



## *Newsletter - November 2024*

### *From the Committee*

The Tawa U3A Committee met on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and we are pleased to report that the Membership on 24 October stands at 209 people.

Preparations are now well underway for the 2025 year and there will be several new courses offered. Next year one of our regular venues – the Emmaus Centre at St Christopher Church, will have limited availability and alternative centrally located venues are being explored.

### *Registration and Subscription for the 2025 year*

Our new Constitution requires that we gather all contact information for our members. This can be done by:

- Joining online at [www.u3atawa.org.nz](http://www.u3atawa.org.nz) if possible, or
- Printing and bringing the completed form to the AGM on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 or
- Obtaining a hard copy at the AGM and completing it there or
- Put the completed form in the white U3A letterbox at the Tawa Library, until 21st January 2025 – the box will be removed after that date.

After the AGM blank hard copies will be made available in the Community Centre.

The Annual Subscription for 2025 will be \$15 for a single or \$25 for a couple. If Members want a hard copy of the 2026 booklet, they need to pay an additional \$5 when they pay their subscription. You can pay by:

- Using Direct Credit to our BNZ account 02-0552-0198393-00 or
- In cash at the AGM or
- In cash at Take Note - please pay into the Kiwibank Account 38-9019- 0495729-00. Note you must include your name in the payment.

### *Course Selections for 2025*

Please select your courses online at [www.u3atawa.org.nz](http://www.u3atawa.org.nz) under “ENROL”. Please ensure you complete all contact information, including your address. This can be done by:

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### **Your Tawa U3A Committee Hard at Work**

From left to right – Judith Havill, Alison Bayly, Tim Davin, Pat Hammond, Marie Prescott, Marian Hobbs (Chairperson) and Digby Gudsell

### *Morning Tea for Leaders and Co-ordinators*

A special morning tea for leaders and co-ordinators will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November from 10:15 am to 11:30 am at the Tawa Community Centre. This is a chance for the Committee to thank the activities Leaders and Co-ordinators for the valuable work they do for the organisation and make it the success it is. Its also a chance to share experiences in running activities and courses.

Bring yourself and partner if you wish. Please RSVP by Sunday 17th November to Alison Bayly at [wiseowlalison@gmail.com](mailto:wiseowlalison@gmail.com).

### *The 13th of January 2025 AGM*

The 2025 AGM for Tawa U3A will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at the Tawa Bowling Club and will start at midday with a shared lunch. You are requested to bring a plate – and come earlier if you need to fill out Registration and/or Course Selection forms or you need to heat food. The Clubrooms will be open from 11:00 am. Come early if you are paying your subs with cash.

## *Porirua U3A Outings*

The Porirua U3A are very good at arranging outings and have kindly offered two trips to our Members.

### **Petone Opportunity Shops - 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Porirua U3A Op Shop trips to Petone have been a lot of fun so they are offering the trip again on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Petone must surely deserve the title of New Zealand's Op Shop capital, so you are sure to find a bargain for yourself, family or friends. Or come just for a social outing. You are sure to have a good time.

The trip will be by train and bus and to register for this and to find out more please directly contact Bill Gebbie or Marcia Forsman at [billmary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:billmary@xtra.co.nz) or [marcia.forsman@venture.co.nz](mailto:marcia.forsman@venture.co.nz) or text or ring them on 027 677 0180 (Bill) or 021 406 570 (Marcia).



### **Trades Hall Museum – 25<sup>th</sup> November**

This is a visit to the Trades Hall Museum in Wellington on Monday 25 November. The Wellington Trades Hall has a Museum and Union Office on Vivian Street, Wellington, showcasing the history of the trade union movement in New Zealand. It's a very small museum but contains fascinating video displays as well as excellent information panels. The trip will be by train and bus and if you would like to go, please contact Bill Gebbie or Marcia Forsman as above.

Finally, don't forget to regularly check the U3A Website for the latest news and updates at [www.u3atawa.org.nz](http://www.u3atawa.org.nz)

Tim Davin

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