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ROTORUA U3A AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM

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

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

It's AGM/QUIZ time again!

See pages 4-5 for the agenda and a nomination form for the 2020/2021 Rotorua U3A Committee.

Nominations close on 12 August.

The Annual General Meeting will start at 10 am and will be followed by the quiz. Ann, Paddi and Peter have put together another set of questions to tease, amuse and educate us.



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 2019-20 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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Crisis over

What do you do when more than 160 eager people have arrived on a pouring wet day to hear about and discuss a matter of great importance – and the visiting speaker can't get to the meeting? Do you cancel, postpone, or . . . ?

Well, we had an emergency committee meeting at the back of the hall (did you notice?) and Mel Bowen was roped in to be Master of Ceremonies for a general discussion. Our local speaker, Mike Cresswell, gallantly held the floor to start things off - and you'll probably agree that the morning turned out to be thoroughly worthwhile after all. Many thanks to all who pitched in and helped!

Rotorua U3A currently has 422 financial members and 28 Interest Groups

U3A Ratbags progress



This group is becoming very popular and now has 30+ members and casual operators. Two new traplines have been established.

Whaka Forest (Blue Lake area) has been relieved of a total of:

- 272 Rats
- 147 Mice
- 3 Possums
- 2 Weasels and
- 2 Stoats.



The cost of postage has been increased once again.
If you are able to receive your newsletter online, rather than by post, please send your e-mail address to

annsullivan822@gmail.com

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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

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

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

ROTORUA U3A INTEREST GROUPS

Shading indicates that the group currently has vacancies (July 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)	3 rd Thursdays, 10.00am	Ann Bosomworth 345 8339
Current Events (2)	1 st 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, 12.30pm	Annie Wells 027 4595157
Films	1st Mondays, 12.30pm	Jenette Mitai 348 3903
History	2nd & 4th Fridays, 10.00am	Brian Gillespie 348 7611
Philosophy	2nd & 4th 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	Barbara Nicholson pandbnicholson@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

ROTORUA U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Wednesday 19 August 2020, 10 am.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 August 2019**
4. **Matters arising**
5. **President's Report**
6. **Treasurer's Report and reviewed 2019-2020 accounts**
7. **Appointment of Financial Reviewer**
8. **Constitution changes**

Two changes are proposed by Peter Wood (President) and seconded by Paddi Hodgkiss (Secretary):

(i) *In the current Constitution and Rules of Rotorua U3A, STRUCTURE Item 1 reads: "Membership is open to those who identify with the objectives and principles of U3A, attend meetings and pay an annual subscription fee which covers all RU3A activities and groups."*

A change is proposed to "Membership is open to those who identify with the objectives and principles of RU3A. New members will pay a joining fee and thereafter an annual membership fee which covers all RU3A activities and groups."

(ii) *In the current Constitution and Rules of Rotorua U3A, COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES General reads: "The role of the Committee is to manage the general running of RU3A, to arrange bi-monthly members meetings and to establish and encourage interest groups."*

A change is proposed to "The role of the Committee is to manage the general running of RU3A, to set membership fees, to arrange regular forum meetings, and to establish and encourage interest groups."

9. **Election of 2020-21 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.

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.

10. **General business.**
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NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF ROTORUA U3A COMMITTEE 2020-2021

Please send nominations to Peter Wood
Phone: 345 5099 or e-mail: stpeterwood@gmail.com
by 12 August.

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