

MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2018 - FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018.

Our **Christmas Break-Up Lunch will be next Friday the 30th November**. The raffles are always popular so have a think about what you can donate. If suitable, please leave at the office. Bottles of wine are always popular plus Christmas fare and small gifts. Have you put your name down for the catering? There are two lists in the basket in the office - one for Tutors and the other for Members - please fill in your name and what you can provide to eat. To make it easy for the raffle - just bring a \$5 note and we'll give you three tickets! All money raised is used at our U3A.

Thank you to all our Members who work "behind the scenes" setting up and organizing so that the day will be a success. We have a few VIP's invited so let's make them jealous of us when they have to return to their offices for the afternoon!

On **Wednesday the 28th November at 11am**, Jim Maunder will give his final presentation on the **UMAS system**. Jim and his UMAS team have done a wonderful job. Many of our members have already delivered their applications and payments for next year. Jim has also produced a "UMAS Course Booklet" which he has placed in the office.

We will be seeing a couple of new Tutors next year. Gwen George is going to take over "Armchair Travels" from Lynn Akeroyd who can now sit back and relax on the Third Wednesday of the month at 11am. Lynn's guest last week took up back to Japan and then to Kakadu. Sharlee Goss is going to be the new Tutor for "Current Affairs" and we thank Heather Thake for leading the class up until now. Fay Salmon will return in Term 1 to tutor the Drawing Class. Jennifer Willis our Poetry Tutor is stepping aside and Margaret Kirwan will lead the class in Term 1. Welcome to all our new Tutors.

Our Writing Class is leaving Strabane Heights Retirement Village and returning to Strabane Hall where they will be using the Middle Room at 2pm every Tuesday.

We thought we were losing our "Where to from Here?" class but we aren't. Good news - still Friday mornings.

We will be saying goodbye to our friends next door at "Yooralla" as their building has been sold. Their Manager, Joy Allen, has been very kind to Box Hill U3A. In the future, when retired, Joy would like to come back to Strabane Avenue and enrol as a U3A member! (and she would be very welcome). This means that Cryptic Crosswords and Jewellery Making will re-locate.

A number of our U3A classes will be enjoying their Break-Up Parties this week. Enjoy yourselves! Some classes will continue after next Friday. You know who you are.

A few dates for 2019 –

Monday the 4th February (working bee to get our building ready for Term 1). 10am - bring your own tools. Lunch provided. If you cannot assist, please consider sending along a cake/slices/sandwiches to help with the catering.

Tuesday the 5th February (our Tutors' Lunch - 12.45pm for a 1pm start).

Wednesday the 6th February (10am for our Volunteers' Morning Tea and 2.30pm for our New Members' Afternoon Tea).

Our friends at **Deepdene U3A** have invited us to their "News and Views" sessions in Term 4. Please telephone their office to let them know you will be attending (for chair numbers). Please understand that they cannot let you know if there is a change of plans (if you are not a member there). For \$20 you can become a member for Term 4 then they will have your details to contact you. You are very welcome to attend these talks (member or not a member) and we thank Deepdene for inviting us.

NEWS AND VIEWS AT DEEPDENE U3A - THURSDAYS 12 NOON TO 1.15PM - DEEPDENE UNITING CHURCH - ALSTON HALLS.

29th November - The Hon. Ted Baillieu, former Premier of Victoria - "Politics is a tough business. You have to roll with the punches in this game."

6th December - John Silvester, crime journalist - "We don't live in fear!".

Again, this list is on the notice board at Strabane Hall.

Friends of Monash Gallery of Art Committee invite you to attend their Annual General Meeting at 12 noon on Monday the 26th November at the Gallery.

Hawthorn U3A invite you to look at their website for the programme for their forthcoming Summer School.

Box Hill U3A Committee of Management wish all members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take the time to spend with your families and come back ready for a great 2019 at U3A.