

U3A Dunedin

Summary Report: Series 3 Courses 2019

Course Title	Convenor	Enrolments	Average Session Attendance	Evaluations Returned	Course Ratings			
					Very Interesting	Generally Interesting	Sometimes Interesting	Not so Interesting
Aspects of Nanotechnology	Barrie Peake	70	91%	40 (57%)	75%	20%	5%	
For Our Future. Otago Regional Council	Gretchen Kivell	62	89%	29 (47%)	69%	14%	17%	
Garden & Landscaping	Jane Higham	100	88% +	47 (47%)	40%	51%	9%	
Urban Design	Alan Jackson	87	84%	66 (57%)	75%	23%		2%
Philosophy at Otago	Doug Holborow	78	79%	41 (53%)	54%	27%	13%	6%
Every Picture Tells a Story	Jeanette Leigh	135	82%	63 (47%)	87% *	13%		
Summations		532	85%	51%	67%	25%	7%	1%

+ Does not include visit to Botanic Gardens. Approx. 60% attended this.

* Exemplary –Over 85 percent say very interesting

Comments on courses *Was there anything about the courses that members especially liked or disliked, or could have been improved?*

The following examples of members' feedback sum up the courses:

Aspects of Nanotechnology: A rich variety of presenters who were mostly excellent. They obviously simplified their material for a non-specialist audience but not patronisingly dumbed down to a low level.

Otago Regional Council: A wonderfully interesting, well-structured and most ably presented course. Talented, clever, highly qualified speakers. Changed my views and impressions of the role of the ORC. Learned a lot and will now be much more interested when reading ORC articles. Thought ORC rates were on the high side – but I've changed my mind now that I know the extensive roles and responsibilities.

Gardening & Landscape Design: Some liked it all, others were disappointed, some criticised some speakers, others really enjoyed everyone. Visit to the Botanic Gardens went well.

Urban Design: Most impressed with entire course. First class speakers. Well researched & presented. Inspirational & fascinating. Particularly liked the range of topics by speakers from different backgrounds and fields of knowledge and expertise.

Philosophy: Speakers engaging and knowledgeable. Philosophy is not easy, but it is good to be challenged to think. It certainly stretched my mind. I really began to understand what philosophy all is about. An enjoyable challenge. Speakers excellent for someone who had no idea about philosophy.

Every Picture Tells a Story: Excellent course of a very high standard. Interesting, informative, extremely well researched. Very well presented. Many beautiful images shown and discussed.

U3A Dunedin *Suggestions on how courses are organised and run, the venues, or any other matters concerning U3A Dunedin.*

Members' feedback was invariably appreciative and commendatory of the way the courses were convened and managed. Points raised in convenor's individual reports about the venues are worthy of the Programme Committee's consideration.

Suggestions for future courses

See summary compiled by Lloyd Smith

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