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President's Report

Our term 4 has been a busy one for Course Co-ordinator Betty Shaw who has the very difficult task of fitting classes into our available accommodation. This task is made easier when all Members realise that compromise is always involved when class scheduling is undertaken. We are very fortunate at U3A Box Hill that Members, in the main, co-operate and cover for each other and the whole organisation gives off a genial welcoming vibe. Let's all work to keep it like this in 2018 by assisting wherever we can and supporting our Office bearers in their work. This volunteer self-help philosophy of our group is nowhere more in evidence than at our Christmas luncheon held on the last Friday of November, the 24th. You are all invited to attend and asked to make a contribution of a savoury or sweet plate. Please sign up in the office specifying whether you can bring a savoury or sweet "plate". This year the Member for Chisholm, Julia Banks has accepted our invitation to unveil a plaque which commemorates the installation of the operable wall. This wall enormously enhances the flexibility of our accommodation at Strabane Hall. In late September a group of dedicated members participated in a working bee to spring clean the inside of Strabane Hall including shampooing the carpet, made all dusty by the wall installation, and to tidy up and replant the surrounding garden. In particular a floral emblem for the poetry class, *Banksia Burdettii*, was planted. Hopefully this will grow and be full of lovely yellow flowers in the years ahead. These wonderful people are the few to whom the many owe so much:

Stanley Barker who, with **Janet Hodgson** and **Susan Webster**, lead an enthusiastic gardening team.

Rod Cope who single-handedly steam cleaned the *entire hall* carpet.

William Finlay who organised the sign-in which is essential for insurance purposes.

Howard Tankey and **Betty Shaw** who lead the indoors people doing the first proper clean up since the installation of the wall. **David Embury** who cut the grass.



Anna Strahan who cleaned out the front room including the windows.

Chris Marks who came from his sick bed.

Valerie Bourke who bought sandwiches and the steam cleaner.

Betty Shaw who wiped down every chair in the main hall.

Jennifer Willis and **Kathy Hugber** who baked for the workers.

Also **Mary Quarrell**, **Michael Jacobs**, **Sue Embury**, **Koon Kwong**, **Rosalie Moy** did great work.

Pictured Stanley Barker planting the Poetry class floral emblem



Librarian change over: Thankyou Josette Hocking for your dedicated work building up our wonderful library/book exchange. Welcome to Allyson Anthonisz who has kindly agreed to take over this most important role. So many members are in your debt Josette, as your work has enabled us all to access popular reading material no matter what our budget. Bravo!

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WATCH THESE DATES	
November 23	End Term 4
November 24	Christmas Party
November 28 & 29	Enrolment days
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

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

Cup Eve another successful gallop for U3A Box Hill

In their finery, forty Members gathered at Strabane on Cup Eve to celebrate the racing carnival in our own unique U3A Box Hill manner. Horsey Quiz Questions included, "Who Wrote Black Beauty", "Who won last year's Melbourne Cup?" Helen Grice was the star of the women's fashion parade in her beautifully coordinated plum and olive green which so well reflected the festival air of the cup.



Fashion in the Hall winner

Against a strong field, a white pith helmet clinched the title of male fashionista for Dennis Whelan.



Pictured male fashions on the field

The much anticipated U3A Box Hill cup was taken home by *Shimmering Sharlee* who ran down a strong field of horses from the U3A Box Hill stable.

The hotly contested quiz came down to the wire with Lee Wallin taking it out for her table by knowing the letter that is on the front of darling horse Winx's silks to win the final knock out round.

The raffle for which Betty Shaw had made three hamper prizes, raised \$180 which will go towards an improved audio system. An entry fee of \$2 covered all other costs.

Further afield or taking up paid employment?

Two positions are available at the Network office in Queen St. There is a paid 5 days a week position as Administrative Manager. If you know of anyone this position would suit ask them to contact the Network office. U3A Network also has a vacancy from next March for a treasurer, a Book-keeper is available to assist.

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
Vice President	Howard Tankey
Treasurer	Chris Marks
Secretary & Facilities	Jim Maunder
Systems Manager	Helen Elliott
Website & Newsletter	Stanley Barker
Operable Wall	Chris Marks Valerie Bourke
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	Linda Carter
Committee Member	Bill Finlay

Administration

Valerie Robertson	Housekeeping
Josette Hocking	Librarian
Allyson Anthonisz	

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	Celine Fernandez
Val Robertson	Ann Hawke
Joe Gentile	Judy Joyce
Eva Millane	Judy Anderson

Data Entry/Receipts Team

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





U3A BOX HILL ENROLMENT DAY for 2018 Membership and Classes

**TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER &
WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER
2017
10 AM TO 12 NOON**

STRABANE HALL

**MEMBERSHIP FEE \$50 FOR
THE YEAR**

**Associate Memberships have
been discontinued
as of next year, 2018**

HELEN ELLIOTT

on behalf of the U3A Box Hill
Committee of Management

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**NB.** ALL classes are considered vacant at the start of the year, so put your booking form in, and put it in promptly. If you delay too much, others could be accepted before you.

**MEET YOUR COMMITTEE**



**BILL FINLAY**

In 2017 William Finlay received an Australia Day award.

After serving in the RAAF he trained to become a teacher and was placed at Lower Plenty Primary school for 10 years. He then volunteered for a further 9 years at the same school, hearing reading, and teaching the children to play chess. In 2017 he was presented with a Commonwealth Award for services rendered.

Bill became a U3A Box Hill Committee member in 2017.

**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 |



### PUBLICITY

Our stall at this years Springtime Festival ran like a dream. Everyone arrived on time, and knew what to do. The colour, the sounds, the acts, demonstrations and the abundance of all types of food added to overall appeal and enjoyment. The highlight of the day for me was the high trapeze artists.

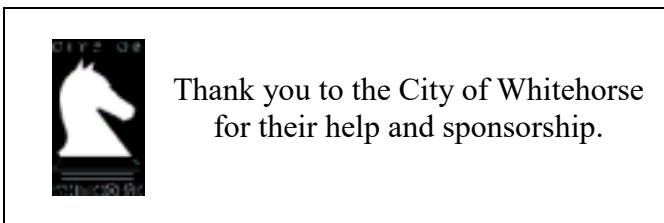


A special thank you to Anna Strahan, Laura Saunders ,Dorothy Hogan, Judith McNaughton, Anne Short, Lester and Lee Wallin who manned our stall distributing pamphlets and answering questions.

Also thank you to the Chinese Karaoke Group for their performance onstage at the same event.

Publicity Committee  
**Lee Wallin**

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NEW ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM FROM TERM 2 2018

Many other U3As in Victoria already use an online membership system where new and existing members can join up, enrol in classes and pay their subscriptions from the comfort of their own study or kitchen table using their computer, laptops or tablets or even smartphones. Box Hill has decided to join the 21st Century and is in the early stages of implementing an online system. The system is called U-MAS, it is recommended by U3A Victoria, and is used by quite a few U3As in Melbourne and country Victoria. We plan on switching over the Easter break next year.

Already we have a test system to try out and to use for training our volunteers. We have some test data entered, so training will start next week, all going well.

The system is easy to use – members who do online banking and shopping or book holidays will ‘get it’ straight away as the screens are pretty much self-explanatory – see below. Don’t worry if you don’t have access to the internet or don’t wish to use the system, you will still be able to join up and enrol in the office of by filling out a form.

We’ll keep you informed as to what’s going on with this in future Newsletters.



PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Every Programme Co-ordinator probably commences their report with the words "It's been a good year". In spite of all the trials and tribulations of this Programme Co-ordinator, it has been for our Box Hill U3A. It's not easy trying to make everyone happy, all the time. A lot of juggling has gone on with room allocations etc but the programme for Term 1, 2018 has been finalized. During the year, we were able to celebrate Box Hill U3A's 25th birthday and this is due to a number of loyal and supportive members for their vision back then. Our classes would not happen without our wonderful Tutors who give so freely of their time to share their knowledge, experience and ability with our members. Special thanks go to Mario Bonnici for his expertise with all things audio visual and Jim Maunder who has often been called in at short notice in Mario's (infrequent) absence. I am not going to thank individual members - someone is bound to be missed (and offended); but I will thank you, the members of our U3A for continuing your membership and supporting your Tutors by attending their classes. There is always something new to be learnt! I take this opportunity to extend Christmas Greetings to one and all. Enjoy the Summer holidays and come back in Term 1 of 2018.

Betty Shaw

Programme Co-ordinator.

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**SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR MALE MEMBERS**

One of our goals at U3A Box Hill is to increase the number of male members to even up the gender balance (currently 76% female). We have a grant from the City of Whitehorse to assist with the provision of courses that might be of particular interest to men. We need your help to choose courses.

What type of new course would interest you;

- (1) Historical
- (2) military history
- (3) scientific
- (4) biographical
- (5) other - tell us.

Please contact: [Valeriebourke@yahoo.com.au](mailto:Valeriebourke@yahoo.com.au) and give us some help

**SOME PHOTOS FROM THE SEPTEMBER WORKING BEE**



And see our Karaoke group on YouTube Linked from our website main page.

## 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 MA.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  |
| 361 | W'Colr.Lndscps                | Val Barrett           | Middle Room          | Mon  | 1:30 PM  | 3:30 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          | 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          | 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          | 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                 | Valerie Bourke        | 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)      | Edith Westcott        | Front Room           | Tues | 5:00 PM  | 6:30 PM  |
| 77  | Wine Apprec.4 (4th Tues)      | Jim Maunder           | Front Room           | Tues | 5:00 PM  | 6:30 PM  |
| 191 | Zumba Fitness                 | 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                 | Vivienne Bland        | See Folder           | Wed  | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM |
| 60  | Craft Jewellery Making        | 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  |
| 67  | Book Group 1-1st Wed          | Bruce Bourke          | Front Room           | 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           | 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 meeting (4th Wed)      | Valerie Bourke (Pres) | Main 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     | 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 Hefferman        | Front Room           | Thur | 2:00 PM  | 3:30 PM  |
| 73  | Lawn Bowls Intro Mel, 47 K7   | Bill Letch            | Bklbn Nth Bowls      | Thur | 2:30 PM  | 4:00 PM  |
| 36  | Painting Oils                 | 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                 | 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                      | 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 V3**