

Hi,

It was great to see good numbers at our last meeting in November to listen to Sue Bagshaw. Her discussion on handling and understanding youth was accompanied by excellent diagrams and an informative dialogue. A fascinating session.

A copy of her slides accompanies this newsletter.



December Meeting:

Date: 3rd 2021 - **Note this is the 1st Friday**

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield.

Time: 9:45am (The earlier start time will allow for a sharing of a Christmas morning tea prior to the usual 10:15am meeting start.)

Topic: Communications and Demand Timelines for Emergency events.

Speaker: The talk will be presented by Canterbury District Commander Police Superintendent John Price who was honoured with the ONZM. John will speak on communications and demand timelines for the Mosque shootings and various events such as earthquakes.

As this meeting is our last before Christmas the committee suggests that some of you may like to donate tinned or dried food for the local foodbank. We will collect it at the meeting and see that it gets to the appropriate place. A practical gesture at Christmas

Attendance Notice

Attendance at Darfield Baptist Church in December 2021 for U3A meetings will be in accordance with common Covid-19 practice. Attendees will need to sign in with the Covid app and register their presence by telling the people on the desk. **Remember to bring your name tags!** New Attendees will be asked for their name, email, and phone number. Financial members who have paid a sub since the last meeting will be able to collect name tags from the entry table.

We will ensure well-spaced seating and masks will be worn by all members of the committee and may also be worn by attendees. Anyone who is unwell is encouraged to stay at home and that is the same if you feel uncomfortable about being in crowds at this time.

Programme from February to December 2022.

February 11th 2022	The Magic of DNA	Fiona Brooker is a professional genealogist who has been actively researching her family history for over 30 years
March 11th 2022	Forensic Anthropology	Dr Rachel Scott
April 8th 2022	Braided Rivers –	Duncan Gray, Scientist from ECAN The current state of braided rivers in Canterbury presents a management conundrum and forces consideration of what society considers important.
May 13th 2022	China's Achilles Heel -Environmental Issues	Alan Blackburn
June 10th 2022	Matariki	Tahi Roberts
July 8th 2022	Vitamin C in Human Disease	Anitra Carr
August 12th 2022	Suffragettes in Selwyn	Linda Seaton
September 9th 2022	Chatham Islands and Moriori History	Frieda Looser
October 14th 2022	Guardians of the Future	Suky Thompson
November 4th 2022	Malvern Hills Geology	Prof James Shulmeister

Subscriptions

This year's subscription from AGM 2021 to AGM May 2022 is set at \$25 and is payable online, or in a cash deposit at Kiwi Bank, or on a meeting day to the treasurer. We would appreciate it if non-financial members could pay as soon as possible. Those who are not financial are casual attendees and will be asked for a koha per meeting until joining.

Bank Account with Kiwi Bank

Account Name: U3A Malvern

Account number: 38 9022 0205868 00

When paying subs please include a name so we can identify the payee. This is especially important if you are paying for more than one person. Those who were not members in the last financial year will get a name tag at the next meeting.

Special Interest Groups

We have the following groups operating and will start a waiting list for those groups that are full so contact the Group leaders to register your interest. Note: Meetings are dependent on being in an appropriate Covid 19 level

Mahjong. Members are very active meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. As the group is at 10 there is some interest in starting a second group. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. Contact Ruth Warren: rwifwarren@gmail.com

Current Affairs 9 members meeting on 4th Monday of the month. Interesting discussions on elections, economic recovery etc. A topic is set at each meeting so members can research for the next meeting. Contact Ian Warren: rwifwarren@gmail.com

Local and NZ History.

Trek on Wednesday 24th November: Starts at Rolleston Rail Station 10am. About ten interest stops through to Whitecliffs. Bring your own lunch - make it a railway picnic at Darfield. Finish by about 3pm. General membership is invited but let Jim Copland know. Carpooling is also possible. If you think you can contribute towards the history of this route, please contact Ian Sandford on 03 3477 136 or ians.blr@snap.net.nz

Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. With 5-6 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. The group uses mixed media to assist with language and are progressing well. Contact Margaret Copland: coplalex@snap.net.nz

Jim Copland and Judith Pascoe are keen to hear from you with ideas for **new topics for interest groups**. There will be a box to post ideas in at each meeting.

For Jim Phone 03 318-1712 or email adjimcopland@gmail.com and Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz

Further Series in 2022

As our End of Life series was well supported we are looking for ideas for next year. One suggestion has been to run an "Lifestyle change and Aging" series. This could cover lifestyle change such as moving/ selling and buying property/ retirement homes/staying in one's own home and succession planning.

You are welcome to suggest other topics.

We look forward to seeing you at our last meeting of the year in December.

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