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## Presidential Ponders

Hello Everybody,

Thank you all for your patience as we negotiate another lockdown. Thank you to those tutors who have engaged their class members in some level of activity throughout. Thank you to those tutors who have kept classes going using zoom, and thank you to those tutors who have put their thinking caps on and started looking at how they will be able to go forward with what will almost inevitably be some edict based on reduced numbers in face-to-face classes. All very important stuff to keep us connected. Huge!

The Committee has also put on our thinking caps and have commenced, via our website, a segment we are calling ***This Week Online @ Moorleigh***. The plan is to have a Friday afternoon filled with different, hopefully fun stuff, that our members can join in via zoom. At this stage we are only planning to run it when we go into a lockdown period but who knows, if it proves to be popular, we might be able to present it throughout the year. A big thank you to ***Michael Bonacci*** in setting this up so quickly. The other person who needs a big thank you is ***Val English*** who has enabled us to keep communications going, by sending all the informative emails you have received.

Behind the scenes we are updating policies and procedures, putting in the online U-mas system with Val English's invaluable help, ready for the 2022 enrolments (don't worry, we will not leave anyone behind & help will be available for the non-technical amongst us), mentoring 3 new volunteers for reception and putting more and more information onto our website - go take a look at ***u3amoorleigh.org.au***. You'll be surprised at what's in there and that's beside the day-to-day stuff of running courses, planning for the AGM etc. I'm exhausted thinking about it.

**Most importantly we are seeking your thoughts on the pro's and con's of changing our name. Please read the document on pages 4 & 5 & email reasons to change or not (this is NOT a vote but an opinion only) to [publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au](mailto:publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au).**

Ciao,

Erika Fleming

## Important Dates

EVERY FRIDAY during lockdown: "This Week Online" 2:00pm-4:00pm

Check out the [website](https://u3amoorleigh.org.au) for links to special activities during lockdown.

# News from The Hub

- *Quiet on the home front*
- *This Week Online @ Moorleigh*



It has been very quiet in **The Hub** lately. I wonder if that's because we've been closed down? That might have something to do with it!

Nevertheless, your hapless harbingers of technical excellence have been busy in the background helping to produce **This Week Online @ Moorleigh**, a new weekly 2-hour variety programme delivered via Zoom. The programme is designed for members isolating at home, and for those unable to attend a U3A for whatever reason.

The weekly programme and Zoom link is available from the **Latest News** page on our website. We look forward to your company.

Stay safe, stay Connected ... and we'll see very soon @ **The Hub**.

**Tech Support: Have you made backups of your software & data?**  
**Customer: I didn't know it had a reverse!**

**Murrumbeena Vaccination clinic**   

**Spurway Community Centre**  
89 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena

Open Tuesday 27 July to Friday 29 July 9am – 2pm  
From Monday 2 August we are open  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

Free transport to and from the clinic is available.  
Bookings are essential.

**GETTING THERE:**  
Parking is available next door at  
Murrumbeena Children's Centre.  
The clinic is a short walk from Murrumbeena railway  
station on the Pakenham and Cranbourne line.

**How to book your vaccination:** Call **9575 5333** or email  
**communitytransport@connectthehealth.org.au**  
with the subject line 'Mobile Vax Booking Request'.  
Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are available.

Have you been unsure if you should get vaccinated? Which product to choose? Where do I go? Well the vaccination clinic in Murrumbeena can help you. They will give advice and also provide transport if needed.

To get our community safe and get back to some semblance of normality, we all need to roll up a sleeve so contact the clinic and chat to an adviser.

Unfortunately our Community Day has been postponed until February 2022; It would have been such a brilliant idea for anyone living alone during these difficult times.

## FOUND

**One kilo of slimy, smelly pork sausages!  
Would the owner please provide proof  
of purchase when claiming these items?**



During the mid-year break, committee member Olive was cleaning up in the kitchen area (yes, we are multi-talented!) and fortunately investigated the pungent aroma emanating from the fridge, which had been turned off. Did someone miss out on a BBQ?

**Moral:** please do not put personal food items in the U3A fridge. Not only because you might forget them but other people also have access to your goodies!

## Stories & Letters

I would love stories and letters from members. Just think of all the different experiences everyone has had. I don't want to keep writing about aging and health issues; there's more to retirement than THAT!

This is YOUR 'Messenger' so let's all help to make it varied, funny, thoughtful, personal and relevant; whatever interests you will probably interest others. Help me out here PLEASE. Send your stories to [publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au](mailto:publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au)

I will start the ball rolling with a story about one of my cats. (See page 7)

Thanks , Ann Watts

## Name change proposal

Dear member, copied below is a draft proposal for a name change, to be considered by the Committee of Management before being put to a vote of all members.

You are encouraged to carefully consider the document, in particular the pros and cons summarised, and let us know if you have any

additional arguments for or against which you feel should be included.

All comments and suggestions are appreciated as we debate this important change.

Please address any replies to:  
[publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au](mailto:publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au)

FOR CONSIDERATION BY ALL MEMBERS - A PROPOSAL FOR A NAME CHANGE  
FROM **U3A MOORLEIGH, INC** TO **U3A BENTLEIGH, INC**  
(Revised 18-Aug-2021)

## BACKGROUND & HISTORY

In 1988 a new U3A was established and classes held at various venues including the Brighton Town Hall and Moorabbin Tafe. This new organization was registered as **U3A Bayside Central, Inc.**

In 1990, Moorabbin Tafe was expanding and there was now no room for U3A Bayside Central. Coincidentally, Moorleigh Secondary School in Bignell Road was closed due to falling enrolments, and rooms were leased to U3A Bayside Central.

In 1994 Council boundaries were changed and Bignell Road became part of Glen Eira (formerly Moorabbin).

In April 1996, the committee of U3A Bayside Central proposed their name be changed to U3A Moorleigh, particularly because the new Bayside Council was being confused with U3A Bayside Central.

Out of the 104 U3A facilities in Victoria, 100 of them are named after their local council area, their local shire or the suburb in which the venue is located. Of the remaining 4, two are located within retirement villages and named after the village, one is ethnically specific (Chinese) and the remaining U3A Moorleigh is named after a community centre.

## PROPOSAL PROS & CONS

The Committee of Management is of the opinion that we should change our name to U3A Bentleigh, Inc and seek the approval of the membership to make this change. There are very good reasons for the change, and other reasons have been put up against the change. We would like to present all the pros and cons and ask each member to weight these up and vote **YES** or **NO** when the vote is canvassed.

### ARGUMENTS FOR A CHANGE

A direct association with the Bentleigh area will be far more beneficial to us as a U3A in growing and attracting new members.

Unless you are local to Bignell Rd, or a long-term resident of Bentleigh East, the name Moorleigh is not well known.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST A CHANGE

Our address is Bentleigh East – Bentleigh the suburb stops at Jasper Rd some distance away.

The name Moorleigh is well known to members and those living in the surrounding area.



<p>There is no suburb called Moorleigh, no school called Moorleigh and no postcode for Moorleigh. The Postcode often associated with Moorleigh – 3167 – actually refers to Oakleigh South, in the area bounded by North Rd, South Rd and Warrigal Rd as its western boundary. U3A Moorleigh is well outside that area.</p> <p>U3A Moorleigh sounds similar to U3A Moorland, particularly if you do not know the respective areas.</p> <p>Most traffic is passing – there are no local shops, library, rail station, etc. It is not a destination, apart from the primary school next door.</p> <p>The poor signage of the Moorleigh Community Village does not attract attention to the variety of services available in that facility.</p> <p>U3A Moorleigh is the only tenant in the village using the name Moorleigh; the name Moorleigh is not particularly well known.</p> <p>Moorleigh Community Village, Moorleigh Community, Moorleigh Village all sound like retirement homes. We have Warrawee Community right next door – which is Glen Eira Council’s nursing Home. Not the image we want to portray if we want growth and stability!</p> <p>Perhaps we should petition Glen Eira to change the name from Moorleigh Community Village to Bentleigh (or even East Bentleigh) Community Village.</p>	<p>It seems a lot of trouble for little gain. We have a name – a label if you like – and one that we all identify with. Let’s keep it that way.</p> <p>Improve the Moorleigh Community Village signage rather than change our name.</p> <p>Having U3A as part of our title is the problem – not the name “Moorleigh”. Manningham, Stonnington, Bayside and Kingston are blanket names each for several suburbs. Do they have the same problem? We may be situated in (East) Bentleigh but we are more than Bentleigh.</p>
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## RECOMMENDATION

On the balance of arguments, and in the best interests of the long-term survival and growth of this facility, plus the opportunity to attract potential new members from a wider catchment area and from more diverse demographics, the Committee of Management recommends to members that they accept the proposed change from **U3A MOORLEIGH, INC** to **U3A BENTLEIGH, INC**.

# Lakes Entrance Get Away



## Monday 11th October - Friday 15th October

If you are thinking of joining Erika and friends on this short break, you really need to book during the first two weeks in September. 'The BIG 4' Whithers Village at Lakes Entrance is filling fast on these dates and Erika has already agreed that the U3A Moorleigh group would be willing to move our evening gatherings to a smaller conference room; we anticipate a gathering of about twenty people.

Check out their website at [www.whithers.com.au](http://www.whithers.com.au) Holiday Village and look at the variety of accommodations available .

You can book on-line or **phone (03) 5155 1343** and if you mention U3A you will get a **10% discount**. Extra activities that are **optional**, include the Buchan Caves, wine tasting with lunches out and a boat trip to Metung. You can book these trips through the 'Big 4' Whithers Village or decide what you want to do when you arrive. Erika's not giving the trips list to W Big 4 Whithers Village until last two weeks of September, so you can book in 2 stages. Accommodation 1st, then the trips 2nd.

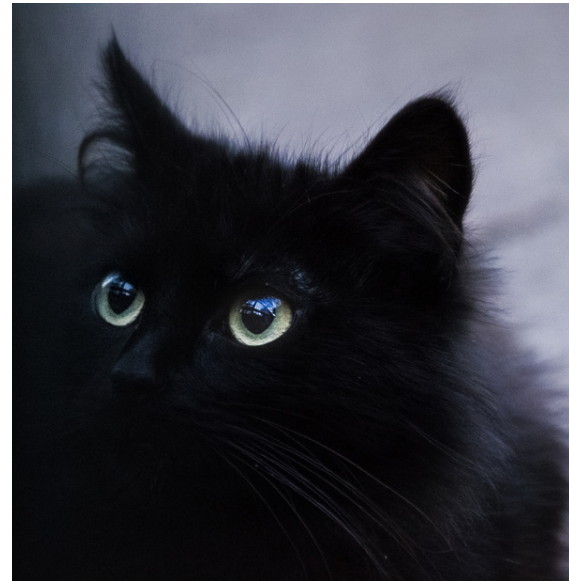
You will have to drive down as you will need a car for some outings, but you can bring friends who are not members (maybe get them to drive?) We could all do with a break after this fractured year and you would be helping out the Victorian economy and getting to know fellow Moorleigh members.

# A CAT'S TALE

Many years ago my family had the honour of being adopted by a stray black cat who we named Buster because it suited his personality. I'm sure Buster believed he was a dog; he greeted all visitors at the front door and gave extra smooches to anyone he felt wasn't captivated by him. He would fetch smelly socks from my son's bedroom floor and bring them into the lounge and when I was working in the garden he would supervise and inspect my progress, particularly any turned soil which he thoughtfully often watered!

One Easter we were going away and my parents agreed to pop over and feed the cats and let them out each day. Back home we caught up with Mum and Dad. "Any problems?" "No, although Buster really missed you. He was hanging around on the corner and a couple of times we had to take his dinner up there because he wouldn't come home. He's up there now as we came past "

"No he's not , he's lying in the back room in the sun!.....Hang on the people on the corner have a black cat too!" By Ann Watts



Men marry hoping the woman won't change; women marry hoping the man will change.



Dear Mother-in-law,  
Don't teach me how to handle my children. I am living with one of yours and he needs a lot of improvement.



Are you in regular contact with any members who don't get email? They are missing out on all our communications as we cannot phone or mail out hard copies of news while we remain in lock down & this situation could continue for a while too. Be a good mate and see how they are managing. Let them know what we're up to ; their isolation is all the greater. We may not like technology but we wouldn't be without it at the present time. Come and join us at 2pm on a Friday (link via our website).