

Newsletter April 2024

Upcoming New Courses

Interesting Courses starting in the near future are:

- The Presidency of Harry Truman – Co-ordinator Dave Smith. It starts on the 15th of April with the film “Truman” at Dave Smith’s place – 10 am and 2 pm.
- Tawa History – Speaker David Parsons and Co-ordinator Alison Bayly. Starts 15th of April at 10:00 am at the Emmaus Centre.

If you haven’t already enrolled for these, please phone or email the co-ordinator directly (not through the website).

Workshop for the U3A Constitution 16th of April

As previously advised on Tuesday 16th April at 10.00am there will be a workshop for members to discuss the draft Constitution. This will be held in the Boardroom of the Community Centre.

There will be a Second meeting in early May (date to be advised) if needed for further Member’s discussion. Then on the 6th May the U3A Tawa Committee will approve the draft Constitution, and on the 24th June at the Special General Meeting, the Constitution will be ratified.

Special General Meeting 24th of June

The Special General Meeting, will be held on the 24th of June 2024, at the Bowling Club. The agenda for the SGM will include the Committee officers, a new Course Co-ordinator, the 2023 Financial Records, and the 2024 draft Constitution.

It will take the usual format of a morning tea at 10:00 am, and the SGM will commence at 10:20 am. Pat Hammond’s slideshow of Courses for the second half of the year will follow.

Proposed Visit to the Holocaust Centre

Do you know about the Holocaust Centre in Wellington?

Depending on interest a tour is being planned to the Centre in Wellington by Porirua U3A. The website is very informative <https://www.holocaustcentre.org.nz/>. The cost per person would be \$10. There's a bus stop very close to the centre, but there will also be the opportunity to carpool so that members with mobility issues could join the group. For those who carpool there would be a small charge to cover petrol and

parking. Those going will meet for a cuppa and chat afterwards. Please let Bill Gebbie know by Sunday 14th of April if you would like to join a tour. It would hopefully take place in May. You can contact Bill by email billmary@xtra.co.nz, by phone or by text on 027 677 0180.

The Flax Weaving Group

The Flax Weaving Group - Leader Clare Smith, offered a four-session course on harakeke (flax) weaving. Members learned how to harvest and prepare the flax. They made flax flowers as per the photograph, and using basic weaving made a variety of small kete (gift containers). The course was very worthwhile and enjoyed by all.



The Art Group

The Art Group – Leader Margaret Herbert, meets each Thursday morning from 10.00 am to noon in the Tawa Community Centre. They are a group of nine people sharing skills and learning new techniques as they take turns at leading the group. They work in a variety of media, from pencil, pastel, charcoal, oil pastels, acrylic and water colours. Media and paper are supplied to members. A great variety of their works are displayed on the “Art” wall at the Tawa Community Centre. Below is the Group hard at work.



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