



# Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The commemoration of the University's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is to be marked with a gift of \$50 000 to establish a scholarship for a mature student. That amount of money, invested by University along with their other funds, will yield around \$3000 per year in perpetuity. The scholarship terms are being worked through by the Board and University and when our term deposits mature, we will finalise that donation. We are distributing \$70 000 in total. The other \$20 000 will likely go to a community project and details of that are being discussed.

The Archives working Party had a busy Christmas break (U3A never sleeps) and have now sorted all the paper records ready for depositing with The Hocken. They will be accessible if anyone wishes to consult them in future.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Salmond College. Everyone will have had the Agenda (with the names of members who are standing for the Board in 2019-2020) and also an invitation to the luncheon – it might need to be emphasised that these are two separate events and members can attend either one or both as they wish. The new lanyards to hold our name tags will be available (a swap for your old name badge) if you wish. No compulsion – so long as you wear a U3A name badge that's what matters. Other AGM papers are on the web site – please print your own and bring them along if you wish to refer to them at the meeting.

Please let the Board Secretary (Marion Potter ([mw.potter42@gmail.com](mailto:mw.potter42@gmail.com)) or 453 4721) have apologies for the AGM and any bookings for the luncheon.

New members have been sent an insert for their name badge and if that is brought to either the AGM or the first meeting of the new Series, a lanyard will be provided. Anyone who needs a new insert for their name badge, e-mail the Membership Secretary (Lynda Jackson ([jacksolynz2003@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jacksolynz2003@yahoo.co.nz) or 473 6947) and she will e-mail you a new one.

Payment for Series 1 courses has been made easier by the Pay-on-Line system POLi. This is the same system as used by Air New Zealand, The Land Transport Authority and The Warehouse – so members can be confident of its security.

When the new courses start, you will remember that we are making leaving an apology for absence much easier. You write on the attendance roll at the registration desk an "Apol" in advance for a planned absence, and if you miss a lecture, write an "Apol" by your name for the one you missed. This will save you time ringing course convenors with apologies.

At the end of Series 1 courses, the course feedback will be available either on paper, as now, or on-line. More details of that at the courses.

In all these ways we are trying to make U3A better for our members.

*Alan Jackson*  
*Chair 2018-2019*