



U3A Hutt Valley

Members' Update May 2024

From your Chairman

Catherine Chapman

Greetings everyone!

It is much appreciated that members paying their subs are giving the extra \$5 that we need to charge this year to cover increased costs of meeting at the Dowse.



The problem should not happen again as the AGM voted to allow any future change to subscriptions to be approved at an SGM. If you have not yet paid you can do so online to Kiwibank Account number [38-9025-0265698-00](#). Copy our bank number and paste it into your online banking payment. Put "Sub" in the Code space and your name in the Reference Box. Alternatively you can pay at our next monthly meeting.

May Speaker Dr Chris Massey



Dr Massey is an engineering geologist from GNS who will talk about land slips.

Dr. Massey has researched complex

geological and geotechnical data for slope stability. This includes landslide monitoring, foundation design, underground/surface rock support and groundwater problems.

He has applied these skills to geohazard risk analyses and assessments, and to oil and gas pipelines, as well as highway, railway, mining engineering and town planning projects in Africa, the Himalayas, Europe, South East and Central Asia and Australasia.

Dr Massey's research interests are in rock mechanics, engineering geomorphology and in particular, landslide processes and mechanisms of movement. He has published many peer-reviewed journal papers and has given lectures and workshops around the world.

Last month's speaker NIWA's Dr Sam Dean

Dr Dean spoke of the contribution of human-induced warming to intensifying current New Zealand weather extremes, including droughts and floods.



It was particularly sobering to see a graph over hundreds of years which showed how recently this has taken place.

Dr Dean has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of climate change impacts on New Zealand. Over past 13 years he has been at the forefront of developing future climate change projections specifically for New Zealand.

These projections are actively used by numerous research institutes, government departments and local government councils to better understand, and plan for, the impacts of climate change. In recent years he has contributed to adaptation solutions to expected climate change impacts.

Speakers

Our champion "speaker finder" Don Rennie has found us interesting speakers on a variety of topics over the past couple of years. Don is continuing this work but would like you to let him know of possible speakers to contact. If you have any ideas please contact Don on 04 566 2543.

Group News

Armchair Travel Group

This group is looking for new premises for its meetings, and also for a slide projector that can be use at their meetings. If anyone has a projector, or knows where one can be hired, please contact Les Malloy (04) 568 3377 or 027 286 8176

Local History

This group was going way back in history on its recent visit to the Avalon Park.



U3A Local history group passed the dinosaur on their way home from their recent visit to the gorgeous northern part of Avalon Park.

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Missing Group?

Some years ago U3A Hutt Valley had an Art Gallery Group which made regular visits to galleries in Wellington and the Hutt Valley. If anyone would like to see this group reinstated please call Catherine Chapman 970 4932.

2024 Committee

President – Catherine Chapman
Vice-President – Chris Jared
Secretary – Kevin Willis
Treasurer – Ellen Ansell
Committee members – Christine Williams, Don Rennie, Eric Wadsworth, Lynne Birch and Mary Estcourt.

Group Contacts

Antiques & Collectibles – 4th Tues 2pm
Catherine Chapman 970 4932

Armchair Travel – is rejigging after Ray Manning stepped down. Temporary contact is Les Molloy <lesmolloy7@gmail.com> or 568 3377

Current Affairs and Topics of Interest Group (CATIG) 4th Mon 1 pm. Russell Keown House, Queens Drive. Convenor - Ken Baird - 564 2579

Film – 1st Mon morning each month at Lighthouse, Petone. Convenors Judy & Gordon Heeley - 973 8816

Local History – last Friday of the month. Convenor – Brenda Baker
brendabaker@xtra.co.nz

Theatre – Sun pm several times a year. Convenor – Christine Williams – 021 025 63559

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For more information go to
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See you at:

**The Dowse Art Museum
1pm Monday 13th May 2024**