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Presidential Ponders

Hello Everybody

A big 'Thank you' to the two unnamed members who delved into the back of their cupboards and found unused Murder Mystery packs. I will try to amalgamate the two and have a game for approximately 20 - 25 people. This will be advertised as a 'course' for September. Remember if you book in and get assigned a role, you need to come, as you may have vital clues in your possession to identify the 'murderer'!

Also 'A BIG Thank You' to the twenty one members and spouses who attended the tour of the Lexington Gardens fundraiser. We saw wonderful facilities and apartments at the retirement village then finished with a great 'brunch' which included really good coffee. Thanks again to all who attended.

We raised \$604 with the Easter Raffle. Wow! This is a wonderful amount and we do appreciate that members bought tickets with no expectation of winning a prize, but as a donation. 'Thanks' to Jan Sapir for her wonderful work getting prizes donated to the cause and to Pauline Clark's family for donating the basket.

As well as the above funds raised we have yet another **anonymous donation of One Thousand dollars** from a member. We are overwhelmed by the generosity and support from you all and this means that meeting our financial commitments is so much easier.

Announcement: In the next week or two, the kitchen will be open for tea and coffee. You will need to **bring your own mug** and be aware of 'Covid' & 'Flu' being around. We will have a supply of tea, coffee, milk etc. A pink donation box will be available to meet these costs and we feel that **50 cents a mug**, should cover these supplies. We have all missed the natter in the kitchen area.

Lastly, a Big Thank You to Ann Swiers who donated the door prizes at our Ca. Morning Tea
Ciao Erika Fleming

Important Dates

Wednesday 1st June 12:00-6:00pm get your Covid & 'Flu' vaccination (Room 48)

Saturday 25th June **Open Day** & Art and Craft display 10.00 -12.30pm

Monday 27th June - Friday 8th July CLOSED FOR MID SEMESTER BREAK

Monday 11th July return for Semester two.

The Biggest Morning Tea



Corrie & Olive waiting table

About forty members attended the Biggest Morning Tea and made short work of some delicious treats, all produced and donated by fellow members. As an extra bonus, door prizes were donated by **Ann Swiers**. It was lovely to see so many people chatting together.

Speaker, **Tony O'Grady**, entertained us with his memories of people and events from his childhood in McKinnon. Fascinating stuff.

For around ten years, **Corrie Verroen** has headed up the catering team that provide food and drinks at all U3A Bentleigh functions. Corrie, who has a background in customer service and management of a family business, says she always enjoyed cooking and baking and at any gathering, found herself helping out in the kitchen, where talk usually included swapping tips and recipes. Before Covid, Corrie had a team of 3-4 regular helpers who assisted with setting up, cleaning up and food preparation. Unfortunately this loyal team has disbanded so she is looking for support from new helpers; you don't have to be a cook, just adaptable & willing. So if office work is not your thing, please consider putting your hand up (3-4 events a year) and let reception staff know.

Just over **six hundred dollars** was raised and it all goes to the Cancer Council so well done to everyone who contributed.

2022 Committee

President Erika Fleming
Vice President Avril Lochhead
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,
Zeki Toral & Nick Ancora

HELP PROMOTE U3A BENTLEIGH

We need members to letter drop, perhaps when you are out walking the dog, or chat to members of the public at various venues. Local people need to hear about U3A Bentleigh and what we provide. Flyers available at Office.



STAY CONNECTED @



Friday Fun 2-4pm on 3rd June via our website. Just click on the link, and join Erika and Michael in challenges for your memory, quizzes, music & more. Michael has contacted Covid but he assures us he will continue with this Zoom event. Get well soon.

Have you visited **The Hub** for help with your technical problems? If you want to become confident using Umas, drop in and let one of the volunteers show you how to log in and negotiate the site. Thursday afternoon is a great time to visit, when Eric Aston is available. Never miss out on a new course again.

The Business Page

*Have you taken advantage of the **Pop Up Vaccination clinic** being held in Room 48 (no need to book) If it has been 4 months since your last Covid booster, you are eligible for the next dose and you can also get your **'flu vaccination**. Bring your medicare card with you. Next clinic: **Weds 1st June** (hopefully this will be a regular event)

*The supply of RAT kits is slowing. Some will be available at the vaccination clinic and U3A will put a small number out when they are available. If you have kits at home do not stockpile and consider those who still have to pay for kits. Pensioners and health card holders can obtain free kits each month from their regular pharmacy. If you have knowingly been a Covid contact please test before coming to U3A. **See Page 6 for more news**

*You no longer need to scan in at each visit but please **tick the class roll each time you attend**.

*All new U3A members are still required to be fully vaccinated This is reassuring for our age group since the virus is still very much with us. **Wear a mask in the corridor** & also if you can't distance. Continue with good hand hygiene and disinfecting of surfaces after use. We **MUST** maintain good ventilation of our rooms which means windows must be open a little & doors left open wherever possible. Rug up for a class, have a mid session break for a cuppa and put ceiling fans on when you're out of the room.

*While you're airing your class room, make a cup of **tea or coffee in the kitchen**. Please bring your own mug & take it home again, so reception volunteers don't have to clean up after you. We will provide a tin for your donation of **50 cents per cuppa** to help fund beverages. Thank you to Bernice Hyams who donated some tea & coffee to get us started.

*At the last committee meeting we voted unanimously to **no longer offer associate membership** for those members of other U3A's. We believe that \$50 is such good value particularly if you check out places like Community Houses who charge per subject. This will take effect from the start of semester two on **Monday 11th July**. All current associate members are, of course, financial till the end of the year.

*The last day of classes this semester is **Friday 24th June** with the **Open Day & Art show** being held on **Saturday 25th June**. Bring a friend along & see what's happening.

CLASS NEWS

M22 205 Learn to play the Ukelele

Come along on a **Tuesday at 10am**

If you have an instrument bring it but if you have always wanted to learn, your tutor John can advise you on the instrument to buy.

M22 420 Beginners Bridge

On **Thursdays at 1.00pm** If you need a refresher come along as this course still has room for more players.

M22 507 Strength Training (C)

Rhonda still has vacancies for this time; Friday **12.30 1.30** so check it out and enrol

Keep checking the web site for new class information.

FIRST FRIDAY FLICK

3rd June at 1pm

The Barefoot Contessa



1954 USA drama
Starring
Humphrey Bogart
and

Ava Gardner.

The slow paced plot focuses on social position and high powered politics within the world of film and high society.

The Trip to Bright

Thirty five members from U3A Bentleigh and their friends enjoyed a marvelous five day break in the Victorian High Country, staying in Bright. Apart from one day, we were lucky with crisp clear mornings turning into bright sunny days. Our driver was amenable to a change of itinerary on the one misty day so we were able to take in the magnificent views from Mount Buffalo with it's huge granite outcrops and clear valley views from The Look Out. Erika helped to distract us from the winding road and steep drops as we came down the mountains, with tales of her nursing days in the UK.

Many of the small townships we visited are feeling the impact of the pandemic, and a lack of staff resulting in short business hours. Our patronage was certainly appreciated by the motel staff who provided great meals and made a room available one evening for a trivia night, organized by Eva Schultz.

Eva is to be congratulated on doing a magnificent job with nothing left to chance. Not resting on her laurels, she told us about the next trip the Victorian Travel Club is planning, so keep an eye out for an announcement.



Book Donations

Thank you to members who have donated **novels** to assist with fund raising. After a recent tidy-up we had to **discard** what we considered non-commercial books like foreign language, poor condition, technical and specialist text books. These are probably not going to sell well and were filling up the shelves. Volunteer **Lynne Davis** has kindly taken over the organization of this area and has already done a great job. There are a few DVD's and CD's on the small bookshelf by the door and everything just \$2. The new location is under the main notice board. This makes it easier to read titles on offer plus you can check out the notice board for all the latest news at the same time

Next Victorian Travel Club Outing

A day trip during the mid winter break

Thursday 7th July

McClelland Sculpture Park

390, McClelland Drive, Langwarren

The entry cost \$6.00 is waived if you dine in their restaurant.

Meet at the park or at U3A and car-pool.

Watch the notice board for details and how to book.

Coffee Club

This group has folded due to lack of support. Thanks go to **Olita Jepson** for heading this up and it may be worth considering at a later date now the kitchen is opening for hot drinks.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Electrical Equipment

If you bring in an item of electrical equipment, like a laptop or sewing machine, **DO NOT PLUG** into the **MAIN** socket. You will need to use one of the POWER BLOCK safety switches found in room 39 in the 2nd cupboard, under the corridor windows.

All our equipment is tested annually and tagged as safe.



Accidents Indoors

With more activities on offer, it is prudent to raise the issue of member safety. Be aware that, through the U3A network, all U3A members are covered by insurance in event of an injury in class, however you **must take responsibility** for ensuring that, not only are you fit enough to skip the light fandango, but you are also suitably attired. Wear non slip, flat supportive shoes, loose fitting clothing so you can stretch, and put your specs on if needed.

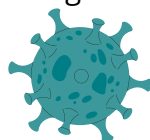
If your tutor has doubts about your abilities, you will be asked to get written confirmation from your GP, before continuing the class. We all know that exercise in older age is important but know your own limits.

Should you be unfortunate enough to come a cropper, please report (or have a witness report) the incident to reception. You may feel fine following a minor event but things can deteriorate in the following days.

Emergency Evacuation

Glen Eira council have been reviewing and improving the emergency plans for Moorleigh village and our three fire wardens have been involved in ongoing education. A new assessment form has been developed for regular village visitors, so **if you need extra assistance** in the event of an emergency, please ask at reception for a **PEEP** form. If you need help completing the form, we will ask a warden to assist you. Return the form to the office as soon as possible.

With almost 400 members this is a big undertaking.



Covid Update

Thank you to all those members who have stayed home after being in contact with a Covid positive person. This is the right thing to do and we thank you for being so responsible. Check your status with a RAT and if you are positive you **MUST ISOLATE FOR 7 DAYS** and have a negative test before returning to activities. With so much of the little bug around we do recommend that you wear an approved N95 mask that covers your nose and mouth; avoid touching your mask and sanitize your hands regularly. We know that this is an air born virus but if you have touched your face or mask and then the furniture, it makes sense to disinfect that furniture. This is also a council requirement.



Committee Changes

With our busy lives, commitment to family and advancing years, there are bound to be changes in administration but this month has been a doozy! We are sorry to announce that our Vice President, **June Berman** has resigned from the committee due to poor health. June's daughter has recently returned to her overseas job and June is contemplating a move to be near her son in Western Australia. We wish her all the best for her future and thank you June, for your input over the last few months. We welcome **Avril Lochhead** who has put her hand up for the vice presidency. Avril was a vocational trainer and assessor in her working life, and is fairly new to U3A so will have fresh views and ideas for U3A Benteleigh.

Nick Ancora has stepped up to join the committee and will bring his special IT and business skills to the team. Nick has had experience on the committee at St Peter's school and, in partnership with his father, has designed and produced the new U3A Benteleigh signs. Many of you will know Nick from his work in the Hub. He is in most days and always happy to help.

Finally we are saying farewell to the marvelous **Pauline Clark** who has other commitments. Pauline has been a fount of knowledge and support for the current committee and no wonder. From 2004 till 2012 she was treasurer, then president from 2014 to 2016 finally, so she didn't get bored, she took on the secretary's role from 2017 till 2019. Phew, as if that wasn't enough she also convened the 'Sit. Knit and Natter' group for many years, and produced items for local charities.

Thank goodness Pauline will still be around, hopefully enjoying a class or two. When I began volunteering in reception, she gave such sensible advice and is generous and supportive of everyone. 'Thank You dear friend' is inadequate.



Get Well Soon

I am sure you all know Rosemary Browning, our Course Coordinator, who comes to U3A every day to sort classes, rolls and arrange new activities. For the first time that I can recall she will be away recuperating from surgery (I am going to be severely reprimanded for telling you this). We all wish you a speedy recovery Rosemary and we miss you in your usual spot.



OPEN DAY for U3A Benteleigh

I hope by now you are all aware that we are holding an Open Day on:

SATURDAY 25th JUNE from 10:30am

There will be activities galore so if you can pick up a few promotional flyers and letter drop in your area, that would be great. We must let the community know our new name and what we do. Flyers available at reception from mid June.

YOU RANG?

Reception staff often have to leave the office and follow up with members in class, or even go to the loo! The little hand bell has been replaced with a battery bell (right side of the reception window) which can also be heard by back office staff.

If no one responds, please be patient; have a seat in the lounge area and a volunteer will be back soon.

DONATION

Once again we have received an anonymous donation of one thousand dollars to help with costs and this will be used to start the tea and coffee in the kitchen. We think it is the same person who made a similar donation in February. We would love to personally thank our benefactor but until they declare themselves, this is all we can do.