



## Learning for Life

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**Our next Members' Meeting** will be on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10 am till 12 noon at the Nelson Golf Club in 38 Bolt Road, Nelson. The speaker is Terry Byrne JP who will speak about the Role of a Justice of the Peace. He represents the Central Region on the NZ Board of Justices of the Peace.

### FROM THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 26th, APRIL, 2017

AGM Speaker Prof. Bevan Grant

Dr. Bevan Grant, Emeritus Professor of Sport and Leisure Studies, University of Waikato, delighted our April 26 AGM audience with his "Living Forever or Die Trying" presentation. His long career has in recent years, focussed on gerontology and he is a familiar figure in academic and community positive ageing events.

Bevan incorporated findings from Nelson's recently released research to underscore the implications and potential behind the projected increase in median age and overall percentage of our older population in coming years. These numbers are part of an international trend.

The potential rests in our proactive physical and mental engagement with our surroundings and ever-increasing opportunities for trying something new — or, in some cases, after too many years away, something old. Of course, any activity such as sport, needs to accommodate inevitable changes in ability and stamina.

Bevan notes that in some cases, it's the people closest to us who may find it difficult to discard stereotypes and accustom themselves to our new activities and persona!

**Rona Abbott, Vice-President**

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the AGM, a resolution regarding Life Membership was made. There was a minor detail which was not quite correct, and needs to be rectified at our next members meeting. So on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will begin by convening a very brief SGM (Special GM), to pass the necessary phrase, then will continue with the usual meeting.

### RENEWING MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017-18

This is a reminder to members, that membership fees for this financial year are now overdue. There are now only about 20 members, who are active but have not paid, and we would appreciate these folk getting up to date. We really hope you want to continue taking advantage of the interesting and stimulating groups on offer.

Remember Professor Bevan Grant's emphasis on the advantages of mental stimulation and trying new things as we age.

## SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

At present we have 205 paid up members. In 2010, 19 new members joined. Obviously our membership has been fairly consistent over the past decade, with the exception of 2017 and many of us are just slow in paying our subs. We would love to know the sorts of reasons why people fail to renew membership. If you have some ideas please talk to a committee member and perhaps we can improve what we do.

Many of our present active paid up members have been with us for a long time. Looking at the numbers they are:

2011	17
2012	19
2013	20
2014	29
2015	19
2016	33
2017	12

So, 17 present members have been with us since 2011. That's really good! It would perhaps help if we had one or two more of our 'older' members running new groups, to attract some more members?

**Paul Lunberg, President**

## ★ A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES ★

Following last year's successful end of year function, we have booked The Suburban Club on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 for a Christmas Luncheon.

## MINUTES OF U3A NELSON AGM 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Minutes of the U3A Nelson AGM, held at Nelson Golf Club, 26 April 2017 Present: Peter Sutton (chair), Lindsay Hunter (secretary), Allison Robertson (treasurer), 56 members of U3A Nelson. Minutes: Minutes of the AGM, held 16 April, 2016 were accepted. moved Peter Sutton/David Turner President's Report: Taken as read. Peter Sutton/Kay Hunter Financial Report: Presented by the treasurer Allison Robertson Accepted, moved Allison Robertson/Brian Say Allison proposed a vote of thanks to Tom Clendon for reviewing the accounts and reported that he has accepted the role of reviewer for the 2017/18 year. The following committee was elected for the Year 2017/18  
President: Paul Lunberg Vice President Rona Abbott Secretary: Bill Brett Treasurer: Allison Robertson Committee: David Turner Gordon Suddaby Anne White Heather Clendon Steve Shaw Sally Mason Ian MacDougal Peter Sutton serves as Immediate Past President. Proposed changes to the Constitution "That clause 3 (Membership) be amended as follows: 2nd paragraph, Add the words in bracket. "Life membership will be awarded by the committee to any member who has had at least ten years membership of any U3A group (whether in Nelson or another centre) and has provided at least 5 years service to U3A Nelson as a member of the Committee or as Convener of a study group". Peter Sutton / Lindsay Hunter As that proposal went through, the second amendment was withdrawn.  
Life Membership: Kay Hunter and Lindsay Hunter were awarded Life Membership  
General Business The annual subscription will remain at \$20.00 per person per annum. The meeting closed at 10.22 am.

## GROUPS WITH VACANCIES AT PRESENT

Ancient Civilisation

Architecture

Astronomy

Australia

Bookcases

Classical Music Appreciation

Critical Reading

Discovering Our Local Birdlife Minutes of

Exploring Te Reo and Tikanga Maori

Forum

Hands in the Garden

Luncheon Group

Military History

Naming Our Native New Zealand Plants

Opera at the Met

Ramblers

Scrabble

Social Brunchers

Successful Gardening

TED Talks 1

Travel

WEA Book Discussion Group

Write Your Life 2

If you wish to join any of these groups,  
please contact:-

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### PLEASE NOTE

Certain documents are available to view on the U3A website, but the committee is aware there are some members who either do not use electronic media, or do not have access to it. The Newsletter is posted out to these people, for which they supply stamped, self-addressed envelopes.

**Heather Clendon, Editor.**

*There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.*

*Jiddu Krishnamurti*

### FINAL WORD

This month's newsletter is a bit sparse in content. I have been away for a large portion of the year and haven't chased up members for contributions. That's fine if you want a "bare bones" newsletter, but with member input it is much more interesting. Please think about submitting a short piece, telling all of U3A of the interesting activities and discussions that are going on. Photographs would also be great and would make the newsletter more interesting and colourful.

**Heather Clendon, Editor**



