

## U3A Box Hill Newsletter - 18th February

Further to our sad news last week of the passing of Tutor Margaret Gentile here are the details for watching her funeral service online on Monday (the 19<sup>th</sup> February) at 1pm. The service will be available for the next 30 days.

<https://livestream.com/accounts/9402209/events/11088634>

A card has been sent to Joe and the Gentile family on behalf of our U3A Box Hill members.

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Albert Ip will continue 'China Today' tomorrow (Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb) via Zoom at 1.30pm. These classes will run for two weeks - 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. In the first term Albert will discuss - Trade War, Technology War, Cold War? Since U.S. President Trump started the trade war with China, President Biden followed by the Technology War. How does China cope? What is the implication? Will there be a cold war in the future? Here are the details for the course -

ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87925357335?pwd=QUxoNFAvTIBKYlJlNnBYa29leGlVZz09>

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Next Wednesday at 11am we'll have another Art Presentation - The Private Life of a Masterpiece - this time featuring Sandro Botticelli's 'La Primavera' (Spring). Last Wednesday we had the Australian movie 'Rams' and it was great. As someone later said 'it was the type of film that could only be made in Australia'.



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Thank you to everyone for bringing in their foil pill packets. We already have twenty percent of a garden sackful.

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Our office volunteers are back on duty and more members are 'in training'.



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REMEMBER ETHAN who led the Brain Studies Class on Monday mornings? He shared some wonderful news with us this week - he has been accepted into the Masters in Neuroscience Programme at Oxford University! He said it is a dream come true for him and he's 'over the moon'. He will need to find a Scholarship to fund the course fees (and of course we hope he does) but in the meantime

a couple of our members have mentioned sending him their personal cheques. 'This could not happen to a nicer young man!' and we will follow his progress in the years to come.

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A message from the Office Manager - 'Book donations are always welcome for our well stocked and well maintained Library, which is located in the Front Room of Strabane Hall. For occasions when a class is in progress at your time of drop off, a collection box is located on the bottom shelf in the office (where the class rolls are located). This helps make more room on the cupboard top for members who have to do photocopying. The two bottom shelves are now designated space for collecting assorted recyclable items - books, reading glasses, used stamps, cards and the foil pill packets. A Lost Property box is located at the rear of the Main Room'.

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Don't forget your name badge (the 2024 edition) on the table in the Main Room.

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**DO YOU PLAY THE UKULELE? (or would you like to?).**



We'd like to have a UKULELE CLASS at Box Hill U3A in Term 2, this year. Still being organized but put your name down if you are interested.

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Eastern Mah Jong have vacancies in their class on Monday afternoons at 1pm (until 3.30pm). Apply now!

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Armchair Travel is enjoyed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next class is on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11am when the guest speaker will be Beth Perrigo who will speak about a wide variety of geological features in southern Queensland, throughout

NSW and Victoria. We will visit caves, lakes, waterfalls, rivers, mountains, rocks, volcanoes, beaches, oceans and even blow holes! Talk about 'this wide brown land' - it's got everything!

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Where have many of the mugs gone from the kitchen?

We have had to purchase a number of new ones.

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Give this a bit of thought. We have had a speaker from the Prison Fellowship Australia and we heard such interesting stories (not all bad). They are doing a marvellous job with their 'clients'. The EASTER BISCUIT BAKE is back this year and their aim is to bake 71,000 homemade biscuits to share with every inmate in Victoria this Easter. I shall put a poster on the notice board at U3A regarding this project. It would be charitable if we could help and I would be prepared to deliver them to the organization. They must be cooked by Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> March so we could have a cut off date of Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> March at Strabane Hall. The biscuits will have to be nut free and crisp. Gluten free would be appreciated as well. Many thanks in advance.

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#### *FUNNY SIGNS -*

*Notice in a farmer's field - The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free - but the bull charges!*

*On a leaflet - If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons!*

*On a repair shop door - We can repair anything. Please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work.*

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