

THIRD AGE NEWS

U3A Box Hill Inc. Newsletter
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President's Report

Happy New Year and welcome back to U3A BoxHill. A specially warm welcome to all our first time members.

Last year we took a number of opportunities to celebrate our twenty-fifth birthday, including a formal luncheon at the Box Hill RSL and an inaugural tutors' High Tea. A large collage of photos depicting a month in the life of U3A Box Hill and an Honour Board celebrating the work of the many volunteers who have taken on administrative roles were created. A history of our first twenty-five years was published as was an anthology of stories by our writing group. However our main achievement was the installation of an operative (moveable) wall. This installation is the result of the work of the COM members, especially Susan Webster and Bruce Bourke, over a number of years. It will enable more flexibility when scheduling classes. In 2018 we are introducing a computerised on line administrative and enrolment system. We have chosen the U3A Network Victoria system, U-MAS, which many U3As across the state have introduced. Enrolments from Easter onwards will use this system. If you have computer and/or data entry skills please help us with the introduction, contact committee member, Jim Maunder, to organise introductory training.

We have received a grant from the City of Whitehorse to investigate and implement strategies to increase the number of men enrolling for U3A courses. To this end I would appreciate any input you can give me that might help us attract a better gender balance at U3ABH, contact valeriebourke@yahoo.com.au. You will gain from U3ABH in proportion to the effort you put into this wonderful, totally volunteer based, organisation.

A number of events during the first week of February will launch us into 2018. Monday 5th is our "get Strabane Hall and surrounds ready" Working Bee from 10.00 to 12.30 followed by lunch. On Tuesday 6 at 9.30 there is a morning tea welcoming all our volunteers back and at 2.30 there is an afternoon tea for our new members. On Wednesday 7 all tutors are invited to a luncheon at 12 noon. These events



provide an opportunity to mix with other members and meet Committee of Management members. Classes begin on Monday 12 February and continue to Thursday 29 March.



Karaoke Group entertains residents at MecwaCare (Strabane Ave.) before Christmas.

Valerie Bourke President

WATCH THESE DATES	
February 5	Working Bee
February 6	Volunteers Morning Tea
February 6	New Members Afternoon Tea
February 7	Tutors' Lunch
February 12	Term 1 2018 starts
February 16	Chinese New Year
March 12	Labour day
March 28 10:30 am	AGM
March 29	End Term 1
April 16	Start Term 2

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of this newsletter**

Listed below are those holding an office or a responsibility for U3A Box Hill. This isn't all of our workers, of course, just those identified as responsible for a service or activity.

Committee of Management

President	Valerie Bourke
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Website & Newsletter	Stanley Barker
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Audio Visual	Mario Bonnici
Publicity	Lee Wallin
Network Rep., 25th anniversary organiser	Valerie Bourke
Program Coordinator	Betty Shaw
Office Manager	Gwen George
Office Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Quarrell
Committee Member	Bill Finlay

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Betty Wood	Logistics

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Joe Gentile	Judy Joyce
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Rose-Mary Cassin	Susan Cott
Helen Elliott	Seng Poon
Jenny Quidenus	Judith Steinicke
Guek Tan	Christine Wells
Edith Westcott	Denise Wigg

U3A Box Hill Office 2018

Gwen George is continuing on as Office Manager for 2018; the Office Roster Coordinator is Mary Quarrell and Dianne Forster is assisting.

We would like to sincerely thank Linda Carter for her valued role as Office Roster Coordinator during 2017 and for her time and expertise in the handover period in January 2018.

Thank you for those U3A Box Hill members who have worked in the Office during 2017 and volunteered to be on office duty in 2018. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and helps things keep ticking over. If you have volunteered but haven't been rostered on at present, you may be asked later in the year, as things can change. Please also consider volunteering again in 2019.

We also offer a warm welcome to new members and hope that you get full enjoyment from your chosen activities and also become involved in the working of our U3A.

If you are new to U3A, you may not realise how important it is to have volunteers. In fact U3A would not exist without these people to man the phones and answer general queries.

Sound a bit daunting? Not at all. Help is always available. To begin with, you are introduced to office procedure with an orientation/training session with an experienced volunteer. For further help, on the desk is a folder complete with all information and procedures. This is known as the office bible and rarely fails. However, all interaction is recorded in the office diary and therefore any unresolved queries/concerns are readily dealt with as this is checked frequently. We look forward to meeting you and wish you well. Looking forward to another great year at U3A Box Hill

**Gwen George
Mary Quarrell
Dianne Forster**

2018 Terms

Term 1	12 February - 29 March
Term 2	16 April - 29 June
Term 3	16 July - 21 September
Term 4	15 October - 29 November



**NEW ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM
FROM TERM 2 2018**

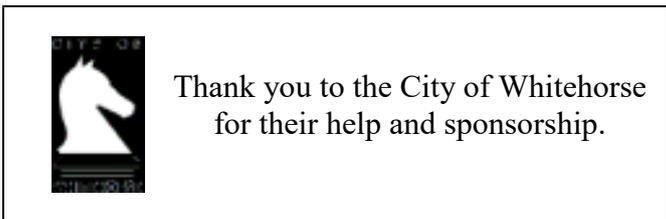
A QUICK UPDATE

Late last year we got a good test system up and running, initially with just 100 members copied over from the old system. This was enough for 12 of the current MYOB volunteers to try out some of the things they might need to do - such as joining up, enrolling in classes, finding other member details etc. The volunteers agreed that it was easy to use both as ordinary members and as behind the scenes helpers.

Since then I have imported the whole of the 2017 membership database, courses and enrollments. Early this year we will start to work out what we need to do after changing over to the new system in Term 2. Wish us luck!

**Jim Maunder
UMAS Implementation.**

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Rod Cope steam cleaning the carpet

**Term One – 2018 - Movie Matinees Program**

**14 February - 1.00pm  
Main Room**

**Miss Potter (2006) –  
90 mins – UK/USA**

**The Actors:**

Renee' Zellweger,  
Ewan McGregor and  
Emily Watson

**Director:** Chris Noonan (Babe)

**Locations:** London, Sussex, Isle of Man, Scotland and the Lake District.

**Plot:** This is the life story of Beatrix Potter. As you know Beatrix was a children's author and illustrator. She wrote about 24 children's books and, among the characters she created we find Peter Rabbit, Jemima the Puddle Duck, Tom Kitten and many others. Her family was very wealthy. Her father was a barrister and her mother was the daughter of a wealthy cotton merchant.



**14 March - 1.00pm - Main Room**

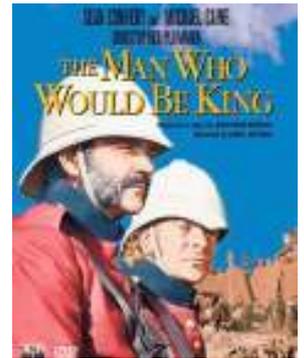
**The Man Who Would Be King (1975) – 129 mins –  
USA/UK**

**The Actors:** Sean Connery,  
Michael Caine and  
Christopher Plummer

**Director:** John Huston

**Locations:** Morocco, Utah  
USA, Mont Blanc and  
Chamonix France and  
Pinewood Studios UK.

**Plot:** This is an adaptation of a short story by Rudyard Kipling. It tells the story of Daniel Dravot and Peachy Carnahan, two ex-soldiers in India when it was under British rule. They decide that India was too small for them, so they head off to Kafiristan and become kings of this country. Kafiristan is now part of Afghanistan.



A table laden with cakes at the Tutors' High Tea.

**PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

I sincerely hope that all our Box Hill U3A members have been enjoying their long Summer holidays. Take it easy, especially during hot spells because soon we will be back attending classes, and keeping busy.

Helen Elliott and her Team were kept very busy with enrolments and class lists etc, and we thank them for their hard work.

Enrolments are still trickling in. I hope our Tutors will be very happy with their class numbers.

To commence the new teaching year, we will have a Working Bee on Monday the 5th February to spruce up Strabane Hall and grounds. Whitehorse Council have done a little work to the car park at the rear of the building and also rectified the moveable wall.

A Morning Tea for Volunteers, and an Afternoon Tea for New Members, will be held on Tuesday the 6th February.

The Tutors' Lunch will be held on Wednesday the 7th February at 11.50am for 12 noon in Strabane Hall.

One or two classes take shorter holiday breaks but in the main, classes for 2018 will commence on Monday the 12th February.

Please bear in mind that many classes have waiting lists and these people would gladly take your place if you are not going to attend. Please continue to ring the U3A office with your apology so the Tutor is informed before classes commence.

The first Guest Speaker for the year, at 11am on Wednesday the 14th February, is Gillian Yung and her subject is "What the History Books don't tell Us". Should be interesting so let's have a good audience. You don't need to enrol for this segment - just turn up. Stay for lunch, then enjoy Mario's Movie Matinee - "Miss Potter" – (see separate article)

One group that is very busy is the Karaoke Class under the guidance of Albert Ip. They are busy rehearsing during the holidays as they have five engagements between February and April! Thank you Albert - you'll have to appoint an Agent or Stage Manager soon!

A message for Bruce Bourke's Book Group - your class will now commence at 1.30pm (but still finish around 3pm).

Happy New Year to Everyone.

See you soon!

**Betty Shaw**  
**Programme Co-ordinator.**

**VALE David Lording**

The Committee Of Management, on behalf of members would like to extend their condolences to David Lording's family. David, who passed away last December 10, lead the Music Appreciation class for seventeen years. We are indebted to him for his dedication to U3A Box Hill.

**SOME PHOTOS FROM CHRISTMAS EVENTS**



Book Group 2 Christmas lunch



Nordic walkers Christmas walk



Members relax at the 2017 Christmas lunch



**Working Bee**  
**Monday 5 February 2018**  
**10.00-12.30**



*It's Cleanup Time*

Please join us to help spruce up Strabane Hall and surrounds for the new term.

**Outside jobs will include**

- Sweeping or blowing away the leaves from pathways, veranda and car parks
- Weeding beds
- Planting fresh plants
- Wash outside rails of bird droppings
- Fertilising beds
- Washing down of outside benches as needed

Please bring along gardening equipment, rakes, brooms, buckets, weeding equipment, scrubbing brush etc



**Inside Jobs will include**

- Dusting including window sills
- Window cleaning including removal of any sticky tape remains
- Cleaning of floors toilets and kitchen
- Removal of wall scuff marks
- Wipe out fridge
- Clean kitchen benches
- Vacuum air vents
- Remove cobwebs
- Use label maker to make signs for filing cabinet file tabs

**OR make a contribution by feeding the workers,  
drop off savoury, cakes or fruit platters.**

**Let me know so I can assess what food is needed.  
valeriebourke@yahoo.com.au**



## U3A BOX HILL CLASS TIMETABLE TERM 1 12/2/2018 - 29/03/2018

| Cd  | Class/Activity                 | Tutors/Leaders        | Location                  | Day  | Start    | Finish   |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| 89  | Nordic Walking                 | Valerie Bourke        | Tyrrell&Cairo Sts M.A.Nth | Mon  | 7:55 AM  | 9:30 AM  |
| 33  | Music Appreciation             | Maureen Kable         | Main Room                 | Mon  | 9:45 AM  | 11:00 AM |
| 29  | Italian 2                      | Frances Bonnici       | Front Room                | Mon  | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM |
| 69  | Threads & Needles & Knitting   | Judith & Myrle        | Main Room                 | Mon  | 11:15 AM | 1:15 PM  |
| 30  | Italian 3                      | Frances Bonnici       | Front Room                | Mon  | 11:30 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 363 | Drawing                        | Geoff Jones           | Dunloe Pavilion           | Mon  | 12:00 PM | 1:30 PM  |
| 592 | Keep Your Brain Active         | Tom Edwards           | Front Room                | Mon  | 12:30 PM | 1:45 PM  |
| 7   | Music Choral Group             | Margaret Henderson    | Main Room                 | Mon  | 1:30 PM  | 3:00 PM  |
| 411 | Spanish Beginners              | Stanley Barker        | Front Room                | Mon  | 1:45 PM  | 3:00 PM  |
| 41  | Spanish                        | Maria Perez-Arroyo    | Front Room                | Mon  | 3:15 PM  | 4:30 PM  |
| 38  | Esperanto                      | Brian Belcher         | Main Room                 | Tues | 9:00 AM  | 10:00 AM |
| 611 | Creative Photography FULL      | Clare Hopkins         | Front Room                | Tues | 9:30 AM  | 11:00 AM |
| 6   | Chinese Language& Culture      | Linda Chin            | Main Room                 | Tues | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
| 14  | Cryptic Crosswords 1 FULL      | Margaret Gentile      | Yooralla                  | Tues | 10:00 AM | 11:15 AM |
| 32  | PositiveThinking & Meditation  | Kirti Baxi            | Strabane Heights          | Tues | 10:30 AM | 12:00 PM |
| 19  | Exercise To Music              | Julie Collins         | Main Room                 | Tues | 11:15 AM | 12:15 PM |
| 37  | Cryptic Crosswords 2 FULL      | Margaret Gentile      | Yooralla                  | Tues | 11:30 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 21  | French Lit'ture Intro          | Geoff Salter          | Front Room                | Tues | 11:30 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 16  | Current Affairs                | Heather Thake         | Front Room                | Tues | 12:45 PM | 2:15 PM  |
| 47  | Writing Group                  | Helen Bounds & others | Strabane Heights          | Tues | 12:45 PM | 2:30 PM  |
| 442 | Feldenkrais Method             | Lexine Anastasios     | Main Room                 | Tues | 1:00 PM  | 2:00 PM  |
| 40  | Solo & 500                     | Ann Blakeley          | Main Room                 | Tues | 2:00 PM  | 4:00 PM  |
| 811 | China Today                    | Albert Ip             | Front Room                | Tues | 2:15 PM  | 3:15 PM  |
| 76  | Wine Apprec.2 (2nd Tues) FULL  | Edith Westcott        | Front Room                | Tues | 5:00 PM  | 6:30 PM  |
| 77  | Wine Apprec.4 (4th Tues) FULL  | Jim Maunder           | Front Room                | Tues | 5:00 PM  | 6:30 PM  |
| 191 | Zumba Fitness FULL             | Wendy Brammer         | Main Room                 | Wed  | 8:00 AM  | 8:45 AM  |
| 53  | Poetry FULL                    | Jennifer Willis       | Front Room                | Wed  | 9:30 AM  | 10:45 AM |
| 42  | Tai Chi                        | Beulah Gardiner       | Main Room                 | Wed  | 9:30 AM  | 10:30 AM |
| 43  | Walking Group                  | Vivienne Bland        | See Folder                | Wed  | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM |
| 60  | Craft Jewellery Making FULL    | Lena & Merrilyn       | Yooralla                  | Wed  | 10:30 AM | 12:00 MD |
| 961 | Short Courses                  |                       | Main Room                 | Wed  | 11:00 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 653 | Lunch (All welcome)            |                       | Main Room                 | Wed  | 12:30 PM | 1:15 PM  |
| 3   | Book Group 2-2nd Wed           | Valerie Bourke        | See Office                | Wed  | 1:00 PM  | 3:00 PM  |
| 68  | Book Group 3 - 3rd Wed         | Gwen George           | See Office                | Wed  | 1:00 PM  | 3:00 PM  |
| 987 | Movie Matinee Wed 14/2, 14/3   | Mario Bonnici         | Main Room                 | Wed  | 1:00 PM  |          |
| 415 | Trivia Wed 7th March           | Judith Horman         | Main Room                 | Wed  | 1:15 PM  | 2:15 PM  |
| 106 | ArmchairTravel Wed 21/2, 21/3  | Lynn Akeroyd          | Main Room                 | Wed  | 1:30 PM  | 2:30 PM  |
| 999 | C of M meting                  | Valerie Bourke(Pres)  | Main Room                 | Wed  | 1:30 PM  | 3:30 PM  |
| 67  | Book Group 1-1st Wed           | Bruce Bourke          | Front Room                | Wed  | 1:30 PM  | 3:00 PM  |
| 23  | French Intermediate            | Francoise Garnier     | Front Room                | Thur | 9:30 AM  | 10:30 AM |
| 24  | German Intermediate            | Eicke Breuer          | Main Room                 | Thur | 9:30 AM  | 10:45 AM |
| 17  | Craft Embroidery,Alt.Thur FULL | Charmaine Goodman     | See Office                | Thur | 10:30 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 20  | French Advanced                | Francoise Garnier     | Front Room                | Thur | 10:30 AM | 11:30 AM |
| 25  | German Advanced                | Eicke Breuer          | Main Room                 | Thur | 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM |
| 22  | French Conversation            | Francoise Garnier     | Front Room                | Thur | 11:30 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 44  | Ch' i-kung Gentle Exercise     | Beverley Milne        | Main Room                 | Thur | 12:00 PM | 1:20 PM  |
| 103 | AustCh'cters 22/2,8/3,22/3     | Max McCready          | Front Room                | Thur | 12:30 PM | 1:30 PM  |
| 96  | AustHist 15/2,1/3, 15/3, 29/3  | Des Thornton          | Front Room                | Thur | 12:30 PM | 1.30 PM  |
| 31  | Mah Jong                       | Betty Wood            | Main Room                 | Thur | 1:30 PM  | 4:00 PM  |
| 383 | Social Philosophy              | Dawn Heffernan        | Front Room                | Thur | 2:00 PM  | 3:30 PM  |
| 73  | Lawn Bowls Intro Mel, 47 K7    | Bill Letch            | Blackburn Nth Bowls Clul  | Thur | 2:30 PM  | 4:00 PM  |
| 36  | Painting Oils FULL             | Sok-Cheng Chang       | Main Room                 | Fri  | 9:15 AM  | 11:45 AM |
| 441 | Where to From Here?            | Howard Tankey         | Front Room                | Fri  | 9:30 AM  | 10:45 AM |
| 583 | IPad Workshop FULL             | Ray Reaburn           | Front Room                | Fri  | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM |
| 813 | Karaoke Entertainment          | Albert Ip             | Dunloe Pavilion           | Fri  | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM  |
| 4   | Bridge Duplicate               | Colin Mayfield        | Main Room                 | Fri  | 12:45 PM | 4:00 PM  |
| 39  | Scrabble FULL                  | Eva Millane           | Front Room                | Fri  | 1:30 PM  | 3:30 PM  |

**Location: Front,Main,Middle Room = Strabane Hall Yooralla = 31 Strabane Ave**

**Dunloe Pavilion = Braemar St Strabane Heights = 9 Strabane Avenue**

**See Office = off site venue, office staff will provide address Timetable Term 1 2018 V6**