

# THIRD AGE NEWS

U3A Box Hill Inc. Newsletter  
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## President's Report



Welcome back to another year of enjoying learning and socialising at U3A Box Hill. Ensuring that U3A BH continues to provide an effective and enjoyable learning environment for you all were our tireless COM members. These people all worked so hard to ensure the year began smoothly. The Data entry team who did the massive job of enrolling over 500 members, the working bee helpers and those who assisted with the three introductory events organising invitations, set up, and catering should all take a bow for a job well done. And before all that the same people organised the Christmas luncheon and the enrolment days. A special welcome to Mary Quarrell who has taken on the organisation of the office roster. Also deserving of a special thank you is Anna Strahan a non COM member who assisted with the set up for these events.

This is the year we will change over to a new computerised enrolment and payment system beginning with enrolments from Easter onwards. So a big thankyou to our growing U MAS team and to Seng Poon who has agreed to work with Jim Maunder and others to ensure data entry people are trained and ready by Easter.

All our members owe a debt of thanks to the thirty or so members who came along on the first Monday in February to give Strabane Hall its summer spruce up at our first Working Bee.

Thankyou to those male members who have been assisting with research into the reasons why men do or do not join U3As.

Preparations are underway for our 27<sup>th</sup> AGM to be held on 28 March. Nomination forms are available in the office.

**Valerie Bourke**  
President

## U3A Box Hill celebrates second centenarian still attending classes

We breed long stayers at Box Hill. In January this year we celebrated a second 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. George Watson still attends French class as does his daughter. Here he is seen with foundation member Lyn Akeroyd celebrating with class members and tutor Francoise Garnier. In 2014 we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mim Egan who still was a regular attendee at Writing class. Have any other U3As a centenarian on their class lists? Or is George the oldest U3A class member in the country / the world?



### WATCH THESE DATES

March 28 10:30 am	AGM
March 29	End Term 1
April 16	Start Term 2
April 25	Anzac Day
June 11	Queen's birthday
June 29	End Term 2

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

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
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Publicity	Lee Wallin
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Program Coordinator	Betty Shaw
Office Manager	Gwen George
Office Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Quarrell
Committee Member	Bill Finlay

**Administration**

Valerie Robertson	Housekeeping
Allyson Anthonisz	Librarian

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Stanley Barker	Editor, Website
Betty Wood	Logistics

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Barbara McRae	Desiree Wells
Sally Cohen	Rosemary Hodgson
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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



**PUBLICITY REPORT**

Once again U3A Box Hill will participate in the Whitehorse Global Fiesta at Box Hill Gardens on Sunday March the 18th between 12 & 4pm.

Multiculturalism will be celebrated on the day in various forms bringing together art, food, music, dance, games & activities from around the world. Join in The Walk in Harmony which promotes the sharing of ideas & respect for different beliefs, customs, & ways of life.

Our stall will show what U3A has to offer the community, which includes a performance by our Karaoke Group.

Only one timeslot is left to fill for our stall from 2 till 4pm. Please contact me on 0429 839 829 if you can help on the day at this time.

Help spread the word about U3A by picking up some pamphlets from the office and place these in your doctor's surgery when you next visit. They should be happy to post these on their notice board as they are one of the most effective medicines for seniors.

**Lee Wallin  
Publicity Officer.**

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**Office Duty Volunteers**

Mary Quarrell wishes to thank the Office Duty Volunteers for completing their rostered shifts. The Committee and Members all appreciate your time and effort in this support. Some emergency volunteers have moved onto the main roster and a big thank you to those who are training and to those new volunteers who are being trained to be on the emergency list. To those who have been unwell and/or in hospital – best wishes for a speedy recovery.

With thanks.

**Mary Q**

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Check the lost & found box before the end of term. All items still in the box at the end of term will go to a new home!

**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

## Working Bee Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

All members owe a debt of thanks to the following members who came along on the first Monday in February to give Strabane Hall its summer spruce up at our first Working Bee. Add to this, the dedication of Rod Cope who has waged a war on the invading couch grass over summer whilst keeping up the water to our natives planted last spring. The City of Whitehorse generously allows us the use of the Strabane Hall 8 to 6 each weekday on the condition that we look after the grounds and building. So the Working Bees are a really potent way in which we can keep our yearly membership fees down. If our rent was to rise we all would end up paying so much more annually. Special thanks to Lyn McCutcheon who as well as working all morning supplied delicious scones and cream and Koulla Esposito who sent Ian along with delicious curried egg sandwiches.

Lee Wallin	Ian & Koulla Esposito
Stanley Barker	Glenys McIntosh
Igraine Chu	Judy Joyce
Yuko Endo	Anna Strahan
June Anton	Gwen George
Jo Dawson	Mary Quarrell
Jill Edwards	Elaine Hopper
Koon Kwong	Chris Marks
Brian Belcher	Marg Gentile
Kata Hugber	David Embury
Sue Embury	Alister Macleod
Patricia Thomas	Lyn Mc Cutcheon
Rosemary Cassin	Pat Menke
Betty Shaw	Valerie Bourke

### Valerie Bourke



Thank you to the City of Whitehorse for their help and sponsorship.

## Term 2 – 2018 - Movie Matinees

**9 May 2018 at 1.00pm – Main Room**

**The Book Thief (2013)** – 126

mins – USA/Germany

**The Actors:** Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson and Sophie Nelisse

**Director:** Brian Percival (Downton Abbey)

**Novel:** Markus Zusak (Australian)

**Music:** John Williams

**Locations:** Germany

**Plot:** This is the story of Liesel Meminger, a young girl in late 1930's Nazi Germany. She was abandoned by her communist mother into the safer hands of an older childless couple, Hans and Rosa. The illiterate Liesel is taught to read by Hans and this fosters a love of books. She nearly gets into trouble by rescuing a book from a Nazi bonfire.



**13 June 2018 at 1.00pm – Main Room**

**Mr Pip (2012)** – 111 mins – New Zealand

**The Actors:** Hugh Laurie, Xzannjah Matsi and Healesville Joe

**Director:** Andrew Adamson (Shrek, The Chronicles of Narnia)

**Novel:** Lloyd Jones (New Zealand)

**Locations:** Bougainville, PNG and New Zealand.

**Plot:** Our story takes place in 1989, in Bougainville, an autonomous province of PNG, during the civil war and the closing of copper mine. In the midst of all this, a young village girl becomes transfixed with the Charles Dickens novel 'Great Expectations', which was being read at school run by Mr Watts, the only white man left in the village after a blockade. To her, the characters in the novel become real people living around her.



## PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Classes are well underway now in Term 1, and planning for Term 2 is in hand.

We have had very good Guest Speakers on Wednesday mornings at 11am. We do try to give you a varied programme.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Val Barrett our Watercolour Painting Tutor is now ready and able to resume her class on Monday afternoons (not Wednesday) from 1.30pm until 3.30pm in the Middle Room. The first class will be on the first day of the new term, Monday the 16th April.

Another new class will be Mandarin with our Tutor, Beulah Gardiner. This will take place from 11.45am until 12.45pm in the Front Room, commencing on Wednesday the 18th April.

We are looking forward to also commencing a new Tai Chi class and Needle Felting class and it is highly likely that these two classes will follow each other on a Thursday afternoon. Watch this space.

For the whole of Term 2, with the exception of Wednesday the 9th May, Dr. William Breen will return to Box Hill U3A for his excellent talks on World War 2. These were very well received last year and it was good to have so many of our men attend. Mind you, the men are welcome at all times. On Wednesday the 9th May, John Hogan will speak to us on the 98 gun battleship "Temeraire" as featured in J M W Turner's famous painting "The Fighting Temeraire" painted in 1838.

Please remember to wear your name badge at all times.

If you have an apology for non attendance, don't forget to telephone the U3A office. Do not email as it will not be received in time.

Thank you to the Office staff for taking enquiries regarding classes etc and passing them on to the correct people.

We trust that our new members have settled in well at Box Hill U3A.

Best wishes,

**Betty Shaw**  
Programme Co-ordinator.

## PHOTOS FROM THE WORKING BEE





# AGM

**U3A Box Hill 27<sup>th</sup> AGM**

**10.30 to 11.30 am Wednesday 28 March 2018 at Strabane Hall**

- *Nominations are now called for vacancies on U3A Box Hill Committee of Management. Nominations close on 9<sup>th</sup> March, forms available in the office and on the website.*
- *Nominees will be announced at our Annual General Meeting, and elections held if needed*

**Guest Speaker: Professor Barbara Hatley**



Our speaker will be one of our own members, Professor Barbara Hatley, whose life-long research interest has been Indonesian theatre as a way of understanding Indonesian society. Barbara's work has shown how performances from shadow puppet shows to contemporary experimental plays, staged as part of everyday

events and ritual celebrations, reflect on the experiences, values and understandings of the world of the participants. In her talk she will illustrate and discuss some of these processes, suggest how theatre has responded and contributed to recent social and political changes in Indonesia, then say a few words about Indonesia-related performances taking place today right here in Melbourne!



*followed by a convivial morning tea.*



**U3A BOX HILL CLASS TIMETABLE TERM 2 16/4/2018 - 29/6/2018**

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	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 FULL	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
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
21	French Lit'ture Intro FULL	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	Helen Bounds	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	2:30 PM	3:30 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 FULL	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 FULL	Lena & Merrilyn	Yooralla	Wed	10:30 AM	12:00 MD
961	Short Courses		Main Room	Wed	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
35	Mandarin	Beulah Gardiner	Front Room	Wed	11:45 AM	12:45 PM
653	Lunch (All welcome)		Main Room	Wed	12:30 PM	1:15 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	MovieMatinee 14/3,9/5,13/6	Mario Bonnici	Main Room	Wed	1:00 PM	
415	Trivia Wed 2/5, 6/6	Judith Horman	Main Room	Wed	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
106	ArmchairTravel 21/3, 18/4, 16/5, 20/6	Lynn Akeroyd	Main Room	Wed	1:30 PM	2:30 PM
67	Book Group 1-1st Wed	Bruce Bourke	Front Room	Wed	1:30 PM	3:00 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 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	1:00 PM
103	AustCh'cters 22/3, 26/4, 10/4, 24/5, 14/6, 28/6	Max McCready	Front Room	Thur	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
96	AustHist 15/3, 29/3, 19/4, 3/5, 17/5, 31/5, 7/6, 21/6	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
441	Where to From Here?	Howard Tankey	Front Room	Fri	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
583	iPad Workshop FULL	Ray Reaburn	Front Room	Fri	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
813	Karaoke Entertainment	Albert Ip	Dunloe Pavilion	Fri	11:00 AM	2:00 PM
4	Bridge Duplicate FULL	Colin Mayfield	Main Room	Fri	12:45 PM	4:00 PM
39	Scrabble FULL	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**