

U3A Geelong Bulletin 16th February 2023

- Thank you to everyone for making things work during our first weeks back! The Office volunteers stood tall – joining new members, enrolling members in classes, photocopying for tutors and last but not least training and refreshing new Office volunteers. All this and managing with the new computers as well. Hats off to all of you who worked so hard.
- Thanks also to the members of your Committee of Management who are giving time to help out. A team effort shares the load.
- Having said that, we would warmly welcome more volunteers for the Office – photocopying and stapling or arranging the mail out of Bulletins and Newsletters to members who don't have email are jobs that need to be done if you don't fancy working on the computers. Please contact the Office if you can spare a little time once a week, once a fortnight or once a month.

WAITLISTS:

- If you receive notification that you are on the waitlist this COULD be because the class is full or it COULD be because the tutor needs to speak with you before enrolling.
- Once a place become available you will be contacted about joining the class.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** contact the tutor and please understand that “just one more won't hurt”! It will.
- Class sizes are set firstly at the tutor's request for what they consider is an optimum number. Big is not always better. Classes sizes are capped by me in relation to the physical space in the room.

2023 COURSE GUIDE

This has been updated with the recent changes that have been made on the timetable.

WHAT'S GOING TO BE NEW:

- Before Covid struck, I emailed you all about the possibility of a **table tennis** class and I received a fantastic lots of emails saying 'Yes. I have a potential class that would run on a Tuesday afternoon so once again I am asking for expressions of interest. The tutor would require an assistant as well so if you could help out please let me know.
- Speaking with Sheena Knowles (**Let's Talk About That**) about her class and the fact that we have people on the waitlist. Currently that class is capped at 15 which is a little too big to facilitate free and easy discussion. I am looking for someone to facilitate a second class please. This could be someone who has their own ideas about how it will run or someone currently in Sheena's class who could duplicate what she has done. Sheena is happy to help. I am all too aware that some of our members are unable to participate in classes due to arthritis or visual impairment. This type of class gives them the opportunity to come, socialise and participate.

Digital Technology Assistance

- Last year we worked with Geelong Regional Libraries, NBN and U3A Network Victoria providing technical support for older people who had problems getting the most out of their phone, iPad or tablet. I am pleased to announce that more funding has been announced for this program. It is conducted through some of the libraries in Geelong and the Bellarine.
- So often, older people are given phones and iPads but they don't understand the basics of getting what they need out of them. This is where we would come in. I must stress that you

don't have to be an expert.

- If you want to know more would be interested in helping I would love to hear from you.

• **Let's Do Lunch!**

- For our new members, this is an event that I introduced some time ago. I wanted to provide an opportunity for members to get together in a social environment, meet new people and enjoy a simple home cooked two-course lunch.
- You will need to enrol as if enrolling for a class and this can be done online or through the Office. This is to help me with catering (I do the cooking) and also covers you for insurance (the food isn't that bad you know!).
- You will need to advise of dietary requirements when enrolling.
- Tutors, Life Members and Honorary Members – you will need to advise the Office directly as you are unable to enrol. Like all members and tutors, you will need to pay.
- Payment will be made on the day. This is not a profit-making event, we need to cover costs.
- So what will it cost? This one will cost you \$7.00, payable on the day – please bring correct money if possible.

WHEN: Friday the 24th of March

WHERE: Cobbin Farm, Grovedale.

TIME: 12.30PM

**IF YOU ENROL FOR THE LUNCH BUT CAN'T COME, THAT'S FINE BUT LET ME KNOW
AS
THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE ON THE WAITLIST.**

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