

HIBISCUS COAST

U3A



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*Next meeting: AGM Monday 21 July, 2025, 10.00 am,
at the St **Stephen's Church Hall**, 3 Stanmore Bay Road.*

Message from the President

Our Hibiscus Coast U3A is thriving with 240+ members and 25 active groups, including new Religious Studies, Hand Drumming, and Mindful Walking.

Effective July 1st, the Whangaparaoa Library's Pohutukawa Room, used by many groups, will incur hourly charges. This will significantly impact our U3A finances next year, potentially exceeding our membership income, despite prior arrangements. My attempts to resolve this with library and local board officials have been unsuccessful.



We are now actively seeking cost-free alternative venues. The Peninsula Club has kindly offered their facilities on Whangaparaoa Road at no cost, which several groups already use. We encourage other groups to utilize these excellent free options. I will assist each group in finding the most suitable venue; some may still opt for the Pohutukawa Room.

Don't forget our 30th Anniversary Lunch at Wainui Golf Club on Monday, November 17th. Over a third of spots are booked; details for payment are in the newsletter.

Yours in U3A

President

Peter Gillmore

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions are \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a couple.

Please pay your subs into our U3A Hibiscus Coast account: **38-9025-0566036-00**, and include your initials and full surname as the reference.

It is also possible to pay using phone banking - you will need your own and the U3A bank account number (above), or in person at a bank. Again you will need your own account number and U3A's

We need your subscription!

General Meeting 21 July 9.45 to 12.00

Group Speakers

Brief news will be given about a new group, Stamps and Collectables, Charles will speak about our Travel Group, and there will be news from our Poetry Group.

Guest speaker

Our allotted speaker cannot attend so we are reaching out for one or two members of U3A to fill this slot. We will let you know as soon as we have this slot filled.



Please remember that we will need some assistance with setting out and returning chairs before and after the meeting. Ten people \approx 8 chairs each.

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Dear U3A members - My name is John Copeland and my wife and I are residents of the Peninsula Club. I recently posted a notice in our village newsletter seeking ukulele players to form a group. So far we have 1 guitarist and 4 ukulele players. We meet in the village cafe at 10am on Wednesday for a coffee then practice in the Rata Room down from 10.30 to 1130 am.

We would welcome new members to join us. My contact number is 021576718.

Many thanks

John



Our Groups: the heart of U3A

Art Appreciation
Book Club
Book Review
Cards and Games
Cinematique
Discussion
Film Discussion
Hand-drumming

History
Mahjong
Memoirs
Mindful Walking
Music Appreciation
Playreading
Poetry
Quizzer

Science and Philosophy
Short Film Making
The Art of Photography
The Short Story Group
The World Today
Travel
The U3A Writers



Jenny Schollum, Puhoi historian, talking to our history group.

Groups

Week		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	am	Poetry Discussion		Short Story	History	World Today U3A Writers
	pm	Mahjong	Cards and Games		Science & Philosophy	
2	am	Hand-drumming	Discussion	Mindful Walking	Book Club	
	pm	Travel	Art Appreciation	Quizzer		
3	am		Religious Studies	Short Story Photography	History	Book Review
	pm		Cards and Games			
4 (or last)	am		Discussion	Music Appreciation Mindful walking	Play Reading Memoirs 2	Film Discussion (Last Friday)
	pm	Mahjong			Memoirs 1	

Hibiscus Coast U3A Website: <https://www.hbcu3a.com/groups>

This link gives details for our groups. Click here to find a new interest or rekindle an old one!



Mindful walking



Memoirs

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30th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

cocktail on arrival sumptuous smorgasbord dessert entertainment

Tickets \$45
Members only
Bookings open

November 17
11.30 am to 4 pm
Wainui Golf Club

To purchase your ticket, go to our U3A Hibiscus Coast account: **38-9025-0566036-00**, and include your full name and Anniv Lunch as reference. You will be sent a receipt.

Whangaparaoa Library Events

Our library has many events and classes that are of interest to U3A members. They also run the popular Brain Charge programme (used to be called Brain Fit). Here are a few we have picked out for you.

Artificial Intelligence: The Present, the Risks and the Future with Dr Gay Williams
Tuesday 30 July in the Pohutukawa Room 10.30 am

One in Three: Are you ready to beat NZ's Biggest Killer, Heart Disease?
Thursday 31 July 10.30 am
Registration is essential for the heart talk, so please register your interest to WhangaparaoaLibraryEvents@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by 24 July.

Fall Prevention Workshop
Friday 1 August 10.30 am

Find Your Voice: Public Speaking for Every Occasion
Sunday 10 August 11 am