

U3A TAWA COURSES

February - June 2012

U3A is an acronym of University of the Third Age which is an international movement for people no longer in full time employment, providing them with educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. Each U3A is a learning cooperative which draws upon the knowledge, experience and skills of its own members to organize and provide interest groups in accordance with the wishes of its membership. Anyone not currently a member of a U3A, can join U3A Tawa Inc for an annual fee of \$10, which entitles one to attend any of the following courses. Check with the contact to establish where the course is being held and whether there are vacancies available. To join U3A Tawa contact our Membership Secretary - Chris Mowatt 232 5763.

1. **ANCESTRY SEARCH.** Helping one another advance our genealogy and/or family history research.
Five sessions on third Friday of month at 9.30am from 17th February. Contact: Brian Turner 232 4317.
2. **ANTIQUES.** Alison Langford leads a group who enjoy discussion and take along their own antiques to discuss & identify. If you have anything old & interesting, go along & take it with you.
Five sessions on consecutive Tuesdays at 10am from 6th March. Contact: Lorraine Fair 232 7093.
3. **ART GROUP.** Maureen explores art, artists, sketching & painting & has informative short videos.
There is a limited amount of materials for those who wish to sample different mediums, but it's best to have your own paper, brushes & pencils. The year will start with pencils. Nineteen sessions on Thursdays & Tuesdays of alternate weeks at 10am from 23rd February. Contact: Maureen Johnston 232 4555.
4. **BOOKS 1.** There is no formal set programme. Discuss books you have read and hear what others have read.
Four sessions on second Monday of month at 10am from 12th March. Contact: Pat Downes 232 5871.
5. **BOOKS 2.** As for 4 above but held on fourth Monday of month at 10am from 27th February.
Contact: Margaret Robb 232 5679.
6. **BOTANY.** Margaret Herbert leads a practical 'hands-on' look at a variety of plant habitats.
Five sessions on second Monday of month at 10am from 13th February. Contact: Janet Cassie 232 8716.
7. **CARD MAKING.** Lesley helps you make cards for anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas & other occasions.
Both males & females welcome. There will be a cost for materials, which will be available (\$2 per card - bring ruler and tape). Eleven sessions on Wednesdays, fortnightly at 9am or 1pm (2 separate groups) from 8th February. Contact: Lesley Meade 232 1400.
8. **CELL PHONES.** Carole Dew of Telecom provides instruction of the best use of your cell phone and gives an explanation of the shutdown of the CDMA Mobile Network. Two sessions on Wednesdays, fortnightly at 10am from 14th March. Contact: Carolyn Marshall 232 8465.
9. **DIY CHAMBER MUSIC.** For performers of any instrument. Perform solo or ensemble to an audience of the other performers. This gives a performing opportunity for musicians who need some motivation to get playing again! Four sessions on third Monday of month at 10am from 20th February.
Contact: Jancis Potter 232 3915.
10. **COMPUTER CHATTER.** John leads a discussion on your puzzling computer problems.
Five sessions on fourth Monday of month at 10.30am from 27th February. Contact: John Baldwin 478 0282.
11. **CRAFTS.** Marjorie Todd & Faith Delaney will assist you with practical creative needlework, embroidery, and similar; with new ideas, designs and methods. Five sessions on third Wednesday of month at 1.30pm from 15th February. Contact: Dawn Hunter 232 6421.

12. **CURRENT AFFAIRS.** Mike Williams leads a discussion on a wide range of significant current events.
Five sessions on first Wednesday of month at 10am from 1st February.
Contact: David Perry 237 7660.
13. **CUSTOMS PATROL ON WELLINGTON WATERFRONT.** Victor Young tells of his experiences as a Customs Officer on Wellington Waterfront. One session on Wednesday 11th April at 10am.
Contact: Pat Downes 232 5871.
14. **DISCUSSION GROUP.** Joy leads a small group, meeting to have a discussion on a prearranged subject of their choosing, while sharing morning tea. Five sessions on second Wednesday of month at 10am from 8th February. Contact: Joy Chaplin 232 5547.
15. **ENGLISH LITERATURE.** Carolyn Marshall provides an understanding of major works in the English language; placing great English authors in a literary and social context. Three sessions on Thursdays, fortnightly at 10am from 3rd May. Contact: Pat Downes 232 5871.
16. **FAMILY TRUSTS, WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY.** Nikki Thompson of Public Trust provides a general outline of the need for and requirements of Family Trusts, Wills & Estate Planning.
One session on Tuesday 14th February at 1.30pm. Contact: Monique Wilson 232 6696.
17. **FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.** Monique leads an informal friendly group for those with some knowledge of French. Ten sessions on Mondays, fortnightly at 3pm from 20th February.
Contact: Monique Wilson 232 6696.
18. **GAMES – INDOOR.** Games include – board games, cards, bowls, darts, etc. Ten sessions on second & fourth Wednesdays of month at 1.30pm from 8th February. Contact: Ron Hughes 232 7618.
19. **GAMES – OUTDOOR.** Relaxing social games, including croquet and petanque – weather permitting.
Fridays, weekly at 10am from 10th February. Contact: Ron Hughes 232 7618.
20. **GARDEN CLUB.** Shirley Williamson organises a variety of speakers and garden visits.
Five sessions on first Friday of month at 10am from 3rd February. Contact: Sally Horan 232 6006.
21. **HEALTH ISSUES.** Dr Kathy Stone explains topical health issues, followed by questions from the floor depending upon time available. Two sessions on third Thursday of month at 9.30am from 19th April.
Contact: Ivy Pearce 232 6743.
22. **KEEP-FIT CLASSES.** $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sessions in small classes with various times available at Body Shape Fitness Studio at \$5 per session. Contact: Brian Wilson 232 3199.
14. **Social LAWN BOWLS.** Tawa Bowling Club provides sessions for both learners and those who have played before. Eight consecutive Fridays at 10am from 10th February. Contact: Graham Savell 232 6979.
24. **LEATHERCRAFT.** Gretta provides a "hands-on" programme, learning how to convert leather into beautiful articles, including sheepskin moccasins &/or belts. There will be a cost for materials.
Thirteen sessions on Thursdays, weekly at 1.30pm from 5th April. Contact: Gretta Dymond 232 6856.
25. **MAHJONG FOR BEGINNERS.** Bill has a weekday training session to familiarize newcomers to the rules of the game & Saturday afternoons for playing the game. Twice a week on Thursdays at 10am & Saturdays at 1pm from 2nd February. Contact: Bill Tebbs 232 6986.
26. **MODEL RAILWAYS.** Wellington British Railway Model Club provides an opportunity to learn about modelling houses, trains, landscapes, etc. Two sessions on consecutive Sundays at 2.30pm from 11th March.
Contact: Ray Lomas 232 7181.

27. **MUSIC NOSTALGIA.** Nostalgic music from Alan's collection. Five sessions on third Tuesday of month at 1.30pm from 15th May. Contact: Alan Stewart 232 6407.
28. **OPERA.** Lindis Taylor provides DVD's of interesting productions of great operas, with background and guided discussion. Three sessions on Tuesdays, fortnightly at 10am from 28th February. Contact: Jeanette Taylor 232 6521.
29. **Care for the Older PETS.** Dr Rose Penberthy of Rappaw Veterinary Care addresses the special needs of our companions which are aging like us. One session on Monday 28th May at 2.30pm. Contact: Monique Wilson 232 6696.
30. **Digital PHOTOGRAPHY.** Doug Burrus gives an explanation of basic photographic principles, what is happening inside a digital camera, and using its many features beyond "Auto" mode. Individual help offered with camera problems after each session. Three sessions on consecutive Tuesdays at 10am from 29th May. Contact: Carolyn Marshall 232 8465.
31. **QUILTING.** Members take whatever they are working on and exchange ideas and solve problems of a patchwork variety. The group can include beginners as help is available. Five sessions on first Wednesday of month at 1.30pm from 1st February. Contact: Diane Scott 232 6958.
32. **RAMBLERS.** A time of fun and friendship. Easy walks and other interesting outings. Thursdays, weekly at 10am from 2nd February. Contact: June Topham 232 5424.
33. **ROMAN BRITAIN.** Dr Matthew Trundle of Victoria University of Wellington will discuss from the Roman Conquest to the end of the Empire, including the nature of the Roman conquest and the military, social, economic and cultural effects on the "Britons", as well as the means by which archaeologists (especially) and historians discover the world of Roman Britain. Two sessions on consecutive Tuesdays at 10am from 20th March. Contact: Carolyn Marshall 232 8465.
34. **SCRAP-BOOKING.** Come and share an opportunity to learn a great way to present your photos and memorabilia, guided by Marie. Ten sessions on Fridays, fortnightly at 9.30am from 17th February. Contact: Marie Thomson 478 4305.
35. **Aspects of SCOTTISH HISTORY.** Maureen will give an overview of Scottish history from earliest times. Three sessions on Tuesdays, fortnightly at 10am from 3rd April. Contact: Maureen Johnston 232 4555.
36. **STAMP COLLECTING.** Bill is 'holding the fort' for Brian Delaney, hosting a meeting for stamp enthusiasts to compare and discuss their collections. Five sessions on first Monday of month at 10am from 13th February. Contact: Bill Tebbs 232 6986.
37. **THEATRE OUTINGS.** Go to a show! Your choice. A wide selection. You will be contacted to see if you wish to go to the chosen performance. Great socialising events. Contact: Pam Hughes 232 7618.
38. **A Wandering THEOLOGIAN REFLECTS!** Rev Jim Cunningham shares some thoughts/reflections - theological and otherwise - from travelling in Europe for eight weeks in 2011. Travels in Edinburgh, London, Turkey, the Aegean, Athens, Rome, Florence & France. Three sessions on consecutive Wednesdays at 10am from 16th May. Contact: Carolyn Marshall 232 8465.
39. **TV SIGNAL - GOING DIGITAL.** Guy Burns of Going Digital talks about the change to digital television and de-mystifies some of the misconceptions on this issue. One session on Wednesday 16th May at 2pm. Contact: Graham Ellett 232 6488.

40. **A History of WELLINGTON CITY LIBRARIES.** Gábor Tóth of Wellington City Libraries will tell us of the history of public library services in Wellington (from serial murderers to free books for all), with a show-and-tell of a selection of items from the Library's rare book collection. The talk will draw upon some history of early Wellington and the work of some social reformers.
One session on Tuesday 21st February at 2pm. Contact: Brian Turner 232 4317.
41. **WHARF-SIDE WHARE TO WOBBLY WEIGHTLIFTER.** Tony Fisher, a Maritime Rigger & member of the International Guild of Knot Tyers will tell us of his experiences at the Wellington Whare or Rigging Loft in the late 1950s and the floating crane, the Hikitea, in the 1990s.
One session on Tuesday 22nd May at 2pm. Contact: Brian Turner 232 4317.
42. **WOMEN'S CHOIR.** Conducted by Jancis Potter and accompanied by Merren Simmonds, a variety is enjoyed by members. Part-singing is encouraged. Mondays, weekly at 1.15pm from 13th February.
Contact: Heather Bray 232 4403.
43. **WOMEN'S TALK.** Janet leads an informal discussion of national and international events with particular reference to the status and interests of women. Five sessions on fourth Friday of month at 10am from 24th February. Contact: Janet Berry 235 9903.
44. **YOUNG MAORI PARTY.** Historian, Graham Butterworth will chronicle the beginning of the Maori revival after the dramatic events of the 19th Century, covering the period 1891 to 1912 when the Young Maori Party went out of existence. Three sessions on consecutive Wednesdays at 2pm from 7th March.
Contact: Brian Turner 232 4317.