



U3A Rutherford Inc

Message from Lesley

Kia Ora, members of U3A Rutherford.

I am going through the family photo collection at the moment to make up an album for our eldest son's fiftieth birthday. Part of the collection is all the memorabilia around our wedding – telegrams, cards and letters. One letter was from the friend who was to be my chief bridesmaid. We had become friends when I was 15 when my family moved to a new town. We had shared a room in our first year in a university students' hostel, then flatted together. Her letter was very personal. She wrote about how meeting her husband to be, and how the love they had for each other was enabling her to go on in her life with a positive outlook, as up to this point she had been plagued by ill health. She could see the love John and I had for each other provided them the promise of a good future together.

We now move on 54 years. Three weeks after John died this friend and her husband came to stay to check up on me. They had stayed with us many times (as we had with them) and more recently supported John and me through his increasing disability. At this visit we had a rich time, remembering and enjoying each other's company.

Three months later my friend's husband died suddenly. I am not a great support to her yet, but I will continue to be alongside her as she makes her way in this new life, just as she is alongside me in mine. We value our long friendship!

Thank you to Peter Walker and Sue Milligan for an excellent series on health! We now look forward to our next series on Sport, followed by our mid-winter lunch on the last day of the course.

A very warm welcome to new members: Diane Bradley, Margie Morris, Lesley and Tom Rae, Joan Roberts, and Carole Worley. We trust you will enjoy your time with U3A Rutherford!

Nga mihi,
Your President,

Lesley Hunt

Course 3: Sport

Organisers: Judy Davidson, Julian Jensen, Paul Marsh

May 31: Kevin Smith:
"Para Sport."

June 7: Antony Bush, Sport and Spine Physiotherapist

"Movement is Medicine – the importance of movement and exercise on pain, health and longevity."

June 14: Doug McSweeney, General Manager Commercial, Crusaders Rugby Club.

"Sports Sponsorship and the Crusaders' global approach in challenging times."

June 21: Megan Harlick, Senior Sports Manager at Sport Canterbury; Women and Girls Lead.

"Women's Sport."

No morning tea today

June 28: Matariki – no meeting today

July 5: Barry Maister CNZM.

"Behind the Rings.... an insider's view of the Olympic Movement."

Future Courses

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

Midwinter Lunch: Friday July 5, after the final lecture of Series 3, a mid-winter lunch will be held in the Robertson Room. Given that we no longer offer end-of-course lunches, your committee, supported by a show of hands by members, decided that a mid-winter lunch would be fun! Please do come and share fellowship with other members. Cost yet to be advised and Treasurer Denise will take names and money on June 21st, otherwise you can pay on line.

Attendance at meetings: Over the last two courses, attendance has been lower than it was last year! Numbers have been around 160-170. Please continue to support our excellent programmes – your committee works hard to develop an interesting programme with great speakers, based on members' suggestions.

Report on Moffatt's Flowers visit: The 40 members who visited on Tuesday 30 April saw many large temperature-controlled greenhouses containing thousands of plants: lilies, house plants, roses, orchids, ready for Mothers' Day. Moffatts supply all the supermarkets in the country.

Visit to Foodstuffs Distribution Centre, Hornby, Friday 12, July. Paul Marsh has organised this visit where Centre staff will provide an overview on their focus, Supply Chain Operation, where they stand today and the future.

Xtra.co.nz emails: Spark is now charging a fee for an 'xtra' email address. If you decide to change your address in light of this development, please notify Newsletter Editor Julian, or Membership Secretary Joan with your new email address. See our contact details below.

Overdue Subscriptions: If you have not yet paid your sub, you will have a red dot on the back of your name tag. If you do not pay, your name will be removed from the database at the beginning of Course 3. Please let Membership Secretary Joan know if you intend to resign.

Thursday Film Group convenor: As nobody has volunteered to convene this group, it has been removed from the listings below. If members wish to join the Tuesday Film group instead, please contact Barbara Bone (see below).

Management Team, 2024-2025. Some of the current Management Team will be resigning this year, and new committee members will be required after the AGM. There will be need for a new Secretary. The Secretary requires competence in computer skills. If you are interested, please contact Secretary Barbara. The Newsletter Editor is also planning to step down. Please speak to Julian if you are willing to consider this role. Both Barbara's and Julian's details are listed below.

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Interest Groups

Walking Group

Sue Milligan

Every Monday

Ph: 027 662 2480 or

Denise Duncan

Ph 021 042 7596

Film Group

Barbara Bone

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Ph: 385 0070

Epicurean

Jenny Agnew

Ph: 352 2217

Ann Marsh

Ph: 021 023 77019

Book Group

Erica Maginness

3rd Tuesday

Ph: 352 6777

Travel Group

Carolyn Marks

4th Friday of each series

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