

THIRD AGE NEWS

25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION



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President's Message

The year has commenced with a highly successful Working Bee at the Strabane site on Monday 30th January. Thanks to Susan Webster and a team of over 40 volunteers who completed a solid morning's work and presented Strabane Hall and garden surrounds looking spick and span for the start of the new year's classes.

Also during the first week of February three successful information meetings were conducted to welcome back our Tutors, Office Volunteers and New Members. Thanks to Gwen George, Linda Carter, Helen Elliott and Jim Maunder for organising the Office Volunteer and New Member morning and afternoon teas respectively. Thanks also to Betty Shaw for organising the highly successful Tutor's lunch. Sarah Salem and Prabhati Milton provided excellent catering for all three occasions. These meetings provided a great opportunity for members and Tutors to socialise and also share their ideas with members of the committee.

To commence the celebrations of our 25th Anniversary, a formal luncheon has been planned for Friday 31st March at the Box Hill RSL Club immediately following our 2017 Annual General Meeting. Highlights of this luncheon will include the launch of the updated **History of U3A Box Hill**, the unveiling of the huge photo collage of "**A Week in the Life**" at U3A Box Hill and the cutting of the celebratory **25th Birthday Cake**.

Bruce Bourke
President.

**Thank you to Jacinta Collins
Labor Senator for Victoria
for printing and collation
of this newsletter**

Annual General Meeting

11am on Friday 31st March
RSL Club Sports Bar

Parking free and can be accessed without the use of stairs from level B2 carpark.

NB1 the AGM will conclude at 11.30 so that those attending the luncheon can move across to the Upton Room to register (and organise their table seating)

NB2: there is no guest speaker at the AGM but there will be a guest speaker at the 25th celebration luncheon



Guest speaker: Elsie Mutton
President of Network Victoria.

Elsie, as well as being state-wide leader, has variously been president, course coordinator and held other roles at U3A Nunawading.

She has been instrumental in securing and preserving Victorian Government financial support for the U3A movement in general and individual Member U3As via the Grant system.

She is a tireless worker for the betterment and expansion of U3A in Victoria and indeed throughout Australia as a former President of the Australian Alliance of U3As.



One Successful Working Bee Leads to Another

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WATCH THESE DATES

March 30	End Term 1
March 31	AGM & 25th Birthday Luncheon
April 12	25 th Anniversary Working Bee
April 14-17	Easter
April 18	Start Term 2
April 25	Anzac day
June 12	Queen's Birthday
June 30	End Term 2

HONOUR ROLL

Life Memberships

Melina Abou-Seif
 Doug Akeroyd
 Lynn Akeroyd
 Frank Crompton
 Kathy Crompton
 Beth Exton
 Nan Humphries
 Maureen Katz
 Colin Mayfield
 Greg McGregor
 Natalie McGregor
 Gwendda McKay
 Flora Miller
 Dorothy Portefaix
 Elsie Smelt
 Norma Timpson
 Beatrice Zito

Distinguished Service Awards

Jo Dawson
 Helen Elliott
 Viney Longthorp
 David Lording
 Barbara Lovell
 Rita Maclean
 Colin Mayfield
 Dorothy Portefaix
 Val Robertson
 Beverley Rodda
 Margaret Walker
 Susan Webster
 Arthur Wells
 Beatrice Zito

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## NEW MEMBERS', VOLUNTEERS', & TUTORS' FUNCTIONS WERE HELD ON 1st & 2nd FEBRUARY 2017



At the Tutors' Lunch a Distinguished Service award was presented to Jo Dawson and a 20 Years Service badge to Linda Chin, Tutor of Chinese Language and Culture

At the Office Volunteer's Morning Tea Lunch a Distinguished Service award was presented to Margaret Walker and to Barbara Lovell.



Check out more pictures on our website.

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

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Bruce Bourke   | President                          |
| vacant         | Vice President                     |
| Jim Maunder    | Secretary & Facilities Manager     |
| Chris Marks    | Treasurer                          |
| Betty Shaw     | Program Co-ordinator               |
| Helen Elliott  | Systems Manager.                   |
| Gwen George    | Office Manager                     |
| Susan Webster  | Planning & Accommodation           |
| Valerie Bourke | Network Representative             |
|                | Twenty fifth anniversary organiser |
| Stanley Barker | Newsletter, Website                |
| Lee Wallin     | Publicity                          |
| Mario Bonnici  | Audio-Visual                       |
| Linda Carter   | Office Roster                      |

### Administration

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Valerie Robertson | Housekeeping |
| Josette Hocking   | Librarian    |

### Newsletter/Website Team

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Stanley Barker | Editor, Website |
| Betty Wood     | Logistics       |


### The Fold 'n Post Team

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Barbara McRae    | Desiree Wells    |
| Sally Cohen      | Rosemary Hodgson |
| Olive Cox        | Betty Wood       |
| Pam Flynn        | Linda Young      |
| Val Robertson    | Ann Hawke        |
| Joe Gentile      | Judy Joyce       |
| Eva Millane      | Judy Anderson    |
| Celine Fernandez |                  |

### Data Entry/Receipts Team

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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      |

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PROGRAMME COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The year has got off to a good start with lots of enthusiasm! Many classes have the FULL sign out - unfortunate for those who are waiting to get IN. Don't hesitate in enrolling in a class that interests you. Hopefully, we will find a space for you. More classrooms is what we desperately require! Every Wednesday at 11am, we have been listening to Dr. William Breen and his lectures on World War Two. The figures from this period of time have been mind-blowing. Such a senseless loss of life. I am pleased that many of our men have been attending and we'll look for more subjects that may interest you.

To commence Term 2, we will be hearing all about George Coppin, Billy Hughes, Daniel Mannix and Conscripton, presented by Graham O'Rourke. We've had the first Trivia afternoon (first Wednesday of the month) with Judith Horman, and our first Armchair Travels for the year with Lynn Akeroyd (third Wednesday of the month).

Many people make Wednesday their big U3A day, including the big lunch get together (byo) in the front room. Movie Matinees (second Wednesday of the month) continue to be popular and we thank Mario for continually researching them.

Watercolour Painting classes will resume in Term 2 every Wednesday afternoon. If we get enough interest, a Mandarin class could commence. We have the Tutor.

Please continue to support your Tutors with your attendance. They put many hours' preparation into their presentations.

Thanking you.

Betty Shaw,
Programme Coordinator.

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**CHANGING A CLASS?**

Complete a 'Change of Class' form available from the office or website.

**2017 Terms**

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| Term 1 | 6 February - 30 March  |
| Term 2 | 18 April - 30 June     |
| Term 3 | 17 July - 22 September |
| Term 4 | 9 October - 1 December |

**MARIO'S MOVIE MATINEES**

These are the movies for the next term:

- **April** – no movie - school holidays
- **May** – 'Tracks' with Mia Wasikowska- The true story of Australian Robyn Davidson and her crossing on camels of the Simpson Desert.



- **June** – 'What we did on our holiday' – a British comedy with Rosemund Pike, David Tennant and Billy Connolly

**LUNCHEON ATTENDEES**

Please check your name is on the list of 25th Anniversary luncheon attendees. If you are not on the list, contact Valerie by email preferably NOW if not a note in my folder in filing cabinet (only as last resort). Also email Valerie if you have any special dietary requirement such as vegetarian or gluten free etc.





### CHINESE KARAOKE – 2017 – 1ST PERFORMANCE



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**Book Group 2 -
2nd Wednesdays, 1-3pm
welcome new members.**



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### THREADS & NEEDLES




### 1 Successful Working Bee Leads to Another




U3A Box Hill's first 2017 working bee in January was a great success with over 40 people participating. In early February, we started the academic year with a sparkling building and an almost leaf-less parking area. Two hours of toil was followed by a happy lunch - many thanks to our caterer Sarah Salem.

Near the end of the working session, our workers commented on how barren the front yard looks near the ramp way. After some estimates and measurements, committee is endorsing this request to continue our outdoor beautification program.

A  *Anniversary Landscaping Program* has been approved, and it starts on 12 April with a 1-2 hour garden session to prepare the soil for planting in June. Garden enthusiasts, please gather round at 10am on Wednesday, 12 April - during the term break and in the week before the Easter holiday. Please bring shovels, garden forks, gloves, and wheelbarrows. We will not be doing indoor work.

Mulch is being delivered beforehand, and the garden team want to fork over the ground, apply gypsum and a wetting agent as appropriate, lay cardboard, and pile mulch atop the area.

After the ground preparation, the knowledgeable gardeners among our members will lay out this garden, select plants from Greenlink (City of Whitehorse volunteers who maintain the Wimmera Street nursery and supply plants and care for many of the public spaces in our city) and set up the planting bee in June.

 *Anniversary Landscaping* bee reminders will appear on posters before the end of Term 1 and also in the UBH Weekly Reminder email.

Any one with queries can contact Susan Webster via the Office.

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LOST PROPERTY?

Check the lost property box before end of term.

Your stuff misses you too.

NOTICE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 26th Annual General Meeting of U3A Box Hill will be held on **Friday 31st March, 2017 at 11am in the Box Hill RSL Club Sports Bar**, 26-28 Nelson Rd., Box Hill 3128.

Fourteen places are available on the Committee of Management and nominations are sought for all positions.

All members are encouraged to attend and to nominate themselves or other full U3A Box Hill members for Committee places.

A nomination form is provided in this newsletter or is available from the office or at the AGM.

Under the provisions of our 2014 Constitution:

Any full member of U3A Box Hill may be nominated for a position on Committee

An eligible member may—

- (a) nominate himself or herself; or
- (b) with the member's consent, be nominated by another member.

Completed, written nominations should be submitted to the Secretary/Office by Friday 10th March, 2017. Please use a separate form for each nomination.

Bruce Bourke
Hon. President
U3A Box Hill

Nominations for U3A Box Hill 2017-2018 Committee of Management (COM) **AGM 31st March, 2017**

<u>Nominee Name</u> Name & Signature with Date	<u>Nominated Position</u>	<u>Proposed by:</u> Name & Signature with Date
	President	
	Vice-President	
	Treasurer	
	Secretary	
	General Committee Member	
	General Committee Member	

Nominations are welcome for any and all posts

U3A BOX HILL CLASS TIMETABLE TERM 2 18/4/2017 - 30/6/2017

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 FULL	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 FULL	Geoff Jones	Dunloe Pavilion	Mon	12:00 PM	1:30 PM
592	Keep Your Brain Active	Tom Edwards	TBA	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 FULL	Stanley Barker	Front Room	Mon	1:45 PM	3:00 PM
41	Spanish FULL	Maria Perez-Arroyo	Front Room	Mon	3:15 PM	4:30 PM
611	Creative Photography	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	Positive Thinking & Meditation	Kirti Baxi	Strabane Heights	Tues	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
19	Exercise To Music FULL	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
16	Current Affairs	Heather Thake	Strabane Heights	Tues	12:45 PM	2:15 PM
47	Writing Group FULL	Valerie Bourke	Front Room	Tues	12:45 PM	2:00 PM
442	Feldenkrais Method FULL	Lexine Anastasios	Main Room	Tues	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
811	China Today	Albert Ip	Front Room	Tues	2:15 PM	3:15 PM
40	Solo & 500	Ann Blakeley	Main Room	Tues	2:15 PM	4:00 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	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	Helen Beaton	See Folder	Wed	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
60	Craft Jewellery Making FULL	Lena & Merrilyn	Yooralla	Wed	10:30 AM	12:00 MD
813	Chinese Karaoke Entertainment	Albert Ip	Dunloe Pavilion	Wed	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
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
67	Book Group 1-1st Wed	Bruce Bourke	Strabane Heights	Wed	1:00 PM	3:00 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	Strabane Heights	Wed	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
987	Movie Matinee 10/5, 14/6	Mario Bonnici	Main Room	Wed	1:00 PM	
106	ArmchairTravel 19/4,17/5,21/6	Lynn Akeroyd	Main Room	Wed	1:30 PM	2:30 PM
999	C of M meeting (4th Wed)	Bruce Bourke (Pres)	Front Room	Wed	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
415	Trivia 1st Wednesday 3/5,7/6	Judith Horman	Main Room	Wed	1:30 PM	2:30 PM
361	Painting:Watercolour Landscapes	Val Barrett	Front Room	Wed	1:30 PM	3:30 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'ters 27/4,11&25/5,8&22/6	Max McCready	Front Room	Thur	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
96	AustHist 20/4,4&18/5,1&15&29/6	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 FULL	Dawn Heffernan	Front Room	Thur	2:00 PM	3:30 PM
73	Lawn Bowls Intro Mel, 47 K7	Bill Letch	Blackburn Nth Bowls Club	Thur	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
36	Painting Oils FULL	Sok-Cheng Chang	Main Room	Fri	9:15 AM	11:45 AM
583	IPad Workshop	Ray and Jim	Front Room	Fri	10:30 AM	12:15 PM
4	Bridge Duplicate FULL	Colin Mayfield	Main Room	Fri	12:45 PM	4:00 PM
39	Scrabble	Eva Millane	Front Room	Fri	1:30 PM	3:30 PM

**Location: Front,Main 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**