



Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

9th September 2019

It is still that time of year when many of our members are overseas, and the Board members are of course part of that. To ensure that we have enough Board members available to carry out the business of U3A Dunedin, I shall move a motion at the next AGM that the number of members on the Board be increased from a maximum of 14 to a maximum of 16. We have a much bigger organisation now than in the day when 14 people could do all the tasks.

Membership renewals will begin from the start of November and to simplify that process for many members we plan to enable payments on-line (POLi) just as with course enrolment payments.

On-line payments suit a significant number of our membership and as reported in the last Letter from the Chair, the number of on-line end of course feedback comments was far higher than paper feedback. We will continue with that process at the end of this series when an e-mail will be sent to all people who have enrolled for courses seeking comment on the course etc. People who enrolled late or swapped their course should use a paper feedback form in the traditional way, but please don't take a paper feedback form unless you have a need to complete it.

Many of our Presenters allow us to place their slides on the web site after the lecture. To see the slides: Log in as a member, look at "Courses and Resources" in the left hand column of the web page, click on that link to go to the list of courses in the current series, and you will see (in green) "Associated documents for F" (or whatever the letter is appropriate to the course you are taking). Clicking on the green text will take you to a list of the different lectures for which resources are available. Not all lecturers provide us with the slides – please regard it as a bonus if you find them there. These notes are **ONLY FOR USE BY U3A DUNEDIN MEMNBERS** – not to be copied or otherwise distributed for fear of copyright infringement. To see what is available for a course you took in the last series, look at the far right of the web page and you will see (in blue) "Details of past courses". Following that link will take you on quite a journey.

Following Series 2 courses, the Board is pleased to have made donations of \$1000 to the Malcam Trust, and the Mirror Trust and \$500 to the University Department of Music and Performing Arts.

The Discussion Groups are gathering more momentum and there are around 100 U3A Dunedin members involved in these groups as well as the traditional Three Series. This is most encouraging and Ngaire Bates and her team are always pleased to hear from people who are interested in joining or starting a new activity – typically they meet once each month to suit the members of the group.

The Programme Committee is busy finalising plans for Series 1 2020, and is well underway with plans for Series 2 2020. The comments members make in the end-of-course feedback help us to provide the courses that you have asked for. The running of U3A Dunedin never sleeps.

Alan Jackson
Chair 2018-2020