



Letter from the Chair

U3A Dunedin

7th April 2023

Kia ora koutou to all our members.

Your Board for U3A Dunedin met on Monday this week, and this is a brief report of our discussions.

Your Programme Committee reported a successful Series One. Microphones generally worked well, attendance was excellent and although formal evaluations are not yet completed, we have received many positive comments. Series Two enrolments open today and we look forward to another excellent Series. A reminder our morning talks in the Winter Series will commence at 10:30am.

As parking is a challenge for us all, we remind those who can consider our 'ride share' opportunities. We can't underestimate the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and saving on precious resources. Every small effort assists.

We will endeavour to patch the plastic on our lanyards which we know is splitting. Book binder tape works well. We do not want to put any unnecessary plastic into our landfill.

The Board is delighted to inform you, Andre Smith, a new member on our Board has agreed to take on the role of Coordinator for Interest Groups. This role will liaise and support all existing Interest Group convenors and assist in the setting up of new groups with support and mentoring. This is an important role and thank you to Andre.

We received an email from one of our members, requesting a reminder that we support the "Friends of the Medical School". Medical students practice their communication and ask health related information with volunteers, and our age group is particularly sought after for this work. Details and contacts are on our website for those interested.

Our membership statistics remain as 900 plus members. We do have a small number of reminders out at the moment for annual fees. Otherwise, a very healthy membership. We always welcome new members and hope they are able to meet others, make new friends and enjoy our educational sessions.

Financially we are doing well, course fees as income and outgoings for venue hire, technician support and of course our important refreshments are equally proportioned.

I do want to wish you a relaxing and happy Easter break. I hope you are able to enjoy friends and family over the long weekend.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

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

Linda Kinniburgh

Chairperson U3A Dunedin 2021-2023