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Presidential Ponders

Hello Everybody

Well here we are, in April already & change keeps occurring.

When we were marketing at different sites last year, it was very noticeable that the vast majority of people had no idea where Moorleigh was. They knew Bignell Road and South Road but where & what was Moorleigh? Unless they were very local, they had no clue. After discussion at committee level the decision was made to present a name change from U3A Moorleigh to U3A Bentleigh presenting both pros and cons to the members.

At the 2021 AGM, the name change was proposed & approved both in person (via zoom) and by proxy. This of course, was only the start of the journey. Our wonderful new secretary Janet Lee, discovered that many of the legal requirements to effect a name change were time sensitive. We didn't have weeks, we had days to get the process started. Janet did it with great patience & tenacity; we all can relate to hanging onto a phone whilst the 'right' person is eventually tracked down. Determination +++.

No other U3A's had changed their name in decades & we had no template to follow. Now we are going through all the processes of changing our Website, email addresses, signage, notification of pertinent entities, etc. Will we get it all right, in the right order & communicated to all parties? If you notice something we have missed by May/June let us know at office@u3abentleigh.org.au. A grand celebration & official launch is planned for **Saturday 25th June** at the end of semester one.

We also are looking at ways to fund-raise & increase membership which will reduce member costs. We hope all these activities make for a viable and vibrant & financially sound **U3A Bentleigh** that meets the needs of our community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this exciting change & thank you to all members who have the patience to bear with us as we go through this together.

Happy Easter,

Ciao

Erika Fleming

Important Dates

Wednesday 13th April - Drawing of Easter Raffle tickets at mid-day

Friday 15th April Good Friday **closed for public holiday**

Monday 18th April Easter Monday **closed for public holiday**

Monday 25th April ANZAC Day **closed for public holiday**



News from The Hub

New cabling and Network Switches now provide faster Internet everywhere - in fact, the whole wing now has fast, free Wi-Fi throughout so connect your device or use ours. Why buy your own, when you can use ours?

If you would like to take part in **Friday Fun @ Moorleigh**, a Zoom event returning on April 1st, but don't have a computer or are unsure how it all works, come to **The HUB** at 1.45pm and an assistant will set you up to watch the program. It's great fun with some pop music clips (usually from our hey-day), a bit of comedy and a trivia quiz plus a short documentary on various subjects with Erika and Michael as your hosts. Non-members can join in too via the website.

Don't forget if you want to learn how to manage your own enrollment on line, pop into the HUB and see if someone has time to show you how to open the website, browse the classes on offer and login to your account. You will never miss out on a new course again

2022 Committee

President Erika Fleming
Vice President June Berman
Secretary Janet Lee
Treasurer Rachael Golombick
Courses Rosemary Browning
Webmaster Michael Bonacci
Publicity Ann Watts
Events Manager..... Jan Sapir
Welfare.....Olive Collingwood
 also
 Cynthia Paciocco, Pauline Clark & Zeki Toral

EASTER RAFFLE



First prize - a basket full of treats donated by U3A member Pauline Clarke's daughter.

Second prize - a lovely bowl donated by **Aviance Home Wares** of 442, Centre Road

Third prize - \$30 Voucher donated by **Benn's Books** of 437 Centre Road

Fourth & Fifth prizes - a \$25 voucher donated by **Humble Creatures Cafe** at 4 Matthews Road, Bentleigh East.

Sixth & Seventh prizes - a \$25 voucher donated by **Black Salt Cafe** at 1/947 Centre Road, Bentleigh East

HELP PROMOTE U3A BENTLEIGH



Do you enjoy chatting to people?
 Do you enjoy coming to U3A?
 Would you talk to members of the public at venues like shopping centres, Bunnings and markets etc? Short sessions of one-one & half hours only . Let publicity know. Thanks

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS

The Business Page

- *Have you noticed reception has been closed occasionally. This is due to a shortage of volunteers.
- *You will also note the time for manning reception has been changed to **10am - 3pm** to give our volunteer time away from the desk, to open/close windows & doors.
- *You can now access our building from all doors but continue to **QR scan**. This is a Glen Eira council requirement.
- *People are confused about the rules of mask wearing. **Always carry a mask with you**. If you cannot socially distance then wear a mask. If you are sitting listening to a tutor, particularly if the room is full, wear a mask.
- *If you are at all unwell, send your apology and do not attend class. Self-test for Covid symptoms. **Get boosted and beat the bug**. There is a new variant around so stay vigilant. Hand sanitizing & cleaning of tables & chairs will continue.
- *After the March committee meeting it was decided that photocopying costs will increase to: **10c** per page (double-sided 20c) still good value. This just covers our cost of paper, toner and lease of copier.
- *The name change to **U3A BENTLEIGH** has been completed but it will take time to update all documents, contacts, signage etc. however we are already promoting ourselves as **U3A BENTLEIGH**. A BIG party is planned for **Saturday 25th June**, to officially launch our new name.

An Extra Class

Due to popular demand, Rhonda will run a third class on Friday at 12:30pm once enrollment numbers increase **Strength Training C Code M22 507** I'm told the music is great too.

Be Considerate

How would you feel if you had made a commitment to run a class, prepared your material and arrived early to set up for a session and then less than half your class members turn up? No apology given, just didn't attend.

If you cannot attend a class you must send **an apology**; you can do this on Umas, by email to the office, leave a message on the phone or mark the roll for a week ahead if you know you cannot make it to class.

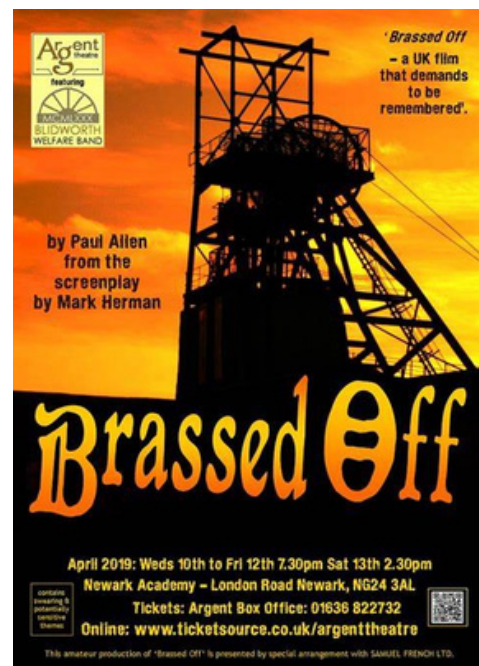
Several classes have waiting lists and it is very frustrating to see empty spots that could be taken by others.

If the class does not suit you, come to reception and complete a withdrawal form and you will make a position available for others.

if you have not been to a class for three consecutive weeks we try to follow up to ensure that all is well with you, but you risk being removed from the class roll.

FIRST FRIDAY FLICK

1st April at 1pm



A British comedy/drama set in a coal mining town where a possible pit closure also threatens the brass band's survival.

Keep checking the web site for new class information.

Coffee and Conversation

M22 520 to enroll

At the end of the week we have a mid-day get together. Pull up a chair and join the gathering. Bring a cuppa with you. Enjoy a chat and a chuckle in the lounge area. Every **Friday at 12pm** just after morning class sessions. Get to know Olita and fellow U3A members. All are welcome.



Your Pictorial Autobiography

M22 203 weekly activity commencing Tuesday 19th April 1.30pm - 3.15pm

Will your grandchildren look at the old black and white family photos and wonder who the people in the funny clothes are? What were your school days like? Did you ride to school on a horse? What did you look like when you were 16 years old?

Bring along your old family photos and Avril Lockhead will help you record your pictorial memories.

The Creative Writing Group

M22 303 Wednesday 10.00am Room 39

After a career in teaching, Lorraine Harris still gets enthusiastic about her group of scribblers who share their creative writing ideas, play around with words and get to use their imaginations. For two glorious hours they plumb the depths of their creativity, laugh over each other's foibles and marvel at the weird and wonderful ideas some conjure up. Their worlds are enlarged as they get glimpses into each other's past. At the moment there are too many empty chairs just waiting to be filled so if you have a yen to test your creative ability you are most welcome to join them. Come for a trial and discover your inner talents. Consider also joining the **Autobiography** class on Tuesdays for more inspiration.



JENNY'S GARDEN AND CLASS



Jenny 2nd on right and a few of her class members

Jenny Stone held her first **"What's happening in the Garden"** class on 9th March (second Wednesday of every month) and followed up with an open garden for her students on the long weekend. Jenny has a small courtyard garden but it is jam-packed with lush greenery. If you can put a plant in it, on it, under it, over it or around it she has done -- not a patch is wasted and with her timed watering system she says it's easy! We all came away inspired and rather in awe. Jenny is a great community supporter who also belongs to the East Bentleigh Community garden and runs the U3A Bentleigh bike riding group.

LEGAL POINTS to PONDER

M22 402 Starting Thursday 7th April 10.00am - 1200pm

Back by popular demand after Mark Harris was swamped with questions during his summer school session so he's back to answer your concerns about Power's of Attorney, wills, trustees and more.

This is a great opportunity to learn about those important plans that can be difficult to talk about
Enroll early and bring paper and pencil.

BIOLOGY on ZOOM

M22 220 BIOLOGY a fortnightly Zoom class on Tuesday 9.45 -11.0 am. You will be emailed a link prior to the session.

Reuben Urban has a long history of teaching science with a special love of biology and he still conducts classes for VCE students when he's not playing in the Glen Eira Brass Band.

If you ever wondered how your body works this **Zoom** course covers particular systems as well as evolution, energy systems, global warming and a myriad of other topics that come up for discussion. Previous classes can be seen on You tube

A thief broke into my home last week. He started searching for money so I got up and helped him.

I love being eighty, I still learn something new every day and forget five other things.

It's wierd being the same age as old people.

Empathic Parking

Traffic Engineers from Glen Eira council have assessed the parking needs of visitors to Moorleigh Village and plan to make designated areas for seniors and for parents with prams. This will reduce our parking spots by four but will result in safer parking for us all.

Fire Warden Training

Glen Eira Council are offering a couple of training sessions a year for Moorleigh Village tenants in **Emergency Training**
At the moment we have just one volunteer and we really need at least **two more people** so we can cover holiday and sick leave. Talk to a friend and both of you can support Zeki Toral (committee member). Other smaller tenant groups have offered several trainees so let's do our bit. For more information you can chat to Ros Porter our Community Development Officer.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you start to pick up speed.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older....This is not what i expected!



Enrollment & Withdrawal from Class

If you are confident using the **on-line UMAS** system, please enroll yourself either from home or use a computer in THE HUB. If you get stuck one of the technical folk will be around to assist you.

If you do not have a computer you will find two copies of our current course guide (one in the kitchen and one in the lounge) along with request forms to fill out (best writing please!) & bring to reception. If the volunteer cannot enroll you immediately, leave the form and it will be attended to when someone is available.

If you are withdrawing from a class (ie don't want to do) please advise Reception.

UMAS DOES NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM A CLASS - THIS MUST BE DONE BY ADMINISTRATION.



Retirement Village Open Day

When: Thursday 12th May at 10.15am

**Where: Lexington Gardens,
114, Westall Road Springvale**

Sign in for 10.30am and have an escorted tour of the village, view selected apartments then back to Lexington Gardens Community Centre for tea and refreshments. This outing is obligation free and will help the promotion of U3A Bentleigh.

We need a group of at least 25 people.

Bring a friend along and please let us know at reception from **Monday 2nd May.**

If anyone needs a lift we will see what we can do.

RAT Kits Available

Monash Health donated 440 Rapid Antigen Test kits to U3A Bentleigh, which took a lot of assembly (thank you Heather Brown and committee for this fiddly job). We are offering 2 kits to all members (to self test if you become unwell) Subject to volunteers availability, we are handing these out each afternoon 12.00-1.00pm in the kitchen area.

THE GRAND LAUNCH

Saturday 25th June 10.30am -12.00pm

to coincide with the end of Semester One and when the East Bentleigh Farmer's Market is held. We plan to celebrate our **U3A BENTLEIGH** name change.

There will be live music, an art display, door prizes and an information booth so keep the date free and come along with your friends. A lot of planning is being done and we will need volunteers to help show U3A Bentleigh as the safe, vibrant and fun organization it is.

Thanks

Thank you to **Jonathan Melland** for his suggestion of the Rotunda (that was situated in the main shopping area of Bentleigh's Centre Road) for our masthead and also supplying the photo. It makes the front page a bit more Bentleigh!

Big thanks also to art tutor **Paul Fullager** who brought in several potted ornamental chillie plants which sold like hot...ehm...chillies!

Autumn in the High Country



U3A Bentleigh & Designer Tours to

BRIGHT

May 23rd - May 27th

This 5 day/4 night coach trip is proving popular so register your expression of interest soon.

Motel accommodation, breakfast & dinner and daily coach trips are included in the price of \$825pp (twin share)

Those with email have all the necessary information and for others the full itinerary and expression of interest forms are available near reception.

Eva Schultz has had personal experience with Designer Tours & has done a great job organizing this event.