

Tawa U3A Survey of Members

Note on the Results, June 2023

There was a total of 55 useable entries, although not everyone answered all the questions. However most people completed the "tick box" parts of the survey. This note sets out the key findings.

Q 1: Agree /disagree

The graphs on page 3 show how the responses were broken down according to the six options from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree".

It can be seen that just over 30% felt they would like more recreational courses (total of "agree" and "strongly agree"). The figure for study courses was similar. On the same basis, almost 60% said they were happy with the current range of courses.

Q 2: Topics for New Courses

The table on page 4 shows the number of "votes" received for each of the proposed new topics. The right hand column ranks the topics, with the top few being highlighted.

Q 3: Topics for new courses not on the questionnaire

The following were suggested (note that the last two topics are already covered):

- Humanities
- Evolution
- Mah Jong
- Mindfulness
- Ukraine conflict
- Wine appreciation
- Line Dancing
- Crosswords
- Ballroom Dancing
- Scrabble
- Play Reading

Q 4: Expertise to present New Courses

There was a very limited response to this and some of the replies came from members of the Subcommittee:

History of Tawa
Philosophy etc
Craft, patchwork, sewing
Engineering
Crosswords
Science, technology and our lives

Q 5: Relevant Comments

Happy
Going good
Need speakers on topical issues such as AI
Enjoy U3A
Great idea
Important part of my retirement
Good means of making friends
Essential to keep updating courses
Limited by available expertise
Well organised range of topics
Very enjoyable
Outstanding commitment & management
Puzzles, cards

The winner of the draw was decided using a random number generator in Excel. The grocery voucher goes to Kathy Graham.

	New Topics	Votes	Rank
1	Astronomy	6	15
2	Movie history	2	28
3	Puzzles	2	28
4	Mah Jong	7	13
5	Notable women	6	15
6	Poetry studies	8	10
7	French conversation	2	28
8	Art appreciation	10	4
9	Opera appreciation	7	13
10	Humanism	2	28
11	Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas	10	4
12	History of Medicine	8	10
13	Jazz and big band	6	15
14	Historic documentaries	9	8
15	BBC radio comedy	10	4
16	Cooking for one	8	10
17	Science & Engineering	11	2
18	Calligraphy	4	22
19	NZ History	15	1
20	World history	11	2
21	Singalong	5	19
22	Wine appreciation	3	24
23	Antiques and collectibles	5	19
24	Public speaking	3	24
25	Anthropology	4	22
26	Architecture	3	24
27	Military history	1	34
28	Civilizations	3	24
29	Comparative religions	6	15
30	Biographies	5	19
31	Famous and Infamous	2	28
32	The Maori world	9	8
33	Inventions and Discoveries	10	4
34	Blues Music	1	34
35	Lenin Bridge (a type of Bridge)	1	34
36	Desert Island Discs	2	28