

HIBISCUS COAST U3A



Next meeting: picnic at Wenderholm on January 16 followed by the AGM on 20 March, 9.45 am at the Salvation Army Hall in Red Beach.

INTERIM PRESIDENT REPORT

I and your committee would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year, with a wish that 2023 will be a healthy and enjoyable one. We are continuing to welcome new members and the groups were well attended in 2022, despite the problems with Covid. It is something we are having to learn to live with.

Looking at the speakers for the past year, it has been a truly varied programme, and we thank Trish Litherland and Jill Everest for arranging them.



Due to health issues, our excellent and long-time membership secretary Kaye Bennetts had to step down, and our thanks go to Wendy Hawkins for taking on the position.

Besides doing her stint as president, Judy Keall has created a role of liaison for convenors, holding regular meetings.

Maureen Jansen, despite some health issues has regularly produced our interesting newsletter, while Hugh Griffiths has taken on the role of technician with Gerard Straka, who also is our talented webmaster.

Finally, we would like to thank John Tucker who has been our treasurer for many years, keeping us all on track, and who is planning to step down at the AGM. Member David Shaw is willing to put his name forward as replacement.

This past year has also been a strange one, for me at least, as, lacking any nominees for the position of president, three past presidents have accepted the responsibility. Judy Keall, Trish Litherland and I have been taking it in turns to be 'acting' president, despite having other responsibilities on the committee. It has not been too onerous, as many duties earlier presidents had, such as booking and organising the speaker, liaising with the convenors and being responsible for opening the meeting rooms, have been delegated.

With that in mind I am making an early appeal to anyone who would like to consider putting their hand up to fulfil that role. I will be happy to discuss this with anyone interested.

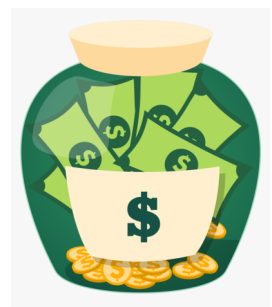
It just remains for me to welcome our new members, and we hope to socialise with you at our annual picnic on 16 th January (replacing the general meeting in the Salvation Army rooms) . Details will be circulated shortly.

Chris Curtis (secretary)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

In 2023 our subs will return to \$40 for a couple and \$25 for an individual. Please pay your subs into our bank account: ASB 12-3046-0275951-00 and include your initials and full surname as the reference.

We thank you in advance!



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	TBC
Secretary	Christine Curtis
Membership Secretary	Wendy Hawkins
Speaker Secretary	Trish Litherland
Speaker Secretary	Jill Everest
Treasurer	John Tucker
Convenors' Coordinator	Judy Keall
Newsletter Editor	Maureen Jansen
Technical Assistant	Hugh Griffith

ANNUAL PICNIC 16 JANUARY 11 AM WENDERHOLM

The 3rd Monday in January is usually the day of our first general meeting. It falls on January 16 this year—close to the holiday period! So in lieu of a formal meeting we are having a picnic at Wenderholm on that day.

We meet in the grassy area near the beach in front of Couldrey House and sit under some pohutukawa or in a tented area. Bring your chair and your lunch. Our secretary has emailed you and there will be further instructions.

This annual picnic is usually in February but it makes sense to hold it in January when most people this year are not quite ready for a formal meeting.



The management committee will be there to make introductions and make sure new people get to know their fellow U3Aers.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Please note that the list of groups and times and venues on the following page is from last year. Get in touch with the convenor by phone or email if you would like to join a group. This way you will be sure of time and place.

Here is a photo of the History Group taken at the end of last year and a group of U3A people who took the bus into the city and then the new red electric bus up Queen Street to see the Frida Kahlo exhibition.



SCHEDULE OF GROUPS

Most groups meet monthly and commence in late January or February. You will need to look at your calendar for the “first Friday”, “second Thursday” etc. The Pohutukawa Room is in the Whangaparaoa Library.

Ancient History	Ayad Hussona	10 am, 4th Tuesday in the Peninsula Club
Archaeology	Kay McLean	Joining the History Group until further notice
Art Appreciation	Trish Litherland	2 pm, 2nd Tuesday in Pohutukawa Room
Book Club	Sheila Hussona	10 am, 2nd Thursday in people’s homes
Book Review	Cheril Clarke	10 am, 3rd Friday, in the Peninsula Club
Cards and Games	Cherry Davis	1.30 pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Pohutukawa Room
Cinematique	Trish Litherland	Hoyts Hibiscus Coast when a suitable film is screening
Discussion	Bob and Jenny Kelly	10 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Hibiscus Coast Village
Film Discussion	Trish Litherland	Last Friday. 10.30 am Pohutukawa Room. Please check with convenor.
History	Jeannetta Dearsley	10 am, first Tuesday in Pohutukawa Room
Poetry Discussion	Maureen Jansen	10.30 am, 4th Monday in the Pohutukawa Room
Play Reading	Barbara Tucker	10.00 am, 4th Thursday in Pohutukawa Room
Short Film Making	Ian and Nancy Miller	At various times during filming and film making.
The World Today	Maureen Jansen and Jill Everest,	9.45 am, 1st Friday in Pohutukawa Room
Travel	Gavin Whyte	2 pm, 2nd Monday in Pohutukawa Room
U3A Writers	Cheril Clark	10 am, 1st Friday, at the Peninsula Club