



U3A Hastings NZ

August 2026

learning, friendship and fun at every age..

From the Desk of President Faye-

2026 is disappearing before our eyes. There is not a lot left to do but we do have two important items on our agenda coming up. But before that, we hope you, your family and friends have escaped Influenza A and other illnesses which are raging within our community. So many children, young and older and adults affected, and I am sure you know of some close to you. May the ills move on and soon!

Our last event, the mid-winter lunch at Off The Track restaurant on 16 June was quite successful. The weather was absolutely lousy but it didn't deter many members from attending. Mayor Wendy Schollum gave us a great rendering of Council's aims and intentions under her leadership – she will be a busy lady and we wished her well chasing all those goals. A very pleasant get-together for all.

-  Our next **Coffee Morning** is set for Tuesday 8th September at the Bridge Club, Railway Road, commencing at 9.45a.m. We again look forward to the opportunity to chat with fellow members – and enjoy a scrumptious morning tea.

Speaker will be **Linda Lucya**, from the **Thai Silk Restaurant**.

If you have ever been to the Thai Silk Restaurant during the last 18 to 20 years (and who hasn't) you will remember our speaker. If not..she is bound to remember you.. Bubbly, energetic and always ready with a story and a laugh. She and hubby Ken left Indonesia 20 or so years ago to begin a new life in Hastings.. with their 3 children and all their worldly belongings..

Linda will talk a little about that amazing and interesting journey and some of the magic that has been created in her 20 years in our city..

You will have a chance to answer questions

- **New Group - Let's Write Our Stories – Convenor Margaret McAllister**

‘This group started this month with only a small number able to come. However, it was interesting to hear what motivated each of us to start writing stories. After outlining the aim of the group and possible ways to get started, we then spent 7 minutes writing a short story from a list of 5 possible suggestions. It was great to hear what each had written. It got us started and now we have the challenge of writing another story for next time we meet. One story at a time, with encouragement from the group, we will get our stories down for others to read about our unique life.’ *Margaret McAllister*. Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

- ** Annual General Meeting (AGM) - is set for Tuesday 10th November at**

the Bridge Club. You may recall at our January coffee morning we put forward that without nominations for President, primarily, and committee we would have to consider closing U3A Hastings! We hope that this will not happen so please think about what is involved to keep us going! We are thinking positively but your support is very necessary. Paperwork for the AGM will be distributed in late October – including reports, nominations, finances, membership renewal forms and more.

- **Something to See or Do -**

You may be interested in these upcoming events-

- ** Hawke's Bay Arts Festival, October 8 to 18, 2026**

Brings 10 days of art, heart and home to Hastings. Experience spell-binding circus, critically acclaimed theatre, exhilarating dance and music plus many events for the whole family. For full details check www.eventfinda.co.nz

- ** Love Heart – Social Learning for over 50's**

A new local initiative founded by Fee Webby and Frances Valintine CNZM Dedicated to social learning for the over 50's, offering workshops, learning lunches and learning experiences designed to keep minds active, spark curiosity and build new friendships. A wonderful way to explore more deep learning on fascinating topics and meet new people

along the way. Too many to list here, to see the list of upcoming learning experiences go to www.heart.co.nz

Please remember in your thoughts: the recent and sad passing of our members June Garden and Shelagh Collinson, both active within our group activities.

Our Almoner Karin Riley would greatly appreciate knowing of the passing of any of our members. Contact Karin at b.riley@xtra.co.nz or 027 443 7454

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As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact Faye Alexander M: 021 365 567 E: falexander1@ozemail.com.au

Until next time...

Keep curious, keep connected — and keep enjoying the company of others.

“Age is something that doesn’t matter, unless you are a cheese.” — Luis Buñuel