



U3A PEGASUS BULLETIN

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Latest News & Updates

- **Monday 21st November:** our guest speaker is Peter Field Assoc Professor History whose address is entitled 'Life After Trump'. Considering the mid-term elections in the US this month, it promises to be very interesting.
- **Monday 12th December** is our combined Christmas and birthday event with Wallace Woodley our guest speaker who will entertain us with a talk about the history of the piano to be followed by our end of year party.
- Geo-bot group leader Pat Whitman advises the final trip for the year is on **16 November** and is a river cruise at Kaiapoi together with the History Group.
- A second book group will start in the new year as soon as there are enough members. Please put your name down on the list in the foyer at the next meeting.
- Check the lists in the foyer for DVD groups.



October's Guest Speaker – the YMCA



Josie Ogden Shroeder is a remarkable woman who gave us an enlightening talk on the highs and lows of the YMCA in Christchurch where she is CEO. The 'Y' provides 4-star accommodation for everyone and anyone and is always

booked several months ahead. There are 3 sites – central city, Wainui and Arthurs Pass costing \$9m to run. Post-quake and struggling to get funding, the government's Shovel Ready programme provided a windfall \$52m to refurbish Hotel GIVE and a new 3-storey building on Rolleston Ave opposite the Botanic Gardens with medical, preschool, fitness, activities and theatre, alternative education and a ballet school. Josie rates her most successful venture as a trip to Katmandu with the YMCA students so they could see what real poverty looks like. It took 9 months to prepare including accessing passports, a drug reduction programme, birth certificates and everything else. For most it was the trip of a lifetime.



Important Notice: Use of microphones



When a speaker invites questions from the floor at our monthly meetings, please wait for someone to bring the roving mike to you before you ask your question. That way everyone is able to

hear and it will help the speaker with his/her response.



President's Comment

Pegasus U3A is a member of U3A Canterbury Network Inc, comprising 18 U3As in Canterbury who meet regularly during the year. At Network meetings club representatives give details of membership numbers and raise issues of concern. You may be interested to know only one other club who was represented at the last Network meeting had a membership capped at 250. Most clubs are much smaller and some struggle to attract members. Our membership is 250 with over 20 people on its waiting list.

A concern expressed by some attendees at the last Network meeting was a lack of people willing to accept appointment to their club's management committee or to assist with interest groups. Pegasus U3A has been fortunate to have enough dedicated and capable people to fill critical roles. We do however, lack depth. To tackle this concern the committee has agreed in principle to establish a register of members who are willing to accept appointment to management roles. I will be saying more about this initiative at our next AGM.

I look forward to seeing you at our final monthly meetings in November and December meetings

John Delugar
President



Reminder: Check our website for interest group updates & newsletters www.u3apegasus.org.nz