



Series 8, 2025

Geography

**Organised by Solome Mair, Kevin Foley
and Jude McKenzie**

Members attending are welcome to wear masks.

U3A lectures are for members only.

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

6 October Faults and Earthquakes in the South. *Mark Stirling*

Over the nine years that I have been Otago's inaugural Chair of Earthquake Science, my goal has been to understand the distribution and activity of earthquake sources in the South. I have now led earthquake geology projects on 10 Otago faults, had a temporary seismic network installed in Southland, and undertaken several consulting projects on dam sites and landfills. I will provide an overview of this work.

13 October Recovering Reading for Pleasure in a Digital World. *Kate de Goldi*

In 2020, the National Library established the role of Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador – a public-facing role to model, inspire, and advocate for reading in Aotearoa. Why was this necessary? How does Te Awhi Rito go about their advocacy? Kate De Goldi, 3rd Te Awhi Rito, will talk about reading's pleasures, why reading is crucial to a thriving society, and the implications of a steeply declining reading culture amongst the young.

**20 October Geography and Road Users Charges:
how it could change the way we use our streets. *Simon Kingham***

The government recently announced that all vehicles will soon pay electronic Road Users Charges (eRUC). This will see vehicles pay for the roads based on the distance they travel and the weight of the vehicle. The technology to deliver this will ultimately be on/in-vehicle devices. This technology has the potential to allow us to charge differentially according to a range of things that could change how, where and when we travel.

2025 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 3 10, 17

SERIES 2: Apr 7, 14

SERIES 3: May 5, 12, 19

SERIES 4: Jun 9, 16, 23

SERIES 5: Jul 7, 14, 21

SERIES 6: Aug 4, 11, 18

SERIES 7: Sep 1, 8, 15

SERIES 8: Oct 6, 13, 20

SERIES 9: Nov 3, 10, 17

Meetings

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

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

Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

As a courtesy to our speakers and other members, please

be seated by 1.20 pm. wear your name tag.
turn your cell phone off. no talking during lectures.
wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.
stand when asking a question,
and wait for the microphone.

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PLEASE NOTE:

**Series 8 begins
Monday
6 October 2025**