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Series 3 2013

EDUCATION: TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE
The challenges for teachers, students and community

Dates: Thursday, 5 September to Thursday 10 October 2013

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke Street

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 110

Course Fee: \$40.00

Tea and Coffee provided

**Course Organisers: Norma Restieaux (477 4607) and
Brian Robinson (464 0377)**

Course Assistant: Rosalie Clarke (467 2225)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course. If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preferences on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 14 August, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 23 August.

Any questions about this course after 23 August should be referred to Marjan Lousberg, U3A Dunedin, telephone 473 8224 or on email at courses@u3adunedin.org.nz

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

EDUCATION: TODAY AND IN THE FUURE

The education sector has experienced continuous and, at times, contentious change over the past decade or so. These sessions will give members an understanding of current practice and the issues and challenges teachers, students and the community face now, and into the future.

5 September New pathways to qualification - the game is changing **Mr Phil Ker (CEO Otago Polytechnic)**

This session will look at a range of change forces at work in the tertiary education landscape worldwide, and the responses to these forces that education providers are making. These responses include both innovative delivery modes and qualification structures.

12 September The changing landscape of higher education **Dr Rachel Spronken-Smith (Dean of Graduate Research School, Ex-Head of HEDC, University of Otago)**

What are the factors shaping higher education in the 21st Century. We will start with the global arena and discuss drivers of change in Aotearoa New Zealand. This will be an interactive session.

19 September How are NZ schools performing? **Emeritus Prof Terry Crooks (Emeritus Professor of Education, University of Otago)**

What is the available evidence about how New Zealand primary and secondary school students are performing, overall and by gender, ethnicity and socio-economic circumstances. The evidence will come from NZ's National Education Monitoring project and the NCEA qualifications.

26 September (a) What has happened to NZ school qualifications **Emeritus Prof Terry Crooks**

What are the reasons for establishing the New Zealand Qualification Authority, the National Certificates of Education Achievement and the New Zealand Scholarship Examinations.

(b) Secondary Education Today: A Practitioner's Perspective **Mr Paul O'Connor (Secondary School Principal and Education Consultant)**

Responding to the challenges and changes facing secondary schools today. A long serving principal reviews the issues and trends.

3 October An overview of modern primary school education **Mr Rod Galloway (Principal, George Street Normal School)**

What are the current challenges and successes of working with children and their families?

10 October Early Childhood Education **Professor Anne Smith (Emeritus Professor, University of Otago College of Education)**

Research, Policy, Current and Future practice in early childhood education.