



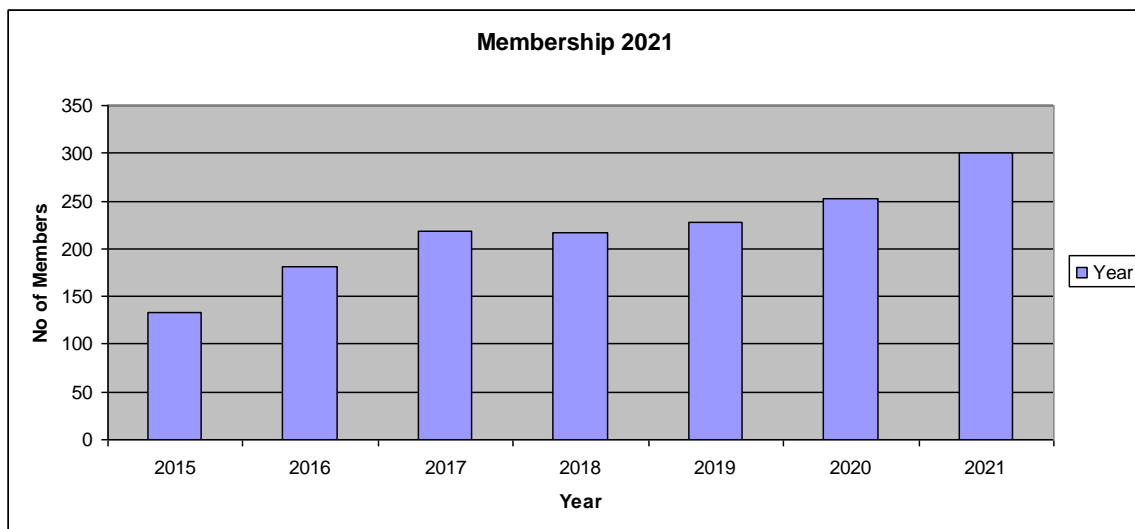
Christchurch North West

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

We started the year optimistically anticipating that this would be a better year than 2020. It was until Covid struck again and we were forced into lockdown Level 2 in September. This resulted in the cancellation of monthly meetings from October-November. The Committee decided it was too complex to manage the Covid rules of a maximum number of 100, social distancing and food restrictions. The recent move to orange on the ‘traffic light’ system means we are able to hold a final meeting in December.

The Annual General Meeting is normally held in November. Because this didn’t happen the committee decided to roll over and hold an election of officers in February 2022. It was also decided to reduce the subscription to \$20 for 2022 as a compensation for meetings missed in 2021. **Because of covid restrictions only those fully vaccinated (or with an official exemption certificate) are able to enter the Papanui Baptist Church.** This may be a consideration for some when deciding to renew their membership.

MEMBERSHIP



As can be seen above, under the astute care of Membership Co-ordinator, Jan Need our membership has now reached capacity at 300. Consequently we have capped the membership and have a waiting list. (Go to our website <https://christchurchnwu3a.co.nz> – [contact us – membership](#) if you wish to help someone register). It is regretted that the large number of members who joined in the second half of the year weren’t able to experience a full programme.

COMMITTEE 2021

President	Judith Millar
Secretary	Hannie de Beer
Treasurer	Cherie Wood
Programme Co-ordinator	Anne Ny
Interest Group Co-ordinator	Brendan Ross
Membership Co-ordinator	Jan Need
Members Name Labels	Glenys Aitken
Excursion Co-ordinator	Ann Dupuis
Website Administrator	Gillian Harris

SPEAKING PROGRAMME 2021

Thanks to Anne Ny who has managed the speakers' programme through difficult times. We had two meetings in March, one to make up for missing the February meeting owing to covid. Another lockdown in September derailed three monthly meetings. Until then we enjoyed a quality speaking programme and thank Anne for her conscientious work in sourcing a range of interesting speakers on varying topics.

March	Prof Jo Boden, "University of Otago, Longitudinal Health & Development Study"
March	Amanda Millar, "40 Years of story telling and change in the media"
April	Dr Paul Spoonley, "NZ in a Covid World: A Very Different Demographic Future"
May	Phillip Aldridge, "Where to next for the Arts Centre"
June	Angela Kearney, "My Work with UNICEF"
July	Dr Colin Meurk, "Christchurch 360 Trail and development of the green corridor through the red zone"

EXCURSIONS

Under the able leadership of Ann Dupuis a variety of excursions was held this year. Ann brought creativity to the role so it was really disappointing that the programme was cut short because of covid. However Ann still has lots of exciting ideas up her sleeve for 2022. Members value and appreciate the rich dimension excursions add to our programme. Thank you Ann for the time and effort you dedicate to this job.

Excursion programme 2021

March	Iron Ridge Quarry, Amberley
April	Barbadoes Street Cemetery
May 26/27	City Urban Walks, Salt District
June	Volunteer Week – 0800 Hungry
July	Mid Winter lunch, Old Vicarage Restaurant, Halswell

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Group Co-ordinator, Brendan Ross, worked with Interest Group Convenors until his departure for Australia in August. We hope to welcome Brendan back in 2022. My thanks to all Convenors who play a vital role. Frequently members comment that their participation in an interest group provides them with fun and friendship which makes U3A an important aspect of their life. A separate report from Interest Group Convenor is attached to this report.

INTEREST GROUPS

Book Sharing
Book Club
Craft
Creative Writing
Cycling
Epicureans
Film
History
Little Garden
Mahjong
Travel
Walking

CONVENOR

Adrienne Parton
Elizabeth Christie
Lorraine Coker
Sue Bickerstaff
Ros Smith
Margo Donaldson
Jo Bowley
Neville Fagerlund, Paul O'Connor
Shona Olykan
Gloria Gibb
Shona Olykan/Mary Palmer
Gillian Harris, Bev Orchard

THANKS

As you can see from the above, many people contribute to the successful operation of U3A Christchurch North West. We are fortunate to have a hard working committee who work conscientiously to ensure we have a full, interesting programme with well run monthly meetings. I thank them all for sharing their time and talents so generously. A special thanks to Margaret Shearer, the previous secretary who moved to Lincoln. We are really fortunate that Hannie de Beer, a relatively new member, stepped in. She is a whizz in the role.

I also acknowledge and thank the members who operate the sound desk at meetings; Ian Orchard, Bob Closey and Richard Rendle (who also doubles as our resident singer on occasions adding cheer before meetings). Bev Orchard organises the morning teas with a small group of volunteers. This is such an important part of our meetings – the opportunity to meet and greet and invariably to make unexpected contact with people we knew in the past.

Let's hope we look forward to an uninterrupted year in 2022. What is clear is that we don't know what is around the corner, all the more reason to make the most of each day.
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