

U3A Avon Ōtākaro

Series 5: Women of influence

26 August – 30 September, 2024

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.

Series 5: Wāhine Toa / Women of influence

As we move to the second quarter of this century, it is a good time to celebrate the achievements of some of our local wāhine who provide leadership, challenge, and a role model for us all, and especially to our rangatahi wāhine (our teenage young woman). Enjoy hearing the stories of our Wāhine Toa—Woman of Influence, in our area and acknowledging their achievements.

26 Aug **Creating Major Change in the Time of Disconnect**

Rose Challies, CEO at Terra Nova Foundation, Social & Environmental Change Advisor.

Speaking from my experience instigating and activating large scale social and environmental change, I will speak to the world of change-making. Reflecting on work past and sharing present day action, I will share my journey and learnings from how change really works, and how we can align to accelerate its impact.

2 Sept **Helicopter Aviation - Welcome to My World!**

Juliet Earle, Pilot/Instructor (B-Cat), Garden City Helicopters.

My presentation is not so much about the technical details of flying a helicopter, but is

based on my journey: how I got into the helicopter aviation world, why, and what it's like on the inside. Some of that is a discussion of who I am and what I do, as well as my perspective on our industry, and what I hope to accomplish.

9 Sept **Ravenscar House Museum visit**

Names of those going and the \$18 cost of the visit will need to be known by 26 Aug. See the visit information on the next page. Ravenscar House is at 52 Rolleston Ave (it's opposite Canterbury Museum). For more details of Ravenscar House Museum see: <https://www.ravenscarhouse.com/>

16 Sept **From cold fish to school principal to futures aunty**

Dr Cheryl Doig, #futuresaunty—leadership futurist, weaver and connector.

Cheryl will share her leadership journey, including hurdles and opportunities. Together we will explore some of her global work focusing on intergenerational fairness and futures thinking. Cheryl will challenge us to anticipate the future and to move beyond our own comfort zones.

U3A Avon Ōtākaro 2024–25 Officers and Committee Nomination Form

We wish to nominate _____

Print name

as President as Vice-president as Secretary as Treasurer to the Committee

Proposer _____
Name (print) _____ Signature _____

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Name (print) _____ Signature _____

I agree to my nomination _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this nomination form to the secretary, Vivienne Mander, or to any committee member, by 10 October, 2024, or post to the secretary at 9 Vardon Crescent, Christchurch 8061 by 10 October (seven working days before the AGM).

23 Sept **Starting a Start-Up**

Elise Hilliam, Co-Founder and COO of Appetise (was MenuAid).

Elise will share her learnings from an early-stage start-up founder.

30 Sept **The first Women's Refuge in Aotearoa New Zealand... An Accidental Journey**

Rosemary Howard, Academic Support, Ara.

"...a story in several chapters". In the 1970's a group of feminists from diverse social and political backgrounds began meeting to discuss issues affecting women and to develop strategies for social change. The lid on domestic violence was uncovered during this time and resulted in a nationwide network of Women's Refuges.

This talk will be followed by our 'end of series' Mix & Mingle afternoon tea.

Notices

2023–24 Annual General Meeting: 21 October

Don't panic—the end of the year is coming no faster than usual, even though it feels like it is! However, our rules require notice to be given at least three weeks prior to the AGM and nominations to be received by seven working days prior. As the next newsletter will be distributed just before 30 September it would barely give sufficient notice. Plus, this gives you more time to consider volunteering for the committee...

A nomination form is below—more copies will be available nearer the time.

Ravenscar House Museum visit

52 Rolleston Ave, 9 September, 1.30pm, Cost \$18.

Own transport. Parking in the Botanic Gardens is free but usually full at that time of the day, otherwise street parking, or the Art Gallery car park in Gloucester St.

For more than 25 years Susan and Jim Wakefield collected paintings, furniture and antiques which they

displayed for more than a decade at Ravenscar House, their stunning home on Whitewash Head. The earthquake destroyed their home but the collection largely survived. The new Ravenscar House is a re-imagining of their old home with the art works placed around rooms which are reminiscent of the original house. There is also a garden area which is beautifully laid out.

Payment: The easiest and quickest way to collect the money would be for everyone to bring the exact \$18. It takes too long for a group to use EFTPOS at the museum.

If you would like to go please sign the sheet on the table at the entrance to the hall. They want to know numbers for their organisation.

Reminder: Invite a Non-member Friend

As part of our strategy to increase our membership, we are offering non-members the ability to attend one of our series for a cost of \$20. This is a one-off charge for the complete series. There is no option to just pay for one or two presentations in a series. It is \$20 whether they attend one or the complete lecture series. We encourage you to publicise this to your acquaintances.

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,
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Committee: Viv Grant, Chris Kissling, Gloria Street, Bryan Wright.

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