

U3A Timaru 10th Annual President's Report: 2018

Our new venue at West End Hall has proved to be an excellent choice. More seating, better parking and though the afternoon timetable does not suit everyone it does allow speakers from Dunedin and Christchurch more time to arrange their schedules.

To refresh your memory on last year's topics they were

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| Series One | NZ Media, History and Current Issues |
| Series Two | Research in Health and Water Quality |
| Series Three | Innovations in NZ Farming |
| Series Four | Speaker's Corner |
| Series Five | Viewpoint |
| Series Six | The Five Senses. |

My thanks must go to all the committee who assisted in arranging for our speakers including Mary Clarke, one of our members. A huge task with plane flights and timetables to be managed. Overall everyone did a sterling job.

To our AV team led by Lance Wensley who organised a roster for these team of 'specialists'; John Barton, Noel Crawford, Sue Matthews, Colin Cookson, John Darling, and Paul Dewsbury. Well done.

Another huge vote of thanks must go to our departing Committee members Juliet Crawford, Dick Allan and Wendy Cookson. Their contribution over many years has been tremendous. They have in many ways made our committee function as a very harmonious unit. We will miss you.

We will be looking for new persons on our committee this coming year. Please give some serious thought to this as we may be 'shoulder-tapping' some of our members with the possibility of having new blood on the committee.

A big thank you to Kevin Foley, our Vice President, who fulfilled my role during my absence.

A special thanks also to Jill Clarke & her team for organising our afternoon teas.

Our Secretary John Barton ... what more can I say. His organisational skills are second to none. Many, many thanks.

John was responsible for securing Paul Gill as a co-opted member onto the role as our Treasurer. Paul has carried out this onerous task to perfection. We are fortunate to have Paul's skills onboard.

My involvement over these last 6 years has been a pleasure, mainly due to our enthusiastic committee and of course our members. May I say on behalf of our committee, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all at West End Hall on Feb 25th.

Owen Berrill
U3A President