

Learning for Life

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This is our final newsletter for 2019.

Our next Members' Meeting will be on February 26th at 10 am till 12 noon at the Nelson Golf Club, 38 Bolt Road, Nelson. Speaker details in the next newsletter.

Topics covered in this Newsletter:

- President's report
- Reminder to convenors
- Free e-book "Take a Simple Drive to a Healthier Life"
- Christmas lunch report and photos
- Notice about movie "Happy Endings".
- U3A Incorporated

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A large, stylized graphic with the text 'Happy Xmas all U3Aers' in a light blue, bubbly font with a dark blue outline. The text is slightly slanted and has a 3D effect.

What am I going to do after next week? All my groups have shut down for the "Silly Season" - - how will I cope? It has been a good year in all my groups and I just hope you have all had a good run. Of course the break is necessary and we will return in February or whenever all fired up again.

The AGM will leap upon us early next year [probably 5th May]. I am stepping down from the President's roll and there may be others of the Committee who will be leaving. We are so lucky to have such a strong and conscientious team keeping everything on track but we are always keen to have some new 'blood' as they say SO please give some thought to joining the Committee.

Do tell your friends of U3A Nelson. We are not desperate to increase in size but new members bring new ideas and are always welcome.

Have a terrific Christmas break - - - - Paul.

REMINDER TO CONVENORS

As we approach the end of another year, could we remind convenors to make sure that the list of members in your group or groups, is the same as appears in the U3A database. This might be a good time to check and notify David Turner davn23@gmail.com of any changes.

Paul has received an email through the U3A Nelson website from Dr Roger Smith, a family doctor in Australia who has self published a simple e-book on personal health - "Take a Simple Drive to a Healthier Life ". Dr Smith is now offering this as a free download from his website <http://thesimpledoctor.info/>. It has been well received by Australian U3As as well as in the UK. The book is readable and full of sensible advice.

U3A Christmas Lunch held at the Nelson Golf Club Wednesday 27th November.

Paul, our President welcomed 33 members to lunch on a beautiful sunny morning, the doors open to the lovely outlook across the golf course.

Two long tables decorated with Christmas tinsel had been set up for us and before we sat down a "lucky dip" raffle (complimentary tickets) was held and the basket of goodies rapidly emptied.

We were served with a traditional lunch of ham, lamb, new potatoes and salads followed by pavlova, fruit salad and cream with tea and coffee for those who wished.

A small gathering and we recognise that there are always many functions at this time of the year but it didn't distract from a warm and friendly atmosphere.

It has since come to my notice that there was a minor miscommunication and a few members were not aware of the change of venue. We will aim to remedy this in the future particularly for those who do not have internet connections.

Anne White

Anne and Paul raise a glass for the photographer, before tucking in!



Paul calls out the numbers for the gifts as Heather draws them from the box.

A Melbourne based film distributor has advised U3A of a Danish romantic comedy perfect for older audiences entitled “Happy Ending”. The film is playing at Gecko Cinema Motueka from December 12th. You can see the trailer and synopsis on the film’s website <https://www.happyendingfilmnz.com>

U3A INCORPORATED

Did’ya know we are *Incorporated*? We have our own stamp:



Incorporated Society

Any society of not less than 15 people associated for any lawful purpose but not for pecuniary gain may incorporate under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The main advantages of an incorporated society are:

Body corporate status provides for perpetual succession and limited liability

Incorporated societies must lodge accounts with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and make the accounts available for public inspection

Ability to involve the registrar in respect of certain breaches of the Incorporated Societies Act and incorporation rules

Ability to have clear rules in the constitution

Under Section 123 of the Corporations Act 2001; a company may have a company seal (or common seal) to execute documents. The common seal is, in its physical manifestation, a rubber stamp carrying the words 'Common Seal' and the name of the association. A common seal is as good as a signature. It is used to signify that a particular document is approved or become official under the public office or a private company's common law jurisdiction. Basically, this seal is used for two purposes. The first one is to execute a deed under a company's law. The second purpose is to share certificates from one foreign company to another!!

Paul

Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it’s better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring. *Marilyn Monroe*

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. *Nelson Mandela*

FINAL WORD

Thanks to those convenors who submitted articles about their groups this year. It is great to read what is happening elsewhere, and makes our newsletter more enjoyable. Next year, please think about submitting a short piece, telling all of U3A of the interesting activities and discussions that are going on. Photographs would also be great to make the newsletter more interesting and colourful.

Trevor Lewis, Editor