



Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

23rd October 2021

Kia ora koutou U3A Dunedin members

Your Board met earlier this week and I am pleased to be able to share with you our main discussions.

We have had a resignation from Jill Geary, Jill has been instrumental in working with U3A to set up the Albatross colony discounts we currently enjoy until March next year, she designed thank you cards for our organisation, and she was responsible for getting the “Discussion Groups” newsletter off the ground, which continues today. Thank you, Jill, for your contribution and we wish you well for the future.

We thanked Barrie Peake for his capable arrangements with the Wellington branch of U3A, ensuring we had access to their lectures when our series needed to be postponed. Although somewhat disappointed in the numbers listening, those who were involved have positively evaluated this opportunity.

We are also very grateful to Doug Holborow, Tree Cocks, Phyll Esplin and Dorothy Kerin for their commitment to arranging a ‘one off’ series of lectures which are currently running on a Thursday afternoon. These have YouTube capability which can cater for additional numbers and those who are unable to get out and about at this time. This technology, although expensive may be able to be used in the future to cater for additional access to our educational programmes.

The Programme Committee has Series 1 for 2022 courses, prepared for you, and the Board approved them all. These are planned to commence on March 1st 2022. We have eclectic and interesting courses, including Music, Pandemics, Writing your memoirs, the Sonnet, Whistle-blowers and Sustainability. We look forward to your enrolment, to be open mid-January 2022.

The Interest Groups have recently sent us all a newsletter outlining their activities. This aspect of U3A Dunedin is going well with options for many more of our members.

The Board had a preliminary discussion on “vaccination status” of our members and what might be included in the ‘Terms of Entry’ to those courses in which closer contact is our reality. The government is deliberating and debating this issue and of course the safety of our members is paramount. This discussion is ongoing and we will keep you in touch with developments here.

Nominations for the Board are being accepted for the 2022 year. If you have an interest in this work please contact myself or another Board member to initiate this discussion.

We have one further meeting this year, in December. We are hoping for a continual trend of no community cases of COVID in our area and continued high vaccination rates to secure our series next year. Meantime, stay safe and well, noho ora, kia ora.

Ka mihi

Linda Kinniburgh
U3A Dunedin Board Chairperson