

Hi,

I hope you all had a happy holiday season. The committee has decided to continue with meetings but may have to cancel at short notice according to the Covid 19 situation. This is especially so with the Omicron strain. We hope to continue with as many sessions as possible and seeing you all again in 2022. A happy New year to you all.

February 2022 Meeting:

Date: 11th February 2022

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

Time: 10am (There will be no cuppa, so the session will start at 10:15am with members announcements followed by the speaker).

Topic: The magic of DNA.

Speaker: The talk will be presented by Fiona Brooker. Fiona is a professional genealogist who has been actively researching her family history for over 30 years. She has a background in adult education and has taught family history and digital scrap booking for over twenty-five years. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (NZSG).

Attendance Notice

Attendance at Darfield Baptist Church in 2022 for U3A meetings will be in accordance with current Covid-19 practice. Currently this is at red.

Under the "traffic light" system we will need to ask for vaccine passes. Remember to bring your pass. You can get one online, by phoning the 0800 222 478 or going to a vaccinating chemist (our nearest is in West Melton).

Attendees will need to sign in with the Covid app and register their presence by telling the people on the desk who can also view the vaccine pass or exemption.

We will ensure well-spaced seating and masks will be worn by all members of the committee and we suggest 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.

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 (AGM)	China's Archilles Heel -Environmental Issues	Alan Blackburn
June 10th 2022	Matariki	Tahi Roberts

July 8th 2022	Vitamin C in Human Disease	Anitra Carr
August 12th 2022	Suffragists in Selwyn	Lynda 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

The 2021-2022 subscription runs until the AGM in May 2022 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 continue to be very active meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. Contact Ruth Warren:
rwifwarren@gmail.com

Current Affairs 8 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.

Meetings have started on the 4th Wednesday of the month for 2022 and the programme for the year is being worked on. Next meeting is Wed 23 Feb 1pm at "Steventon", about 3 km beyond Whitecliffs.

Helen McArthur, current owner will give a partly guided walk around Lady Barker's homestead. Margaret Copland will give a reading from Lady Barker's writings. There will be a small charge of \$10 (includes a cuppa) by Helen. Masks on when indoors.

U3A Malvern general membership is invited. Please reply to Jim by 21 February 2022.

Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. With 5-6 members currently meeting weekly (starting in February) 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

We look forward to seeing you in 2022.

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