



Lifelong Learning

Newsletter May 2024

Barry Maister International Olympic Committee

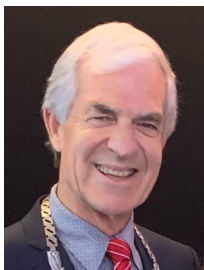
Tuesday 28th May 2024
Event Centre
Doors open 9.30am

Speaker starts after the short AGM at 10.15am

Please invite your friends to this series as casual visitors and a chance for them to learn about belonging to U3A.

International Olympic Committee

Barry will give an insider's view of the Olympic Movement having been actively engaged in it for some 20 years. He will dispel some of the myths and misconceptions which surround the movement, and why its very existence is under threat.



Barry Maister CNZM

Barry currently resides in Methven where he is very involved in the local community. Having gained a BSc Hns degree, he has held several positions as a Science Teacher spanning 29 years; Deputy Head Christchurch Boys High; Principal Riccarton High School (8 years) and Rector St Andrews College (6 years). He has won a Fullbright scholarship to USA and a teaching fellowship to Lincoln College.

Barry knows the Olympic world from both sides – he played for NZ Men's Hockey team 1967-80 (87 caps), was selected for 4 Olympic Games (1968,72,76,80), his team winning a Gold Medal 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Other sporting highlights:

NZ Sports Hall of Fame
NZOC Secretary General (CEO) 10 years NZOC Olympic Order Holder
IOC Member (9 years) and IOC Olympic Order Holder
International Ambassador for NZ Sport
SportNZ Lifetime Achievement Award

Community service:

Served in Lions and Rotary
Chair Picton Smart and Connected
Chair Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary
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The event centre has a hearing loop which is always

on (apart from the odd exception). You may need to adjust your own hearing aid to the loop if needed.

Please do not use the Cinema carparks. Most of the parks outside the Event Centre are for limited times.



- Speakers are informative, stimulating and insightful on wide range of topics —provide members with new discussion and learning opportunities
- Meetings held 4th Tuesday of each month, February to November. 10.15am start
- Short seminar series and special interest groups—see website for details
- Meetings are advertised in this monthly newsletter, on our website, the Keep Learning website and in local media outlets
- U3A Ashburton is part of a network of over 60 groups nationwide
- Membership fee \$60 for 12 meetings; casual \$10 per session

For more information email:
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U3A Special Interest Groups:

- Book Group
- Men's Discussion Group
- Geology Field Trips
- Operatunity—visiting light opera series
- Flourishing Group 3AF (3rd Age Forum) - A discussion group centred around 3rd age renewal and growth

For further information email
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to register your interest in any of these groups.

AGM 2024

This very short meeting will be held at 10.15am, prior to our meeting on 28th May. Documents (financials and reports from President and Programme Committee) have been emailed to you so please read as they will be taken as read.

The main business is election of officers. I am pleased that the current committee (listed on page 1 of this newsletter) are all returning and we have a nomination from one other member to join the Committee.

If there is anything you would like to bring up in general business, this must be emailed to u3a.ashburton@gmail.com prior to the meeting.

A poster for the 'Festival of Choirs' event. At the top, a photograph shows a conductor in a dark suit leading a large choir of people of various ages. Below the photo is a blue circular graphic with a sunburst border containing the text 'Thursday 30th MAY'. The main title 'FESTIVAL of Choirs' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below the title, a list of participating choirs is shown: MT HUTT COLLEGE CHOIR, ROLLESTON COLLEGE CHOIR, ASHBURTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHOIR, QUANTUM ACOUSTICS YOUTH CHOIR, and MID CANTERBURY CHOIR. To the right of this list, ticket prices are listed: Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$10, and Family \$60. A note says 'Booking fees apply'. The event details are 'Ashburton Event Centre 7.30pm, 30th May 2024'. At the bottom, the website 'www.ateventcentre.co.nz' and phone number '03 3072010' are provided. A footer line thanks sponsors: NBS, Ashburton Lions, Plains Rotary, Patersons Funeral Services, and Argyle Welsh Finnigan.

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Bradford Room Trial

The committee is trialling using the Bradford Room for all our meetings. Where we expect a larger crowd we can always swap to the auditorium if it is available.

Please let us know your thoughts.

Tuesday 25th June Prof. Anthony Robins

Professor of Computer Science at the University of Otago
Artificial Intelligence—what is it, how will affect our everyday lives.
Should we be worried or embrace it?

2024/2025 Subscription is now due

Subs will remain at \$60 for the financial year, April 2024 to March 2025 – for 12 sessions.

Preferred Payment method is Internet Banking: Heartland Bank Account 03 1783 0505682 001 Please use your name as a reference. This method makes the job much easier for our Treasurer so please choose internet banking if you can.

Cash can be handed in to our Treasurer Andrea at a meeting, in an envelope with your name on the front.