



# Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Kia Ora ....

The Board of U3A, Dunedin met on Monday and this email is an update of our activities over the past month.

We noted with pleasure our membership has increased again over the past month, a further 17 new members taking our total to 935. We may even reach 1000 members over the next year. Welcome to those who have joined us, we hope you enjoy the offerings of courses and discussion groups we plan over each year. Your Board welcomes questions and any offers of assistance on committees so please get in contact through our website.

Series Three enrolments are open now, numbers are generally looking great but there is still time to enrol. One course, "Giving a Taste of their own Medicine", will require a ballot. Medicine is always a popular choice with seniors.

Your Programme Committee has been very busy, and we are pleased Series One 2022, is shaped and many presenters already organised. We have a range of topics which I know will be of interest to you, which include a further course on 'Leadership', plus 'Sustainable Dunedin', 'Music', 'R.L. Stevenson', and 'Writing your Memoirs'. A further medically focussed course will be on the history of 'Pandemics', bringing us to COVID-19 today. I am hoping these courses will excite you over the summer and have you looking forward to U3A in March 2022.

Your Board has agreed that for all courses of over 50 attendees will now have three course assistants. Our plan is to expand this role to support those with mobility issues, who indicate they need assistance, and to reduce queues for tea/coffee in our break time, the assistants will be more available to help with refreshments as required.

Ngaire Bates, convenor of Discussion Groups, has indicated her retirement from this position. Ngaire has proposed the role she currently has, is split to accommodate the current increased offerings and numbers in Discussion Groups. The Board will welcome expressions of interest in convening Discussion Groups or having a role in the overview of this important aspect of U3A. The responsibilities will include forming a small committee of people who report to the Board on the activities offered, including continuing the excellent newsletter regularly sent to members. Do contact Ngaire or myself if you would like further information.

Thank you for your continuing interest in U3A. Enjoy your participation, in whatever form this takes.

Kia pai tō rā (have a good day)

Linda Kinniburgh  
U3A Dunedin Board Chairperson