

Hi,

The committee has been continuing with meetings but may have to cancel at short notice according to the Covid 19 situation. With the number of Omicron cases growing rapidly at present in our area amongst school children, their families and extended family members we need to remain alert to safety of attendees.

We have a change of speaker for April as our previous speaker was unavailable.

Details for our AGM in May are below.

April 2022 Meeting:

Date: 8th April 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: Braided Rivers - geomorphology, ecology and threats

Speaker: Philip Grove – Science team leader, Environment Canterbury Regional Council.

Philip has been with the Council for 20 years and is now a terrestrial and wetland ecologist in the Science Group. I work with Science Group colleagues (hydrologists, water quality scientists and aquatic ecologists) on braided river issues. This talk provides an overview of the physical form of braided rivers and their ecology and discusses some of the threats faced by braided river ecosystems.

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 ask for vaccine passes for those who have not attended the last two meetings. Remember to bring your pass. We will continue to do this while the covid cases are high in the local district as a protection for attendees.

Attendees will need to 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.

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 subscription year starts on 1st April 2022. New members who paid after 31st December 2021 and before 1st April 2022 will have valid membership until 31st March 2023.

The subscription will remain at \$25 for the 2022 – 2023 year and is due from 1st April 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.

AGM 2022

There will be an election of Officers and discussion of any motions that have been notified prior to the meeting.

Nominations for the committee will need to be in prior to the meeting start at 10am. Forms are available online, attached to this newsletter or on the day at the desk.

We are looking for new committee members as Jim Copland is retiring after being a foundation member. We thank him for his loyal support and active membership as our Special Interest Group Co-ordinator and look forward to seeing Jim at our meetings.

Note: Only financial members will be eligible to vote should one be required.

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. Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. With 5 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

We look forward to seeing you in April 2022.

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