



Christchurch North West

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Our first meeting for the 2021/22 financial year was our Christmas meeting in December. It was a great event as we had missed the two previous months because of covid. So it was an especially cheerful meeting with Dr Bruce Chapman, Gastroenterologist at the Christchurch Public Hospital both amusing and informing us on "Life on the Inside: Top and Bottom." A Christmas celebration morning followed.

In 2022 we had a late, again because of covid, with the first meeting not until April. Since then we have had an uninterrupted programme which has been a huge relief all round.

The Annual General Meeting is normally held in November. Because this didn't happen in 2021, the committee rolled over and continued for 2022. It was also decided to reduce the subscription to \$20 for 2022 as a compensation for meetings missed in 2021.

COMMITTEE 2022

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/Caroline Masters
Excursion Co-ordinator	Ann Dupuis
Website Administrator	Gillian Harris

MEMBERSHIP

During the year membership reached 300 at which it was capped and a waiting list established. Thanks to Jan Need who manages the membership list and also organizing three new member morning teas during the year. These are a popular activity in our programme, always well attended. Members learn a little about our U3A as well as meeting other new comers.

SPEAKING PROGRAMME 2022

Thanks to Anne Ny who has managed the speakers' programme through difficult times. There was a four month gap from December 2021 until April 2022 until we were able to meet again post covid. We had two meetings in May, the extra one as a catch-up. In lieu of an AGM, the committee decided to reduce the subscription for 2022 to \$20 as compensation for missing a meeting.

Dec 2021	Dr Bruce Chapmen - "Life on the Inside: Top and Bottom:"
April 2022	Dr Peter Field - "Life Post Trump"
May	Eric Pawson, "The New Biological Economy"
May	John Rogers, - The Trans-Atlantic Expedition- Shackelton's Heroic Failure"
June	Abbas Nazari - , "After the Tampa: from Afghanistan to New Zealand"
July	Conan Fee, ""The Art & Science of Perfume Making"
August	Barbara Finlayson," "Life in the military - Career changes in later life"
September	John Pickering, "A Scientist in Medicine - A journey from lasers & Birthmarks to machine learning & heart attacks"
October	Garry Moore, "The Proposed Government's 3 Waters Reform: Will they lead to unintended consequences?"
November	Richard Rendle, "Salt: Hero to Zero to Villain"

EXCURSIONS

Under the able leadership of Ann Dupuis several excursions have been held this year.. Excursions are a highlight of our programme . Thank you Ann for the time and effort you have dedicated to this job over the past two years. Your contribution is greatly appreciated as members have fully supported a range of different activities. A separate Excursions report is attached.

Excursion programme 2022

March	"Armchair excursions" - members sharing suggestions for places to visit.
April	Travis Wetland
May	Ribblesdale Gardens, Oxford
June	Volunteer Week – 0800 Hungry
July	Faranzi Perfumery at the Arts Centre
August	Christchurch Art Gallery
October	Ilam Gardens

ATTENDANCE

Thanks to Caroline Masters who manages the name labels board and keeps a record of attendance. The average attendance at monthly meetings is 130. The most well-attended was in December 2021, our first meeting together for four months when 173 people came, showing the joy and relief of being allowed to mingle again, albeit with masks. In July our lowest attendance was recorded at 77, a reflection of the cold winter and school holidays. We have capped the membership at 300 so there is currently a waiting list.

INTEREST GROUPS

It was good to welcome Brendan back from Australia in 2022. He has kept the Interest Group programme ticking along with the help all the Convenors. Any member can initiate an interest group – if you have an interest you would like to share with others speak to Brendan about getting started. It is worth noting that interest groups don't have to last forever – they can be for however long it suits the convenor. All U3A activity is member driven so this is a good way to become involved.

See the separate report from Interest Group Convenors is attached.

INTEREST GROUPS**CONVENOR**

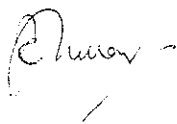
Book Sharing	Adrienne Parton
Book Club.....	Elizabeth Christie
Craft	Loraine Coker
Friday Free Wheelers Cycling.....	Ros Smith
Epicureans.....	Colin King/Pam Andrew
Film.....	Jo Bowley
History	Neville Fagerlund, Paul O'Connor
Little Garden.....	Shona Olykan
Mahjong.....	Shona Olykan
Walking.....	Gillian Harris, Bev Orchard

We acknowledge with sadness the passing of Margo Donaldson in March. Margo was the convenor of the Epicureans interest group for years, staying in touch with members by phone. Margo made a great contribution to U3A Christchurch North West with her selfless service. Thank you to Colin King and Pam Andrew for jointly keeping this group going.

THANKS

Many people contribute to the successful operation of U3A Christchurch North West. We are fortunate to have a committee that works conscientiously to ensure we run an effective branch, aiming to meet the needs of members. A special thanks to Hannie de Beer who filled the role of secretary for this year. Hannie's service has been much appreciated.

I also acknowledge and thank the members who operate the sound desk at meetings; Ian Orchard, Bob Closey and Penny Prestidge. They do a great job of ensuring the audio/visual technology is functioning. Bev Orchard has organised the morning teas at the monthly meetings for several years, helped by Marian Clark, Jeni Lane and Gillian Harris on standby. Bev is relinquishing the position this year so a vacancy exists for someone to take over this role. Our thanks to Bev for the wonderful service she has given to U3A Christchurch North West with her superb catering skills. The social aspect is 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.



Judith Millar
 President
 U3A Christchurch North West
 November 2022