



Mid Winter May 2026

From the Desk of President Faye-

And so the year rolls on.. A little too quick for some of us. We hope you are finding the change from Daylight Saving to Standard Daylight time enjoyable especially the lovely days we've had and are having again now.

Your committee has been at work and in this Newsletter you will find interesting information on our Mid-Winter Luncheon to be held at Off The Track, 114 Havelock Road on Tuesday 16th June. Also some upcoming local events which we hope will be of interest to you.

- **Mid-Winter Luncheon** – detail elsewhere in the Newsletter.
- **'A Picasso'** - in 1941 during World War II, famous Spanish artist Pablo Picasso is summoned to a bank vault where works of art 'confiscated' by the Nazis from mainly Jewish owners are stored. Miss Fischer, German cultural attache has been instructed to interrogate Picasso on the authenticity of three of his unsigned artworks, one of which he must choose to exhibit in a public demonstration of 'degenerate art' in Paris before being burned in Berlin. And so it goes on culminating in a dramatic twist..

Venue is Keirunga Homestead, Havelock North.

Gala Opening & Performance Thursday 21 May 5.30-8.30pm

Fundraiser for Cranford Hospice - Adults \$50.00, Seniors/Students \$40.00. Evenings 22nd & 23rd May 7.00-8.30pm. Matinees 23rd & 24th May 3.00-4.30pm. Adults \$30.00 Seniors/Students \$20.00. Tickets humanitix.co.nz

- **Age Concern Hawke's Bay – Active Ageing Expo – Friday 2nd October, Havelock North Function Centre** 10.00am – 1.00pm. It will be held as part of the 'Ageless in the Bay' Festival, designed to support and celebrate older adults in our community, a series of events honouring 'International Day of Older Persons' and celebrating the valuable contributions of older people across our region.

Save the date – Friday 2nd October, 2026 – further information including registration and event guidelines to be shared closer to the time.

- **Meet Me At The Gallery** – a reminder of the notice sent out in late March. These guided talks are on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30p.m. through to December 1st.

One more item for you all – we are losing Pam as our Newsletter Editor. Pam has advised me that this is her last Newsletter for U3A Hastings. Pam has done excellent work over a number of years and it is with a heavy heart that as committee we recognise her contribution and pass this on to you all.

Our next gathering:

Lunch at “Off the Track” 114 Havelock Road

On Tuesday June 16th at 11.30a.m.

\$35 LUNCH:

SET MENU (same as last year)

ENTREE : WARM CIABATTA LOAF TO SHARE Whipped Butter, Olive Oil, Balsamic Vinegar

MAINS: FISH AND CHIPS DF Beer Battered fish of the day, Fries, Coleslaw and Tartare Sauce.

CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER Freshly crumbed Chicken thigh, in a Brioche bun with Onion Jam, Kewpie Mayo, Tasty Cheese, House Pickles, served with Fries.

BEEF BURGER 100% Beef Pattie in a Brioche bun with Onion Jam, Kewpie Mayo, Smoked Provolone Cheese, House Pickles, served with Fries.

RICOTTA AND PUMPKIN GNOCCHI V Grano Padano, Chive Oil, Pinenuts

POACHED CHICKEN SALAD GF/DF Wild Rice, Broccoli, White Cabbage, Ponzu, Black Pepper Ranch

We had such a special time last year we have decided to return this year.

Please let us know you are coming – send acceptances to Treasurer Hazel Sturm sturmhazel@gmail.com text or call Hazel on 021 0811 7552 not later than Monday 8th June so we can let the organisers know our numbers.

We will send out a reminder nearer the time..

Looking forward to a great group again..

Our special speaker this year is:

Wendy Schollum



Council decisions might happen in the chamber, but the listening that shapes them happens everyday right across our district, from our city to coast to country.

Building a stronger Hastings doesn't happen by accident. It happens when we bring the right people together and focus on what matters... Wendy Schollum

“Wendy doesn't just talk about change, she leads it... She brings a rare blend of strategic thinking and compassion, and I've seen first-hand how deeply she cares about building a more accessible and inclusive Hastings for everyone. Wendy's vision is bold, her leadership is proven, and her heart is firmly in the right place. I wholeheartedly back her to lead our city forward.” Korrin Barrett.

A quick trip around a few of our groups..

The Knitting Group



An update on our group "Just Knitting" which has been running since the New Year.

“We have a lovely couple of hours together with a break for afternoon tea in the middle.

There are all kinds of knitters involved, some knitting for various charities, others for family members including babies. I seem to have a wait list for 16 inch knitted animals and so the list goes on.

It's a social occasion that everyone enjoys and returns to once a month. Certainly a unique way to meet and converse with new people.

Newcomers are always welcome”.

Nordic Walking



”Nordic walking group had an interesting encounter with some very friendly Road Maintenance men on a walk at Haumoana recently.

The sign indicated that we needed to be escorted up the road to start our journey on the walkway heading north of Haumoana Beach.

This puzzled us although at the time there were 3 trucks and vans and five workers, nothing seemed to be happening either on the road or the footpath.

And we only needed to walk 20 metres from our cars to the end of the road and start on the track!

So, we set off and enjoyed our walk along the walkway and the glorious sight of many spoonbills perched in the tree across the inlet.

To re-enact the scene for the shot, the kind men in our photo set up their signs again and joined us to show we were waiting to be escorted... not where to!!! **We weren't dressed for the ball...**”

Textile Art update



Textile Art at the Sewing Room...

“Chris’s sister Marg makes beautiful quilts to give to people in need..Over 300 since Cyclone Gabrielle. We visited Marg’s sewing room and were overawed by the amount of work, the joy and the laughter that is going on there on a daily basis... This huge machine in the foreground is for quilting the quilts... from the small cot covers to the biggest king size quilt.... Very efficient and needs an experienced operator...we loved our time there”.

Poetry group with Richard

“We're gnarled and ancient and our moves are slow
But our brains are active and there's lots we know
We read our poems, we've been told the themes
Some poems are factual others waft from dreams
We never criticise another member's writing
Our creed encouragement - and NO back-biting!
Our half-time break refreshes us with laughter
Soon time is up, but oft we linger after.
For ten plus years; whether sister or brother
One thing we know, we really like each other!”

Richard, Thanks so much for your poem describing your group... I just love it!!!

And Remember....

