



University of the Third Age, Timaru

Series 1, 2018: NZ Media: History and Current Issues

Organised by Kevin Foley

26 February **Broadcasting as Nation Building: A crucial business** *Bronwyn Beatty PhD (Massey)*

This talk considers some of the ways in which radio and television have contributed to nation-building in New Zealand. The era of broadcasting is being challenged with more and more of us time-shifting our viewing through delayed recordings or accessing on-demand content and, more significantly, selecting online content from non-broadcast and/or international providers. The significance of this evolution of media distribution and consumption for nation-building will conclude the talk.

The U3A Annual General Meeting will follow this lecture at 3pm. Tea & Coffee provided. Please join us.

5 March **Newspapers' role in the community**

Ric Stevens, BA (Hons) Dip Journalism: Ex Deputy Editor of The Press

Ric Stevens has worked in newspapers through a time of unprecedented upheaval and change. His first job was in a newsroom that was filled with what was essentially 19th century technology, but the computer in the corner was already beginning to change how things worked. When he left The Press two years ago the news industry had been completely disrupted, to the point that many now believe the age of the printed newspaper is coming to an end.

12 March **More Media Law Madness** *Prof Ursula Cheer, PhD (Cant): Dean of Law, Canterbury*

This presentation will discuss developments in media law in 2016-18. This will include some interesting cases connected to the election, defamation online and public figures, cartoons and freedom of expression, attempts to create media monopolies and leaks about Winston Peters' superannuation.

19 March **Social Media and contemporary politics: who gets to pull the strings**

Prof Donald Matheson, PhD, Dip Journalism: University of Canterbury

The dominance of newspapers and television in public communication is waning. To evaluate and even describe what's going on, we may need to rethink some key terms whose character has been taken for granted in the mass media age, including "public participation", "public debate" and "the news". The talk will suggest that we can be optimistic about the kind of political life that social media foster, as long as we don't expect it to look like the past.

Series 2: The Latest Research April 9, 16, 23, 30

MEETINGS

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Coffee/tea will be available after the meeting at a cost of \$2 per cup.

Lectures commence at 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.

REMINDERS

Please wear name tags.

Please be seated by 1.20 pm.

Please turn all cell phones off

Please no talking during lectures.

Please wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.

Please stand when asking a question.

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