

# Kapiti Coast U3A -Newsletter



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## From Your Committee



### Facebook

The Kapiti U3A Facebook Group is growing – though slowly. We urge all our members to go to the

Facebook page at the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/874898859972983>

and choose “Join Group” on right hand side of the screen.

We will be using the Facebook Group to publicise U3A matters and non profit making events around the Kapiti area that may be of interest to you all.

### Badge lanyards

When membership is renewed for 2022, members will be sent a lanyard and pouch to replace the clip-on badge. As there are some 400 members it is more economical to send them out with the 2022 Name Badges.

### Committee Changes

Alison Maysmor resigned in May. Alison’s work was much appreciated, particularly her efforts in making the Newsletter a reality.

We are pleased to report that Warren Biddington has volunteered to join our committee and he was formally co-opted last month. Warren joined U3A a couple of years ago and his experience in committee work will be greatly appreciated.

We still have room on the committee for more volunteers who have skills that could help U3A.

## Membership



### New Members

Colin Archer	Robert Hales
Ruth Archer	Shona Hales
Wendy Bennett	Barbara Horner
Malcolm Bowman	Iris Kerr-Hislop
Jocelyn Brace	Joy McLeod
Robert Brace	June Morris
Alison Chappell	Kathy Packer
Jo Coffey	Joy Saker
Christine Culling	Penny Savage
Graham Field	Nanette Wright
Jill Griggs	Trevor Wright

### Maurie Dean

Kapiti U3A was saddened to learn of the death of Maurie Dean on 13 June.

Maurie joined our U3A in 2005 and in 2012 was the instigator of U3A making a case for a grant from community funding to support the engagement of a part time Administrator – which we still have. Maurie followed that up with his work with the Latin Literature in Translation Group. Members of this group have spoken highly of the time and skill Maurie brought to the group and his love of Classics that he was always happy to share.

Our thoughts are with Margaret and his family.

## Sally Jackson

Kapiti U3A congratulates Sally Jackson on being made a member of NZ Order of Merit for her services to Special Education .

## Interest Groups

You will always find an up to date list of all our Interest Groups on our website at <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/whatwedo/courses/>

Any changes will be notified through our Facebook group immediately and in the next Newsletter which is usually bi monthly – another good reason to join our Facebook Group

## New Groups

### Music & Musings

Four Friday afternoons relaxing with a selection mix of light classical music and poetry. Nothing too highbrow!!

Leader: Anne Wall Ph 293 5000.

Time: Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th October. 2:00 to 4:15

Maximum Number: 10

Location: In Waikanae – contact Anne

### Best of Britain

Three Friday afternoons watching DVDs of National Trust properties, gardens, royal occasions, etc

Leader: Anne Wall Ph 293 5000

Time: Fridays 13 August, 20 August, 27 August. 2:00pm to 4:15pm

Location: In Waikanae - contact Anne.

These two groups are a repeat of groups that have run successfully before.

### Philosophical Discussion

This group should be restarting in August.

### Wearing your Badge

Please wear your badge to your Group ! It makes it easy for visitors / new people to join in and it also shows that you are a financial member of

U3A. We have identified some non financial people attending Interest Groups and we are following this up.

### From the Music Group - upcoming concert !

### Dulcis Tibia Recorder Quartet

Waikanae Presbyterian Church Hall, Ngaio Road, Waikanae

**3:00 pm, Saturday 10 July 2021**

Entry by donation

The concert will have a wide variety of classical music including composers such as Bach, Handel, and some other baroque composers, along with beautiful, and some quirky, 20th century music. Dulcis Tibia play recorders from contrabass - a two meter high instrument - to the familiar descant.

## New Interest Groups

U3A is always interested in supporting new Interest Groups. Kapiti Coast is quite well served in clubs / activities for a range of ages. Senior Net (<https://kapiti.seniornet.nz/>) provides a range of courses related to computers, there are choral groups at several levels, instrumental groups, Bridge groups, cycling groups, art groups etc so the challenge is for U3A to offer something a little different.

One of the advantages U3A has is that we enable groups to be set up with minimal notice, run for short periods and not require things like bank accounts , officers AGMs etc. U3A is an umbrella organisation that enables our 400 + members to share skills and knowledge with other members and have an sociable time doing so.

Can you think of an interest or skill that you could share with other members ?

## How to start an Interest Group

Your committee is often asked about new Interest Groups. The key to U3A is “**Members helping members**” so the ideal U3A Group is where a member with a skill of some sort or who wants to learn a skill meets with other members who share this desire.

We are keen to see “short term” groups develop. These would be on a topic of interest and might run for a few consecutive weeks or monthly for a few months - any ideas out there ??

What the committee can do is:

- 1 Provide publicity for your ideas
- 2 Coordinate an initial meeting
- 3 Advise members how to manage the group e.g. how to decide where/when to meet

What the committee cannot do on its own is:

- 1 Find the member who can lead the group
- 2 Organise a venue – other than for the first meeting

### Some ideas for Interest Groups are:

#### Cryptic Crosswords

Can you do these puzzles ?  
Would you like to learn how ?  
Would you like to discuss these with others ?

#### Movies

Do you enjoy going to the movies ?  
Would like to meet others and share your thoughts about recent films you have seen ?  
Like a Book Group but focussed on movies !

If any of these ideas interest you or you have any other ideas then talk to a committee member or fill in the general contact form at <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/contact-us/>

#### Banking and U3A

Paying by cheque has finished ! All the Banks have been visited recently and at each one we were assured that if you do not do online or phone banking from home then you should visit your own bank branch with the details of the payment you want to make. Every bank assured us a staff member will help you make the payment to U3A !

#### Kaleidoscope

Term 2 started with a “roar”. We had 136 (maybe a record !) members turn up to listen to Marco Zeeman talk about the Whale Song project and associated development of the Wharemauku Stream. Marco was followed by Dr Swee Tan who talked to us about the work of the Gillies McIndoe Research Institute.

If members would like to donate to either of these organisations then the websites to go to are:

Whale Song & Wharemauku stream project  
<https://www.whalesong.kiwi/donate>

Gillies McIndoe Research Project  
<https://gmri.org.nz/cms/donate/>

The revised speaker programme for Term 2 is now on our website at  
<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/kaleidoscope/speakerlist/>

The programme will now run until Monday 26 July

#### Newsletter material

If you have any news or items of interest to share with other U3A members we would be very happy to receive this material for possible inclusion in our Newsletter

Contact any member of the committee below

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