



# Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

I do hope that this letter finds you as well as you can reasonably hope to be and taking all care to avoid this nasty virus. Well educated, experienced and highly motivated people such as those who are members of U3A Dunedin are well-placed to weather the storm.

We have not had a Board meeting, as such, but I can report that the Board has decided to elect me as Chair for a further year and will affirm a rebate for the Series 1 courses which were cancelled. Shortly you will see an additional; feature when you log in to MyU3A which will give you your U3A account balance – credits, monies to pay and so on. This will take a while as our erstwhile Web Manager is working at University converting courses to on-line versions – and we might all imagine how much effort is involved in that.

We are using our web site to continue to provide stimulating offerings to our members. We have extended our Photo Gallery and solicit photographs which might be of interest to members. We have had about a dozen so far – it is not a competition – but an opportunity to share. The Links section has grown enormously and people have suggested links to virtual Art Gallery and Museum visits and much more. The breadth of interest of members is well reflected in the offerings on this page and if you have any which you think will be of interest please do let me know. I'm not posting jokes here – there are heaps in circulation and many need the sender to know the receiver's tastes.

The Magazine section has articles from Jocelyn Harris and Trish Brooking which have been delivered at conferences and Yoram Barak has sent us several articles on ageing that he feels will be of interest. Rob Ballagh has sent us two articles on the reported Covid-19 link with 5G wireless networks. Alan Roddick has sent two items and Hilary Hunt has shared some of her Saudi Arabian experiences – just the thing. There is room for plenty more.

There are **three current special offerings** which prompt this Letter: One is the commemoration of the Easter 1916 Rising in Ireland – in association with the Irish Embassy in Wellington. Another is the forthcoming Royal New Zealand Ballet 2015 performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this weekend, the third is the (English) National Theatre productions which are being made available during the crisis free of charge on YouTube. (Initially they were only available in UK). Details of these are on our News and Coming Events page.

Our beloved University Bookshop is available for on-line orders [www.unibooks.co.nz](http://www.unibooks.co.nz) and they are using strict sanitising procedures in the supply line.

Please use our web site to keep mentally stimulated – share our offerings with friends – the health and well-being of the whole community is important to us all.

Very Best Wishes

*Alan Jackson Chair 2018-2021*