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ROTORUA U3A FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: **Wednesday 19 February - doors open at 9.30 am.**

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

Speaker: **Justin Hodgkiss**, Co-director of the MacDiarmid Institute and Professor in Physical Chemistry at Victoria University of Wellington.

Topic: **Materials for a Sustainable Future**

Justin is a "local lad" (Westbrook Primary School, Rotorua Intermediate School, Rotorua Boys' High School). He studied at the University of Otago, at MIT in the United States, and at Cambridge University in England before returning to New Zealand in 2009. At present he is commercialising the laser instrumentation invented by his group. This will increase understanding about processes such as conversion of light into electricity, or how the skin pigment melanin protects us from UV light. He is passionate about helping other scientists with commercialisation of their research discoveries.



Light refreshments will be provided at the beginning of the meeting

All U3A members and friends are invited to attend

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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 currently has **434** financial members and our numbers are still growing!

Goodbye and Hello

With the turn of the year we say farewell to two of our interest groups. Many thanks to **Doris Scott** and to **Meg Neale** who were Convenors for the Travel Group and the Numero Group respectively.

Two new groups have started up, so the total of **29** groups still stands.



CALLIGRAPHY

Don Hunt is starting a calligraphy group on Wednesday mornings. There is no set agenda, members will sort out what they want to do. Interested people can contact Don for further information:

Ph. 021 921510 or e-mail annedon@me.com

WEDNESDAY ART GROUP

If you want to do your art work in company rather than on your own, bring your materials (any medium except oils) to the Mokoia Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons.

Contact:

Mel Bowen Ph 345 3221 or e-mail mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz



U3A Square Dancers

. New Learner Intake 2020.
Come along and try your hand
(well, your legs and feet)
at Square Dancing!

3 introductory sessions

When: Tuesday March 3, 10, 17,
10.30 am - 12.30pm

Where: Parksyde, Tarewa Place.

Cost : \$4.

Contact: **Ann Sullivan**, ph 348 1991 or
annsullivan822@gmail.com



U3A Ratbag Report

109 rats, 62 mice and 1 stoat have been caught in the Blue Lake traplines since October. It's very quiet at the moment – the rats must have plenty of natural tucker and are not poking their noses into our traps.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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or contact our Treasurer, Ann Sullivan, 16 Grey St., (Ph 3481991).

ROTORUA U3A INTEREST GROUPS

Shading indicates that the group currently has vacancies (February 2020)

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
Calligraphy	Wednesday mornings, check time with Don Hunt.	Don Hunt 021 921510 annedon@me.com
Cooking for One	Check with Annette Bogun.	Annette Bogun 345 8198
Current Events (1)	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays, 10.00am	Ann Bosomworth 345 8339
Current Events (2)	1st Wednesdays, 10.00am	Alison Brown 345 7640 alib@memoriesmatter.co.nz
Current Events (3)	2nd Tuesdays, 10.00am	Jim Hartwig 985 4146
DVD Movies Group	3 rd Thursdays, 2.00pm	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
Ethnic Dining	3rd Wednesdays, 6.00pm	Annie Wells 027 4595157
Films	1st Mondays, 12.30pm	Jenette Mitai 348 3903
Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas	4 th Wednesdays, 2.00pm	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
History	2nd & 4th Fridays, 10.00am	Brian Gillespie 348 7611
Philosophy	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays, 2.00pm	Peter Wood 345 5099 stpeterwood@gmail.com
Photography (1)	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 2.00pm	Rose Hendry 3575194
Photography (2)	2nd & 4th Fridays, 10.00am	Carol Patterson 357 2523
Poetry	2nd Thursdays, 2.00pm	Margaret Lett 343 9223 margaretlett@gmail.com
Ratbags	Check with Peter Wood	Peter Wood 345 5099 Ann Sullivan 348 1991
Science and Engineering	2nd & 4th 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	Jean Herdman 347 9729 mick.jeanherdman@gmail.com
Spanish Conversation	1st & 3rd Fridays, 1.00pm	Helen Alquezar 347 9274 helenalquezar@gmail.com
Square Dancers	Tuesdays 10.30am	Ann Sullivan 348 1991 annsullivan822@gmail.com
Visits	1 st Fridays, 1.30pm	Judy Somerville 357 2292
Walking Group	2nd & 4th Fridays, 9.20am	annsullivan822@gmail.com Peter Wood 345 5099
Wednesday Art Group	Every Wednesday, 1.15-3.00 pm	Mel Bowen 345 3221 mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz
Writing for Families (1)	1st & 3rd Fridays, 9.30am	Anne Stewart 345 9369 bastewart@xtra.co.nz
Writing for Families (2)	2nd Mondays, 10.am	Pauleen Wilkinson 348 6244 Pauleen.w@xtra.co.nz