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Coming up for the remainder of the year:

1. Literature
2. Artificial Intelligence

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Series Organiser

Pam Butler



March 2024

Series 2

Architecture / Local Business

Venue:	Windsor Community Church 19 Windsor St
Time:	10.00am
Cost:	\$30 per person



Series 2 - Architecture / Local Business

Session 1 : Friday 8 March

Beyond the ordinary to wonder: Examples from architecture

Presenter: *Andrew Charleson, Adjunct Professor at the School of Architecture, Victoria, University of Wellington*



The lecture begins by reflecting on how human creativity transforms ordinary resources and relationships to form something wonderful. This process is discussed and illustrated in the context of the structures of buildings and their architecture. After introducing and providing the background to this architectural study, a brief explanation of 'ordinary structure' follows. This, then, allows for a fuller appreciation of the 'wonderful architecture' evident in eight very different works of architecture that we visit during the lecture. The architecture discussed in this lecture is at a scale larger than domestic architecture, but nonetheless relevant to it.

Session 2 : Friday 15 March

Crunchy

Presenter: *Benji Biswas*



Benji has started two separate companies Crunchy and Masala. Crunchy is an urban vertical farm growing

sustainably microgreen and sprouts supplying supermarkets across South Island. Masala is a healthy takeaway shop providing healthy, fresh and delicious alternative food items.

He was recipient of Entrepreneur One to Watch at Southland Business Excellence award, 2021. His company Crunchy was finalist for Most Innovative Business and winner of New and Emerging business 2021.

Recently Benji was the guest speaker for Southern Dairy Development Trust's 5 year celebration gala dinner, South Island Dairy Conference and SIT Graduation ceremonies 2023. When he is not working he is busy doing his daddy duty for his 5 year old child, Arya!

Session 3 : Friday 22 March

Kiwi Skips

Presenter: *Dan Butterfield*



Dan Butterfield is the founder and owner of Kiwi Skips, a leading waste management company in Southland. Dan's story is one of passion, dedication, and a commitment to providing high-quality customer service and sustainable, innovative solutions for waste. Kiwi Skips was the New Zealand Winner of the 'Innovating for Sustainability' category in Xero's inaugural Beautiful Business Fund and winners of the Excellence in Trades Services Award at the 2023 Southland Business Excellence Awards. They were also highly commended in the Manaakitanga -

Customer Services Award at the 2023 KUMA Māori Business Awards.

Session 4 : Friday 5 April

Back Country Foods

Presenter: *Ben Alberts MSc., MBA., Med.Dip.Nut., Dip.Nut(PN)., Dip.IndEng*



Ben is the General Manager of Back Country Foods. Since 1998 this Invercargill company has been on a journey to develop lightweight, tasty, nutritious freeze dried meals. They provide a wide range of options for those off the grid; hunters, trampers and boaties.

His presentation is on business sustainability and productivity, which is his field of expertise.

Session 5: Friday 12 April

NZAS

Presenter: *Chris Blenkiron, General Manager and CEO of the Tiwai Aluminium Smelter.*



Tiwai has been a huge part of Southland as a contributing business and under Chris's leadership the smelter is building on Tiwai's 50-year legacy of producing the world's lowest carbon, highest purity aluminium.