



Newsletter June 2024

The U3A Constitution

For those who have not seen it the draft Constitution, version 3, can be found on the U3A Tawa website via the following link www.u3atawa.org.nz/Constitution.

Also, if you require a paper copy to read, please contact Alison Bayly 027 437 9215.

Special General Meeting 24th of June

As advised earlier, the U3A Tawa midyear meeting this year is a Special General Meeting and will be held on Monday June 24th 10.00 am to midday at Tawa Bowling Club.

Morning tea will be at 10:00 am, and the SGM will commence at 10:20 am. Pat Hammond's slideshow of Courses for the second half of the year will follow.

The Agenda for the SGM is as follows:

- Check for Quorum (15% of Registered Members)
- Appointment of Committee Chair to replace Alison Bayly from the end of this meeting.
- Version 3 of Tawa U3A Society Constitution to be ratified.
- Request for the 2025 Courses Coordinator
- Information about the following if time allows:
 - The 2023 Financial papers
 - The 2026 Subscription
 - The 2024 Committee roles

New Courses

Courses coming up are:

- The next Travel Adventures presentations will be on "The Disney Experience at Sea" & "Thru the Panama Canal" by Tim Smith. These will be held in the Emmaus Centre at 10:00 am on the 14th of June. On the 12th of July the presentation will be "Cruising on the Murray River" by Murray Lang".

- Science and Technology - How Things Stay Up. This is an engineering presentation on how loads generate forces in simple structures and why they don't fall down. No Maths required. It then goes on to look at interesting historical structures that evolved into the structures of today. This will be on the 26th June at the Tawa Union Church at 10:00 am.

New Opera Group

Irene Swadling of Porirua U3A ran their opera group for several years and has offered to get another group going. This is an opportunity to enjoy the glorious sounds and fascinating stories of the world's great operas.

Tawa U3A members had been offered to join the Group and Irene will host the first gathering at 7pm on Tuesday 18 June at her home Villa 42 in Summerset Village 15 Aotea Drive. Join Irene for a taste of opera and a chat about how and when the group will meet.

If you are interested Contact Irene on 027 437 1888 to register your interest.

Tawa-Linden Walkers

The Tawa Linden walking group has a proud history going back 30+ years.

They are a friendly walking group who enjoy urban and bush walking – averaging 12 walkers per walk. You will receive the programme of weekly walks in the Wellington region when you join the group.

They meet on a Tuesday at Tawa Junction, Wellington Beds end of the car park - 9.00am for a 9.15am departure. They carpool, and the koha for the driver is indicated in the programme. You need to bring a drink and something to eat for morning tea and lunch on the lunch days which are indicated in the programme. Wear suitable clothing e.g. walking shoes or hiking boots, walking poles if required and a jacket for all walks.

If you know of or hear of anyone who is interested in joining the group, please contact Allan Johnson - 021 238 1233 or email - sharall@gmail.com



The Ramblers

We are very fortunate, in Tawa to have more than one walking group.

Almost every week from February to November, the Ramblers go out to various parts of Wellington and the Hutt Valley. Numbers vary (often depending on the weather!) but this is a friendly, welcoming group who enjoy the walk, the wildlife seen along the way, and the coffee at the end of the trip. Most importantly, they enjoy each other's company.

Sometimes the group catches a train or bus to the starting point, other times they'll carshare, with a koha being paid to the driver. Recent walks have included Petone foreshore, Thorndon (with a stop at Old St. Paul's to hear a concert) and Pauatahanui Inlet, where these photos were taken.

The contact is Shirley Williamson – 04 232 6746 for email [idwskw@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:dwskw@actrix.gen.nz)



Finally, don't forget to regularly check the U3A Website for the latest news and updates at www.u3atawa.org.nz

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