

U3A TAWA COURSES A - Z

SUPPLEMENT JULY to DECEMBER 2025

**Simply insert this supplement inside
your 2025 Course Booklet**

**For more information on Courses please visit
www.u3atawa.org.nz or contact the Leader or Coordinator**

New Courses : some venues, dates and other details are still to be confirmed. If a topic interests you, please enrol and we'll contact you with updates as they become known.

Ongoing Courses are listed after the new courses. Any changes in venue, time, etc are underlined and in bold; all other details will be as shown in the booklet and on the website - please check with the coordinator/ leader of the course if you are unsure. The website is updated regularly with any changes.

**If you enrolled in Semester One for a full year course
there is no need to enrol again.**

If you enrol for a new course and it means that you are no longer able to attend a course you are currently enrolled in, please let the coordinator of that course know you will no longer be attending.

SEMESTER TWO, 2025 - NEW COURSES

LITERATURE (LIT)

CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS

Leader: MaryLynn Boyes 232 2815 / 022 465 6433

Coordinator: Valerie Saxton 232 7303 / 021 166 3373

valerie.m.saxton@gmail.com

Topic: New Zealand writers between the wars.

When: Wednesday 27th August and 3rd September at 1.30 pm

Where: Tawa Library

CRAFT GROUP (CRA)

SEMESTER TWO

Leader: Faith Delaney 04 232 6730

There will be small interesting projects offered that can be completed in a day. Please bring a school notebook to the first session.

When: 1st Monday of each month 10 am–12 noon, starting 7th July

Where: 6B Cecil Road, Tawa

FLAX WEAVING (FLW)

MONTH OF JULY

Leader: Clare Smith

Coordinator: Judith Havill 027 319 8235 Judith.havill@gmail.com

A beginner and intermediate class teaching techniques of Raranga (flax weaving). For those who attended last year Clare will give you extension projects or you can practise the same projects with other beginners.

When: Tuesday mornings 10 am-12 noon, starting 1st July

Where: Member's home

VIETNAM WAR (VIE)

CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS

Leader: Dave Smith, 232 5084/021 991 404 dogsnake33@gmail.com

The war was a reflection of the Cold War, with America supporting South Vietnam, and China/Russia aiding North Vietnam.

This followed the collapse of the French empire in south east Asia in 1954. It was the first war in which the US was defeated; despite fielding around 0.5m troops. NZ forces were marginally involved in the late 1960s.

There will be four sessions employing parts of the classic Ken Burns documentary.

When: Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th November at 2 pm

Where: TUC Back room Chapel

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSION GROUP (EDG)

Co-ordinator: Ray Walker 027 622 8066 ray.walker@hotmail.co.nz

This course supersedes and expands the focus of the RRR Course. Topics that may be discussed at the meetings include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Climate change / Global warming.
- Deforestation/Reforestation.
- Waste minimisation - Reduce rubbish, Reuse and Recycle (RRR).
- Renewable energy.
- Sustainable agriculture/horticulture.
- Pollution.
- Carbon footprint reduction.
- Green washing and Consumerism.

When: Wednesday August 20th at 2.15pm

Where: Tawa Community Centre

INDOOR BOWLING (INB)**SIX CONSECUTIVE WEEKS**

Leader: Gabrielle Quirke, 027 242 3288 gaquirke790@gmail.com

All welcome. If you have never played, come and give it a try.
Gabrielle will give you a hand.

When: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th July, 4th, 11th August, 10.30-12 noon

Where: TUC

SEMESTER TWO, 2025 - NEW DATES**PIANO RECITAL (PNO)**

Co-ordinator: Jancis Potter 04 232 3915 / 027 635 4733

jancispotter@gmail.com

When: September 9th, 10 am to 12 noon

Where: Member's home

HEALTH ISSUES (HLT)**TWO SESSIONS**

Co-ordinators: Gillian George 021 231 4240

gillian.george3a@gmail.com

Sally Horan 232 6006 / 027 439 2731

horanps@xtra.co.nz

When: Tuesday 5th August and 7th October at 10.30 am

Where: Tawa Union Church Lounge

TAWA HISTORY (TWH)**ONE SESSION**

Co-ordinator: Alison Bayly 027 437 9215 wiseowlalison@gmail.com

When: Monday 6th October at 10 am

Where: Tawa Union Church Lounge

READING SHAKESPEARE (SHA) THREE SESSIONS EACH PLAY

Co-ordinator: Dave Smith, 232 5084/021 991 404

dogsnake33@gmail.com

Richard II and Coriolanus. Everyone in the group gets to read a number of parts in each play.

First is a DVD of the play performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Second play will be a commercial production directed by Ralph Fiennes.

When: Thursdays August 14th 21st and 28th at 2 pm; October 9th 16th and 23rd, at 2 pm.

Where: TUC Lounge

TRAVEL ADVENTURES GROUP

MONTHLY - NEW DATES

Co-ordinators: Carole Naylor, carole46naylor@gmail.com and Geoff Marshall gmarsh360@gmail.com (Carole 021 0861 6626)

Each month a member shares a 'slide show' of their holiday. The semester two programme is:

June 13 Geoff Marshall - Trans-Siberian (Beijing to Lake Baikal)

July 11 Tony Cross - Vietnam

August 8 Tom and Paula - Northern Kenya

September 12 Peter Lang - Hawke Bay, or Hawke's Bay

October 10 Angela Ryan - TBC

November 14 Geoff - Lake Baikal to St Petersburg

December 12 Ross Williamson - USA and Mexico - Canyons

When: 2nd Friday of the month at 10 am

Where: TUC Church Lounge

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (NBL)**NEW CONTENT**

Co-ordinator: Rosemary Nourse rosemary.nourse@gmail.com

Group members choose books from the Wellington City Council library collection, with a focus on books published in the last two years.

Members orally review books at the monthly meeting, passing on recommended books (provided they are not on reserve on the library system). Members find others' recommendations often broaden their reading interests, genres and authors.

When: Monday 6th October at 10 am

Where: Tawa Union Church Lounge

CONTINUING COURSES, 2025

All groups running throughout the year will continue as usual. Contact and other details are shown on the website.

If you have any suggestions for new groups that could be offered, please let us know!

We are always trying to find new U3A members - often new recruits come to us by word of mouth. If you have family or friends who might be interested in joining, please encourage them to do so - we have a wide range of activities, and hopefully there will be something there to interest them.

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