



Lifelong Learning

# Newsletter July 2024

## Glen Vallender

**Six Sons and a Seismograph**  
The story of George Hogben (1853–1920)

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Event Centre

Doors open 9.30am

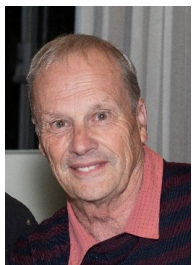
Speaker starts at 10.15am

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

### **Six Sons and a Seismograph—the story of George Hogben (1853–1920)**

George Hogben was not only an educator as a teacher (1881 – 1889) and Inspector general of schools (1889 - 1915) and founder of NZEI, he was also NZs first systematic seismologist and internationally acknowledged. He was also the brother in law of Julius von Haast, 2IC of Christchurch Boys High in 1881, 2<sup>nd</sup> principal of Timaru High school, 1<sup>st</sup> principal of Timaru Boys High school. George married Emily Dobson (yes, youngest daughter of Edward Dobson) in 1885, and they had 6 sons. Their story is one of Victorian tragedy and triumph and a legacy that we still live with today.

### **Dr Glenn Vallender (Life Member U3A Hakatere/Ashburton)**



After retirement from secondary school teaching Dr Glenn Vallender became interested in the history of geoscience in NZ. Glenn has a lifetime passion for geoscience education and with the generosity of the Canterbury History Foundation has recently published a book on the history of the Christchurch Magnetic Observatory. This book is available from the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre with all profits assisting with the maintenance of the remaining workshop museum. Glenn is delighted to be back and talk about his research.

### **Ocean Series**

Tuesday 27th August Prof. Adrian McDonald  
How Changes in Antarctica Affect the Oceans

Tuesday 3rd September Dr Bridie Allan  
Plastic Pollution in our Oceans

Tuesday 10th September Cindy Baxter  
Seabed Exploitation and Small Blue Whales

Next meeting will be 22nd October 2024

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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.