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NEWSLETTER: Term 2, 2018

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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.

Deadline for Newsletter 3, 2018: End of Week 2 Term 3, 2018:



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN Gary Kinnane

We had a **very successful AGM** on March 28th, with a healthy attendance of 55 members. The business was carried out smoothly – I talked a little about the history and culture of U3A, and it's importance as a community facility – and your Committee was duly elected, with three new members – Nanette Tunnicliffe, Ken Morris and Anne Carne – who will I'm sure bring new ideas and energy to the table. Afterwards we all enjoyed a fine lunch that happily matched the equally fine weather. So, a good day.

I also talked a little on a matter I've been beating the drum about in recent times, and that is our **depleted tutor numbers** and the importance of finding new ones. We have dropped from 75 tutors in 2016 to 52 at the start of this year, so the risk of sounding like a broken record, please give some thought to taking on a tutor role if you feel you have an area of expertise or interest that you could share with your fellow members. And of course mention the idea to friends, neighbours, acquaintances you happen to meet who you think could make a good tutor in their field of interest.

We seem to have picked up **a couple of new tutors** to enhance our musical offerings over the coming months. Rosi Weller has begun a ukelele class starting this week – called 'Ukelele Unshackled' because she doesn't want her students to be tied to the sheet music, but just to learn the fundamentals of the instrument to sing and play freely by ear, which I'm sure will attract those who balk at the idea of learning music at this stage of our lives. Rosi will also start a singing class next term, and once again this is to be popular singing just for the fun of it. And

later, in Term 4, Mike Whittle will start up a class in song-writing, so that I can envisage a U3A Geelong ukelele band performing their own songs for us by sometime in 2019. This would indeed add to our already wonderful Choir led by Margaret Hughes OAM.

I don't know if you've noticed, but **Cobbin Farm is looking particularly nice lately**. The new paintwork inside and out, and the new colours, have freshened the place up, and the garden looks good, as ever, in what has been lovely late summer of sunny days and mild temperatures. We are so lucky to have such an ideal teaching space in such a peaceful and beautiful natural setting.

So **keep on enjoying your classes**, whichever ones you enrolled in, and wherever they are being held, and remember that U3A is really what you make it, and your classes are only as valuable as you allow them to be by your wholehearted participation, and if you think of ways we can improve what we do please don't hesitate to contact the Management Committee, which you can do by sending us a note or an email through the office.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

From the AGM Minutes and President's Report –

The Minutes - The following were elected to the Committee of Management for 2018-2019 --

Office Bearers President: Gary Kinnane; Vice President; Eeon Macaulay; Treasurer: Irene Cannon; Secretary: Greg Duggan.

Ordinary Committee Members Ann Carne, Ken Bolton, David Galloway, Kenneth Morris, Mary Tiernan, Nanette Tunnicliffe

Life Members The President announced that the Committee of Management has proposed that the following seven members be awarded Honorary **Life Membership** of U3A Geelong in recognition of their many years of outstanding service and they were duly elected.

Graeme Allen	Member, Tutor on environmental issues and history, Committee member and President, for a total of 21 years
John Craig	Member, Tutor of politics and creative writing, Committee member and President, for a total of 22 years
Joan Livingston	Member and tutor of Shakespeare for fun and crosswords, for 20 years
Dennis Govan	Member and Tutor of paleoanthropology and history, for a total of 21 years
Margaret Hughes OAM	Member, Tutor of music and leader of our choir, for a total of 19 years
Roger Lamb	Member, Tutor of history and science and Committee member, for a total of 24 years

Rien Willemse	Member and tutor in philosophy for a grand total of 29 years
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The President's Report

“And finally, and most importantly, I have to thank so many people for their contribution to the effective running of U3AGeelong for past year: To the **members of the Management Committee**: Loretta, who has been Class Manager, and the inspirational architect of the Summer School, and who ran herself into the ground to ensure its success, we owe our deep thanks, and trust that in taking time off from the Committee she gets her health back soon. To Greg Duggan, who has been a stalwart secretary; to Eeon Macaulay, who looks after our technical, political and administrative welfare; to David Galloway, who arranges the Deakin lectures so competently; to Irene Cannon, an excellent Treasurer; to Ken Bolton for giving support as needed, to Sandra Fountain, Mary Tieman and Nanette Tunncliffe, for their work on the catering and social side of our activities and their sensible contributions to discussions: on behalf of our members, I thank you all.

I have also to thank Graeme Allen for his fine **editorship of the Newsletter** – it is an important source of information for the membership. I should also like to thank my son, Corley Kinnane, for his **continuing maintenance of our internet website**.

I also want to thank all of **our tutors** for the wonderful job they do in so willingly sharing their expertise and enthusiasm with us Term after Term, across so many fields of knowledge; we can't say it too many times, that the tutors are the combustion engines of U3A, which to put it simply, could not function without their drive.

And finally, and by no means least, I want to thank Mary Paul and her staff of **office volunteers**, who do such a marvellous job keeping all our queries, our room problems, our photocopying, our general flow of information, and a thousand other matters that crop up every day, so competently and cheerfully under control in the office every day. Some of you may recall that last September we nominated Mary for a Geelong Volunteering Award run by Geelong Connected Communities, and that she made the short list in the Excellence in Volunteer Management category; I was very proud watching her go up to receive her Certificate of Appreciation to warm applause from everyone in the room. Well done again, Mary!

So that covers it, I think; if there is anyone I have missed, please forgive me. All I would say at this juncture is congratulations to **U3AGeelong itself**, which consists of **all its members**, for another happy and successful year of learning activity.



NEW CLASSES



PHOTOGRAPHY: How to 'get off auto' and take control of your DSLR camera

Term 3 Course, starting 16th July. Course no.749-02
Mondays, 1.00 to 2.30 pm at Cobbin Farm

This is a short, one term course on how to 'get off auto' and take control of your camera for better pictures. It is for those using DSLR or Micro 4/3 cameras only, not smart phones or 'point and shoot' technology (consult the tutor on this before enrolling).

The class will be set simple tasks using techniques learned each week, and these will be discussed in class. A field trip or two might be involved. The tutor is Val Moss, an experienced photographer and member of several Geelong Camera Clubs.

Val can be contacted on 0407 019 939 or by email:

val.moss@bigpond.net.au

Apply at the office or online

- **GUEST LECTURER:**

Dr Philomena Manifold, Melbourne university academic geologist and author will present a lecture **WRITTEN IN STONE: A GEOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD** on FRIDAY 18TH MAY @ 11.15 AM IN THE CHAPEL @ COBBIN FARM

THIS IS A MUST ATTEND LECTURE which will highlight the geological features of the Great Ocean Road which you would have driven past countless times and had no idea of the magnificent history!

Search on line for **Guest Lecture: Geology of the Great Ocean Road** Enrol at the Office

- **SONG WRITING WORKSHOP**

Mondays 10am–12pm, Terms 3 and 4 Cobbin Farm Utility Room

Tutor: Mike Whittle Enquiries: 03 5278 3847

This course aims to teach members of the class how to write songs, in particular ballads, songs expressing feelings, opinions, stories or whatever you might wish to create. Mike Whittle is an experienced singer/musician, has taught song writing to other groups in Geelong and elsewhere. You don't need to be able to read music or play an instrument - Mike will see to that. Your composition will be put into presentable and recordable form. If you are already playing an instrument, such as a guitar or mandolin, all the better. Any questions can be discussed with Mike prior to enrolment. Mike will be assisted by his wife Lyn, who is also a musician.

- **UKELELE UNSHACKLED!**

Mondays Terms 2,3,4 2-45pm -3-45 pm}

Tutor: Rosi Weller Enquiries: 03 5283 1032

Are your eyes glued to the page when you try to sing and play your ukulele? Are you lost without your songbook? Do you wish you could just play a simple song without being tied to the printed page? Then this class is for you regardless of your level of experience! Come sing and play in a relaxed and friendly environment and learn to do it without the shackles of the printed page. Let's just 'hang loose' sing and play! If you don't yet own a ukulele and would like to know where you can get one, feel free to contact the tutor for more information.

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JUST HANGIN' ABOUT

At the post AGM luncheon at Cobbin Farm



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At the Dog Handling Class Luncheon
at the end of 2017 at Balliang Sanctuary



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

live for a time next to great
minds is the best kind of
education” – *John Buchan*

*[Now isn't this just so true when you go to U3A
classes]*

See you in Term 3. Happy
education!

Graeme Allen (Editor)

