



Life-long Learning with U3A Manawatu

2022

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

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.

To find out more, visit the U3A Manawatu web site www.u3amanawatu.org.nz, or contact Graham on 353 0586 or 027 441 4023, or at u3aman@gmail.com. To join U3A Manawatu, complete the annual subscription form available on the web site, or request a printed copy.

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

COVID-19: U3A members are in a vulnerable age group, many with underlying health conditions. In order to protect everyone, the U3A Committee has decided to deny access to face-to-face groups to those who can be vaccinated but are not yet fully vaccinated. This will provide protection for those who are unable to be vaccinated for health reasons. We expect participants to maintain the current social distancing, mask wearing and scanning/signing in requirements.

New Groups

10-PIN BOWLING

This group gets together for social 10-pin bowling. **Meets third Wednesday each month, 10am.**
Coordinator: Janet Black, ph. 027 276 3955. janblack2013@icloud.com

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This group will discuss a chapter a month from Yuval Harari's *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*. This is an opportunity for relaxed, small group, speculative conversation. *Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903. kstuartbirks@gmail.com*

TED (TECHNOLOGY, ENTERTAINMENT AND DESIGN)

An online offering for members no longer mobile. Monthly notification of a YouTube TED talk, followed by email discussion forum. **Meets first Monday morning of each month.** *Coordinator: Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. gandg@inspire.net.nz*

Established Groups

ART APPRECIATION

Explore the visual arts through discussion, talks, and gallery visits. **Meets 2nd Thursday each month, 1-3pm.** *Coordinator: Anne Cameron, ph. 358 3848. aacameron@xtra.co.nz*

BIOGRAPHY **

Any life is interesting and our biography reviews range across the spectrum. **Meets 3rd Monday each month, 10am, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Alan Martin, ph. 357 3125. alanohtmartin@gmail.com*

BOOK GROUP 1

Expand your literary horizons. Lively discussion on a wide range of themes and genres. **Meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 1.30pm.** *Coordinator: Carol Phillips, ph. 021 055 9164. carolphillips@inspire.net.nz*

BOOK GROUP 2

Continuing monthly lively book discussions – fun whilst stretching literary horizons. **Meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 1pm.** *Coordinator: Merle Smillie, ph. 357 0778. merleiansmillie@xtra.co.nz*

BRITISH COMEDY **

BBC-ITV based. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets last Monday each month at 2pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

CLASSIC BALLET

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1st Thursday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

CLASSIC COMEDY

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

COLLECTORS' CIRCLE **

If you like collecting anything at all, please come along and share your passion with like-minded people. **Meets last Thursday each month, 1pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Stu Schwartz. ph. 027 355 4276, finearts@taylor-jensen.co.nz*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD BEGINNINGS

For those who would like to tackle cryptic crosswords but find it hard to make sense of them. **Meets 1st Monday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. m.carter@inspire.net.nz*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS 1 ❖

Putting our minds together to solve the mysteries of cryptic crosswords. **Meets 2nd Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. m.carter@inspire.net.nz*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS 2 **

Putting our minds together to solve the mysteries of cryptic crosswords. **Meets 4th Monday each month, 2pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. m.carter@inspire.net.nz*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CHALLENGES

This group provides a forum for meeting, and solving, the challenges of really hard crosswords. **Meets 3rd Monday each month, 1.30pm.** *Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. m.carter@inspire.net.nz*

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Passionate conversation, debate and argument on affairs of the day. **Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, 10am-12noon.** *Coordinator: Bernard Letts, ph. 357 0727. joan.bernard@xtra.co.nz*

FOR THE LOVE OF PLANTS **

Exploring the diverse world of plants and gardens. Topics negotiated and include visits, speakers and discussion. **Meets 4th Thursday each month, 1-3.30pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Heather Martin, ph. 357 3125. ellalinem@yahoo.co.nz*

HIDDEN MEMORIES: WRITING OUR MEMOIRS 3 **

Sharing and recording our memories and stories. **Meets at a negotiated time each month, 2.30pm, commencing March.** *Coordinator: Mary Procter, ph. 027 676 4476. maryprocter@hotmail.com*

HISTORIC DOCUMENTARIES

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1st Tuesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

JAZZ AND BIG BAND

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 2nd Thursday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

MUSIC APPRECIATION 1

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1st Monday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

MUSIC APPRECIATION 2

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 2nd Tuesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

NEW ZEALAND HISTORY

A mix of invited speakers and presentations by the group. **Meets 1st Thursday each month, 10.30am.** *Coordinator: Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. gandg@inspire.net.nz*

PHILOSOPHY **

Philosophical discourse engaging members in critical thinking, based on selections of short texts. **Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays each month, 2-4pm, commencing March.** *Coordinator: Alan Cameron, ph. 358 3848. aacameron@xtra.co.nz*

PHOTOGRAPHY

For photographers at all levels to share photos with a monthly theme, and to learn from each other how to get the best out of our cameras (or phones). **Meets 3rd Tuesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Hilary Laracy, ph. 027 4460 388. hils.keith@xtra.co.nz*

POETRY FOR PLEASURE

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

RAILWAY TRAVEL

Historical and modern. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets 1st Wednesday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

RECORDING AND BROADCASTING

A group for people interested in conducting recording for radio broadcast and oral history... **Meets 2nd Friday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903. kstuartbirks@gmail.com*

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

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 3rd Friday each month, 2pm.** *Coordinator: Brian Tapper, ph. 353 6426. tapper@inspire.net.nz*

SILVER SCREEN SELECTIONS

Watch classic movies each month. **Meets 3rd Thursday each month, 1pm.** *Coordinator Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. gandg@inspire.net.nz*

SKETCHING

Tell a story with pictures. Adventures in graphite and other materials. **Meets 3rd Monday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Pauline Wellwood, ph. 356 1977. dandpwellwood@slingshot.co.nz*

TRAVEL **

Share your travel stories, photos and overseas experiences. **Meets 4th Monday each month at 1pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Christine McArthur, ph. 353 6820. nztamaki@slingshot.co.nz*

TRAVEL WRITING

We choose a topic and next month share what we wrote. **Meets 2nd Monday each month, 10am.** *Coordinator: Maureen Scott, ph. 357 9379. mandlscott@hotmail.com*

TV DRAMA SERIES (Comedy) **

BBC-ITV based. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound. **Meets last Tuesday each month, 2pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz*

WFPB LUNCH **

Extend your culinary repertoire. Bring a Whole-Food, Plant-Based dish to share and a copy of the recipe for each member. Limited to 6 members. **Meets 4th Tuesday each month, 12 noon, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Rosemary Krsinich, ph. 326 9598. rkrsinich@gmail.com*

WRITE YOUR MEMOIRS **

Share and record your memories and stories. **Meets 4th Friday each month, 10am, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Carol Phillips, ph. 021 055 9164. carolphillips@inspire.net.nz*

WRITE OUR MEMOIRS TOO **

Share and record your memories and stories. **Meets 3rd Thursday each month, 2pm, commencing Jan.** *Coordinator: Sally Reed, ph. 323 6016. sally.reed@xtra.co.nz*