

Kāpiti U3A

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December 2023 – News to members

2023 has nearly run its course and it has been a quiet, successful year for Kapiti U3A. Membership is currently over 400. We hope most, if not all, will renew !

2024 SUBS

Thanks to the 160 members who have already renewed their U3A sub for 2024. If you are one of those you should have received your gold coloured badge for 2024.

If you haven't received it yet please let us know by reply to this email.

If you have not yet renewed we hope you will do so soon. Our membership year ends on 31 December and you need to renew before participating in 2024 activities. Payment is to our bank account **38-9024-0044789-00** and please put your name and phone number in the details. More details about renewal are on our website at <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/getting-started/renewal/>

OPERA INTEREST GROUP

The committee has received an offer from Wim Oosterhoff to establish an Opera Interest Group. The intention is to have a group which will gather together to watch DVDs of well known Operas and then discuss anything and everything about the opera. The group may also coordinate a visit to Shoreline Cinema to see some of the operas on their big screen. Wim comes to us from Nelson U3A where he ran a successful Opera Group. At this stage we are collecting names of members interested in such a Group. If you are interested please email Wim at wim@sound-advice.co.nz with your thoughts or use the Contact form on our website at <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/contact-us/>

NEW INTEREST GROUPS

We are always looking for members willing to start an Interest Group. Groups can run weekly for a month, monthly for the year or any combination that suits the participants. Your committee can promote the Group to our membership and it is then over to individual members to express a positive interest in participating in the group. The Group then makes its own decisions about timing, venue etc.

WEBSITE

We try to keep our website list of Groups up to date. We have contacted all our Group Convenors and asked them to check the notes on the website for their Group. Thanks to those who have already done this. If you are a convenor and have not yet checked the notes please do so. Any changes should be notified to our webmaster at webmaster@kapitiu3a.com.

The link to the Interest Groups is <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/intgrps/current-ig/>

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members Keith Lewis & Robyn du Chateau, Judy Morley-Hall, Gail Plamus, Jenny Ragg, Mervyn & Maxine Shand, Jim Webster.

We have received a resignation from Dawn Gault. Dawn is one of our 6 members who joined in the 20th Century. Dawn has been active in many groups during her time in U3A and we wish her well.

2024 COMMITTEE

We are looking for a small number of volunteers to join the committee. The U3A committee is different to most other society committees as in U3A the Interest Groups run themselves. The people on the U3A committee serve the membership by general oversight of U3A matters. The committee meet in person as required – maybe 3 - 5 times a year – and are known to meet at a local café.. Usually any matters that crop up can be dealt with by email.

2024 ADMINISTRATION

Your committee has determined that the need for a paid Administrator has passed. The workload has reduced and it has been indicated to us that the grants we were receiving to subsidise this position will not be available in 2024. Your committee further decided that the person who manages membership, the Treasurer, Secretary Webmaster and Chair should receive a modest honorarium to reflect their workload. They are the key people that keep the administration ticking along. We are pleased to report that Wim Oosterhoff has volunteered to look after Membership and will also pick up the Treasurer role in 2024. Wim comes to us with experience in Nelson U3A

Enjoy a safe and pleasant festive season

Kāpiti U3A Committee