents from members at our morning tea break.

Fun while learning is the aim.

Joan Sye: Convenor. Phone 876 9380



Geology Group

In the last three months we have been concentrating on fossils and Earth history, starting with how life developed in the late Precambrian era from Single cells through the geological ages to the present day.

We followed the breakup of the single landmass of Pangea into the recognisable



continents which are still moving and colliding, creating mountain ranges such as the Andes, Alps and Himalayas.

The Silurian and Devonian eras were the age of the fish followed by the amphibians and the steamy swamps of the Carboniferous which laid down the coal deposits on Earth. The Triassic and Jurassic saw the emergence of the Dinosaurs which ended cataclysmically in the Cretaceous by the asteroid strike on the Yucatan peninsula and the volcanic Deccan traps of India. Several creatures dominated early life such as the Trilobites and Ammonites before the mammals started to emerge as the dominant animals on Earth.

Finally we saw the development of the Primates and the transition of homo-sapiens via the Neanderthals and homo-erectus; A truly fascinating journey. There were lots of fossils to examine and videos of the changes throughout Geological time.

N. Kenwright (Co-ordinator)



Tuesday book group:

This is going well, our numbers have dropped in the winter months which is to be expected. We have very interesting discussions on the books we have read and then loan them to each other which is a great way to find out new authors especially for those stuck in a rut with the authors they usually read!

Di Taylor - Convenor

U3A Norfolk Island is a new branch of U3A which has been set up in the last 12 months with a membership of 63 members. The following is an extract from the letter they have sent us:

U3A NI is the U3A movement's newest member. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to welcome U3A-ers from all over Australia and New Zealand to the island, to immerse yourself in some of our significant cultural events and to learn more about our fascinating history and language. In the process, you will also get to know U3A NI members and join in our local activities.

We live on a unique island which we like to share with the rest of the world and we are very keen for you to visit us.

Barbara Kelly, U3A NI Chairperson. www.norfolkislandu3anet.org.au

They have sent a promotional flyer inviting fellow U3A-ers to visit U3A Norfolk Island and to share in some of their very unusual cultural events throughout the year and quote a price From NZ\$1499pp twin share ex Auckland for Fares and seven nights accommodation, with itinerary. Dates of interest are: Thanksgiving Day 22-29 November 2014, First Fleet Anniversary Celebrations 1-8 March 2015, 225th Anniversary of the wrecking of HMS Sirius 15-22 March 2015, Bounty Day 7-14 June 2015.

If any of our members are interested in these trips, please contact me – Trish Loye, Secretary, U3A Havelock North for further information and copy of the brochure.

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2015 is not far away.

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday the 5th February 2015 at the usual time at the Havelock North Function Centre.

We would love to have a few more committee members, if you would like to join us or know of someone in your groups who would be willing to be nominated to take part on our committee, please let our Secretary know and she will forward the appropriate nomination forms. All our positions are open for nominations if you would like to be our President? Secretary? Committee etc. It can be a lot of fun to help with the format of your U3A.

A thought from Deepak Chopra:

Every time you are tempted to react in the same old way, ask if you want to be a prisoner of the past or a pioneer of the future.

Happy, healthy wishes to all.



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