

U3A Geelong

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OPEN DAY

This was held yesterday at Cobbin Farm and I found it to be inspiring and exhausting!! Many thanks to all of you who came and took the time to explore new courses for 2024, took a look at some spectacular displays and enjoyed the morning tea and lunch offerings in the kitchen.

I spent a lot of time talking with people – existing members as well as lots of potential new members – some of who wanted to pay their fees and sign up yesterday!!

This day is very important to the U3A Geelong community. It is our offering to Seniors Week activities and therefore we see it as an opportunity to meet potential new members and new tutors. To some, it would appear to be just about us and our courses but we really need to put on a strong, unified front to get our message out there.

Thank you all once again.

ENROLMENT DAY

Enrolment Day will be on Thursday the 30th of November. Enrolments open at 9.30am. You can enrol online or come to Cobbin Farm. You need to renew your membership on this day - \$60.00.

Please approach your enrolment knowing clearly which courses you are wanting to be enrolled in. This saves time for our Office volunteers as well as all the members waiting in the line behind you. Writing your preferences down on a slip of paper is a good idea. We would also like to check your personal details with you at the same time.

2024 COURSE BOOKLET

I am finalising the timetable and the course booklet and hope to have it available in the next two weeks. Tutors, I will contact you by email to notify you of your arrangements. So far it looks like a bit of tweaking with times but days should remain the same.

LECTURE

Our new Lecture Manager, Frank Moloney, has arranged the following lecture for you:

OCTOBER 23rd commencing at 12.00noon in the Chapel

ASPERGER SYNDROME

Our speaker is Ron Hedgcock who has been diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. He is the author of 'CONFESSIONS OF AN UNASHAMED ASPERGER' which was published in 2009.

Ron has worked, as an actor, in Radio, Stage and TV and is currently a tutor at U3A Geelong in Art History and Singers of renown. He has presented public lectures for Autism Victoria.

Asperger Syndrome, which is variation of Autism, is not any type of pathology that can be 'caught'. There are many children and adults, some of whom you may know, that have been diagnosed with the Syndrome. Come and be informed by Ron as he explains the unique difficulties and hiccups that life on the spectrum provides, along with the inevitable difficulties that relatives and associates have in dealing with people with the Syndrome.

You need to enrol online. Do it soon as this is a short time frame for you to get organised!!

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon.

Tuesday the 7th of November. All classes are cancelled on this day.

This is not one of those obsessive race day functions. This is a gala day for members to come and share, socialise and have some fun. The last one was an absolute hoot and this one will be bigger and better than ever. Ladies get yourselves all dolled up, complete with head attire. Gentlemen, there is a dress code which requires you to look your very best!!

Come and enjoy an extensive buffet menu that will include Tasmanian salmon, pork belly bites, honey mustard chicken, roasted cauliflower, mushroom and Goat Cheese Quiche, lots of salads and desserts, an extensive cheese board. We

will cater for all dietary requirements. All drinks provided including champers, wine, beer and punch.

Fun stuff with prizes– Fashions on the Field (secret judge), best hat, lucky door and seat prizes, sweeps.

You need to enrol through the website or at the Office. Putting your name down sooner rather than later would help the chef!

12.30 – 4.00pm

COST: \$40.00 a head, to be paid at the Office by **Friday the 27th of October**

U3A Choir Christmas Concert Wednesday the 29th of November.

1.30 – 3.00pm

This was so successful last year and the Chapel was full to bursting. So much so that the concert this year will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Heyers Road Grovedale.

Afternoon tea provided.

Bring your family, bring your friends – I can vouch for the superb quality of our Choir!

A gold coin donation will be required – don't be stingy, it's a great show!!

TUTORS AND VOLUNTEERS BREAK-UP LUNCH

Some of you didn't read the emailed invitation so here it is again. The Committee of Management invite you to lunch at the Waurm Ponds hotel on Sunday 3rd December commencing at 12.00pm. You are very welcome to bring your partner.

Costs to tutors and volunteers is \$18.00, cost for partners is \$38.00.

We need to know if you can come. Venues are playing it tough this year with high demands of numbers so that bookings can be secured.

Please join us or send your apologies if you can't make it.

