

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.

11 Nov Darkening Peaks - The implications of glacier recession on alpine recreation and tourism *Dr Heather Purdie*

You would be a rare person if you had not seen stories about shrinking snow and ice in polar and mountain regions. Earth is experiencing unprecedented glacier recession in response to increasing global temperatures. Often the consequences of glacier demise are focused on rising sea levels and diminishing water resources – both of which are extremely important. But have you ever pondered the wider implications? What are the effects of shrinking snow and ice on those who enjoy moving among them?

Weaving her latest research results from inside crevasses at Haupapa | Tasman Glacier with long-term glacier monitoring in Ka Tiritiri te Moana | Southern Alps, Associate Professor Purdie will take you on a journey into the mountains explaining how glaciers work, what's changing and why mountain peaks are becoming darker.

18 Nov Drug Harm in New Zealand *Dr Rose Crossin*

Drugs, including those that are illegal and legal, are significant public health and social issues in N.Z. Our national strategy aims to “minimise harm”. What do we mean by ‘harm’? Can it be measured? Do we have the right policy settings in N.Z. to effectively reduce harm?

25 Nov What’s happening with New Zealand’s precious biodiversity? *Dr Angela Brandt*

Aotearoa New Zealand is home to many unique species found nowhere else in the world. Like most places, our biodiversity is under threat. This talk will explore some of these threats to our biodiversity, from national to local scales. I'll then discuss how we know how our biodiversity is tracking and what each of us can do to help understand it better.

2024 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 4, 11, 18

SERIES 2: Apr 8, 15, 22

SERIES 3: May 6, 13, 20

SERIES 4: Jun 10, 17, 24

SERIES 5: Jul 1, 8, 15

SERIES 6: Aug 5, 12, 19

SERIES 7: Sep 2, 9, 16

SERIES 8: Oct 7, 14, 21

SERIES 9: Nov 11, 18, 25

Meetings

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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Series 8 begins Monday 7 October 2024