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ROTORUA U3A AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: **Wednesday 21 August - doors open at 9.30 am.**

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

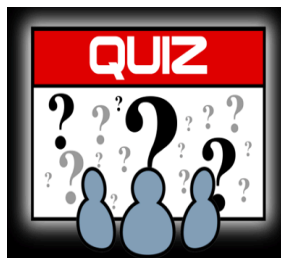
We shall be holding our
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at this Forum

See page 5 for the agenda and a nomination form for the new committee.

Also, courtesy of Ann, Paddi and Peter

OUR TRADITIONAL ANNUAL ROTORUA U3A QUIZ



Please bring a pen and a sharp mind!

*If you wish to pay your annual subscription at the meeting, please come early.
Only financial members are entitled to vote.*

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

A reminder to all Rotorua U3A members;

Mel Bowen is our **U3A Almoner**. He is always ready and willing to visit, call on or telephone any one of our members who may be unwell. If you (or someone you know) would like to get in touch with Mel, please phone him on

345 3221, or email almoner@u3arotorua.com

Rotorua U3A 2018/19 Committee

President	Peter Wood	345 5099	stpeterwood@gmail.com
Vice President	Mel Bowen	345 3221	mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz
Secretary	Paddi Hodgkiss	345 6639	patpaddihodgkiss@gmail.com
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Rotorua U3A currently has 424 financial members and 28 Interest Groups and our numbers are still growing !

Just to let you know ...

Macular Degeneration NZ is holding a free seminar on the age-related eye disease, **Macular Degeneration**, at the Rotorua Eye Clinic, 71 Fairy Springs Road, Saturday morning 31st August, 10.00-11.30 am. The organisers are hoping to increase awareness and education about New Zealand's leading cause of blindness.

Please remember to bring and wear your name badge at U3A Forums



After the 2019 AGM, members will be charged \$5.00 to replace a lost badge.



Stay cool!

On Monday night at 6.30, two burly Firemen knocked on my door. Before you start to worry that I may have had a fire, they had come to fit a new fire alarm (at the Grey Power Expo I was told that the Fire Service can provide one new alarm, free of charge). It only took a few minutes for a very tall Fireman to install; he laughed when I asked if he could dust the light shade as well!

I was told about some fire safety issues. They asked what I would do if a pan caught fire on the stove? Here is their advice:

1. Never take a burning pan outside.
2. Throw a wet tea-towel or cloth over the pan.
3. If it has a lid, use that or a chopping board.
4. Be sure to have an escape plan.

Pauleen Wilkinson

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

If you receive this newsletter by post and there is a coloured sticker here → → your subscription to Rotorua U3A is overdue. Please pay to:

Bank: **ASB** Name: **U3A Rotorua** Account Number: **123155 0129267 01**

Or contact our Treasurer, Ann Sullivan (Ph 3481991).

Rotorua U3A Members recently in the news

Canine Friends volunteer **Mary Barton** was interviewed by the Daily Post in June as part of publicity for “Canine Friends Pet Therapy” volunteer week. For the last eight years Mary and her dog Minnie have been among 17 local volunteers who regularly visit Rotorua Rest Homes. “We would love to have more volunteers join us - it really is very rewarding work” says Mary.

Back in 1986 **Jill Nicholas** (then Radio Geysersland Reporter) and **Pat de Carteret** (then Charge Physiotherapist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital) were in the thick of the action. The circus was in town. Lucy the poodle somehow got into the lion’s cage, causing five lions to escape and rampage on the Village Green for nearly an hour.

This is the subject of the currently-available 7-episode “TV on Demand” documentary “Who Killed Lucy the Poodle?” Jill features prominently in Episode 2. She had hurried along to the Green, but was ordered away by a policeman “Or I’ll shoot you”. She ended up shinning up a tree. Pat was in the hospital throughout the drama, thankfully behind the scenes. She had been ordered to keep everyone inside, and to lock all the doors and windows. Just as well, because the last lion ended up hiding in the crawl space underneath the QE building!



*I keep six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why and When
And How and Where and Who.
I send them over land and sea,
I send them east and west;
But after they have worked for me,
I give them all a rest.*

*I let them rest from nine till five,
For I am busy then,
As well as breakfast, lunch and tea,
For they are busy men.
But different folk have different views;
I know a person small –
She keeps ten million serving men,
Who get no rest at all!
She sends ‘em abroad on her own affairs,
From the second she opens her eyes –
One million Hows, two million Wheres,
And seven million Whys!*

Rudyard Kipling

ROTORUA U3A INTEREST GROUPS

Shading indicates that the group currently has vacancies (August 2019)

Topic	Time	Contact
Armchair Readers	2 nd Thursdays 10.00am	Coral Day 349 3336 seeday@xtra.co.nz
Art History (1)	2 nd & 4 th Mondays, 2.00pm	Anne Hunt 348 7680 anneanddonhunt@gmail.com
Art History (2)	1 st & 3 rd Mondays, 2.00pm	Cate Frey 3468562
Book Reviews (1)	3 rd Mondays, 2.00pm	Jill Nicholas 347 9647 jill.nicholas@gmail.com
Book Reviews (2)	4 th Mondays, 2.00pm	Di Edwards 348 3548 diedwards@kinect.co.nz
Cooking for One	Check with Kevin Quick.	Kevin Quick 357 2792 kwix41@icloud.com
Current Events (1)	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays, 10.00am	Ann Bosomworth 345 8339
Current Events (2)	1 st Wednesdays, 10.00am	Blanche Kingdon 348 7990
Current Events (3)	2 nd Tuesdays, 10.00am	Jim Hartwig 985 4146
DVD Movies Group	3 rd Thursdays, 2.00pm	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
Ethnic Dining	3 rd Wednesdays, 12.30pm	Annie Wells 027 4595157
Films	1 st Mondays, 12.30pm	Jenette Mitai 348 3903
Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas	4 th Wednesdays, 2.00pm	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
History	2 nd & 4 th Fridays, 10.00am	Brian Gillespie 348 7611
Numero Group	Every Friday, 1.00pm	Margaret Neale 348 5696
Philosophy	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays, 2.00pm	Peter Wood 345 5099 stpeterwood@gmail.com
Photography (1)	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays, 2.00pm	Rose Hendry 3575194
Photography (2)	2 nd & 4 th Fridays, 10.00am	Carol Patterson 357 2523
Poetry	2 nd Thursdays, 2.00pm	Margaret Lett 343 9223 margaretlett@gmail.com
Science and Engineering	2 nd & 4 th Mondays, 9.30am	Mel Bowen 345 3221 mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz
Singing – The “Grey Warblers”	Twice monthly – time and venue notified by e-mail	Kevin Quick 357 2792 kwix41@icloud.com
Spanish Conversation	1 st & 3 rd Fridays, 1.00pm	Jenny Joyce genevievejoyce@gmail.com
Square Dancers	Tuesdays 10.30am	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
Travel Group	4 th Thursdays, 2.00pm	Doris Scott 349 2720
Visits	1 st Fridays, 1.30pm	Judy Somerville 357 2292
Walking Group	2 nd & 4 th Fridays, 9.20am	annsullivan822@gmail.com Peter Wood 345 5099
Writing for Families (1)	1 st & 3 rd Fridays, 9.30am	Yvonne Rock 357 5665
Writing for Families (2)	2 nd Mondays, 10. am	Pauleen Wilkinson 348 6244 Pauleen.w@xtra.co.nz

ROTORUA U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Wednesday 21 August 2019, 11 am.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15 August 2018
4. Matters arising
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Accounts 2018-2019
7. Appointment of Financial Reviewer
8. Election of 2018-19 Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members (up to 5).

N.B. Group Coordinator, Membership Secretary, Almoner, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager are not elected positions.

Nominations close on 14th August.

The following nominations have been received:

President – Peter Wood

Vice President – Mel Bowen

Secretary – Paddi Hodgkiss

Treasurer – Ann Sullivan

Committee Members – Ruth Gadgil, Jim Hartwig, Veronica Morgan, Jill Nicholas, John Turner

If further nominations are received, a vote count will be required at the meeting.

8. General business.



NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF ROTORUA U3A COMMITTEE 2019-2020

Please send nominations to Peter Wood
Phone: 345 5099 or e-mail: stpeterwood@gmail.com
by 14 August.

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