



Join us on Thursday, April 21st 2022

Annual General Meeting followed by Guest Speaker

Tea and Coffee from 7.00 pm AGM 7.30 pm Guest Speaker 8.00 pm

Rosewood, 417 Queen Street, Kuripuni, Masterton
Non-members: \$5.00 door charge - and everyone welcome

Guest speaker:

World-renowned epidemiologist **Professor Roger Morris** will traverse a topic on everyone's minds in 2022.

Pandemics: now and the future

Professor Morris says: "Seen within the context of pandemics over the centuries, COVID-19 is far from the most catastrophic pandemic to affect the world. However, because we live in a world where the movement of people and goods is far more rapid than ever before, the COVID pandemic has unfolded and evolved far more rapidly than any previous pandemic."

He notes that official data from countries substantially underestimates the actual severity of the pandemic at the global level, but a few countries have minimised its effects. "Among them," he says, "New Zealand stands out as the most successful of all. There are some specific reasons why we used the same resources as other countries but did far better."

Roger Morris will discuss the future of this pandemic and the possibility of future pandemics.
Is the risk getting worse? Is it changing in nature?

Professor Morris has been involved in a wide range of national and global disease outbreaks and has contributed to disease control activities in over 50 countries. He has contributed to work on Ebola in West Africa, bird flu, mad cow disease, Mycoplasma Bovis in New Zealand, and now Covid-19.

He has trained Asian doctors, veterinarians and wildlife scientists from Afghanistan to Mongolia to work together to investigate and manage emerging diseases.



A CHILD'S COVID POEM ROCKS!

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“Dear Covid” by Kai Yu

Why are you tryna' kill?
You know we have the vaccine, right?
You know we have the upper hand, right?
Why are you pressin' on,
When you know your chances of winning are long gone?
You know you're tryna' charge up an anthill
Of fierce warriors you can't defeat.
So why are you pressin' on,
When you know we have you beat?
You're tryna' climb to a mountain,
With all your limbs chopped off,
You're tryna' best a rock concert
With your music turned down soft.
Oh, Covid, why are you pressin' on?

You know you're a firecracker,
Exploding in the sky,
Tryna' kill us with the blast
But nobody's nearby
You know you're a chainsaw
Roaring with your might
Can saw a log in half,
But no human in sight
You know you're a virus,
Spreading infectious disease
But that we have you beat
You're the one that's making desperate pleas.

You want to win,
But you know,
There's nothin' you can do.
You try, you try,
You try again,
You try all over again.
There's nothing, There's nothing,
You can do,
Cause we have you beat.

WOO!