

Learning for Life

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NZ Covid-19 alert level: 4

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, our next Members' Meeting which was to have been the AGM, has been postponed until further notice.

On 8th April the committee held a meeting on Zoom and the following motion was passed:

'U3A postpone the AGM until we are able to safely run the meeting. The current committee to carry on in the meantime. We will hold the AGM, with suitable notice and call for committee nominations as soon as conditions allow us to'.

Although provision for this is not made for in the constitution, extraordinary times mean extraordinary measures.

The committee held a successful meeting via Zoom on the 8th April.

Don't we all look serious!

We intend to continue holding regular meetings this way until life gets back to normal.



Subscriptions

Thank you to those who have already paid. The annual subscription is \$30 per person. We realise that under the current lockdown you may feel reluctant to renew, but we hope you will do so, to be all ready when things return to normal and groups start meeting as before.

If paying by Internet banking (the preferred method), pay to U3A Nelson, account number 03 0703 0385648 00 and be sure to include your initial and family name. If paying by cheque, post to U3A Membership Co-ordinator, P O Box 1690, Nelson.

If unsure if you have already paid, please contact Wendy Cornish at tonyandwendy@xtra.co.nz, or ring 544 2794 and she will tell you.

Groups

Hello U3A members, I trust you are "surviving" during lockdown. Many groups are operating from their homes via Zoom. It is proving to be more accommodating than Skype. If any convenors are thinking of using Zoom there are many excellent tutorials on how to get started available on Google or contact Paul Lunberg or me. Happy Zooming!

David Turner, Study Group Coordinator

U3A VISIT IN NEW ZEALAND

Whilst visiting relatives in February in the coastal town of Nelson, on the South Island of New Zealand, I visited a friend who is a member of U3A in that town.

He is an Organiser of two groups, one called ABC (Anything But Classical)) which concentrates on Jazz, Blues, Rock and Country Music and the other relating to Military History.

As the latter is of particular interest to me, I was delighted that my week in Nelson coincided with the monthly meeting of the Military History group, and was introduced as a guest for the session, which was headed "NZ troops in the WW2 Italian Campaign"

I was warmly welcomed into the home of one of the group's members and joined a group of some six men from all walks of life and two women for a most interesting PowerPoint presentation of the subject. The standard of coffee and biscuits on offer was exemplary!

As my host had stayed in Bourton for six weeks in 2018, all Members of his U3A group were most insistent on sending warm greetings to all members of Bourton-on-the-Water U3A.

David Tebbutt



Nelson Bay



Earlier in the year Ian MacDougall brought David Tebbutt who was in NZ on holiday, to one of our Military History meetings. This is the article he wrote for the Bourton-on-the-Water U3A newsletter. It's good to be acknowledged in the UK.

The Covid-19 crisis has spawned lots of amusing quotes. It's good to know that light-hearted humour is alive and well!

Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.



Day 2 without sports. Found a lady sitting on my couch. Apparently she's my wife. She seems nice. 😎