

Hi,
Frieda's talk on the Chatham Islands was a fascinating look at the up-to-date version of the history of this area. We all seemed to learn something we had not been aware of before.

October 2022 Meeting:

Date: 14th October 2022

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

Time: 10am (There will be a cuppa, so the session will start at 10:15am with member's announcements followed by the speaker).



Topic: Building Environmental Guardians Using Sustainable Long-Distance Trails

Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust shot into the headlines earlier this year with its fundraising campaign to purchase Te Ahu Pātiki - an iconic landscape above Lyttelton Harbour including the two highest peaks on the Peninsula – Mt Herbert and Mt Bradley. A new conservation park is now underway protecting public access to the summits and a huge area of regenerating forest in between. Suky will introduce the Trust, tell you about its ambitious Te Ara Pātaka track project to create a tramping and cycling track from Christchurch to Akaroa, and update you on legacy it is now creating for future generations through Te Ahu Pātiki Park.

Speaker: Suky Thompson -Manager of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Suky has managed the Rod Donald Trust for the past 10 years, from its infancy as a new start-up to a major change-maker on Banks Peninsula. Suky is passionate about the Trust's goals to create more public access and protect native biodiversity on the Peninsula and proud of its achievements. When not behind the computer or out and about for the Trust, she enjoys being an active member of the Akaroa community in Akaroa and enjoying some down time in the vegetable garden.

Attendance Notice

Attendance at Darfield Baptist Church in 2022 for U3A meetings will be in accordance with current Covid-19 practice.

Attendees will need to register their presence by telling the people on the desk.

We will ensure well-spaced seating and masks can still be worn while in the meeting. 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 November and December 2022.

November 4th 2022 Malvern Hills Geology Prof James Shulmeister

December 2nd 2022 Forensic Anthropology Dr Rachel Scott

Subscriptions

The subscription year starts on 1st April 2022. New members who paid after 31st December 2021 and before 1st April 2022 will have valid membership until 31st March 2023.

The subscription will remain at \$25 for the 2022 – 2023 year and is due from 1st April 2022. Those who are not financial members 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.

Mahjong. 9 members are meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from June. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. Contact Ruth Warren:
rwifwarren@gmail.com

Current Affairs 7 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 are on the 4th Wednesday of the month for 2022.
Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. With 5 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. The group uses mixed media to assist with language and are progressing well. Current focus is on using the vocabulary we have learnt and the grammar points to form sentences. Contact Margaret Copland:
coplalex@snap.net.nz

Judith Pascoe is 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 Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting this month.

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