



Lifelong Learning

Newsletter April 2024

Roger Sutton Our Electric Future

Tuesday 23rd April 2024
Event Centre

Doors open 9.30am Speaker starts at 10.15am

Please invite your friends to this series as casual visitors and a chance for them to learn about belonging to U3A.

Our Electric Future

Over the next 25 years electricity demand is forecast to increase by over 50% as we electrify much of the economy.

- Where will this new electricity come from?
- Will every house have solar panels?
- Will every acre of farmland be covered with wind turbines?
- Does the new Government's decision to cancel the Lake Onslow Project, make the job more difficult?
- What will this mean for electricity users and the wider economy?
- And what will the role of Government be to ensure we get there?



Roger has over 35 years experience in the wider energy industry.

His early career was spent as an engineer working in Power Stations from Manapouri to New Plymouth.

His first CEO role was leading Orion and then after the quakes in the role of CEO of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority reporting to Gerry Brownlee.

He has also served as a Director for several organisations, ranging from startups to listed energy companies.

In 2019 he spent a year based at the Christchurch City Mission working as the Anglican Missioner.

He has spent the last 4 years as CEO of local Lines Company EA Networks and now works for the Christchurch energy consultancy DETA.

Roger has an Engineering Degree from Canterbury; married to Jo Malcolm (an Ashburtonion). They have three sons.

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The event centre has a hearing loop which is always

on (apart from the odd exception). You may need to adjust your own hearing aid to the loop if needed.

Please do not use the Cinema carparks. Most of the parks outside the Event Centre are for limited times.



Lifelong Learning

- Speakers are informative, stimulating and insightful on wide range of topics —provide members with new discussion and learning opportunities
- Meetings held 4th Tuesday of each month, February to November. 10.15am start
- Short seminar series and special interest groups—see website for details
- Meetings are advertised in this monthly newsletter, on our website, the Keep Learning website and in local media outlets
- U3A Ashburton is part of a network of over 60 groups nationwide
- Membership fee \$60 for 12 meetings; casual \$10 per session

For more information email:
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U3A Special Interest Groups:

- Book Group
- Men's Discussion Group
- Geology Field Trips
- Operatunity—visiting light opera series
- Flourishing Group 3AF (3rd Age Forum) - A discussion group centred around 3rd age renewal and growth

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to register your interest in any of these groups.

2024/2025 Subscription is now due

Subs will remain at \$60 for the financial year, April 2024 to March 2025 – for 12 sessions. You will receive an email once this has been ratified at our meeting on Tuesday.

Preferred Payment method is Internet Banking: Heartland Bank Account 03 1783 0505682 001 Please use your name as a reference. This method makes the job much easier for our Treasurer so please choose internet banking if you can.

Cash can be handed in to our Treasurer Andrea at a meeting. must be in an envelope with your name on the front.

AGM 2024

This very short meeting will be held prior to meeting on 28th May. Documents (financials and reports from President and Programme Committee) will be emailed to you prior and taken as read.

Main business is election of officers. If you are interested in joining the committee in a general role or as part of the programming committee, please talk to one of the committee at the 23rd April meeting. We will have nomination forms printed at our 23rd April meeting or we can email to you. We meet bi-monthly (on a Monday afternoon) for an hour or so. It is not a huge time commitment but important to have people with fresh ideas and to implement the suggestions made in our survey.

As a committee member you also get to have lunch with the guest which is a chance to ask more questions, enjoy their company and that of each other.

Tuesday 28th May

Barry Maister

Barry John Maister CNZM is a former New Zealand field hockey player, who was a member of the national team that won the gold medal at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. He is also a former member of the International Olympic Committee. Barry now resides in Methven and is actively involved in the community there.

Correction from Judith Coullie, March presenter:

“Answering a question from the floor at your March meeting, I stated incorrectly that in his later life Dickens fell in love with a teenager; the young woman in question (Ellen Ternan) was in fact 18 years old. And some biographers are now saying that it is possible that Ellen was not a love interest but an illegitimate child! “