

U3A BOX HILL NEWSLETTER – 27th NOVEMBER 2021

DINE OUT - THIS COMING WEDNESDAY EVENING (1ST DECEMBER) AT 6PM AT THE MANNINGHAM CLUB, THOMPSONS ROAD, BULLEEN (ALSO ENTER FROM BULLEEN ROAD). IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN (betty_shaw@hotmail.com).

Re-enrolment for Term 1 of 2022 is fast approaching. We are encouraged to re-enrol online but if you cannot manage that, all is not lost - help is at hand.

We have two Enrolment Mornings booked in for the Main Room at Strabane Hall from 9am to 12 noon on Tuesday the 7th December and Wednesday the 8th December. Your vaccination status will have to be declared on your enrolment form. UNFORTUNATELY NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN ROOM AT THOSE TIMES ON THOSE TWO DAYS.

To assist members get ready for re-enrolling, Jim and Seng will be running a Zoom on "How to Enrol for 2022" this Tuesday, 30th Nov at 2:00 pm. See invitation below.

This Term will continue up to and including Friday the 17th December (unless your Tutor has advised you otherwise).

Our **Christmas "picnic style" function** will be held on Monday the 13th December. This may affect morning classes a little. There is a form outside the Office for the names of everyone who will be attending. Have a look the next time you are at Strabane Hall.

The end of year **Newsletter** has been published and the timetable for Term 1 was attached. There are a couple of changes.

Creative Photography will be returning to the Front Room from 9.30am to 11.30am on Tuesday mornings (next year). They will be having their end of year celebration next Tuesday the 30th November from 4pm in the Main Room.

Cryptic Crosswords will meet in the Middle Room on Tuesday mornings (next year) - may be just a little earlier. To be advised.

Line Dancing did their final steps last Monday and the Girl Guide Hall will be very quiet on Monday mornings now until February!

We no longer have to wear masks at our different venues provided we can social distance. Thank you to our Members for providing evidence of their double vaccinations. Whitehorse Council

staff have been "popping in" unannounced and are very pleased with how we have conducted ourselves.

A **big thank you to Margaret Henderson** for conducting our Choir for many, many years. Margaret has decided that it is time for her to put her baton down and take it easy. Margaret's **Accompanist John Cleghorn**, has also decided that it is time to shut the piano lid after many years. A big thank you to Margaret and John.

Now, the good news and the bad news. The good news is that the Conductor of another U3A Choir is willing to replace Margaret for 2022 but **we still need to find an Accompanist**. Do you know anyone who could assist here? If you do, please contact the Programme Co-ordinator - betty_shaw@hotmail.com

Everyone must be enrolled to attend everything! That means Short Courses at 11am on Wednesdays, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, Working Bees - we can not just "turn up" anymore. Blame Covid!

SHORT COURSES - Next Wednesday at 11am we will again travel with Martin Clunes visiting many of the islands of Australia. It's interesting the people he meets.

We had a good attendance last Wednesday to hear Adele and Jim Miller speak of their visit to Scandinavia. Let's hope they have more travel tales to share with us. A good time was also had last Wednesday at Trivia. Competitive but all good fun.

CLASS NEWS - Tai Chi 1 - is on hold for now. Beulah will be back soon "with bells on" she tells us.

German classes are continuing Zoom for the rest of the year.

Tai Chi Classes - Every Wednesday at 1pm, Lee Ann Green will continue her Tai Chi Class in the Scout Hall. Lee Ann has also commenced a shorter on-line class on Monday and Friday mornings at 8.30am. She writes "There are no instructions like on a Wednesday. It is a warm up with a Qigong set with minimal instruction. After a 30 minute session, I leave the participant gallery open for 10 to 15 minutes for class friends to catch up". Your invitation is enclosed.

Covid 19 **Vaccination Status update** in U-MAS Membership system.

Members should go through the "Members Login" option on the U3A Website to access the UMAS for Members system.

Don't forget to click on the SAVE button after making the "tick" on the double vaccination box.

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Thank you to Albert Ip for his "**China to-day**" sessions via zoom.

Next year Albert will be presenting programmes on his You Tube channel, commencing in February. Each Tuesday he will post a video on Big History and each Wednesday, a video on China To-day. More about this later.

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Poetry Class - will meet back at Strabane Hall this coming Wednesday the 1st December for their final class and Morning Tea - in the Main Room.

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Please find below the links for classes currently running on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to click on the link and join in:

**Tai Chi Qigong** with Lee Ann Green ( Monday & Friday 8.30am).

Lee Ann says: Tai Chi 2 Zoom Qigong Classes - I am happy to offer it to who ever would like to attend, maybe some would just like to check it out and have a go."

This is a recurring meeting - use this link on Monday and Fridays at 8.30am.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87296004341?pwd=YzIGRXArclprUHBvaE90dFZMMTCwZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 9600 4341  
Password: 029971

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Topic: **How to Enrol for 2022 on U-MAS for Members**

Time: Nov 26, 2021 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://u3anetworkvictoria.zoom.us/j/81444749504?pwd=ZXJVdGFVSVEJJS2cyaDR0MVIXRjNNdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4474 9504  
Passcode: 952558

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Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty ..  
but everything else then starts to wear out,  
fall out or spread out .....

Phyllis Diller.

Betty Shaw - Programme Co-ordinator.