



Learning for Life

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Our next Members' Meeting will not be a formal meeting, but a chance to socialise over Lunch at Christmas Time. It will be held at the Waimea Club, on Wednesday, 28th November, at 12 midday.

FROM THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 24th OCTOBER 2018

It turned out to be a good meeting. Quite a few people there, perhaps 70 of us. The nibbles were really good, and somehow taste even better now that they seem to be free. Glad we changed the subs!

We welcomed 8, yes eight, new members which was pleasing and I imagine they enjoyed the proceedings. We quickly moved to Les Cook who led the Writing Group in reading excerpts from the book they have produced. All of this was recognition by not just the writers, but all of us who have been in U3A for a few years, of the work done by Judy Hiener. Some of you reading this newsletter will have seen the coverage of her work in the Nelson Leader (November 15th) – front page news!

I met Judy first when she was organising a farce entitled Homer's Story for U3A Nelson's 21st Birthday Party back in 2012. This was so well received, there was so much laughter, that 18 months later she was prevailed upon to put on another tragedy, namely Hamlet. Not as the bard would have recognised, however he would have enjoyed it, as we did. Judy entitled her Opus Magnum "Lets Ham HAMLET" - the cast were quite unable to restrain themselves, and the audience at

the AGM were delighted. The lines of her imitation drama were pure genius.

Anne then spoke about the upcoming Convenors Xmas meeting and the general Xmas event. (Xmas Lunch U3A at The Waimea Club Heather Clendon & Anne, organisers, \$30 each to the Treasurer, Alison). Since then, the Convenors meeting has been and gone and was a big success, so our thanks go to not only those who organised it but also of course to the convenors who have kept alive the spirit of learning which is U3A's ethos.

Then another BIG thankyou, this time to **Wendy Cornish** who is now our Membership Secretary. This is a big job and she has taken to it like a duck to water. Within a day she was logging in new members, this is a big task to take on and we all feel grateful to her.

Things are largely going well with the new admin system and most of our emails now go out via this system. Yup there are hiccups – those with xtra addresses have sometimes not received the emails which xtra call **SPAM**. Another problem is that the old system is now proving leaky with all of us on the committee receiving spam emails sent via alias addresses. So far, they have been innocuous but we have to remain alert.

After tea Rona introduced our speaker, Stephen Eager. His talk was fascinating showing how coloured inks and dyes developed as different cultures investigated different minerals. His slides were delightful and I would not be surprised if we didn't see some group developing following his talk – perhaps a calligraphy one?

The meeting ended on a happy/sad note. We said farewell to Carl and Sue Horn. Both of them have served on past U3A committees and run groups. They are moving to Westport to a lovely house which is on the flat and an easy walk to town and croquet. They will certainly be happy there, but we are losing two valued friends. **Paul Lunberg, President**

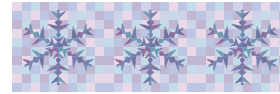


President, Paul, thanking Carl for his talk. Farewell to a very valued member of U3A. We will all miss you, Carl



Judy Hiener and Sue Horn

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Oh my gosh – 'tis almost Christmas. I used to love the season but now I shy away – school kids everywhere, bloomin' tourists, Santa tunes and glitter in all the shops, and all my enjoyed pursuits put on hold till the 'Silly Season' is passed. Oh well – it is the price we pay for fine weather and I am certainly looking forward to that.

For U3A it has been a great year in my opinion. I see today that there are 25 Groups with vacancies and 21 which are full to capacity. That is really saying something – almost 50 different areas of study. We are so lucky to have so many kind folk who allow their homes to be used regularly by a whole lot of keen learners, ardent to brush up on their knowledge of whatever.

One wee comment here is that we must remember that 10 or so people descending for an hour on a home leaves a little confusion. We can all make it easier on our hosts if we wash the cups and plates and put things away.

The Computer system is fairly bedded in although one or two anomalies keep us on our toes. One thing is that everyone on XTRA seems not to get our mailouts and we believe it is a fault of their filtering system – if you get this through some system other than being attached to an Admin produced email [one of those with NO REPLY on] then you should contact XTRA and ask them what is going on!

I am a little surprised that so few people have, so far, paid to attend the Xmas Do. It is always difficult to organise these functions and those who are doing it really need to see the numbers there early on, please leave it no longer – get your seat booked now! All too soon we will be getting together again in a New Year and shortly after that the AGM. I do hope you will all consider joining the Committee – for a group like U3A to be vibrant and active it needs regular new blood and involvement. It is just unfair and ultimately terminal if an attitude of “they are doing it OK I needn’t offer to help” pervades – so consider a year or so being involved at an organisational level.

It has been a terrific year. We are growing in study groups and numbers, we are getting to know each other – so let us enjoy the coming break, have a great Christmas period. Know ye that Nelson sunshine hours are doubtlessly a wee bit ahead of Richmond’s and see you next year.....

Paul Lunberg, President

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



It is not too late to book for the U3A Christmas Lunch on November 28th at 12:00 pm, where there is an open bar and time to mix and mingle before lunch. Just send \$30 pp to U3A. Internet banking number 03 07030385648 00 with your **Name** and **Xmas Do** for identification.

Sent in by Carl Horn, for your interest and information

RIVERBLUE

NARRATED BY JASON PRIESTLEY

Following international river conservationist, Mark Angelo, **RIVERBLUE** spans the globe to infiltrate one of the world’s most pollutive industries, fashion. Narrated by clean water supporter Jason Priestley, this groundbreaking documentary examines the destruction of our rivers, its effect on humanity, and the solutions that inspire hope for a sustainable future.

SUTER THEATRE | WEDNESDAY 28TH NOV
7PM TICKETS \$15, from Trade Aid Shop (cash)
or email: fairtradenelson@gmail.com
or pay online (details in Facebook post)

Ticket sales raised go towards supporting initiatives of Fair Trade Nelson Tasman and Fashion Revolution.

CONVENORS THANKYOU

On Saturday 17th of November, the committee held an afternoon tea to say thank you to our generous Group Convenors, to thank them for their sterling work. They are the ones who make our U3A so enjoyable. I also think they enjoy it too.

Mostly, it is an interest about which they feel passionate. Sometimes, though, they begin by thinking, Yes, I could do that, although I know little about the topic. Then they begin a whole new interest and meet a group of Nelsonians whom they didn't know before.

U3A depends on them and we are very grateful.



Meeting in the pleasant lounge at Summerset Retirement Village



Anne and Wendy (Committee Members) Serving the Tea



Anne, Bill and Allison socialising over the very delicious afternoon tea

FINAL WORD

This is the final Newsletter I will produce. After 3 years as editor it is time for new ideas and a fresh approach.

Fortunately, Trevor Lewis has offered to take it on and will, I'm sure, make a first class job of it. We are hoping Trevor will also join our committee.

I first met Trevor through Seniornet, where he is a leading light and tutor, and will bring many skills to its publication.

I'm sure you will all continue to support Trevor by sending him plenty of articles and photographs, to make the newsletter informative and interesting . Thank you very much for your help, interest and support, over the past 3 years.

Heather Clendon, Retiring Editor.

