Course 1, 18 February – 4 March 2025

Getting to Know You – Voices From our Members

All the speakers are members of U3A Christchurch Central, and the aim of the course is to get to know more about each other and so foster friendship.

Course organiser: Sue Allard

Session 1: 18 February



Lorraine Sutherland: "In Your Shoes"

Exploring the metaphorical link between the tango dance and the Social Work/Counselling relationship

Where two of the greatest passions of my life meet.. tango and social work/counselling

Session 2: 25 February



Heather McVicar: Off the Beaten Track

A lifetime of travels to places less well travelled beginning in the sixties.

Originally an Aucklander, home has been Christchurch for more than thirty years.

An early delight in travel has endured and has taken me to many unusual and lesser travelled places.



Jo Ewing: Artist and Traveller

From an early age, Jo's parents fostered a love of the natural world, a desire to see the world and her creative spirit.

Her career as a designer later led her to a passion for botanical and natural history.

Latterly she enjoyed many years of overseas travel with her husband John.

Session 3: 4 March



Marilyn Downward: A girl from Haumoana and her journeys beyond

Marilyn will talk about her journey from a small coastal village in Hawkes Bay, to becoming an inaugural member of U3A Christchurch Central



David Coles: Looking in Israel for the grave of a long dead terrorist called Herod

In the decades between 1985 and 2007 I made over 20 visits to Israel and the Holy Land. This talk just touches on a small fraction of amazing experiences during those times. Today I recall my first visit to Masada, Herod's personal fortified Palace high on a rocky site overlooking the Dead Sea, complete with swimming Pool.

The second part is about my visit to Herod's summer Palace known as the Herodian 12 kms SE of Bethlehem where a huge building nearby is known as Herod's burial chamber.

2025 Course dates:

| Course 1 | 18 February – 4 March | Getting to Know you members |
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| Course 2 | 18 March –15 April | The Business of Art |
| Course 3 | 30 April – 20 May | New and Innovative Christchurch Companies |
| Course 4 | 3 June – 1 July | Canterbury 175 th Anniversary |
| Course 5 | 22 July – 19 August | Secrets of the Museum |
| Course 6 | 2 September – 30 September | Health / Senior Citizens |
| Course 7 | 21 October – 18 November | Potpourri - Miscellaneous topics |
| Final session | 25 November | |