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In June this year Kirsty Powell released her second novel 'The Strength of Old Shale'. It is part history and part fiction highlighting stories from impoverished 1850s Shetland and the 1860s Otago Gold Rush that put Lawrence and Clyde on our maps. The book weaves a story between fictional characters and real folk, such as the Dalziel family who have been farming in Lawrence for 150 years after their ancestor Christopher Dalziel jumped ship to come to the Otago goldfields.

It is also the fictional story of an Otago University student who hails from a farming family in Whangamomona.

Kirsty will also speak of her first novel 'The Strength of Eggshells' which is a prequel to her current book, set 20 years before. Her first novel won The New Zealand Booklovers award in 2020.

Kirsty grew up in the North Wairarapa, she lives in rural South Auckland and has completed a Masters degree in Creative Writing.

Coming up next year: (We start on 13 February)

- Seniors
- Mythology



November 21 2025

10:30

End of Year Lunch

Guest Speaker :

Kirsty Powell

History and Connections

Venue:	Windsor Community Church 19 Windsor St
Time:	10.30am
Cost:	Free (but you must register by 7 Nov)
Lunch:	If you have any special dietary requirements, please tell Jean McIlwrick by Friday 14 Nov