

## U3A Bulletin

26th March, 2023

Hello Everyone,

The end of Term 1 is upon us and we can begin to look to Term 2 and what is offering.

I am the process of planning two very interesting and pertinent lectures – details to follow.

As well, I will be hosting a Big Afternoon High Tea in the Chapel on Monday the 22nd of May. Details to follow. All of us have been touched by Cancer and this event will be a small fundraiser for the Cancer Council from U3A Geelong.

### CLASSES UPDATE:

1. Geelong Botanic Gardens – following the mix-up a few weeks ago, the morning at the Gardens has been rescheduled for Monday 1st of May at 9.30am. Preference will go to members of the original class – those people still need to contact me to indicate whether they will be attending. Please do this as soon as possible.
2. Let's Talk About Dementia – Gay Villarosa is repeating this four week class from Term 1.
3. Internet: The Dos, Don't and How Tos – Jill Lewis will be repeating her class from Term 2. Laptops supplied.
4. Living Younger Longer – new tutor to U3A Geelong, John Beaney, will be offering this class by Zoom. This series of talks, delivered from John on the Mornington Peninsula via Zoom, will be presented live, twice a week by Dr John Beaney, a medical practitioner with 50 year's experience. In these classes he will cover a wide range of issues concerned with how some food damages our personal health and how industrial agriculture is turning the land into desert and contributing to climate change. There will be two classes listed on the timetable – one for a Tuesday and one for a Friday. The Friday class will repeat the Tuesday class. Members are asked to enrol in ONE of these two classes if interested.
5. DNA – An uncredited scientific discovery (Previously called Who really discovered DNA?). Bruce Watson will be delivering this class on Wednesdays via the internet and Nanette Tunnicliffe will be facilitating the delivery in the Dining Room at Cobbin Farm (previously listed for Leopold Library). Please enrol in the correct class.
6. "Yes" to relevant positive ageing – Sensible ageing with expectation. Tutor Bruce Watson will be delivering this class on Thursdays via the Internet.
7. Schweitzer – A Reverence for Life – Bruce Watson will be offering this class via the Internet on Mondays.

8. Table Tennis has been planned for Term 2 at the Table Tennis Centre in Geelong. It will run on Tuesday afternoons from 3 – 4.00pm. Cost will be \$10.00 per session if and when you attend. This is not on the timetable yet but will be in the foreseeable future.

#### GENEALOGY – VINES ROAD

This class has been greatly affected by the flood at the Vines Road Hub earlier in the term. The powers-that-be have finally decided who will pay for the refurbishment of the front section and it will commence soon. I will notify the class when you can commence AS SOON AS I KNOW! I am just as hopeful as all of you.

#### TERM DATES

Classes will finish on Thursday the 6th of April and Term 2 will begin on Wednesday the 26th of April.

#### LET'S DO LUNCH!

The first one for this year was held on Friday – the biggest and some would say the best. What an absolute pleasure it is for myself and the kitchen crew to provide this opportunity for members to come together and eat, talk and laugh. I just love it. To those who suggested it be held weekly – I can assure you I blanched when I heard this proposition and I just have to say no.

#### AGM 2023

A reminder that the AGM will take place on Wednesday the 5th of April in the Chapel commencing at 9.30am

I am pleased to provide you with the following profiles of everyone who has nominated. Proxy forms must be lodged at the Office by 9.30am on Tuesday the 4th of April.

#### AGM NOMINEES 2023

##### PRESIDENT:

##### FRANK MOLONEY

I have been a member of U3A since 2005 at either Geelong or Corio Bay. I have experience in the administration of U3A Geelong having been a volunteer in the office. At present I am a tutor. I have been president of U3A Corio Bay, as well as President of Rotary, Probus, Parish Councils and a Progress Association. I am acutely aware of the role of a President and the requirement to foster a spirit of collegiality in a Committee. I am also aware that the President is responsible for ensuring that a Committee fulfills its responsibilities for the governance and success of the organisation. I have, over many years, worked collaboratively with other Committee members on numerous Committees of which I have been a member.

I am a retired Magistrate having held that position for 20 years. I am a trained public speaker who can communicate effectively.

NANETTE TUNNICLIFFE

I have been passionate about our organisation and the benefits it offers to our members- and to the wider community- since joining U3A Geelong in 2017.

Shortly after, by invitation of the then President, I joined our Committee of Management, and trained for and took up the position of Course Manager- a role I have retained since my election as President in 2021.

Successfully combining these two roles- as well as tutor- in an organisation of over 800 members has necessitated not only high-level managerial and inter-personal skills developed during my professional background in Education and Welfare, but also unflagging energy, dedication, and attentiveness to individual needs and abilities.

Under my presidency, U3A Geelong's focus has been on developing a broader range of courses and activities, improving communication among members, tutors and administrative personnel, and extending community networking.

I have received a great number of unsolicited expressions of appreciation from our members, for what U3A Geelong has already introduced and achieved during the past two years. I hope to continue as President; I am committed to a dynamic U3A Geelong focused on the well-being of its members and driven by a viable plan for its ongoing success.

VICE PRESIDENT:

SUSAN KELLY

I have a Bachelor of Economics Degree and a Diploma of Education. I worked in education both in classroom teaching and as an Assistant Principal and other positions. In my Assistant Principal position I was responsible for staff recruitment, student management, staff allotments, grounds management, curriculum development and strategic and annual planning. One highlight was working in partnership with Deakin University in building a science program to encourage greater participation in science subjects at year 10 level.

Building partnerships and bringing people together was a skill that I developed through my career while working as a Later Years Curriculum consultant. This included working with Gordon TAFE, employers and professional organisations on Committee to better student outcomes and retention in schools.

As a Senior Policy Officer in the Central Office of the DE&T for a couple of years I oversaw the Strategic Plans of the Local Learning and Employment Networks to ensure DE&T priorities, goals and targets were met for funding purposes.

U3A Geelong has expanded with the closure of U3A Corio Bay. This expansion warrants careful planning and reviewing of what is already offered plus introducing one-off lectures, forums and discussions groups on topics of community interest. I would envisage partnering with local organisations such as the Geelong Regional Library, Deakin University, City of Greater Geelong, Wadawurrung Cooperative and other community organisations to grow Geelong as a progressive and enquiring community.

One area that we may pursue could be the Federal Government referendum this year on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. I believe that U3A Geelong could play a significant role in providing information and discussion with experts to support or understanding of both our Australian Constitution and what this referendum means, thus an educational role for all our members. This is just one example of the possibilities that U3A leadership can provide.

LORETTA WINSTANLEY:

My guiding philosophy and energies are directed to the provision of life-long learning to underpin vocational education and training and personal interest and hobbies in retirement. U3A provides an amazing pathway to enrich current interests and open new horizons. My background with U3A includes:

11 years on the Committee of Management for U3As Geelong and Corio Bay

Obtained Community Grants to design and run Open Days.

Worked with the then President to lobby for and get Cobbin Farm as our new home.

Three terms as Secretary of Geelong and one year at Corio Bay.

Four years as President of Geelong.

Chair of the U3A Network Victoria Education Committee and member of the Management Committee.

Established the Memorandum of Understanding with Deakin University.

Obtained Community grant to design, organise and run our first Summer School.

Ran a Speaker's Day for Corio Bay.

Representative of Network South Barwon Region to Network Members Council.

Member of advisory committee to City of Greater Geelong Positive Ageing Strategy.

Office Manager before Mary Paul.

Life member of Geelong.

If elected I will:

Strive to reanimate the MOU with Deakin University (lapsed because of COVID and restructuring).

Attract new tutors to boost our science offerings.

Encourage more involvement of Office Staff on Management Committee to streamline communication.

SECRETARY:

LYNNE REDAN

I was born in Sydney and am married with 2 sons. My first career in Pharmacy taught me how to listen and problem-solve. My second career, also science-based and health-focussed, has been in Counselling which requires the same practical skills, plus patience.

We moved from Sydney to the Hunter Valley in 2013 and I discovered U3A through Singleton Library the first week we were there. The U3A concept – ‘shared skills, new experiences, new friends’ - really appealed to me and as they were looking for a Secretary, I took on the role. During our years there I made good friends and held various committee positions – Course Manager, Website Manager, Vice President, President.

We moved to Curlewis in 2022 when my husband retired. I’m still working part-time and naturally looked to U3A for community connection. At present U3A Geelong is looking for a Secretary and I’m offering my help.

TREASURER:

SHARON SWANDER

I have been your Treasurer for the last two years. I was a Certified Public Accountant in the US for about 45 years before I retired.

I participated in a group similar to U3A prior to coming here and enjoy taking the classes and volunteering for this organization.

I came to the Geelong area to be near my son and his family about 3 ½ years ago.

I have filed for Permanent Residency.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

### CHRIS CUMMING

I was born in Scotland and raised in Zimbabwe and South Africa. I married in Zimbabwe and we decided to move to South Africa. We had two sons and, again looking for a future for our sons, we moved to Australia in 1987. Best move ever.

I worked in hospitality management and accountancy for many years.

After retiring I decided to do voluntary work at the McKellar Centre. I have a beautiful and amazing therapy/assistance dog named Quinn and we worked in the aged care, Palliative Care and Stroke wards.

I joined U3A in 2017 when I retired as it was time for me to focus on myself. I have enjoyed and treasured my involvement in courses and making very special friends.

Apart from my classes I am very involved in the Let's Do Lunch! team. I see this activity as an important opportunity for members to come together.

I joined the Committee of Management last year as I wanted to work on behalf of the members as well as work towards the future for U3A Geelong and the members. We achieved much last year but there is still a lot more that has to be done.

My management and great people skills will be an asset to the Community of Management. I bring loyalty, reliability and a willingness to work hard.

### CAROL HOBBS

My 45 years of secondary teaching in private and government schools in the UK as well as Australia, included membership of numerous committees and sub-committees. I have also served on the Committee of Management at Belmont Primary School and Horsham Community Centre, and enjoyed volunteering roles with DoCare Geelong and Vision Australia.

After retirement in 2016, I transferred my passion for education to U3A Geelong, assuming the role of Tutor for the past four years, and joining the Committee of Management in 2021.

To all these positions I have brought the ability to work with enthusiasm, initiative and independence, and to work collaboratively and effectively as part of a team. I have regularly been tasked with writing and/or editing submissions, policy documents and promotional material, and with preparing and delivering lectures and/or informal talks for various organisations and groups, for a wide range of purposes. At U3A Geelong I am currently responsible for the Committee's Communications portfolio.

By being re-elected to its Committee of Management in 2023, I would welcome the opportunity to extend my contribution to U3A Geelong.

CARLOS LOPEZ

My name is Carlos Mauricio Lopez a retired Civil Engineer, living in Australia since 1985 after migrating from El Salvador Central America.

Working for more than 30 years, mainly in Local Councils, I always found time to volunteer with Community organisations like the Footscray Migrant Centre, CELAS and at one stage managing, as a President, "The Central America Community and Welfare Centre" coordinating and providing support for the newly arrived Community for many years.

A passionate lover of the stage and music in general, I have had a stint as a Producer and Director of small plays and producing and directing a one night show production, "Passion Latina, una Cultura en Concierto " at the Hamer hall Arts Centre in Melbourne.

Memories of my "hey days" as a member of a Rock Band back in my Country , made me organise, together with my two sons, our own " Latin American Band Fuego " with great success among the Latin and Australian community.

Currently a Member of U3A as a Tutor for the Spanish Language, I think that by nominating myself to a position in the Management Committee I will be able to collaborate and make some positive inputs within the Organization.

EEON MACAULAY

My employment background was CEO of the Ballarat Base Hospital for 20 years

I joined U3A Geelong committee in 2010 at the invitation of the then Vice President -the late Ken Steele.

After Ken passed away, I was the appointed Vice President- a position I held until November 2022 My portfolio was liaising with the Office Manager Mary Paul. I was also appointed as the official delegate to Network Victoria – the peak body supporting all U3As in Victoria. I relinquished this position in November 2022.

I was given the task of reviewing and updating the Constitution of U3A Geelong, following the introduction of the new State government Associations Incorporation Act which regulates the conduct and responsibilities of incorporated voluntary organisations including U3As. I also played an active role in reforming the constitution of Network Victoria

FRANK MOLONEY:

As above.

KERRY PEART

Hello my name is Kerry and I have recently retired from healthcare. I have worked as a midwife, maternal and child health nurse and University lecturer over the past 35 years. This is my third year in U3A and I am currently undertaking Egyptology and enjoying it immensely. I have a busy family life and love reading and walking. I have spent two years on U3As committee and I look forward to continuing to work with other committee members over the coming months.

NANETTE TUNNICLIFFE

As above.

LORETTA WINSTANLEY

As above.