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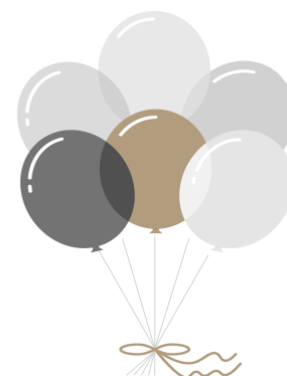
Members are warmly invited to the
25th celebrations of Tawa U3A
1996 - 2021

As part of our half-yearly lunch and meeting.

When: Thursday 10th June 2021 from 12 Noon.

Where: Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street, Tawa.

Members are invited to bring along the usual tasty finger food for a shared lunch.

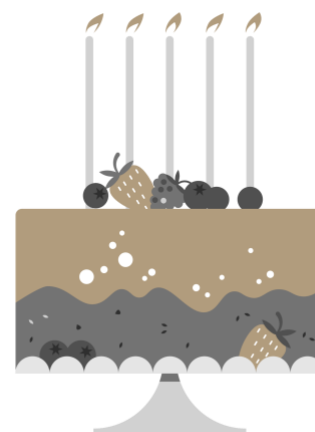


Prospective members and visitors are also most welcome.

As part of the programme, there will be:

- musical contributions from the Choir and the Ukulele group
- some early history of U3A in Tawa
- cutting of a cake.

A short presentation about new courses for the second semester will follow.





Congratulations to a member of the Tawa U3A Write It! Group, Lola Gudsell who recently had her writing published in the April edition of the magazine **MINDFOOD**. Her imagined story set in the aftermath of the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 was titled “Queen of Hearts”.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Margaret Stenhouse on the 7th of March this year. In 2017 Margaret started a Tawa U3A group that met in the library to learn to play the ukulele. Her initial aim was to teach the group to play “three chords for Christmas”. The group has continued to grow in numbers and in skill. Fittingly, the Ukulele group played at Margaret’s funeral on the 15th of March at the Tawa Union Church. Our condolences go to Margaret’s family.



Twenty-five years on - from the archives

From the December 2005 Tawa U3A newsletter comes the following comment.

The pace of Information Technology (IT) change is so rapid that U3As need to make some effort to enable their members to move with the times. Many older people are struggling to get the hang of new technology but the popularity of beginning computer classes for seniors in all walks of life shows that many older people are prepared to give it a go.

Members were then encouraged to check out classes being offered in the coming year. Basic computing, using a cell phone and learning to text.

Times have changed. John Baldwin has been leading U3A Tawa courses on new technology for more than 10 years. He has noticed a rapid increase in sophistication of computer technology and in the use of the smart phone. Here is a list he has recently compiled.

1. It is a very ‘personal possession that can be carried around always and anywhere.
2. I have my phone number anywhere in the world.
3. It has the best camera and video camera I have ever owned (10X Zoom).
4. My iPhone can store thousands of photos and hundreds of video clips.
5. It is an up-to-date roadmap to anywhere.
6. I can get up-to-date news from a multitude of sites.
7. I can receive weather reports for which ever place I choose.
8. It is my appointments diary.
9. It sends and receives both texts and emails.

The Computer Chatter Group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. New members are welcome.

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