

Newsletter Term 1 2019

Happy new year to everyone. We hope that you have had a safe and restful holiday period and are eager to resume classes for this year.

Welcome to our new look Newsletter. As our new website is now operational a lot of details and information will be listed there. Therefore they will not be repeated each term in the Newsletter. The Newsletter will be kept brief and essentially contain information relevant to the term.

Please look up and have a browse through: www.u3amountdandenong.org

Christmas Breakup

In December many of our members enjoyed a delightful afternoon when they attended the Christmas Breakup. This took the form of a "High Tea". Many thanks should go to the members of our committee who prepared and bought the food. The afternoon was a great success with lovely food, fantastic entertainment (which included a fun U3A Mt Dandenong version of the Rocky Horror Show), Christmas carol singing lead by our band, a performance by the French Group and presentations were made to class leaders, committee members and some of our other volunteers.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all those who attended.



Fees

Thankyou to everyone who has paid their fees. A reminder that they are now due and should be paid before the start of U3A classes.

Although the cost of renting our hall has increased by 50% this year, it has been decided to keep the fees at \$35 for 2019.

Fees can be paid via the website. Simply click on 'membership' on the top bar and complete the form. A receipt will be sent to you automatically. Or you can download the membership form, print it and fill it in. Payment via bank transfer is preferred but make sure your name is included. If you are unable to do so, a cheque or cash and membership form can be given directly to Ian Blencowe or Treasurer Janice Reynolds. Please fill in all parts of the form.

Term 1

Classes will resume on the week beginning February 11th. Some classes may choose to begin earlier at the discretion of the leader. In this case you will be contacted directly by your class leader.

The term concludes on April 5th.

Please see our website for a list of classes and times for Term 1.

The Philosophy Group will be at 1.30 each Friday.

The ebay workshop will be held on March 13th from 7 to 9 pm. To attend, please call our phone number on: 0491 064 569.

The digital devices workshop will be in Term 2 on Friday May 17th. Again please book.

Total Fire Ban

A reminder that classes will not run on days of Total Fire Ban

Theatre Group

The following is the list of dates and plays for this year. As the first night is in February, bookings need to be made as soon as possible. Please call 0491064569 for bookings.

Please see our website for details of the plays.

Friday 22nd February - 'Murder by Natural causes' at The Basin Theatre

Friday 7th June - Agatha Christies 'The Mousetrap' at The Basin Theatre

Friday 23 June - 'Boeing, Boeing' at The Basin Theatre

Friday 21 November - 'Leading Ladies' at The 1812 Theatre

Photos

Each term we would like to include photos of some of our classes. Could each group please send some photos of their class at some time during the year to our email address: u3amtdandy@gmail.com.

This could include photos of the normal class, excursions or special activities.

This term the craft group is featured. During term 4 they made Christmas decorations. These included Christmas jewellery, wooden tree decorations, cards, candles and small boxes (featured in photo).



New classes

We are always looking for new classes. Previous teaching is unnecessary. All you need is an interest or skill that you would like to share. If you need assistance in planning classes, we have members who would gladly help. Perhaps committing to a class for the entire year is a bit daunting, then maybe one or two terms per year would be suitable. We are flexible and would love to hear from you. Please call our phone or have a chat to any of our committee members.

Kitchen

In previous years there has been a great variety of teabags supplied. As many of these are rarely used it has been decided that only black, green, peppermint and lemon and ginger teas will be supplied. Once other teabags have been used, only these will be replaced. If you would really like another type of tea, you will need to supply it yourself.

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