

Kapiti U3A (Inc)

Annual Committee Report

2021



This is the 29th Annual Report from the U3A committee to members.

Committee

We met on 7 occasions. The committee was sorry to lose Alison Maysmor in April and we thank Alison for her work on the committee, particularly her efforts to start a regular Newsletter. We hope Alison will continue her active work as an Interest Group Leader. In August Warren Bidington volunteered to join the committee and we welcomed his fresh ideas. However other community pressures arose and Warren stepped down in January 2022.

We currently do not have enough members to form a quorum. Accordingly the committee is recommending a change to the Rules which will create a more flexible quorum requirement. With 400 members it is a pity that we cannot get 8 to 10 members willing to put in a small amount of time to help U3A run. With our present committee numbers we “officially” cannot operate. This is not satisfactory and the solution is in the hands of our members.

It is interesting to note that 3 of the 4 present committee members joined U3A in 2019 and there is no one on the committee who joined U3A in 2020 or 2021 and yet we have had over 130 new members in that time. Any organisation needs fresh blood in its management from time to time and the nature of U3A membership is that fresh ideas will come from recent members rather than members who been in U3A for some years.

We hope to see some new faces on the committee in 2022

Membership

Current membership as at 31 December is 436 which is an increase from last year created by a higher percentage renewal rate for 2020/2021 and more new members than in 2020.

Finance

U3A finances continue to be in a healthy state. The committee has decided that for 2022 Interest Group Leaders and committee members will be exempt from paying subs in recognition of the work they do for U3A. The committee has reduced the sub by \$5 per member and because there is now minimal cost saving when two members live at the same address the discount for couples has been removed. Thanks to Belinda Nixon for her work as Treasurer.

The committee thanks all those members who added a little extra as a donation when renewing their sub.

Interest Groups

The committee thanks those members who have put in the time and energy to keep our Interest Group programme alive. This has been difficult with COVID restrictions changing through the year.

Kapiti U3A has maintained a programme with 24 Interest Groups meeting with varying frequencies during the year.

The committee continues to promote a flexible Interest Group programme which by use of the website and the Newsletter enables members to start a group with minimal hassle and groups can run for a few sessions or a whole year. The philosophy of U3A is “members helping members” !!

Kaleidoscope continues to be the flagship Interest Group. A majority of our new members come from people joining the Kaleidoscope. The committee thanks Jane Griffith and her team for maintaining the high standard of this programme.

Website & Newsletter

These are our main methods of communicating with members and the committee thanks Warren Biddington & Maureen Knox for their work on the Newsletter and Phil Glasson for maintaining the website.

The website had a refresh in 2021 and as members become more aware of doing things via the Internet it is being used more often.

Administration

The committee thanks Maureen Knox for her continued work as our contract administrator. While most membership matters are dealt with smoothly there are always the odd hiccup and Maureen’s efficient and cheerful manner dealing with these is appreciated.

2021 Directory

Committee:	Warren Biddington (from August)	Life Members:	
	Phil Glasson		
	Jackie Johnson	Brian Mexted	2014
	Alison Maysmor (until April)	Anne Wall	2020
	Belinda Nixon		
	Julie Pratt		

Administrator: Maureen Knox

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