

Hi,

It was great to see everyone who came to our AGM in May. The chance to socialise was much appreciated. Alan Blackburn gave a thought-provoking talk on China's Achilles heel. This month is our chance to find out more about the meaning of Matariki which will be celebrated later in June 2022.

June 2022 Meeting:

Date: 10th June 2022

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

Time: 10am (There will be a cuppa, so the session will start at 10:15am with member's announcements followed by the speaker).

Topic: Matariki

Speaker:

Kia ora, I am Tahae Roberts

Born and bred on a family-built marae in Papakainga. I am of Ngati Awa and Ngati Tuhoe descent. Growing up in the Daily life on a marae in the 1950s and 1960s was a blessing in disguise, every marae in the whole of Aotearoa had Māori returned soldiers, sailors and airmen, from the Māori Pioneer Battalion WW1 and the eminent 28th Māori Battalions

Qualifying as a Teacher and Programmes Planner with NZ Internal Affairs prominently in Training and Managing Youth at Risk we as a community built a 110 foot Waka Taua, a Māori War canoe named Te Awatea A Hou, the new dawn begin. Warrior paddlers and support team for the Queens 1990 visit to NZ and alongside 24 other war canoe at the 1990 Waitangi Day Celebrations, as well as traversing back and forth across Cook Strait and back to Waikawa Bay, Picton, sharing knowledges and paddle experiences for schools and community groups, support community events and festivals, the ultimate experience, it was like being closer to the ancestors.

The intent to leave Marlborough was to seek university studies and degree certifications in Indigenous studies.

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 orange.

Attendees will need to register their presence by telling the people on the desk.

We will ensure well-spaced seating and masks will be worn by all members of the committee and should be worn by attendees while in the meeting. 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 July to December 2022.

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
December 2nd 2022	Forensic Anthropology	Dr Rachel Scott

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 members 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

The following Committee was elected:

Chair	Robyn Wendt
Secretary/Treasurer	Ali Price
Committee	Ruth Warren, Ian Warren, Ian Sandford, Jacky Lawson, Judith Pascoe, Janet MacDougall.

Attached is the Chairs Report for 2021/22 year.

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 meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from April. 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

Judith Pascoe is 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 Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz

From The U3A Canterbury Network:

From Canterbury U3A Network please find attached an electronic copy of the open invitation to members of U3A to register for our upcoming lecture series T Arts Centre U3A. Please note that the next series commences on Friday 3 June, 2022.

The attachment is self-explanatory, and we hope that some of your members will find this opportunity of value to them

Bird Survey

Once again, the annual bird survey is being carried out. The link is at [NZ Garden Bird Survey website](#) .

“At the end of June, we begin our 16th New Zealand Garden Bird Survey, the country’s longest running citizen science project, and we’d like your help!

The survey is an annual citizen science project organised by Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research. It takes place over nine days between 25 June and 3 July this year. People count the birds they see in their back gardens, a school, park or marae.”

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting this month.

Janet MacDougall, Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator, u3amalvern@gmail.com