



## May 2021

### From your President

The year has started smoothly. It was disappointing that a couple of new Interest Groups that members offered did not get the support from the membership at large but hopefully the leaders of these will be prepared to try again later in the year. Good to see a 3<sup>rd</sup> Book Group up and running – thanks to Jackie Johnson for driving this idea.

Your committee is ticking along, and we have decided that things are going so smoothly that we don't need monthly meetings. Meetings are now being held less often – maybe that will encourage one or two people to volunteer to join us? We are always on the lookout for fresh ideas.

### From Your Committee

#### Facebook



We have decided to trial a Facebook group. The group will be PRIVATE – that means that only members of the group can post to it and only group members will be able to read what is posted.

Membership will be restricted to current U3A members. In order to join the group you will need to be logged in to your own Facebook account and then search for **Kapiti U3A** or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/874898859972983> link and choose "Join Group" on right hand side of the screen.

The aim of setting this up is to improve our communication with members. We hope that all of you who have a Facebook account will join our group.

#### Recognition of Interest Group Leaders

The Christmas party held each year, has been seen as a way of thanking our Interest Group Leaders. Last year's Christmas party only had support from about half of our Interest Group leaders, so we have decided to change the way they are thanked. All Interest Group leaders have been contacted to let them know of what we are planning.

#### Xmas Party

This year, after much discussion, the committee decided not to organise a 2021 Xmas party. We are a small group and think there are better ways of thanking the Interest Group Leaders and celebrating.

#### Lanyards for your Badge

NZ Post had told us that we cannot use a standard envelope to post badges to members. The clip on the back means the envelope exceeds the allowed thickness. We will be switching to a lanyard with a flat clear plastic pouch. New members will now receive their badges with a lanyard + pouch. We will review what to do about current members for 2022. In the meantime, please remember to wear your badge when you attend any U3A activity.



"I have an exclusive license agreement with Pfizer Pharmaceutical."

## Obituaries

U3A was saddened to learn of the death earlier this year of two stalwarts. We are pleased to print these two recollections supplied to us.

### Julia Deck

Julia Deck, much loved member of the Kapiti U3A Garden Group for the last 10 years, died from cancer on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

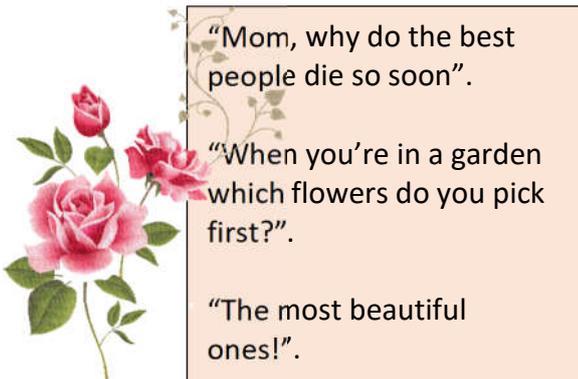


The group in its present form, started in 2010, with 12 members, including Julia. In no time at all, she had organised a car pool for Waikanae members, and managed to convince husband Miles to go on long country drives to investigate possible gardens to visit. She would not only find a garden to visit, but would have all the details, who to contact, how long it would take to drive there, the state of the roads, and the nearest place to stop for coffee. (Thankyou Miles.)

By 2015 she had become the main coordinator, organising the programme, sending out e-mails, and keeping in touch with everyone.

Julia loved our Garden Group, and we loved her. She was a natural leader, strong, confident and organised, but also calm, good-humoured, appreciative and kind. She listened, and made people feel valued and interesting. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. All of us in our Garden Group will always think of her as a friend, and as someone we are glad to have had in our lives. We will miss her very much, but never forget her.

**By Jenny Scott**



### Bob Norman

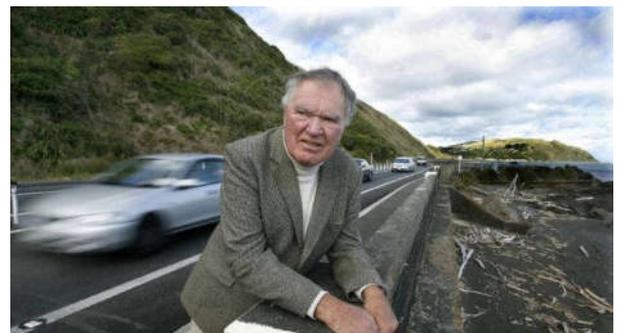
Bob Norman passed away on Waitangi Day, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at the age of 97.

My name is Randal Heke and both Bob and I worked in the Head Office of the Ministry of Works and Development, where Bob was an outstanding Civil Engineer. Bob was also well known as a State Services Commissioner.



*Bob with his favorite birds ! - Photo: Stuff News*

Bob and I shared a great interest in Antarctica. I was responsible for building the first Scott Base and Bob showed his interest when he was honoured to be Co Patron of the New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust with Lady June Hillary. The head Patron was Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor General.



*Bob on Pukerua Bay highway – Photo Stuff News*

Bob and I sat together in the front row of U3A Kaleidoscope weekly meetings in Waikanae. We always had great discussions on “Works” projects and the development in Antarctica and Scott Base. I will miss Bob and his presence at Kaleidoscope.

To the family from myself and Kaleidoscope members, goes our deepest sympathy.

**By Randal Heke**



## New Members

- Paddy Barton-Ginger
- Michelle Bowe
- Michael Brennan
- Richard Byrne and Sue Macdonald
- Blanche Charles
- Rosemary Collier
- Sonja Dewhirst
- John and Jennifer Edgar
- Pauline Hann
- Pat Hatwell
- Carolyn Hosking
- Graham McLaughlan
- Paula Morgan
- Honor Moss
- Evelyn Rakich
- George Ritchie
- Patricia Swan
- Peter & Beverley Turnbull
- Judy Turner
- Marite Tweeddale

### Mah Jong, Paraparaumu

The new venue for this group is:

Seven Oaks Retirement Village Social Centre

**Leader: Keith Riach**

**Phone: 298 3821/ 022 383 4123**



## Interest Group Updates

### Family Stories and Histories Interest Group

This group has been cancelled due to low member participation. However, we hope this group may be offered again in the future. Many thanks for Noeline Wagener for offering to run this group.

### Latin Literature in Translation Interest Group

This group is in recess due to leadership health issues. However, watch this space for the group to be restarted in the future.

### Café Coffee Interest Group

This group needs more member participation for it to continue. If you have a spare Wednesday morning, come along and do the rounds of Kapiti's great cafes.



**Leader: Jackie Johnson**

**Phone: 027 458 9531**

### National Trust Gardens of Britain

Anne Wall's group was well attended and we hope Anne will continue to run more of these DVD sessions featuring great gardens in Britain.

**Leader: Anne Wall**

**Phone: 04 293 5000**

### Scrabble Group



This group would welcome some more members. It meets weekly on Fridays.

Venue: Cameo Pop-In Centre, Mahara Place, Waikanae.

**Leader: Doris Marino**

**Phone: 04 905 3929**

## Around the Groups

### U3A Walking Group



#### *Peka Peka Walk*

With views of the beach stretching for miles, blue sky and Kapiti Island on the horizon, it was a perfect day's choice for one of our more recent weekly walks. Our small informal group walk for an hour each week within the Kapiti region. We cover approximately 5 kms and enjoy discovering new routes, many contributed by our members. Follow up afterwards usually entails a visit to a cafe or a cuppa in the home of one of our walkers. We are keen to expand our group and extend a warm welcome to those who enjoy the outside and keeping fit.

**Leader: Maureen Robb**

**Phone: 04 934 2048**

### T4U Discussion Group



This group meets weekly on Tuesdays. Each member brings a topic to share, debate and discuss. Every topic is covered from red Kiwi fruit, politics, world affairs, Kapiti news items and many more interesting and often unusual topics. There are spaces for more members.

**Leader: Lyn Bennett**

**Phone: 04 904 1170**

### U3A Garden Time Group

90 year old ardent gardener, Helen McClurg, is not content to just tend to her own very colourful beach garden, but is now developing the cul-de sac street as a garden where she lives in Manly Gardens.

**Leader:**

**Denise Direen**

**Phone: 027 272 7488**



### Philosophical Discussion Group



This group has space for new members. The group has been discussing the topic of Human Rights, looking at the International Human Rights and NZ Human Rights. Human rights are the fundamental rights and freedoms that belong to every single one of us. No one can take these rights and freedoms away from us. The traumatic events of World War Two highlighted that these rights are not always respected. So, in 1948, under the guidance of Eleanor Roosevelt, representatives from the 50 member states of the United Nations came together to devise a list of all the rights that everybody across the world should enjoy. This became the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - thirty rights and freedoms that belong to all of us and continue to form the basis for all international human rights law.

**Leader: Pat Belgrave**

**Phone: 022 302 1006/04 212 5606**

## Have Your Say Discussion Group



"Have Your Say" is a long-running discussion group within Kapiti U3A and currently meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. I inherited the group when the previous leader left Kapiti to move north and nobody else was prepared to take it on. This was back around 2002, I think - I have lost memory of actually WHEN, but it was one of the first groups I joined when I retired from work in 1999 and joined U3A. Keeping a gender balance has been a target of mine, but it has been a difficult one to achieve - always MORE women than men available!

Each member brings a topic to be discussed during the morning and this can be international, national, local or personal – quite often something heard on the radio or read in the newspaper has triggered a topic. Like all U3A groups, emphasis is placed on socialising and there is a break for refreshments during each session which helps friendly interaction between participants. The members in the photo are: Mary Oldham, Sue Hodgson, Tim Abbott, Janet Drysdale, Paul Lamprill, Brian Collinge and Mike Clarke.

**Leader: Anne Wall**  
**Phone: 04 293 5000**

## NZ Constitutional Affairs Discussion Group

This group involves lively discussions on the Treaty of Waitangi, past and present, early life in NZ, pre- British settlement, early colonisation, and right up to present day events. Some of the discussion questions shared are:  
"What is the status of the Treaty of Waitangi within NZ's Constitutional arrangements in today's world?"



"Do you think Maori of today accept the government (or the crown's sovereignty) over them and the NZ populace?"  
"Are their limits to the remedies the crown can undertake to resolve treaty breaches? If so, what are they?"  
"Do you think Maori of today accept the government (or the crown's sovereignty) over them and the NZ populace?"  
If you think you can make a contribution to the discussions, then please come along.



**Leader: Peter Hodgson**  
**Phone: 04 293 1191**



## Kaleidoscope

On 8 March Kaleidoscope was treated to an entertaining, illustrated talk by Jenny Setchell on organs around the world and the challenges of touring with an international organist. During the talk Jenny referred to a few websites.

For those of you interested here are a couple of the websites:

<https://www.organist.co.nz/> This is Martin Setchell's own website from where you can see where he is playing next and purchase his CDs

[https://die-orgelseite.de/index\\_e.html](https://die-orgelseite.de/index_e.html) A massive site with photos of about 4000 organs in 76 countries and 6,300 organ music tracks you can download.

### Term 2

Term 2 starts on Monday 14 June. When the speaker programme is finalised, it will be publicised on the website at

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/kaleidoscope/speakerlist/>

**Enrolments for T2 are open.** If you attended in Term 1 you can confirm your place for Term 2 paying your \$15 to the Kaleidoscope account **38-9017-0643556-00** before the start of Term 2.

If you want to join Kaleidoscope, please go to <https://www.kapitiu3a.com/kaleidoscope/enrolment/> and complete your enrolment there.

We ask everyone who has access to online banking to enrol and/or pay BEFORE the 14 June.

### Archive

We are building up an archive of presentations given to Kaleidoscope. The website address for this is

<https://www.kapitiu3a.com/kaleidoscope/ksarchive/>

Recently added is Mary O'Keefe's talk on the archaeology of the M2PP Expressway, Malcolm McKinnon's talk on Putin's Russia and Kevin Clark's, Baghdad or Bust.

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*'My husband's cooking, so  
I'm going out to catch  
coronavirus - apparently  
you lose all sense of  
taste and smell'*

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

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