

WHO CAN JOIN U3A?

Any person in their third age, [50 plus] who is retired or semi retired, wishes to keep their mind active, and has the time and enthusiasm to continue lifelong learning. Our subscription rates are low – \$30 per person per year.

If you wish to join us please contact the Membership Secretary who will assist you:

membership@u3anelson.org.nz

Or complete the membership form within, and give it with your subscription to the **Membership Secretary**. This may easily be done by attending a General Meeting. Details can be found on our website.

CONTACT US

membership@u3anelson.org.nz

secretary@u3anelson.org.nz

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.u3anelson.org.nz

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WHAT IS U3A?

U3A began in France in about 1975. Since then it has spread to over thirty countries and has several million members.

Originally named The **U**niversity of the **T**hird **A**ge, U3A arose from the idea that life can be divided into three periods: firstly childhood and schooling; next child rearing and work; and thirdly retirement. The third age allows us time, as older people, to listen and learn and gain greater understanding of life.

U3A taps the great reservoir of knowledge, skills and experience to be found in older people.

U3A is a university in the original sense of the word – a group of people learning or following a particular activity for its own sake.

Guiding principles

- There are no teachers and no students – all members are equal
- No qualifications to join –life experience and an enquiring mind are all that is needed
- No passing or failing
- No graduation
- No titles
- No course fees
- No shortage of knowledge, skill or experience – members have all that is required
- A modest annual subscription (\$30pa)

HOW DOES U3A NELSON WORK?

All activities are planned by the group and members undertake the roles of facilitator, presenters, host, and convener.

The meetings are scheduled by the members and any costs incurred are met collectively.

U3A Nelson has been operating since 1991. It is friendly and welcomes all third agers. As well as a wide and changing variety of study groups we have regular meetings featuring guest speakers, morning tea, study group presentations and any business items that need attention.

There are no compulsory activities although members are expected to join at least one study group each year and are encouraged to attend the regular bi-monthly meetings. The programme is available on the website and is updated in our newsletters.

WHAT SUBJECTS ARE STUDIED?

The range of subjects frequently changes and any member can suggest a new study topic, or start a new group at any time. Some U3A study groups have topics that have been studied continuously for years but there are other groups where study topics run for just a few weeks. Members may attend as many groups as they wish, dependent upon vacancies. Some examples of typical U3A Nelson study groups are:

- Classical Music
- Aspects of World History
- Architecture
- Write Your Life
- Beginners French
- Bookcases
- Creative Writing
- If there is not a group that focuses on your interest, we will help you to start a group!
- See a full list on <https://www.u3anelson.org.nz/groups/>

Application for Membership

The following information is required for each applicant: *First Name, Family name, Address, Land line number, Mobile number, E-mail address and the date.* Please communicate this to:

membership@u3anelson.org.nz

and transfer \$30 per person subscription to our account which is:

U3A Nelson 03 0703 03856 4800

(WestPac)

If you do not use internet banking, you may pay your \$30 pp through phone banking or by paying cash into a branch of Westpac. Be sure the teller puts your surname in the Reference box on the statement.

If you do not use email, then 10 x self-addressed stamped envelopes are requested. They can be handed to a Committee member at a General Meeting with this form completed.

NB: We will use your email address only for contacting you about U3A matters. We will not pass it on to any other organization.
