



## THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A NORTH CANTERBURY NEWSLETTER April 2017. Welcome to the April 2017 newsletter

**Please note – the April meeting will be on Tuesday 18 April as the last Tuesday in April is Anzac Day.**

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS 2017 All meetings will be at the regular time of 09.30am for 10.00am on the last Tuesday of the month at the Showgrounds Function Centre.

Programme for 2017

April 18 Fiona Farrell: Cities based on Villa at the Edge of the Empire.

May 30 Wendy Parr: Sensory aspects of wine

June 27 Alistair Davies: Our Alpine Fault and effect it will have when it ruptures July 25,

August 1 and 8 A series on Climate Change August 29 September 26

October 3, 10 and 17 A series on Education October 31

November 28 Antiques; with lunch and a museum visit.

Fiona Brooker will talk about Genealogy and DNA on 20 August or 31 October. We are currently negotiating with a Christchurch person to address us on Women in World War I.

Fiona Farrell lives at Otanerito, Banks Peninsula. A graduate of Otago University and the University of Toronto, her professional career has been as a writer of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction. She has been short listed for the New Zealand Book Awards many times, in poetry, fiction and non-fiction and has received many awards and fellowships, including the Mansfield Fellowship to Menton, France, the Burns Fellowship to Otago, the Prime Minister's Award for Fiction and in 2012, the ONZM for Services to Literature. Her most

recent work has been a twinned work prompted by the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010/11: one a work of non-fiction (The Villa at the Edge of the Empire, short listed for the 2016 NZ Book Awards) and the other a work of fiction. It is due for publication later this year.

The Education Series, planned by David Mitchell, will include sessions on pre-school, primary, secondary, tertiary and Māori education. Again, the series will start with a one-hour lecture and the following three Tuesdays will be two-hour sessions with several lectures and discussions.

Bob Gumbrell

### Special Interest Groups

New Interest Groups: It is hoped to start two new groups this year a second more leisurely cycle group than the current one and a coffee and chat group. Anyone interested in these groups please email or phone me or see me after next Tuesday's meeting. Elaine Minson phone: 0274221532 email: elaineminson13@gmail.com Art Appreciation: Elaine Minson elaineminson13@gmail.com 0274221532 Cycling: Carol Twist oldtwist@xtra.co.nz 310 7520 Current Events: Colleen Young colleen.young@clear.net.nz 03 27

3210 Environment: Fiona Roberts fiona1@xtra.co.nz 03 313 7113 Epicureans: Colleen Young Genealogy: Ray Kettley rayjenk@xtra.co.nz 03 327 7762 History: Joanne Gumbrell joanne@gumbrell.net 03 312 8933 Literature: Elaine Minson elaineminson13@gmail.com 0274221532 Writers: Tim Stead timstead58@yahoo.com 03 310 3158 Network Canterbury extends a warm invitation to your members to two functions:

1. The Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 4 May 2017 to be held at the South Christchurch Library, Colombo Street at 1pm..
2. Invitation to all Members to attend the Network Canterbury Seminar See below.

At this meeting a recommendation will be put that the levy per member to belong to Network Canterbury be reduced to 25 cents per member. (It is currently 50 cents). We hope all Canterbury U3As will be represented at this meeting. A further notice of meeting and agenda will be sent in advance to the meeting.

2. An Invitation to members to attend the Network Canterbury Friday 26 May at St

Christopher's church, Avonhead. Cost \$25 including morning tea and lunch

Sir Ray Avery, New Zealander of the Year 2010, the pharmaceutical scientist, inventor,

author and social entrepreneur is confirmed as a guest speaker - with the seminar theme of 'Curious Minds'. Sir Ray will be one of five top-class speakers. Please mark this date on your calendar and advertise to your members. Last year approximately 200 attended the one-day seminar. It is a great opportunity to hear exceptional speakers as well as interact with members from other U3As. Please contact President, Sue Cronshaw, [sue.cronshaw@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sue.cronshaw@xtra.co.nz) if you would like to attend.

Committee: 2017-2018 President - Colleen Young Vice President - Norman West Secretary - Jude Archer Treasurer - Eleanor Radics Interest Groups - Elaine Minson

Speakers - Bob Gumbrell and Linda Constable, Venue - John Struthers

Norman West Membership - John Maxwell and Heather Spence Editor - Virginia Pennell (ex officio)

Assistant Secretary - Nancy Sutherland

Assistant Treasurer - Viv Milne (ex officio)

Thank you to the people who came and offered their services to be treasurer.

Subscriptions- All subscriptions to be paid by June 30.

Options:

1. Internet banking (preferred) U3A North Canterbury 03 15850533906 00 (Westpac) in the reference column please put your surname and Initials e.g., Bloggs ZK for one Bloggs ZK and AB for a couple Subscriptions are \$25 each

2. If you are paying by cheque make out to U3A North Canterbury or cash - please put the correct amount in an envelope with your name and initials on the outside of the envelope and make sure it is sealed. Hand it in at a meeting. Receipts will be issued and placed at the back of your name tag.

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Lunch and morning tea.

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