



Hastings U3A Inc.
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Newsletter



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

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 7th OCTOBER - 20th DECEMBER

PRESIDENTS REPORT

A very warm welcome to all our new members. Our current membership is 258. Within the next few weeks we will be starting Term 4. This means that Spring is almost upon us. Which gives me the perfect opportunity to remind you to make notes in your diary for the forth coming events by Hastings U3A.



Once again the Hasting U3A Community Art and Craft Show is being held at the Hastings Community Hall (next to the library) 10.00am - 4.00pm on Friday and Saturday 4th - 5th October.

The Hastings U3A Members lunch will be held Wednesday 20th November at the Hastings Club 155marine Parade Hastings. This will be a sit down lunch consisting of a main course and a dessert. Cost \$12.50 per person.

Membership renewals for 2020 will take place at Teal Court on 2nd, 3rd and 5th December 2019.

Details of the above events will be advised to members in due course.

Update of the Seniors Hall Hastings proposed renovations. The senior's have moved into their temporary accommodation at the Hastings Community Hall. We have been advised that the renovations will commence in September this year with a completion date on June 2020.

We are still seeking members to volunteer at the office for reception duty. The hours are 10.00am - 1.00pm Monday and Tuesday and Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm. We are not open during the Victorian School Holidays and Public Holidays. All of our current volunteers usually work 1 day per month. Training will be given. Members who are interested in volunteering, please contact the office and leave your details. The success of Hastings U3A depends very much on our dedicated committee, Tutors, Group Leaders, Volunteers and our members, we all have a role to play. Take care, travel safe.

Warmest Regards

John Kelly Hastings U3A President

COURSE ACTIVITY/ ACTIVITY FEES

It is disappointing to hear that some members are **NOT** contributing to class/activities fees where they apply. We work hard to ensure your membership fee is affordable at \$25.00, so it is not acceptable for members to “forget” to contribute to class fees. Please make sure you have the correct change each class as this fee goes towards our daily running costs - water, electricity and power.



TECH & TEA FOR SENIORS



Learn at your own pace with a helping hand nearby. Lively is a not for profit organisation that brings young and old people together to share skills and learn from each other. Our young lively helpers provide friendly, patient technology help to older community members. As part of the national Be Connected initiative. Lively Helpers will be running a series of FREE technology help workshops for seniors. You will learn how to navigate the internet, use social media, set up an email account and more.

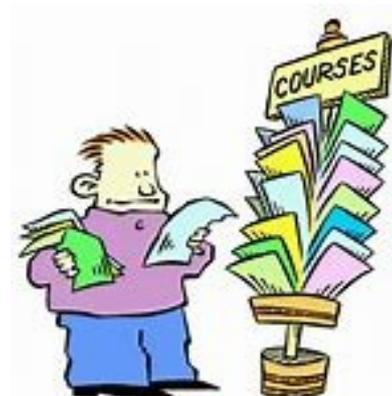
Every Monday from September 2 to September 31 - 9.30am - 11.30am
Shed 11 Youth Centre
11 Marine Parade Hastings

For more information or to register, please contact us - 5950 1099 or email communities@mornpen.vic.gov.au

ENROLLING

An important request to our members to ensure you complete the blue enrolment form when choosing your course activities. If your course/activity is ongoing, members are not required to complete the form. If you wish to attend a workshop/short course you are required to complete the form.

Conversely if you withdraw from a course/activity, it is essential the office is notified. This will create another position for other members.



BADGES

Don't forget to wear your badge to each activity Course. If you haven't received your current (pink) members badge then it is essential you contact the office on 5979 8585



AROUND THE COURSES

CABIN & CARAVAN GROUP



In August a small group of 10 members and friends spent a week in Moama. Whilst the weather wasn't conducive to outdoor bbq's we managed to make the best of the facilities at the caravan parks camp kitchen and the local clubs.

We all visited Echuca, which has so much to offer. The paddle steamers were out of action for the first half of our stay due to mechanical problems.

However 6 took advantage of the Kingfisher Cruise

which is Eco tourism at its best. The group enjoyed the unique two hour cruise along the "Barmah Choke" on the Murray River. The area is of international importance in the world's largest River Red Gum Forest. We all enjoyed the fantastic retail and coffee shops, not to mention the well known ice cream parlour. Several members took the opportunity and paid a visit to the Echuca Distillery, from all reports the gin was delicious.

Our next trip is just around the corner, commencing October 12th at beautiful Halls Gap.

There is so much to see and enjoy in this picture perfect area. If you are interested in attending please contact our office for the details on 5979 8585 or contact Dianne on 5979 8686. We currently have 14 members booked to attendand 4 dogs. We are sure to have a great time.

ANGLING GROUP

Despite the number of their members away up north, this small group have settled well at their new venue. We thank the Westernport Angling Club for their hospitality, discussing fishing is thirsty work so the club always ensures the kettle is boiling. The current weather conditions have not been favourable for fishing, however, the group are already planning a few trips on the Westernport in the near future.



QUAFFERS

The new concept of Quaffers, whereby members bring a mystery bottle of wine for tasting and comments, is working well. Members enjoyed the tastings and unveiling wines. Once again we were pleasantly surprised with the line up of wines presented, all turned out to be very drinkable and inexpensive wines. Our next Quaffers gathering will be on Sunday 22nd September commencing 2.00pm at Di and Rod Ashton's home - 4 Kaz



Court Hastings. Don't miss out, you can experience this fun day. Enrol at the office. Members attending bring a bottle of red or white in paper bag and a small offering of nibbles.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

We had a great response to this workshop, in fact we had to repeat the session the following week so we could accommodate everyone.

WILLS PROBATE WORKSHOP

We are hoping to organize this important workshop as soon as we can. So if you have enrolled we will be in contact, if you are interested please contact the office. Day, time and venue has not been finalised at this stage.

GOURMET GROUP

The group met on the 25th August for a progressive lunch. Many interesting and tasty dishes were provided by members. The second course was sweets which included a wide selection of beautiful desserts thanks to Dianne Ashton. 17 members attended and from all reports enjoyed the social and dining experience. The next function is Sunday October 27th at 12.30pm. It is Barn and Co 238 Myers Road Balnarring. New members are always welcome. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Joan Dillon on 5979 2016



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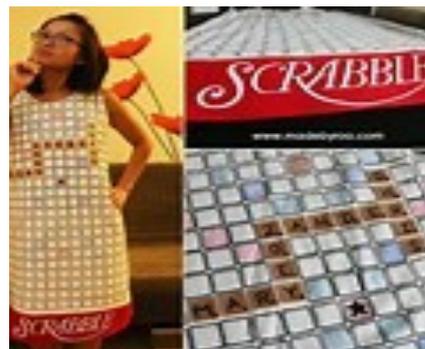
MUSIC GROUP

The music group continues to meet on every second Thursday. The varied classical music is enjoyed by all the group and each one participates by contributing a piece of music during the year. This group is currently full.

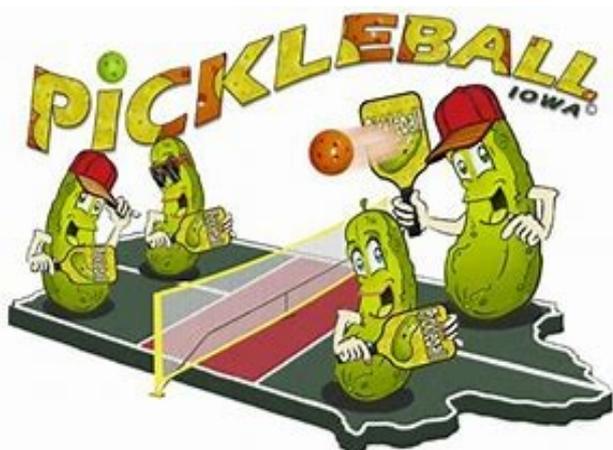


NEW ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER

We are hoping to introduce **SCRABBLE** for Term 4, so if you would like to join in please contact the office and register your expression of interest. When registering please give us your preferred day and time you would be free to play. As soon as we have the numbers we will purchase the game and organise a venue/date/time. All enrolled members will be contacted regarding the start date.



SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING - Ever heard of pickleball ????



This is the latest ball game going. Pickleball is a paddleball sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball over the net. U3A will provide the paddle bats, balls and venue (we intend to use the old tennis court on the foreshore, which we also use for Bocce).

According to information on this sport, Pickleball is quickly becoming a favourite activity among active adults, PICKLEBALL is quickly gaining popularity at 55+ communities.

If you are interested to learn more suggest you look up pickleball on google.

To get the new game off the ground we would first need the numbers, then a day and time will be confirmed. So if you are interested please contact the office and register your interest, noting your preferred day and time to play.

CHANGES TO THE COURSE SHEET FORMAT FOR 2020

There will be changes to the 2020 Course Sheet format next year. Members will be issued with an annual course sheet plus a term sheet one which will note dates of workshops and short term courses. The change will hopefully reduce our printing and reduce the workload for the Course Coordinator. We will monitor this trial run and be prepared to make changes as required.



ART & CRAFT SHOW

Note this date in your calendar.....FRIDAY 4th and Saturday 5th October at the Hastings Community Hall opens 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

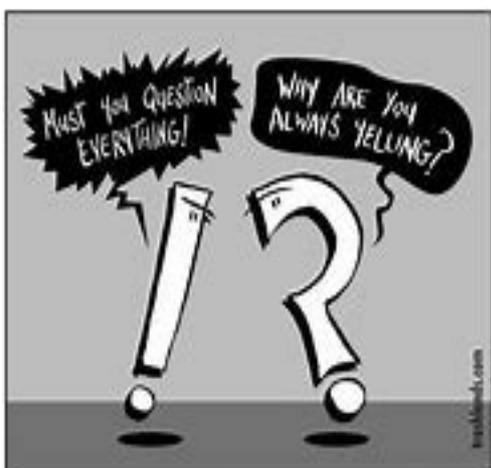
Hastings U3A is once again celebrating Seniors Festival with our popular event. The invited artisans have been confirmed, which will ensure a refreshed display of new and some popular displays. Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbours and relatives to view and purchase our member's artwork, which will be displayed down the centre of the hall. We have also managed to organise food and slushi drinks outlets, a local busker to entertain and we must not forget our own very delicious Devonshire teas in the hall.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our community sponsors for providing the important advertising pre the event. We acknowledge Chris Watt of Century 21 Homeport Hastings, Jason Dowler of Harcourts Real Estate and Progress Signs of Mornington. Our supporters: Bittern Motors, David Proctor (member) Kings Creek Hotel for providing sites for our bill boards and our thanks to Mornington Peninsula Shire for their support and interest. Lastly we acknowledge McClellan Art Guild for providing the art stands.

This event could not be possible without the above mentioned sponsors, supporters and your committee members.

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HASTINGS  **Seniors Festival**
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Community Art & Craft Show

View and purchase beautiful works, selected from some of the finest artisans of our region

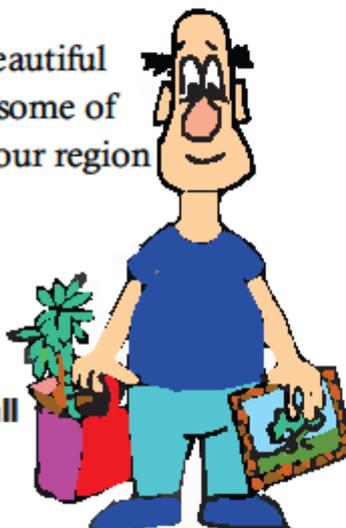
10am-4pm

Friday-Saturday

4-5 October

Hastings Community Hall

3 High Street Hastings
Gold coin entry



All enquiries to: Hastings U3A, 13 Teal Court Hastings.
Phone 5979 8585 (Mon/Tues 10am-1pm, Thurs 1-4pm)

We gratefully acknowledge support from Harcourts Real Estate Hastings, Progress Signs Mornington, Century 21 Home Port, Bittern Motors, Kings Creek Hotel, McClelland Guild of Artists and Mornington Peninsula Shire.

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