

Newsletter July 2017

Janice's Jottings.

The committee has decided that there will be no Midwinter U3A lunch this year. Mainly owing to the lack of interest last year.

Did you come to our Speech Contest? It was a great morning listening to the High School students talking about the generations, with their voices clear and their eyes bright. Each one brought a unique offering. Well done to all who competed and to Franki James for her organisational skills. The contest winner was Lennox Winitana from William Colenso College who added a Te Reo spark to her speech. Her speech was titled "Time not wasted, investing in the younger generation"

Thank you to the three Toast Masters who evaluated the speeches. Interestingly this year the audience also voted for the winner with their People's Choice votes. Thank you to Toni at Paper Plus Taradale for donating a \$50 book Token to Lennox as the People's Choice winner.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Town Hall meeting on Wednesday 2nd August when Kevin Moloney will tell us about Future Col.

Come early and have a nice cuppa to start the morning warm.

Janice Cram, President Taradale U3A.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Neil Gunderson for his letter to the Editor in Hawke's Bay Today on 5/7/2017. This was a great piece of advertising for the U3A and a polite way to let people know we are ready and willing to accept new members. Thank you.

Te Rea

We are a group of 7 people learning basic Maori language and would be happy to take one more person. We meet from 10.30-12.00 every second Friday at my place and can fit 8 people around my table. The next meeting will be on 14th July. We have been working on pronunciation and introductions. Some of us are keen to enrol in Level 1 Papa Reo through Te Wananga O Aotearoa. Unfortunately this course has been oversubscribed so we need to wait for vacancies.

Sally Woods Convenor: Phone 8449 551 or 021 1555 630

Bon Vivant Group

– (fr) "a person who enjoys going out with friends and eating good food and drinking good wine" – and the opportunity to mingle and make new friends. From cheese tasting, pot luck picnics at a winery tasting the new season's vintage, to exploring various food markets the group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, time varying according to that month's adventure. The inaugural meeting will cover chocolate temptations with a dessert sauvignon on Wednesday, 26 July, 2:30 – 3:30 pm. For further information on venue and cost, please contact

Sue Lambourne : pandslambourn@xtra.co.nz or 845 1585.

Can YOU read aloud?

Some of our members devote an hour or so, once a fortnight to recording articles from "H.B.TODAY" on the telephone for listeners who belong to the Foundation for the Blind. All that's needed is a clear voice and a telephone in a quiet room at home. This is an easy service to perform and gives pleasure to your listeners. Training is given by the Foundation for the Blind. Interested?

Please talk to Angela 8446937 or Jimmy 8442952 who are on your committee.

A Small Quizz

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| 1. What country exports the most false teeth? | 2. Name the person who christened Prince William? |
| 3. What is the name of a possums nest? | 4. What year did China take over Hong Kong? |
| 5. Name the monster's Loch. | 6. Where is the township of Dollar? |

Community Affairs

There has been a good attendance at the Community Affairs meetings which have taken place in the first half of this year. We have enjoyed very varied subjects presented to us by some excellent and often amusing speakers.

The year began with Franki James talking about Water Safety - a very important subject with plenty of water near most of us and our friends and family. There are too many unnecessary drownings in New Zealand and Franki gave us plenty to think about how a lot of them could be avoided.

Monique Bartosh managed to fit us in to a very tight schedule. An amazingly talented, intelligent young woman who won the Supreme Award of the Pak & Save edible fashion awards a couple of years ago. Now she is working in Wellington designing costumes for the RNZ Ballet and also working at the Weta Workshops. She came with her award winning "My Fair Lady" costume from the Pak & Save competition and also explained some of the difficulties designing for dancers - they have got to be able to move easily with no restrictions at all. She ended by explaining and then modelling a dress with multiple underskirts which was based on the fashion of dress about 200 years ago.

The next month our speaker was Tom Belford (Regional Councillor) - a very articulate gentleman who touched on a number of "hot topics" in our area and inevitably the hottest of all: Water & the Ruataniwha Dam. He was very generous with his time and prepared to answer any number of questions from the floor.

Paul Hughes followed in May. He is the Officer in Charge and Senior Station Volunteer Fire Officer, Taradale Fire Station. He is another easy speaker with spots of humorous anecdotes amongst the details of how different types of fires need to be dealt with. That was most interesting and thought-provoking. He also was generous with his time and very happy to answer questions. We are lucky to have so many volunteer firemen and women. Our country would not survive very well without them.

We now look forward to the 2nd half of the year.

Belinda Galbraith, Convenor....phone 8449293

Antiques and Collectables

Queens, Kings and Royal Things was the subject for May. Our members brought along decorated tins, plenty of coins, a 1937 Coronation Sampler, a 1928 copy of "The Bystander" featuring King George V and two Tonbridge ware stamp boxes with an image of a penny black on one. Tui's display was some of her "Royal Things" collection.

For our June meeting our speaker was Laura Vodanovich who told us about her work at the Napier MTG. Our members showed us their 'oldest cup and saucer', so we saw a beautiful display of bone china, some very old, from when saucers were used instead of cups, to drink from.

The member's display was some old printers' blocks of illustrations. We meet every 3rd Monday at 2pm at the Taradale Club - we would love you to join us.

Jeanie Jenkins, Convenor....phone 878 8542

How to find the U3A Taradale website:

U3a—Click Find U3A—North Island—Hawkes Bay—Taradale U3A (right hand box) - Taradale in square on map

History 1

Our enthusiast group meets 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm to 3.45pm. Topics in May and June this year included: Battle of Omarunui 1866, Neanderthals medicine cabinet, Winston Churchill during the Boer War, History of Napier-Taupo Road, Rock, Stone and Sand Buildings, Potted history of Taradale, Personal glimpses growing up in old Ahuriri.

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At right last newsletter caption picture, we received only one answer anonymously. "Cheap at any price". Thank you Chris for sending in the photos. Please everyone send us a caption for the pictures on the left before next newsletter. suggestions to Sonia. sjmac13@xtra.co.nz or phone 8444834



Quizz answers: 1.. Lichtenstein. 2. Robert Runcie. 3. Drey. 4. 1997 5. Loch Ness 6.Scotland

U3A Taradale Napier Secondary Schools' Speech Competition 2017 - Results

The battle lines are now well and truly drawn between *William Colenso College* and *Taradale High School*, the former having won the 2017 *Napier Secondary Schools' Speech Competition* organised by *Taradale U3A* on Wednesday, 7th June, giving five wins a-piece in the fifteen years the competition has been running. *Lennox Winitana* of *William Colenso College* was the deserving winner of the speech trophy, a \$300 monetary prize and a \$150 cheque which serves as an *Oratory Award* for her school library, as well as taking out the *People's Choice Award* of a \$50 book token kindly offered by *Paper Plus Taradale*. It's not every year that the audience necessarily agrees with the three judges who come from *Toastmasters'* clubs in the region but this year there was little doubt in anyone's mind. While the audience looks at being engaged, entertained and informed, the judges award points on a more technical basis, taking criteria such as elocution, body language and relevance to the given topic into consideration.

Topics for the speech competition all in some way had to take into consideration the generation gap and the impact of youth and age upon each other. The title of *Lennox's* speech was "Time not wasted – investing in the younger generation", a subject on which she proved her-self not only to be eloquent but also persuasive. Runner-up was *Lily Trow* of *Napier Girls' High School* with her topic "Youth has no age" and in third place came *Koyana Shastri* of *Taradale High School* who spoke on, "What we can learn from each other". *Urmandip Sekhorn* of *Sacred Heart College*, who came in fourth place and was highly commended, enamoured herself of the audience with her choice of topic "Youth is the gift of nature while age is a work of art"! And, when all is said and done, who can argue with that?

Originally, we had six schools competing this year which would have been great. But two days before the actual competition, the only male contestant in this year's line up, representing *Tamatea High School*, withdrew due to over-commitment on his part. On the actual day, the student from *Hukarere Girls' College* was a "no show", leaving us with only four speakers in the competition, i.e. only half the total number of eligible schools which was disappointing in the extreme. Although the *Rules & Conditions* stipulate that schools should have a back-up speaker in case of just such an eventuality, in neither case did this eventuate. *St. Joseph's Māori Girls College* didn't compete this year, preferring to concentrate on its Jubilee celebrations. And, for the first time since the competition's inception, *Napier Boys' High School* didn't have a suitable candidate this year - although they did send a delegation comprising four students and an English teacher as observers and they fully intend competing again next year which is encouraging. We do understand the enormous pressure both students and teachers are under these days, not only with *NCEA* exams and assessments but also with so many other extracurricular activities such as *The Big Sing*, *Rockquest* and *Stage Challenge* all falling at a similar time of year and we do appreciate the time and effort involved. Committee Member *Peter Green* acted as a very able Master of Ceremonies, President *Janice Cram* welcomed everybody and thanked everyone at the end, as well as presenting the prizes. On our side, organ-

ising such an event also requires a great deal of time and effort but, as an organisation, the *University of the Third Age* is committed to interacting with the youth of today who, after all, are the senior citizens of the future!

Franki James, Convenor

Footnote: When one of the speech competition judges, *Toastmaster Helen Wright*, stood up to speak, she prefaced her short talk by saying she had spent fifteen years in prison - which certainly grabbed people's attention! What some of the audience apparently failed to grasp, leaving them somewhat perturbed, was that it was actually in her capacity as a prison officer.



Master of Ceremonies *Peter Green*, Judge *Steve Tutbury*, *Lily Trow* (2nd), *Urmandip Sekhorn* (4th), *U3A Taradale President Janice Cram*, Judge *Helen Wright*, Winner *Lennox Winitana*, Judge *Craig Robinson* and *Paper Plus Taradale Manager Toni Reid*. Absent: *Koyana Shastri* (3rd)

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Next Meeting Taradale Town Hall

Wednesday 2nd August 2017

Kevin Moloney speaking about 'Future Col.'

Coffee/tea from 9.30 am

Meeting starts 10.am

Please be seated by 9.45am