



University of the Third Age

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Series 1 ~ 2016

**New Zealand Agriculture – the backbone of the economy,
opportunities and problems**

Dates: Tuesday 1 March to Tuesday 12 April

Time: 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke St, Dunedin

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 110

Course Fee: \$45.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Jock Allison

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Course Assistant : Bill McKinlay

You may apply to enrol in more than one course. If you wish to do so, you must rank your choices when you apply, and complete payment of the appropriate fee(s) by Internet banking (include Membership No in Reference box) or by cheque (to: U3A Dunedin).

All applications must be received by **Wednesday 10 February 2016** and you will receive a response to your application by 19 February 2016.

Any questions concerning enrolment or the ballot decisions should be addressed to Marion Potter, phone 453 4721, email: mw.potter42@gmail.com
Or the Programme Convenor.

Postponements:

Check the website: u3adunedin.org.nz or listen to:

The Breeze 98.2 FM, Radio Dunedin 99.8 FM, MoreFM 97.4 FM

Please note, that there is to be no recording, photographing or videoing at any session in any of the courses.

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of courses you wish to attend.

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- March 1st** **A historical look at the sheep industry**
Rob Davidson Dip Farm Man BAgCom (Hons), in Farm Management and Trade Policy. He has been the main man in Beef & Lamb Economic Service for the past 26 years,.
- Selection for productivity, genetic measures and genomics**
John McEwan MSc (Hons) FRCNZ One of the most recognisable and competent animal scientists in AgResearch where he leads a diminishing group in sheep genetics and genomics
- March 8th** **What makes pasture plants tick**
Dr Doug Edmeades ONZM PhD Previously leader of the AgResearch soil science group. Dr Edmeades now runs a consultancy company called AgKnowledge, and provides soil advice throughout NZ to many clients including fertiliser companies.
- Organic farming the way of the future
Dr Doug Edmeades ONZM PhD
- March 15th** **The NZ Dairy Industry, past present and future**
Professor Dr Keith Woodford. Professor of Farm Management and Agribusiness at Lincoln University in New Zealand. A regular commentator in the news media, he was previously at the University of Queensland (Australia) for 20 years.
- A2 milk, for improved health, welfare and value**
Professor Keith Woodford
- March 22nd** **Milk processing on a grand scale, milk pickup and drying - Edendale**
Richard Gray, Operations Manager, Fonterra Edendale
- Milk processing for higher value, infant formula, cheese etc**
Richard Gray, Operations Manager, Fonterra Stirling
- April 5th** **The NZ animal industries, intensification and environment, Overseer?**
Ross Monaghan
- The NZ animal industries, environmental regulation and monitoring.**
Fraser McRae, Director of Policy Planning and Resource Management, Otago Regional Council
- April 12th** **Deer, a new domesticated species. From zero to 4 million stock units**
Dr Ken Drew PhD. Ken has Bachelors and Masters degrees from Lincoln, and then came to Invermay. After two years at Ruakura, he returned to study hogget nutrition. A PhD at Cornell in the States followed and he returned to Invermay in 1971 where he remained working in agricultural science.
- Deer, animal health, trials and tribulations**
Professor Dr Frank Griffin, ONZM Ph D. Otago Innovation Ltd. Joined the Microbiology department in 1973, Professor in Immunology in 1997. He has run the Disease research Laboratory since 1986. He has cooperated widely with the Invermay deer programme in TB and Johne's research.