



U3A Rutherford Inc.

Welcome to 2016

Dear Members,

This is the first newsletter, replacing the flyers used in the past, as recommended by the Communications Sub-committee. It is a more flexible presentation, better suited to emailing. Another "first" is the introduction of our annual subscription, which will cover the cost of all course lectures. Members no longer need to register for each course as in the past. Please ensure your payment of \$65 is made by **20th February 2016** as we have a very large waiting list! We are looking at an alternative way of administering end of course lunches and may need volunteers to assist in the future.

As you can see your Management Committee is organising another year of stimulating courses. I am currently enjoying seeking expert speakers for the course "**NZ History of Architecture**". We are very fortunate to have such a wealth of talent in New Zealand to draw on.

I trust that you are all enjoying the summer break wherever you may be in our beautiful country.

I wish you all a new year full of happiness and fulfilment.

Best wishes,
Jacqueline Smith
President, U3A Rutherford.

**All lectures will be at
St Christopher's Church,
244 Avonhead Rd.**

Morning tea is scheduled for 10.20am
Lecture commences at 11.00am and ends at
12.00 noon.

Course No 1: Populating the Pacific

Organised by: *Peter Gordon, Graham Robertson & Eleanor Burt*

12 February

Origins of Pacific Peoples, Dr Steven Ratuva,

Dr Steven Ratuva is the Director of MacMillan Brown Centre & Professor of Sociology & Anthropology at the University of Canterbury

19 February

Pacific Communities, Dr Steven Ratuva,

26 February

Forgotten Maritime Tracks, Dr Rosanne Hawarden

4 March

Contemporary Pacific, Dr Steven Ratuva

11 March

Pre-European Population Shifts -Top of the South, Hilary & John Mitchell

PROGRAM OUTLINE OF REMAINING COURSES FOR 2016:

Course No 2: *Crime*: April 1, 8, 15, 29 & May 6

Course No 3: *History of Architecture in NZ*
May 20, 27, June 10, 17 & 24

Course No 4: *Cutting Edge Research – UC*
July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5

Course No 5: *Comparative Religions*
August 26, Sept 9, 16, 23 & 30

Course No 6: *Potpourri*
October 14, 28 November 4, 18,
25 & December 2

COMMUNICATIONS

During 2015 the Management Committee set up a sub-committee (consisting of Phil Silva (Convener), Brian Earl, Eleanor Burt, Peter Gordon and Beverly Ruddick until her retirement) to examine ways of improving communications within U3A Rutherford. It was agreed that the existing website should be improved and Brian Earl has agreed to be Web Master. Our website is integrated into the national U3A website. The members' database and waiting list is now under the control of our new Membership Secretary, Tony Harcourt. It was agreed that a newsletter would replace the existing flyers that were issued before each course and this is the first of these.

Each newsletter will be issued before each course by email, will be put up on the website and sent by "snail mail" to those not yet receiving email.

ENJOY AND SURVIVE OLD AGE

The report of our brainstorming effort as a part of Course No. 2, "Recent Advances in Medicine", in 2015 was printed last year as a small booklet with cartoons and every member has been given a complimentary copy. Further copies will be available to members at \$3.00 a copy.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP CHARGES

The AGM in November 2015 voted unanimously to replace the previous membership fee plus course fee charges to a single membership fee that includes all courses. The annual fee is \$65.00.

Interest Groups

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Eleanor Burt, Peter Gordon, Elizabeth Gould, John Hunt, Alan Percy, Graham Robertson, Ann Schrader, Phil Silva, Suzanne Shand, Judith Watson

The AGM will be on 4 November 2016