



Taradale U3A Newsletter

January 2019

Janice's Jottings:

Thank you Belinda for your great work as Community Affairs convener.

Richard Gregory and I are now the new conveners. We would like to see more of our U3A members at our Town Hall meetings. We do have interesting speakers and learn all sorts of things. Richard has lined up a few speakers for next year.

Our AGM is coming up soon. Because of Waitangi Day it will be on 30th January.

I hope to see many of you at our AGM.

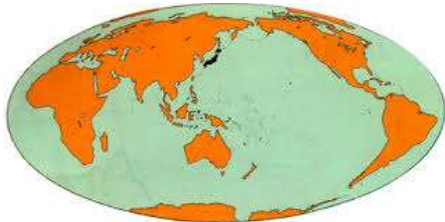
I also promise we will continue to have fantastic speakers for you to listen to.

Come along and bring a U3A friend with you.

Best wishes for 2019.

Janice Cram U3A President

Geography Group - Our New Look



The monthly geography group, which meets at 10:00am on the first Friday of each month in Mission View Village Hall, Avondale Road, has adopted some exciting changes for 2019.

We will meet at the same time and place, but we are only planning on one prepared presentation each week, with the intention to have a less structured discussion time following the presentation. We have noted that often our presentations over the last year or two have raised issues,

or prompted input from others who have specific knowledge or experiences of the area covered. Rather than cut these informal contributions short to ensure that we get both presentations done, we are going to nurture and encourage this type of interaction. We also acknowledge that different people may wish to contribute in different ways. So, while some may be happy to prepare a formal presentation, others may feel more comfortable running a discussion session, or arranging for an external speaker. We look forward to mutual enlightenment.

Of course we will continue to range across the huge landscape of geography, covering physical, social, economic, climatic and historical strands. For 2019 our overarching theme is the Pacific, but it will be up to each presenter to determine their focus within that broad mandate. Topics could include a specific country, the oceanography of the whole Pacific or some subsection, the el Nino / la Nina climate patterns, the volcanic "Ring of Fire", human migration pre or post European influence, impact of climate change, the list is endless.

A more mundane change is that the coordination for the year will be picked up jointly by Christine and Tony Smith, who can be contacted at tontine.smith@gmail.com, or 8341300. If you are interested in joining this group, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Leisure Cycling: Our new group

Welcome to the new year – and to a new U3A Group - **Leisure Cycling**.

There will be several subgroups: (a) Gentle, (b) Eager, and (c) Serious.

There may also be an E-Cycle Group – depending on the response.

So, dust off your bike, oil and pump up the wheels, check your **helmet**, find your **hi-viz jacket** and get ready to pedal.

To join this merry band of pedal-pushers contact **Vince Allcock** -

Ph: 8453643 or 0274 771 654 or errwood17@gmail.com

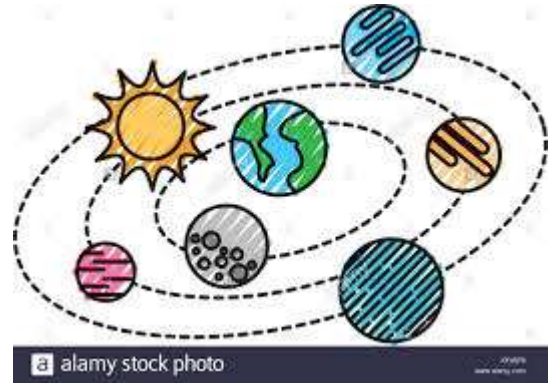


Astronomy Group – The star gazers

The Astronomy Group, a joint one in conjunction with Hastings U3A has a new Convenor. Peter Newby, who has done an excellent job for several years, has handed over Mission Control to Peter Turnbull. Thank you Peter N. We meet monthly at 1:30pm on a Thursday over at the **Napier Boys High School Planetarium** – this is a fantastic building, and following an update on all the exciting happenings in space, Gary, our Astronomer takes us into the Planetarium for a laid-back look at the stars for that day.

I will be contacting all our current members in January to confirm your continuing interest, and dates for our meeting will then be sent out.

New members are always welcome – if interested please contact **Peter Turnbull Ph: 83 44 094**



Dipping into History

Our group meets from **2pm to 4pm on the 2nd Monday of the month** at the Masonic Retirement Village, Avondale Road. We each give a talk once a year using a method we are comfortable with having chosen our own subject, either “a person, a time in history or a location of special interest to ourselves”. New members do not usually give a talk in their first year.

Last year our interesting talks included the Industrial Revolution, Peninsular War in Spain and the 1918 Flu Pandemic followed by discussion and a light hearted quiz on history and general knowledge.

This year starts off in February with Jewish History then The Art of Lowry in March followed by Carpe Diem Enduring Early Colonial Entrepreneurs in April. In July we visit a place of interest.

If you would like to join our group or would like more info please contact me. **Wynn Barnett Ph: 844 2329**

The 12 Days of Christmas (aka The Everlasting Turkey) - by Margaret Hicks

*On the first day of Christmas, my true love said to me
I've bought a big fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree
On the second day of Christmas, much laughter could be heard
As we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird
On the third day of Christmas came the people from next door
The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before
On the fourth day of Christmas came relations young and old
We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold
On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes scurried
But we were nice and warm inside, we had the turkey curried
On the sixth day of Christmas our Christmas spirit died
The children fought and bickered, we had turkey rissoles fried
On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince
As he sat down at the table eating turkey mince
On the eighth day of Christmas the dog had run for shelter
He'd seen our turkey pancakes and the glass of Alka-Seltzer!!
On the ninth day of Christmas by lunchtime Dad was blotto
He knew that the bird was back again, this time as a risotto!
On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-made brew
And if that wasn't enough, we were eating turkey stew
On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree was moulting
With chilli, oyster sauce, the turkey was revolting
On the twelfth day of Christmas, we had smiles upon our lips
The guests had gone, the turkey too – we dined on fish & chips.*



A Christmas treat for some – but where were you?



At our recent end-of-year meeting in *Taradale Town Hall*, members received a real Christmas treat when they enjoyed a superb complimentary morning tea and were entertained to a medley of festive songs and carols by **Octavius**, a relatively new Napier-based choir. Since its inaugural concert at *All Saints Church* in Taradale in November last year, **Octavius** has quickly made its mark on the local music scene, clearly enjoying performing a wide variety of 8-part harmonies, ranging from medieval and modern to sacred and secular. Not only have they got involved in fundraising and carol singing for *Cranford Hospice* and a *Memorial Service* for patients of the *Renal Clinic* at

the Hawke's Bay Hospital, but they also collaborated with *Iona College* in Havelock North, presenting a show entitled "Shakespeare As We Like It" in the *Blyth Centre for Performing Arts* at the school.

During our Christmas function, an appreciative *U3A Taradale* audience joined in singing some of the carols and rewarded this remarkable group with extremely well-deserved applause.

But where were you all? Out of a membership of more than 370, only 59 came along, a pretty poor showing for what has usually been one of the best-attended events of the *U3A Taradale* calendar. A huge amount of effort by your Committee goes into organising such events and it would, indeed, be a shame to curtail future activities due to lack of support from our members.

Let us hope we get a better turnout for our **AGM on Wednesday, 30th January** - especially as we have an excellent speaker lined up after the business part of the meeting! Her name is **Roma Russell** who comes very highly recommended. For 23 years she worked at the *Hawke's Bay Prison* – first as a volunteer and then as a paid staff member as the *Community Representative*. During the course of her duties, she became involved not only in rehabilitation but also in family matters, liaising with young and old alike - something that was, at times, heartbreaking but not without occasional humorous interludes.

WANTED– New Committee Members:

With the retirement of Russell Drieberg and Pauline Bothwell, the Committee is seeking two replacement Committee members. Do YOU have 2-3 hours available bi-monthly to serve on the Committee?

Attributes Sought:

- promotion of U3A Taradale in our local community;
- Liaison with a few Group Convenors
- Assisting with the running of Coffee Mornings
- Ability to place stickers and stamps on Newsletters

Contact Sue Lambourn 845 1585 for a nomination form.

TARADALE U3A INC **2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday, 30 January 2019 at 10:00 am.

(Please note that due to Waitangi Day on the first Wednesday of February, the AGM is being held one week earlier)

Coffee at 9:30am. No admission fee.

Nominations close with the Secretary Sue Lambourn

U3A Taradale Committee 2018 / 19

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DATE TO REMEMBER:

WEDNESDAY 30TH Jan: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Taradale Town Hall 9:30am for 10:00am start

Guest Speaker: Roma Russell - For 23 years she worked at the *Hawke's Bay Prison* – first as a volunteer and then as a paid staff member as the *Community Representative*. Roma will be a very interesting guest speaker.

ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Want to do your membership renewal online?

Here's the link to the renewal form on the Taradale U3A website.

<http://taradaleu3a.org.nz/membership%20renewal.html>

Just click on it and follow the instructions on the page.