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DOLLARS AND SENSE IN U3A TAWA

We have already confirmed 260 financial members for the New Year. This is quite an achievement given that January is a very awkward month for contacting members as they are often out of Wellington on holiday. We therefore were gratified by the large numbers of members who used internet banking and cheques to post subs before the AGM.



The new measures put in place for payment of subs have worked extremely well and for that we must thank our Membership Secretary Alison Bayly (pictured). The work involved in doing all this administration is enormous. We must also thank Digby Gudsell for his impressively efficient bringing together of all information on course attendees so that coordinators had accurate early lists for their first sessions of 2018.

Many members picked up their blue lapel badges at the AGM on 15 January. Those who didn't will either find them at their first course meeting or attached to their copy of this newsletter.

Issues that emerged in the 2018 enrolment process are:

- If you miss the deadline for course selection, it is necessary to contact the course coordinator to make arrangements for attendance. Some courses (especially those held in members' homes) do have natural ceilings on numbers. So it is a case of getting in early or you may have to attend the course in the second half of the year; assuming it is offered then.
- Members have had difficulty in reaching coordinators as the courses booklet only reveal their landlines. The next booklets will (as far as possible) include mobile numbers, email addresses of leaders, coordinators and committee members.
- Some applications and course selection forms were posted through the door of the Community Centre (which does not open till 21 January).
- Some members expected to be at the AGM but missed because of illness so could not hand in their course applications we have extended the time for posting course selections to the end of the week of the AGM.
- The application forms for courses will no longer cover "interested in" courses as this has caused some confusion.

Note for Coordinators - BNZ Closure

With the closing of the Tawa BNZ bank we foresee difficulties for coordinators who collect session fees to be able to bank \$2 coins. The BNZ's new ATM does not take them. We have therefore resolved to move the bank account to Kiwi bank as these deposits can then be easily made at the Tawa bookshop in the Main Road. We will let you know account details when they are available. Until then keep using the BNZ account.