



# Life-long Learning with U3A Manawatu

## 2019

- Groups commence **February**, except where flagged \*\*
- Groups based in **Feilding** are flagged ❖

U3A stands for 'University of the Third Age'. U3A provides the pleasure of learning for retired people who wish to keep active minds.

Through its learning groups, U3A Manawatu provides opportunities for reading, research, discussions and field trips. The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly. There are no compulsory activities or examinations, and costs are minimal. Meetings are held in private homes, libraries, community centres, art galleries etc.

Annual membership costs \$15 (or \$25 for a couple) and provides access to the learning groups listed overleaf, subject to places being available. Note that some groups incur small charges for venue hire, materials, etc. Members receive a free newsletter four times a year in addition to information on the learning group programme and seminar series.

To find out more, visit the U3A Manawatu web site [www.u3amanawatu.org.nz](http://www.u3amanawatu.org.nz), phone Stu on 355 4278, or email Graham at [u3aman@gmail.com](mailto:u3aman@gmail.com). To join U3A Manawatu, complete the subscription form available on the web site, or request a printed copy.

**Please contact coordinators for more information on the groups listed, including meeting venues, and to check that additional members can be accommodated. The latest version of this document, which is updated as changes occur through the year, is available on the website.**



## New Groups

### BOOK GROUP 2 \*\*

Continuing monthly lively book discussions – fun whilst stretching literary horizons. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 1pm, commencing Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.** *Coordinator: Merle Smillie, ph. 357 0778.* [merleiansmillie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:merleiansmillie@xtra.co.nz)

### CLASSIC BALLET

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117.* [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS BEGINNINGS 2

For those who would like to tackle cryptic crosswords but find it hard to make sense of them. **Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941.* [m.carter@inspire.net.nz](mailto:m.carter@inspire.net.nz)

### RUSSIA AND THE WEST

An examination of Russian responses to Western culture from first contacts through to Putin. Detailed notes will be supplied. **Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Stuart Lawrence, ph. 022 3721 792.* [lawrence1054@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence1054@gmail.com)

### TV DRAMA SERIES \*\*

BBC-ITV based. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets last Tuesday each month commencing Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117.* [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)

## Established Groups

### APPLE IPAD ❖

An iPad is a versatile device. Learn how you can get the most out of yours. Share ideas and solve problems. Members should already have basic knowledge of using their iPad. **Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Michael Lawrence, ph. 323 2456.* [michael.lawrence97@gmail.com](mailto:michael.lawrence97@gmail.com)

### ART APPRECIATION 1

Explore the visual arts through discussion, talks, and gallery visits. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, 1-3pm.** *Coordinator: Chris Phillips, ph. 358 1991.* [chrisphillips@inspire.net.nz](mailto:chrisphillips@inspire.net.nz)

### ART APPRECIATION 2

Explore the visual arts through discussion, talks, and gallery visits. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 1-3pm.** *Coordinator: Anne Cameron, ph. 358 3848.* [aacameron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aacameron@xtra.co.nz)

### BIOGRAPHY \*\*

Any life is interesting and our biography reviews range across the spectrum. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month, 10am, commencing Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** *Coordinator: Jacque Aldridge, ph. 353 7742.* [jacque.aldrige@gmail.com](mailto:jacque.aldrige@gmail.com)

### BOOK GROUP 1

Continuing monthly lively book discussions – fun whilst stretching literary horizons. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 1.30pm.** *Coordinator: Carol Phillips, ph. 358 1991.* [carolphillips@inspire.net.nz](mailto:carolphillips@inspire.net.nz)

### BRITISH COMEDY \*\*

BBC-ITV based. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets last Monday each month commencing Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117.* [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)

### CLASSIC COMEDY

Short 100-minute films. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117.* [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)

### CREATIVE WRITING

For the pure pleasure of writing we come together to read each other's work - prose and poetry. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Jill Gibson, ph. 354 0994. [jillzartz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jillzartz@yahoo.co.nz)*

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD BEGINNINGS 1

For those who would like to tackle cryptic crosswords but find it hard to make sense of them. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. [m.carter@inspire.net.nz](mailto:m.carter@inspire.net.nz)*

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CHALLENGES \*\*

This group provides a forum for meeting, and solving, the challenges of really hard crosswords. **Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, starting Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. [m.carter@inspire.net.nz](mailto:m.carter@inspire.net.nz)*

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS ❖

Provides help with conquering the mysteries of cryptic crosswords in a sociable environment. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. [m.carter@inspire.net.nz](mailto:m.carter@inspire.net.nz)*

### CURRENT AFFAIRS \*\*

Passionate conversation, debate and argument on affairs of the day. **Meets fortnightly, Wednesdays, starting Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12noon.** *Coordinator: Stewart Picken, ph. 357 2264. [stewart.picken@farmside.co.nz](mailto:stewart.picken@farmside.co.nz)*

### FOR THE LOVE OF PLANTS \*\*

Exploring the diverse world of plants and gardens. Topics negotiated and include visits, speakers and discussion. **Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month, 1-3.30pm, commencing Jan 24<sup>th</sup>.** *Coordinator: Gloria Slater, ph. 353 0586. [grslater01@gmail.com](mailto:grslater01@gmail.com)*

### FRENCH FILMS

If you want to brush up on your French, join others watching French DVDs with French sous-titres. **Meets Mondays at 2pm in Hokowhitu.** *Coordinator Roger Parfitt, ph. 356 5692. [parfittx@gmail.com](mailto:parfittx@gmail.com)*

### HISTORIC DOCUMENTARIES

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)*

### MOVIES FOR ENTHUSIASTS ❖

Watch classic movies in the comfort of a private cinema in Feilding. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 1pm.** *Coordinator Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. [gandg@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gandg@inspire.net.nz)*

### MUSIC APPRECIATION 1

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)*

### MUSIC APPRECIATION 2

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)*

### NEW ZEALAND HISTORY

Interesting and sometimes controversial topics in New Zealand social and political history. Some invited speakers. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, 10.30am.** *Coordinator: Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. [gandg@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gandg@inspire.net.nz)*

### **PHILOSOPHY \*\***

Philosophical discourse engaging members in critical thinking, based on selections of short texts.

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays each month, starting 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2-4pm.** *Coordinator: Alan Cameron, ph. 358 3848.*  
[aacameron@xtra.co.z](mailto:aacameron@xtra.co.z)

### **POETRY ❖**

Explore the world of poetry: ancient or modern, far or near, familiar or strange. We can look at themes, periods, genres – whatever the members choose. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 10am.**

*Coordinator: Tim Devlin, ph. 323 4914.* [devlin@inspire.net.nz](mailto:devlin@inspire.net.nz)

### **POETRY FOR PLEASURE**

Each month, group members select and read poetry of their choice around a negotiated theme. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 1-3pm.** *Coordinator: Gloria Slater, ph. 353 0586.* [grslater01@gmail.com](mailto:grslater01@gmail.com)

### **RAILWAY TRAVEL**

Historical and modern. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117.* [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto:contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz)

### **RECORDING AND BROADCASTING**

A group for people interested in the design and preparation of recorded material. Primarily for radio broadcast and oral history... **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903.* [kstuartbirks@gmail.com](mailto:kstuartbirks@gmail.com)

### **SCIENCE FOR ALL**

You don't have to be a scientist to enjoy this group. What is essential, though, is an enquiring mind and a wish to better understand how science works. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month, 2pm.**

*Coordinator: Brian Tapper, ph. 353 6426.* [tapper@inspire.net.nz](mailto:tapper@inspire.net.nz)

### **SKETCHING**

Tell a story with pictures. Adventures in graphite and other materials. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Pauline Wellwood, ph. 356 1977.* [dandpwellwood@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:dandpwellwood@slingshot.co.nz)

### **SYMPOSIUM**

Papers on philosophy are presented for discussion and reviewed over morning tea. **Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month, 10am-12noon.** *Coordinator: Nan Kinross, ph. 358 6605.* [nkinross@inspire.net.nz](mailto:nkinross@inspire.net.nz)

### **TRAVEL \*\***

Share your travel stories and photos. **Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 1pm, starting 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

*Coordinator: Jacque Aldridge, ph. 353 7742.* [jacque.aldridge@gmail.com](mailto:jacque.aldridge@gmail.com)

### **VIDEO OPERA \*\***

Members of this lively group enjoy video presentations of operas as well as documentaries about operas. The finest equipment puts you in the best seats at La Scala. **Meets fortnightly on Thursdays, 2pm, commencing Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.** *Coordinator: Brian Colless, ph. 355 3415.* [briancolless@inspire.net.nz](mailto:briancolless@inspire.net.nz)

### **WRITE YOUR MEMOIRS \*\***

Share and record your memories and stories. **Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month, 10am, commencing Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.** *Coordinator: Carol Phillips, ph. 358 1991.* [carolphillips@inspire.net.nz](mailto:carolphillips@inspire.net.nz)

### **WRITERS' MARATHON \*\***

Develop fluency and more confidence in writing, and have fun. At each session, topics are chosen at random. The Marathon is excellent preparation for writing your memoirs. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 10am, commencing Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.** *Coordinator: Jacque Aldridge, ph. 353 7742.*

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