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## Port Hills U3A Newsletter July 2025



### Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd July

**Venue:** St Martin's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Martins Road, St Martins

**9:30** Morning Tea and Socialising

**10:00** Speaker: Dr Viv Levy Title: Identifying victims of the Japanese tsunami through forensic dentistry

**11.00** Business Meeting

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### Our July Speaker

Dr Levy was born in Liverpool and trained as a dentist at the London Hospital Medical College, qualifying in 1986. She worked in London for a few years in various dental practices part time, as well as getting a qualification in Forensic Odontology in 1988 (LHMC), followed by part-time work as an Honorary Lecturer at the London Hospital. She enjoys all aspects of dentistry but has a special interest in Paediatric Dentistry. Keen to keep up to date with current changes in dentistry, she attends many courses and lectures and is a member of various professional bodies including the NZ Dental Association, being a past-president of the local Canterbury Branch. The forensic side of her career is busy too. She is the Forensic Odontology Co-ordinator for Canterbury, West Coast and Nelson working for the Police and the Coroner. She was deployed to Phuket after the Boxing Day Tsunami to help identify the victims of the Tsunami and most recently was the DVI Dental Ante-Mortem and Reconciliation Co-ordinator for the Christchurch Earthquake.

## Speakers for 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
July	Dr Viv Levy	Identifying victims of Japan tsunami
August	Brad Lake	The story of Brothers Green and use of hemp products
September	Olivia Taylor	How to recycle and waste minimisation



### Midwinter Lunch (Fully booked)

The lunch is at the Tai Tapu Hotel at 12 noon immediately after our meeting. For those attending we will have lists available of everybody's choices, so if you have forgotten what you ordered you will be able to check your choice.



### Second Lecture Series 2025 August 2025

#### EXTRAORDINARY NEW ZEALANDERS IN WORLD WARS 1 & 2 (5 lectures)

Our second lecture series Extraordinary New Zealanders will begin at 10am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

As we have had such a good response to this series we are now going to hold the sessions in the church. This means that we have the capacity to take more people. If you want to join the series and haven't already given your name to Richard can you either email him on [richard.naylor6@gmail.com](mailto:richard.naylor6@gmail.com) or see him at the meeting.



## Interest Group Coordinator

As we are no longer having interest group reports at the monthly meetings, the committee has decided to trial the role of Interest Group Coordinator. Mark Sheehan who has recently joined the committee has volunteered to take on this role. Below is a short introduction about himself and how he sees the role.

*Hello. I'm Mark Sheehan and have recently joined the U3A Port Hills committee. A history teacher/academic in the school/university sector for 45 years, I grew up in the Nelson region and I spent most of my working life in Wellington. I returned to the South Island when I retired.*

*We have a wide range of interest groups that offer great opportunities to share ideas and learn. I'm looking forward to meeting with group coordinators as soon as I can and talking through how I might support you in your role. I will set up a meeting in a local cafe at some stage next month and am also keen to sit in on particular sessions. I am always open to meeting individually for a chat and contributing however I can to the work you are doing. My contact email is below.*

*Warm Regards*

*Mark*

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## Bus trip

After much discussion around the committee table and researching various options we have decided to not organise a bus trip for this year. We were struggling to find a suitable option at a reasonable cost. We will revisit this next year. If anyone has any suggestions we would welcome your thoughts.

## Wednesday Café Group A Special Birthday



Wednesday cafe group at Just Desserts Cafe celebrating Margaret's birthday.



## Foodbank

We are continuing to collect cans and/or packaged food throughout the year, including baby food, as well as fresh food such as fruit and vegetables at our monthly meeting.

Please place your contributions in the boxes in the entrance foyer.

Thanks for your contributions.



## Knitting Wool

The wool is used by volunteer knitters to crochet blankets or knit jerseys for pre-schoolers. Finished items are mainly given to the Plunket Outreach programme, Salvation Army programme and other charities as needed. Please contact Naida Murray on 338 5030 if you have any questions, or check at our monthly meeting.

Would you like to be a **volunteer knitter and/or crocheter** making blankets and jerseys for pre-schoolers? Please let Naida know on 338 5030 .