

HAVELOCK NORTH



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A happy and prosperous New Year to all!

I hope you have had an enjoyable time over the festive season and are refreshed, recharged and ready for another year of U3A learning and friendship.

The time has come for our AGM and I hope that you believe in our organisation and are prepared to offer your service to the committee or as a group convenor. The old adage of “many hands make light work” is true.

My term as President has ended and I wish to acknowledge the great support of my committee over the three years. We were a good team and things ticked over like clockwork due mostly to our efficient Secretary Trish with data at her fingertips.

Be Positive and accept challenges is my theme for 2016

Joan Sye – President

As usual our U3A year will begin with the necessary business of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th February at 10am. The meeting will follow our usual format of a coffee morning at the Havelock North Function Centre and the outgoing committee hopes that as many members as possible will come along and enjoy meeting with each other again.

The AGM also provides a good opportunity to hand in your enrolment form and pay your subscription and any course fees (if applicable) if you have not already done so.

Many members have already enrolled for 2016 and paid our small membership fee of \$10 but quite a number have yet to do so and for their convenience the enrolment form and group list is included later in the newsletter for those that may require the forms, and also attached separately for e-mail recipients. Please enrol not later than at the meeting on the 11th February and be sure to nominate which groups you would like to attend.

There is a waiting list for some groups and current financial members will take preference.

Remember - you must be a financial member of U3A to attend any group.

Our speaker for the AGM is Heather Cockburn who is a Registered Nurse specialising in Open Heart Surgery /General Medical Intensive Care.

Heather's talk will be specific to her Nursing & Living Experiences in Saudi Arabia, which is such a very different land!
Heather resided and worked there for 6 years.

We look forward to her interesting and informative talk.

**The Annual General Meeting of the
Havelock North U3A**

**Thursday 11th February 2016 at 10.00 a.m. at the Havelock North
Function Centre**

The President's report will be followed by the Treasurer's financial report and by the election of officers for the coming year.

We are fortunate to have an excellent and interesting speaker-

Heather Cockburn

who will talk about her Nursing and Living experiences in
Saudi Arabia

\$5.00 per person payable at the door

Includes morning tea or coffee

Spot raffle prizes for members.

Please do let Trish Loye know if you are coming.

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As the caterers require our numbers attending the AGM it would be appreciated if you could advise of your attendance before Tuesday the 9th of February. Your committee have agreed to subsidise the usual \$10.00 menu so you only pay **\$5.00** per person to attend, just to cover some of the costs of venue hire and catering. We look forward to as many members as possible attending.

Updates from some of our groups:

Mah-jong Group: Margaret Elliott advises that this will start up again on Tuesday the 9th February at the Havelock North Bridge Club. 1.30pm start. New members welcome.

Margaret would like someone to step up to help her with the running of the Mah-jong Group as due to health reasons she may not always be available as the main contact. Please give this serious consideration in order to keep your group operating.

Rummikub Group: Start date for Rummikub will be Friday 5th February 1.30 pm at the Havelock North Club, Campbell St, Havelock North.

Computer Group: The first meeting for this group will be Monday 22nd February, 2pm at the Havelock North Bridge Club. New members welcome.

Cycling Group: Ross McLean is the new Convenor of the Cycling Group and he will be in contact with members with suggestions for the rides each month. We do have a very large group and it is helpful if members commit to replying to his emails promptly so that arrangements can be confirmed with the various venues on the day.

Shakespeare Group: Convenor Joan Sye in conjunction with Ken Keys. Starting Thursday 25th February 2016, 10.30 am at Keirunga. This group had a lot of fun last year and will be running again this year. If you are a keen thespian and would like to take part please contact Trish Loye to register your interest.

New Groups: We would love to help anyone with a special interest who would like to start up a group for the coming year. Is this YOU? Meetings are usually held in member's homes, so numbers can be limited.

Many of our groups are very popular and have a full membership, especially the Art groups and there is a waiting list to join in. If you are interested in any particular group and are willing to wait until there is a vacancy, please contact Trish to register your interest and she can advise.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

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 9 members including the principal officers of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Would **YOU** like to join our committee, it is not arduous but a lot of fun at our meetings held approximately once every two months to decide on business matters relating to the running of our U3A.

We would very much like to have another one or two committee members and would appreciate any expressions of interest in the positions.

We require a new President this year and are fortunate that Ross McLean has offered to step up to the position. Any other nominations for President will also be accepted.

We take this opportunity to thank Garth Thornton for his contribution to our U3A committee over the last few years. Garth is not standing for committee this year but hopes to be involved in other interests within U3A.

Also, a very big thank you to Joan for her term as President, she has had us all in fits of laughter at meetings but we are not losing her entirely as she will stay on the committee for 2016. You don't get off that lightly, Joan!

Please note that nominations must be received by the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the AGM, and nominees must be a financial member of U3A Havelock North.

Nominations received for our 2016 Committee are:

President	----	Ross McLean
Secretary	----	Trish Loye
Treasurer	----	John Tait

Committee:

Bobby Allen, David Ward, Joy Palmer, Joan Sye.

Any other nominations are most welcome.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, Trish Loye.

Please contact Trish before the 3rd of February, 2016 and a form can be emailed or posted out to interested parties.

The outgoing committee extends best wishes for 2016 to all convenors and members. We hope you enjoy participating in the groups you have chosen. We extend our sincere thanks to the many group convenors and ask our members to give them our support and assistance in the coming year.

Our outgoing committee for 2015

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