



# U3A Rutherford Inc

## Message from Lesley

Dear U3A whanau.

I approach the end of my time on the U3A Rutherford committee with mixed feelings. It is the first (and possibly the last) committee I have served on for a reasonable length of time. I am not a committee sort of person. I came on because my husband was already on it and I was sitting in the car or in a cold dark Church while the committee meetings were on – not a good reason for going on a committee!

Then no-one else was prepared to be Vice President and I seemed to have no valid reason not to be – not a great recommendation!

Why am I making this confession? If I can give it a go, so can you! It has been a good and worthwhile group to belong to. Those on the committee are conscientious and committed to carrying out their U3A purpose without fanfare. For every course they get amazing speakers to provoke us into thinking outside our usual boundaries. Then they themselves are great people to get to know better.

I have also been challenged each course to write something for the newsletter. It has been good finding a topic that is entertaining but gives me something to ponder. I hope it has worked for you too.

Meanwhile, my best wishes to the new – and not so new - committee! (It is a sign of the quality of these people that most are continuing their good work.) I'm sure they will carry on finding excellent speakers and providing an environment in which our old and new friendships can flourish.

Thank you, members of U3A Rutherford, for your support of me personally through what has been a challenging two years.

Kia ora rawa atu,

*Lesley Hunt*

Your President

## Course 6:

### Pot Pourri

*Organiser: Paul Marsh*

**October 25: Professor Hamid Ikram: Retired Cardiologist.**

“Quis custodiet ipos custodes – Who will guard the guardians themselves? An inquiry as to how medicine and health affect the outcomes of great events.”

**November 1: Professor James Ockey, HOD Political Science and International Relations, University of Canterbury**

“The American election and its implications.”

**November 8: 9.30 am.**

**U3A Rutherford Annual General Meeting**

**Followed at 11.00am by:**

**Reg Garters, Retired Chief Executive, NZ Institute of Management Southern Inc.**

“Grandparenting.”

**November 22: Anke Richter, International Journalist, Convenor of the International Decult Conference.**

“Cult Trip: coming too close.”

**Christmas Lunch: Peppers at Clearwater  
December 6, 2024**

***A warm welcome to new and returning members: Norak Gerrity, Kerry Prendeville, John & Karen Reilly, Helen Rowland and Viv Turner. We trust you will enjoy your engagement with U3A Rutherford!***

**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

**AGM, November 8, 9.30 am:** Please find attached the Agenda, 2023 AGM minutes, 2024 Special General Meeting minutes and the 2024 audited Financial Report. **Please forward any apologies** to our U3A email: [u3aruth@gmail.com](mailto:u3aruth@gmail.com) prior to the meeting. Morning tea will be served after AGM, approximately 10.15 am.

**Foodstuffs Distribution Centre visit – November 5.** Just a reminder about this visit for registered participants. Car-pooling is encouraged: please arrive at 17 Hickory Place, Islington at 9.45 am for a 10 am start.

**2025 Programme:** Thank you to members who made suggestions for next year's programme. The committee met recently and the broad topics chosen for next year are Our City; Our History; Media; Energy; Transport; and Pot Pourri. Further information regarding dates will be announced in the next newsletter.

**Christmas Lunch, Peppers at Clearwater, Northwood, from 11.30, Friday December 6.** Final numbers are required by Clearwater by November 15, so we will be collecting numbers from 25<sup>th</sup> October. Cost is \$50.00 per head, subsidised by U3A Rutherford, payable by direct credit to our bank account, or cash to the Treasurer on our meeting days. Please come and celebrate at our final event of the 2024 year! If you are coming and have special dietary needs, please tell us when you register – a written note would be helpful.

**Position of Secretary:** We are still seeking a nomination from any member willing to take on the role of Secretary of the Management Committee after the AGM. If you are interested, please do speak to current Secretary Barbara about the role.

**Interest Groups:** Membership is limited for some groups, e.g. Travel Group, Arts Group. If you can't get into your choice of interest group, it's an opportunity to start a new group!

**Tea Roster for 2025:** During Course 6, we will be circulating a request for volunteers for the Tea Roster for 2025. Please consider volunteering for this – we need a team of four for each course, and some spares for 'The Bench' to cover emergencies.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM – 2023-24

### OFFICERS:

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## Interest Groups

### Walking Group

Sue Milligan

Denise Duncan

### Film Group

Barbara Bone

### Epicurean

Jenny Agnew

Ann Marsh

### Book Group

Erica Maginness

### Travel Group

Carolyn Marks

### Choir

Alison Waghorn

### Arts Group

Jacqueline Doig Smith

Cynthia Hampton

### Every Monday

Ph: 027 662 2480 or

Ph 021 042 7596

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Ph: 385 0070

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