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Presidential Ponders

Hello Everybody,

It is frightening how fast the year has gone and we're knocking on the door of the AGM in November.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local businesses who supported us with vouchers for door prizes. Some of you would be recipients of a voucher provided at the Cancer Morning Tea, Easter Raffle, Open Day, Trivia or Christmas in July. These vouchers were sourced by our resourceful Events Manager Jan Sapir who left no stone unturned in getting prizes so, if you can, please support these local businesses for they have supported us. **Black Salt Cafe** on Centre Road (near Mackie Road), **Humble Creature** in Bignell Road, **Benn's Books** in Bentleigh and **Bunnings** at the **Links** shopping Centre. Bunnings will also donate couple of tables for the Art Room and is giving us a time slot to hold a fund raising sausage sizzle at their site.

I want to acknowledge all individuals from U3A who supplied prizes and produced craft. I cannot name everyone but a special "Thank You" to Pauline Clark, Ann Swiers and Angela Skelton and of course, we all appreciate the wonderful food supplied the events.

Check the noticeboard about a trip to South Gippsland from **25th - 28th October** and enjoy a short break with your friends and family. The Get Away to Lakes Entrance last year was great fun and friendships were made. It's wonderful to see what an inclusive and supportive U3A community we have.

Ciao,

Erika Fleming

Important Dates

Friday 7th 10.30 am Morning tea & Investment information **BOOK** a spot

Friday 7th 1pm First Friday Film 'Kite Runner'

Friday 7th Antiques Appraisal **BOOK** a time between 2.30 - 4.0pm

Thursday 13th Coffee with a Cop 10.30am-11.30am Kitchen area

Friday 14th Friday Fun 2pm on Zoom click on the web page link

Thursday 20th book a hearing test between 09.00am-1.00pm



Seniors Week at U3A Bentleigh

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th October

U3A Bentleigh is participating in **Victoria's SENIORS FESTIVAL**. during the first week in October. Our posters are encouraging retirees to come along and find out what we offer to stimulate both brain and body but, more importantly, socialize and make new friends, or perhaps volunteer to take a class or help with administration. Since there are only a couple of months until the end of the academic year, we are offering a **\$20 membership fee** until the end of November. Expect to be on show and have visitors to your class.

Friday 7th October a special event; Arthur Simpson, retired valuer and auctioneer of antiques has generously offered his expertise and will evaluate 2 small items for you. We expect this to be very popular so **you must book a time with reception (2.40pm - 4.00pm)** exclusively for members. Grab a few posters and pass them around.

See page 4 for information about an event at **The Classic Residences** on Friday 7th October

Thursday 13th 'Coffee with a Cop' 10.30- 11.30am in the kitchen area drop in and listen to Catherine Wilkins talk about the role of the police in supporting the Council and the community to keep us safe.

Thursday 20th the **"Hearing Bus"** will be in the village from **9.00am -1.00pm** Book a free hearing test on 03 9581 0300

2022 Committee

President Erika Fleming
Vice PresidentAvril Lochhead
Secretary Janet Lee
Treasurer Rachael Golombick
Courses Rosemary Browning
Webmaster Michael Bonacci
Publicity Ann Watts
Events Manager..... Jan Sapir
Welfare.....Olive Collingwood
OH&S Officer.....Nick Ancorra
also
Cynthia Paciocco, Zeki Toral
Margaret Clay

HELP PROMOTE U3A BENTLEIGH

Local people need to hear about U3A Bentleigh and what we provide. Bring a friend to a class (as a visitor). Tell your community group. Pick up some flyers.

Nominations WANTED

We have several interesting opportunities for members to make a difference to the management of U3A Bentleigh in 2023. We need a **Secretary** (keyboard skills) who will be supported by Janet Lee, a **Course Coordinator** who will be supported by Rosemary Browning and a **Fire and Safety Officer** to support two existing team members. If you are interested in helping in any of these capacities come and talk to reception. We also would like some 'ideas people' to join the committee. Without volunteers U3A doesn't exist so think about how you can support us. The **AGM** will be held on **25th November** so we need your support now. Come and make a difference. The Committee of Management Nomination Form can be found on the website. Click <https://u3abentleigh.org.au/constitution/>

The Business Page

The **Central & South Eastern** branches of the U3A Network met on **Friday 2nd September** in room 67 and agreed that local U3A's should be more collaborative and support one another, particularly in the areas of communication (with possibly a combined Face book page), events and tutor sharing. This is a progressive move; all U3A's have the same interests and goals so let's help one another. We will report on future progress.

Due to all the activities of Seniors Week, the **Friday Fun on zoom**, will be held the following Friday 14th, with the same fun, challenges and informative agenda. Just click the link on our web page.

The **AGM will be held on Friday 25th November at 10am**. If you are unable to attend in person, we will be handing out or emailing **proxy forms** in early November, so you can still vote. This will be the first actual face to face live AGM since 2019, due to Covid restrictions.

The back office staff are working on our class activities for 2023. If any current tutor has not been asked about plans for next year, please talk to Rosemary or one of the reception volunteers. **Tutors are the heart of any U3A** and if you want to hold a short or long course or a single talk, we would love to hear from you.

There is an interesting short article on our web page about older people and confusion, well worth a read if you're not too confused to find the Home Page!

Day light saving begins Sunday 2nd October so put your clock FORWARD one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night (lose an hour). Now we can look forward to lighter evenings Hooray.

Please do not leave the cleaning of tables and chairs to a few people. If you have used an item of furniture it is your responsibility to disinfect it. Thank you



Village People

Twice a week our table tennis tables are wheeled out of store and set up for play. Recently a table was damaged and became unusable; we were looking at a minimum cost of \$450 to replace it or had to reduce the class size, BUT those marvellous chaps from **Bentmoor Mens Shed** came to our rescue and managed to repair it for the cost of some timber. A 'Big Thank you' from U3A.

Moongala Community House has re located to Moorleigh village in the Bob Flavell (south) wing. Like us they are a not for profit organization who provide activities for younger locals.

We hope to have a speaker from Moongala at our AGM to find out more.

FIRST FRIDAY FLICK

Friday 4th November 1pm

1956 fantasy musical by Rogers and Hammerstein.

15 years after his death, a carousel barker returns to earth for one day to make amends to his widow & daughter



Finance, Fees and the Future

Despite gaining around 140 new financial members this year and fund raising over \$2,500 plus generous member donations of over \$2,000 and grants for upgrading equipment (like roller blinds and computers) our expenditure has still exceeded our income. U3A Benteigh representatives met with some Glen Eira council members to ask for a reduction in fees, prior to our lease renewal. **We provide a valuable service to the community and are a registered not for profit charity BUT, since we are regarded as an educational organization and not a seniors group**, we were refused any concession. Costs to run U3A include council payments (split into rent, utility and service fees); phone (rental + call rates + NBN), cleaning, hire of a photocopier, stationary and other consumables (includes tea, coffee etc.). We pay for our rooms 7 days a week, whereas many other U3A's rent rooms on a sessional basis, thus keeping costs down. Our advantage is that all our classes are in one location but this convenience comes at a monetary cost. We hope that U3A Benteigh will continue to grow and our plan is to maintain our low annual membership fee so that we remain affordable for retirees on a fixed income and pension.

Sausage Sizzles

Tutors and members enjoyed free sausage sizzle lunches provided by U3A Benteigh. Michael B displayed his talent at the BBQ with Corry's team setting up and cleaning up. It was great to see people mingling and catching up after two years of isolation. Spring is here and we all have a new lease on life! Watch out for more social activities at Benteigh as we get closer to Christmas.



Charlotte, Corry & Olita
serving up & clearing up



Morning Tea in Brighton

The **Community Connect Sponsorship Group** have invited members of U3A Benteigh to attend a **free 'Planning and Investment'** talk by Dominic Alafaci, followed by morning tea and a tour of the facility at:

Classic Residences (1-3 Brewer Road, Brighton East) **Friday 7th October at 10.30 - 11.30am.**
Please book in at reception and let someone know if you need a lift there (Limit of 15 people)

