

HAVELOCK NORTH



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Greetings Everyone,

The earth turns, rather sluggishly I think these days, with all the problems it has. But best wishes to you all for the New Year and welcome back to our U3A. It is over two months since our last very successful Christmas event and your Committee will work hard to emulate that event which will take place on Thursday 20th February.

Part of the meeting will be the AGM and a new committee but the good news is that the majority of the old committee will be standing again with new members. Jennifer Hartley is retiring and I would sincerely like to thank Jennifer for her outstanding service over the years. We may only have one vacancy to be filled but there is positive news on that front. Last year our membership against the trends of many societies, increased and your word of mouth was probably the major factor so well done.

The summer break has been different with December like a Hawkes Bay summer and January like a Wellington summer with all the winds. However I am back to flying and it was wonderful to see 15 Paragliders soaring over Te Mata Peak above our flying field last week. I had a setback in the latter part of 2024 with a still unknown illness but now seem much improved with more time spent in the garden. The zinnias this year have been especially beautiful. I am shying away from the News these days for I am tired of all the doom, gloom and endless in-depth reports of actions that should be taken immediately. The "Chase" quiz and the following news are my main viewing and that I tend to record these as I am making dinner when it is on and then I can whizz through the adverts afterwards and boring bits before "Dan the man" tells me about the Weather.

Building is still booming in our village with Ryman's "James Wattie" retirement building almost complete and the Middle Road development continues to grow. This 70-hectare "Iona" development extends from Middle Road over Iona Road into the Havelock hills with over 400 dwellings. With all the other developments on the other side of Havelock North I wonder if they have considered the impact on local schools in the area.

Norris Kenwright - President



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

**Thursday 20th February 2025 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

Nadine

From the Resource Centre to give a talk on what they do for our
community

**\$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 18th February
if you wish to attend**

Phone: 878 5920

Email: 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.

Our speaker this month is Nadine from the Resource Centre in Hastings and she has given me a brief summary of herself and what she does. Also below is a flyer on the organisation. There will be a Question and Answer session after her talk when you can ask about help and donations. (Please Do Not bring anything to the meeting)


I emigrated from the UK with my husband 19 years ago.

We love the special combination of factors that make Hawkes Bay so unique and this is truly our home.

I started Re-Source 5 years ago after seeing a major gap in the community.

Re-Source is a 'Resource Recovery Hub' that combines zero waste with community support in quite a unique way.

I have been thrilled with our progress so far and, with the support of the community we plan to expand in the future ----- Nadine.



**WE CONNECT QUALITY DONATED ITEMS
TO WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED IN
OUR COMMUNITY**

We convert donated and reclaimed items into vital support for people in need and reduce waste through repurposing. Our work includes supplying resources to non-profits and offering volunteering and work experience opportunities. Help us today to continue creating a positive impact on our community



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate Quality Items
Your unwanted items can be a lifeline for someone in need

Make a donation today and support our work
Every single donation helps us expand our efforts, which then enables us to do more work supporting our community and the environment

Volunteer today to become a part of our Re-Source team
We need volunteers skilled in many different areas so if you are interested in finding out more - contact us today

Join Our Community
Connect with us on socials or check out our website to learn how to make a donation, learn more about the projects and people making such a big impact in our community ,

www.re-source.co.nz **Re-source**  

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Renewal of Subscriptions for 2025

Remember to renew your membership and group activities as quickly as possible. You can also do that at the meeting on the 20th February. Please support our groups and if possible suggest new ones to Trish. We have so many members with skills and interests I am sure they could be shared by you with very little effort and it would be a great way of helping our U3A - Norris K.

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

International lunch group – Diana Arnold, Convenor

We have space for 2 or 3 new members. Particularly new members of U3A who haven't been in a Havelock North lunch group before.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Friday of the month throughout the year. Appreciate some of us travel but we meet up even when others may be away. We like to try different cuisines, Indian, Japanese, Italian, Korean, French, and more

Think about joining us? - Contact Trish or Diana

Travel Experiences Group – Chris Phillips, Convenor

We are a group of avid travellers who love to share travel experiences. We meet in members' homes each month and the host may present a recent or long-ago trip, near or far, or devise any variation on the travel theme they wish. Travel is what we do, so many are away each month, therefore we'd welcome some new members to join our group.

Please contact our Secretary, Trish Loye by phone or email to register your interest in joining in any group.

ROCKS AND MINERALS OF THE WORLD

The world has some fabulous rocks and minerals. And I have a huge collection

No specialist knowledge is needed. Just come and be amazed at the colours and shapes of the crystals, rocks and mineral

Second Tuesday of the Month 10-30 am
Starting 11th March



Older People and computers

Older folks, more than any other group, use their computers as their window to the world. More than others, seniors use their computers to keep in touch with their family and friends, to pass the time, to do social networking, to develop or engage in hobbies, and more. Many senior citizens use their computers to learn new things, explore new places, make travel plans, and keep up with the happenings around the world.



Crooks and miscreants prey on senior citizens because they are more trusting and many times less tech-savvy. Crooks take advantage of this and prey on older people – and take millions of dollars from them because they are more trusting and not always computer savvy. But it is not only the crooks. We see more and more legitimate companies using the bogey man approach to scare people to sell products and providing upgrades and services using fear to bolster sales. No doubt in the past many companies have made millions or even billions of dollars using scare tactics such as to sell security programs and unnecessary services or products to senior citizens **when free ones are available.**

Just be careful that some people and organisations alike are raking in hundreds of dollars by scaring people – particularly elderly folks – into buying something they don't need or paying for computer "repairs" that are not necessary and which may make their computers worse or plant some nefarious software on them. By changing settings and drivers and so on, the computer tech ensures future computer problems and therefore a returning customer.



But don't tear your hair out and panic.

If you need any advice you can come to the U3A and SeniorNet drop in centre on Monday afternoons for help and advice on computers and cell phones. Regular newsflashes will be sent out to all members when to come.

Summer Quiz

Due to the outstanding success of the Christmas song quiz at our November meeting we will have a new quiz for our February meeting on "Flowers in the garden". Again with prizes for the winning table



ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025

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.



Dr Jennifer Hartley is retiring from the committee and her position of Treasurer this year. Jennifer has been a very able and dedicated treasurer for the last 8 years but has decided it is now time to pursue her other interests. Jennifer will still be a member of U3A and her groups and has offered to be available for consultation on Treasurer duties if required. We wish her well for the future and give many thanks for her service.

To all Co-ordinators and Conveners

As we approach the last quarter of the year I would like to thank you all on behalf of myself and the committee for your contributions during the year.

Our groups are our lifeblood and we have had another successful year with our membership maintained at 275.

I hope that you continue next year but if you want a rest please tap someone on the shoulder who can continue your excellent work

Norris Kenwright

Nominations for our committee for 2025 are as follows:

President: Norris Kenwright	Secretary: Trish Loye
Treasurer: to be advised	
Committee: Margaret Buckley	Ian Brown
Eileen Harris	Chris King
Joy McCutcheon	Chris Phillips

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 2024

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