



# Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Kia Ora koutou members of U3A Dunedin.

Last week we held our Annual General meeting, of U3A Dunedin and this week our first Board meeting with our elected representatives from the nominations approved at the AGM.

Thank you to those who were able to be present at the AGM, we appreciated your attendance and feedback. For those who put in a formal apology, thank you also.

At the AGM, the Board had nominated, and the members ratified, Alan Jackson as a Life Member for all of his contributions to U3A. He is the only person who has been our Chairperson for three years and Alan has had a leading role in the establishment of our website and online access to information. Congratulations Alan.

This letter is to update our members with the new positions on your Board, and to relay important messages as we commence Series two in two weeks' time.

At the Board meeting, I was nominated as Chairperson for the second year, which I was happy to accept.

Trish Irvine was nominated and accepted as Vice-Chairperson, Gretchen Kivell as Minute Secretary and Phyll Esplin as Secretary to the Board. Evan Taylor continues as Treasurer for one more year.

We thanked Barrie Peake for his contribution to the role of Vice-Chairperson which he has held for three years, and we thanked Geoff Adams, who is standing down in his role as Forum Editor, which he has held for many years. Alan Jackson has agreed to continue as Web Editor, Lynda Jackson as membership secretary and John Shanks as Web Master. We appreciate all these roles and many others as your committee members. We are willing and able to support the smooth functioning of U3A Dunedin in challenging times.

Our Treasurer, Evan Taylor and our Reviewer, Sandra Goodchild have resigned, coincidentally at the same time. As mentioned, Evan will stay on this year, to ensure a smooth transition, to the next review due 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Could I ask any member who might consider either position to contact Evan, in the first instance, to discuss these roles. Evan can be contacted on 022 4075 9190.

An important decision at the Board meeting, which you already have notice of, is the reduction of subscriptions from \$30 to \$15 for the 2022 year. If you have paid your subscription your personal account will be credited with \$15, if you have not paid your subscription, details of how to pay was on the reminder you received recently. If subs are not paid by May 31 2022, your membership will lapse.

Enrolments for Series two are pleasing given the current situation of opening up when COVID infections are still relatively high. In order to provide a safe environment, we are asking that masks be worn at all times when seated, and only those who are vaccinated attend our lecture series. We endeavour to have social distancing in our seating arrangements at both venues and we plan to have some windows open for air flow. It is winter: please ensure you have sufficient warm clothing on. You are welcome to bring a blanket, hat, if needed, and slippers for comfort (warm feet, warm heart).

We hope you enjoy the series; we do have an exciting and interesting line-up.

Lastly, members who are interested in supporting our committees, leading Interest groups, bringing ideas for our lecture series or those who are willing to be part of our governance group, we need you. You bring skills from your connections in your working life and your personal interests so please get in contact for a chat about where you might wish to contribute. I look forward to hearing from you anytime, as do any of our existing committee members. Names of our committee members are on our website.

Meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Series, please take care out there, keep warm, stay well.

Noho ora, kia ora (stay safe and well).

Linda Kinniburgh

*Chairperson,  
Board U3A Dunedin 2021-2023*