

HIBISCUS Coast U3A- Special Bulletin

23 December 2021

Editor's Note

The purpose of this bulletin is to allow us to touch base with members after an extended lockdown and wish you a happy Christmas and the strength to embark on another messy Covid-affected new year. It looks as if we have almost beaten Delta but Omicron is on our doorstep. We might have similar meeting restrictions for at least a part of 2022.

A big thank you to Diana Pipke and Christine Curtis who have taken on my roles during my recent surgery. Diana had convened World Today by herself, and Christine has sent out bulletins on a regular basis.

I had recovered enough to join the hardy picknickers at Wenderholm on 13 December. See photo below..

It's good to be able to return to the beaches. Here is the quintessential Hibiscus Coast Christmas tree at Little Manly a couple of weeks ago.

Maureen Jansen



President's Message

Well, what an amazing year we have had - in and out of lockdown, keeping up with the vaccine roll out, learning new skills on Zoom and Skype. Now we are counting down the days till we get that third vaccine which will help to keep us and everyone else in our community safe.

Did you know we now have our own designated Orewa Community Vaccination Centre in the old Council Building at 50 Centreway Road, Orewa? You may be interested to learn that some U3A people who wanted their 3rd jab before going on holiday have already used this facility.

It's good that a number of our smaller groups were able to meet personally in November. My hope is that the rest of our groups will be able to get going in the New Year, no matter what. That is, if we are all vaccinated.

As far as our big General Meetings are concerned, it looks as though we will have to wait till March before we can use the Salvation Army premises again.

But never fear! We will have another go at having a picnic on Monday 21 February for all U3A members. It's a pity that December's worst two wet days fell on our chosen Mondays! However, a good time was had by all 13 us who did brave the weather on the second Monday! Wenderholm Reserve is a lovely place to picnic and catch up with friends.

Hope you all have a chance to catch up with family or friends over the festive season.

Merry Christmas, Meri Kirihimete

Judy Keall



The Wenderholm picnic on 13 December

Groups

Instead of placing the groups in this bulletin, I will refer you to our excellent website where you can see the groups and click a link to the schedule.

<https://www.u3ahbc.co.nz/groups.html>

Play Reading Group?

After several years of being the Convenor for the Regional New Zealand/Pacific enthusiasts, I am stepping down, (perhaps someone would like to pick up the reins) and hope to start a play reading group. I am fortunate enough to have access to a variety of plays. If this interests you, please phone me on either (09) 427 9127 or 027 427 9276

Barbara Tucker

