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### **Series 3 - 2017**

Course  
title:

**Our Southern Skies:**

**Aviation in the South**

Dates:

**Wednesdays**

**6 September – 11 October 2017**

Time:

**10am – 12 noon**

Venue:

**Otago Golf Club**

**125 Balmacewen Road, Dunedin**

Course fee:

**\$45**

Tea and coffee provided

(Enrolments for this course will be limited to  
**150**)

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If you would like to apply for more than one course, please rank your choices.

If you enrol via our website **please complete payment of the appropriate fees** EITHER by internet banking (include Membership No. in Reference box), OR by cheque (to: Programme Secretary, U3A Dunedin, PO Box 6491, North Dunedin 9059.)

All applications must be received by **Wednesday 9 August 2017** and you will receive a response to your application by Wednesday 16 August 2017.

Please contact the Programme Convenor ([courses@u3adunedin.org.nz](mailto:courses@u3adunedin.org.nz)) or the Secretary ([mw.potter42@gmail.com](mailto:mw.potter42@gmail.com), 453 4721) with any queries.

**Postponements:** Check the website: [u3adunedin.org.nz](http://u3adunedin.org.nz) or listen to: The Breeze 98.2 FM — Radio Dunedin 99.8 FM — MoreFM 97.4 FM

**Please note:** no recording, photographing or videoing during any of the courses.

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

## Our Southern Skies: Aviation in the South

Sixty years ago, armed with post-war optimism, pilots in Southern NZ were energetically and imaginatively pioneering the development of aviation tourism, agricultural work, air ambulance and search and rescue services. From this rich, exciting history the same intrepid "can-do" attitude is kept alive among those within the Otago and Southland aviation industry today.

- 6 Sept      The Early Days of Otago Aviation** *Jim Sullivan*  
The notable New Zealand historian journeys back to Otago's early days of aviation when various aerodromes were peppered around Dunedin and Otago.
- Momona Airport - Then and Now** *Jim Sullivan*  
Why was the Momona site chosen for the Dunedin Airport? How long did it take to develop and what stories were created along the way?
- 13 Sept     Her Life in the Sky** *Sue Telford*  
With over 30 years' experience of mountain flying behind her, this Wanaka-based commercial pilot brings to life her work as a flying instructor and a flight guide for visiting pilots.
- Air Force to Airlines . . . A Career Path** *John Lamont*  
His flying career began in 1963 in first the RNZAF and then NAC/Air New Zealand. In Wanaka, where John moved in 2005, aviation continues to play a significant role.
- 20 Sept     The Development of the Queenstown Airport** *John Gilks*  
As visitors and new residents continue to push to the limit the infrastructure of Queenstown, the role of Chairman of the Queenstown Airport Corporation has many ongoing challenges.
- Warbirds Over Wanaka From Modest Beginnings** *Ed Taylor*  
After a long career in radio, including owning his own radio station, he was shoulder-tapped for the job of general manager of *Warbirds Over Wanaka* air show. Ed traces the successful pathway of this now landmark international aviation event.
- 27 Sept     Instructing Pilots Into Careers and More** *John Penno*  
John's training of pilots for future careers in commercial aviation or to complete their private pilot licences has run alongside other fulfilling work as a test pilot, charter pilot and more.
- Rescue Helicopter and Commercial Pursuits** *Graeme Gale*  
"It's not about me. I only drive a helicopter."
- 4 Oct       Glimpses of a Gliding World** *Gavin Wills*  
Gliding since 1955 Gavin turned a bright spotlight on Omarama when he founded the successful *Glide Omarama* in 1998, New Zealand's only commercial gliding school, teaching mountain and wave flying to pilots from around the world.
- Conservation from the Air** *Peter Garden*  
His aviation experience spans 53 years and Peter's aviation company has taken him from Wanaka to various offshore islands of New Zealand, to South Georgia and Alaska and tropical operations in the Pacific and the Caribbean.
- 11 Oct      For the Love of it!** *Corran Munro*  
He's still aviating for the love of it after learning to fly 58 years ago. The now retired dentist is a life member of the Otago Aero Club and at 70 built his own aircraft which he continues to fly today.
- Shark Attacks In Otago** *Richard Roberts*  
Confused? After all, he is the CEO of the Dunedin Airport Ltd!  
Come along and all will be revealed.