



U3A STILBAAI
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U3A Stilbaai is **One Year Old** this month.
We had 22 paid-up members at the first GM; 75 at end of 2015;
and now have 112 paid-up members.

GENERAL MEETINGS (GM's)

These are the 'meetings' held at Die Waenhuis at 09.30 on the last Monday of each month.

Report back on GM : 25 March. Thanks to David Carter for his interesting presentation on Ethiopia. It was delightful to travel through the country with him and 'that strange lady who kept popping herself into the photo slides.' David introduced us to the people and ways of Ethiopia: to their fauna, flora and birdlife; to their Abyssinian Wolf and to their *coffee!*

Programme for next GMs:

Monday, 30th May 09.30 in Die Waenhuis

'Besigheidsontwikkeling in Stilbaai. A serendipitous journey through entrepreneurial space.'

by Daan Toerien

Daan writes: "I have recently completed a study of enterprise development and dynamics in the towns (Stilbaai is one) of the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve (GCBR). I will use the results of this study to position business development in Stilbaai vis-à-vis those of other towns in the GCBR. I will make some points about the nature of business development in Stilbaai and in our region."

Monday, 27 June 09.30 in Die Waenhuis

The Stilbaai Dunes. Some time back Niel addressed us on The Goukou Estuary. Now, come the end of June, he will speak to us on The Stilbaai Dunes.

Monday, 25 July. 09.30 in Die Waenhuis

***Advance notification*: Inaugural General Meeting of U3A Stilbaai (IGM)**

A short Inaugural Meeting will be held at our regular GM on Monday 25 July 2016. Three items will be on the Agenda for the IGM viz. the Adoption of the Constitution of U3A Stilbaai, Approval of Finances, and Election of Committee Members. The Constitution and all relevant schedules will be emailed to members for prior consideration. Immediately after the Inaugural Meeting (other U3As do this in under 3 minutes) the following talk will be presented:

'The Anglo Boer War — The Colesberg Actions. November 1899 – March 1900: by Belinda Gordon.

Monday, 29 Aug. 09.30 in Die Waenhuis

Roberto Anastagi" Syria under the rule of Rome and during the Crusades

CURRENT COURSES

'Courses' are where members with like-minded interests gather in smaller groups—often in homes, or on nature trails.

Update commentaries are given below:

Beginners Art: 'Draw or paint in medium of choice. One day a month viz. first Thursday of the month.' Contact Julie: wilson.julie222@gmail.com

Natural Science Course U3A : 'Eleven members have indicated interest but to date we have not been able to find course presenters. Two who have been approached indicate they will be available at a future date. Any members who would like to share their knowledge or expertise with us for a short natural science presentation are welcome to contact us. If necessary we can help with setting up your presentation.' Contact Stefan and/or Brian at info@u3astilbaai.org.

Hiking Groups : 'Twelve members meet on Fridays for 2-3 hour walks in Stilbaai/ Jongensfontein. The group plans to tackle hikes in Riversdale area soon. It's a lovely way to exercise and enjoy good company of the other members.' Cheryl is Course Coordinator and arranges groups, and routes, according to levels of fitness and pace. cheryl@kmint.co.za

Armchair Travel : 'The Armchair Travel courses have started; two being held to date. Courses take place in the evenings at *members'* request, and feedback has been positive. Eleven people attended the first course and 15 the second. Members began with BBC Frozen Planet series. Next, Reinette Anastagi presented slides and commentary on Brazil and the Amazon when she and her husband, Roberto, travelled South America in their Motor Home.' Contact Brian for date and time of meetings. travel@u3astilbaai.org

Bird Watching Group for Beginners: A 4-week course. *Members* meet one afternoon a week for 2-hours. Johan van Rooyen will do another beginner's course starting early August. He has three 'bookings' already so can accommodate another two people. Contact him at rooyenvanjohan@gmail.com

IN THE PIPELINE ...

Contributions: U3A looks to its *members* to bring their own interests and abilities to the group. Finding GM speakers and course leaders is not primarily a committee responsibility so we invite all U3A members to contribute whatever they (or people they know) can share with our group.

New course offered by Janet Stonier. Title: 'Power, Ritual and Exclusion.'

3x Wednesdays in July. Janet asks specifically that interested U3A members phone her for details of the theme she will present in her course. 083-473-6399 or 028-754-3844

Our new "group" e-mail address is: info@u3astilbaai.org. Members can take note of this. Thank you to Brian, especially, for finalising this new service for our bulk email needs.

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That's all for now folks!