



WHAT U3A BANYULE MEMBERS SAY

"I have found that the standard of both the content and presentation of the courses is extremely high, which I find very satisfying."

"The classes are stimulating and I continue to learn beyond what I thought I knew."

"I always look forward to the next semester to see what new courses are offered."

"It gives me a sense of connectedness to a wider community."

"As a Tutor of a course, it provides an opportunity to share knowledge and skills with appreciative members, within a well resourced organisation".

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer - as a Tutor, in the office, assisting with course administration, as a class representative assisting a Tutor, or on the Committee of Management. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and skills please email an expression of interest to: info@u3abanyule.org.au

HOW TO CONTACT U3A BANYULE

Please contact us through any of the following ways:

Office Location: Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub (ILCH), 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 10am – 3pm (TBC).

Phone: 0418 749 228 (message bank available if outside office hours).

Postal Address: U3A Banyule Inc, PO Box 454, Rosanna VIC 3084.

Email Address: info@u3abanyule.org.au

Website: www.u3abanyule.org.au through the Online Enquiry Form under Contact page.

7 GREAT REASONS FOR JOINING U3A BANYULE

- ✓ Over 120 courses and activities to choose from!
- ✓ Some classes/lectures available online via Zoom.
- ✓ The classes are stimulating and you can develop new interests and skills.
- ✓ Lots of social opportunities where you can make new friends.
- ✓ Affordable membership – outstanding value!
- ✓ Regular communication via newsletters and emails.
- ✓ Special offer to become an audit (listening) student in undergraduate courses at La Trobe University.



BANYULE
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENQUIRING MINDS



Welcome to U3A Banyule – come and join us! Invigorate your mind with new ideas and areas of interest.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is a unique and exciting organisation which provides life-enhancing opportunities. Over 50s, retired and semi-retired people come together and learn together – not for qualifications but for THE JOY OF LEARNING

www.u3abanyule.org.au

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)

U3A is for retired or semi-retired members of the community. It is a not for profit, volunteer organisation providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment.

Activities are provided for the people (members), by the people (Tutors). **Prior qualifications are not required, nor are there exams or assessments.**



U3A is not academic, nor sectarian, or political. We operate on the principles of self management and mutual support. In Australia, the first programs were offered in the mid 80s and currently national membership exceeds 100,000 with over 300 U3As. It is a worldwide movement, operating in Europe, UK, USA, South America and Asia.

WHAT IS THE THIRD AGE?

The “Third Age” follows the “First Age” of childhood and formal education and the “Second Age” of working life. It is the age of active retirement when you are free to link up with others and pursue your interests, without pressure.

ABOUT U3A BANYULE

Founded in 1986, **U3A Banyule** is a thriving community whose members embrace lifelong learning and positive ageing within a culture of respect and friendship. With approximately 700 members, we are the largest seniors’ group in Banyule.

For a small annual membership fee, members can attend as many talks, courses and activities as they wish, subject to vacancies. (Note: some excursions or events may incur additional costs).

Our program offers more than 120 courses and activities per year, conducted over two semesters.

Generally these are held during the week (daylight hours) and vary in duration: as single, multiple or year-long classes. Some activities are held on the weekend (eg lunches, theatre matinee sessions).

TYPICAL COURSES AND ACTIVITIES

- Welcome Morning Teas for new members
- Social events (eg lunches) and events with guest speakers (eg Annual Lunch, Annual Forum)
- Public Lecture Series on current issues
- History, Science, Archaeology
- Art Appreciation, Gallery visits, Excursions
- Current Affairs group
- Philosophy study group
- Technology topics
- Activity classes (eg Tai Chi, Yoga, Walking Groups)
- Book groups, Writing for Pleasure, Play Reading
- Cinema group
- Creative groups (eg Pencil and Paint, Knitting)
- Healthy lifestyle presentations
- Language classes (eg French, German, Italian)
- Games (eg Trivia, Mahjong, Cryptic Crosswords)
- Singing for Pleasure, Music Appreciation

Note: Some classes/lectures may be available online via Zoom.

For full details of current courses and activities, see www.u3abanyule.org.au

WHERE ARE COURSES HELD?

The Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub (ILCH) is our main venue. Currently we also use venues in Heidelberg, Heidelberg West, Watsonia, Macleod and Bundoora.

HOW AND WHEN TO JOIN U3A BANYULE

The annual membership fee is \$45 (in 2021) and applies for the calendar year, January - December.

New members are welcome any time of the year and a pro rata membership fee applies after 1 June.

Joining and paying online is the easiest way: www.u3abanyule.org.au, see Membership page, ‘Join Us’, and follow the prompts. You will receive an ID number and password to access your membership details and to enrol in courses.

OR

Complete a membership form and mail it or drop it into our office – details overleaf.

HOW DO I ENROL IN COURSES OR ACTIVITIES?

Members can enrol in courses from our website, via Member Log-In, or complete a Course Enrolment form, obtained from the office.

COME AND TRY U3A BANYULE BEFORE JOINING

We have a free **Public Lecture Series**, on the 4th Monday of each month (February – October), U3A meeting room, ILCH, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. See details on our website. Prior registration essential. All welcome!

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY SPECIAL OFFER:

Full members can apply through U3A Banyule to be an audit (ie listening) student at undergraduate university lectures at La Trobe University Bundoora. For further information, refer to our website.