



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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WARKWORTH

Quarterly Newsletter—DECEMBER 2015

From your President:

On behalf of the committee, we wish all Members a joyous and safe Christmas and may 2016 bring you all that you desire. Please be careful driving over the festive season.

On Monday 14 December, we will have our AGM and I hope that as many as possible attend as it is your only opportunity to have your say on matters germane to your club— U3A Warkworth. If you want to raise an issue please let me know or you can contact our Secretary, Vivienne 9029207. We have nominations for all the Officers and some for the committee. However, we welcome more—please talk to me if you are interested. Further, because we have nominations for the Officers, this does not mean that other nominations cannot be received.

I think you will all enjoy our speaker John Clark at the AGM. He is very entertaining and humorous. I say no more!

I am beginning to get the speakers for next years General Meetings. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Our first speaker for 15 February is the CEO of NZ Opera. I would also like some feedback about our mid-year luncheon.

I am sad to report the death of one of our very active Members Dr Bill Ballantine. (More later in this Bulletin).

Again, be safe; enjoy life; participate in as much as you can, and celebrate each day.

Best wishes
Geoffrey Bowes MNZM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2015 10.00AM—TOTARA PARK HALL

U3A WARKWORTH—2016 COMMITTEE

Nominee Name _____ Seconded _____

For position of: (Tick) President Committee member

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____

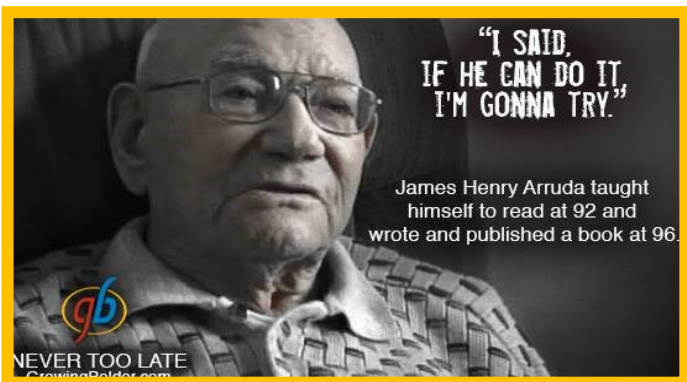
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**Please mail this information to The Secretary, U3A Warkworth, PO Box 520, Warkworth, 0941
By 5th December, 2015.**

10.00am Annual General Meeting
10.15am Guest Speaker **John Clarke,**
Household Cavalry
11am Morning Tea

Bring along some cash for a fabulous raffle worth \$200—kindly donated by Warkworth New World. \$2 per ticket.





Reminders for your diary

Scheduled General Meetings for 2015 .

December 14th: Annual General Meeting 10 am

Totara Park Hall

Speaker : John Clarke, Household Cavalry

(Duty Group: Play Reading.)

Scheduled General Meetings for 2016

February 15th: Totara Park Hall, 10am

Speaker: Stuart Maunder, General Director NZ Opera

(Duty Group Poetry)

11th April: Totara Park Hall, 10 am.

(Duty Group Shakespeare)

13th June: To be advised

(Duty Group Opera)

8th August: To be advised

(Duty Group All about Plants)

10th October: To be advised

(Duty Group Ancient History)

December 12: AGM

(Duty Group Art Appreciation)

A recommendation from your committee:

Subscriptions will remain the same as the current year and were due on 1st November 2015:

Single \$20.00

Couple (residing at same address) \$35.00

You will probably agree that this is great value for the benefits involved. However, we have a number of members who prefer to have their newsletter posted — at a considerable cost to our funds.

Therefore at the AGM in December we will recommend that these members pay a surcharge of \$5 in addition to their subscription. If you are able to receive your newsletter digitally (by email), please advise Alan Spicer at 422.2685 and you will avoid this surcharge.

You can pay subscriptions by

- cheque to
The Treasurer,
PO Box 520
Warkworth 0941
- In cash at the General meeting on 14th December
- Or, online to Account No. 02 0480 0133880.00. Please put your name in the reference box so we can identify the payment.



Your committee hope that

- ***you have enjoyed your year with U3A Warkworth***
- ***you have enjoyed the learning opportunities and fellowship we strive to provide***
- ***and that you have a safe and happy Christmas.***

I hope that you have enjoyed reading the newsletters and don't forget—learning is forever!

Editor

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Recently received request:

We are currently looking for a Team Leader for our Friends of the Emergency Department Programme at Auckland Hospital.

I am having some difficulty in recruiting someone that has the right mixture of available time, relevant experience and level of commitment.

If you are interested contact Teresa McKeever, Talent Sourcing Coordinator, Volunteers.

St John Northern Region.
0800 785 646
enquiries@stjohn.org.nz

Invitation from Dr Nick Godfrey, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, UK

Our lifelong learning summer school at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge enables participants to take some academic courses for the love of learning; to live and take meals in the College (founded in 1352) and have a pretty full and exciting social programme to get the most out of being in Cambridge. In sum, it is a fantastic opportunity to spend one or two weeks experiencing the highlights of Cambridge college life in the company of other lifelong learners from around the world!

Check out the website to view the flyer and more information, including reviews written by previous participants.

**www.corpus.cam.ac.uk/lifelong-learning
or email Dr Godfrey at
ncjgodfrey@gmail.com**

What great use of the facility while it's closed for their summer during August-September 2016!
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GROUP REPORT:

Did you know that U3A Warkworth have an Opera Group?

This group was established earlier this year, and currently meets monthly on the third Thursday morning of the month, although this is open to review if the majority of members feel that a different day or time would be more suitable.

Our choice of topics is quite varied. We look at the background, synopsis, music and composers of many of the metropolitan operas shown at the Matakana cinemas prior to their showing so that we are able to appreciate these more fully. One member has spoken of her operatic tour to Europe which sounded wonderful—lots of stamina required. At our most recent meeting, a member presented a broad outline of modern opera and I think this has given us a new perspective on this type of opera. Next year we are planning an “operatic outing” for March.

We are a smallish group, all of whom love the drama and music of opera; we would welcome new members to ensure the group's ongoing activity. If you are knowledgeable about opera, we would love you to share some of your knowledge. If you are a complete beginner, we would love to share some of our knowledge with you!

At our November meeting we are planning to discuss Il Trovatore and Otello—both operas by Verdi—prior to their showing at Matakana before Christmas. Phone 425 4685, Chris Fieldsend, for details if you are interested!

The Poetry Group are looking for new members. If you are interested, please phone Lorna Laxon 422 3562.

Newsletters from other branches have regular summaries from each group. Sounds like a good idea to me—it may increase membership of your group as well, if that's what you want!

To give your Group a bit of exposure, email me at hdmetcalf@maxnet.co.nz



We are sad to record the recent death of Dr Bill Ballantine.

As a member of U3A Warkworth he attended Poetry Reading, Creative Writing and Current Affairs. He had a support network of friends who allowed him to enjoy these U3A activities and he could always be relied upon to contribute well to discussions.

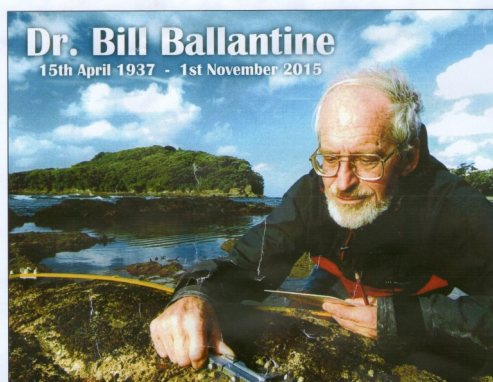
Tributes flowed for this pioneer of marine conservation who died at his beloved Leigh aged 78. He was described by the Environment Minister, Dr Nick Smith, as the father of marine conservation in NZ. "The first step that Bill persuaded us to take as a country 40 years ago has to be acknowledged as the seed for NZ's strong reputation today as a world leader in the responsible use and management of our ocean environment" Smith says.

The first and longest serving director of the University of Auckland's Leigh Marine Laboratory, Bill fought for 6 years to force legislative change which resulted in the 1971 Marine Reserves Act. Another 6 year battle followed to allow the first no-take marine reserve in the world below the Leigh marine laboratory at Goat Island in 1977.

In 1966 Bill received the international Goldman Environmental prize for Islands and Island Nations.

During his acceptance, he likened our "lack of understanding of the importance of the oceans and the consequences of meddling in marine ecosystems" to those of small children fiddling inside a tv with a screwdriver.

This article includes excerpts from a Rodney Times article on 5 Nov 2015.



85??? Think I'll take up surfing.

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Many thanks to Chris Hoogenwerf for collating and supplying the Study Group information. Also a huge thank you to the Convenors for making themselves available so that we can enjoy our learning.

Study Group	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Ancient History – 9:30 am 1st Friday Jim McKinlay, Ph:422-9063	TBA	TBA	TBA
Art Appreciation – 10:00 am 1st Wednesday Judy Wood, Ph:425-8712	TBA	TBA	TBA
Book Talk – 10:00 am 1st Tuesday Iris Mee, Ph:425-7934			
Current Affairs – 2:00 pm 3rd Thursday Val Strachan, Ph:425-9497			
Food For Thought – 1:30 pm Tessa Marshall Ph:425-5779 Jean Mason Ph:425-4164	In recess	In recess	
Jazz Listening – 2:00 pm 3rd Monday Val Couling, Ph:425-5766	TBA	TBA	TBA
Local History – 10:00 am 4th Tuesday Lorna Laxon Ph 422-3562	TBA	TBA	TBA
Music Appreciation – 1:30 pm 1st Thursday Malcolm Clague, Ph:425-9945	M. Mussorgsky 23 David William Place Warkworth	Scenery 40 Will James Place Algies Bay	TBA
Medicine Developments – 2 pm 4th Thursday Mary Miller, Ph:425-6301	Concussion (CTE) 40 Will James Place Algies Bay	Update in resuscitation 40 Will James Place Algies Bay	Experience with a Drug Co 39 Kauri Crescent Snells Beach
Play Reading – 9:30 am 2nd Tuesday Margaret Krey, Ph:422-6407	Contact Convenor	Contact Convenor	Contact Convenor
Poetry Reading – 1:30 pm 2nd Tuesday Lorna Laxon, Ph:422-3562	TBA	TBA	TBA
Shakespeare – 2:00 pm 3rd Tuesday Cynthia Purdom, Ph:425-4612	Richard II Part 1 133 Mahurangi East Snells Beach	19 Panui Terrace Snells Beach	38 Kawau View Snells Beach
Opera – 10.00am 3rd Thursday Chris Fieldsend Ph:425-4685 Liz Mitchell Ph: 425-9448	Tannhauser 8 Piper Lane Snells Beach	Opera Outing	The Pearl Fishers 5 Victoria Street Warkworth
All About Plants – 10.00am 4th Thursday Clare Hamel Ph:425-6729	The plant hunters TBA	NZ native plants 9 Will James Place Algies Bay	Bonsai 46 Ashmore Crescent Warkworth
New Group Details			