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## Coming up for the remainder of the year:

EOY function (Nov 15)

## Registration Form - Series 7 2024

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Series Organiser

Diane Fletcher



# October - November 2024

## **Series 7**

#### **Roads from Home**



Venue: Windsor Community Church

19 Windsor St

Time: 10.00am

Cost: \$30 per person

## Series 7 - Roads from Home

**Session 1: Friday 18 October** 

**Chasing Carbon - from Fiordland to Siberia** 

Presenter: Dr John Hunt

**Bio**: John grew up in Invercargill and attended Otago University where he completed a BSc Hons in botany. He worked for the Forest Service, doing animal and vegetation surveys in Southland and



joined the Forest Research Institute in Christchurch, now Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research. He completed a PhD on the role of UV-B radiation on native plants. He has spent most of his working life tracking carbon at different scales from sub cellular to global and now works on the carbon balances of dairy farms.

## **Session 2 : Friday 1 November**

Presenter: Paddy O'Brien

**Bio**: Patric (Paddy) O'Brien, born in Invercargill in 1959, rose from humble beginnings to become a pioneering figure in rugby refereeing.



Educated in Invercargill, he started his working life as a clerk, then joined the Police force in 1978.

After serving as a detective in the New Zealand Police for 17 years, Paddy transitioned to professional rugby in 1996, becoming the world's first full-time referee. Over his career, he officiated 218 first-class matches, including 38 internationals, and earned the title of NZRU Referee of the Year seven times. Recently he was appointed patron of the Police Wing 370 which commenced training in 2023.

In 2005, he was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his contributions to rugby. Today, Paddy continues his involvement in the sport as World Rugby's High-Performance Sevens Referee Manager and holds several leadership roles in the Invercargill community.

## **Session 3 : Friday 8 November**

Presenter: *Mrs Julie Peterson* 

**Bio:** Julie Peterson (nee Kean) was raised on a sheep & beef farm in Winton alongside her six siblings. She attended Dominican College Teschemakers as a full



She has taught and held senior teaching positions throughout the South Island including Head of English at Southland Girls' High School and at Christ's College, and was Deputy Principal at St Margaret's College prior to moving to Hawke's Bay.

Julie is the current Principal of Woodford House in Havelock North, a role she has held since 2015. As one of the top 10 schools and the largest girls' boarding school in New Zealand, Julie leads as an executive school Principal and a high performing CFO of a multi-million dollar institution

Julie's leadership demonstrates the importance of strength and empathy to maximise the educational and commercial outcomes for all stakeholders. Founding the Shine Strengths programme in 2020 reflects her passion for transformational opportunities for young people.



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