



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



Greetings Everyone

One or two messages need bringing to members' attention before we break for Christmas next week.

- Firstly, a reminder that our December monthly meeting starts with our business session at 9-30am next Wednesday, 2nd December. Coffee/tea and Christmas fare will be served after the speaker at 11-15am.. The sales table will open at 9-15am and will also be available after the speaker.
- At our recent committee meeting a \$20 fee for 2021 was proposed by Graeme for members who had paid their subs this year. This is in recognition of both cancelled meetings and social functions this year due to Covid19. The fee will be ratified at the AGM by members. Please do not pay this fee before March as we are still uncertain as to the future of our organisation. Members new to Port Hills U3A next year will be required to pay the full \$30 fee.
- 2021 AGM is set for Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- John Milligan has sent a letter of thanks to Port Hills U3A members for all their food donations over the past year. I will e-mail the letter in an attachment along with this newsletter.
- A reminder to encourage more food donations next week at our meeting. We are approaching the festive season with more food poverty than we have seen in many years.
- Thank you to those members who volunteered to take up small roles before and at our monthly meetings next year. This will allow new committee members more time to focus on other tasks.
- The response to the Study Group Survey for 2021 was positive. The committee looked at the numbers and has decided to offer the following study options next year: Writing Life Stories is an ongoing course started this year but open to new members; NZ History 1920-2020 is a course to be put together by members of the group who need computer access for information; Kings and Queens of England; Botany-the study of plants for enjoyment. The last two courses are online learning courses from U3AOnline and can be accessed there during the summer break. If you are interested in either of these two courses I encourage you to preview the study material before you commit to the course in February. All courses start in March next year apart from Writing Life Stories that has its first meeting at South Library on 1<sup>st</sup> February. John Yeoman leads this course and if you are interested in joining his group, please contact him.

Finally, I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable Christmas and holiday break. I have to report that although we have sufficient interest in committee membership next year, we still have no nominations for President and Secretary. I leave you with one of the readings that is appropriate for these times:-

#### THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is the story about four people names: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

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