u3a Hastings NZ **October 2026**

From the desk of President Faye –

Once again the year is moving towards its end with another on the horizon. On **our** horizon is the final **Coffee Morning for 2026** combined with our **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th November.** This, at the usual time and place – 9:45a.m at the Bridge Club, Railway Road. Look forward to the scrumptious morning tea (Thanks to Diane and team) and time to chat.

The AGM will commence at 10:15a.m.

Please find attached –

- **Minutes** of AGM 2025
- **Nomination Form** - for the president and committee.
- **Enrolment Form**
- **2027 Groups** listing - there are some changes.
- **Group Schedule. Please tick the groups you wish to attend** even if you were a group member for 2026…
- **Membership Renewal -** $15 as per the form. Those 90 and over, no sub needed, just tick the box to confirm 90 or over.
- **Group Convenors –** a Convenor is needed for the **'Old Movies'** and **'Greenfingers'**, Convenor Angela Castle, would like a little helper to assist her.
  A big Thank You to all Convenors for your continued dedication and support to your groups and to u3a Hastings NZ.

For a change in lieu of a **Speaker,** we will hear from a few of the **Convenors** with snippets of how their groups function.

Christmas Cakes – the **Lions Christmas Cakes** will be available at the AGM. There will also be a **quarter** available. **Bring cash - $25 for the cake $8 for the quarter.** Cash preferred but Card holders will be accommodated. **Be prepared, they go quickly!**

A few things to mention –

- Age Concern Expo – Active Ageing, 2 October at the Havelock Function Centre from 10:00a.m to 1:00pm. u3a Hastings shared a table with u3a Havelock North. The event was well supported with some 30 exhibitors from within the Hawkes Bay area – some new to me – and well attended by the public. It was interesting to learn that many attendees did not know of u3a and what it offers. We had a Bookmark promoting u3a, our Group information and Membership form to give to those interested – it was an enlightening and enjoyable few hours. A nice social atmosphere prevailed and the scones for morning tea were wonderful! Many thanks to Chris Versey and Narelle de Frere for their support on the day.
- 'Meet Me at the Gallery' continues at the Art Gallery, first Tuesday of the month through to December.
- Toitoi has a busy schedule of events leading up to the end of the year– 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' 31 October, 'Tribute to Eras of Taylor Swift' 15 November and many more. Check the website - 'toitoivenues.co.nz

Lots more happening out there as we continue forward towards Christmas and the end of 2026.

Look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday 10th November.

Best wishes,

Faye

President

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