

AND NOBODY KNOWS (Tiddely-pom)



HOW COLD MY TOES (Tiddely-pom) ARE GROWING

(With thanks to Winnie-the-Pooh)

U3A Mount Dandenong and District

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	Ian Blencowe
	Marg Brumley
	Anna Herbst (Newsletter Editor)
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The Committee has decided that private phone numbers will no longer be advertised. Instead we have acquired a U3A designated mobile where you can leave a message indicating who you would like to talk to or what you are interested in, and the appropriate person will ring you back as soon as they are available. So please don't forget to leave your name and number when you call.

U3A MtDandy Telephone

0491 064569



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TERM 3?



Term 3 will start on 16 July and run through to 22 September.

U3A Mt Dandy AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place some time in August. As usual there will be an interesting program attached to the AGM, but the date has yet to be finalised, so please look out for a News Flash from the U3A or check our website at www.u3amountdandenong.org



U3A Theatre Group

There will be not one but two performances to attend this term.

The first play is ***Dial M for Murder*** which will be on at 8.00 PM on **Friday 3 August** at the 1812 Theatre. *An ex-tennis pro carries out a plot to have his wife murdered after discovering she is having an affair. When things go wrong, he improvises a new plan – to frame her for murder instead...*

The second play is ***Burke's Company*** which is a recreation of the tragic Burke and Wills expedition written by Bill Reed. It will be on at 8.00 PM on **Friday 31 August** at the Basin Theatre.

All interested in joining in should contact Patrick Wallis by leaving a message on 0491 064569

JUNE WAS FREE TRIAL MONTH – WHAT NOW?

The month of June gave everyone an opportunity to trial classes and activities at our U3A. A whole lot of new classes were also put on, and it was all a great success. Some of the new activities will continue in our regular schedule, as you will see on the following pages. In order to remain permanently, however, we need to have enough people who make a commitment to attend on a regular basis, so please have a good look at what is on offer and come and join us for new skills and adventures.

Walking Group

After many attempts to get a Walking Group going (pun intended) it is finally happening thanks to Ray White who will be leading the group. All we need now is for a group of members to join Ray on the easy walks he has planned. We couldn't possibly leave him to walk alone, could we?

This group will run on a monthly basis, depending on the weather. Members of the group enjoy a casual walk in our stunning environment whilst enjoying the company of others. The walks will be of approximately 40 minutes to 1 hour duration. Details of the next walk and where to meet will be supplied to the group each month.

The next walk is scheduled for **Wednesday 18th of July**. Participants are to **meet at Farndon's Hall at 10.00am** to drive to the Dandenong Ranges National park where the walk will be from Eagle Nest Picnic Ground to Valley Picnic Ground.

Contact Ray on 0491 064569 or just show up on the day.



Easy Riders Cycling Group

If you enjoy cycling for fun, predominantly on bike paths, and don't want to feel pressured to wear lycra, this is for you. The Easy Riders meet weekly on **Wednesdays at 10.00 AM** for a 1 – 2 hour ride when the weather permits. The group leader, Ron Thomas, will choose a different place to explore on two wheels every week so you will familiarise yourself with new aspects of our beautiful surroundings. More information by contacting Ron via the U3A phone 0491 064569.



Games

For those who enjoy a friendly game of **cards** such as Bridge, Canasta, Go Fish (well maybe not Go Fish...), book in **Wednesday afternoons** at Farndon's Hall. The group meets weekly from **4.30 – 6.30 PM**. If you don't know the rules, please come anyway, there will be someone there to give you a hand to get started.

Mah Jong is also going ahead in term 3 on **Thursdays** with two groups, one at **2.00 PM** and the other at **4.30 PM**.

Philosophy

Using the curriculum from the U3A OnLine course, there is now a group getting together to ponder over questions of Philosophy. The group leader is Janice Reynolds and the group meets at Farndons Hall on **the first and third Friday of each month at 7.30 PM**.

More info from Janice at 0491 064569.



Craft Group

The craft group was very busy in June with several new skills being practised including crocheting and felting. This long established group will continue its meetings every **Thursday from 10 – 12 AM** and if the pictures here are any indication, they are not only helpful to beginners, but also producing some absolutely wonderful pieces.



Farndons Hall Working Bees



We are very lucky to have Farndons Hall as the venue for most of our U3A activities, but the hall does not look after itself, nor does it heat or cool itself without considerable cost. As energy costs are going up, we may have to look at raising the membership fees in the future as there is nothing much we can do about the heating and cooling. There is however an opportunity to save big if we all chip in with our own labour doing things we otherwise might have to pay others to do, such as springcleaning, ongoing maintenance of the garden, minor repairs etc.

From time to time the committee puts out lists in the Hall for members to sign up to take part in a working bee. Please keep a look-out for these lists and put yourself down for what you think you could do. An hour here and an hour there from our members add up to big savings. The feeling of belonging to a great community and a beautiful environment as a result of our labour will come as extra bonuses.



Many thanks to James Merlino MP, State Member for Monbulk, whose office has been printing our Newsletter in full colour for free for the last couple of years.

Many thanks also to Yarra Ranges Shire for additional funding to run our U3A.

CLASSES IN 2018

As usual we will follow the school terms:

Mon 5 Feb - Thu 29 Mar	Mon 16 Apr – Sat 30 Jun	Mon 16 Jul - Sat 22 Sep	Mon 8 Oct - Sat 22 Dec
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NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 will be accepted by the class leader. The enrolment fee for the rest of the year is \$20.00. Pay cash, check or on-line - account details on the enrolment form at the back of the Newsletter. New participants are welcome in all classes, but it is always a good idea to contact the class leader first via the U3A phone 0491 064569.

Here is a list of our classes that run **weekly** for the whole term.

Spanish	Please wait for day and time to be advised via News Note.	Farndons Hall	Contact Ian Blencowe
Early French	Tuesday 9:30 - 10:30 am	Farndons Hall	Contact Margaret Smith
Ongoing French	Tuesday 11:00 am - noon	Farndons Hall	Contact Ian Blencowe
Creative card making	Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00pm	Farndons Hall	Contact Lyn Osborne
Band	Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Farndons Hall	Contact Patrick Wallis
Easy Riders Cycling	Wednesday (weather permitting) 10:00 am - noon	Various bike paths	Contact Ron Thomas
Mosaic	Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jenny's studio	Contact Jenny Beaumont Group full
Card Games	Wednesday 4.30 - 6.30	Farndons Hall	Contact Jean Blencowe
Craft	Thursday 10:00 am - noon	Farndons Hall	Contact Wendy Britt
Mah Jong 1	Thursday 2.00 pm	Marion Bishop's place	Contact Marion Bishop
Mah Jong 2	Thursday 4:30 - 6:30pm Start date TBA via News Note	Farndons Hall	Contact Jean Blencowe
Table tennis	Friday 4:00 - 6:00 pm	Farndons Hall	Contact Patrick Wallis
Drama	Will continue in Term 4	Farndons Hall	Contact Jenny Beaumont
French Polishing	Saturday 10:00 am - noon (Except 1 st Saturday of the month)	Farndons Hall	Contact Margaret Rockow

And here is a list of classes that run less frequently:

Walking Group Easy level	Wednesday 10.00 am 3 rd Wednesday of the month	A leisurely one-hour walk. Various walking tracks. Starting 18 July, meet at Farndons Hall	Contact Ray White
e-Bay workshop	Wednesday 12 September 7.00 - 9.00 pm	Farndons Hall	Contact Patrick Wallis
Daytime Book Group	Currently on hold		
Nighttime Book Group	Thursday 7:30pm 3 rd Thursday of the month	Various	Contact Helen Edwards
Poetry Appreciation	Thursday 7:30 - 9:30 pm 2 nd and 4 th Thursday of the month	Farndons Hall	Contact Anna Herbst
Philosophy	Friday 7:30 - 9:00 pm 1 st and 3 rd Friday of the month	Farndons Hall	Contact Janice Reynolds
Theatre Group	Friday 3 rd August Friday 31 st August	The 1812 Theatre The Basin Theatre	Contact Patrick Wallis
Digital devices workshops	Friday 21 September 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Farndons Hall Bring your own smart phone, iPad or tablet	Contact Patrick Wallis
Bush Dance	Currently on hold		
Be Connected	A broadband modem and three Windows 10 computers are available for all seniors to use at Farndons Hall whenever there is a class on (see U3A class times above). If you need help with specific software and/or computer issues, please contact David Beaumont		

Can't find the activity you're looking for?

Would you like to start a new class?

Please talk to your class leader or a committee member and together we can make it happen!

**New members are welcome to all of our classes.
It's a great way to meet like-minded people and learn
some new skills. Simply talk to the class leader or ring
0491 064569**

New Classes?

If you have a talent or an interest to share or if there is something new you want to learn, don't hesitate to talk to a committee member or leave a message on 0491 064569 and we'll advertise it in the next newsletter.

Combined Yarra Ranges U3As

A booklet outlining the courses available in the Combined Yarra Ranges Regional Group of U3A: Yarra Ranges, Upper Yarra, Healesville, Sherbrooke, Walmsley and Mt Dandenong and District is available in Farndons Hall.

By paying the Combined membership fee of \$10 to U3A Mt Dandenong in addition to your annual membership of \$35, your membership card will be stamped and you can apply to the other U3As in the region for vacancies (if any) in their classes.

Contact Patrick Wallis on 0491 064569 if you need further information.

Please remember that our class leaders are all volunteers. Participants are encouraged to help with photocopying, setting up the room, making tea and coffee, cleaning up and contacting other class members when necessary, for example about change of venue, class time etc.



MEMBERSHIP LANYARDS

After you have enrolled you will be provided with a membership lanyard. Please try to bring it to all subsequent classes. It has a form where you nominate who will be your contact person in case of emergencies.

FIRST AID

There is a First Aid bag in the kitchen on top of the red cupboard. It has band-aids etc. for minor problems. On the door of the red cupboard are the emergency phone numbers in case you need them. Behind the kitchen door there is a St John's first aid kit and book for other emergencies. The defibrillator is kept in the annex near the kitchen door on a hook above the recycling bin.

U3A Mt Dandenong and District

Annual Membership Form

Membership Details

Surname _____ **Name** _____

Preferred Name for Membership Card _____

Phone _____ **Mobile No** _____

e-mail address _____

Postal Address _____

AGE: (Needed for U3A statistical information)

Less than 45 45 – 50 51 – 55 56 – 60 61 – 65 66 – 70 71 – 75 76 – 80 81+

I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN / RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP OF U3A MT DANDENONG AND DISTRICT

Signed **AND ENCLOSE MEMBERSHIP FEE (From information below)**

An INVITATION TO BECOME A U3A ACTIVITY LEADER Please list any expertise in any field that you would like to share with others	VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR U3A – I am prepared to help with

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE TO THIS FORM

Cost of Membership of U3A Mt Dandenong and District is:

- Full membership** \$35 per annum
Associate membership \$15 per annum (for members of other U3A groups who wish to participate in **U3A Mt Dandenong and District** activities.)
Combined U3A YRC \$10 per annum (which is kept by our U3A)

FULL FEES ARE PAYABLE BY 1 NOVEMBER FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

PAYMENT may be made by **Cash**, **Cheques** made payable to **U3A Mt Dandenong and District** or **Direct Deposit** to our account at **Bendigo Bank, Mt. Dandenong: BSB 633-000 Account Number 135678266** (Indicate **U3A + your surname** so that we know who has paid).

Completed Forms with Fees or confirmation of Bank Deposit should be returned to
The Secretary, U3A Mt Dandenong and District Inc., P.O Box 73, Kalorama, Vic. 3766

OFFICE USE ONLY	Date	Receipt No.
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