



Hi,
A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all. I hope the holiday season treats you well with lots of family contact and plenty of outings. We hope to see you at our interesting meetings next year.

It was great to see so many there for our extra meeting in December. The Christmas morning tea allowed members to finally have a chat with each other. John Price gave a very informative

talk on origins of the Police and led into dealing with disasters and present-day policing. Members had many questions and were happy to let the speaker go for longer than usual. A great session to end 2021 on.

The generous donations to the Foodbank were much appreciated. Many thanks.

Thanks also to members for being prepared to show vaccine passes with little fuss. We will continue with this into next year.

February 2022 Meeting:

Date: 11th February 2022

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield.

Time: 10am (Cuppa, then members announcements followed by the speaker).

Topic: The magic of DNA.

Speaker: The talk will be presented by Fiona Brooker. Fiona is a professional genealogist who has been actively researching her family history for over 30 years

Attendance Notice

Attendance at Darfield Baptist Church in 2022 for U3A meetings will be in accordance with current Covid-19 practice. *As we normally have more than 50 people, under the "traffic light" system we will need to ask for vaccine passes.* Remember to bring your pass. You can get one online, by phoning the 0800 222 478 or going to a vaccinating chemist (our nearest is in West Melton).

Attendees will need to sign in with the Covid app and register their presence by telling the people on the desk who can also view the vaccine pass or exemption.

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.



Programme from February to December 2022.

March 11th 2022	Forensic Anthropology	Dr Rachel Scott
April 8th 2022	Braided Rivers –	Duncan Gray, Scientist from ECAN
	The current state of braided rivers in Canterbury presents a management conundrum and forces consideration of what society considers important.	
May 13th 2022	China's Achilles Heel -Environmental Issues	Alan Blackburn
June 10th 2022	Matariki	Tahi Roberts
July 8th 2022	Vitamin C in Human Disease	Anitra Carr
August 12th 2022	Suffragists in Selwyn	Lynda Seaton
September 9th 2022	Chatham Islands and Moriori History	Frieda Looser
October 14th 2022	Guardians of the Future	Suky Thompson
November 4th 2022	Malvern Hills Geology	Prof James Shulmeister

Subscriptions

The 2021-2022 subscription runs until the AGM in May 2022 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 an appropriate Covid 19 level. Most groups are now finished for 2020.

Mahjong. Members are very active meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. As the group is at 10 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 9 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

Local and NZ History.

Meetings have now finished for 2021 but a programme for next year is being worked on. Thank you to those who attended making for an interesting year. Please note that access to the Selwyn Library database of Genealogy will be switched off on 31 December 2021. Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. With 5-6 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. The group uses mixed media to assist with language and are progressing well. Contact Margaret Copland: coplalex@snap.net.nz

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 in 2022.

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