

U3A

Mt Dandenong & District

Committed to life-long learning...

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September 2018



It's springtime in the hills!

An overview of important dates for your diary

October 8th: Term 4 commences

Saturday October 20th at 2:00pm U3A Mt Dandenong and District AGM

November 2018: Enrol for 2019

Friday November 16th: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

December 7th: Term 4 concludes

Sunday December 9th: Christmas Party.

Thankyou Anna

Special thank you to Anna Herbst who has done a wonderful job in creating our Newsletter for the more than 3 years. Anna is no longer able to do this job and so we are looking for someone to replace her. If you feel that you could contribute to our U3A in this way, please contact our phone on: 0491 064569.

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Term 4 Special Activities



Most importantly - U3A Mt Dandenong and District AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday **20th October at 2.30 pm.**

This year we have two committee members stepping down so we will be approaching all members to ask if they would take a turn on the committee. We hope to organize this before the day so that the AGM will be very short .

We will also be launching our new look web site during the meeting. Many thanks go to Aeden D'Alessandro who has worked with some of the committee members to get this up and running. Aeden has given his time and experience to us free of charge.

Our guest at the AGM will be Mac Craig "Actor Extraordinaire". Followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

Theatre Group

The Theatre Group invites you to the last play of this year at The 1812 Theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully on Friday the 30th November.

The play is: "The Pink Panther Strikes Again".

Overview: The world's most unusual criminologist, Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau, fights for his life and for the future of all mankind in the most bizarre and dangerous caper of his brilliantly successful and utterly clumsy career. Blissfully unaware that the army of deadly assassins is gunning for him, or that the beautiful girl who seeks him out is a Russian agent, Clouseau incredibly stumbles and slips by every attack. However, the world is running out of time because the increasingly frustrated Dreyfus, doodling with the Doomsday Machine, is running out of patience.

Meet at The Royal Hotel for a 6pm meal, (optional) then walk around the corner to the theatre. The show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$24 and early booking is essential

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

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Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

We need your help!

We are really fortunate to have a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle allocated for Friday 16th November.

This is a shared fundraiser undertaken by Farndons Hall, U3A and the Historical Society. Our aim is to finance more improvements to the hall including a shutter blind between the kitchen and the hall.

There is often the same group of helpers who regularly give their time. If everyone just gave one hour for the day, this would relieve the pressure on the regular group of volunteers. A list of time slots will be left in the hall annex closer to the day. Please keep an eye out for it and put your name down.

Christmas Breakup Afternoon Tea

Keep your eyes open for details of our Christmas Breakup Party on Saturday December 9th. There will be entertainment provided by some of our groups including the band, French and Spanish classes. And of course we will all be holding our breath to see what the drama group produces this year.

Enrolments For 2019

Enrolments for 2019 will be taken in November. We trialled this last year and found it worked well. Forms for 2019 are at the end of this newsletter, in Farndons Hall on the filing cabinet and on our new website (following its launch at the AGM). We do ask that all existing members enrol in November so we can plan for next year. Pay by cash, check or on-line. Account details are on the enrolment form at the back of the Newsletter.

Term 4 Class Activities



Walking Group

Now that the weather has improved we hope to get this group started once again. Members of the group enjoy a casual walk in our stunning environment. 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 first walk for the term will be on **Wednesday October 17th at 10am.**

Please Contact Ray via the U3A phone number on 0491 064569 for the first walk to ensure that there are sufficient participants to for the class.

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Easy Riders Cycling Group



The cycling group meets every week and explores bike tracks in the eastern suburbs. If you wish to participate please contact Ron via the U3A phone 0491 064569.



Bridge

The group meets weekly from **4.30 – 6.30 PM on Wednesday**. There are 5 Bridge players who enjoy their game and would welcome any others including beginners or anyone who wants to play a different card game.

Philosophy

Hans Juergen Strichow, will be leading the weekly philosophy discussion group this term commencing 19th October 2018 at Farndons Hall at 1.00pm .

Hans will be talking about and discussing the questions we ask ourselves as to the reality of Life covering:

- Who are we as an individual?
- What are we doing on This Planet?
- Where are we going as a human race?
- Contentious subjects such as "Is there a God?",
- "Why do we live?"

and much more.

A full list of the questions to be talked about will be provided on request.

More info from Janice via the U3A phone on: 0491 064569.



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Craft Group

The long established group craft group will continue its meetings every **Thursday from 10 – 12pm**. During term 4 the group will be concentrating on Christmas decorations with various group members sharing how to make festive crafts. Come and enjoy creating some new decorations for Christmas.

Drama Group

Commencing Friday 26th October. 6pm. To prepare for our performance at the Christmas break-up. Join the group for music, songs, stories and plenty of fun.

Card Making Group

Cards for sale There are always handmade cards for sale at just \$2 each. The money raised helps to purchase new equipment and materials. This in turn means that U3A funds aren't required to be spent on this class.

Early in Term 4 Christmas cards will be available. Some have a distinctive Aussie flavour – very suitable for your overseas friends!



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 a second year's funding to assist our U3A.

Your U3A Mount Dandenong and District Committee in 2018

President: Patrick Wallis	Committee Members
Vice President: Lyn Osborne	Virginia Schneiders
Secretary: Jean Blencowe	Margaret Brumley
Membership: Ian Blencowe	Helen Beck

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Classes that run weekly.

CLASS	WHEN	WHERE	LEADER
Early French	Tuesday 9:30 - 10:30 am	Farndons Hall	Leader Margaret Smith
Ongoing French	Tuesday 11:00 am - noon	Farndons Hall	Leader Margaret Smith
Creative card making	Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00pm	Farndons Hall	Leader Lyn Osborne
Band	Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Farndons Hall	Leader Ian Blencowe
Easy Riders Cycling	Wednesday 10:00 am - noon	Meet on site	Leader Ron Thomas
Mosaic	Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jenny's studio	Group full Leader Jenny Beaumont
Card Games	Wednesday 4.30 - 6.30	Farndons Hall	Leader Jean Blencowe
Craft	Thursday 10.00 am - noon	Farndons Hall	Leader Wendy Britt
Table tennis	Friday 4:00 - 6:00 pm	Farndons Hall	Leader Patrick Wallis
Drama	Starting Friday 26 th October	Farndons Hall	Leader Jenny Beaumont
Spanish	In recess till 2019	Farndons Hall	Leader Ian Blencowe
French polishing	Saturday (Except 1 st Saturday of the month) 10-12 noon	Farndons Hall	Leader Margaret Rockow

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 our classes. It's a great way to meet like-minded people and learn some new skills. Ring 0491 064569

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 In the kitchen on top of the red cupboard and behind the kitchen door for full St John's First Aid kit.
DEFIBRILLATOR above recycling basket near hall door.

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Classes that run less frequently:

CLASS	WHEN	WHERE	LEADER
Walking Group Easy level	Wednesday 10.00 am 3 rd Wednesday of the month	A one-hour walk. Venue will vary and be announced closer to the date	Leader Ray Smith
e-Bay workshop	TBA	Farndons Hall	Leader Patrick Wallis
Daytime Book Group	Currently on hold. Contact committee if you want to start it again		
Nighttime Book Group	Thursday 7:30pm 3 rd Thursday of the month	Various	Leader Helen Edwards
Poetry Appreciation	Thursday 7.30 - 9.30 pm 2 nd and 4 th Thursday of the month	Farndons Hall	Leader Anna Herbst
Philosophy	Friday 1 st and 3 rd Friday of the month 1.00-3.00	Farndons Hall	Leader Janice Reynolds
Theatre Group	30 th November	1812 Theatre	Leader Patrick Wallis
Digital devices workshops	TBA	Farndons Hall	Leader 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			

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.

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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 <u>Date</u> _____ <u>Paid by:</u> Cash Cheque Direct <u>Receipt No.</u> _____
<u>Type of M'ship:</u> Full Associate Combined <u>Member Number:</u> _____

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