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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello members. Welcome to the 2017 August edition of *Contact*.

The 20th Anniversary Celebrations: The Lunch

What an amazing turnout it was for the 20th Anniversary Lunch and tribute to our long-serving Tutors on June 20 at Windy Hill Venue! The Premiers Room was packed with over 200 people. The photos overleaf, taken by Vee Mansour, say it all. Thank you to Marika Pizzey, Functions Coordinator WHV, Danny Pearson MP, Member for Essendon, who sponsored the lunch for \$250 and to all our U3A members for a memorable day.



Robyn, Mandy, MC Amanda, Fran, Julie, Geoff and Heather – The Roarers



*Inaugural members Moonee Valley Region U3A
June Williams and Ella Kaye with Secretary Fran Horton*



Bush Poet, Don McQueen, recites Banjo Patterson



Centrepiece flowers by Michelle 'Lots of Love Floral Design'



*MVCC Dep Mayor Cam Nation and John Mitchell.
John was President Network Vic in 2007.*



*Alfred Mansour, John Parker President U3A Network Vic,
Amanda Aquilina and Helen Killmier*



*Longest serving tutors Alex Vanderkooij, Kerry Costa
and Sandy Sondreal ready to cut the anniversary cake,
made by Louise Griffin.*



*Tutors who have given 10 plus years of continuous service
to our members*



City of

Moonee Valley

The 2017 Seniors Festival is coming up in October. Go to

<http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/>

or look for your Council Quarterly Newsletter for more information.

The 20th Anniversary Celebrations continue:

Wednesday 4 October 2017
is
Show Day for U3A Moonee Valley
at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre
from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

You're welcome to bring a friend.

There will be demonstrations



performances



and displays!

More details coming soon in the Special 20th Anniversary Newsletter No. 2

Sharing your skills, making your contribution to your U3A

In a few months, the committee will start to prepare for the AGM on Wednesday 6 December 2017, when five positions will open for election. This includes the role of President. Please consider nominating for a position or support another member who would like to contribute.

I invite you to attend a committee meeting as our guest. We start at 9.30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Emerald Street Community Centre, West Essendon. The remaining meeting dates for 2017 are 21 September, 19 October and 16 November.

This time last year, a group of members decided to take up the invitation and check us out. I was very pleased when two of our guests successfully nominated for vacancies on the committee. The others joined as co-opted members. All have given very valuable service. This is how U3As work and why the U3A movement is growing so strongly.

So, come and visit us. Contact Fran Horton, Secretary, on 0409 376 636 or by email frances.horton4@bigpond.com or phone the office to leave a message on 9377 7779.



U3A Network Vic 2017 State Conference 'Communities Learning Together' is on **4 and 5 September**, at the King Edward Ballroom, Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders St, Melbourne. Registration <http://www.u3avicconference.com.au> at \$100 per delegate may be split over the two days. If you are interested in attending, please contact me via the email below.

Thanks to Editor, Joan Adams, and the team of contributors and assistants who produced this edition of *Contact*.

Keep learning. Enjoy!

Robyn Temby
president@u3amooneevalley.com.au

COURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Semester 2 courses are now well underway and we will soon be seriously into planning for next year. I will approach our existing tutors in a few weeks for details of their proposed offerings in 2018.

While the majority of our classes and activities are normally continuations or repeats of those in the previous year, we are always looking for new programs to add to our range. If you would like to discuss the possibility of leading a course next year, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact me through the office (9337 7779 or mvu3a1@gmail.com).

September Forum: Moonee Valley Libraries: What's in it for me?

Many of us use the library service for borrowing books, but are possibly unaware of the huge range of additional free resources offered via the library website. This includes free access to some of the latest popular magazines and newspapers, talking books, music, films and e-books. There are sites to help with language learning, health issues, online learning and many more topics. Through the website, new books are promoted and suggestions made for finding new authors. All this from the convenience of your own home!

Come along to hear from **Justine Hanna, Team Leader, Sam Merrifield Library**, about many of these resources and how to access them. The talk will also include a live demonstration of some of the products.

To get the most out of this session, we encourage you to be a member of the library (necessary if you wish to access the resources). If you haven't joined already, you can do this by visiting one of the five branches near you (Moonee Ponds, Niddrie, Flemington, Ascot Vale or Avondale Heights) or via the Moonee Valley City Council website at www.mvcc.vic.gov.au

The forum will be held on Thursday 28 September (during the term break) at the Hi-Marque Room, Level 2, Windy Hill Venue, corner of Napier and Brewster Streets, Essendon, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. There is a free car park on the opposite side of Napier Street.

If you would like to attend the forum, please either phone or email the office (9337 7779 or mvu3a1@gmail.com) and register your name(s). An enrolment form is not required. Please also indicate if you plan to stay and join us for lunch at the Terrace Bistro. Their prices are very reasonable, with seniors' meals available. It is best to register as early as possible, preferably before the term break. This will be our final forum for the year and we hope to see you there.

Geoff Miller

OFFICE NEWS

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A sincere thank you to the volunteers who regularly attend our office. Winter is always a slow time of the year as many members go away to warmer places, others are not inspired to set out on new challenges, and popular classes are often already at capacity. As the weather in Melbourne improves and our timetable for 2018 nears completion, the office phone will start to ring again on a regular basis.

An office iPad is gradually being introduced to the committee and office volunteers. As we move towards enrolments for 2018, Barrie Fenby will make contact with all OVs to make arrangements for training users in its operation. It is expected that OVs will be able to provide much more practical assistance to callers by having access to our website and the enrolment system.

**Fran Horton
Acting Office Manager**

MEMBERSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

We currently have 542 paid-up members. This the highest number we have ever had.

Providing assistance for people having difficulty using the online enrolment system

We are seeking people who are willing to assist other members over the phone if they are having trouble using the online enrolment system. It is not expected that many calls will be received. Our experience is that calls most often relate to lack of confidence rather than to anything technical. If you feel confident using the system yourself and would like to help others, you're just the person we need. Back-up will be available if you receive a difficult call.

If you would like to help, please contact the office or leave a message through our website.

Barrie Fenby

STOP PRESS

Our very own esteemed secretary, past president and long serving tutor, Frances Horton, has been confirmed as a finalist for the 2017 Spirit of Moonee Valley Community Awards, in the Contribution to Older Persons category. Congratulations Fran and good luck!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit and Loss

July 2017

Account Description	July 2017	Year to Date
Income	\$	\$
Class fees	0.00	1,470.00
Grant PGSF	0.00	1,500.00
Grant MVCC	0.00	4,552.00
Interest received	30.81	383.19
Social events	510.00	12,790.00
Subscriptions Associate	0.00	90.00
Subscriptions New	30.00	3,500.00
Subscriptions Renewal	0.00	17,396.78
Sundry receipts	0.00	490.00
Total Income	570.81	42,171.97
Gross Profit	570.81	42,171.97
Expenses		
General Expenses		
Anniversary 20 th year	0.00	9,573.21
Bank charges	7.00	29.80
Office expenses	55.00	1,986.41
Meetings	220.99	220.99
MyU3A subscription	0.00	105.00
Paypal merchant fee	0.00	233.10
Photocopier rental	229.90	1,839.20
Postage	0.00	975.57
Social events	330.00	9,056.85
Stationery	0.00	35.32
Trivia Day	(7.20)	1,182.80
Sundry expenses	0.00	1,068.52
Tutor admin	0.00	400.00
Tutor aids	49.00	4,351.02
Tutor and OV gifts	0.00	160.00
Tutor meetings	0.00	270.00
U3A Network	1,014.00	1,014.00
Venues	620.00	3,525.25
Printing	0.00	533.54
Internet	46.00	2,292.00
Total General Expenses	2,564.69	38,852.58
Payroll Expenses		
Food	0.00	390.00
Total Payroll Expenses	0.00	390.00
Depreciation Expenses		
Furniture depreciation	362.00	2,896.00
Office equipment depreciation	42.00	511.00
Computer depreciation	20.00	192.00
Total Depreciation Expenses	424.00	3,599.00
Total Expenses	2,988.69	42,841.58
Operating Profit	(2,417.88)	(669.61)
Total other income	0.00	-
Total other expenses	0.00	-
Net Profit/(Loss)	(2,417.88)	(669.61)

Maurice Corkill

TRIVIA QUIZ 2017

The pens were poised, the anticipation was enormous and all eyes were concentrated on the screen as the annual Trivia Quiz commenced. Margaret and Maurice (and that other person) were in their appointed places, the technology was behaving itself and the heating had decided to come on after an uncertain start. All was set for the annual contest to find out which team had the greatest knowledge of all types of useless trivia.

As always Margaret had prepared a fantastic bon-bon of entertainment, having spent months and months scouring the internet for relevant material to illustrate the answers. And, Maurice was there to provide the technological expertise to ensure that the day went smoothly. Margaret and Maurice also organised the door prizes that saw many members taking home a bottle of bubbly to imbibe at their pleasure.

Our members certainly know their show tunes. Every team got full marks for knowing ‘Shall We Dance?’ came from the film *The King and I*. Although how Deborah Kerr managed to polka with such vigour without her huge strapless gown descending to the floor is a wonder. Perhaps it was pinned to her skin? All teams also knew that ‘Nothing Like a Dame’ was from *South Pacific*, Marilyn Monroe sang ‘Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend’ in the film *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* and it was ‘Love Potion No. 9’ that was a hit song in 1959.

Only two teams knew that Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years. When he woke up the American War of Independence was over and he got into trouble when he swore allegiance to King George III of Great Britain. I think most members were mixed up with later versions of the story where the hero slept for 100 years. It seems that not many members drink Bacardi Rum as only three teams were able to identify the little animal on the label as a bat. (Or perhaps they don’t take any notice of the label – I certainly would not have been able to pick the correct answer and I have been known to have a rum tippie occasionally, many years ago.)

As 2017 was the 20th anniversary of Moonee Valley U3A the team added some local trivia. Fifteen teams knew that Alex Vanderkooij is our longest continuous serving tutor and our tenth anniversary celebrations were held at Ascot House. However, only five teams were correct when they said that our Moonee Valley website was established as early as 2005, which only goes to show that our U3A is far more dynamic and technologically hip than most members realise.

BUT!!!! What was really chastening was that six teams thought it was me who, several years ago, wrote the wrong day on the calendar and failed to show up on the day. How could they think that the show could possibly go on without me? Obviously those members thought I was dispensable. Well, I have your names and there will be repercussions at next year’s quiz. One team thought it was Maurice who made the calendar mistake. I would just like to say that without Maurice there would be no light and sound show. Anyway, Margaret wouldn’t allow it. Enough said.

This year the winner of our fabulous first prize was team *Hat Trick*. The members of this team, Sue, Carlene, Frank and Geoff, were indeed on a hat trick as they had won the previous two years’ quizzes. Congratulations! (If any member can come up with a way to handicap this team next year, management will take it into consideration.) Second place went to News Hounds (Michelle, Jenny, Joan and Barrie), who won an equally fabulous prize, and third was Park Pipers (Meryl, Wilma, Colleen and Heidi), who also won a fabulous prize. If I can put on my very dusty, old, teacher hat for a minute, I would just like to point out that all teams did very well and, if this were an exam, everyone passed. Well done!

I would be very remiss if I didn't mention the catering. It was wonderful! The lunch was sumptuous and most of us wouldn't have needed any dinner that night. Congratulations to Anne and her team, Barbara, Anne, Lily, Carol, Jane and Robert, who prepared most of the food on the day in the kitchen at Ascot Vale. Also many thanks to the team who helped set up the hall at the start of the day and then helped pack it all up again.

Liz Lynch



Quizmasters Maurice, Liz and Margaret



Quiz maestro Liz demonstrates the value of the prizes



Hat Trick – the winners! Congratulations all!



Luci, happy door prize winner



The Events Team caterers in action

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2017

1. Tuesday 19 September 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Walking Tour of Queens Park

The tour will be led by Bob Chalmers, president of the Essendon Historical Society. Come and join us for a leisurely hour-long stroll through our most beautiful park and learn about how it was transformed from a natural waterhole to a recreational area. Learn about John Oliver – the man who brought about the change – and the many features Queens Park has to offer today. If the weather is not suitable, we will relocate to the Sam Merrifield Library for a talk and visual display of the most interesting features of Queens Park.

Departure: The Tour will leave from the Cenotaph in Queens Park on the corner of Mount Alexander Road and Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds.

Coffee/early lunch: After the tour of Queens Park, you might like to join others for coffee/tea or an early lunch, at your own cost, at the Curators Collective in Queens Park.

Cost: \$10.00, which includes a printed history of Queens Park. Money collected from this activity will go towards the restoration of the Moonee Ponds Court House.

This tour has a limit of 20 persons but no minimum is required for it to proceed.

To participate, complete the booking slip and return with payment of \$10.00 per person, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 by Friday 8 September.

2. Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 10.30 a.m. Visit to the Victoria Police Museum

The visit will begin with a 15-minute introduction, after which participants will be free to wander around the museum at leisure. The Museum's collection contains artefacts from the 1800s to the present day that reflect the diversity of Victoria's policing and criminal history. The collection includes two sets of original Kelly Gang armour, police uniforms and equipment, police medals, convict registers, prisoner records, mug-shots, crime scene photographs, confiscated weapons, police motorcycles, a bomb disposal robot and forensic evidence. At present there is an exhibition celebrating the centenary of women in the police force. For further information go to <http://www.policemuseum.vic.gov>

Location: World Trade Centre, Mezzanine level, 637 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Lunch: After the visit to the museum you might like to join other participants for lunch in the café adjacent to the museum. This café does not take bookings.

Children attending: Children are welcome to accompany a family member on this activity provided the adult completes the permission slip for children accompanying a family member on a U3A Social Activity.

Cost of visit: Gold coin donation on the day.

The minimum number of participants required for this tour is 10 with a maximum of 20.

To participate, complete the booking slip and permission slip for children accompanying a family member on a U3A Social Activity (visit to the Victoria Police Museum on Wednesday 27 September

2017) and return with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 by Friday 15 September 2017.

3. Friday 13 October 2017 at 11.00 a.m. Tramboat cruise to Southbank from Anglers Tavern

After leaving the Anglers Tavern landing the Tramboat will travel along the Maribyrnong River, passing Flemington Racecourse, the historic Footscray Wharves, and along the Yarra River under the Westgate Bridge to pick up 'gourmet' fish and chips at ScienceWorks for lunch on the boat. We will then travel up the Yarra River to berth at DFO South Wharf, where you can go shopping, enjoy a leisurely walk along South Wharf for an hour or stay on the boat. Tea, coffee and assorted slices will be served on the return trip along the Maribyrnong River to the Anglers Tavern. The Tramboat has a fully licensed bar on board.

Departure: The Tramboat will leave from and return to the landing at the Anglers Tavern, 2 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong, at 11.00 a.m. and return at approximately 2.45 p.m.

Cost: \$55.00, which includes travel on the Tramboat, fish and chips for lunch, and afternoon tea on the way back to the Anglers Tavern.

The tour requires a minimum of 30 persons with an upper limit of 49 persons.

To participate, complete the booking slip and return with payment of \$55.00 per person, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 by Friday 29 September 2017. (This is the second Tramboat Cruise in 2017 and has been organised in response to the wishes of people who travelled on the previous cruise in April. This suggests that places on the Tramboat cruise will go quickly. If you wish to participate, book early so you don't miss out.)

**4. Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 1.00 p.m.
*Dream Lover, the Bobby Darin Musical, at the State Theatre***

Dream Lover reveals the extraordinary story of legendary singer, songwriter and actor, Bobby Darin. It stars David Campbell, with Hannah Fredericksen as Sandra Dee, and includes Marina Prior, Marney McQueen, Rodney Dobson and Martin Crewes in the cast. The show presents great hits from the 50s and 60s, including 'Mack The Knife', 'Beyond the Sea' and the multi-million-seller 'Dream Lover'. This musical features a sensational cast with over 40 on stage, including an 18-piece big band.

Tickets: We have 30 tickets in rows H, J, K and L in the stalls. The group booking requires that we sell a minimum of 12 tickets.

Cost: \$70.00. Options for how to pay are listed below.

To participate, complete the booking slip and return together with payment of \$70.00 per ticket and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 by Friday 24 November.

5. Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 1.00 p.m. *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* at the Regent Theatre

Based on the 1994 Oscar-winning film starring Hugo Weaving, Terence Stamp and Guy Pearce, this quirky, funny, fish-out-of-water musical follows Mitzi, Felicia and former Les Girls performer, Bernadette, who hop aboard a battered old bus named Priscilla bound for Alice Springs.

Tickets: We have a total of 30 tickets in rows M and N in the stalls. The group booking requires that we sell a minimum of 10 tickets.

Cost: \$65.00 (*By paying for the tickets early we have been able to reduce the cost from \$75.00 to \$65.00.*) Options for how to pay are listed below.

To participate, complete the booking slip and return, together with payment of \$65.00 per ticket and a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 by Friday 6 October 2017.

Please note:

In relation to all social activities:

- Booking forms are on pages 13, 16, 17 and 18.
- Payment can be made by cheque, money order, online via the internet or directly to our Bendigo Bank account, the details of which are:
Account name: U3A Moonee Valley Inc.
BSB: 633-000
Account number: 1540 51213

When paying via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account, please record your name as the reference and confirm this on your reply slip so that we can recognise where the payment has come from.

- Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- Applications will be accepted in order of receipt. If oversubscribed, a cheque or information on the repayment will be returned in the self-addressed envelope you provided.
- Do not worry if you do not hear from us immediately after sending in your booking. We wait until the minimum required for each activity has been reached, or the tickets have been purchased, before notifying people.
- **No refunds will be provided**, except when the activity has been cancelled, as U3A will generally have forwarded your payment to the organisation concerned or will have had to pay for the number booked or, in the case of theatre tickets, purchased the tickets. If you are unable to attend please arrange for someone else to take your place or use your ticket.

Heather Feldman

MONTHLY LUNCHEES FOR MEMBERS AT ANGLERS TAVERN

All U3A Moonee Valley members are cordially invited to attend the monthly lunches, which are held on the **third Thursday** of each month, except December.

Venue: The Bistro
 Anglers Tavern
 2 Raleigh Road
 Maribyrnong

Time: From 12.00 noon onwards

There is plenty of parking around the hotel and the Maribyrnong #57 tram stops at the door.

There is no set menu for the lunch – everyone chooses and pays for their own food and drink. It is up to you to decide whether you wish to indulge in a full meal or opt to choose from the Seniors Menu. Prices for Seniors meals are:

1 course (Main)	\$15.90
2 courses (Entrée and Main or Main and Dessert)	\$18.90
3 courses (Entrée, Main and Dessert)	\$21.90

Servings are very generous – you will not have to cook that night!

2017 lunch dates are: 21 September
 19 October
 16 November

If you are interested in attending these lunches, please phone us on **9338 8715** or email to **majmaj16@gmail.com** by the preceding Friday.

Although these lunches are not ‘official classes’ where you need to enrol or attend every lunch, we ask that you let us know each month you plan to attend. You may bring along a non-member to the lunches – just let us know the number of those attending when you contact us.

Margaret and Maurice Majurey

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORMS

1. Walking Tour of Queens Park on Tuesday 19 September from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. *(Closing date Friday 8 September.)*

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact Phone number _____

Number attending the tour ____ @ \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

I will /will not be joining the group for coffee/tea or early lunch at the Curative Collective. (Please circle your intention.)

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- ☐ Cheque/money order
- ☐ Bank deposit – reference number/name _____
- ☐ Internet transfer – reference name _____

Please find enclosed cheque/money order or reference name from bank deposit or internet transfer and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Signed _____

U3A MOONEE VALLEY 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SNIPPETS, SCRAPS AND STORIES FROM 2007 TO THE PRESENT

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Contributed by Annette Burston

Peter Laslett founded a self-help version of Frances's original University of the Third Age in Britain in 1982. This version of U3A was introduced into Victoria in the mid-1980s. By 2002 Victoria had 62 U3A groups running classes. The total membership in the state was 16,000. This figure has now grown to over 30,000 people of the Third Age enjoying ongoing learning in over 104 groups in Victoria. Many groups are now celebrating their thirtieth anniversaries.

In February 1997, with encouragement from like-minded friends, local resident June Williams held a meeting to gauge the interest of forming a U3A group in Moonee Ponds and an initial committee was formed:

<i>President</i>	<i>Henry Cooper</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Ella Kaye</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Paul Woods</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Marion Waters</i>
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	<i>Sylvia Hood</i>
<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>June Williams, Beth Wheeler, Anna Greenshields, Mr and Mrs Gonsalves</i>

<i>First Courses/Classes</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>
<i>Recorder Group 1</i>	<i>Sylvia Hood</i>
<i>Cryptic Crosswords</i>	<i>Alex Vanderkooij</i>
<i>Clear Thinking</i>	<i>Bethia Stevenson</i>
<i>Astronomy</i>	<i>Rick Carroll</i>
<i>Understanding a PC</i>	<i>Bert Wheeler</i>
<i>Dutch/Netherlands</i>	<i>Alex Vanderkooij</i>
<i>Book Discussion Group</i>	<i>Anna Greenshields</i>
<i>Recorder Group 2</i>	<i>Sylvia Hood</i>

Membership fees for 1998 were set at \$25.00 a single, \$45.00 a couple

*John Higgins took on the role of president in 1998. Beth Wheeler became the third president in 2000 and also received a Spirit of Moonee Valley Award for her services to the older person in the community. Beth was most active in promoting this U3A and was president until she passed away in July 2003. **

My Folk Art Class

I have been a member of this class for 18 years. The tutor is Dot Hardy. She started the class the year before I started, around 1998. Dorothy has taught many people over the years and is clearly a very skilled teacher as we have won many sections over the years at the Sunbury show. Our class is held in Emerald Street in a building that was once a Baby Health Centre. We are a happy group and have made many friends over the years.

* John van Grondelle stepped up to the president's role following Beth Wheeler's death. He retired at the end of 2008 and Fran Horton was elected to the position for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Ed.

SNIPPETS, SCRAPS AND STORIES FROM 2007 TO THE PRESENT

U3A MOONEE VALLEY 20th ANNIVERSARY

Contributed by Lorraine Higgins

Over 200 members packed the Premiers Room at Windy Hill on 20 June this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Moonee Valley U3A. What a wonderful afternoon to enjoy lunch, entertainment and a chance to catch up with members and tutors of present and past classes.

I remember how excited I was 20 years ago when John and I attended a meeting in the old Town Hall (Clocktower Centre) to discuss the setting up of the Moonee Valley branch of the U3A.

I have been very lucky to attend so many classes over those years, including Cryptic Crosswords, Astronomy, Health and Wellbeing, Folk Art, French, Armchair Travel, Yoga, Tai Chi, Fitness Flexibility and Fun, Pilates, Meditation, Philosophy, Public Speaking, Gardening, Computer Skills, iPad Skills, Singing for Fun and Social Bridge.

John has attended his Art Class for all of the last 20 years, and has also joined in the Astrology class, French class, Social Bridge class and for three years really enjoyed the Wine Making class.

I was so glad that June Williams and Ella Kay received the recognition they very well deserve for their foresight and hard work in setting up our U3A.

Also recognised were past and present Committee Members, Volunteers and Tutors who have given their time over the last 20 years and enabled such a varied and long list of classes to be offered to our members. Sadly, some of them are no longer with us, and I was saddened to hear of the recent passing, at age 90, of Ron Hayes, a real gentleman who was very involved with the U3A in its early years.

I have learned so much, enjoyed all of my classes, and made so many good friends over the past 20 years.

Thank you, Moonee Valley U3A.

If you have a few words or photos describing your time in U3A courses, on excursions or setting up for events, dismantling displays or being on a committee between 2007 and this year, please send them to: u3amveditor@gmail.com

or

post to: The Editor, U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORMS (Cont)

2. Visit to the Victoria Police Museum on Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 10.30 a.m. (Closing date: Friday 15 September 2017)

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact Phone number _____

Number of adults attending the activity _____

Number of children attending the activity _____

Please complete the permission slip below for children accompanying a family member if you are taking children with you on this activity

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- ☐ () Cheque/money order.
- ☐ () Bank deposit – reference number/name _____
- ☐ () Internet transfer – reference name _____

Please find enclosed cheque/money order or reference name from bank deposit or internet transfer, (a 'Permission slip for children accompanying a family member on a U3A Moonee Valley activity' if bringing children on this activity) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Signed _____

Permission slip for children accompanying a family member on a U3A Moonee Valley social activity

Activity: Visit to the Victoria Police Museum, on Wednesday 27 September 2017

As the accompanying adult family member, I accept primary responsibility for the safety and behaviour of the child/children in my care, as listed below, during all activities associated with this event.

Names of children accompanying the adult family member:

Adult Family Member name (Please print) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORMS (Cont.)

3. Tramboat cruise to Southbank from Anglers Tavern on Friday 13 October at 11.00 a.m.
(Closing date: Friday 29 September 2017)

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact Phone number _____

Number attending the tour ____ @ \$55.00 per person = \$ _____

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- () Cheque/money order.
- () Bank deposit – reference number/name _____
- () Internet transfer – reference name _____

Please find enclosed cheque/money order or reference name from bank deposit or internet transfer and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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4. Dream Lover – The Bobby Darin Musical at the State Theatre on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 1.00 p.m.
(Closing date: Friday 24 November 2017.)

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact Phone number _____

Number of tickets required _____ @ \$70.00 per person = _____

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- () Cheque/money order.
- () Bank deposit – reference number/name _____
- () Internet transfer – reference name _____

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORMS (Cont.)

5. *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday 28 March at 1.00 p.m. (Closing date: Friday 6 October 2017)

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact Phone number _____

Number of tickets required _____ @ \$65.00 per person _____

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- ☐ Cheque/money order.
- ☐ Bank deposit – reference number/name _____
- ☐ Internet transfer – reference name _____

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