

## THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Beginning in France in the mid seventies the U3A movement has now spread to most countries and has many hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly, retirement.

The third age is seen to provide the greatest opportunities for learning and understanding because it is during this period of retirement that the idea of a university as a community of those who seek greater understanding through learning can be put into practice.

### The unique characteristics of U3A

- Learning topics are selected by the members
- In depth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitators are usually members of the groups
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly
- There are no examinations
- There are no compulsory activities
- Courses take place during daylight hours
- Costs are minimal and within reach of everybody

The U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust has recently entered into a partnership with the University of Otago which will enhance their shared community of interest by continuing to provide a programme of non-credit educational courses while further utilising the expertise and resources of the University.

## ADMINISTRATION

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Dates: 6 June to 19 September  
Time: 2.15 - 4.15 pm  
Fee: \$30

Tea and coffee provided

#### Enrolments -- limited to 14

You are able to enrol in more than one programme (subject to numbers). If you wish to enrol for more than one programme, you *must* indicate your choice on the Enrolment Form.

To be received on or before **mid-day Wednesday 10 May**. After the draw those who were unsuccessful will be notified by 19 May.

#### Venue

All sessions are held in the Library, Salmond Hall, Knox Street, NE Valley.

#### Course Organisers

Tess Edwards (487 9121) and John Ravenwood (456 1242)

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Dunedin Charitable Trust

A LEARNING OPTION FOR THE RETIRED

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

6 June to 19 September 2006

Rodgers & Associates  
Law Practice

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

1st choice \_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_ 3rd choice \_\_\_\_  
Please tick appropriate spaces.

First Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

Course Fee: \$30

Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

*Please complete and return to:*

U3A  
Rodgers and Associates  
151-155 Princes Street  
PO Box 6200  
Dunedin

on or before noon

**Wednesday 10 May 2006.**

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

### The Programme

Our aim in this friendly group is to encourage interest in a wide range of reading. The numbers (14) are limited by our comfortable venue, and so that all the members may present their choices.

Sessions will be held once a fortnight. To avoid undue pressure, there will be a three-week break mid-way through the programme.

During the first meeting we will plan future sessions, and ask members if they have a book choice that they would like to present at a future session. Then in the second half of that first meeting we will start the programme with Maurice Gee's book *Blindsight* (pub. 2005). The Dunedin Public Library has 11 copies.

Titles we enjoyed in 2005 were:

*Pilgrim*, Timothy Findley

*Transformation*, Catherine Chidgey

*Life is So Good*, George Dawson

*Essential New Zealand Short Stories*, selected by Owen Marshall

*Tu*, Patricia Grace.

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### PROGRAMME 2006

**Tuesdays 2.15 - 4.15 pm**

**Venue: The Library, Salmond Hall**

**6 June**

**20 June**

**4 July**

**18 July,**

then a 3-week break until

**8 August**

**22 August**

**5 September**

**19 September**

**RETAIN THIS PORTION -- remember  
your 1st choice**