



U3A STILBAAI

*Wishes all our members a Joyful and Restful Festive Season,
and a Peaceful and Prosperous 2018 for all*

THIS AND THAT ...

November Monthly Talk.

Johan van Rooyen gave an update of the Second Southern African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP2) in the Hessequa district. The group from Stilbaai has covered virtually the whole Hessequa, recording bird species at various seasons. Their scientific and thorough approach has resulted in Hessequa being one of the best documented districts for birds in Southern Africa.

Jagersbosch Fund

The November raffle yielded R286, and in early December the Hiking Group donated the remainder of their course fees to the Fund, the amount was R172. The fund now totals R6,078.67.

For a full list of contributions to the Fund, view the Jagersbosch Fund page on our website. Our banking details are also on the website if you wish to make a contribution. www.u3astilbaai.org

Membership

Our current membership is 217 after several previous and new members joined. We welcome all new members and hope that you will find our activities stimulating and interesting.

Please take note that the U3A courses, group activities and outings are for members only, the main reason is that our constitution provides indemnity to members against injury or damages. Members are welcome to bring guests who are visiting Stilbaai, or invite individuals whom you want to introduce to U3A, but if permanent residents of Stilbaai want to participate regularly, they must join U3A Stilbaai; surely R30 a year is an affordable amount!

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

- **Bird identification for beginners** : Three bird identification courses are planned for 2018, the first is an English course in February, the second is an Afrikaans course in March/April, both are fully subscribed; the third course will be offered later in the year and still has one vacancy. Please contact Johan at rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com if you are interested.

TED TALK

Next year the TED Talks will be held on the SECOND Wednesday of every month – the first TED Talk for 2018 will on Wednesday 14 February 2018.

Lawrence Barltrop is co-ordinating TED Talks; please contact him at barltrop@vodamail.co.za if you have an interesting topic, or if you would like to hear a presentation about a specific subject.

TED is a non-partisan non-profit organisation devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference where **T**echnology, **E**ntertainment and **D**esign converged, and today covers almost all topics – from science to business to global issues. More information on www.ted.com.

U3A STILBAAI GROUPS

The following group activities are taking place:

- **Hiking Groups** : The group hikes every Friday morning. Cheryl Worth, who has convened this group from the start, is now handing over to Andre and Hanlie Bezuidenhout. Thanks to her enthusiasm and dedication, the hiking group is without doubt our most successful group – we owe Cheryl our appreciation and thanks. You can now contact Andre at andre@andrebez.co.za.
- **Walking Group** : The group walks every Friday at 08h00. Contact Debra at barltropd@gmail.com for more information.
- **Bird Group** : Any member interested in joining the Bird Group, please contact Johan at rooyenvanjoohan@gmail.com.
- **Photography Group** : A photography group has been established, any member interested can contact Lawrence at barltrop@vodamail.co.za.
- **Share Group** : The share group meets regularly; any member interested can contact Christo at christoprins208@gmail.com.
- **Neuroscience Group** : Stefan has formed a group interested in neuro-science discussions, contact him at stefanpretorius877@gmail.com.

U3A STILBAAI OUTINGS

We are planning several interesting outings for next year; we will let you know as soon as we have more information.

TALKS TO COME ...

There are a number of speakers lined up for next year, we have the first three months confirmed:

- 29 January 2018: Pieter Lategan will talk about the Endangered Species Protection Unit; more about this in our January newsletter.
- 26 February 2018: Mike Steytler will talk about Superbugs and their treatment.
- 26 March 2018: Pieter van Niekerk will take us on a tour of Australia on his Harley-Davidson.

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U3A Stilbaai improves the quality of life of people of mature age, especially retirees, and encourages the maintenance of intellectual capacity through stimulating programmes of learning and teaching and the social contacts derived therefrom.

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