

# Mt Aspiring U3A

## Newsletter

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### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 22 April 2021 at 1.45 pm

### **Venue**

St John meeting room, 4 Link Way

### **Speakers**

**Karyn Munro**, "Why Gender Inclusive?"

**Tony Glynn**, "Issues facing the farming community: a perspective"

**Karyn Munro**, Member of New Zealand Association of Counsellors (MNZAC); Educator / Counsellor / Consultant Wanaka; 25 years as a Guidance Counsellor and Head of Guidance at Mt Aspiring College. Why Gender Inclusive?

As an Educator, a Counsellor and, most importantly, a mother of a Gay Son, I have a huge interest in Sexuality and Gender. I will provide some personal insights, some educational facts and sites for further information during my presentation.

**Tony Glynn** has been around animals all his life, being brought up on a sheep and beef farm in Southland and shepherding on several properties. In 1988 he travelled overseas and worked breaking in horses in Japan; then in Holland working with the Dutch polo team. He now runs merino sheep on a property bounding the Clutha River.

In 2008 he started the media company "Rural TV", a major role being the filming of stud stock, promoting them online for the breeders prior to the sales. He is involved with A&P Shows throughout New Zealand, being a Board

Member of the A&P Society, and is especially enthusiastic about the benefits to our town from the Wanaka Show.

Tony will speak on his career, current issues facing the farming community, and the Wanaka Show.



## A Word from the President



Please ensure that you have the date of the 27<sup>th</sup> May registered in your Calendar, for that is when we hold our Annual General Meeting, and we need a good attendance to provide a Quorum. Emeritus Professor Russell Bishop has been asked to talk to us after that AGM, so it will be a rewarding afternoon.

Secondly, our protective bubble with Australia is "ruptured" or whatever the process is when tourists enter Central Otago via Queenstown from next weekend. There is anxiety that this is occurring when we have been Covid-free but still vulnerable. Hopefully we will be offered vaccination with the Pfizer vaccine, and us "oldies" will be given some priority. There are concerns about efficacy against some of the newer strains of the coronavirus, and the uncertainty of how effective any vaccine is when administered to older people, but international experiences are encouraging. I urge you to seriously consider the option when vaccination is offered.

Allan B MacLEAN

## Mt Aspiring Station visit on 24 March



We had a great afternoon visiting Mt Aspiring Station and Raspberry Creek Hut: the weather favoured us, and our hosts Randall and Alison left us with the feeling of real hope for the future of the area, being fourth generation members of the Aspinall family managing the farm, the environment, and their engagement with the wider local community. We came away with a better understanding of the complexity of their task, huge respect for their values and commitment, and awe at the magnificent afternoon tea prepared for us.







*Mt Aspiring Station: Photography: Russell McGeorge*

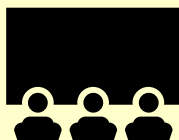
**Notice Board**

27 May  
24 June

Annual General Meeting, St John meeting room  
St John meeting room

**Study Groups**

**Movie Group**



The movie group continues its busy schedule and has already seen a variety of good films this year. Below is a recent review:

## ***Botticelli***

It's been a pleasure to be able to see documentaries on famous artists and art museums when we cannot travel to see them ourselves, and this one covering the early Renaissance artist, Botticelli (1445-1510), was no exception.

The Renaissance Florence of Lorenzo de' Medici was a period of art, culture, and endless beauty co-existing with the dark side of the city – made up of power struggles, intrigue and violence. Botticelli was able to capture all this beauty and creativity under the patronage of the powerful ruler and the film gave us some wonderful scenery shots of Florence and its surrounds.

Two of his paintings, Primavera and The Birth of Venus, are well known – but after a turbulent era, Botticelli died unknown and a pauper. His rediscovery was during the pre-Raphael period when his work was reappraised. And many of us will recognise Andy Warhol's images of Botticelli's Venus which he painted in vibrant luminous colours.

The film allowed us to understand the genius of his art works – and I recommend this film to you.

## **Members' Forum**

This is a section devoted to contributions from members: these are personal opinions and in no way reflect the views of, or are endorsed by, the Mt Aspiring U3A. Contributions are limited to 200 words.

Another stunning photo on the subject of cloud formations:



*Tutu clouds around Ohau mountains, Sandra Binney*

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