



## MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **Editorial**

Our May Newsletter winds up a very successful first Semester at U3A Banyule. On the cusp of Semester 2 we are titillated by some examples of what is in store for us in the coming months. Read on to find out more...

You may have seen our new glossy brochure, which has been distributed widely to libraries, Council service and support centres, local GPs, politicians' offices and elsewhere. It can also be downloaded from the Home page of our website. A general promotional video about U3A can also be viewed on YouTube or via a link on the website. Hopefully we will reach even more people to share our wonderful program on offer.

*If you want to HYSIP (have your say in print), less than 100 words, please email to Pat Amor, Editor, Bi-Monthly Newsletter, [info@u3abanyule.org.au](mailto:info@u3abanyule.org.au)*

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings to members old and new, as we move into the colder part of the year – a great time to enjoy challenging your brain with the many and varied activities available in the U3A Banyule program. Sincere thanks to the many people who make it all happen – the Tutors who are so generous with their time and talents, the volunteers who keep the office and the classes running smoothly, members of the Committee of Management who perform so many vital tasks behind the scenes, and all those who attend classes and excursions with enthusiasm and a determination to continue to learn and grow.

Our membership is now almost 600, which is a pleasing increase over the number who were members at the same time last year. It has been demonstrated that “word of mouth” is what motivates most people to join. Please continue to tell your friends and neighbours about the delights of U3A Banyule, and help us to stay strong and vibrant. It is great to observe the friendliness evident in classes; opportunities for socialising and making new friends are a very significant part of what we offer.

I hope to see many members at the annual U3A Banyule Lunch, on **26 June**. The venue is once again St George's Restaurant at Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT Preston Campus), where hospitality students always do us proud with a lovely three-course meal. Our speaker, Bev Moss, has a wonderful reputation for entertaining and amusing audiences. Her talk, entitled “**Buckingham Palace in My Underwear**” tells the fascinating story of a decade of exciting travel and adventure, meeting interesting people both famous and ordinary. Her message is – don't let age be a barrier to do what you want to do. Life is out there and wants to grab you by the throat. Full details of the event are inside the Newsletter; please be sure to book so you don't miss out.

Our hard-working Course Coordinator, Joan Learmont, and her team, have been arranging the Semester 2 program, which will be available for perusal early in June, with enrolment opening on **18 June**. Some highlights to tantalise you – Red Wine Discovery at Dan Murphy's; Understanding Islam and Muslims in Australia; Line Dancing; “Forced Adoption – Correcting a Dark Past”; Working with Elephants in Nepal; Challenges for a Future Automotive Industry; The Crash of MH370 – and much, much more, including all the popular classes that are ongoing from Semester 1. There is so much to look forward to.

May U3A continue to light up your life!

**Helen McKinnon**

## News & Information

In addition to those new courses mentioned above, Joan has given us a sneak preview of some single sessions to tempt us in Semester 2 eg “Working at Taronga Zoo”, a “Nurses Forum”, an excursion to CSL, some industrial lectures and many more.

We would welcome contributions to the Newsletters and/or Website, from Tutors and course participants. It could be fun and worthwhile to write a few words telling other members about your new experiences in U3A Banyule. For example, last week a member told us how wonderful he found the session entitled “The Bush Balladeer”.

“It was the best U3A Banyule talk I’ve ever been to” he said.

Perhaps some members would be willing to conduct a session (or more) in 2019 sharing experience and knowledge gained in their previous occupations. A call to the office 9499 2080, or email [info@u3abanyule.org.au](mailto:info@u3abanyule.org.au) could be a first point of contact.

### **Importance of Wearing Name Badges**

An emergency health incident occurred at a class last month which highlights the importance of every member wearing his/her name badge to ALL classes, with emergency contact details on the reverse side. **Please, please remember to wear your name badge!** It is in your own best interest to do so, and as well, our U3A is much friendlier if we can learn each other’s names more easily. (Replacement lanyards and name badges are \$2 from the office).

### **NEW: Heidelberg Theatre Company, a classic play "The House of Bernada Alba" by Federico García Lorca, Saturday 12 May, 2pm**

Five daughters live together in a single household with a tyrannical mother. When the father of all but the eldest girl dies, a cynical marriage is advanced. It will have tragic consequences for the whole family. **Cost: \$22; Payment due: Friday 4 May** (either by bank transfer to U3A Banyule or in the office). Enrol online from our website, by Member Log-In (or via the office) **AND** contact the organiser June Sharp directly, to advise her of your intention to attend ([jjsharpoz3@gmail.com](mailto:jjsharpoz3@gmail.com); **0408 225 480 or 9435 8861**).



### **CALL TO FACEBOOK USERS**

U3A Banyule is exploring social media possibilities and will set up a Facebook Page in the near future. We need 2 - 3 members to volunteer to assist in development of the page, provision of content and administration of the page. Please email MaryAnne Bennie ([maryannein8@gmail.com](mailto:maryannein8@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining the Facebook Working Group/Team and MaryAnne will explain what’s involved

### **Social Media for Seniors, Ivanhoe Library, 255 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

For over 50’s, learn how to use your mobile phone, Facebook or iPad with students from Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School. Bookings essential on 9497 5780 for your individual session with a student. (Bookings also available online) **Dates: Tuesday 8 May; Tuesday 5 June and Tuesday 19 June.**

## **Draft Ivanhoe Parking Plan – a Report on the Special Consultation Meeting for U3A Banyule Members**

A special meeting for U3A Banyule members was organised on **Friday 16 March** to hear about the draft Ivanhoe Parking plan. A presentation was provided by Kathleen Petras, the Transport Planning Team Leader, Banyule City Council. It was pleasing that the Mayor and several Councillors also attended.

Thanks to the members (approximately 50) who attended this meeting to express concerns about the proposed drastic changes to parking around Ivanhoe.

Several of our members spoke about the deleterious effect of reducing parking near the U3A Hall from 4 hours to 3 or perhaps 2; people who attend two concurrent sessions, people who volunteer at the office, people with mobility problems, all would be severely disadvantaged by such a move. Banyule prides itself on its commitment to the welfare of older residents; it is unfair to make senior members of the community walk long distances to their cars, and to be deprived of some of the benefits of learning and socialising that U3A Offers.

Mention was made of the need for additional disabled parking, for seniors' car parks close to venues to facilitate access, for 4 hour parking near the railway station and perhaps a long-term car park outside the main centre of activity, with a mini-bus service.

A report on the consultation process is to go to Council on Monday 30 April. Interested members are urged to keep abreast of this matter and to make sure Council is aware of our ongoing concerns.

## **ANNUAL U3A BANYULE LUNCH Tuesday 26 June 2018, 12.00 noon - 2.00pm**

St Georges Restaurant at Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT), Preston Campus, 77 - 91 St Georges Rd, Preston (**Building K** on campus map).

\$30 for 3 courses with tea/coffee. Drinks at members' expense will be served at the tables.

### **Guest Speaker: Bev Moss**

A popular, engaging speaker with a gift for entertaining audiences with stories from her fascinating life experiences, who is also a member of U3A Banyule.

**Topic: "Buckingham Palace in My Underwear!"**

**Bookings: Open Wednesday 2 May and close on Friday 15 June.** Either: online via Member Log-in, by telephone, in the office or by mail (details provided in separate invitation). **Don't forget to indicate any special dietary requirements when booking.**

**Note: Payment is required at time of booking. Please book early as places are limited.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**FOR BOOKING DETAILS AND CAMPUS MAP, PLEASE SEE SEPARATE INVITATION**

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**AVAILABLE COURSES, EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES** up to and including June 2018, are listed below. For further details, please consult [www.u3abanyule.org.au](http://www.u3abanyule.org.au) under the Courses page (then Course Information) and/or the December 2017 Newsletter.

If you have enrolled in any course and are now unable to attend would you please take the time to let the Tutor know (through the website, via Member Log-In and follow the links to the courses you are enrolled in, or via the office) so that places can be offered to those on a waiting list. Note that "TBA" means acceptance subject to tutor approval.

***PUBLIC LECTURES:***

4th Monday of each month 2.00pm - 4.00pm, U3A Hall, Rear 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe

- **Managing Emergencies & Disasters**, Julian Meagher, Monday 28 May
- **Darebin Parklands**, Peter Wiltshire, Monday 25 June

***SINGLE SESSIONS (U3A Hall unless otherwise indicated):***

**Biggest Morning Tea in the Afternoon**, Val Wake, Monday 7 May, 2.00 - 4.00pm.

**Disruptive Technologies and the Energy Industry**, Shavaj Kallamkote, Monday 4 June, 2.00 - 4.00pm.

**Excursion to The Fox Classic Car Collection**, Mel 2E H7, Russell Scoular, Tuesday, 22 May, 11.00am - 1.00pm.

**Bees, Bees and more Bees**, Ken Walker, Wednesday 16 May, 2.00 - 3.30pm.

**Poetry and Prose**, Rebecca Hayman, Wednesday 30 May, 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

**Art Exhibition - Banyule Art Collection**, Stephanie Neoh, Wednesday, 27 June, 3.30 - 4.45pm.

**Pioneer Public Health Practitioners**, Dr. Walter Heale, Thursday 31 May, 11.15am - 1.15pm.

***SERIES (two or more):***

**Trivia Afternoon**, Valerie Fletcher, Monday 14 May, 2.00 - 4.00pm, U3A Hall.

**Monday Cinema**, Janet Creed, 3rd Monday each month, Time varies, Venue TBA.

**French Level 5**, Marie-Claire Staub, Mondays to 25 June, Noon - 1.30pm, Shop 48 Harmony Centre.

**Book Group 1 (monthly)**, Margaret Murphy, 4th Tuesday from 27 February, 10.00am - Noon, Members' Homes.

**Italian Conversation**, Adriana Ficarazzi, Tuesdays from 13 February, 12.30pm - 2.00pm, U3A Hall.

**Tai Chi for Experienced Participants**, Diana McCormack, Tuesdays from 6 February, 9.30 - 10.15am, U3A Hall.

**Chess**, Annette Davis, Tuesdays, to 27/11, 2.00 - 4.30pm, East Preston Senior Citizens, 14/12 Donald Street, East Preston.

**Majong 2**, June Molnar, Tuesdays to 27/11, 1.00 - 3.00pm, Rosanna Library, 72 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna.

**Singing for Pleasure**, Nancy Cornwallis, Tuesdays to 27/11, 2.15 - 4.00pm, U3A Hall, Rear 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe

**German Advanced**, Jutta Szwed, 2nd Wednesday, 9.00 - 10.30am, Heidelberg Bowling Club.

**Pencil & Paint**, Alexandra Rearden, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 28 February, 1.30 - 4.00pm, U3A Hall.

**Book Group 3**, Janet Creed, 1st Wednesday, 1.30 - 3.00pm, U3A Hall.

**Creative Knitting**, Diana McCormack, 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 14 February, 1.00 - 3.30pm Watsonia Library.

**German Beginners and Intermediate**, Angela Fischer, Wednesdays, 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Shop 48 Harmony Centre.

**German Grammar - An Exploration**, Janet Creed, 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10.00 - 11.30am, Our Hub, Oriel Road, West Heidelberg.

**German Kaffeeklatsch**, Jutta Szwed, 2nd Wednesday, 11.00am - Noon, Heidelberg Bowling Club.

**Lawn Bowls for Fun**, Brian James, Wednesdays, 1.15 - 3.15pm Heidelberg Bowling Club.

**Basic Maths**, Alan Phillips, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10.00am - Noon, Shop 48 Harmony Centre.

**Sewing for Charity**, Gisela Baros, Thursdays 7,14,21,28 Jun, 11.45am - 1.15pm, U3A Hall.

**Geology - Deep Time and Plate Tectonics**, Robert Walker, Thursdays, 3, 10, 17, 24 May, 11.45am - 1.15pm. U3A Hall.

**Elizabeth I's 'Peepers and Creepers'**, Jane Davies, Thursdays, 3, 10,17,24,31 May & 7 June, 3.15 - 4.45pm, U3A Hall.

**Three Men Who Changed History**, Jane Davies, Thursdays 14, 21, 28 June, 3.15 - 4.45pm, U3A Hall.

**Book Group 2**, Ruth Cumming, 4th Thursday from 22 February, 10.00 - Noon, Members' Homes.

**Current Affairs**, Dr Len Kelly, Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00pm, U3A Hall.

**French Level 2**, Lucille Sadler/Dianne Lacroix, Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00pm, Shop 48 Harmony Centre.

**French Level 3**, Dr Judyth Keighran, Thursdays, 11.00am - 12.15pm, Shop 48, Harmony Centre.

**My Life Story 1**, Lynette Phillips, 2nd & 4th Friday, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, U3A Hall.

**My Life Story 2**, Catherine Pearson, 2nd & 4th Friday, 1.00 - 3.00pm, McKittrick Centre, Strathalan.

**Social Bridge for Experienced Players**, Beryl White, Fridays, 1.00 - 4.00pm, Watsonia Library.

**Cryptic Crosswords**, Margaret Murphy, 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday, 10.00am - Noon, Watsonia Library.

**Scrabble**, Mary Mailer, 2nd & 4th Friday, 10.00am - Noon, Watsonia Library.

**Saturday Theatre Matinees (Occasional)**, Muriel Ball, June Sharp, TBA, Usually 2.00pm, various venues.

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### Some More Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 18 June:** Semester 2 Enrolment opens on MyU3A and in office for non-email members, 9.00am – 2.00pm

**Tuesday 26 June:** Annual Lunch (office closed, no classes)

**Friday 29 June:** Semester 1 finishes

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