



U3A Rutherford Inc

Message from Lesley

Dear Members,

Well, that time of year has come around to send you very happy seasonal greetings in whatever circumstances you find yourself at this time of year. May you be where you wish to be and with whomever you like to be with.

This season comes with gift giving about which I have mixed feelings. In terms of material 'things' I have all that I need and I am surrounded by 'things' that bring me memories of happy and sad events in my past. I feel guilty receiving yet more! However, I do love being given gifts. They remind me that someone has thought about me enough to take the time, energy, and money to get something for me.

Gift giving has been part of nearly all human societies since the beginning of time. It is the basis of relationships and sets up obligations – fortunately and unfortunately. Let us enjoy giving and receiving and looking forward to more at U3A Rutherford in 2024. Thank you to all those who have gifted us this year – those on the committee, on morning teas; those organising interest groups, farm tours, visits to Te Pae; and those lecturing us, keeping our venue functioning and our speakers heard. It takes many people giving of themselves to contribute to our wellbeing! (A record of all we do can be found in the minutes and reports from the AGM on our website.)

Finally I wish to remember Tony Whatman, our past president, who died in the early morning of our AGM. He was one of those who generously gifted our U3A with his time, intelligence and equanimity.

I look forward to joining you in 2024 to see what riches belonging to U3A Rutherford can bring!

Lesley Hunt

President, U3A Rutherford

Course Dates, 2024:

Course 1: Emergency Services

23 February, 1, 8, 15, & 22 March

Course 2: Health

12, 19, 26 April, 3, & 10 May

Course 3: Sport

31 May, 7, 14, 21 June, & 5 July

Course 4: Alcohol

26 July, 2, 9, 16, & 23 August

Course 5: Crime

13, 20, 27 September, 4, & 11 October

Course 6: Pot Pourri

25 October, 1, 8, & 22 November

AGM: November 8, 2024

Christmas Lunch: TBC

Lectures: Fridays, 11 am – 12 noon
St Christopher's Church, 244 Avonhead Rd.
Morning Tea: 10.20-10.50 am

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Newsy Bits

Farm Trip, December 12th, 8.30-5.00. Graham Robertson has organised another very interesting farm trip to the Methven area. Details were circulated to members late last week. Cost: \$50.00 includes the bus fare and lunch. Please contact President Lesley if you wish to be put on the list – places are limited.

Subscriptions for 2024. The Management Committee has resolved that the subscription for 2024 will be \$50.00 per person. Subscription forms will be circulated in February next year.

Distribution of Newsletters. These are usually distributed within a week of the completion of a series of lectures and two weeks before the next series. Sometimes people report that they have not received a copy – and later discover it's in their junk mail – please check this. Also, we upload the newsletter to our website – so if you miss out, look there too! The first newsletter for 2024 will be emailed or posted by February 9th, including full details of the first course on Emergency Services.

Interest groups.

Court Theatre. Due to lack of interest, this interest group is closing down. However, if any member is interested in attending a show with company, please email Sue Milligan, (suemilligan9@gmail.com) who will advise them of the day she and a couple of others are attending.

Thursday film group. We are looking for a volunteer to take on convening this group. Please contact Secretary Barbara.

Tea Roster volunteers! Thank you to all who have volunteered for next year's roster. This is most appreciated and ensures that we can still serve morning tea!

Matt Hobbs lecture. Matt, who addressed us on 'How can where you live and your environment affect your health and wellbeing?' last Friday, has sent his slides. These have been uploaded to our website.

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Interest Groups

Walking Group – Every Monday

Sue Milligan Ph: 355 5956 or

Denise Duncan Ph: 021 042 7596

Film Group - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Barbara Bone Ph: 385 0070

Film Group – Thursdays

New Convenor required

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Ann Marsh Ph: 021 023 77019

Book Group – 3rd Tuesday

Erica Maginness Ph: 352 6777

Travel Group - 4th Friday of each series

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