

OPEN TALKS

This year we will be featuring some of our special speakers in the festival tent. These are open talks, no cost, sit and listen or pop in. Questions and discussion especially welcomed in these talks!

Saturday 30 March

- **11am: Harvest Festival Opening & Blessing**

A harvest blessing to welcome those from near and far and begin the 11th Heritage Harvest Festival!

- **1pm: Lynda Hallinan “Damsons”**

How to preserve your garden's seasonal bounty in fun, fuss-free, flavoursome ways, with pantry-stocking hints and recipes for making the most of the autumn harvest.

- **2.30pm: Robert Guyton “How to get there”**

Ideas on what to do in a world where pollution levels are rising, species of animals are disappearing fast and the climate is becoming unstable are something sought-after by many people. If you are thinking about these present-day problems, join Robert Guyton in an open discussion around what we can all do to ease, and perhaps solve, those challenges to the human race.

Sunday 31 March

- **11am:**

- **1pm: Robyn Guyton “The Longwood Resilience Loop”**

Join Robyn to hear about the proposed Western Southland loop around the Longwood Mountain Range that will pass by 15 small country towns with several more on the edges that can be worked in. A truck will pick up and drop off along that loop to each communities ‘depot’ or ‘trading post.’ Bottled milk, artisan bread, knitted socks, vegetables, fruit, handmade gifts, wooden spoons, weekly Western Southland Newspaper, chemist prescriptions, mail, cut flowers. This will create many opportunities for social enterprise and self-employment! All the while helping bolster our local communities.

- **2.30pm: Closing**