



# Life-long Learning with U3A Manawatū

**2023**

Through its learning groups, U3A Manawatū 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 Manawatū web site <https://www.u3amanawatu.org.nz>, or contact Graham on 06 353 0586 or 027 441 4023, or at [u3aman@gmail.com](mailto:u3aman@gmail.com). To join U3A Manawatū, 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.

## New Groups

### BBC RADIO COMEDY

Goon show style comedy

**Meets first Friday each month at 10am. Commences February.**

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

### HUMANISM #101

‘A humanist is a good guest at The Dining Table of Life.’ Come to *The Festival of Ideas* featuring representatives of all beliefs and those of none.

**Meets last Thursday each month, 2pm, commencing February.**

*Coordinator Keith Butler 021376297. [keithstclairbutler@gmail.com](mailto:keithstclairbutler@gmail.com)*

### MORAL QUESTIONS

Applying the major Western ethical theories (consequentialism, deontology, virtue ethics) to controversial moral issues raised by the group. Detailed introductory notes provided.

**Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 10:00am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Stuart Lawrence, ph. 022 372 1792. [lawrence1054@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence1054@gmail.com)*

### PRE-INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORT

A lecture series on the development of transport up to the Industrial Revolution.

**Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm. Commences January**

*Coordinator: James Watson, Ph. 356 2853. [watson29newbury@gmail.com](mailto:watson29newbury@gmail.com)*

### UNDERSTANDING TE REO MĀORI

To learn correct pronunciation, origin of words and basics of the language.

**Meets 2nd Wednesday each month at 10:00am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Claire Barrett, ph.021 379 035. [x84661@gmail.com](mailto:x84661@gmail.com)*

## Established Groups

### 10-PIN BOWLING

This group gets together for social 10-pin bowling.

**Meets third Wednesday each month, 10am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Janet Black, ph. 027 276 3955. [janblack2013@icloud.com](mailto:janblack2013@icloud.com)*

### ART APPRECIATION

Explore the visual arts through discussion, talks, and gallery visits.

**Meets 2nd Thursday each month, 1-3pm. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Lyn Low, ph. 357 1435. [lynlow@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynlow@xtra.co.nz)*

### BIOGRAPHY

Any life is interesting and our biography reviews range across the spectrum.

**Meets 3rd Monday each month, 10am. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Alan Martin, ph. 357 3125. [alanohmartin@gmail.com](mailto:alanohmartin@gmail.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.

**Meets first Tuesday each month, 10am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903. [kstuartbirks@gmail.com](mailto:kstuartbirks@gmail.com)*

## **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 2 (on-line enabled)**

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.

**Meets first Friday of each month, 2pm, in person and by Google Meet.**

**Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903. [kstuartbirks@gmail.com](mailto:kstuartbirks@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. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Carol Phillips, ph. 021 055 9164. [carolphillips@inspire.net.nz](mailto:carolphillips@inspire.net.nz)*

## **BOOK GROUP 2**

Continuing monthly lively book discussions – fun whilst stretching literary horizons.

**Meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 1pm. Commences February.**

*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 1st Thursday each month, 1.30pm. Commences February.**

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

## **COMEDY**

**Meets 1st Tuesday each month at 1.30pm. Commences January.**

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

## **CONVERSATION PIECES (on-line enabled)**

Small group discussions based around selected short articles from <https://theconversation.com/nz> or similar website. Attendance is a mix of in-person and via Google Meet.

**Meets third Thursday each month, 2pm, in person and by Google Meet.**

**Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903. [kstuartbirks@gmail.com](mailto:kstuartbirks@gmail.com)*

## **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. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. [m.carter@inspire.net.nz](mailto:m.carter@inspire.net.nz)*

## **CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS 1 (in Feilding)**

Putting our minds together to solve the mysteries of cryptic crosswords.

**Meets 2nd Monday each month, 2pm. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Mike Carter, ph. 357 3941. [m.carter@inspire.net.nz](mailto: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. Commences January.**

*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 3rd Monday each month, 1.30pm. Commences February.**

*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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, 10am-12noon. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Bernard Letts, ph. 357 0727. [joan.bernard@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Heather Martin, ph. 357 3125. [ellalinem@yahoo.co.nz](mailto: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. Commences March.**

*Coordinator: Mary Procter, ph. 027 676 4476. [maryprocter@hotmail.com](mailto:maryprocter@hotmail.com)*

## **MUSIC APPRECIATION**

Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound.

**Meets 1st Monday each month, 1.30pm. Commences February.**

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## **NEW ZEALAND HISTORY**

A mix of invited speakers and presentations by the group.

**Meets 1st Thursday each month, 10.00am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. [gandg@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gandg@inspire.net.nz)*

## **ORAL HISTORY (was Recording and Broadcasting)**

A group for people interested in recording oral history for radio broadcast and public archives.

**Meets 2nd Friday each month, 10am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Stuart Birks, ph. 021 204 7903. [kstuartbirks@gmail.com](mailto:kstuartbirks@gmail.com)*

## **PHILOSOPHY**

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

**Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays each month, 2-4pm. Commences March.**

*Coordinator: Alan Cameron, ph. 358 3848. [aacameron@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Hilary Laracy, ph. 027 4460 388. [hils.keith@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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. Commences February.**

*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 1st Wednesday each month, 1.30pm. Commences February.**

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## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT [Inactive, co-ordinator(s) required]**

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. Commences February.**

*Coordinator:*

## **SILVER SCREEN SELECTIONS**

Watch and discuss a selection of classic movies each month.

**Meets 3rd Thursday each month, 1pm. Commences February.**

*Coordinator Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. [gandg@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gandg@inspire.net.nz)*

## **SKETCHING**

Tell a story with pictures. Adventures in graphite and other materials.

**Meets 3rd Monday each month, 10am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Pauline Wellwood, ph. 356 1977. [dandpwellwood@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:dandpwellwood@slingshot.co.nz)*

## **TED (TECHNOLOGY, ENTERTAINMENT AND DESIGN)**

An online offering for members no longer mobile. Monthly notification of a YouTube TED talk, followed by email or other online discussion forum.

**Meets first Monday morning of each month. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Graham Slater, ph. 353 0586. [gandg@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gandg@inspire.net.nz)*

## **TRAVEL**

Share your travel stories, photos and overseas experiences.

**Meets 4th Monday each month at 1pm. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Christine McArthur, ph. 353 6820. [nztamaki@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:nztamaki@slingshot.co.nz)*

## **TRAVEL WRITING**

We choose a topic and next month share what we wrote.

**Meets 2nd Monday each month, 10am. Commences February.**

*Coordinator: Maureen Scott, ph. 357 9379. [mandlscott@hotmail.com](mailto:mandlscott@hotmail.com)*

## **TV DRAMA SERIES (Comedy)**

BBC-ITV based. Large screen video and spectacular, comfortable 3D sound.

**Meets 1st Friday each month, 1.30pm. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: John Ward, ph. 358 7117. [contact@gramophoneroom.co.nz](mailto: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. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Rosemary Krsinich, ph. 326 9598. [rkrsinich@gmail.com](mailto:rkrsinich@gmail.com)*

## **WRITE YOUR MEMOIRS**

Share and record your memories and stories.

**Meets last Monday each month, 10am. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Carol Phillips, ph. 021 055 9164. [carolphillips@inspire.net.nz](mailto:carolphillips@inspire.net.nz)*

## **WRITE OUR MEMOIRS TOO (in Feilding)**

Share and record your memories and stories.

**Meets 3rd Thursday each month, 2pm. Commences January.**

*Coordinator: Sally Reed, ph. 027 628 8002. [sally.reed@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sally.reed@xtra.co.nz)*