



# U3A Rutherford Inc

## Message from Lesley

Dear Members,

**Nga mihi o te Tau Hou  
Happy New Year.**

**Welcome to Rutherford U3A 2024.**

Our committee have a great lecture programme for you this year. Expect to learn, laugh, be astounded, entertained, provoked, surprised ... not necessarily all at once! But we're sure there is something for everyone. Then you can join an interest group where you are more likely to deepen an acquaintance into a friendship by keeping company with some like-minded people while you walk, eat, listen, watch or discuss travel, a work of art, music, a play or a movie.

I have been thinking about the labels our society bestows on us involuntarily. This reflection was provoked when I called myself a 'widow' in front of someone, trying out a new label I have only recently gained at some personal pain and grief. She stopped me mid track, saying vehemently, "Don't use that word!" It caused me to reflect on all the categories I am placed in, or ways in which I can describe myself in relationships with family. The list is long: daughter, sister, wife, parent, mother, mother-in-law, grandparent, grandmother, sister-in-law, aunty, cousin etc., and now, widow.

I actually feel the more labels the better. They indicate the richness of my life and the part I can play in the life of others. They indicate how I fit or belong, whether I like it or not, in the society around me. I intend to continue rejoicing in and celebrating my labels!

Our 'Management Team' look forward to seeing you at our first lecture on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at St Christopher's (before 11am as we cannot have morning tea because the book fair is being held in the hall).

Kia Ora,

Your President,

*Lesley Hunt*

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## Course 1:

### Emergency Services

*Organisers: Ivor Watson and Joan Earl*

**February 23: Helen Bickers: Critical Care Paramedic – Blue Watch, & Peer Support Officer, Hato Hone St John.**

*"An insight into the role of a Hato Hone St John Critical Care Paramedic."*

**March 1: Rachel Hunt: Community Resilience Coordinator, Civil Defence Emergency Management.**

*"Emergency Management and Personal Preparedness."*

**March 8: Charlotte Aronsen: Land Search and Rescue.**

*"Land Search and Rescue: an overview."*

**March 15: Carolyn Tapley: Operational Crew and Board member, Coast Guard Canterbury.**

*"We've been saving lives since ships arrived on our shores."*

**March 22: Steve Davis, ZL2ULX: Deputy Group Leader, Amateur Radio Emergency Corps.**

*"Amateur Radio - using our skills to assist in emergencies, small and large, for more than 30 years."*

### Future Courses

**Course 2: Health**

12, 19, 26 April, 3, & 10 May

**Course 3: Sport**

31 May, 7, 14, 21 June, & 5 July

**Course 4: Alcohol**

26 July, 2, 9, 16, & 23 August

**Course 5: Crime**

13, 20, 27 September, 4, & 11 October

**Course 6: Pot Pourri**

25 October, 1, 8, & 22 November

**AGM: November 8, 2024; Christmas Lunch: TBC**

**Lectures: Fridays, 11 am – 12 noon  
St Christopher's Church, 244 Avonhead Rd.  
Morning Tea: 10.20-10.50 am**

## Newsy Bits

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the death on January 2nd of John Hunt, President Lesley's husband and for a number of years until the end of 2021, a respected member of the Management Committee. Our thoughts are with Lesley and her family at this sad time.

**Series 1, session 1 – February 23, 2024:** Because St Christopher's is having a book sale, there will be no morning tea available that day. Please come in time to collect your name tags and be seated a few minutes before 11 am.

**Subscriptions 2024.** The Management Committee has resolved that the subscription for 2024 will be \$50.00 per person. Subscription forms have been circulated, and some will be available at our first meeting. Please pay by direct credit to our bank, making sure you identify yourselves and put "sub" in the reference area.

**Convenor for Thursday Film Group:** We are still looking for a volunteer to convene the Thursday Film Group. This is not an arduous task, but it is important that our interest groups have a structure that enables them to function. This may be a shared role – several of our interest groups have co-convenors so the responsibility doesn't just fall on one person's shoulders! Please contact Secretary Barbara if you are able to help.

**Why we join U3A:** I've learned that the secret of growing old gracefully is never to lose your enthusiasm for meeting new people and seeing new places. – From "Learn to live and pass it on"

### MANAGEMENT TEAM – 2023-24

#### OFFICERS:

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##### Name Tag Administrators:

Ted & Erica Maginness Ph: 352 6777

##### Tea Roster Convenors:

Jan McFedries Ph: 021 265 5184

Betty de Roo Ph: 342 7750

### INTEREST GROUPS

#### Walking Group – Every Monday

Sue Milligan Ph: 355 5956 or

Denise Duncan Ph: 021 042 7596

#### Film Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Barbara Bone Ph: 385 0070

#### Film Group – Thursdays

*New Convenor required*

#### Epicurean

Jenny Agnew Ph: 352 2217

Ann Marsh Ph: 021 023 77019

#### Book Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Erica Maginness Ph: 352 6777

#### Travel Group - 4th Friday of each series

Carolyn Marks Ph: 365 5929 or 027 435 7244

#### Choir

Alison Waghorn Ph: 339 4377

#### Arts Group

Jacqueline Doig Smith Ph: 027 353 3945

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