



Taradale U3A Newsletter

November 2020

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President Peter's Ponderings:

Our lives seem to be returning to some semblance of normality as we approach the end of a very unusual year. From a U3A perspective, it is fantastic that our group activities seem to be almost back to full swing and we continue to have enquiries from potential new members. Long may that continue!



As the New Year approaches I would ask that members give some consideration to standing or nominating someone for the committee in 2021; we have had a couple of resignations and new blood is always welcome to bring a fresh perspective to our activities. In the meantime, all the best to you all!

INCREASE IN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND MORNING TEA FEES:

To ensure that U3A Taradale remains financially sustainable in the future your Committee has had a close look at our income and expenses. For example, in 2019 our Income only exceeded our Expenses by \$308 – insufficient to cover future rising running costs. The annual subscription has remained the same at **\$10pp** for over ten years. Your Committee has done all it can to keep costs in check, but have made the decision to increase the annual U3A Subscriptions to **\$15 per person**.

ALSO – the cost for tea/coffee at our Town Hall Meetings (excluding our AGM and Xmas Function) has been increased from \$2 to **\$3**. Thank you for your understanding. These decisions were not made lightly by your Committee.

SCRABBLE GROUP: We started back Thursday 24th Sept but have changed our venue. We loved being at the Masonic in Devonshire Place but in view of further possible Covid shut downs we are now at **All Saints Church on the corner of Puketapu and Church Road** from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. There is room for more people at this venue so anyone wanting to play will be welcome. **Convenor: Marion Sturm. Ph: 844 8872**



LUNCH GROUP No:2: We have been busy during the past few months. We are a small group and invite new members to join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from noon for good food and good fellowship.

In July we enjoyed our time at **AHURIRI VILLAGE KITCHEN (AVK)**. The food, cost and service were great, and their chips were even better. Great for sharing at your table. In August we went to **ADORO**, also in Ahuriri. A busy place with great food. The old woolstore has been converted into a number of offices. Then in September we went to **"OFF THE TRACK"** near Havelock North. Still a great place to dine, with a good menu. And then to cap off a strange year for all we ended up at **No: 5 MANGATERETERE**.

Want to join us for fun lunches??? Ring Jeanie Jenkins Ph: 878 8542 or Russell Ph: 844 0303

UKULELE GROUP: The ukulele group started at the beginning of 2020 under the guidance of Chris Gibson. Chris' musical and teaching skills has meant that our group has learnt to play a wide variety of songs that we enjoy singing along to. He has also introduced us to some new, and at times, complicated chords to add into our playing. As well, we have learnt to harmonise, use a capo and develop more slightly complicated strumming patterns. We are being challenged, but in a fun way. Unfortunately Covid meant that we lost some of our original members. However, more members have joined us as the year has gone on and hopefully others will feel comfortable about coming to strum and sing along with us.



We meet on Thursday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in Chris' garage. Convenor: Chris Gibson: 650 7994.

TE REO: will be holding its last 2020 session in the meeting room at the Taradale Library at 9:30am Friday 4th December, and plan to recommence 9:30am Friday 5th February 2021. We always welcome new members to come along and join us. **Convenor: Peter Lambourn Ph: 845 1585**

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS: Our group started back on September 16 while we were still at level 2. We had a record number of 21 people who were pleased to be back together stretching our brains. We meet at the **Senior Citizens Centre** at Taradale. By the time you read this we will have had two more sessions and done lots of creative writing, and word activities. Nothing too arduous and sharing ideas is permitted! Anyone interested is welcome to join us. 2pm, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.



Our next meetings will be held Nov 18th and possibly 16th Dec, and then in 2020 Feb 3rd
Convenor: Janice Hambly Ph: 844 8857



BEGINNERS FRENCH:

We are upstairs at the **RSA in Napier**. We meet each Monday morning from 10.30 till 12.00. New people are very welcome but if you have not previously learnt any French it would be better to come along at the beginning of 2021 and we will be delighted to start you on your journey to learn French.

Group Convenor: Marion Sturm. My phone 844 8872 most evenings

PLAYREADING GROUP: We have been a busy little group. We were lucky enough to hold our March meeting just before the COVID19 lockdown, and finished "Ten Minute Alibi". Being a group of five at that stage we agreed to meet again in May to read two one-act plays, and in June we saw the film "Tea with the Dames" in a member's home – a delightful film. In July we welcomed two new members – a Red Letter Day!! – and all presented pieces of prose or verse of their own choice. In August and September we read a cheerful 3-act play, "Belinda" by A A Milne, and we are now preparing an interesting 1-act play for October. In November we shall again present items of our own choice and spend the summer looking for next year's program. Our slightly larger group will give us a bit more choice of plays – though we are very good at reading more than one part at a time if we really have to. Another member or two would be welcome. **Group Convenor: Catherine Downes Ph: 844 0008**



FROM THE ALMONER: If you know of anyone who is ill or bereaved please let me know and I can send a card on behalf of U3A so that we can keep in touch with our members. Many thanks –

Jenny Pyatt (Almoner) Ph: 06 836 7270 or email to mikeandjennypyatt@nowmail.co.nz

RUMMIKUB GROUP: Going strong and yet we have room for a few more members wanting to play (or learn how to play) Rummikub. If you enjoy playing cards then we also play 'Contract Rummy' and 'Rummy 500' cards – also a lot of fun. So do come along and enjoy a fun packed afternoon with companionship – and a cuppa and biscuit.



We meet at The Mission View Village hall, 190 Avondale Road on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm with afternoon tea. Next meetings 7 Dec and 18 Jan.

Group Convenor: Russell Driberg Ph: 844 0303

WELCOME TO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

December Meeting Monday 7th Dec: The Mayor of Napier, Kirsten Wise, is coming to speak to us so I will arrange for a celebratory Christmas cake for the meeting. We meet on the **first Monday** of each month at the Senior Citizens Hall in Symons Lane, Taradale

Please come along at or about 9.30am for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit, and a chat! Our guest speaker will address the meeting at 10.00am and speak for approximately 45 minutes and take questions.

We look forward meeting all our visitors and potential members. (Remember your name badge)

Convenor: Richard Gregory Ph: 844 0672

CONSTITUTION REINSTATEMENT

A review of the Constitution by Jeanette Elgie and Sue Lambourn discovered an error being submitted to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies which deleted the following clauses.

MOVED that the following clauses be reinstated and approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3 February 2021.

10.0 FINANCE

10.1 All the income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the objects of the said Society and none of it shall be paid or transferred in any way to its committee members provided nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the said Society (other than a Committee member) or repayment of out of pocket expenses to members or Committee members incurred in the course of the work of the Society.

10.2 Any money raised and received, whether by donation, bequest or otherwise, shall be retained by the Society and be used at the discretion of the committee.



TARADALE U3A INC

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday, 3 February 2021 at 10:00 am.

Tea/Coffee at Conclusion. No charge.

Nominations for office to be with Secretary by 5:00 pm Friday 15 January 2021



U3A Christmas Coffee Morning



**Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 2nd December**

9:45am to 11:30am (No Charge)



U3A TARADALE INC Committee Nomination Form

I nominate (please print):

For the position of (please circle): **President** **Vice President** **Treasurer**
Secretary **or** **Committee Member**

Proposer: (Name and signature): Date:

Seconder: (Name and signature): Date:

Candidate: (Signature): Date:

NOMINATIONS to be with the Secretary by Friday 17th January 2021

U3A Taradale Committee 2020/2021

President	Peter Green	845 1246		
Secretary	Sue Lambourn	845 1585		
Treasurer	Jeanette Elgie	8444 4537		
IPP	Janice Cram			
Almoner	Jenny Pyatt	836 7270		
Committee	Ann Green	845 1246	Wynn Barnett	844 2329
	Peter Turnbull	834 4094	Vince Allcock	845 3643
	Beverley Turnbull	834 4094		

U3A TARADALE INC 2021 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Membership lapses **28 February 2021** so your prompt payment will be appreciated

Name(s) :.....

Address.....

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Post Code Phone Cell:

Email.....*Please confirm for newsletters*

I / We enclose my / our **\$15.00/\$30.00** subscription Cash/Cheque.
Make cheques payable to **U3A TARADALE INC.** Receipts will only be issued if SAE is enclosed.

**Internet Bank details are: 03 0631 0175173 00 at Westpac Bank, Taradale.
Please state your initials and surname in the reference field.**

**Please return this form as soon as possible to:
Jeanette Elgie, 12 Trigg Cres, Taradale 4112
OR via email to: jeaj2010@hotmail.com**



It will be helpful if this form and subscription details are sent to Jeanette prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 3 February 2021 to avoid queues.

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