2020 Zoom Lecture Series

Title Series One: What We Missed and More

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Dates Thursday 18 June – 23 July 2020

Time 2-3 pm

Venue On the internet as a Zoom meeting

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Course Fee Free to any member

This course includes the three talks from The Otago Peninsula course and one talk from Future Choices that we were unable to present in March/April. It also includes a talk on cannabis reform from the very popular "Delivering Justice" course, and a new talk on cosmic geology by an eminent University of Otago graduate.

How to join one or more of these lectures

Several days before each scheduled lecture, an email will be sent to all U3A Dunedin members with details of the web address and meeting password required to access that particular Zoom lecture.

To avoid overcrowding the screen, your audio and video will be turned off during the lecture. You will see and hear the speaker, but the speaker won't see or hear you. Written questions can still be submitted via the Zoom "Chat" function.

If possible, a recording of each Zoom lecture will be made available through the U3A Dunedin website for later viewing.

Please contact the Programme Secretary courses@u3adunedin.org.nz, phone 467 2594 with any queries.

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18 June Otago Peninsula: the land and novel models for its management

The geology of the Peninsula, and Hereweka, The Harbour Cone Trust, a novel form of land management.

-Neville Peat MNZM, author, photographer, conservationist.

25 June The botany of the Peninsula

-Dr Peter Johnson, a botanist who lives on the Peninsula among 410 native plants and 354 weedy ones; he has stories to tell of the vegetation past and present.

2 July A better way? Exploring health-focused responses to criminal offending

-Tuari Potiki is currently the Director of Maori Development at the University of Otago and Chair of the NZ Drug Foundation. He strongly believes we should stop criminalising people with addictions and advocates for health-based solutions.

9 July Otago Peninsula, wild life capital of New Zealand, half a millennium of history and change

The history of Māori on the Otago Peninsula; Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou – current management and activities. The Otago Peninsula – "Our Treasured Backyard", wildlife management, pest control, education and the impacts of climate change.

-Hoani Langsbury BSc PGDipSci, Kai Tahu, Manager Ecotourism Otago Peninsula Trust, Chair Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group, Trustee of Wild Dunedin, Predator Free Dunedin & Yellow-eyed Penguin Trusts.

16 July Comet dust and asteroid rubble – what remote recovery of samples tells us about the origins of the solar system

-Trevor Ireland (a University of Otago graduate) is a Professor at the Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, and leader of the SHRIMP (sensitive high mass-resolution ion microprobe) programme for dating of geological samples.

23 July Planning ahead

-Peter Ashworth, a principal of New Zealand Funds Management Ltd.