

# **U3A Christchurch Central**

**'University of the Third Age'**

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## **Newsletter 1, January/February 2020**

### **2020 Annual General Meeting**

**Speaker:** Barbara George, Ngāti Rāhiri o Te Ataiawa, Chief Executive, The Court Theatre

Our third **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **February 11, 2020 at 10:40am.**

A nomination form for officers and committee members is attached. It indicates current nominations and can be used to nominate additional people as officers or committee members. Please contact the Secretary, Sue Allard [sue.allard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sue.allard@xtra.co.nz) phone: 03-371-9448 about any additional nominations **at least 24 hours before the AGM** and bring the signed nomination form to the AGM.

**Morning tea** will be served 10:10 – 10:35. Many thanks to Pauline Huggins (President 2018) for providing the sandwiches.

### **Agenda:**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from 2019 AGM
3. Annual Report
4. Financial Report
5. Election of Officers
6. General Business

### **Speaker:**

Following the meeting, at approximately 11:00 am, Barbara George, Ngāti Rāhiri o Te Ataiawa, CEO of The Court Theatre, will talk about Court Theatre current programmes and future developments. Over the last 25 years Barbara George has been the CEO of major performing arts organisations in Australia, New Zealand and the United States. She became The Court Theatre Chief Executive Officer in October 2018, and one of her key tasks is to work towards The Court Theatre returning to the heart of the CBD.

### **Subscriptions:**

The subscription for 2020, which has been set at \$55, is now due, and must be paid by **31 March 2020**.

There are two options for payment:

#### **1. Pay online:**

Acct name: U3A Christchurch Central  
Acct number: 38-9018-0354780-00

*(When paying into this account, please put your name/s in the reference line.)*

#### **3. Pay by cash:**

Place cash in a named envelope and hand in at **the name tag table**.

*Please note: unfortunately we cannot accept cheques as Kiwibank no longer services them.*

U3A Christchurch Central produced a surplus at the end of 2019. As a result, the committee decided to do the following:

1. Reduce the 2020 annual subscription to \$55
2. Subsidise the Spring Lunch – each member will only pay \$20.00 for lunch and a drink
3. Increase the amount spent on travel costs for presenters from outside Christchurch

## Morning tea/coffee duty

After organising morning tea/coffee for many years, Sue Allard is passing on this responsibility to Yvonne Ekdahl. Many thanks to Sue, and to Marilyn Gayford and Yvonne Ekdahl who will be providing tea/coffee for the AGM and the first course in 2020. Please contact Yvonne Ekdahl if you would like to volunteer for tea/coffee duty - 381 5395 or 021 169 7596

## Membership

U3A Christchurch Central has a long waiting list, however, average attendance at presentations is only 43%. In consultation with Lynn Peacock, the Art Gallery's Functions Coordinator, the committee has decided to increase the membership limit to 215. To comply with health and safety requirements, the seating capacity cannot be exceeded at any of our meetings. We will, therefore, closely monitor the numbers attending during Courses 1&2.

We welcome the following new members at the beginning of Course 1: Jean Armstrong, Helen Barr, Michael Brown, Sally Buck, David and Joy Coles, Gay Cox, Valerie Crichton, Colleen Foley-Smith, Julie Hayward, Peter Joyce and Annabelle Menzies-Joyce, Anne McMurtrie, Lindsay Martin, Max Mathias, Jane Mountier, Susan Simon-Stewart, Catherine Ward, Wendy and Ian White, Gay Wood and welcome back to Sue Le Mesurier.

Members can continue to bring visitors, but please send an email message before the meeting [u3achchcentral@gmail.com](mailto:u3achchcentral@gmail.com). Check visitors in at the membership desk, \$5 each.

## Cell phone use during presentations

Members are reminded that, while they may use their cell phones to take notes during presentations, they should not take photos of the presenter or any of the slides presented as the distribution of this material requires the consent of presenters. All phones should be set to silent.

## Interest groups

U3A Christchurch Central has two interest groups – the **Walking Group** and the **Art Interest Group**. For more information and/or to join a group, contact the organiser.

Walking group: Judy Deans [wally@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:wally@actrix.gen.nz) Art Interest Group: Dru Mason [drumason48@gmail.com](mailto:drumason48@gmail.com)

## Course 1, February 18 - March 3 2020

### *Getting to Know You – Voices From our Members*

Course organiser: Sue Allard

All the speakers are members of U3A Christchurch Central, and the aim of the course is, hopefully, to get to know more about each other and so foster friendship.

#### Session 1: February 18



#### Jan Cameron

##### Title: *In a Corner of a Foreign Field*

Jan's talk reflects on her background in demography with an interest in social history and genealogy, brought to life through retirement explorations of the battlefields of two world wars. It will also highlight resources available to people searching for relatives, family friends or community members who served with Commonwealth forces. Jan will also overview briefly the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



**Joan Hazlehurst**

**Title: An Alternative Life**

Joan will present stories from her early life including marriage to adventurer, activist and fellow commune-dweller Owen Wilkes. Life in the frontline of the protest movements of the 70's.

**Session 2: February 25**



**Rae James**

**Title: Observations on the personal, professional and political life.**

Some changes in NZ social and political thinking as experienced and observed over a life in education.



**Neil McPherson**

**Title: My 17 years in the ring**

Neil's talk is about his past involvement with facilitating men's Stopping Violence programmes, the background to those programmes, and an outline of the session structures and content on the course. Examples of specific exercises, challenges and assignments used in the process may be shown or explained.

**Session 3: March 10**



**Brent Stanley**

**Title: Reasons to Smile**

Dr Brent Stanley's career has combined both Clinical Dentistry and major National and International dental governance roles in NZ and Europe . Some of these leadership opportunities enabled him to observe and comment on the influence which "behind the scenes" professional activities have had on a range of dental issues and dental services.



**Marjorie Manthei**

**Title: Self-Publishing: Pointers and Pitfalls**

Marjorie will discuss why and how her residents' association decided to publish a pictorial history of their central city neighbourhood, as well as a selection of useful resources for any kind of history project and some pointers and pitfalls learned from the experience. The 290-page book, *Our Little Corner of the World*, was nominated for a NZ Heritage Book Award in 2019.

## 2020 Course dates

<b>AGM</b>	<b>February 11</b>	
<b>Course 1</b>	<b>Feb 18 to March 3</b>	<b>Getting to Know You</b>
<b>Course 2</b>	<b>March 17 to April 7</b>	<b>Diverse Pathways for Learning</b>
<b>Course 3</b>	<b>April 28 to May 19</b>	<b>International Politics</b>
<b>Course 4</b>	<b>June 2 to June 30</b>	<b>Science and Technology</b>
<b>Course 5</b>	<b>July 21 to August 11</b>	<b>New Zealand Politics</b>
<b>Course 6</b>	<b>September 1 to September 29</b>	<b>Ngai Tahu: History, struggles, plans, hopes</b>
<b>Course 7</b>	<b>October 20 to November 17</b>	<b>Potpourri</b>
<b>Final Session</b>	<b>November 24</b>	

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