



U3A Avon Ōtākaro

Introducing our 2024 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 2024! One of the few certainties of life is change, and change seems to come faster than ever. It could be an 'interesting' year...

However, we all need to stimulate our minds and to meet others, something our U3A provides. Do encourage others to come and join us.

The dates and proposed themes for our 2024 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 19 February, with further details of the topics and speakers for the first series. Note that some Series titles may change depending on speaker availability.

Included are several of our annual reminders; the location map is for you to use when encouraging potential new members to attend.

Series 1: Catching up on things local

This series has talks ranging from local examples of issues affecting all of us to those affecting only some groups. More information will be in the next newsletter.

19 Feb: Historical roots Beckenham

Alan Wills, Malthouse Trustee and local historian.

26 Feb: The Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34

Peter Scott, Chair, ECAN & The Regional Land, Transport Committee. Note: Public submissions now open on this matter and close on 26th February.

4 Mar: Recycling

Maria Lamb, CCC: Waste Minimisation Adviser.

18 Mar: Review into the Future for Local Government

Jim Palmer, Chair of the Review into the Future for Local Government

25 Mar: The Climate Challenge for Christchurch: City Council's role and how residents can be involved.

Sara Templeton, City Councillor who holds the Climate Change Portfolio for CCC.

Proposed 2024 talk series and dates:

Series 2: The Chathams (series talks by Frieda Looser)

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 20

Series 3: The world around us

May 27, June 17, 24, July 1

Series 4: Advances in technology

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 19

Series 5: Strong women

August 26, September 2, 16, 23, 30

Series 6: Heritage matters

October 7, 21 (AGM), November 4, 18, 25

End-of-year luncheon: December 2

Public holiday, etc., dates:

29 March-1 April: Easter

7 April: Daylight saving ends

3 June: King's Birthday

28 June: Matariki

Sept 29: Daylight Saving starts

Oct 28: Labour Day

Nov 15: Show Day (Canterbury Anniversary)

Notices:

2024 Subscriptions

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

At the 2023 AGM the Rules were amended regarding payment date for subscriptions. A PDF of our amended Rules is attached with this newsletter.

2023 Programme notes

9 November 2023: Alice Earnshaw-Morris from Hato Hone St provided a very informative hands-on session on CPR (and we found how demanding and tiring it was to do), and how to use an AED (automatic external defibrillator). We probably hope we never have to use it, but on the other hand we may need reminders of what to do.

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.

2024 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: Judith Miller

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 Street, Bryan Wright.

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.

You could 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 and remain active, and that joining U3A Avon Ōtākaro to hear interesting talks and meet some lovely people would be a great choice.

Covid

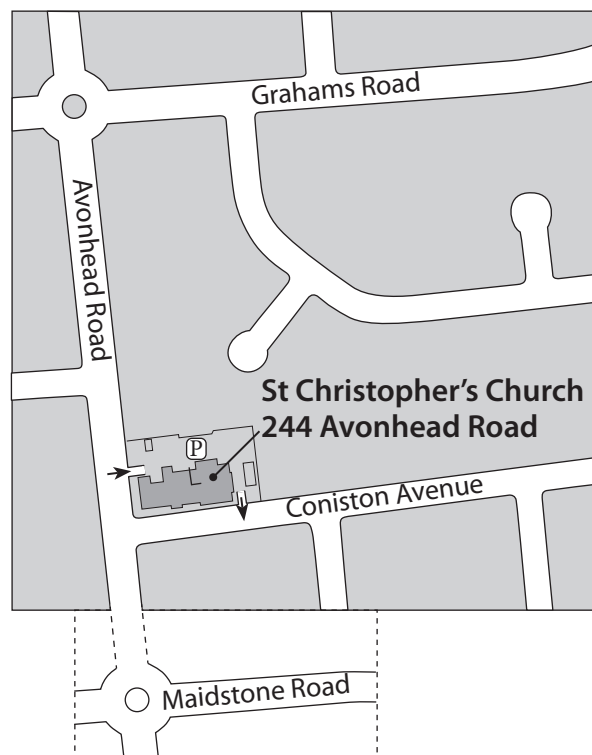
General apathy seems to have set in regarding Covid. It is still a serious disease, especially for our age group. While you may be up-to-date with your vaccination, it protects most people only from a serious level of the disease, it won't protect against becoming infected. If you feel safer wearing a mask to our meetings then please do so.

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.
