



U3A Tawa Incorporated

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Living in an unstable world

On 14 February 2019 Professor Jonathan Boston rounded off our latest tri-series of lectures and discussions looking at the evermore disturbing issues confronting our future. We were privileged to experience wonderfully thought-provoking presentations from Professor Boston (Government short term policymaking affecting issues like housing and climate change), Dr Martin Lally (commercial financial concepts), Professor Bill Atkin (law affecting older people) and financial advisor Glenn Wilson (investment avenues other than banks compared across recent years).

These presentations were wonderfully delivered and enthusiastically received, and are sure to have sparked serious discussion amongst members and, hopefully, their families.



2019 Committee (as before plus Pat Hammond)



Courses getting off to a flying start

Classes are clicking into gear. The Gym is up and running with U3A members working under the watchful eye of Mark Anderson. The half-hour Keep Fit classes at Revolve Fitness are of huge benefit to our coordination and overall wellbeing with a focus on cardio, muscle strength and flexibility. The environment is safe, warm and supportive. Get along and do your body a favour for the new year.



Some housekeeping details re subs etc:

Subs are \$15 single and \$25 double.

New **permanent** membership cards will be available once they have been designed and printed.

Methods of paying subs are unchanged from last year - by internet banking to BNZ and Kiwibank, by cheque or cash to either bank or by cheque into the white box in the Tawa library.

Bank account detail: U3A Tawa

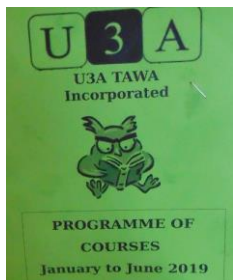
BNZ Johnsonville: 02 0552 0198393 00

Kiwibank Tawa: 38 9019 0495729 00

Note that PO Box 56-069 will be closing when U3A is next invoiced for it.

Course lists were compiled from website and paper enrolments and sent to coordinators 10 days after the AGM. You can still enrol for any course by contacting the coordinator by phone or email (details are in the courses booklet).

If you have any questions please contact a committee member (details on the back page of courses booklet)



Working together with Mana U3A

Mana U3A has maintained a Science Group since 1990 and has cordially invited members of U3A Tawa to come along and try it out.

Leader Peter Evans has a huge collection of DVDs on a large range of science subjects, which are viewed and widely discussed by the Group. There are also visiting speakers from time to time.

They meet in the Community Church lounge in Titahi Bay at 10 am on alternate Mondays starting 4 February. The cost is \$3 and this includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

Ring Peter Evans on 2339690 or Joan Conroy on 2367756 if you want to learn more.

Our thanks to Mana U3A for this kind offer.

Mana and Tawa U3A Chairmen are exploring other ways to work together in the future to support each other's programs and aims.

Members from either U3A can already attend activities without additional subscription costs, and Mana members come to our Art Group and Choir in significant numbers.

Both U3As are looking at how smaller courses could be made more viable by pooling interested members wherever the people concerned were happy to do that. There is also interest in promoting a combined seminar series with high profile presenters.

Behind the Beehive – special art viewing

Parliament Buildings houses a more than passable art collection open to the public. Jancis Potter is

planning to take a U3A group to view the collection on 29 March. Jancis can be contacted on ph 232 3915 or mobile 027 6354 733 for more information on this proposed 90-minute tour.

Retirement Commissioner Free Seminar

On Thursday 14 March the Retirement Commission will be delivering a free public education seminar at the Dowse Art Museum 45 Laings Rd Lower Hutt 10.30am-12 Noon (with tea served from 10am)

The seminar will discuss the personal, legal and financial implications of living in a retirement village and what people need to consider before becoming a retirement village resident. This not a commercial plug for retirement homes. The Commission offers only neutral and objective information on these matters.

If you wish to attend please **register** as soon as possible by calling Paul Niccolini on 021 565 321 to help assess numbers

Our very own centenarian

We are proud to have a centenarian amongst our members – Edwin (Eddie) Robertson turned 100 on 21 January and his contribution to U3A Tawa was lauded by the Chairman at the AGM the week prior (with Eddie in the front row). Well done Eddie.



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