

Members attending are welcome to wear masks.

U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures – to do so would be unfair to those on the waiting list.

**5 October Rethinking the Moa:
Lessons from New Zealand's Most Famous Extinction Paul Scofield**

The extinction of the moa remains one of New Zealand's most remarkable ecological stories. Drawing on recent research, fossils, ancient DNA, and archaeology, Professor Paul Scofield examines what moa biology reveals about New Zealand's past ecosystems, how humans drove their rapid extinction, and what their story teaches us about conservation challenges today.

12 October I Am A Camera Max Quinn

Penguins, Polar Bears and Climate Change - just some of the subjects I will cover in my presentation that take you through my global filmmaking career. With over a dozen expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic, I have had the opportunity to document the environmental impacts global warming is having at the poles. I will also take you behind the scenes to show you the secrets behind how we achieve those special moments we all love in Natural history films both in New Zealand and abroad.

**19 October Landscape-scale restoration and flood protection enhancement;
Braided River Revival. Greg Stanley**

A summary of the work of the Braided River Revival team with a focus on how sites for restoration work are selected and how wild function is prioritised. A look at how we are realising both erosion control outcomes and habitat enhancement in Canterbury Riverbeds.

2026 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 9, 16, 23

SERIES 2: Apr 13, 20

SERIES 3: May 11, 18, 25

SERIES 4: Jun 8, 15, 22

SERIES 5: Jul 6, 13, 20

SERIES 6: Aug 3, 10, 17

SERIES 7: Sep 7, 14, 21

SERIES 8: Oct 5, 12, 19

SERIES 9: Nov 9, 16, 23

Meetings

**are held at The West End Hall,
35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.**

Lectures may start a few minutes before 1.30 pm and conclude at about 2.30 pm, with questions to follow.

Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions and stand and wait for the microphone when asking a question.

Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

**As a courtesy to our speakers
and other members, please**

- be seated by 1.20 pm and do wear your name tag.
- don't talk during lectures.
- note cell phone use during presentations:

Members are reminded that while phones can be used to take notes during presentations, they should not take photos of the presenter or the slides presented, as the distribution of this material requires the consent of presenters. All phones should be set to silent. Thank you.

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PLEASE NOTE:
**Series 8 begins Monday
 5 October 2026
 at the West End Hall.**