

Hi,

Its pleasing that we will be able to meet again this month. I hope you have all coped with lock down well. **Covid 19 Level 2 conditions will apply.**

I am pleased to let you know that Canterbury District Commander Police Superintendent John Price will be with us at an extra meeting we will hold on 3rd of December 21. This meeting will have a Christmas theme with the talk on "Communications and Demand Timelines for Emergency events".

September Meeting:

Date: 8th October 2021

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield

Time: 10am (There will be no cuppa, so the meeting will start at 10:15am with member's announcements followed by the speaker who will have a little more time this month.)

Topic: From Persia to Iran -Extensive lands have come under the sway of the Persian Empire throughout history, but the heartland of the Persian Culture and Indo-European language is Fars in the mountainous region of Iran, the historic name derived from the "Aryan" root. The Persian Empire stood at the crossroads of the great Silk Routes from China, and trade in luxury goods brought wealth to Persia. Rivalry with Byzantine, Ottoman and European Empires has shaped the history of Iran, while the nation values its heritage within the framework of a modern state in the 21st century.

Speaker: Frieda Looser who had an MA(Hons) in History and is the author of "Fendall's Legacy, a history of Fendalton and Northwest Christchurch". She is a Senior Tutor in the History Department of Canterbury University. Frieda was a contributor to the University's Community Education Programme from 1998 to 2012, offering a wide range of courses in European New Zealand and Canterbury history. She has founded her own business and teaches history courses, leads overseas study tours and offers talks to community groups.

Note: Frieda's term 4 programme is attached.

Programme for rest of 2021

November 5th 2021 Sue Bagshaw has agreed to speak on Youth of Tomorrow. Note the date change to 1st Friday of the month as the 2nd Friday is Show Day.

December 3rd 2021 Communications and Demand Timelines for Emergency events will be presented by Canterbury District Commander Police Superintendent John Price who was honoured with the ONZM will speak on communications and demand timelines for the Mosque shootings and various earthquakes. Please note this will be on the first Friday of the month due to the speaker's commitments.

Note: The committee has finalised the speakers for 2022 and will present the programme before the end of 2021.

Attendance Notice

Attendance at Darfield Baptist Church in October 2021 for U3A meetings will be in accordance with common Covid-19 practice at level 2. Attendees will need to sign in with the Covid app and register their presence by telling the people on the desk. Remember to bring your name tags! New Attendees will be asked for their name, email, and phone number.

Financial members who have paid a sub since the last meeting will be able to collect name tags from the entry table.

We will ensure well-spaced seating and masks will be worn by all members of the committee and may also be worn by attendees. Anyone who is unwell is encouraged to stay at home and that is the same if you feel uncomfortable about being in crowds at this time.

Subscriptions

This year's subscription from AGM 2021 to AGM 2022 is set at \$25 and is payable online, or in a cash deposit at Kiwi Bank, or on a meeting day to the treasurer. We would appreciate it if you could pay by the end of October 2021. Those who are not financial are casual attendees and will be asked for a koha per meeting until joining.

Bank Account with Kiwi Bank

Account Name: U3A Malvern

Account number: 38 9022 0205868 00

When paying subs please include a name so we can identify the payee. This is especially important if you are paying for more than one person. Those who were not members in the last financial year will get a name tag at the next meeting.

Special Interest Groups

We have the following groups operating and will start a waiting list for those groups that are full so contact the Group leaders to register your interest. Note: Meetings are dependent on being in Level 2/1.

Mahjong. Members are very active meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month with Susan Baldwin tutoring. There is some interest in starting a second group. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. Contact Ruth Warren: rwifwarren@gmail.com

Current Affairs 12 members meeting on 4th Monday of the month. Interesting discussions on elections, economic recovery etc. A topic is set at each meeting so members can research for the next meeting. Contact Ian Warren: rwifwarren@gmail.com

NZ and Local History.

The group of 10 had a successful trip to the Ashburton Aviation Museum in September. Thanks to Paul Jarman.



Manned and Unmanned Aircraft



Soviet Space ball from failed Venus shot which landed in Canterbury.



Ashburton Aviation M
What is this?

The pictures show some of the group at the Museum.

We will be continuing our Railway theme in October, with a Railways sites of interest trip in November. Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcoplund@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. Up to 7 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. Contact Margaret Copland: coplalex@snap.net.nz



Ashburton Aviation Museum visit

Jim Copland and Judith Pascoe are keen to hear from you with ideas for **new topics for interest groups**. There will be a box to post ideas in at each meeting.

For Jim Phone 03 318-1712 or email adjimcopland@gmail.com and Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you at our October meeting.

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