

Learning for Life

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Our next Members' Meeting will be on September 23rd. The speakers are Tom and Vicky Jackson and the title of their talk is 'Living on a Yacht for 35 years and Cruising the World's Oceans'. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Topics covered in this Newsletter:

- Speaker report from AGM
- Result of vote on committee motion to AGM regarding subscriptions
- Thank you from Immediate Past President
- Committee list
- AGM minutes now on U3A website

Speaker report:

Don Pittham was our speaker at the meeting on 22nd July, our first meeting following the Covid-19 lockdown period. Don brought to his presentation a wide variety of experiences, great skill as a photographer, knowledge and expertise of New Zealand's flora and a lovely sense of humour.

Don's presentation of photographs of some of the rare and often overlooked plants and flowers to be found in our environment was accompanied by his enjoyable and interesting account of where he found the plants, the extensive effort he has had to make to find them, and the time and patience required to take just the right photograph of the specimen.

It was clear from the wonderful photographs that Don was no 'point and shoot' photographer. As he said he often spent an hour or more ensuring that the light, and the plant were in the perfect position for his photo. This skill and attention to detail has been reflected in him having been described as "one of New Zealand's leading Botanical photographers".

This was a presentation enjoyed by all present. Thank you very much Don.

Gordon Suddaby



Haast's buttercup (*Ranunculus haastii*) grows on inhospitable scree slopes, high in the Southern Alps.

At right is a close-up of the flower.

Thanks to Don for providing these beautiful photos.



Subscriptions:

The AGM item that caused most discussion was the committee motion, that due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 lockdown, subscriptions would be waived for one year. When put to the vote the motion was lost therefore the status quo remains and subscriptions if not already paid, will be due as usual.

Message to the membership from a grateful Past President.

What a generous and appropriate gift you gave me at the AGM. Thankyou all.

Each Friday there is a gathering of a few regulars at my place. We imbibe a little then enjoy a Thai take-away and some pud – before pulling out the word games. We have been doing this for a number of years now and the 3 OSWB – Official Scrabble Word Books we have are dog-eared and lack a number of new words so when a new version came out last year I really wanted a copy - - - and you folks came up trumps [with a small t!!].

It was the perfect present for me and I will treasure it. Thankyou again,

Paul

New Officers and Committee

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| President – David Turner | Vice President – Wendy Cornish |
| Treasurer – Allison Robertson | Secretary – Bill Brett |

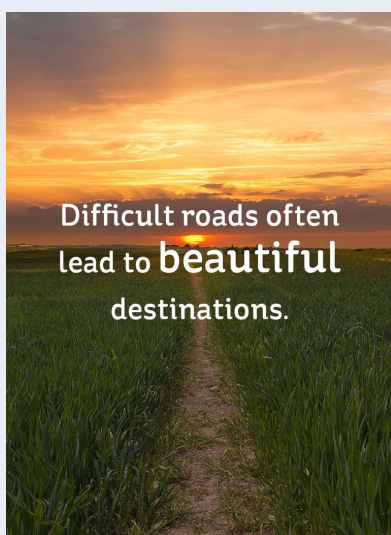
Committee

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| Anne White - New Member coordinator | Wendy Cornish – Member secretary |
| Nan Turner - Communications | David Wright - IT Coordinator |
| Paul Lunberg - Asset Manager | Gordon Suddaby - Speaker Organizer |
| Trevor Lewis - Newsletter | Steve Shaw -Study Group Coordinator |
| | Paul Lunberg – Immediate Past President |

Minutes of Nelson U3A 2020

The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 22 July at the Nelson Golf Club are now on the U3A Homepage under the heading 'Forms'.

David Turner



Difficult roads often
lead to beautiful
destinations.

enjoy the
little things
in life
for one day
you'll look back
and realize
they were the
big things

-- Kurt Vonnegut

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