

# Kapiti Coast U3A - Newsletter



## January 2022



### From Your Editor

### Hello Everyone!

Unfortunately, this is the last Newsletter I will be producing as Editor.

Since my retirement from the workforce 2 years ago, I have taken on a number of management/project roles with several other clubs and organisations here in Kapiti and, I now find that I appear to have “bitten off more than I chew”. In fact, I am finding it quite difficult to make the time available and find the passion needed to meet all my requirements and expectations. Therefore, to rationalise my ongoing club commitments, I have decided to step down from the U3A Committee.

The good news is; however, I am not resigning from U3A but will continue to take an active interest as a club member. I also believe that standing down at this point early in the new year is very good timing i.e., just prior to the AGM. In view of the club’s very high membership number (430+), I feel confident that my vacancy on the Committee should not be too difficult to fill.

I have enjoyed my short time on the Committee and wish it well in the coming year ahead. It has been a pleasure working with such a hard-working and devoted team.



*Happy reading and farewell!*- Warren



### Committee Chit-Chat

The following is from the

Committee Meeting of 28 January 2022:

- We had few resignations, so our current membership is 432, but we have had a positive response for renewals.
- **Proof of Covid Vaccination** – This is going to be a requirement for Interest Groups. The Kapiti U3A Committee has a policy that all Kapiti U3A members be vaccinated and urge all interest groups to discuss this with its members with special consideration to those who host groups in their homes.
- **AGM** – After a lot of discussion it was decided that to **postpone the AGM** until things are more stable with respect to covid in our environment.



### Your Committee Needs Your Help!

We are a brave and merry few in number and we need more people. Our focus is to have a good rapport with our members, support the Interest Groups and to encourage new Interest Groups, but we need more members. You will also note from the Editor’s Farewell Letter we are an even smaller committee. Please, if you feel you can contribute, contact one of the committee members, or send an email so you can check us out!



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## New Members

### Hello & Kia Ora

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

Margaret Stevenson-Wright	Pam Lorimer
John Skene	Julia Kennedy
Arnold Robinson	Carol Gilmour
Heather Nees	Shona Macgregor

### Our Website



The website is always up to date and is the “go-to” point for everyone. It contains all forms, how to contact your committee, Interest Group information, newsletters (old and current), and more.

A lot of work goes into this information, and we do appreciate feedback, so if you see something wrong or have suggestions for improvement contact [webmaster@kapitiu3a.com](mailto:webmaster@kapitiu3a.com).



### 2022 Membership Renewal Reminder

Subs are due at 1st January, so if you have paid you will have your 2022 Name Badge, or else it is enroute. If you have not paid, please pay online to U3A account 03-1531-0012275-00 and include your name and phone number in the details. The 2022 sub is \$15 per email member. Note that the last date for payment is 28 February 2022.

If you would like to pay for Term 1 of Kaleidoscope at the same time, please use the website form at <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/getting-started/renewal/> to let us know.

Also take this opportunity to tell us of any contact detail changes that have happened over the year.



### Interest Groups

Everyone is keen to see new Interest Groups.

Kapiti U3A provides a platform from which its members can run interest groups. These groups are promoted via the Website, Newsletter and Facebook page. If a group is struggling, the committee provides support and assistance to help it continue.

A loud “Thank You” to all our Interest Group Leaders and Convenors for the effort you put in. Our groups would be not possible without you.

One of our groups “Garden Time” was lead by Denise Direen and Convenor Marilyn Wilson. After three years they have decided to pass the batten on to new Leader Helen Harrop and Convenor, Marion Edbrooke.

Another one “Music and Musings” was led by Roger Palmer and is discontinuing this year after running for a number of years, but this is not the end... Roger Palmer is starting a new group on “Climate Warming” which is a very relevant topic, so check out New Groups below.

**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](#).



### New Groups

It is never too late to start a new one and we are all keen for them!

If you have a topic you would like to share or explore with others, remember, your idea can be promoted on our website, on our Facebook page, and, in our Newsletters which are all there to be used to find other interested members. Please contact someone on the committee as your committee may be able to help.

Leading a group need not be a big commitment that you are committed to for a full year, or even 6 months. They can be as short or as long as a Leader wants. Maybe it is once a week, maybe once a month; and maybe it is only for a couple of sessions.

New groups are:

- In Search of Shakespeare
- Climate Warming
- British Countryside with Music
- E-Bike Group
- The Forum

Following is more information about each of the above listed groups with full details given on our website.

### **In Search of Shakespeare**

Two Friday afternoons watching DVDs about the Bard of Stratford and his locality in Warwickshire.

Convenor: Anne Wall 293-5000

Email: anne.belvedere@gmail.com

Timing: 10th and 17th June 2022 2pm – 4.30pm (Including Afternoon Tea)

Where: Waikanae – contact Anne

Maximum attendees: 7

### **Climate Warming**

This discussion group aims to share and develop our understanding of Climate Change: what it is that can mitigate it, its economic impact, UN and other international agreements, national and local policies. The discussion could include other related topics such as low-carbon transport, renewable energy, carbon capture, and more.

Leader: Roger Palmer Ph 020 4166 2273

Email: roger.palmer.30@gmail.com

Timing: Monthly 1st Wednesday of the month – starting 2 March

Location: 7 St Vincent Way, Waikanae

Cost: Gold coin donation for refreshments.

Please email or phone Roger with any questions or to register.

### **British Countryside with Music**

Three Friday afternoons watching DVDs of rural UK with classical music accompaniment.

When: 11th, 18th and 25th March 2022. 2 pm to 4.15 pm. (includes Afternoon Tea)

Convenor: Anne Wall 293-5000

Email: anne.belvedere@gmail.com

Venue: Waikanae. Contact Anne

Maximum attendees: 7

### **E-Bike Group**

A group that will ride their e-bikes locally each week – always with a cafe stop. Contact Alison or Julie if you are interested and to put your name on the list.

Leader: Alison Maysmor Ph: 021 0346372

Email: alisonmtraveller@gmail.com

Leader: Julie Pratt Ph: 021 1681654 or 04 29346347

Email: ian.juliepratt@xtra.co.nz

Timing: All Year, every Friday at 9:30 am Summer or 10:00 am Winter

Location: Determined weekly

### **The Forum**

The forum will be a destination where politics and religion are not off the table. It will be a vehicle for thinking about differing points of view in a friendly, supportive, and inclusive atmosphere. One where members are open-minded with a readiness to think about and discuss a range of ideas, philosophies, and viewpoints.

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 where topics can be talked about in-depth. It will be an event where members are encouraged to complete any suggested readings before each forum meeting with a willingness (if they wish) to discuss their point of view on the topic at the meeting.

The forum meeting will be facilitated, and hosting will be able to be shared on a voluntary basis between members of the group. Members of the Forum will be asked to think about and suggest topics for future meetings. Suggested readings and articles sent to the whole group will be welcome.

Facilitator: Peter Hodgson. Ph (04) 2931191

Email: hodgsonsp@xtra.co.nz

Size: Minimum 7 to start and maximum 11- 12

Venue: Initially at 2 Papawai Gr, Waikanae 5036

Timing: Once a month for two hours. Coffee/tea break in the middle. Proposed dates for the forum in 2022 are one of:

1st, 3rd or 4th Thursdays of the month 2-4pm: or  
1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Friday of the month between 10-12 am or between 2-4 pm.

The Forum will run for 5 months, meeting once a month, and then will be reviewed to gauge interest in continuing and to consider further topics.

Possible discussion points:

- The meaning and application of the Principles of The Treaty of Waitangi, for NZ as a nation going forward.
- What do you think of He Puapua?— which is the plan of the working group to realize the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples in Aotearoa NZ. What issues does it bring up for you? What if any modifications would be needed if NZ were to implement it?
- How might it work in NZ in our bicultural and multi-cultural context. Why is it important for the future of NZ?
- Possible Constitutional change for NZ given He Puapua?
- Should NZ remain constitutional monarchy, as it is now, or becoming a democratic republic of some kind? What are the questions and issues we need to consider?
- Looking ahead, considering New Zealand's place in the world in terms of its diplomatic, trade, security, and defence relationships, especially with the rise of China and other powers that might threaten us. What should NZ stance be?
- How might we manage pandemics in the future. What have we done well and not so well this time?
- Considering the NZ economy what direction should we be moving in. What's helpful or not with our current economic model's ideology and philosophies? Do we need to change or modify our stance? If so what and how?
- How can we develop a society that prioritizes fairness, equality, and equity of outcome for all our citizens in terms of education, health, welfare, justice, and socioeconomic opportunity?
- Why, for the most part, is the NZ's prison population from the lower socioeconomic

groups, the poorly educated, the disadvantaged and disproportionately Maori? What steps should be undertaken to remedy this?

- Why do some New Zealanders experience racism and discrimination? What should society do to counter it? What are some of the solutions?
- Climate change and the future. What are the issues facing NZ?



## Kaleidoscope

All going well, Kaleidoscope will start on Monday 28 February.

The Kaleidoscope Committee is finalising a promising speaker programme for Term 1 which already includes Hillary Souter (CEO Advertising Standards), Dave Lowe (Environmentalist) and our own U3A members Bob Maysmor and Roger Palmer, as well as many more.

The venue has changed to **Waikanae Community Centre** (aka Senior Citizens Hall) located at 2 Utauta St, Waikanae, and it will be at the usual time of 9:30am.

Because of the stipulations of the red-light level, member attendance is limited 100, so we need to restrict attendance to those U3A members who have paid their Kaleidoscope term fee. If you have not yet paid for Term 1, please either pay with your U3A renewal or make your payment directly to the Kaleidoscope bank account 38-9017-0643556-00 with your name and phone asap. Please do NOT turn up on 28 Feb with your money and assume you will be able to attend. It is vital that we know in advance who is coming.

You will need to produce your Covid Vaccination pass to attend. The Kaleidoscope Committee will contact all members who have paid their Term 1 fee with details of how this will be managed.

Any queries: Contact the Kaleidoscope Treasurer (Phil Glasson) at [kstreasurer@kapitiu3a.com](mailto:kstreasurer@kapitiu3a.com)



## Facebook Group

We have a Facebook private group which is a good way to keep you informed at short

notice of new groups, changes to our programme, and any other matters.

To join, go to our website and click on the link at the bottom of every page.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

## Kapiti U3A- AGM is Postponed

It was intended to hold

the AGM in February, but in light of the current status of covid, it was decided it would be best to **postpone** it. We will let all members know when and where it will be held in the future which, hopefully, will not be too far from now.

Even though the AGM is postponed, we would urge members to view the Annual Accounts and the Committee Annual Report that are now published on the website by clicking on <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/archives/annual-reports/>. It is unknown when the new date for the AGM will be so it would be good to have a read of the reports and if you have any questions please use the contact form on the website or by clicking on this link <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/contact-us/> to get in touch. If you are a postal member, please drop a line in the post to C/- PO Box 605, Paraparaumu 5254.



## Newsletter Contributions

Do you have something to share in the Newsletter? Then,

please send them to [maureen.t.knox@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.t.knox@gmail.com) until my replacement is appointed.... *Editor*



## On the Lighter Side



Traffic Light Plan for the Kapiti Coast



Casual Chat over a drink

Pre internet chat room using An old version of windows...

