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**Series 3 2009** 

# SOME ISSUES WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN NEW ZEALAND

Dates: Wednesday, XOctober - Wednesday, 18 November 2009

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Venue: Salmond College, Knox Street, North East Valley

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 40

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Donald Feist (476 3268

Course Assistant: Sue Cathro (467 5474)

You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 12 August 2009, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 21 August.

Any questions about courses after 21 August should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

### Some Issues with Criminal Justice in New Zealand

#### A Discussion Course

Possibly more than ever before, New Zealanders have recently been expressing opinions that various elements of our criminal justice system have sometimes got it wrong. The police, prosecutors, expert witnesses, defence counsel, juries - they've all come in for publicly expressed criticism at times. But specific suggestions of what we might do that would be better have not been so common.

Each session of this course will be introduced with a short case study presented by one or two experts in a particular field. Most of the time will then be devoted to questions and discussion. Professor Mark Henaghan will be in the chair. To facilitate discussion, course numbers are limited to 40.

### The Programme

October 14 The forensic process

- Len Andersen - Barrister and lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Otago

October 21 Police Powers to investigate and arrest

- Sgt. Christopher George - NZ Police

October 28 The decision to prosecute and what prosecutors do

- Craig Power, Barrister

November 4 The role of the defence lawyer

- John Westgate, Barrister

November 11 What evidence is allowed and what is not -

- Assoc. Prof. Donna Buckingham,
Faculty of Law, University of Otago

- Stephen Smith, Faculty of Law, University of Otago

November 18 The role of the jury

- Prof. Mark Henaghan, Faculty of Law, University of Otago

- Caryl O'Connor, Dunedin Community Law Centre