



# U3A Avon Ōtākaro

## Series 4: First responders

17 July – 21 August 23

**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 4/23: First responders

This First Responders Series explores five emergency service agencies in New Zealand on land, air and sea.

First Responders are among the first to arrive and provide specialised assistance and/or incident resolution. Our speakers are from the organisations at the forefront of responding to critical situations, both locally and nationally.

#### 10 July **Visit to see Lincoln University's art collection.**

This is a continuation of the series on art. There is a limit of 20 people. You will be walking to various locations on the campus. We suggest car-pooling to Lincoln. The time will be 1.30 pm as usual. Details and map are on the next page. If you wish to attend we will ask you to put your name on the sheet available at Monday's meeting (3 July).

#### 17 July **The Past, the Present and the Future of the New Zealand Red Cross.**

**Caroline Johnson**, *Philanthropy Adviser, Enterprise and Engagement, NZ Red Cross.*

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the world's largest humanitarian aid agency.

This presentation will illustrate the organisation's ability, for over 150 years, to mobilise the power of humanity, through a network of 14 million volunteers. It will include the guiding principles which have granted unique access to the most vulnerable people in times of conflict and in response to climate change disasters.

#### 24 July **Hato Hone St John – Emergency Ambulance Services and Beyond.**

**Alice Earnshaw-Morris**, *Area Executive Manager, Christchurch.*

Hato Hone St John is one of the three primary emergency service providers in Canterbury,

and the only one that is a charity with a heritage that spans almost 1000 years.

This presentation will look at some of the practicalities and practices that are involved in running the three ambulance services that are provided by Hato Hone St John in Christchurch, focussing on the Emergency Ambulance Service, but also touching on the Event Health Ambulance Services and Patient Transfer Ambulance Services plus the new non-ambulance Health Shuttle Service.

#### 31 July **Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust.** **Alan Malcolmson**, *Ambassador, Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust.*

Alan will talk about his role as an ambassador for the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue. This is a voluntary role to profile the operation of the Air Rescue Helicopter Service to various interested parties throughout the region.

#### 7 Aug **No Pay, Long Day, Probably Danger, Seasickness Likely.**

**Cheryl Moffat**, *Regional Manager Southern, Coastguard New Zealand.*

Cheryl will share the stories of Coastguard volunteers, the training they receive, how Coastguard is funded, and more, from her 15 years experience supporting and working with the 380 volunteers in Coastguard's southern region.

#### 21 Aug **Fire Safety Education.**

**August Emma Hay & Mitch Jeffrey**, *Fire & Emergency New Zealand.*

They will talk on Fire Safety Education and will be discussing fire safety to ensure we cook, heat, and live in our homes safely. They will also advise how to check smoke alarms, where they should be installed, how they should be maintained, and also talk through escape plans with a safe meeting place.

## Notices

### 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](mailto:mredlin@xtra.co.nz)) with the corrections.

### New members

Please continue to encourage anyone interested in joining us to come to a meeting. Imagine if we each invited one person to come... Give them the 'invitation to join us' brochure, or a newsletter for talk details, or ask them to phone or email the secretary to be sent one. Visitors may attend two meetings at no cost.

### Vaccination reminder

Just a reminder to have your Covid booster and 'flu vaccinations...

### Changes to the Rules

Members accepted the proposed changes to our Rules at the 26 June meeting. The changes were to meet the Inland Revenue requirements for exemption from tax on interest and dividends. They will ensure that future Rule changes will not affect that status (Rule 11c added), and that we remain a not-for-profit Society of which a key aspect is that no individual can gain any pecuniary benefit (Rules 12 & 13 amended).

The full amended Rules are included with this newsletter.

### A reminder: when asking questions at talks

Please wait for a microphone before asking your question—those of us seated behind you especially would like to hear it! When you wish to ask a question raise your hand to signal the person leading the meeting so that they and the person delivering a microphone know you are next.

### Scams...

Recently there have been new warnings to be mindful of scams, which have increased and become more convincing. First, don't do what some victims have done and assumed they were immune—we can all make mistakes! The key rules are: (1) don't provide personal information (e.g. identification or bank details) to anyone who contacts you—if they say it's your bank, then check with your bank; ignore those who phone saying your computer has a problem (it will if you follow their 'advice!'); (2) never click on a link in an email or open an email attachment from someone you don't know, and ignore those appearing to be from organisations.

**TV series "You've been scammed":** A four-part TV series by Nigel Latta begins on Monday, 3 July, at 8pm on TVNZ 1. The series will look at the techniques used by scammers to win the trust of their victims, and the ways you can stay safe.

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**Note:** Hyperlinks (in blue) are live links, just click on them to go to the website or to your email application. Yes, these links are safe to click on!

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## 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. If you wish to volunteer to welcome new members talk to a committee member.

**President:** Miles Ellery

**Vice President:** Bryan Wright

**Secretary:** Vivienne Mander; email: [u3a.avon@gmail.com](mailto:u3a.avon@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Murray Edlin, ph: 354 3441,

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

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## Lincoln University Art Visit, 10 July

Aim to arrive at the University in time to walk to the meeting point in the foyer of Ivey Hall by 1.30 pm (about 5 mins walk from car park). The entrance is in the centre of the building (see photo) and there is seating in the foyer (hint to arrive in time!)

The quickest route is via Springs Rd. Continue past the intersection where the university is situated and turn right at the Gate 3 sign. Turn into the Orchard car park and park as far from the entrance as you can. The university is in recess so there should be ample parking. The dotted line on the map below shows the pathway to the entrance of Ivey Hall, one of the original Lincoln University buildings.

