



U3A TAKAPUNA

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the Third Age (U3A) began in France in the 1970s and has spread rapidly throughout Europe, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. The "Third Age" follows the First Age of childhood and formal education and the Second Age of employment.

U3A is a voluntary educational co-operative movement which provides opportunities for people of mature age to engage in mentally stimulating activities. Each U3A is autonomous, organising its programmes and affairs on an independent basis but all adhere to these basic principles:

- There is no distinction between teachers and those taught.
- There are no entry qualifications, no examinations, and no diplomas or certificates issued.
- There is an annual subscription to cover running costs, but there are no course fees. Group Convenors are U3A members who operate on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration.
- U3A aims to harness the great reservoir of knowledge, skills and experience of its members to their mutual benefit.
- Groups meet during the day at a convenient location, often in the homes of the group members.

There are over twenty separate U3A branches in Auckland. U3A Takapuna is the original branch on the North Shore and has over 290 members. Monthly meetings, which include a presentation by a guest speaker, are held at 9.45am on the first Wednesday of the month at the Northcote Citizens' Hall, Ernie Mays Road, Northcote. You are welcome to attend a meeting to see if you would like to join us. The monthly Newsletter which is sent to all members, is available on the website.

Study and Special Interest Groups are at the heart of U3A activities and members should belong to at least one Group. Current Study and Special Interest Groups include:

Architecture and Design	Astronomy	Auckland Heritage	Cabbages and Kings
Chinese Painting & Art	Classical Opera	Classic Movies	Destination walking
Famous and Infamous	Finance & Investment	Film Appreciation	French
Geology	Globalisation	Great Artist	History -Ancient to Modern
Jung	Latin Studies	Mah Jong	
Maori Studies	Mind-Body Medicine	Modern English Literature	Modern History
Musical Studies	Musical Troubadours	Other Peoples' Lives	Poetry
Scientific Horizons	Scrabble	Social Issues	Shakespeare
Spanish Culture	U3A Travel	World War Two	

Descriptions of the Study Group programmes and meeting times can be viewed on the website and in the newsletter. If you would like to visit a group to see if U3A is for you, please contact the convenor of the group directly or email our Study Groups Co-ordinator to find out more. Groups@u3atakupuna.org.nz

U3A Takapuna depends on its members to run the organisation. In addition to our Group Convenors, the functions undertaken by our members include the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members (all limited in term by the Constitution); Audio Visual, Catering, Hall management, Mini Speaker, Membership, Newsletter production and distribution, PR and Publicity, Reception, Speaker Convenor and U3A Network Representative.