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## 2024 Series 4:

# Ancient Greek and Roman Technologies

University of Canterbury Classics Department

The Greeks and then Romans dominated the Mediterranean for hundreds of years two thousand years ago. Examples of their architecture, military technology and art are still admired today. Why were they so successful at a time when most of our ancestors in Northern Europe lived relatively primitive lives? One of the reasons was the quest for knowledge and application of science and engineering to improve living conditions and conquer neighbours. In this series, the UC Classics lecturers will explore this theme.

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| <b>17 July</b>   | <b>The Technology of Conquest and Warfare</b><br>Victor Parker, Associate Professor   |
| <b>24 July</b>   | <b>A Numbers Game? Maths, Measurement and More in Ancient Greek Art and Poetry</b><br>Patrick O'Sullivan, Associate Professor |
| <b>31 July</b>   | <b>Artificial Intelligence in the Ancient World</b><br>Enrica Sciarrino, Associate Professor                                  |
| <b>7 August</b>  | <b>Water from Source to Sewer Part I</b><br>Alison Griffith, Professor, Head of Department                                    |
| <b>14 August</b> | <b>Water from Source to Sewer Part II</b><br>Gary Morrison, Senior Lecturer   |

As an add-on, we will visit the Teece Centre at the Arts Centre to hear a talk on the technology of ceramic production from the Curator (Terri Elder) and have a look at the antiquities there. This would be for about one hour in the morning on Tuesday 20 August. There is a limit of 25 in a group, so if you are interested email us on [g.pearson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:g.pearson@xtra.co.nz) so we can confirm a booking for one or more groups. There is no charge for this.

### Admin:

- Meetings at St Mark's Presbyterian Church, 150 Withells Road, Avonhead.
- Do not park on Withells Road between the two entrances to the church carpark.
- Morning tea/coffee is served from 9.50am prior to the 10.30am lecture start.
- As a courtesy to our speakers and members please turn off your cell phone during the talk.

Series Organisers: Grant Pearson 0274 339 371, Gabrielle Pearson 021 255 1165

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ROADS THAT HAVE LASTED AN ETERNITY..**



**AND THEN, THE ENGINEERS ARRIVED!!!**

