

# PORT HILLS

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## Greetings Members

It doesn't seem like two months since I penned the last newsletter. Much has been happening behind the scenes and numerous decisions have been made by the committee on your behalf.

Bringing you up to date is the purpose of the two monthly newsletter. Included this month are:-

1. A successful coffee morning was held last week to welcome new members to our organisation. Can I remind members to look out for those green stickers on new members' name badges during the social get together prior to the monthly meeting. Please make new members welcome to your group.
2. After many deliberations, Port Hills U3A has joined the Canterbury Network of U3A as from the start of this month. Denise Crowhen and I attended the last meeting of the Network, and came away reassured that the decision to join was the correct one. Attached is a copy of Colleen Young, current Network President's, circular.
3. The website remains an ongoing challenge, or should I say, headache! Joy Evans and I are meeting shortly with a web expert to try to resolve our issues once and for all. Hopefully I will have good news for you at the June Meeting.
4. The Mid Year Christmas Luncheon this year will be on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Restaurant on Marshlands Road. Tickets are \$23 head for a three course buffet plus coffee/tea and cheese and biscuits. I have requested turkey and ham to be their roasts for the day, but no guarantees. Partners are welcome to this event. The lunch will take place after the July Monthly Meeting. Those of you who are reluctant to drive to Marshland Road (next to The Palms) can indicate their wish for a lift at the June monthly meeting. A \$5 koha to your driver would be appropriate. Tickets will be available at our June Meeting for purchase. The preferred method of payment is online direct bank transfer. A reminder our account number is 38-90060413325-00. Please indicate 'lunch' at the bottom of your payment.
5. Interest groups are all up and running including groups new in 2018:- Appreciation of Art; Religions of the World; Explorer Group; Friday Luncheon Group.  
Due to the increase in numbers for our Wednesday Café Group, a new Tuesday Morning Café Group will start next month at 10-30am. Rose Cately, one of our new members, has offered to lead this group. Rose's contact number is 0211016357 for more information.  
A strong interest has been expressed by a few members to start a Cycling Group. A clipboard at the June Meeting will circulate to ascertain members' collective interest.
6. With the onset of winter, it might be a good time for a member to initiate the start of a new study group. Check out the availability of study courses at U3A Online Courses.  
A group can meet once a week, instead of monthly, if members choose. This is a good way to speed winter along.
7. The following is a copy of information received from the Network Re:-' Retirement Villages.

We are pleased to confirm we will present our "Thinking of living in a retirement village" seminar again, at the Hornby Workingmen's Club at 10.30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

This is NOT a marketing event. The Commission delivers objective information about the legal, financial and personal implications of retirement villages, and one aim of the seminar is to assist people decide whether retirement village living is right for them or not.

The seminar is free but people need to register. Registration is easy either on-line through the Commission website and eventfinder – or calling our call centre 0800 268 269.

We encourage early registration as seats fill fast close to the event time. Tea is provided for registered attendees.

[https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/thinking-of-living-in-retirement-village/christchurch?\\_ga=2.80674519.1136521803.1524032481-1047184834.1523318467](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/thinking-of-living-in-retirement-village/christchurch?_ga=2.80674519.1136521803.1524032481-1047184834.1523318467)

I am grateful if you can circulate this news amongst your networks and encourage people to register and attend. Last year we had over 170 attend this event!

## Troy Churton | National Manager – Retirement Village

Finally, I shall be away from New Zealand from mid June to early August. Lorraine Murphy, immediate past president, will keep things running in my absence. My next newsletter will be August, but I will stay connected whilst away thanks to our wonderful worldwide web service.

Survive the winter well

Wendy Gallagher President Port Hills U3A

## INFORMATION FOR NON-NETWORK BRANCHES

At the recent U3A Network Canterbury (Inc) Annual General Meeting it was suggested that it would be helpful to have an explanation of the advantages of a branch belonging to the network.

There are 18 U3A branches in Canterbury extending from Timaru to Rangiora. Of these 13 are members of the network. U3A Port Hills is the most recent branch to be welcomed to the network. Ideally we would like all branches to belong because members get benefits additional to belonging to a branch. No branch loses its autonomy.

In 2017 the U3A Network Canterbury became incorporated. The incorporation document setting out the objectives and rules of the network can be viewed and downloaded at

[http://www.societies.govt.nz/cms/online-services/register-search/banner\\_template/CNAME](http://www.societies.govt.nz/cms/online-services/register-search/banner_template/CNAME)

The registration number is 2667531 - U3A NETWORK CANTERBURY INCORPORATED

As stated in the document the objects of the society are:

- 3.1 To promote liaison between the individual groups in Canterbury, and with other U3A groupings in New Zealand and overseas.
- 3.2 To assist in the setting up of new U3A groups in the Canterbury region, as and when the need arises.
- 3.3 To do anything necessary or helpful to the above objectives.

Specifically, 3.3 is facilitated by providing:

- o An opportunity to share ideas and meet other U3A members
- o An invitation to attend any seminars or functions hosted by the network for financial members
- o Access to the extensive network speakers' list
- o Space on the [www.u3anetcant.nz](http://www.u3anetcant.nz) website for your own page/s
- o No fees for the [u3a.nz](http://u3a.nz) website (normally \$5)
- o Assistance with the formation of new branches
- o A minimal fee per member (.25 cents for 2018)

The U3A Network Canterbury (inc) meets four times a year: February, May (AGM), July and November. Each U3A branch is entitled to have two representatives attend the meetings, usually the President and one other person. All these members form the Network Committee.