

U3A Christchurch Central


“University of the Third Age”


Newsletter 6 – 9 November 2020

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Final Session – Tuesday 24 November

	<p>Speaker/performer: Tom Rainey ONZM</p> <p><u>“London, this is Lyttelton...”: Recording a No. 1 Album in Lockdown</u></p> <p>Although much of the world has faced huge restrictions during the Covid lockdowns this year, some activity has been able to continue, thanks to NZ’s relative freedoms and clever technology.</p> <p>Over this time, Tom Rainey assisted award-winning Lyttelton producer, Ian Tilley, arrange, conduct, record and produce albums for UK singers Russell Watson and Aled Jones, with Russell’s album “20” recently reaching No. 1 in the UK classical charts. This is a rare glimpse into this fascinating process, including arranging for orchestra, mixing and recording live over 20,000 km.</p>
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	<p>Session Organiser: Julie Cunningham</p> <p>Music is an essential part of Julie’s life. Her musical interests include jazz and opera, and throughout her life she has performed in amateur drama and sung in choirs. Her work in broadcasting included musical programmes, and during that time she met many local and overseas performers.</p>
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This session will be followed by the final social gathering of the year – a potluck finger-food lunch.

This will be held in the foyer of the Art Gallery. We would like everyone to bring a smallish plate of tasty finger-food – sweet or savoury. Couples need only bring one plate. Tea and coffee will be available. Please bring your own reusable cup.

Advance Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our fourth Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 February, 2021 at 10.30 am**. A formal notice will be sent to you in the January Newsletter along with a copy of the Constitution. A nomination form for officers and committee members will also be emailed at this time for anyone interested in joining the committee in 2021 or nominating committee members.

The U3A Christchurch Central Committee are currently organising a very interesting speaker who will present following the Annual General Meeting.

Current U3A Christchurch Central committee

Co-President	Rosemary Du Plessis*	Committee	
Co-President	Dru Mason*	Shona Anderson	Josie Laing*
Secretary	Sue Allard	Rosemary Smart	Kristi Gray*
Membership	Joan Hazlehurst	Yvonne Ekdahl	
Treasurer	Maxine McCauley		<i>*Will not be standing in 2021</i>

Rosemary Du Plessis will stay on the committee in 2021 as past-president. Dru Mason will be relocating to Nelson in the first quarter of 2021.

2021 Course dates

<i>AGM</i>	<i>February 9</i>	
<i>Course 1</i>	<i>February 16 – March 2</i>	<i>Getting to Know You</i>
<i>Course 2</i>	<i>March 16 – April 6</i>	<i>Food and Health</i>
<i>Course 3</i>	<i>April 27 – May 18</i>	<i>Financial Matters</i>
<i>Course 4</i>	<i>June 1 – June 29</i>	<i>Potpourri</i>
<i>Course 5</i>	<i>July 20 – August 10</i>	<i>Ngai Tahu 2 – Future Visions</i>
<i>Course 6</i>	<i>August 31 – September 28</i>	<i>World Issues</i>
<i>Course 7</i>	<i>October 19 – November 16</i>	<i>Potpourri</i>
<i>Final session</i>	<i>November 23</i>	
<i>Spring lunch – September 21</i>		

Change of contact details and resignations

If any of your details have changed, such as your email address or phone number, please contact the Membership Co-ordinator, Joan Hazlehurst at u3achchcentral@gmail.com

If you no longer wish to remain a member of U3A Christchurch Central, please send your resignation to the Membership Co-ordinator, Joan Hazlehurst at u3achchcentral@gmail.com. We would appreciate your cooperation as we have over 50 people on our waiting list. Health and Safety regulations require that we do not exceed the seating capacity of the auditorium at any session. Since not all members attend every meeting, we always have empty seats at the sessions.

Reminder About U3A Christchurch Central Websites

We have a webpage on the **U3A Network Canterbury website** and a webpage in the **U3A NZ Directory**.

U3A Network Canterbury website: <https://www.u3anetcant.nz/central/>

Click on **Find Current Updates in the NZ Directory** and our webpage on the U3A NZ Directory should come up. The webpage on the **U3A NZ Directory** site has more detail – including information about interest groups, the latest newsletters, and pdfs of some presentations. We request pdfs of PowerPoint presentations from all our speakers, but in some cases, these have not been provided. Some browsers may just take you to the U3A NZ home page. Click on 'Find a U3A' at the top of this page, scroll down to U3A Christchurch Central (near the bottom of the third column), open the page and access current branch information.

End-of-year message from Co-Presidents

2020 has been a challenging year for U3A Christchurch Central members, for your committee, for Christchurch, for New Zealand and the world. We regret that we had to discontinue Course 2 due to New Zealand moving to Alert Level 4 in March, but we greatly appreciated some presenters being prepared to have their presentations uploaded on the website or presented later in the year. It was wonderful to return to the Christchurch Art Gallery | Te Puna o Waiwhetū for four of the five weeks of Course 3 and to find a home at Aldersgate Centre on Durham Street for three of the five weeks of Course 4. We are delighted that so many members have continued to attend on Tuesday mornings, despite changes in venue and rescheduling of presentations. It was also encouraging to have so many attending the Spring Lunch and to hear the lively buzz of conversation as members met informally.

Despite finding the start of our two-year term as co-presidents quite challenging, we have enjoyed working with one another and the committee. We encourage other members to consider being nominated for the committee or taking on other responsibilities in 2021. U3A Christchurch Central works because of the efforts of many people, including our course organisers and speakers. They make it possible for us to go on learning about things that interest us, and also to surprise us with fascinating talks about things we didn't realise were so intriguing. Members have an impressive array of experience and expertise which we hope can be shared in Getting to Know You talks, and tapped into for advice and input into courses in 2021.

Very best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and New Year!

Rosemary & Dru