



Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

21st December 2022

Kia ora koutou to all U3A members, as we launch closer to Christmas day, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and hope you have an enjoyable relaxing day with family and friends.

The Board U3A, Dunedin met last week for the final time this year. We looked back at the challenges we have had again in 2022, with COVID, keeping well, staying well and at the same time offering courses and Interest groups to keep us all in touch and have opportunities to learn new things.

One of our agenda items was to approve a revised policy on casual attendees to our lecture series. If a course has been through the ballot process, we will be unable to accept any casual attendees. For all other courses, if a casual attendee is accompanied by a U3A member they will be welcome. The charge will not change at \$10 per person. We will expect a courtesy call to the convenor, of any casuals so that assistants can have advance notice.

We have commenced the process of nominations for Board members for 2023. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Board, we welcome your contact with myself or a Board member for information.

Our AGM, U3A Dunedin, is scheduled for Thursday 9th February 2023, at the Otago Golf Club. The agenda will be posted on the website, and you will receive an invitation to this meeting in mid-January. A RSVP will be required for catering. We are planning to have a speaker from the University of Otago at this meeting, more details later.

Our finances are in good shape, thank you to Evan Taylor, Treasurer, who keeps a tight rein on our money. Courses next year will cost \$50, as venue hire, and refreshment prices have increased. We will make a loss over 2022, related to Series one being postponed and a reduction in subscriptions.

We will continue to explore opportunities for access to courses online and recording of lectures for archiving. This process will be a trial on a course in the winter series. Of course, costs are involved but we support the outcomes which will be worthwhile.

We intend to trial microphones for question time in larger courses, for Series One. It will be great to receive feedback on how this works for you, our members.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year, until then, tiaki i a koutou, look after yourselves.

Ka mihi and Meri Kirihimete

Linda Kinniburgh

Chairperson, Board, U3A Dunedin