

“And now here is my secret,
a very simple secret:
It is only with the heart
that one can see rightly;
what is essential is
invisible to the eye.”

—Antoine de Saint Exupéry

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Coming up in 2023

We start on 28th April 2023.

Our Programme so far:

- 1 Neurology (Feb)
- 2 History of Medicine – A Miscellany (Mar)
- 3 Literature (April/May)
- 4 Music
- 5 Politics

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We prefer to contact you by email.

If you have an email address, and we are not aware of it, how about letting us know.

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Series Organiser
Nola Cavanagh



Invercargill

April/May 2023

Series 3 – “Literature”

THERE IS NO SURER
FOUNDATION FOR
A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP
THAN A MUTUAL TASTE IN
LITERATURE.

— P.G. WODEHOUSE



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VENUE

Venue: **Windsor Community Church
19 Windsor St**

Time: 10:00 am

Cost: \$30 per person

Series 3 – Literature

Session 1: Friday 28th April 2023

Presenters: *Fergus and Mary Sutherland*

“Writing a Memoir – How to Write & Self Publish a Memoir”

Fergus and Mary Sutherland have retired from the ecotourism business they had for over 20 years in the Catlins.

They are both retired teachers and now doing contract guiding, conservation work, planning, art studio writing, photography and acting.

Session 2: Friday 5th May 2023

Presenter: *Dr Fiona Sussman*

“Africa to Auckland and Scapel to Scribe”

Formerly a family doctor, Fiona is an award-winning novelist and short-story writer who hung up her stethoscope in 2003 to pursue another long-held dream, to write. Her work has been published internationally.

To date, Fiona has written four novels and numerous short stories. Her writing has garnered several awards, including the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Crime Novel, the NZ Booklovers Award for Best Adult Fiction, and the Sunday Star Times Short Story Award.

Her short story, *A Breath, A Bunk, A Land, A Sky*, was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize from over five thousand entries.

In addition to writing, Fiona is involved in mentoring other writers and teaching creative writing. Alongside her surgeon husband, she also helped establish a charitable surgical service in Auckland.

Session 3: Friday 12th May 2023

Presenter: *Lynley Dear*

“A Lifetime of Writing – Poetry and History”

A writer who was first published at the age of seven, Lynley has had many poems published in the Southland Times over the years. Her first novel *Ithaca* (2009) was described as “in the tradition of Colleen McCulloch’s - *The Thorn Birds*”.

This was followed by *Poppy Boys* (2010), the story of four brothers who never returned from World War 1. *The Hollywood School of Dressmaking*, and *A Stitch in Time* were published in 2015 and 2017. Two collections of poetry - 1998 and 2008, were followed by *On the Shelf, A Lifetime of Reading*.

To celebrate the reopening, Lynley was asked to write the *History of the Civic Theatre*. At present she has been commissioned to write *the History of Southland Boys’ High School 1881-2026*, which will possibly be called *The School in the Park*.

Session 4: Friday 19th May 2023

Presenter: *Michael Fallow*

“Newspaper Journalism in 2023”

Invercargill born and raised, with a strong Protestant heritage but a stronger Catholic education, Michael trained in journalism in Wellington in 1978.

He struck out to see the world and made it as far as Ashburton, he wasn’t impressed by the world, so by 1981 was back in Invercargill.

Michael has passed 40 years with The Southland Times as a reporter, TV columnist, features editor and editorial writer. Where once the team at The Southland Times numbered over 200, he is now part of a smaller local team of nine.

Michael has interviewed every NZ Prime Minister since Robert Muldoon, every Invercargill MP since Norman Jones, every Mayor since Addie Adamson, as well as many other notable figures such as Peter Ustinov, Kiri Te Kanawa, an Astronaut who travelled 70 million miles, an Auschwitz survivor and a raft of film stars, pop and rock stars, artists, authors and eccentrics.

Session 5: Friday 26th May 2023

Presenter: *Sonya Wilson*

“Storytelling and the South”

Sonya is an award-winning novelist, journalist, television reporter, presenter and producer. She has a degree in Broadcasting Communications and Masters in Creative Writing (Hons) and has worked on programmes such as TVNZ’s Breakfast, One News, 20/20, Sunday and Q + A.

Her first novel, *Spark Hunter*, has made several bestsellers lists since its release in October 2021. It won the NZSA Best First Book Award at the 2022 NZ Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, a Storylines Notable Book Award 2022 and was shortlisted for the Esther Glen Junior Fiction prize. Sonya also writes essays, reviews and opinion pieces for a variety of publications including North & South, Newsroom, Canvas and The Spin Off, and produces and presents the Bookland Presents: How to Love podcast series.

She is the founder & CEO of Kiwi Christmas Books Charity (www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz), that gifts thousands of books to children from disadvantaged families each Christmas.

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