

Canterbury Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangī February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Member,

A belated Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a great Christmas / holiday break.

The Branch Council is working towards the branch AGM on Monday 27 March at Tūranga Central Library following which, John Campbell will give a talk on Ernest Rutherford. You may like to consider joining the Branch Council for the 2023 year. Details will be sent to you soon.

Don't forget if you want to catch up with last year's talks held at Tūranga, you can find them at on Plains FM website <https://plainsfm.org.nz/Prog/ScienceAndSociety2022>. Many thanks to Rob, Grant and Mike who arranged the talks and the Zoom.

Don't forget that we have a CO₂ monitor that you can borrow. It's been in use regularly. Contact us and we can arrange for you to pick it up. All we ask in return is that you post your findings on the Branch Facebook page or Twitter. A guide to recommended CO₂ measurements can be found at <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/in-depth/470690/whose-breath-are-you-breathing>.

So what is planned for this year? Once the new Council has been appointed at the AGM we will take a strategic look at many aspects of the Branch. This is important as we look at to see if there are any changes needed to our constitution resulting from the new Incorporated Societies Act. Many branches have already done this and the RSNZ Te Apārangī is beginning this process as well.

We will also look at the format of the talks in both Christchurch and Timaru. Attendance in Timaru is usually good, in person attendance in Christchurch has been low, although we are reaching a larger audience through the Plains FM podcasts. We will also look at the student travel grants application process, and the amounts we award. We will be setting up sub-committees for both of these and if you are interested in helping out, please let us know as this is your Branch and not just the Council's.

Lastly, we expect to see the launch of our new website. Many thanks to Fiona for re-building the look of it.



Science talk
Shark Spy - recording our marine life

Tuesday 7 March

Talk: 7pm at Ara Polytech: Room TG105/106, G Block
access from Arthur Street and Main road

Rob Lewis, science communicator at the NZ Marine Studies Centre, Portobello, Dunedin, will talk about work on the Shark Spy project and other citizen science projects. This encourages people to report shark sightings, helping scientists to find out more about these fascinating creatures.

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Branch Events

Christchurch

Monday 27 March: Branch AGM at Tūranga Central Library Christchurch - Speaker John Campbell, Subject: Ernest Rutherford

Timaru

Tuesday 28 March at 7.00 pm: Talk by Dr Michael Price in Timaru at Ara Room TG105/106. Subject: to be confirmed

Thursday 11 May at 7.00 pm: Talk by Prof. Murray Rea, Theology Programme, University of Otago in Timaru at Ara Room TG105/106. Subject: **Anticipations of the Heavenly Jerusalem in Medieval and Renaissance Cities: An Architectural Study**

Abstract

The image of the ideal city established by God inspired efforts in Medieval and Renaissance Europe to replicate or foreshadow in earthly cities the heavenly city which Christian imagination envisages. The cities of that time prove to be, therefore, a rich stimulus to the interpretation of those biblical visions in which the New Jerusalem is portrayed in architectural terms. This lecture will offer a study of four characteristics in particular that Christians of the Medieval era supposed would be present in the city of God, and it will show how these characteristics remain evident in the architecture of European cities.

News from other branches and RSNZ Te Apārangi



He Pito Mata 2023

The Early Career Researcher Forum Aotearoa will host a two-day event for early career researchers on 18-19 April at Te Papa, Wellington. He Pito Mata is a unique convergence of connecting, sharing and amplifying the kōrero of early career researchers in Aotearoa.

[Registrations are now open.](#)



Medal and award winners celebrated in 2022 were:

- [Kirikiriroa Hamilton](#)
- [Ōtepoti Dunedin](#)
- [Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington](#)

Research Honours Aotearoa 2023

Call for nominations

The call for nominations for medals and awards for Research Honours Aotearoa 2023 is now open and a web portal has been set up to receive nominations. Please email academy@royalsociety.org.nz if you wish to submit a nomination and you will be provided with a URL to access the web portal. As in the past, the Society's Academy is keen to receive nominations from under-represented groups, particularly with respect to gender, ethnicity and employment context. **The closing date is 31 March 2023.**



Open access publishing in Royal Society Te Apārangi journals

The RSNZ are pleased to announce a [new agreement for Open Access publishing](#) in Royal Society Te Apārangi journals. If you are affiliated with any of the participating institutions in Aotearoa New Zealand you may publish your articles Open Access free of charge in our journals, subject to conditions.

Papers from Haast symposium available

A selection of papers from the 2022 Haast Symposium has recently been published in the *Canterbury Museum Bulletin*. These are freely available online [here](#). Julius von Haast was a leading 19th century scientist, responsible for exploration of remote parts of the South Island as well as recognition of the extent of past glaciations and research on the extinct moa. The papers cover different aspects of his career as well as the history of New Zealand science. **@Canterbury Museum**

From the Otago Branch...

Our podcast 'Talking About' is now up and running and can be found [here](#). We have a Facebook Group called 'Otago Institute for the Arts and Sciences', which anyone can join. This will get you all the links and updates. The show is produced through Otago Access Radio and available through all the usual podcast avenues and from the OAR and OI websites <https://oar.org.nz/talking-about/>.

And finally..

Remember that you can keep up to date on our Facebook page 'Canterbury RSNZ Branch', or on Twitter @CanterburyRSNZ.

If you have any suggestions for speakers, field trips ideas, etc. please send them our way. I am always willing to discuss anything regarding the Branch with you.

Regards,

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