



# U3A PEGASUS BULLETIN

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### Latest News & Updates

**Our Guest speaker at the 15 May meeting will be Linda White: 'Living in China, a different perspective.'**  
**10-10.20am Social Time: Meeting starts at 10.30am.**



### **Update from President Jorgen**



Your committee met on the 5<sup>th</sup> May where we welcomed Yvonne Boulton as a new member and we also unanimously decided to co-opt Caroline Carlton. I am delighted to report that

we now have all the people we need for a while. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June after our usual Monday meeting we would like to invite the 20 or so new members as well as our 12 interest group convenors, our support staff from the Community Centre and our IT/Communication helpers to join us in the hall. This will allow us to welcome new members and introduce the people who make all this possible. We will serve a light lunch in the foyer. Those of you involved will receive an invitation by email. Our waiting list has now been reduced to 18 people. It is very encouraging U3A has such wide support. Ideally we would like to have everyone able to attend the monthly meetings but regulations at the Community Centre require us to limit the numbers. That said, we usually have between 10-120 members at our monthly meetings which is very good.



**Helen Bickers, a critical care paramedic from St John** was our guest speaker at last month's meeting. She gave a varied and at times amusing



talk about her work. She explained the various aspects of her uniform – the essential part being the

radio uniform with microphone and earpiece which is on permanently. This is a safety precaution as driving to an incident alone at night can be dangerous. She spoke of the Mosque shootings and said the whole episode was over in 90 minutes. Some St John staff from the Special Tactical Group earned bravery medals going into that situation along with the police. St John regularly practice for different scenarios and she said shootings and stabbings are becoming more frequent. Helen commended the St John case handlers who often have to talk people through incidents and don't get to see the positive outcome. We were left feeling that St John does a wonderful job and we are very grateful for their work.

Contributed by Pat Whitman.



**Contact your interest group convenor for updates and advice on the next meeting. Check our website [www.u3apegasus.org.nz](http://www.u3apegasus.org.nz) for the latest reports from convenors of the garden group and geo/bot. Contact us email [u3apegasus@protonmail.com](mailto:u3apegasus@protonmail.com)**

