

Learning for Life

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Once again we have been forced to cancel our next Members' Meeting as we are unable to comply with Level 2 requirements. We are being optimistic and will therefore will try and reschedule it to 24th November, subject of course to moving to Level 1. Fingers firmly crossed!!

Gordon has been busy and managed to arrange a speaker for that date, David Melville, who will tell us about the amazing migratory birds, the godwits. There will be a bio on him in the November newsletter.

Topics covered in this Newsletter:

- October meeting cancelled
- President's report
- A bit of humour from "ABC—Anything But Classical"
- Dog walking
- More resources
- Report from "Antique, Vintage and Retro" group

President's Report

Greetings U3A members



I'm positive that late in the afternoon on Monday 4 October a collective groan plus rude expletives could be heard across the whole of the South Island. "Oh, no! We are still in Level Two!" (Abridged version!)

Obviously the things we were hoping for (and in U3A this meant we were going to meet 27 October for our Public Meeting) would not come to pass.

In my old age I have learned not to fret about the things I cannot change and to concentrate on the things I can. This maxim I have applied to the cancellation of our guest speaker, venue and meeting.

To this end, the committee and I have been exploring the possibility of a meeting 24 November. It appears that, providing we are out of Level Two, this may be achieved. So much work is done by the team in the background.

I mentioned at an earlier meeting this year that we would like new members to join the committee next year. This is important as at least three present members are standing down and Wendy Cornish, the President-Elect, will need a strong team so that U3A can continue. **Without this U3A will fold!**

Expressions of interest to me or any of the committee members will be welcome.

On the plus side it has been such a pleasure to see groups getting back together again. As always, the companionship of interesting people is welcome.

Warm regards,

David Turner

President U3A Nelson.

It is with regret that we record the recent death of long serving member Joanna Innes-Walker. She has been a past Membership Co-ordinator on committee, as well as a convenor of several groups.

It's good to see we haven't lost our sense of humour in these Covid times. Wendy sent this from one of the groups she attends:

We are about to have our first study group meeting of "ABC - Anything But Classical" next week, distanced and double vaxxed. One of our members Tom Besson, has suggested that we temporarily call ourselves "Earth Wind and Pfizer"!!!!

(Of course it occurred to me that ABC also stands for "Anything But Covid"!!! - Ed)

Dog Walking

Now here is a thought for those able-bodied folks with dogs to walk. A couple of us would like to get a regular 3 hours dog walking session – perhaps Monday or Tuesday. We imagine heading off to a destination, perhaps Motueka, with dogs in various cars, parking and walking for 2 or 3 hours then heading for a cafe to get over it!

We have thought of Sewerside drive and then either along the beach Southwards or Northwards, Rabbit Island, back beach to the end [tide out!], Motueka [2 long walks], The Hacket and we will no doubt discover other places, once together. It would be weather dependent of course [because of the dogs, not us - yeah right!].

Do email me if you would like to join such a group. Paul Lunberg - - ipp@u3anelson.org.nz

Come on folks let us study something new... Here is a resource :

Kings and Generals is a YouTube Channel with superb videos covering a wide range of historical topics

And then there are these alternatives to YouTube, do investigate. If you find some excellent videos do let me know.

Top 10 Smart Alternatives to TED Talks

- PopTech.
- IdeaCity.
- The Veritas Forum.
- PechaKucha.
- The Gel Conference.
- Ignite.
- The Moth.

Just put the title into Google, and Woofff there it is!

But wait, there's more! Try this excellent site: <https://bbc.com/future>

Paul Lunberg

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. - Prince Philip

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats. - Jean Kerr

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree. - Spike Milligan

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke. - Robin Hall

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. - Johnny Car-

Report from the Antique, Vintage & Retro Group



Priceless Treasures: Members of the Antique, Vintage & Retro group unearthed more heirlooms to show off at their August meeting, including a 1925 Christening robe, a collection of invalid cups, mourning jewellery, a 100-year-old hand forged puzzle, a musical box, a WW2 bottle opener made from a bullet casing, and a Scottish silver thimble. Regardless of its monetary value, each piece had a priceless story behind it.

Judy Pitman



As David has said in his report, but this time borrowing from the famous World War 1 recruitment poster:

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Please give some thought to offering to join the 2022 committee as there will be several vacancies to fill, including the position of newsletter editor.

Finally some puns to end this short newsletter:

A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

My friends and I have named our band "Duvet". It's a cover band.

From the Editor

Thank you to those who submitted articles. **Deadline for the November newsletter is Saturday 6th Nov.**

Trevor Lewis