

# Kapiti Coast U3A - Newsletter



## September 2021



### From Your (New) Editor

#### Hello Everyone

My name is **Warren Biddington**, and I am your new Newsletter Editor taking over from Alison Maysmor. I hope I can continue to maintain the high standard set by Alison and I am looking forward to my new role with interest and vigour. Over the coming months, I will be making some subtle additions and alterations to the Newsletter to maintain your interest and enjoyment. Any contributions you wish to submit for publication will always be welcomed and appreciated. You should forward these to me at [warrenbids@gmail.com](mailto:warrenbids@gmail.com)

*Happy reading!*



### Committee Chat

Your committee met on Wednesday 8 September and here are some extracts of interest from that meeting:

- A minor administrative adjustment is to be made to the Kapiti U3A Facebook page to clarify the implementation of the new member template.
- Some Rule changes/amendments were submitted at the meeting for discussion and

subsequently approved in principle. The draft changes have been published on our website and you are encouraged to have a look. They will be discussed and made ready for adoption at the next AGM.

- Annual membership fees for next year have been set and details will be included in the Newsletter due for release in December. Watch this space.
- Our current membership is now around 420 members. Of interest to the Committee is that about 90 of these (approx. 21%) do not belong to any of our interest groups on offer. We do encourage members to fully consider joining one or more of these interest groups so that membership and participation are enjoyed to the fullest.
- Non-financial members/people who have been attending interest groups have been identified and follow-up is underway.



### New Members

#### Hello & Kia Ora

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have recently joined us:

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| Hazel Purre                   | Sue Crichton |
| Sue Cathcart                  | Polly Scott  |
| Elaine Engman & Ricardo Parmo |              |
| Geraldine Fidler              | Judy Child   |
| Glenis King                   |              |



## Interest Groups

**Note:** You can find an up-to-date list of all our new and existing Interest Groups at our website or click on [Interest Groups](#).

You can find out about any changes through our Facebook Group, in the Newsletter, or by the respective Group Leader. In the July Newsletter, one new group "Philosophical Discussion" and two repeat Groups "Music & Musings" and "Best of Britain" were promoted with start dates being August and October 2021 respectively. Anne Wall (Ph 293 5000) is the leader for both these repeating groups with a venue to be confirmed.



## Kaleidoscope

Your Kaleidoscope Committee has been hard at work over the past month and has developed yet another stimulating program of 12 speakers. This term speakers include:

- Hilary Souter, CEO Advertising Standards Authority NZ
- Dave Louw, Recipient of the Environmentalist of the Year Award
- Heidi Thomson, Em. Prof. English Literature VUW
- Prof. Ann La Flamme, Malaghan Institute
- The full programme is available on our website or you can click on Speaker List to view the speakers.

At the time of writing, ongoing Covid restrictions may prevent us from restarting Kaleidoscope on Monday 27/9 as planned. Until we have a confirmed starting date and a programme, please do NOT pay your \$15 for term 3. As soon as the Kaleidoscope Committee knows the start date, we

will email everybody and at that point, payments can start.

## New Interest Groups

**(Reminder:** If you have an idea or suggestion for a new interest group do not hesitate to contact one of our committee members or fill in the general contact form by clicking on [Contact Form](#), or by going to our website. We would love to hear from you.)

### The Forum - This is a new group for 2022

The forum will be a destination where politics and religion are **not off** the table. One where respectful and friendly discussion of ideas philosophies and viewpoints will be encouraged. It will be a place where active listening and seeking to understand different points of view from our own will be the kaupapa and mahi. It is a place where topics can be talked about in-depth.

The forum meeting could be facilitated by sharing this roll among members on a voluntary basis. Participants will be encouraged to think and read about the forum topics prior to each monthly meeting so that ideas can be contributed and discussed at the meeting.

Participants will also be asked to think about (if they want to share ideas) and suggest readings and articles between meetings by email to the whole group.

**Facilitator:** Peter Hodgson. Minimum number 7 to start.

**Venue:** Initially to be at 2 Papawai Grove Waikanae 5036. It is hoped that some of the participants will be willing to host some of the meetings.

**Email:** [hodgsonsp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hodgsonsp@xtra.co.nz) Ph (04) 2931191

**Timing:** Once a month for two hours. Possible times and dates for the forum in 2022 are on a Thursday on one of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> days of the month 2-4pm; or Friday mornings on one of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> days of the month 10-12 am, or Friday afternoon on one the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> days of the month 2-4 pm. The Forum will run for five months meeting once a month and then will be reviewed to gauge interest in continuing and to consider further topics. Possible discussion points:

- If NZ became a republic, what form might it take? What are the options?

- Economics what direction should NZ's economic policy take in the future, are we on the right course or should we change direction?
- How might we manage pandemics in the future what have we done wrong and right this time?
- Climate change and the future what are the issues for NZ and the world?
- What should NZ's foreign defence and trade policy be going forward?



## On the Lighter Side

A man went into a Birmingham supermarket asking to buy half a cauliflower. The young greens produce assistant told him that they sold only whole cauliflowers. The man persisted and asked to see the manager; so the boy went to find him. Walking into the stock room, unaware that the customer was following him, the boy said to his manager, "Some idiot out there wants to buy half a cauliflower". As he finished the sentence, he turned and was horrified to find the customer now standing right behind him so, quick as a flash he added, "And this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half." The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way. Later the manager said to the boy "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier, we like people here who can think on their feet, where are you from son?" "Cardiff, sir," the boy replied. "Why did you leave Cardiff?" the manager asked. The boy replied, "Sir there's absolutely nothing there but prostitutes and rugby players. "Really?" said the manager, "My wife is from Cardiff." "You're kidding!?" replied the boy "What position did she play?"



## Contacting Your Committee

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## Facebook Group

Don't forget that the easy way to keep in touch with one another is via the Facebook group. Just follow the link on the U3A website - it is at the bottom item in the right-side bar. Easy!

Every woman's dream is that a man will take her in his arms, throw her into bed and clean the house while she sleeps.

Dirty Crude Jokes 21+



## Newsletter Contributions

**Reminder...** If you have any news or items of interest to share with other members, I would be very happy to receive these for possible inclusion in the Newsletter. *Editor*



Until next time, stay safe and follow the rules everyone - *Editor*