

U3A Godley Newsletter February 2019

Kia ora – greetings – and we hope you've enjoyed a happy holiday season in warm summer weather in New Zealand, or equally happy travels in cooler climes. A particularly warm welcome to new or intending members.

If you know of anyone who would like to join a U3A group please let them know they are welcome to join U3A Godley for a couple of 'taster' sessions and to contact Lyn Foulds (using u3agodley@gmail.com) for further details. We do not operate a waiting list, unlike some other groups.

Our programme for 2019 has been mapped out and we hope it more than fulfills our aim of it being enjoyable, stimulating and thought-provoking. It will begin on **Monday 18 February** at our usual venue – **St Mark's Church, Withells Rd, Avonhead.**

An opportunity to catch up with others will be provided over tea and coffee before the talk, and also over the catered lunch which will be provided – **free of cost** – following the talk. We have new caterers who are a group fund raising for their church, St Margaret's, in Bishopdale, so it will be great if we can support them throughout the year.

2019 Courses

- Course 1 18 February – 18 March – 'What's Happening?'
- Course 2 8, 15 April; no meeting Easter Monday; 29 April – 13 May – 'Hot Spots'.
- Course 3 10 June – 8 July – 'Medical Matters'.
- Course 4 29 July – 26 August – 'Perfect Harmony'.
- Course 5 16 September – 14 October – 'The Middle East Today'.

One-off series

4,11,18 November – three lectures on individual topics.

Lunch at a subsidized price of \$10.00 will be available after the last lecture in each of the five week series.

The AGM and Xmas lunch will be held on Monday 25 November.

The planning sub-committee currently has vacancies for members who are prepared to give a little time to what is essentially the reason we exist. Ideas for speakers and/or topics are welcome at any time. Please see Katherine Baird if you can help out. Use our email address – u3agodley@gmail.com

Course 1: What's Happening

18 February	What's happening at the Arts Centre - Philip Aldridge,
25 February	What's happening to tourism in NZ – David Simmons
4 March	What's happening at the Christchurch City Libraries – Nameeta Shekhar
11 March	What's happening to the Christchurch Cathedral – speaker from the Cathedral Reinstatement Trust
18 March	What's happening at the Christchurch Art Gallery – Blair Jackson

Interest groups

Interest groups are a great way of getting to know more people in U3A Godley – and of extending knowledge and understanding – and working on physical fitness!

Groups currently operating are: art appreciation; book discussion; cycling; Mah Jong; movies; music; Scrabble; TED Talks; walking; write a story.

A new group – Armchair Travels – is being offered this year.

Anyone is welcome to offer and co-ordinate an interest group. Details about the groups are on our website and the co-ordinator of all the interest groups is Reg Dunlop whose contact details are on the committee list at the end of the newsletter.

Administration matters

Firstly - annual subscriptions of \$60.00 per person are due by **31 March**.

Payment options:

Online to our bank account – 03 0830 0467355 000 with your name in the reference field

Cheque – made out to U3A Godley and posted to PO Box 31310, Ilam, Christchurch 8444

Secondly – if you are an existing member whose contact details have altered in any way please let Lyn Foulds know!

Thirdly – if you no longer wish to remain a member of U3A Godley could you please advise Lyn Foulds by email. That way she won't harass you for payment of your sub!

2019 Committee

At the AGM last November the following people were elected to our committee. The email address for all committee members is u3agodley@gmail.com Please use this to contact any committee member and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

President	Prue Taylor
Secretaries	Pam Butler/Pat Syme
Treasurer	Ross Nicholas
Course planning	Katherine Baird/Pam Craig/Pam Butler/ Lin Clark/Warwick Mottram/Prue Taylor (ex officio)
Membership	Lyn Foulds
Newsletter	Lin Clark/Prue Taylor
Website	Michelle Blackmore/ Reg Dunlop
Interest groups	Reg Dunlop
Hospitality	Pam Austin/Chalice Penman
Catering	Annette Tully
AV management	Warwick Mottram

Teams of helpers work with committee members to ensure the smooth operation of our programme. We are always looking for people who are prepared to help, often briefly, during the year.

Here's to a very enjoyable year!