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NEWSLETTER: Term 4, 2017

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AN APPEAL FOR NEWSLETTER COPY Do you have any special things to share about your class (special activities, guest speakers, special achievements of members etc.), or anything else of interest to share with members? . Send any copy for our newsletter to Graeme Allen at guballen@bigpond.com, or through the office or at the U3A Geelong email address.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Just as the English compete to spot the first cuckoo after Christmas, our supermarkets seem to compete to get the first hot cross bun on the shelves straight after the Christmas wrapping paper has been stowed away. One newspaper report I read recently said buns were on sale this year the day after New Year's Day! Such conflation of the two Festive Times reminds me of a weird story.

A few years back, my wife's cousin's daughter was traveling in Japan over the Christmas holiday period. She wandered into a large Tokyo department store, where they had one of those huge displays to celebrate the time of the year, with tinsel and baubles and lights and fir trees and so on. She stopped to admire, and there as a focal point erected in the midst of it all was a large, red-suited effigy of Santa Claus nailed to a cross ! She nearly fell over on the spot. Talk about getting your icons confused.

But I guess we're all happy that the Spring Term has arrived, and we can look forward to some nice warm weather in the coming months. The downside, of course, is that indications are that we will likely have another dry, hot summer as climate change takes us steadily further towards a state of distress. Just what this big hole – the size of Tasmania! - in the Antarctic ice cap might mean is a worrying sign for the Planet right now, yet still, in the face of all the evidence, the Donald Abbotts deny that anything unusual is happening.

Your U3A Geelong Management Committee has been active in bringing on new developments. We now have a new front page to the U3A website, which is not only a bit livelier and more colourful, but also has more features. For instance, it shows Upcoming Events and the quarterly Newsletters, both current and past. You can access the new site at

u3ageelong.org.au, or by Googling U3A Geelong. Another new development, thanks to Loretta Winstanley's unflagging energy, is the availability of a Summer School next January, offering a range of exciting activities (see below). And don't forget Open Day coming up on October 27th. Enrolments for 2018 courses will open in November – preferential on November 1st, and Open (all comers) standard on the 21st.

So I hope you will all enjoy your classes for the remainder of Term 4, and that you learn something new every week. And may I send you all, on behalf of the Management Committee, our best wishes for the Season, a wonderful 2018, and trust that you don't eat too many hot cross buns for Christmas Dinner!

'Till next time,

Garry Kinnane



ENROLMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR: It's that time of the year again. Here's the good oil on the procedure, for those who forget or who haven't been through the process before.

- **November 1 Preferential Re-enrolment** for classes in which you were enrolled in 2017 begins. Re-enrolment may be online, or by phone to the office or calling into the office. Payment of the \$60 fee must be made no later than November 20 to secure your position in the class – you will lose your preferential status if you have not paid by the end of November 20.
- **November 21 Open enrolments begin** at midnight November 20/21 for all classes. In a number of classes you will be placed on the waitlist until you have contacted the tutor to gain admission.
- **Payments of Enrolment Fee** of \$60 which entitles you to enroll in any number of subjects may be made online by credit card (PayPal), by mail (cheque) or in person at the U3A Geelong office (cheque or cash). Payments must be made before the first class of 2018 otherwise you will not be accepted into the class in which you enrolled.
- **Synopses** will be available at the Open Day on Friday 27th October from 10.00am to so that you can meet your prospective new Tutors.



OPEN DAY Our Open Day will be held on Friday 27th October at Cobbin Farm from 10.00am to 12-00pm). All classes will be cancelled on that day.

The reason why we have cancelled classes is to allow as many of our members as possible, as well as prospective members, to come to talk to their prospective tutors.

Demonstrations and presentations will be held in the Chapel - Tai Chi (10-10-30), Yoga (10-30 -11), Combined book groups (11-11-30) and U3A Choir (11-30 – 12). Refreshments available - Tea/coffee \$1, Scones jam and cream \$1, Sausage rolls \$1. Synopses will be handed out on the day to all attendees.



NEXT DEAKIN LECTURE: Koorie Education

When/Where? The Chapel at Cobbin Farm from 11 am to 1 pm on FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2017.

Speaker: CORRINA ECKLES WHO IS THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER FOR THE INSTITUTE OF KOORIE EDUCATION AT DEAKIN'S WAURN PONDS CAMPUS.

CORRINA WILL DISCUSS HER BACKGROUND AND THE CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF THE LOCAL ABORIGINAL POPULATION INCLUDING HOLDING A WELCOME CEREMONY AND EXPLAINING ITS MEANING. She will give us some insight into Deakin's approach to Koorie education.

THE INSTITUTE ITSELF HAS COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT ENABLE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS THE FLEXIBILITY TO GAIN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION WHILE STILL MAINTAINING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS.

This is a great opportunity to learn more of the Aboriginal culture and education in our own area without having to travel to remote areas.

As usual, the lecture is on the website and members are asked to enrol in the usual way so we can have an idea of the numbers to cater for.

David Galloway.



FIRST EVER COMBINED U3A SUMMER SCHOOL .

Geelong, Corio Bay and Surf Coast U3As have received a Government Grant to run our first ever Summer School .

This will be held at Cobbin Farm, Cobrodah House and the Spring Street Community Centre in Torquay over three

days in January ie Tuesday 16th , Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January.

The theme of the Summer School is Connections: to your inner self, the past, the future and the community. There are first rate speakers, some old favourites but with great topics and some new speakers and some outstanding speakers like Gerard Monsour, Commissioner for Senior Victorians, who, in his closing the festivities speech will lay out the challenge that we are all facing.

Some of the topics: SO FAR (as this is a work in progress)

- *Connections to your past:* Go back to where you came frompaleoanthropology
- *Connections to the future:* From smoke signals to protons
- *Connections to the Community:* Alzheimers Australia and the Geelong Regional Library Corporation
- *Connections to self:* daily Tai Chi classes, daily guitar lessons and a 2 day En Plein Air art workshop

However:..... we need volunteers for –

- Room captains: duties include timekeeping, introducing speakers, thanking speakers.

- Equipment putters-out and putting-awayers
- Chair monitors
- Kitchen hands to help with lunch distribution (lunch can be purchased) Tea and Coffee is free.
- Wait staff for the final afternoon tea and celebratory drinks
- Cleaning up staff

FINAL PROGRAM WILL BE READY AND ON LINE READY FOR THE OPEN ENROLMENT SESSIONS ON 20TH NOVEMBER (the working group will be sedated with Valium and copious glasses of wine to have got that far!!!!!!)

Please contact Loretta via the Office to be a volunteer. **Loretta Winstanley**

One of the Summer School Offerings -



EN PLEIN AIR

U3A SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

COBRADAH HOUSE, Beaufort Ave. BELL POST HILL.

Tues.16 January and 17 January 2018

10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Join us in one, or two, languid midsummer days in pleasant surroundings, sketching and painting the varied surrounding shops and interesting people. Look for the U3A banner at the carpark entrance.

Bring your own easel and gear. Artists will be supplied with a list of suggested visual topics, 1 blank A4 sheet of (watercolour/acrylic) card and some blu-tac.

Lunch and refreshments available at nearby cafes (a short walk or drive). a short walk or drive to nearby cafés.

\$10 Registration per day. Booking may be made through the U3A office. Bookings preferred by 01 Dec .2017, but late bookings OK.

At the end of the day, participants will be invited to present 1 work to be photographed for placement on the U3A website.

Ted Reilly (tutor @ U3A Art Drysdale)



NEW COURSE FOR 2018: Aristotle would have loved an iPhone!

This is a new and interesting 4 week long course looking at the ascent of mind and knowledge and the starting place for the technological advances that we are wondering about and trying to deal with today. Two examples of these are:

- How to deal with hackers...try going back to Euclid's time for the answer.

- Alchemists? Foolish dreamers or people of enduring wisdom?

Dr Anthony Ash has worked in the R and D laboratories of an international telecommunications company and specialised in electronic and photonic applications for future communications systems. He has qualifications in engineering and applied physics.

This fascinating course starts at 9.15am Thursday 1st March in the Chapel



TUTOR UPDATES:

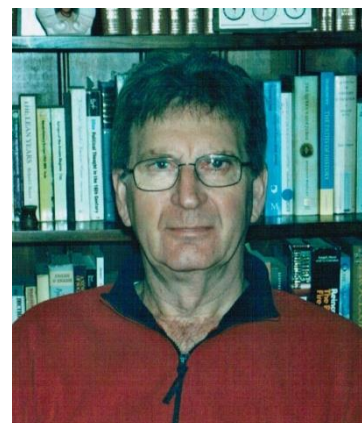


Joan Livingstone, one of our amazing tutors, has recently celebrated her 93rd birthday and was very happy to receive a bunch of flowers from us all. Ho Hum you say... what is so good about being 93? Well, Joan has been tutoring for many years, and is looking forward to continuing tutoring next year for the Cryptic Crosswords and Reading and Enjoying Shakespeare courses.

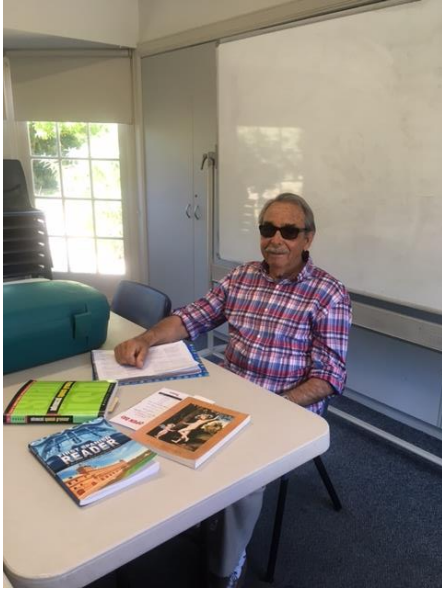
Joan also lights up the office when she arrives as everyone there must receive a “Hoog!” also known as hug. This instant piece of friendliness makes the day go a little bit better. Thanks Joan and keep on keeping on!

Rein Willemse who has been running his very popular and standing room only Philosophy course has decided that it is time to retire. This course has been running for 22 years which is an amazing record and there are many students who have been a part of this class for many, many years. Rein has also served as a Committee member and as Course Coordinator which is not an easy role

His enthusiasm and passionate interest in western Philosophy has been a driving force. The hours of research and preparation cannot be calculated and his many, many students over the years are grateful for his contribution.



Sheila Sims has been a Tutor of the very popular Mah Jong class for many years and also must reluctantly hand over the reins because of failing eyesight. She has been a committed tutor and plays nearly every day of the week! Many thanks Sheila for your contribution.



Eduardo Teijeiro has been teaching his Spanish class for many years and despite being 85 years young, still continues to enjoy his work. It is difficult to teach a language as there are varying rates of language acquisition which means that Eduardo would start a class earlier on many occasions to give extra coaching for some class members.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

From Tracey Simic re Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis 2 workshop.

Tai Chi for Arthritis 2 and Updates with Anastasia Yianni

Date Nov 4th 2017

Time 9am - 5pm

Address Exodus Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church/School, 9 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham, Victoria

<https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/workshops/workshop/...>

While it is a prerequisite to have your TCA certificate to upgrade to TCA2 any one who has learnt TCA1 can do this course and gain great benefit. If you are interested, copy and paste the above link into google for registration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Unfortunately I won't be going to this update.

From Lyn O'Brien re Warm Clothes for the Homeless

Thanks to the many U3A members who so promptly and generously responded to the appeal for warm clothes for the homeless. This campaign has finished for this year, but donations of wool will continue to be appreciated because warm garments can be made by U3A knitters and crocheters.



WHAT ARE CLASSES UP TO???

Musical Humans.



Have you ever wondered what's happening with the mandolin class of late??

Well, here they are performing at Anam Cara House recently Well done, team.

A Literary Dog

Dog Handling Class embraces all sorts of vaccinated dogs – big, small, young and old. Sometimes it celebrates Canine Cognition through poetry! Below is an ekphrastic poem about mongrels. An ekphrastic poem vividly describes a work of art. It reflects on the scene depicted and traditionally responds with a narrative poem. One outstanding example springs to mind – Keats – Ode on a Grecian Urn. The ekphrastic poem Dogs of Dreamland is a modern reflection Dog Person, **Monty Taylor** upon Landseer's painting, Comic All Dogs in 1836. **Monty** is also very talented in **Agility & Rally O**. His special human, Kath, uses a stroller – a walking aid.



Dogs of Dreamland by *Monty Taylor*

Do not ever call us
Mongrel, Comic or Cur!
We are no longer targets
Of ignorance or slur

We are the heartbeats.
The howls of romance
Our Parents saw true love
And seized the chance!

We meet by moonlight.
We join paws with passion
Cap, bonnet or pipe

Is way out of fashion

What use is a pedigree?
What can these dinosaurs do?
Herd Boeings round Tulla?
Fetch cell phones at Woolloomooloo?

We are not **Comic**
We are not **Mongrel** or **Cur**
We are the Dogs of Dreamland
Free Spirits who proudly wear fur.



Dog Poets & Human too.
Dutch artist Henriette Ronner Knip 1821-1909.
Kitten with Chessboard

Try your own Ekphrastic Poem. If you loathe cats – what a cat

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Albert Einstein was asked one day by a friend “Do you believe that absolutely everything can be expressed scientifically?” “Yes, it would be possible,” he replied, “but it would make no sense. It would be description without meaning – as if you described a Beethoven symphony as a variation in wave pressure.”

– Ronald W. Clarke, *Einstein: The Life and Times*

As we move towards the festive season and reach the end of another great year of learning about new things and new ideas and new ways of looking at the world, and having had the privilege to share it all with others and to hear about their discoveries and experiences on their own journeys through life, we really do have much to be grateful for about U3A Geelong. It has allowed each of us to continue to expand our horizons and to make some great friendships in the process. We must thank greatly all those who have contributed so much the success of our organization. In a reworking of W.S.Gilbert’s words in the operetta *HMS Pinafore* “let’s give three cheers an one cheer more for the efforts of those leading lights who have gone on before”. Friends, a toast. To the good ship U3A Geelong and all those who serve on her!!!

Till next year, happy times –

Graeme Allen (Editor)