



University of the Third Age, Timaru

Series 4, 2018: Speakers' Corner

Organised by Wendy Cookson, Kath Calvert and Mary Clark

U3A lectures are for members only.

9 July



The Canterbury Roll: A Contested Past & New Discoveries

Chris Jones PhD

The Canterbury – or Maude – Roll is Aotearoa New Zealand's most significant European medieval manuscript. Originally created in the early 15th century, the Roll is a 5 metre English genealogical text. Purchased by the University of Canterbury in 1918, the manuscript remained, until recently, little known and difficult to access. This talk will introduce the Roll's history and some of its most striking features, and provide an overview of new scientific research.

16 July



The justification for testamentary recognition of financially independent adult children in New Zealand.

Mary Foley PhD

Since 1900 New Zealand law allows certain classes of people to make a claim against an estate if the testator has failed to make "adequate provision for their proper maintenance and support." Over the years interpretation has been broadened to include comfortably-off adult children, and to recognise emotional support as important too. Is this justified based on the wording of the legislation? Are there philosophical reasons for such a position?

23 July



Gentleman Art Thieves and their Art: Enduring Myths and Great Art

Judge Arthur Tompkins LL.M (Hons)

The gentleman art thief is an enduring character in fiction and on screen, if not in real life. This talk will examine some of the origins of this character and, if he existed, what stolen art might be in his collection.

30 July



Did Eugenics Rest on an Elementary Mistake?

Professor Hamish Spencer PhD

Early last century eugenicists took action to segregate or sterilize individuals considered to be mentally deficient. But apparently they made a simple mistake: a basic understanding of genetics shows that this approach could ever be successful. Professor Spencer will discuss the origin of this argument and will show that it was proposed in an effort to expand the scope of eugenics rather than to discredit it. He will then provide other reasons why the eugenics movement failed, and argue that some current debates in medical genetics would be enlightened if participants knew more about the history of eugenics.

Series 5: Viewpoint

August 20, 27, September 3, 10

Series 6: Five Senses

October 1, 8, 15, 29

MEETINGS

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Coffee/tea will be available after the meeting at a cost of a gold coin.

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

REMINDERS: Please ...

Wear name tags.

No talking during lectures.

Be seated by 1.20 pm.

Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.

Turn all cell phones off

Stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone.

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