## Small Groups Report for 2017 AGM

The small group side of U3A Dunedin is slowly growing.

When I took over the role of the small group as organiser there were nine groups up and running between U3A Otepoti and U3A Dunedin.

Due to a lack of numbers the Book and Local History groups have had to be put into recession for the short term until the numbers build up again.

However the rest of the groups are running well and interest in this form of education is slowly filtering through to the rest of the members of U3A Dunedin.

These are: Gallery, Art History, Poetry, Creative Writing, two Current Affairs groups and a Museum group.

Recently added to this growing list is a Music Appreciation Group and in June a TED Talk and Open Lecture group began. All except the Poetry and Music groups have room for new members.

However if you are interested in any of the above groups, or have an interest on any other topic you would like to learn more about, please give me ring or send me an email and I will add your name to a waiting list with a view to starting a new group when the numbers get up a little.

I am still wishing to begin a Philosophy group but have had no one willing to facilitate this. If anyone present today is willing to do this could they please contact me? Help is given initially to get these groups off the ground and after that the groups become autonomous.

A monthly newsletter has begun online on the U3A Dunedin site where all members of U3A Dunedin are encouraged to go to get information about existing and new groups.

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