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Greetings from our President ..

2018 already. I wonder what this year has in store and I wonder how we will react?

More specifically about U3A, I've been talking with a few local members and a 90 year old member from Mt Albert, Auckland. All agree, as I hope that you do, U3A is of tremendous value both socially and intellectually, so although we have 370+ members here in Havelock North, please keep spreading the word.

Please remember that if you would like a new group started, then contact a committee member with your ideas .. it's amazing what can come out of the woodwork. There are currently plenty of spaces in the cycling and meteorology groups.

Our longstanding treasurer John Tait and his wife Phyl have recently moved to Palmerston North. John has kept a canny eye on our finances for the last four years and has left them in a healthy state. Unfortunately John and Phyl probably will not be at our AGM for an official farewell, but I know that I speak for you all in thanking them and wishing them good health and happiness for the future.

Fortunately, Dr Jennifer Hartley has taken on our treasurer position. We could also do with a couple of more committee members, but more about that at the AGM on 22 Feb.

I wish you a safe, fulfilling and happy 2018 and beyond.

Ross McLean. President, U3A Havelock North

Our next meeting - the AGM - will be held on Thursday 22nd February, 2018 at the Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road, Havelock North commencing at 10am. See the notice on page 4 of your newsletter.

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.

We do need two more committee members for this year and would appreciate nominations from you for these positions.

***** 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 help with the running of your U3A. Please give it some consideration and contact the Secretary, Trish Loye with any questions you may have.

Grab a friend and join together - you may be surprised at how easy it is to participate.

Nominations for this year's committee are as follows:

President ----- Ross McLean

Secretary ----- Trish Loye

Treasurer ----- Jennifer Hartley

Committee: Joy Palmer, Jenny Setford, Joan Sye

Our thanks to Dr Jennifer Hartley for stepping up to the position of Treasurer at short notice. Jennifer is a Botanist and has a Doctorate in Genetics.

Nominations for any of these positions would be most welcome.

All nominations must be with the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the AGM. A form is attached separately for your information.

Bobbi Allen has resigned from the committee for this coming year after seven or more years of service, for which we thank her very much. Her contribution to the organising of our raffles and prizes at the general meetings has been outstanding and we will miss her services in the future. Bobbi is still an active member of U3A and will be participating in her usual groups.

Notice Board

New Group: Writing for Fun

2nd and 4th Friday mornings 10 am - 12 noon. Commencing late Feb or early March. With Gill Eggers

Gill has done a lot of writing classes over the years with U3A & HB Writers. Her wish would be to inspire people to write which she knows is such fun and a challenge. It would be a fairly loose format with members suggesting and creating ideas for the writing.

Please contact the Secretary, Trish Loye to register your interest in this group.

Jazz Group - It is with regret that we advise that this group will not be active this year due to the Tutor, Neal Totty not being well enough to run the course anymore. Our best wishes and thanks for his past contributions are extended to his family.

Computer Group - As the Computer group members will know by now, Tony has had a fall and damaged his left arm and is now waiting on an operation to repair the tendons in his shoulder. As he is not able to lift or set up the projector screen for our classes at the Bridge Club rooms, it has been decided that the first meeting on **February 26th will now be held at the Havelock North Function Centre in the Seminar room**, off the main foyer. Usual start time of 2pm but will finish at 3.30pm. Further details will be in Tony's regular newsletter to the group.

Renewal of subscriptions and fees for 2018

Over three quarters of members have now renewed their subs and confirmed their places in the various groups. Thank you all for your promptness in registering for your groups.

For those that wish to pay their subs at the AGM on the 22nd February, please have your subscription payment and form separate to your \$5.00 morning tea fee. We will have a separate table set up for these.

An enrolment form has been sent with your newsletter for those that require it. Please check that you have not already paid, as we do get double ups at times.

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

**Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 10.00 a.m. at the
Havelock North Function Centre**

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

\$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.
Phone: 878 5920**

Email: pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz

As the caterers require our numbers attending the AGM it would be appreciated if you could advise of your attendance before Tuesday the 20th 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 to chat, catch up with U3A news and enjoy a pleasant morning tea.

We are still in the process of obtaining a speaker for the meeting and will advise later in the month.

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.

At the beginning of November 2017 our U3A treated our Conveners to a Morning Tea provided by Pure Catering and held in the Seminar Room at the Function Centre. A lovely get together was enjoyed by all who attended.



Our outgoing committee for 2017

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