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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN
Nanette Tunnickliffe



Hello Everyone,

As we resume for term 3, we know this is the month when a lot of us will come down with a bug of some kind or we will head off north to the warmer climes of Queensland for a month or two. Take care of yourselves whatever you do.

Since the last Newsletter, Carol Hobbs and I have been busy responding to requests for presentations about U3A Geelong; as well we and Jack Creswick have recorded interviews for PulseFM.



Another big step has been our association with the Mount Duneed Men's Shed. In line with our desire to establish contact with community groups, we received an invitation to speak to the men and learn more about what they do. They are "a group of guys who get together weekly. Some members come for the social interaction, some come to do woodworking, some come to learn new skills but we all come for the positive physical and mental health benefits of having a chat."

They have an excellent meeting room for hire if tutors are interested.

They have offered us their help for any equipment that U3A Geelong might need – I commissioned them to make 3 wooden frames and bases for my silk scarf painting. All done without charge.



They have a fully equipped workshop with all of the toys 'big boys' could ever want. They would welcome you for a visit if you are interested. Contact details are above.

Your Committee of Management has been very hard at work and during this term we will be focussed on a complete review of our Constitution and a new Strategic Plan will be written. Both of these major tasks will set us up very well for 2025.

My thanks to Daphne Sands, our Newsletter editor.

Nanette Tunncliffe

Our new U3A committee		
Role	Name	Portfolio
President	Nanette Tunncliffe	Course management SW region meetings
Vice-president	Carol Hobbs	Communications
Treasurer	Sharon Swander	Financial, Insurance
Secretary	Nanette Tunncliffe	
General Committee	Jack Creswick	Promotions
	Paul Duck	
	Terry Kilsby	SW region meetings Logistics
	Sheena Knowles	Website and Promotions
	Jill Lewis	Office Liaison Website
	Anne Miller	OH&S Lecture series Council Liaison

INTRODUCING MEMBERS OF U3A GEELONG

Anne Miller

NEW MEMBER OF U3A GEELONG COMMITTEE



On a recent trip to Bali – dinner at
Ginger Moon.

Anne Miller – U3A Supporter!

I have always asked “why” and all my friends know I will asking many questions to understand why.

I was extremely lucky to have been brought up in the country on a sheep farm at Morrison (roughly between Ballarat and Geelong – towards Ballan). This was on the beautiful Moorabool River in a wonderful valley. We worked as a family and I enjoyed every minute of it. I learnt much from my parents and grandparents.

I always dreamed of travel and other cultures – I loved school and learning. My primary years were at Meredith State School. It was 3 boys and myself in grade 6 in the 2 room/ 2 teacher school. This was before heading to Geelong West Tech on the school bus for 5 years of secondary school and finishing year 12 at Matthew Flinders Girls High School. Once again, a small class of 18 girls, 1 boy from College doing French and 4 mature age students. Great teachers and wonderful times.

University followed with a Bachelor of Arts (Journalism, History and Drama) at Deakin Uni at Waurin Ponds. I had wanted to do Anthropology but that was only offered at Sydney Uni at that time but that was too far from home for me.

I was working at International Harvester, post Uni, in firstly the Personnel Department at the plant and then in the Purchasing Office in Melbourne then back in Geelong as it closed down.

That was a great opportunity to undertake some long-term travel by meeting up with some friends already in London and spending 3 years living there. This was not my first overseas trip – that occurred when I decided to head to the Solomon Islands (by myself) for 2 weeks after reading a magazine article. Also, several trips to Bali followed.

Since then, I have been on many adventures and to many countries. I do not have a favorite travel location – they are all sensational. I love the history of a place, the people and spending time just sitting and listening. I love history and the wonderful archaeological sites. I love our own wonderful Aboriginal history, the diversity and beautiful wisdom – we have much to learn.

I retired in 2019 after 18 years in retail with Coles Myer (Target and Myer as a Buyer) and the last 17 years with the City of Greater Geelong in Waste Management then Parks and Gardens as the Water Management Officer. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

I was involved with Cancer Council Victoria Geelong Relay For Life for 18 years, as Volunteer Chair of the organizing committee for 16 of those years. I was also on the State and National Committees as well as an Australian Volunteer Representative at the World Conference in Orlanda in 2013. I managed to slip in a visit to Miami to view the wonderful Art Deco buildings!

The moment of retirement I joined U3A and have loved every class I have attended. I meet wonderful people of all backgrounds who I would not normally meet. The Tutors provide wonderful learning experiences in a very supportive atmosphere. I volunteered and was voted onto the Committee this year. As in all organizations, there is always work to be done and U3A is no different – new people with new and different ideas – that is what U3A is about.

U3A will only grow and develop with your active support and participation – we need your ideas for new class and topics as well as volunteering as Office Staff or on the Committee!

Thursday's Office Staff Volunteers

Jenny McKean (left) and Jane Brock (right) who are our regular Thursday office



staff volunteers. Jenny has been with U3A for quite some time but Jane only a few weeks so very new. They are a fantastic team (Jill Lewis).

“We enjoy meeting fellow students and tutors who help to keep our brains active”

Lost and found at U3A

Could you please remind members (in the next newsletter) to check the lost and found collection under the hallway table. Doesn't look like much has been picked up and things keep getting added. (Jenny)

There are some of the lost and found items now in the Cobbin Farm foyer open cupboard:

Let's talk about that, Tuesdays 2 to 4 pm
'Hear our brains buzzing'
by Sheena

While religion and politics are two subjects we know we shouldn't talk about, they're two of our favourite topics on Tuesday afternoons in the Lounge Room. That's where I run a discussion group called 'Let's Talk About That'.

The thing I enjoy most about our group is the genuine energy and camaraderie of everyone in the room. Of course people get passionate about things, of course others disagree, but in three years I've never had to break up a serious argument.

Liberal and Labor supporters can have heated arguments without bringing down the house. Nuclear and renewable energy supporters can battle for power - but still conduct themselves politely. And confirmed Christians can cross swords with adamant atheists but very little blood will be shed (and that's usually from a paper cut).

The other thing that delights me is the laughter that echoes from the room while our group is in session! People say the funniest things – sometimes without even meaning to.

'Getting pregnant wasn't a problem for me. It seemed to happen even when I wasn't in the room.'

'I asked my wife if I could track her movements. I don't understand why she got so upset!'

'Doreen was a very sensible, down to earth person - despite being English.'

And this was a treasure that came out of a discussion about explaining death to a child. 'My grandfather died when I was little. Mum just told me he'd moved to Adelaide'.

But it's not always laughter, there have been tears, only once or twice in the time I've been there. It was nothing to do with our discussion as such, but triggered by a personal story or memory. In addition, some people can struggle if they lose their train of thought. On these occasions, the support from the group has always been immediate and sincere. At the end of the day, I think that's a testament to the respect and trust we share.

'Great joy'
by Glenn and Karen (carer)

We were looking for a U3A course where people could interact in an open, expressive, considered and respectful way. We believed 'Let's talk about that' would offer an opportunity to be social, to be challenged, to have to consider a subject and respond in a clear way, thus honing our thinking and debating skills.

We derive great joy from discussion and considering other's points of view. Involvement in the class has broadened our understanding of a range of subjects and, even more, provided an opportunity to develop thinking, listening, patience and social skills that can be applied across life. We have further learnt the art of constructing a considered response.

Social interaction within the class could be described as respectful, volatile, friendly, aggressive, emotional, considered and mature.

Dr Martin Hughes and the U3A Geology Class

Dr Martin Hughes, a never-retired field geologist and researcher, generously shares his lifetime of experience with the U3A Geology Class. Martin is a mine (pun intended!) of information about minerals, rocks, earth history, climate, fossils, vegetation and that confusing array of terms for the terrain and rock features: unit, group, formation. He has schooled the class in mineralogy and rock identification and taken us on all-day meticulously-prepared field trips. The photo shows us at the Aireys Inlet lighthouse, admiring Eagle Rock. To the uninitiated, that's an unconformity of Torquay Group limestone with a base of Demons Bluff Group basalt!



Thanks Martin for sharing your time, knowledge and enthusiasm with us.
Marcus Foster

The Dog Class



We are here today to bring you up to speed about what The Dog Class is all about! You know, the class that runs on Sunday mornings – rain, hail or shine – in Eastern Park Gardens.

The Dog Class, we hear you say, that's where dogs are taken by their owners to learn how to be "obedient". Well, dear HOOMANS, nothing could be further from the truth.

We firmly believe George Orwell's phrase from Animal Farm "Four Legs Good, Two Legs Bad". I can assure you that the four-legged members of the class know exactly what they are doing and when they want to do it! We are

always good. It is those two legged HOOMANS who are the ones who need the training.

Each week we roll up with our hooman and we are told 'now be good today'. We are **always** good. Then by way of compensation for their lack of training you will hear "But he does it at home every time!" It is the hoomans with their mixed messages, the fact that some of them don't even know their left from their right and sometimes they even think they know more than the instructors that make us look bad! Oh boy, you can see what a challenge we have



We are quite happy to show occasional glimpses of brilliance but we can't let those hoomans think they know what they are doing. We have put a lot of our own time and effort into our behaviour



So next time you see dogs in training anywhere you will be reminded that although these hoomans shower us with love and treats and comfort (that is why they get a king size bed you know) we are really the ones in charge.

Ella(Fitzgerald) Tunncliffe and Louis (Armstrong Tunncliffe)

On behalf of Lilly Anthonisz, Stormin Norman Arkinstall, Frankie Baines, Kip Burch, Nahla Hateley, Alfie Shields, Finn Kelly, Chippy Kruz, Oscar Mahoney, Brodie Sturm, Akua Simpson.

Aurora Australia (Southern Lights) on 11/12 May, 2024



From Ocean Grove beach by Peter McKinnon (son of Bobbie McKinnon). Don't miss the Elon Musk Sky Link satellites on the right.



Taken at 6 am from Noel McKinnon's farm, looking towards the sea over Port Campbell, 5 km away

The red (630 nm) and green (557.7 nm) colours form when particles from the solar wind interact with oxygen atoms in the upper atmosphere.

Lower in the atmosphere blue (428 nm) and purple can sometimes be seen, caused by interactions with nitrogen atoms and molecules.

Unseen are ultraviolet and infrared radiation.

Geelong Chamber Music Society



Friday 19 July - MELBOURNE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA with SOPHIE ROWELL

Immaculate is a good word for this amazing orchestra who present concerts of exceptionally quality. They are truly a Melbourne treasure and leaders in the ensemble music world.

Friday 9 August - JAYSON GILLHAM

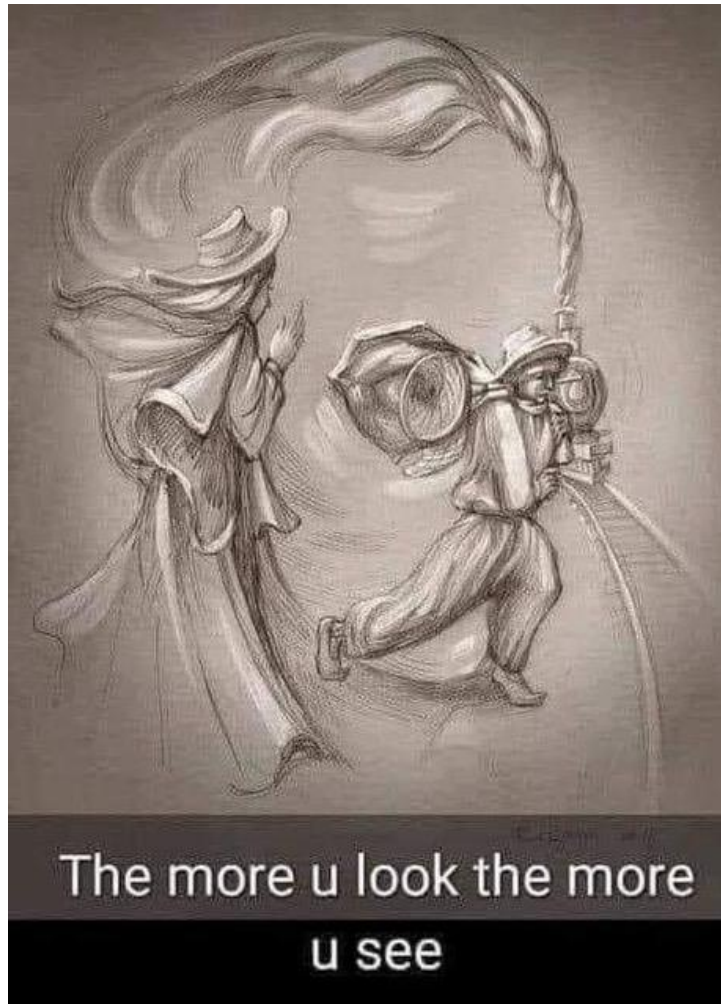


Jayson's career from Dalby (QLD) to London is a fairytale. He now claims international status and is regarded as one of the world's finest young pianists.

First time in Geelong, Jayson is renowned for Chopin and Romantic repertoire, he also delivers Bach to dazzle! In this recital we hear Handel and Mozart added to his already expansive repertoire. This will definitely be a recital you won't want to miss!

All concerts at McAuley Hall Sacred Heart College, 7.30pm.

More details on the website - <https://www.geelongchamber.org/>



Here's a joke!

Every time I start thinking too much
about how I look,
I just find a Happy Hour
and by the time I leave,
I look just fine!