



2019 Course List and Enrolment Forms are available from our office.

29th January - 5th April

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We are coming to the end of Term 4 for 2018. Di Ashton and I have attended a number of meetings with Mornington Shire Council over the last few months regarding the refurbishment of the Hastings Seniors Hub incorporating U3A Hastings and other not for profit organizations in the area. I am very pleased to say that the Victorian State Government has approved the grant for the refurbishment. The rebuilding should commence sometime next year. With a finish date of April/May 2020.

All members should be aware that our lease at Teal Court expires in November 2019. Council will be negotiating an extension of the lease with Department of Human Services until such time that we will be able to move into the Hastings Seniors Hub. Therefore, it's essential we maintain our presence in Teal Court until completion of the refurbishment.

I have attended a number of meetings with U3A Network and with other U3A's on the Mornington Peninsula. We all seem to have similar problems, lack of space to expand, in some U3A's a decline in membership, seeking tutors/leaders to run classes and rising costs of hiring premises for our classes.

Our Community Art & Craft Show was a great success. The Artisans who were invited were so impressed they stated they would be happy to attend again in 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ESSO for being our sponsors, McClelland Guild of Artists Inc and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Special thanks, to all Hastings U3A members who volunteered their time on the two days of the Community Art & Craft Show.

Di Ashton and I attended 2018 Positive Ageing Summit on Thursday 8 November. Guest speaker was Dr Susan Feldman Associate Professor - Researcher Vital Conversation and Ageing Well. Participants were asked to suggest improvements for the ageing population on the Mornington Peninsula. All of the attendees agreed the lack of public transport was a major concern.



Our annual Members Lunch was a great success. Our guest speakers Mr Richard Owen ESSO Chairman and Mr David McCord Long Island Plant Manager gave a very informative and interesting presentation followed by questions from our members.

Your committee and I are looking forward to 2019 with the support of all of our members; we will overcome any challenges that will come our way.

On behalf of the committee, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families' best wishes for the coming festive season.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Take care and travel safe

Warmest Regards

John Kelly Hastings U3A President

ENROLMENT DAYS - 13 TEAL COURT HASTINGS

**MONDAY DECEMBER 3RD AND TUESDAY 4TH
(OFFICE HOURS 10.00 - 1.00)**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH (OFFICE HOURS -
1.00 - 4.00)**

The membership fee remains at \$25.00 for 2019 and we would appreciate if you have the correct change, as this slows up the process. Members renewing their membership will also be required to complete an ENROLMENT FORM for 2019 courses and activities.



NEW MEMBERS: To those who joined from October 2018 (at the Art & Craft Show) and afterwards, your membership is automatically covered for 2019, however we will require you to complete a new ENROLMENT FORM for the courses/activities you wish to join in 2019. We would appreciate if you could attend the office during the above enrolment days or contact our office on 5979 8585 so the reception staff can complete your form.

BENDIGO BANK GRANT



U3A have been successful in obtaining a grant from Bendigo Bank to purchase computer chairs. We must acknowledge the generosity of the bank in giving us this grant. We are very thankful to them and it will make a big difference to our computer training room and the comfort of the members learning computer skills. Joan Dillon

AROUND THE COURSES

From time to time we introduce new courses, workshops and activities, conversely we evaluate the current courses and make decisions whether to continue or delete them. The main reason for removing a class is the lack of leadership, COLOURING BOOKS FOR ADULTS and CARD S have been excluded this term due to the retirement of leaders.

Perhaps you may be interested in starting a new group or activity or you may have a special hobby you can share with your fellow members. We would like to meet you and discuss the possibility of including your ideas and more importantly make sure we can locate a venue. Leaders and Tutors can nominate the day/s and times/s that suit them as we are more than happy to work with you.

CRAFTY HAPPENINGS

Crafty happenings has been rejuvenated with a new concept as well as a new daynow 1st Wednesday of each month.

We have decided to invite members to share their skills and lead the group for one or two monthly sessions. This program will include Candle Wicking, Crochet for Beginners, Embroidery session, Knitting for Kids with Cancer and Bath Bomb making. So if you would like to share your craft, even for one session, please let Dianne know so we can include it in the annual program. Note we have changed the meeting date to the second Friday of each month.



CYCLING



We believe it is important to keep fit in retirement, so we are introducing **CYCLING** to your program. Members will ride each **FRIDAY**, meet at the **HASTINGS JETTY** at 9.30. It is important that we ease into our rides, remember no racing. It is important that we keep together and enjoy the scenery. As the group fitness improves so can the distance. Future ideas: catching the train to Somerville and riding home via the bike path. We are very fortunate to have many and varied oppor-

tunities to ride safely around our shire.

If you are interested please enrol, we will commence the group on the first Friday of the first term.

SHORT WALKS

Anyone someone interested in taking over the role of leader? There is very little for the leader to do. The leader is mainly a contact. It is crucial we include a short walk in our program. Suggest the group meets somewhere centrally in the township, on return you could all meet at Steaming Mugs for a chat over a cuppa. Please contact Dianne if you are interested, choose the day and time when you would lead the group.



QUAFFERS

This is a very friendly like minded group, who visit a selection of local wineries. We thank Pam Garnham for her leadership, she deserves a well earned break. So if you are interested please contact Dianne.

SKYPE



There are a number of changes to Skype, so our tutor Graeme Columbus has decided to download the programs onto the U3A computers and take our members through the steps. This will improve the process of learning to navigate around Skype much easier. In the past Graeme has used the laptop and television to take you through the steps, whilst this has been effective he believes the new way of teaching will make it easier for our members.

COMPUTER CLASSES

We currently have two grants in the wings, one has been approved by the Bendigo Bank to purchase 6 new computer chairs. The other is a Commonwealth Grant for 6 new computers. We intend to run 4 on Windows 7 and the remaining 2 on Windows 10. This will allow us to offer members structured courses for Windows 7 in Emailing/Internet, Scanning/Printing, Beginners and Files and Folders. Members using Windows 10 will be accommodated with lessons on your individual problems.

Then we have IPAD and Tablet users who once again will have the opportunity to enrol in a problem solving class with Jason Dowler at Harcourts Real Estate in High Street Hastings. Don't forget Jason Dowler also assists us with lessons in the use of mobile phones - novice and intermediate workshops. All lessons must be paid for prior to the commencement, call into the office and complete the enrolment form. \$3.00 per lesson.

“WHAT ON EARTH” - CROP CIRCLES

We have decided to give our members an opportunity to attend this workshop. If you have ever wondered how these crop circles are formed and the information gathered on these unexplained, interesting and weird happenings enrol without delay. The workshop will be conducted at **Teal Court at 1.30 - 3.00 (time for a cuppa) on March 20th (Wednesday) \$2.00 course fee.**



BOCCE



We are planning to commence BOCCE again. Unfortunately the Council have not been maintaining the courts however Rod & Di Ashton have been working to clear a few courts in readiness for the new year and we will contact the council to do their bit as well.

We intend to run BOCCE for four weeks on a Saturday 2nd February as a test case. So if you are interested, contact the office and enrol. Ensure you wear runners or similar flat shoes, bring a hat, water and sun screen. \$2.00 per session, with U3A providing the BOCCE sets.

DOCTORS - IN THE GOLDFIELDS

This Teal Court workshop was postponed last year due to lack of numbers so we are hoping members will find some spare time, in their busy schedule, to attend and learn more about this interesting past. Ted Maidment will be conducting this workshop on Thursday the 21st February at Teal Court, commencing 10.30 - 12.00 (including a break for a cuppa).



EASY MEALS FOR ONE

Are you tired of working out what to cook for yourself? Are you looking for easy, tasty and time saving recipes? This one only lunch might interest you. 4 Kaz Court, Hastings is the venue, Friday 15th March 12– 2.pm, charge \$5.00. Menu: Salmon Linguini, and Apple Crumble and ice cream dessert. Limited to 4 members.

QUAFFERS AND GOURMET UPDATE

Please note the final Quaffers function for this year will be on **Sunday 2nd December (note change of date) at 12.30pm** with the Gourmet Group at **The Dubliner Irish Restaurant and Bar, Octavia Street Mornington.**

Functions for 2019 will be planned on this day and input from as many people as possible is needed. A new leader for Quaffers will be required for next year which has already been mentioned in this newsletter.

SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE

Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation Charity Event

Help us reach our target of \$1200 in our Christmas Mega fund raising event to make a difference for women aided by the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation.

DATE: SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2 - 4 pm

PLACE: PELICAN RECREATION CENTRE, on the lawn behind the pool,

Please enter via side gate.

ENTRANCE FEE OF \$10 INCLUDES HOMEMADE REFRESHMENTS

On the day you can boost our fund raising efforts by: Choosing from over 100 Bargain priced tea party themed potted succulents and various gift items for Christmas.

Bidding in a silent auction for handmade patchwork quilt.

Join in for a chance to win one of 15 marvellous raffle prizes including a \$500 Clothing voucher from Zeega Fashion House in Flinders.

CASH ONLY ON THE DAY

To help us with catering, please register your interest at Pelican Park reception.

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MEET OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018 - 2019



NOEL TOLLEY - PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

I was co-opted when I joined in February 2018, having indicated on my application that I had once worked in advertising. I agreed to assist because I like to contribute wherever I can to organizations with which I am involved. At present I provide guidance and assistance to the Committee in planning promotional activities such as the Arts & Crafts Show, and I am gradually providing more assistance in writing and designing of advertising and promotional materials as each activity comes up.



JOAN DILLON - GRANT APPLICATIONS

Prior to retiring I had a busy working life so I felt I needed to join something that would keep the brain active as well as contact with other people in the Community. I found U3A filled this gap. I joined the committee and later became president in 2017. Currently I take care of grant applications and also a member of the Publicity and Promotions sub committee. I am involved with a number of U3A activities in the community as well as keeping in touch with my family and friends including my three great grand children.



BARBARA PEAT- NEWSLETTER EDITOR

My role as Newsletter editor is one I enjoy as it gives me some artistic licence to produce our quarterly information that encapsulate the seasons. Members are kept up to date with what is happening and can plan ahead for the various course and activities on offer. I have been involved with U3A Hastings since 2010 and been a committee member since 2011 in various roles. Being part of the committee is a great way to give back to U3A and I encourage members to get involved.



TINA BECKERMAN - ADMINISTRATION

We are so very fortunate to have Tina attending to our reception. On Monday and Tuesdays she is the first friendly face who greets our members where would we be without Tina.



ROBERT STEPHENSON - MAINTENANCE

Robert is a very important member of our committee. Over several years he and his wife give generously of their time to maintain the lawn and garden at U3A premises. Robert also assists with events set up.

UNIT FOR SALE

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