

# U3A Kate Sheppard

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“Those who teach shall also learn Those who learn shall also teach”

## A Brief History of U3A Kate Sheppard

### Formation

U3A Kate Sheppard was formed in 2004 by some enthusiastic pioneers. It had 136 members with 4 on the waiting list. Many of those people are still members today, and over the years have contributed much by being committee members and office bearers.

### Presidents

Ron Palmer was the 1<sup>st</sup> President, Liz Taylor was the president for 2 or 3 years, then Joan Cardno in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Alison Wilkie took over for 2012, 2013, and 2014, Earle Shaw for 2015, 2016 and 2017, and Lee Morgan for 2018.

### Treasurers

Wayne Carlisle was the 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer, then Peter Harman, followed by Dick Ellis, and now Ian Thomas.

### Auditors

Chris Turland, Brent Bruce, Brian McRorie, Dick Ellis

### Secretaries

It is not known who the early secretary was but Jan Palmer served for many years until Keith Nuttall took over in 2013 until 2017, then Keith Hitchings in 2018.

### Newsletter

Jan Also looked after the newsletter for many years until Keith Nuttall took over this role in 2012.

### Membership

Hilary Cole was our Membership Secretary, then Liz Taylor from 2009 until approximately 2012, Gae Cherry having filled that role since then.

### Committee Members

Other members who have held office or been on the committee, and not mentioned above, include; Val Baker, Neville Bullock, Anne Cherry, Hilary Cole, Margaret Dann, Joan Doocey, John Edington, Chris Evans, Leona Fay, Helen Halliwell, Gaynor Morris, Don Neutze, Jennifer Neutze, Brenda Nuttall, Terry Jacobs, John Kitto, Barbara Naysmith, Diana Robilliard, Patricia Smale, Colleen Staniford, Chris Taiaroa, Kath Taylor, Nigel Taylor, Margaret Tavener, John Tavener, Gusta de Visser, Noel Watson, Erika White

### AV

John Tavener has been our “go to” man for audio visual for all those years! Keith Hitchings joined in from 2016, and handed over to Deborah Matthews, Peter McLaren, and Graham Gyde in 2017.

### **Morning Tea Coordinators**

Helen Halliwell and Diana Robilliard have both been morning tea coordinators.

### **Venues**

Arts Centre  
St Christophers

### **Course Topics**

See separate document U3A Kate Sheppard Past Courses and Events 2011 – 2018.pdf

The following is an example of the topics that our members have enjoyed;

- An Interesting Variety
- Art
- Balance of Power
- Birds and Bees and Biodiversity
- Books
- Books and Print
- Pills, Patients & Problems
- Catching The Wave
- Chocolate: Food of the Gods and Elixir of Empires
- Christchurch - The Garden City?
- Disabilities
- Exploring the Cosmos
- From Gold Card to the Grave
- Getting Started in Canterbury
- Happenings in Canterbury
- Music, Music, Music
- Matters of the Heart
- Law and Disorder
- London: From the Romans to The Fire
- Of Writers and Books
- People in Uniform
- Pot Pourri History
- Pot Pourri
- Travellers' Tales
- World Hotspots
- World Religions

### **Trips**

Court Theatre  
Ohinetahi homestead, Governors Bay  
Automated dairy farm, Greendale  
Lincoln College tour  
Patao Pig Farm, Hawarden

### **Special Interest Groups**

Choir  
Cycling  
Reading

Some of this information has been gleaned from old minutes, otherwise from Members.