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Port Hills U3A Newsletter September 2025



Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd September

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

9:30 am Morning Tea and Socialising

10:00 am Speaker: Olivia Taylor

11.00 am Business Meeting

Our September Speaker

Olivia Taylor

Olivia moved to Christchurch to study Politics and Psychology and developed a strong passion for local government during this time.

After graduating, she worked in the Engagement Team for Christchurch City Council – who make sure community views and preferences are considered when decisions are made.

She is now the Waste Minimisation Advisor, which means she gets to talk to people in the community and work with the communications team – making sure residents get the right information about what they can put in their bins.

About her talk

The Resource Recovery Team provides information on what goes in which bin and why, alternative recycling schemes, and waste minimisation tips.

The Team is here to answer your queries about where our recycling goes, what the Council is doing to reduce waste, and what is happening on a national scale in New Zealand to address this issue.

- **Kerbside collection basics:** What goes in the recycling, refuse, and organics bins, and why it's important to get it right.
- **Common materials that can't be recycled:** A clear explanation of why certain items are not recyclable and the impact this has on our recycling systems.
- **What happens to your waste:** Insight into the journey of waste from collection to disposal and the sustainability efforts behind it.
- **Alternative solutions:** Guidance on how to manage items that can't be disposed of through the kerbside bins, and alternative disposal options.

Olivia would be happy to answer any questions you have about items which you are not sure how to dispose of, from dead possums to polystyrene. If you have any examples please bring them with you (but no dead possums please!)



Speakers for 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September	Olivia Taylor Christchurch City Council	Waste Minimisation
October	Will Edmundson	A perspective on the Russo-Ukraine conflict
November	Pippa Parker	Riding for the Disabled
December	Dr Roger Buckton	After the Winter comes the Summer. Puhoi's musical heritage in song, rhyme and dance





Second Lecture Series 2025 August 2025

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

The lecture series is now complete with the last one taking place on Friday 29th August. Between 35 and 40 people attended each lecture in the series and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. David our lecturer was both informative and entertaining and even brought some props to enhance the talks.



David with his
World War One props.



Interest Groups

The Interest Group leaders gathered for a meeting over a cup of coffee on the 18th August at the invitation of our new Interest Group coordinator Mark Sheehan. Mark was keen to get to meet the leaders and learn from them how he could assist them. It was also a good opportunity for the leaders to share their thoughts on how our interest groups are working.

You will be aware that we recently took the decision not to have interest group reports as part of our monthly meetings. Whilst that has been welcomed by some members there was feedback from round the table that by not having them we were losing an opportunity to communicate about all the activities that were happening within U3A Port Hills.

Some suggestions were made which we have discussed in committee and we are working on some ideas which will allow us to give information and news from the groups but without reports being given at each meeting. Watch this space.



New Members Coffee Group

We have three new members who have expressed an interest in forming a New Members Coffee Group. If there are any other recent members who would like to join this group please meet with me, Joy Evans, after our Wednesday meeting to see if we can get the group started.



Showbiz Christchurch Offer

Showbiz Christchurch have a special offer for U3A members for the upcoming production of Blood Brothers at the Isaac Theatre Royal.

The offer is limited to two performances (4pm Sunday September 21st and 7.30pm Tuesday September 23rd). It is for two seat categories: Premium (special price \$88) and A Reserve (special price \$78).

To take advantage of this offer, follow the instructions in your member's newsletter.

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CHRISTCHURCH

The SAUNDERS & C ● season of

BLOOD Brothers

The Smash-Hit Musical!

Special Offer For U3A Members

Sunday September 21st & Tuesday September 24th, 2025.

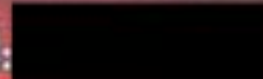
Isaac Theatre Royal

EXCLUSIVE U3A PRICING

Premium : \$85.00*

Reserve A : \$75.00*

Book Online Using Password:



***Price Excludes Booking Fees**





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 .