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## From the Acting Chair

Greetings from the Treasurer,

On a very unsubtle note, there are still those among us who have yet to pay their subs – you know who you are!

In an attempt to appear not too heavy handed, or desperate, the AGM is fast approaching and you will find with this publication a nomination form to join the committee. We need a couple more people to step up, particularly someone with secretarial skills (did you realise that before the Great War most secretaries were male?). We are an equal opportunity Committee.



We are a friendly bunch and would make you very welcome. We meet once a month, January excluded, for a couple of hours. I could mention coffee and cake; however, that might be viewed as bribery and I would not want to be accused of that!

Do note that these nominations must be with the Secretary, Maebeth Hart, **seven days before the AGM.**

To conclude, watch out for the bugs doing the rounds and wrap up warmly.

Cheers,  
*Stuart Leitch*

## New Members

U3A Bay of Islands is delighted to welcome new members Jean Creighton and Joan Macpherson. Be sure to look out for them in groups and at the next General Meeting and say “Hello”.

## Library Window Display

Look out for the BOI U3A window display at the Proctor Library, Cobham Road in Kerikeri from 6 to 18 June. Judy Ramsey has been busy curating a display to entice people to join our many-faceted groups.



## Treasurer's Report

If you have not yet paid your subscription for 2017-2018, may I remind you that the preferred way to receive your subs would be using online banking, details as follows?

Online payment to **Account: 02 0352 0020910 000 Payee account: U3A BOI** (please include your surname, first name and the word "sub" as a reference).

The other method would be by cheque payable to "U3A BOI" by post to the address below including your name in block capitals on the reverse of the cheque.

The Treasurer, U3A Bay of Islands, P.O. Box 833, Kerikeri 0245

I'll conclude this little reminder with a quote from my predecessor, "The best \$20 worth in the country."

*Stuart Leitch, Treasurer*

## Group News

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Our two groups of **Poetry for Pleasure** have grown smaller recently so they will be joined into one group from their June meeting onwards. They will meet on the second Monday of the month at 10 am at the home of their facilitator, David Mounter. We are very grateful to Maurice Shearman who has facilitated our Friday group so enthusiastically and to Virginia Robinson who has acted as host to that group since it started. Virginia has an astonishing memory and amazed many with her ability to recite poems by heart, especially from her school days.

Unfortunately we have had to delay the start of our **Games to Stretch the Mind** group but we hope to offer it again later in the year. We will contact members who have expressed interest in the group nearer to that time.

### New Group

#### The Adventure of English

We are still taking expressions of interest from people interested in our new group looking at the English language. This is based on a BBC series hosted by Melvyn Bragg who presents the riveting story of the English language, from its humble beginnings to its current pre-eminence as the one global language, spoken by more than two billion people worldwide.

This colourful story takes in a host of remarkable people, places, and events: the Norman invasion of England in 1066; the arrival of The Canterbury Tales, William Shakespeare who added 2,000 words to the language, the songs of slaves; and the hundreds of new words which were added as explorers discovered previously unknown peoples, flora and fauna. *The Adventure of English* is an enthralling story of power, religion and trade and of a people and how they changed the world.

Please contact me if you wish to join this new group - Margaret Rasmussen - [ras1@clear.net.nz](mailto:ras1@clear.net.nz) or 09 402 8949

*Margaret Rasmussen*