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ROTORUA U3A AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: **Wednesday 20 August – doors open at 9.30 am.**

Venue: **Bridge Club Rooms, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Rd., Lynmore.**

All U3A members (and friends) are invited to attend

**This will be our 2014 Annual General Meeting -
your chance to elect your new Committee.**

Some of our Interest Groups, including the famous “Grey Warblers” will be there to entertain us.



Light refreshments will be provided at the beginning of the meeting.

On 20 August all our present Committee members will be stepping down to allow you to elect your new representatives.

A nomination form is attached to this Newsletter. Please use it to put forward the name(s) of people ready and willing to help with arrangements for our 2-monthly Forums and the coordination of our 23 Interest Groups.



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The Film Show

At our last Forum approximately 130 people were treated to a professionally-managed showing of offcuts from Kerry Fowler's TV films featuring local historian Don Stafford.

Don was a polished public speaker and a great writer, but he was not a film presenter. Kerry caught some priceless moments of gaffs that necessitated retakes. Of major interest for our U3A audience were snippets of his conversations with local identities, and his entertaining accounts of historical events in the Rotorua district.

The superb quality of Kerry's filming made this presentation of "bits from the cutting-room floor" into a truly fascinating experience.



A New Group?

Both our popular Current Affairs groups are full, so Ann Sullivan and Ann Bosomworth, with the support of Groups Coordinator Peter Wood, are helping to get a third Group up and running. We are willing to mentor a new group for the first four sessions, after which we hope the group will have found its feet and someone will take on the job of group convenor. We had a first meeting on July 15, the second will be held at

Ann Sullivan's home, 10 – 12 noon on Tuesday August 12 at 16c Grey St. It will be up to the new group to decide how often and on what day and time they will meet.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Ann at: annsullivan@clear.net.nz Ph 3481991.

ELECTION FORUM – Wednesday 3rd September

An important date for your diary!

U3A is combining with Grey Power to present the party candidates for the Rotorua and Waiariki electorates at a Forum to be held at the Concert Chamber, Rotorua Convention Centre, at 1.30 pm on the above date.

A gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Afternoon tea will be served after the Forum.

Parking available opposite Princess Gate in Hinemaru Street.



From our Treasurer:

I am getting several enquiries from people who have forgotten the A/C details.

Subscription to Rotorua U3A is \$10 per year.

We do have online internet banking, so if you do too, you can pay your sub quickly that way. You can also make a payment into our account at any branch of **ASB** – but remember you must ask for our **01** account. If you do pay either online or at a branch, please make sure to enter your **full name** so we can accurately match you with our records. If you are on email I will acknowledge your payment by email.

Our bank is **ASB** and our account details are:

Name: **U3A Rotorua**

A/C Number: **123155 0129267 01**

Our web address <http://u3arotorua.com/membership.html> also gives payment details.

You can still pay in the old-fashioned way; cheque (payable to U3A) or cash can be handed to the Treasurer at any general meeting. Or cheque or cash can be mailed to:

Ann Sullivan (Treasurer, Rotorua U3A), 16c Grey Street ROTORUA 3010.

Remember that your membership expires each year on the anniversary of the month in which you first joined.

Thanks,
Ann S.

Something different from the British Medical Journal ...



In January 2004, workers at an Australian research institute found their tearoom bereft of teaspoons. They decided to purchase a new batch, but these spoons in turn disappeared within a few months. Exasperated by consequent inability to stir in sugar or to accurately dispense instant coffee, they set out to answer the age-old question “Where have all the bloody teaspoons gone?”

Lacking any guidance from previous researchers they carried out a weekly audit of teaspoons discreetly marked with red nail

polish. After 5 months 56 of the 70 marked teaspoons had disappeared.

They worked out that application of this rate of loss per employee to the entire workforce of the city of Melbourne would mean that 18 million teaspoons are going missing each year. Laid end-to-end these would extend over 2700 km - the entire coastline of Mozambique - and weigh over 360 tonnes, the approximate weight of four adult blue whales.

The teaspoons were not located and the researchers concluded that migration to a spoonoid planet and resistentialism were equally plausible explanations for the disappearance.

Current Rotorua U3A Interest Groups		
Topic	Time	Contact
Aromatherapy	In abeyance at present	
Art history (1)	2 nd & 4 th Mondays, 2.00pm	Anne Hunt 3487680 annedon@clear.net.nz
Art history (2)	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 2.00pm	Lyndall Hermitage 3624496
Book Reviews (1)	3 rd Mondays, 2.00pm	Jill Nicholas 3479647 jill.nicholas@gmail.com
Book Reviews (2)	4 th Mondays, 2.00pm	Di Edwards 3483548 diedwards@kinect.co.nz
Book Reviews (3)	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 10.00am	Jan Burbidge 3478539
Cooking for One	Check with Vic Reid.	Vic Reid 3494321 vic.reid@clear.net.nz
Current Events (1)	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 10.00am	Ann Bosomworth 3458339 ejb.alb@xtra.co.nz
Current Events (2)	1 st Wednesdays 10.00am	Blanche Kingdon 3487990
Ethnic Dining	3 rd Wednesdays, 12 noon	Annie Wells 3458494 or 027 4595157
Films/Theatre	1 st Mondays, 12.30pm	Jenny Mitai 3483903 Margaret Lett 3439223 margaretlett@gmail.com
History	2 nd Wednesdays, 10.00am	Nan Miller 3455817
Numero Group	Every Friday, 1.30pm	Margaret Neale 3485696
Philosophy	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 2.00pm	Peter Wood 3455099 st.peter@paradise.net.nz
Photography (1)	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 2.00pm	Christine Mills 3455356
Photography (2)	2 nd & 4 th Fridays, 10.00am	Val Burrows 3490455
Poetry	4 th Thursdays, 2.00pm	Margaret Lett 3439223 or Ann Sullivan 3481991
Science	2 nd & 4 th Mondays, 10.00am	Tony Charlton 3322183
Singing – the “Grey Warblers”	Twice monthly – time and venue notified by email	Christine Mills 3455356
Spanish Conversation	1 st & 3 rd Fridays, 1.00pm	Joan Wood joan.wood@paradise.net.nz
Travel Goup 1	4 th Thursdays, 1.30pm	Doris Scott 3492720
Travel Group 2	In abeyance at present	Peter Wood 3455099 st.peter@paradise.net.nz
Visits	1 st Fridays, 1.30pm	Judy Somerville 3572292
Walking Group	2 nd Fridays, 9.30am	Ann Sullivan annsullivan@clear.net.nz Margaret Lett 3439223
Writing for Families	1 st & 3 rd Fridays, 9.30am	Kate Gore 3479385

Many times we are climbing mountains when we ought to be quietly resting.

ROTORUA U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Bridge Club Rooms, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Rd., Lynmore.

Wednesday 20 August 2014, 10.00am.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21 August 2013
4. Matters arising
5. Group Coordinator's Report
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report – Audited Accounts 2013-2014
8. Election of Officers
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committee Members
9. General business.



NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF ROTORUA U3A OFFICERS 2014-2015

Please enter the names of people who are willing and able to assist with the running of our organisation.

This form can be handed to any member of the current Committee (see page 2), or brought to the AGM on 20 August.

Position	Person nominated	Proposer	Seconder
President			
Vice-president			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Committee members			