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“Those who teach shall also learn, those who learn shall also teach”

Past Courses & Events 2004 - 2024

As at 04.03.2024

2024

Series 1 **On Safari**

- AGM, and Leadership – William Burchell: Discovering “Unknown Parts” of “Darkest Africa”
- Early safaris (mid- to late 1800s)
- Frederick Selous and Theodore Roosevelt
- The Glamour of Safaris: Ernest Hemingway
- Contemporary Safaris: Conservation and Other Challenges

Series 2 **Pot Pourri**

Series 3 **A Journey Down the Silk Road**

Series 4 **Delivering Justice**

Series 5 **TBA**

Series 6 **TBA**

Series 7 **TBA**

2023

Series 1 **Matters of Art**

- The Revolving Door: The First 50 years of 20th Century Art Movements Part 1
- The Revolving Door: The First 50 years of 20th Century Art Movements Part 2
- Behind the Façade – Organs, Organists and Their Music
- A History of Western Architecture as seen through New Zealand Buildings
- Percussion Spheres: A Performer’s Reflection on Percussion since 1960

Series 2 **Pot Pourri**

- 2023 Census
- History of Whaling

‘20 years of Lectures, Learning, Trips, and Social Contacts’

- Hip & Knee Arthritis
- Reinstating Christchurch Cathedral
- Re-imagining Climate Crisis, Resilience& Pacific Traditional Knowledge

Series 3 Out of Africa & DNA

- In the beginning...the world, creation myths, and Africa
- Homo Sapiens, early migration, and DNA
- Australia, The Americas, and the Asia -Pacific
- Indo-European studies
- Implications and beyond the Horizon

Series 4 Pot Pourri

- The Ethics of Memory: When is Remembering or Forgetting Right or Wrong
- Parkinson's disease: Who, Where, and Why
- Live Stronger for Longer: Healthy Aging and
- A History of Western Architecture as seen through New Zealand Buildings
- Rethinking Tourism: Tourism for Good

Series 5 Pot Pourri

- “Golden Era” of Communism in Eastern Europe 1965-80
- War in Ukraine
- Politics in the age of Chat-GPT - An Augmented or Automated Future
- The Joys of Impersonations
- The Politics of autonomous weapons systems in New Zealand and beyond

Series 6 Pot Pourri

- Trees for Canterbury, more than just a plant nursery
- Ara Poutama Aotearoa (Department of Corrections) – Our place in NZ Society
- Shaken but not Stirred - Should we be concerned about the Alpine Fault?
- Legionnaires’ Disease – A Canterbury Problem
- Sonnets of Shakespeare
- Special Event - The Beatles – A Career in Four Phases

Series 7 Pot Pourri

2022

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- AGM, and My Life with Music
- What Does the Future Hold for NZ Over the Next 10 Years
- Food Bank Canterbury - Waste Not, Want Not
- Cannot Keep it Simple: Creativity in the 21st Century
- Covid Code Red - No Meeting

Series 2 River Avon from Source to Sea

- Avonhead to Ilam
- Riccarton and Mona Vale
- Hagley Park and heart of the city
- Victoria Square to Avonside

- Burwood to the estuary

Series 3 Health

- The CDHB: A Study of the History of Deficits in Public Healthcare 1993 to 2020
- The Joy of Trams - Around Christchurch by tram before and after the earthquakes
- We Need to Talk - About End of Life
- Netsafe – Keeping Safe on the Internet
- Disability and Early Intervention: What children need and what service provision looks like
- Rest Day & Air Force Museum Visit

Series 4 Pot Pourri

- The pros and cons of moving to a retirement home or staying in your own home
- “US Political Institution: Then and Now”
- “Friendship and Justice: US Politics today”
- The Past, the Present and the Future of the New Zealand Red Cross
- ‘A Long Time Coming: Ngai Tahu’s Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown’

Series 5 Pot Pourri

- “Lie Detectors, Journalism in the Age of Distrust” & “The Future of Print”
- Frank Sinatra – His Life and His Music
- A Guide Dog’s Journey – From Puppy to Partnership
- Material Feminisms and Contemporary Art Practice in Ōtautahi, Christchurch
- Should We Resurrect the Mammoth?

Series 6 South Africa in the C20th: Ordinary and Extraordinary Women Remember

- From Boer Republics and British Colonies to the Union of South Africa
- Union and Division
- Apartheid intensifies
- The People Rise Up
- The New South Africa

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Why Has Increased Provision of Psychiatric Treatment Not Reduced the Prevalence of Mental Disorder?
- Technology in Print
- Christmas Lunch

2021

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- AGM, and Leadership – The Grandparent’s Role
- Myths and Legacy, Past and Present
- Preventing Dementia: Brain Health from mid-life onwards
- Syft Technologies Ltd – Where did it come from and where is it going?
- Youth Development and Creating and Maintaining Mental Health

Series 2 The Works of Charles Dickens

- Early Works
- Dickens gets into his stride
- Dickens the ‘Inimitable’

- Dickens the Mature Author
- Dickens the Final Years

Series 3 Pot Pourri

- Residential Intensification in Christchurch, Nice in Theory but does it Work
- Painting in Nature - Women Artists and the Canterbury Landscape
- Food Bank Canterbury - Waste Not, Want Not
- Forensic Science, Skills, Science Assisted Justice
- Domestic Violence – My 17 Years in the Ring

Series 4 English Country Houses

- Earliest Country Houses
- Medieval Manor Houses
- Tudor Estates
- Georgian Stately Homes
- Nouveaux Riches and Social Change

Series 5 Pot Pourri

- Penguins and Polar People – My Ornithology and Medical Experiences in Antarctica
- What Does the Future Hold for NZ Over the Next 10 Years?
- Legionnaires Disease – A Canterbury Tale

Series 6 Antarctic History

- Antarctica Unveiled
- Discovery Expedition
- Nimrod Expedition
- Race to the Pole – Part 1
- Race to the Pole – Part 2

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Breath Analysis, Border Control, & Food Processing
- What Does American History Tell us of Tomorrow?
- Genealogy Jungle
- Solving Problems in a Rapidly Changing World
- Around the World in 45 Minutes

Series 8 Pot Pourri

- Christmas Luncheon

2020

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- AGM, and Ali Harper
- Music with Children
- Tales of the Periodic Table
- Richard Ballantyne
- COVID-19 – No lecture

Series 2

- COVID-19 – No lectures

Series 3

- COVID-19 – No lectures

Series 4 Vikings, Scandinavia & the Founding of Russia

- Vikings
- Scandinavia
- The Founding of Russia
- Russia
- Russia

Series 5

- COVID-19 – No lectures
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Series 6 Questions of Science, Robots, and our Pets

- Science, Good, Bad and Bogus
- The Existential Threat of Robots
- For the Love of Animals: Human & Animal Wellbeing
- Humans and Animals Working Together to effect Changes

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Feeding 8 Billion People – Global Food and Resource Issues and Challenges
- It's Not Just Rubbish

- Christmas Luncheon

2019

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- Kiwi Nomads
- Glaucoma
- On Safari
- Nailing High Performance

Series 2 Political Objection to Military Service

- Pre-War Anti- Militarism & the Passive Registers' Union
- Conscription & those who objected on religious grounds
- How Women supported the Objectors
- Political objectors to military service

Series 3 Measures of Western Culture

- Getting the Measure of Music
- Getting the Measure of Power
- Getting the Measure of Religion
- Getting the Measure of Science
- Getting the Measure of Time

Series 4 Art & Antiques

- Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna O Waiwhetu
- Coca Gallery
- The Physics Room
- Current art made by prisoners of war in POW camps in WW2
- Crafting Canterbury Ceramics: A short history of Canterbury pottery

Series 5 Aspects of the Crusades

- Why a crusade? Concepts, motivation and goals
- Kingdom of Jerusalem: Crusader castles and knights
- The Third Crusade: kings, conflict and ransom
- Dissent, greed and the end of the Crusader states
- Crusading legacy: Spain, Baltic, Balkans, Holy Land

Series 6 Hot and Cold

- Hot - IVF Who, What, When and Why?
- Hot – Fires
- Hot - Running Across Deserts
- Cold - Living and Working in Antarctica
- A Landscape of Love, Life and Light - resilient to hot and cold today and tomorrow

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Various Aspects of Sleep
- Three Waters Management
- Surprise
- Christmas Luncheon

2018

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- Christchurch City Mission
- Children's brain and physical health
- Taxation, succession planning through to acquisitions, mergers and economic growth
- All Black Skills Coach

Series 2 Eat, drink and be merry

- Nutrition
- How to eat drink and be merry without diabetes rearing its, sometimes preventable, head
- Can you eat drink and be merry, and avoid heart disease
- Alcohol law reform won't stop us Eating Drinking and being merry
- Prevention strategies in older age mental health

Series 3 What's Up in Christchurch

- The Terraces
- Arts Centre Restoration Progress
- Arts Centre Tour
- Our city of opportunity and exploration
- The rescue from demolition of Shand's and Trinity

Series 4 20th Century South African History

- From Boer Republics and British Colonies to the Union of South Africa
- Marijuana and the Rastafari – An ethnographic exploration of the relationship between a people and a plant
- Union and division
- The people rise up
- Post-Apartheid: The New South Africa

Series 5 Salt

- Sodium chloride at its best
- History, sources, taxes, salaries, mountains, mines, lakes

Series 6 Geology

- Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Reconnecting Communities
- Change and Recovery in a Naturally Disturbed Coastal Ecosystem
- Natural Hazards & Risks
- The Earth Beneath our Feet: Introduction to Canterbury Geology and Earthquakes
- Mw 7.8 Kaikoura Earthquake: Overview of the Geology and Seismology of the Southern and Northern Ruptures

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Your Theatre - The Court Theatre
- Emergency Department Response to CHC Earthquakes

2017

Series 1 The Canterbury Medical Research Foundation

- Vitamin C in sepsis
- Parkinson's research
- Acute Care Fellowship
- Links between personality and anxiety
- Stroke recovery and research

Series 2 Through the Lens of a Political Scientist

- Rethinking Young People's Politics in the 21st Century
- Participation in and Beyond the Ballot Box
- Student debt: Reconsidering its Impact on a Generation
- Disconnection and Disruption
- Sustainable Citizenship in a Changing Climate

Series 3 Architecture - Traditional to Eco

- From the Gothic Revival to Modernism: A short History of Christchurch Architecture
- Urban Design
- Social Architecture: Moving from the Industrial Age to the Creative Age
- Eco-friendly Function Meets Award Winning Architecture
- Architecture as Public Art

Series 4 Water etc.

- A Constitution for Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Weather and Climate – Setting the Scene
- Water – The Big Picture

- Freshwater ecology, water quality and management in NZ
- Canterbury water issues and what we're doing about them

Series 5 Money Makes the World Go Around

- Retirement Villages
- Investment Trends
- Property Trends
- Heartland Bank and Reverse Mortgages
- Trusts, Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney

Series 6 Music Music Music

- Potions and plots
- Percussionist
- Bohemian Journey
- What is Music therapy
- Louis Armstrong-Jazz Icon and Founding Father

Series 7 A Pot Pourri

- Aspire Canterbury
- Science Communication
- Freshwater eels – amazing creatures of mystery and understanding
- Prevention of crime and crashes

2016

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- Our Changing Climate – The Challenges and Opportunities
- Fair Trade in Coffee, Chocolate, and Handcrafts
- Combating Bullying and Anti-social Behaviour
- Fires, Food Parcels, and Funerals
- Business Success Through Social Value

Series 2 People in Uniform

- Life as a Pilot
- St John's Ambulance
- USAR Search and Rescue
- Life with the Patch

Visit Patoa Pig Farm, North Canterbury

Series 3 Books

- The Ancient Art of Storytelling
- My Life in Books - How good luck and good contacts turned a love of reading books into a career
- Why Talk About Books?
- Stories Behind the Stories
- The Lives of Books

Series 4 Getting Started in Canterbury

- Early Lyttelton

- Early Christchurch
- Transport
- Farming and Commerce
- Health

Series 5 World Religions

- Muslim
- Confucianism
- Hindu
- Buddhism
- Hebrew

Series 6 Chocolate: Food of the Gods and Elixir of Empires

- Cacao Beans and the Aztecs
- European Empires, Fashionable Beverage
- Quakers, Chocolate, and Social Philanthropy
- Chocolate in New Zealand

2015

Series 1 Art

- Art Restoration
- Modern Contemporary New Zealand Art Work
- Composition and Perspective in Creating a Painting
- Good Art Really Matters
- Overview of New Zealand Art From Maori Times to the 21st Century

Series 2 Pot Pourri

- American Slavery, American Freedom
- Conflict Competence – Improving Communications and Relationships
- Challenges Ahead for Christchurch City Council
- Canterbury's Water Problems and the Future
- Ice Chick: Life in Extreme Environments

Series 3 Matters of the Heart

- Vasoactive Hormones in Controlling Blood Pressure
- New Developments in the Treatment and Diagnosis of Heart Disease
- Measuring Proteins in Blood
- Genetics and Cardiovascular Medicine
- Maori-Pacific Community Studies

Series 4 Law and Disorder

- Nvader – An Organisation with the Goal of Freeing Children From the Child Sex Trade
- Managing Disorder in Prison
- The Rule of Law and Its Important in a Free and Democratic Society
- The Burden of Civilisation – Law in an Era of Degeneration
- My Time at the Bar in Sydney

Series 5 Disabilities

- Alzheimer's
- Disability, Mobility, and Staying in your Home
- Reducing the Risk of Stroke
- Nurse Maude Services for Mobility
- Lifestyle, Protective Factors and Dementia

Series 6 London: From the Romans to The Fire

- Foundation of Roman London
- Tudor London
- The Stuarts and The Great Fire

Series 7 Christchurch - The Garden City?

- Christchurch the Garden City – Past, Present, the Future
- Towards a Sustainable City
- The Home Gardener's Influence on the Christchurch Frame – and – What is Happening in the South Frame?
- History of the Garden City and What's Happening Now

2014

Series 1 From Gold Card to the Grave

- Obituaries
- Legal Issues Relating to Seniors
- Emotions in Later Adulthood
- Death with Dignity
- This I Remember – Memoirs of an Undertaker

Series 2 Happenings in Canterbury

- Journey of SCIRT From Inception to Now
- History of Riccarton House and Bush
- Visit to Lincoln College and Art Collection
- Charity Hospital
- Avon-Otakaro Network and Avon River Reserve Red Zone

Series 3 Exploring the Cosmos

- Outline of Astronomy
- Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve
- Universe and the Stars
- Impacts from the Cosmos on Earth: Meteors, Fireballs and Asteroids
- Cool Astronomy

Series 4 Music, Music, Music

- Quakes, Choirs and Organs
- Directing Musicals at the Court Theatre
- Past, Present and Future of the School of Music
- Teaching the Piano
- From Jazz to Popular Music

Series 5 Balance of Power

- Place of the Church in Society

- Position of Central and Local Government in Managing Society
- What Happens to Happen!
- Place of Print
- MMP Electoral System

Series 6 World Hotspots

- Afghanistan
- China
- Ukraine's Crisis: Should New Zealand be Worried?
- Post 2014 Prospects for Peace in Afghanistan
- American Homeland as a World Hotspot? An American's Thoughts

Visit: Robotic Dairy Farm

Series 7 Books and Print

- Learning to Write a Book – the Hard Way
- Young Eye
- Pleasure in Letters
- Introduction to Making an Author

2013

Series 1 An Interesting Variety

- 21st Century Learning
- The Leadership Void
- Developing a Resilient Financial System: Lessons from Iceland
- Our City, Our Future
- US Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Force – Historically and Today

Series 2 Of Writers and Books

- Why Write About Women?
- Stories Behind the Stories
- Murder in the Mother of Democracies
- Art Editing at The Press

Series 3 Birds and Bees and Biodiversity

- Bees, Biodiversity and all That
- More to Grapes than You Think – A Birds Eye View
- Codfish Island – One of New Zealand's Premier island Sanctuaries
- Benefits of New Zealand Bird Brains
- A Dynasty of Taxidermists

Series 4 Pills, Patients & Problems

- Nature's Nanotechnology and Drug Discovery
- Problems Pills and Pill Problems
- Safety and Spending of Pharmaceuticals
- Prescribing Medications – A View From The Coalface
- Changes to Primary Health Care in Canterbury

Series 5 Travellers' Tales

- In Search of the Great Apes

- Habitat For Humanity
- Farm to Farm Tours
- Where Underpants Come From
- Travelling the World

Series 6 Catching The Wave

- The Speed of Change
- Shifting Design of our Health System
- Apple's Technology in the Community

Visit Ohinetahi – Governors Bay

Series 7 Pot Pourri History

- The Lake District and Hadrian's Wall
- The Phenomenon of the Castle
- The 1348/1349 Black Death
- An Update on Activity at the Arts Centre
- Age Concern Canterbury

2012

Series 1 Best of Both Worlds

- New Life (A Chilean Family Arriving in Christchurch)
- Chile and New Zealand
- Chilean New Zealander Travelling Through Peru and Bolivia
- Chilean Culture
- LAIRCI (A Latin American Organization in Christchurch)

Series 2 Day in the Life of

- Brian Archer
- Richard Greenaway
- Mary Dunne
- Ruth Todd
- Jenny Setchell

Series 3 Philosophy

Series 4 Art Alternatives

- Gap Filler
- Musings of a Wayward Quilt maker
- Civic Trust - Its Life and Work
- Recent Directions and a Whale of a Tale
- Twentieth Century French Churches

Series 5 Ethics and Ethical Dilemmas

- Introduction to Ethics
- Ethical Dilemmas in Ethics and Media, Muckraking and Morality
- Ethical Dilemmas in Social Policy
- Ethical Dilemmas in Business
- Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine

Series 6 Youth Matters

- History of the Christchurch Health and Development Study
- Special Challenges
- What Are We Doing? - A Youth Perspective
- Communicating with Teenagers
- Give Youth a Chance

Series 17 Pot Pourri

- Life and Death of Country Towns
- Pioneers Again - the Opportunity for Christchurch City
- Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings: the Future
- SPECIAL VISIT Visit to Court Theatre

2011

Series 1 Fraud and Deception

- World of Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals
- What Fraud Means for Us
- World of Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals and Why We Should Be Worried...
- Art and Forgery - the 2nd Oldest Profession
- Fraud and Deception in the Computing World
- Fooling Around with the After-Life

Series 2 Future of Energy in New Zealand

- Future of Personal Transport in New Zealand
- Future of Public Transport in New Zealand
- Future of Hydro-electricity in New Zealand
- Future of Wind Farmed Electricity in New Zealand
- Future of Solar Powered Electricity in New Zealand

Series 3 Climbing and Other Adventures

- Silver Hut Expedition: Physiological Experiments
- 1977 Everest Expedition
- Recent Trip to China
- Bolivia and Climbing: A Kaleidoscope of Colours

Series 4 Natural History

- Bush Birds of the Port Hills...
- Water in Christchurch's History
- Biodiversity - At Work
- Biodiversity - In the Backyard
- Last Ocean – Antarctica

Series 5 Toxicology

- Toxic Plants
- Fascination of Bugs
- Food Toxicology
- Toxicology

Series 6 Pot Pourri - Travel

- Ethiopia
- Behind the Scenes at the New Zealand Customs Service
- Stories, Studies and Scandals

2010

Series 1 Aspects of India

- AGM and Islam in Relation to India and Pakistan
- Hinduism
- Social and Cultural Aspects of India
- Gandhi and the Idea of Pakistan
- Commercial/Economy with/of India

Series 2 Medical Series

- Understanding Your Immune System
- The Allergy Epidemic
- Immune Therapies Against Cancer
- Things Domestic Animals can tell us about Human Disorders
- The Gluten Syndrome, a Neurological Disease

Series 3 Religion and Philosophy

- The Philosophy of Religion
- Fundamentalism in 21st Century Churches
- Islam and Global terrorism
- Buddhism
- The Future of Religion in an Increasingly Secular World

Series 4 Current Affairs – Home and Abroad

- NZ as a Responsible Global Citizen – Reflection, Prescription
- Current Affairs – The Local Scene
- Barack Obama's America. How is it Looking?
- The Middle East – Peace in our Time?
- John Key's New Zealand

Series 5 Behind the Music Scene

- Previewing and Reviewing
- Getting the Notes Right
- Musicians on the Move
- Critics Debate
- Only Eight Hours to Go

Series 6 Agriculture in Canterbury Today

- Research to Reduce the Environmental Impact of Dairying in Canterbury
- Sheep and Meat Industry
- A Review of Organic Farming, New Zealand and Overseas
- Effects of Dairying in Canterbury
- Agriculture's Contribution to Canterbury

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Life at the City Mission

- Oberammergau
- Critics Debate
- End of year function

2009

Series 1 Art Facts

- AGM with Guest Speaker
- The Rise and Fall of the Art Market 1958 to 2008
- A Renowned Master Weaver based at the Arts Centre
- Master Printmaker: All form of Print, Lithographs, Etchings & Woodblocks
- Rita Angus: Christchurch Art Gallery

Series 2 Gardens Galore

- Gondwana Garden at the Botanic Gardens
- History of the Garden City
- Capability Brown, Landscape, His Life and Work
- Tales of the Plant Hunters
- Community Gardens, Facilitating Trust, Respect and Fair Sharing

Series 3 NZ Immigration

- Adventures of a Ukrainian in New Zealand
- Died and gone to Heaven
- What would it be like if your family were forced to leave their country of birth and not know what the future holds?
- Life in a New Country on the other side of the World
- The Antics of an Immigrant Scientist

Series 4 The Global Financial Crisis

- An Overview of the Current Global Financial Crisis
- A Discussion of the Role of Banks & other Financial Institutions in the Crisis
- What are the United States, United Kingdom and other Governments doing to Alleviate the Current Crisis? Will it Work?
- What Effect is the Crisis having on the New Zealand economy and in Particular the Housing Market
- A Forecast of the Probable Length and Severity of the Global Financial Crisis

Series 5 Elements of Opera

- Prima la Musica e poi le Parole: The Art of the Librettist
- Recitative in Action
- The Rise and Fall of the Aria
- Ensemble: The Plot Thickens
- Some Grand Finales

Series 6 1066 and all that History

- A Memorable History of England
- 103 Good Things
- 5 Bad Kings
- 2 Genuine Dates

Series 7 Pot Pourri

- Tsunami Hazards
- Dancing in the Dark: 400Years of the Telescope
- The Little Critter Hollander Beater
- End of Year Function

2008

Series 1 Writers and Poets of Canterbury

- Raising the Dead: Writing Historical Fiction
- Experiences in the Antarctic
- Gordon Ogilvie, Non-Fiction Writer
- Jim Norcliffe, Poet and Writer of Children's Stories
- A Young Writer, Novelist, Short Story Writer, and Playwright

Series 2 Olympic Games

- The Ancient Olympic Games
- Olympus Beyond Antiquity and the Birth of the Modern Games
- Perceptions of the Olympic Experience from Athlete/Conditioning Coach/Sports Scientist
- Sport, Olympism and its Educative, Social and Moral Value
- And so, to Beijing 2008, politics, drugs and other issues

Series 5 More Medical Matters

- Emerging Strategies for Healthcare for the Ageing Population
- Back to Basics: The Changing Face of Primary Health Care
- The Weird and Wonderful Science of Swallowing
- General Practice and Medical Politics

Series 6 Water

- Canterbury Water, Water Rights Trust
- Central Plains Water
- The Effects of Agriculture on Water Quality
- Water Supply and Wastewater Services in Christchurch
- Canterbury: Changes in Landscape, Flora and Fauna, and now in Water

Series 7 China Yesterday and Tomorrow

- Historical Introduction and Development of China
- Social and Environmental Problems Today
- Political Problems and Foreign Policy
- Tibet and Taiwan
- A Missionary Childhood in War torn China

Series 8 Canterbury: A Special Place

- From Gondwana to Canterbury: Familiar Land Forms Explained
- The Maori Settlement of Canterbury
- The Making of the Canterbury Landscape 1850-2000
- Field Trip to North Canterbury

Series 9 Pot Pourri

- Yarooogh! 100 years of Billy Bunter
- Poems, Life in Theatre
- A Scottish Affair

2007

Series 1 What's Happening at the Museum

- The Philosophy Behind the Museum at Key points in its History
- Visiting the Discover Centre
- A Tale of a Whale
- Sea Creatures from the Past

Series 2 The Changing Media Landscape in New Zealand

- The Changing Media Landscape in New Zealand
- Blogging and the Power of the Internet
- The Changing Telescape in New Zealand
- Beyond Newsprint and Ink
- Who Owns the Media

Series 5 Making Music

- 50 Years in the Arts
- Musical Journey from Christchurch
- Works with Christchurch Symphony and Auckland Philharmonic
- Lifting Musical Horizons
- Shape and Structure of Music from Sonata to Scherzo

Series 6 The Justice System

- The Bill of Rights
- Cycle of Crime
- Reminiscences of a High Court Judge
- Place of Environment Court in the Justice System
- The Coroner's Court and the Role of the Coroner

Series 7 Modern New Zealand Art

- Lois White: Her Life in Art
- Modern Art: how we got to where we are now
- Toi Maori: Contemporary Maori Art
- Insights into Contemporary NZ Art, including Julia Morison, Don Driver, Ralph Hotere
- Contemporary New Zealand Art – Its Status within Popular Culture

Series 8 Banks Peninsula

- Dead but not Buried – The extinct volcanoes of Banks Peninsula
- The History of Maori on Banks Peninsula
- Bus trip to 'Hinewai Reserve' Long Bay, Banks Peninsula
- Joined at the hip – An historical and political overview
- The Future Landscape of Banks Peninsula

2006

Series 1 Literature and Politics in Russia

- Dostoevsky as a Political Thinker
- Dostoevsky's Second Vision
- Boris Pasternak and his novel 'Dr Zhivago'
- Alexander Solzhenitsyn 'The Gulag Experience in his Novels'
- Solzhenitsyn as a figure in post-Soviet Cultural Life

Series 2 Musical Interlude

- Backstage with the Orchestra
- Level 4 = Composer to Critic
- Elgar: Dreamy Child by Severn-side
- Who are you now?
- Musical Theatre in Christchurch

Series 5 Theatre Life – A Personal View

- How did I get here from there?
- We Open In 3 Weeks
- Fashions, Theories, Politics and Gossip
- Design in a Visual Age
- Facing the Music

Series 6 Medical Research in Christchurch

- An Overview of the Canterbury District Health Board
- Parkinson's Disease – Slow small Steps
- History of the Role of Women in Health
- Aspects of Spinal Cord Injury
- Rheumatology

Series 7 Early Canterbury History

- The Hall Family and Terrace Station Hororata
- The Acland Family and Mt Peel Station
- The Rolleston Family
- Enterprising Souls: Early Settlers of Fendal Town
- The Story of Papanui Road

Series 8 Travel: Moments and Magic Along the Way

- Things the Travel Agent Doesn't Tell You
- Four Ways to Travel – Train, Brage, Freighter, and Foot
- Panel presentation
- A Summer with the Inuit
- Going to Great Heights

Series 8 Miscellaneous Matters

- Biodiversity at Work
- Elands, Elephants, and Empire

- Life in Russia After the Fall of the Soviet Union
- Working with Film Stars, Heads of State and Royalty

2005

Series 1 Searching for Meaning – Spiritual Journeys

- The Ineffable Beauty of Putting out a Near-Empty Rubbish Bag
- From Sister of Mercy to Jungian Analyst One Woman’s Search for the Holy Grail
- God after Geering: The Making of a Radical Theologian
- The Embracing Celtic Spirit
- The Way my Faith Journey has been Influenced by my Membership of the Catholic Church

Series 2 The History of the English Language – English through the Centuries

- Where English came from and how and why it has changed
- English before the Norman Conquest
- English in Chaucer’s Time
- English in Shakespeare’s time
- The Globalisation of English with special references to New Zealand English

Series 3 Faces from the Past

- Portrait of Monsieur Bertin 1832
- The Last England 1855
- Whistler’s Mother 1871
- The Bar at the Follies Bergere 1882
- Self Portrait by Vincent van Gogh 1853-1890

Series 4 What are you doing for the Winter

- Turkey and the New Zealand Connection
- Voyages En France
- Egypt, Jordan and Dubai
- Cruising the Yangtze River
- Russia

Series 5 Planets of the Solar System, Future Holiday Destinations?

- How Astronomy Helped Change the way we Think
- Heavens Above
- How do we know what the stars are made of? A hitchhiker’s guide to spectroscopy
- Strange Lights in the Sky

Series 6 Architecture

- An Introduction to Western Architecture
- Sir Miles Warren
- The Homes of Christchurch’s Early Settlers
- Strange Lights in the Sky

Series 7 Miscellaneous Matters

- Sand Dunes and Coastal Changes along the Canterbury Coast
- Gone but not Forgotten; Memorial Art From Around the World
- Yarks, Smock-frocks and Tweedsides
- Unravelling the Delightful Doodlesac

2004

Series 1 Pot Pourri

- A Pot Pouri of Interesting Topics

Series 2 Women with Attitude: Five Modern Artists

- Frances Hodgkins
- Rita Angus
- Dame Laura Knight
- Dame Eileen Mayo
- Jacqueline Fahey

Series 3 Mind, Body and Computers

- The Mind Body Problem 1: Dualisms
- The Mind Body Problem 2: Monoisms
- The Turing Test
- The Chinese Room
- Mary of the black-and-white room

Series 4 South Island High Country Tenure

- Rod Patterson – High country farmer and advocate
- Mike Clare – Tenure Review Process Manager DOC
- Tourism Potential
- David Round – Immediate Past president of Federated Mountain Clubs
- Kevin O'Connor – Emeritus Professor of Range Management