



U3A Avon Ōtākaro

Introducing our 2023 programme

Venue: St Christopher's Church, 244 Avonhead Road

Talks are on **Mondays**, except for the second Monday of each month, **beginning** at 1.30 pm, followed by afternoon tea at 2.30 pm.

Welcome to 2023! First, our best wishes for this year. Who knows what it may bring! Covid has become endemic rather than a pandemic and we're learning to live with it. It is still a serious disease so don't hesitate to wear a mask to our meetings—but do keep coming; we all need social interaction and mental stimulation. While the world has become more uncertain, our U3A will continue to provide an interesting programme and opportunities to meet others.

The dates and proposed themes for our 2023 meetings are below. Of course, things may change, but we will keep you informed as soon as we can.

As usual the second Monday of each month has no talks so is available for visits, special interest groups, etc.

Our next newsletter will be sent out in the week prior to 20 February, with further details of the topics and speakers for the first series. Note that some Series titles may change depending on speaker availability.

Our thanks to members who suggested topics for this year, but please keep making those requests and suggestions.

Series 1: Issues affecting Christchurch

- 20 Feb: In Defence of Hagley Park. Chris Kissling.
- 27 Feb: Three Waters. Helen Beaumont, Christchurch City Council.
- 6 Mar: YMCA. Josie Schroeder, CEO of YMCA
- 20 Mar: Scams, misinformation. Kamala Hayman, editor of 'The Press'.
- 27 Mar: Canterbury Museum renovations. Trevor Watt, Athfield Architects.

Series 2: Research and development

April 3, 17, 24, May 1, 15:

Series 3: Emerging and Kiwi artists

May 22, 29, June 19, 26, July 3

Series 4: First responders

July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 21

Series 5: Transport

August 28, September 4, 18, 25, October :2

Series 6: Pot Pourri

October 16, 30 (AGM), November 6, 20, 27, December 4 Christmas lunch.

Notices:

2023 Subscriptions

The subscription will be \$70 for the year. Payment details will be in the next newsletter.

Contact changes

If you have changed your phone number, street or email address since last year, please tell Murray Edlin: phone: 354 3441; or email him (mredlin@xtra.co.nz) with the details.

2023 Committee

Officers and Committee have yellow name-tags to make it easier for you to identify them and to suggest programme and activity ideas.

President: Miles Ellery

Vice President: Bryan Wright

Secretary: Vivienne Mander; email: u3a.avon@gmail.com

Treasurer: Murray Edlin, ph: 354 3441,
email: mredlin@xtra.co.nz

Committee: Viv Grant, Chris Kissling, Judith Miller, Gloria Streat, Jonet Ward.

Family history courses

We received a notice that from Tuesday 14 February the Central Library (Turanga) will be starting the first of a six weeks course of classes for 2023 with an **Introduction to Family History**. This course will run every Tuesday from 10am–12noon and give participants an introduction to the physical and online resources for Family History held by Christchurch City Libraries.

The details are:

Introduction to Family History. A six-week programme on Tuesdays, 14 February to 21 March, from 10:00am to 12:00 midday, at Turanga, Cathedral Square.

Over the six-week course the Family History librarians will introduce you to the library's key research resources. Bring as much as you already know of your forebears—names, dates, places—and they will help you fill in some gaps.

Special Requirements: Basic computer skills are required e.g. how to save a file and use a mouse.

Your registration is for all sessions. The dates are: 14, 21, 28 February, 7, 14, 21 March.

Registration is required and the cost is \$16.24, including booking fee.

To book go to the website:

<https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/63bc8a7eae399e2f00a5c5ce>

Separately, on Wednesday 29 March from 10–11am at Turanga the CCC archivist Annabel Armstrong-Clarke will be introducing us to some of the gems in the Christchurch City Council Archives.

Repair Cafés

Those who receive the Office for Seniors newsletter will have seen the information about Repair Cafés. They are a response to the ‘right to repair’ movement and to the wastefulness of our throwaway culture. Some members may wish to volunteer or use their services.

For more information see:

<https://www.repaircafeotearoa.co.nz/our-story>

New members

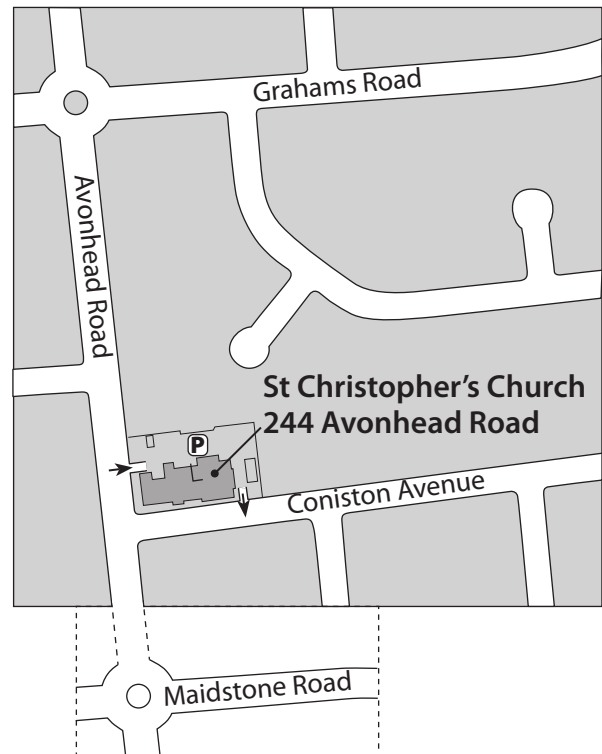
Please encourage anyone you know who would be interested in joining us. Encourage your friends, neighbours and retired colleagues. We have no waiting list yet. Visitors may attend two talks at no cost nor obligation, so start inviting possible members. Pass on this newsletter so they have the meeting dates. A location map is on the right. Remind them too that in retirement we need to ensure our brains are stimulated to remain active, and that joining U3A Avon Ōtākaro to hear interesting talks and meet some lovely people would be a great choice!

Reminder: U3A Avon Ōtākaro policy on advertising

We regularly receive requests to advertise various events in our newsletter. Our policy is to not advertise solely commercial events (which benefit only an individual or company) but to notify members of events which support a trust or other non-profit entity, with preference to those likely to be relevant to our programme or of interest to members.

Venue location

Note that the entrance to the church car park is only from Avonhead Road, and the exit is only on to Coniston Avenue.



Note: Hyperlinks (in blue) are live links, just click on them to go to its website or to your email application.
