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*2021 Series 8*  
*Oct 22 to Nov 12*

**Roads From  
 Home**  
**and where they have  
 taken born and bred  
 Southlanders**



**Venue:** Windsor Community  
Church Hall Windsor St.  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$20 per person  
Register and keep up for the price  
of a coffee each Friday.

## **Roads From Home**

### **Session 1 Friday Oct 22**

**Presenter: Dr Pete Mitchell**

Journey began at Dipton South Hillend. Then S.B.H.S. 69/73 Otago for BSC in Biochemistry. O.E. to U.S.A. to ski. Ph.D. in 86 from Las Cruces New Mexico. Post-doctoral cancer research Wisconsin. R&D in Connecticut with Pfizer and 12 years with Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. A stint in France. Consulting with biotechnology companies early phase drug development especially arthritis. Now back in N.Z. in Picton. Still consulting in Australia and N.Z.

### **Session 2 Friday Oct 29**

**Presenter: Dr Anna Garden**

Dr Anna Garden is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Otago. She is also a Principal Investigator in the MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology. She runs a small computational chemistry research group, focusing on sustainable industry and environmental remediation. Growing up in Southland with two science teacher parents, a road into science may not have been so surprising. However, more surprising were the circuitous journeys around the world, making friends and working with colleagues in far flung places, while studying how very small materials can help to solve very large problems.

### **Session 3 Friday Nov 5**

**Presenter: Daniel Wallace**

“How did the Lord of the Rings movies help the Technology industry respond to some of the most significant challenges facing society?”

Daniel Wallace spent the first 17 years of his life in Invercargill, then he was awarded the NZ Nomad Scholarship where he spent the last year of high school at an English boarding school.

After university, Daniel has spent his career in the technology sector in the Silicon Valley, Colorado, and now back in New Zealand. A common theme throughout his career is the connection to the earth. During his talk, Daniel will reflect on his upbringing as well as some career highlights that include involvement in the first continuous measurement of the peak of Mt Everest, managing nuclear waste underground, mining of rare minerals for batteries used in electric vehicles, and locating potable water for refugees. For the Lord of the Rings connection you will have to come to the talk!

### **Session 4 Friday Nov 12**

**Presenter: Kathryn Collie**

Kathryn grew up in Otautau and studied Land Surveying at Otago University. Kathryn spent time in South Korea, London and Auckland before settling in Christchurch in 2009. During her 20 years working in the construction industry she has been involved in major infrastructure projects including earthquake rebuilt, land development, motorways, retirement villages and railway. Kathryn currently works for Christchurch NZ as Programme Manager in their Urban Development team.

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