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## MOONEE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Members' lunches at the Anglers Tavern	Wed	5 April	Tour of MCG and National Sports Museum
Reading with children at Debney Meadows	Thu	6 April	Forum at Windy Hill
	Wed	12 April	A Visual <i>Pot Pourri</i> at AVNC
	Tue	18 April	Term 2 commences
	Thu	20 Apr	Committee Meeting
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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members, greetings! And a special welcome to all new members to U3A Moonee Valley. Here is the first quarterly edition of U3A Moonee Valley's newsletter, *Contact*, for 2017. Thank you to the contributors and the editor for arranging its publication and distribution.

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to U3A Moonee Valley! Throughout 2016 a special sub-committee of the Committee of Management (the 'Roaring Twenties' team) worked hard to come up with enjoyable ways to commemorate these 20 years of developing and consolidating our vibrant learning community. A list of events the 'Roaring Twenties' team invites you to be a part of during the year can be found on page 5.

## U3A Moonee Valley 2016 AGM

The Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 6 December 2016 at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre. The President and Treasurer presented their annual reports to members, the 2017 Committee of Management was elected, we listened to a most informative guest speaker, and the work of all our volunteers who contribute their time, skills and enthusiasm for our members was acknowledged.



*The recorder group, led by Merryl Carey, entertains before the meeting  
Thank you to Bernard Aquilina for the photos*

Seventy-eight members attended the AGM as well as guests Carmel Boyce and Danijela Bura from Moonee Valley City Council. Other guests were Dorothy Kendall and Joanna Tippet from U3A Altona, Glenda Kueng and Anne Peevers of U3A Brimbank and Robert Ryan represented U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown.



*The 2016 Office Volunteers and Readers at Debney Meadows PS are acknowledged*

## Guest Speaker

Michael Staindl from Beyond Zero Emissions spoke passionately on the disastrous damage that is currently happening to our planet due to climate change. He called for urgent action while acknowledging the tendency in human nature to discount the future – the ‘Wicked Problem’.

## 2017 Committee of Management

Eight committee positions were due for election in 2016. They were President, Vice President, Treasurer and five Ordinary Members, each for a two-year term. The current President, first elected in 2013, is limited to one more year according to the Constitution adopted in August 2014, which states that Officer positions may not be held for more than two consecutive terms of two years.

Eight nominations were received and those members were elected unopposed. The members of the 2017 Committee of Management are:

President: Robyn Temby	Vice President: Mandy Heane
Treasurer: Maurice Corkill	Secretary: Fran Horton
Course/Tutor Coordinator: Geoff Miller	Membership/Database Manager: Barrie Fenby
Venue Coordinator: Edith James	Database Assistant: Lorraine Rodger
Editor: Joan Adams	Office Manager: Marjorie Ridley
Social Activities Coordinator: Heather Feldman	Ordinary member Robert d'Silva

It is good to have two new members (Mandy and Robert) on the Committee and we are very grateful to be supported by co-opted members Jo Bradshaw, Marie Daffey, Jenny Dwyer, Julie Kenessy and Helen Mather.

## Retiring Committee Members and Tutors

Geoff Miller asked the meeting to acknowledge all the Tutors, after which he farewelled and thanked Esperanza Carreras (Spanish 2) and long-serving tutor Nell Axon (Literature through the Ages). I acknowledged Les Mayes, who retired from the committee in August.



*Esperanza (left) and Nell are presented with gifts and certificates of appreciation*

Office Manager Marjorie Ridley thanked all Office Volunteers and Debney Meadows Readers. Liz Lynch notified members of the 24 February 2017 Induction Day for Volunteer Readers at Debney Meadows Primary School.



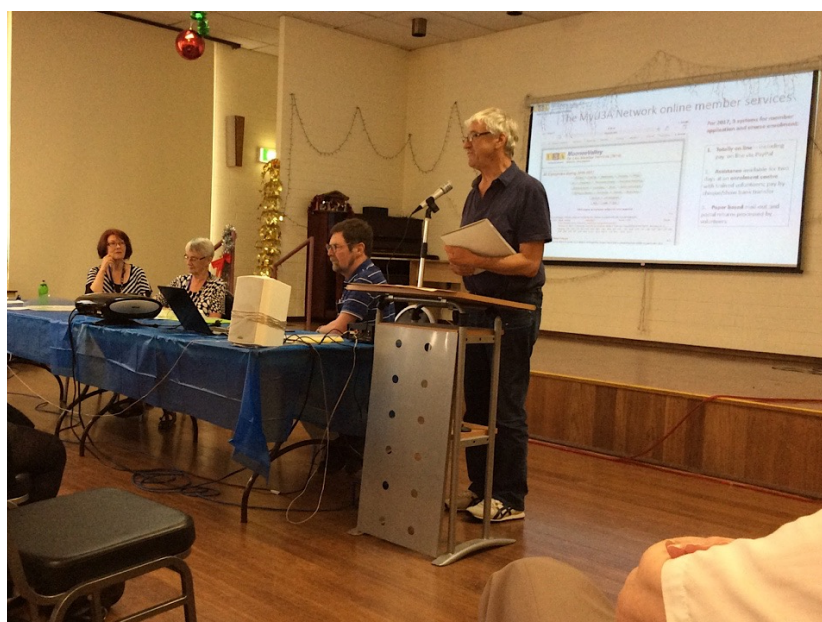
We acknowledged the Events Team for preparing a delicious afternoon tea. I thank the 2016 Committee and all who contributed to this major event for our organisation; they did a great job.



*L to R Events Team leader Anne Fkih, Lilly Bajinksis, Pam Vandenharn, Barbara Simmons, Margaret Dowsett, Wendy Miles and Frank Evans (not quite in the picture)*

### **The move to online member management**

At the beginning of 2016 it was apparent that the tasks of managing membership applications and course enrolments could be done more effectively via the internet. The membership team and course coordinator were experiencing an increasingly onerous and time-consuming workload to get our U3A up and running at the beginning of every year. During the course of 2016 the Committee of Management investigated the systems available and settled on MyU3A.



*Barrie Fenby reports to the AGM on the introduction of the online member management system, MyU3A*

Thank you and congratulations to all who have given their time and expertise to undertake a great deal of preparation and training to enable U3A Moonee Valley to implement MyU3A, as well as deal with system glitches and cater as best they could to address members' questions and concerns. In particular, I acknowledge Pauline Henessey and Barrie Fenby for their total dedication to the project.

The Moonee Valley Festival is on again Sunday 26 February 2017 at Queens Park from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Come and find us at our stall in the Community Marquee. For more information on the Festival look in to the latest *Valley View* publication from Council or go to: <http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/experience-moonee-valley/events-and-festivals/moonee-valley-festival/about-the-moonee-valley-festival.aspx>

On behalf of the Committee of 2017, I wish you a marvellous year ahead where you relish taking on learning something new and remember to practise, practise, practise!

**Robyn Temby**

[president@u3amooneevalley.com.au](mailto:president@u3amooneevalley.com.au)

## **U3A MOONEE VALLEY 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**



### **Activities and dates to note in your diary**

1. Inspired by the 'Special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of *Contact*', the editor invites you to email snippets, scraps, photos or stories of your experience of our U3A over the years for publication in the May, August or November 2017 *Contact* newsletters.
  - a. Email to: [u3amveditor@gmail.com](mailto:u3amveditor@gmail.com)  
or
  - b. Post to: The Editor, U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039
- See page 15 for a couple of examples from 2007.
2. *A Video Pot Pourri* – film day and lunch on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre, corner Union Road and Munro Street, 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. For more details see page 10.
3. *Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year – acknowledging our Tutors* – U3A Moonee Valley 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at the Premiers Room, Windy Hill Venue. A sit-down lunch of main course and dessert and one drink voucher. Subsidised cost to members will be \$25.00. Details to be published in May *Contact*.
4. *The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Super Trivia Quiz* – Thursday 6 July 2017 at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre. Details to be published in May *Contact*.
5. *Show Day* – U3A Moonee Valley struts its stuff for all to see – 4 October 2017 at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre. Details to be published in August *Contact*.
6. *Volunteers Lunch* at Moonee Valley Legends Bistro – 5 October 2017 from 12 noon. A free event for all U3A Moonee Valley volunteers, by invitation.

## **COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **New Courses**

The following are additions to the course listing circulated in November. Members may now enrol for these courses online, or by posting a Course Application Form (available from the office).

***Living a Full Life*** – this new short course will help you to highlight your personal passions and focus your energy on the things you love to do. Peter Price is the tutor and sessions will be at Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Wednesdays, commencing 1 March. There will be six sessions (1, 8 & 29 March; 26 April and 10 & 25 May).

***Oil Painting and Water Colours (Friday Group)*** – this is a second class of a very popular course. It will be led by Tess Theodosiou and will meet on Friday afternoons at Emerald Street Community Centre from 1.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. At the time of writing there were places available.

***Book Club 4*** – our book clubs are always very popular and soon after enrolments opened there was a lengthy wait list for the three existing groups. Sue Skrzelski will now lead a fourth group, which will normally meet at Niddrie Library on the first Friday of the month from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The initial meeting, however, will be on Friday 10 February at 11.00 a.m. There were still two places available on 31 January.

It is very pleasing that both Tess and Sue were happy to step up from being class members last year to leading new groups this year.

Unfortunately, our pottery group will not commence until Term 2 because of a safety-related upgrade of the kiln at Flemington Community Centre. It was also necessary for classes to change from Tuesdays to Fridays to fit in with the Centre's own classes. Members who were enrolled have been notified of the change.

### **April Forum**

We are very pleased to announce that following his very well-received presentation on the human brain at our first forum in 2016, Dr Peter Salmon has agreed to an encore performance.

This time Peter will deal with **Genetics, and the role it plays in the life of all living organisms**. He will discuss the structure of DNA; how it shapes all life, and passes on individual characteristics from generation to generation.

Peter is a qualified psychologist who has recently been involved in studying and updating his skills in the field of neuro-psychology. He is also a popular tutor at U3A Melbourne City. The forum will be at the Hi-Marque Room, Level 2, Windy Hill Venue, Corner of Napier and Brewster Streets, Essendon, on Thursday 6 April – during the term break – from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

If you would like to attend, please phone the office (Tel: 9337 7779) as soon as possible and register your name – an enrolment form is not required. Please also indicate if you plan to stay for lunch at the Terrace Bistro. Windy Hill is providing the venue for the forum free of charge, with the expectation that a good number of the participants will patronise the bistro – as the majority did after all three forums last year. The prices are very reasonable and there is a seniors menu.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to enjoying your classes and activities in 2017.

**Geoff Miller**

## MEMBERSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

We currently have 501 paid-up members. This means we are growing a little – at this time last year we had 470. If the pattern of enrolments is similar to last year, our membership will exceed 550 during 2017.

After a few initial glitches, the online membership and course application system is working well. Approximately 87 per cent of members joined and enrolled online for 2017 courses. Thank you to all those volunteers who assisted members to enrol at Windy Hill. Most members were pleasantly surprised at how quick and easy the process was.



*Pauline Hennessy and Nola Spicer ready to enrol*



*Maurice Corkill and Geoff Miller ready to take the money*

### **Need to check your class details for 2017?**

Go to **Member Login** on the **JOIN** page of our website (<http://u3amooneevalley.com.au>) and choose '**Classes 2017**'.

This shows the details of your classes, including times, dates, venue address and whether you are enrolled or on the waitlist.

### **Forgotten your ID or password?**

If you know either your ID or your password, but have forgotten the other, you can enter the one you know and select '**Forgotten Password**'. Both your ID and password will be sent to your email address (which must match the one we have for you on the system). If you have forgotten both, please ring the office.

### **Thinking of joining another class?**

Login and select '**Classes 2017**' then on the ensuing screen select '**Classes 2017**' again. This lists all of our courses with details and shows on the right-hand side of the screen whether they are still **Open** for enrolments or are on **Wait List**.

To enrol in a class, click in the small square above '**Request**' on the left side of each course description, then select NEXT at the bottom of the page.



## **Please make sure your details are up-to-date on the online system**

You can change your details at any time. Go to '**Member Login**' on the **JOIN** page of our website (<http://u3amooneevalley.com.au>) and choose '**Update Profile**'. This is also where you can change your password if you wish.

## **Need a badge?**

Badges will be posted to all new members early in the term. If you need a replacement badge, please advise the office. Tel: 9337 7779.

**Barrie Fenby**

## **OFFICE NEWS**

**Emerald Street, West Essendon Tel: 9337 7779 PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039**

The Committee of Management and I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered to keep the office open from Monday to Friday.

The office opened on 31 January and will close on 31 March for the term break. It will reopen on 18 April.

The voice on the phone is often the first personal contact someone has with our organisation and we are very proud of the professional manner and dedication of our Office Volunteers and their efficiency in handling all kinds of enquiries. Messages left on voicemail are monitored regularly.

We would like to have more volunteers, especially for emergency duty, but for rostered duty as well. If you are able to help or wish to find out more about being an Office Volunteer, please email: [officecomv@gmail.com](mailto:officecomv@gmail.com) or telephone: 0410 435 929.

**Marjorie Ridley**

## **NORTHERN/WESTERN METRO U3A REGIONS COMBINED FORUM**

A combined meeting of representatives of the Northern and the Western Metro U3A Regions will be held at Windy Hill on **Wednesday 22 March** to discuss 'succession planning', the development of a local 'Tutor Bank', how to adapt policies to suit each group and/or a 'Treasurer Forum'.

U3A Moonee Valley members are invited to apply for a place at this day-long event. Lunch will be provided. Other attendees will come from Sunbury, Hume, Whittlesea, Moreland, Nillumbik, Darebin and Banyule and from the western area – Bacchus Marsh, Melton, Brimbank, Footscray, Hobsons Bay/Williamstown, Altona and Werribee.

Our basic objectives are very similar, but a diversity of cultures and physical surroundings leads to a wonderful and interesting range of courses and activities and approaches to solving problems.

If interested, please contact: Fran Horton on 0409 376 636 or [frances.horton4@bigpond.com](mailto:frances.horton4@bigpond.com)



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Profit and Loss**

**December 2016**

<b>Account Description</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions associate	\$300.00	
Subscriptions new	\$3,170.00	
Subscriptions renewal	\$14,310.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$17,780.00</b>
Gross Profit		<b>\$17,780.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Expenses		
Bank charges	\$2.10	
Office expenses	\$790.54	
Paypal merchant fee	\$133.70	
Photocopier rental	\$229.90	
Postage	\$100.00	
Social events	\$2,664.00	
Sundry expenses	\$521.76	
Tutors and OV's gifts	\$100.00	
Venues	\$40.00	
Printing	\$19.64	
Internet	\$1,660.00	
Total General Expenses		\$6,261.64
Depreciation Expenses		
Furniture depreciation	\$362.00	
Office equipment depreciation	\$71.00	
Computer depreciation	\$38.00	
Total Depreciation Expenses		\$471.00
Total Expenses		<b>\$6,732.64</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<b>\$11,047.36</b>
Total other income		\$0.00
Total other expenses		\$0.00
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>		<b>\$11,047.36</b>

**Maurice Corkill**

**U3A Moonee Valley  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1997 – 2017**

**~ A VIDEO POT POURRI ~**

**Wednesday 12 April 2017  
between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. (approx.)**

**at the Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre  
corner of Union Road and Munro Street  
Ascot Vale**



**Three hours of short films from well-known projectionists featuring things to  
amaze and to laugh at!**

***BENEFITS OF LAUGHING***

*Improves breathing  
Helps you lose weight  
Gives good sleep  
Decreases stress  
Makes you look younger*

***THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO LAUGH OR BE AMAZED***

**Entry is *free* but everyone attending must be a financial member of U3A  
Moonee Valley.**

***Lunch* will be provided.**

***To register*, telephone our office, where volunteers are on duty  
from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. every week day.**

**Please *PHONE: 9337 7779* by Friday 31 March 2017**

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2017**

The following activities and theatre bookings have been organised to provide interesting places for members to visit, opportunities to meet and mix with other members and to see popular shows at a reduced price.

When participating in a *U3A social activity*, members are welcome to bring non-members with them.

### **1. Wednesday 5 April at 10.30 a.m.**

#### **Tour of the MCG and self-guided visit to the National Sports Museum**

As this is during the school holidays you are welcome to bring along non-members aged 5 years and over.

**Location:** Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) Brunton Avenue, Richmond.

During your one-hour tour you will see:

- the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) Long Room
- the MCC library and tapestry
- player change rooms
- cricketers' viewing room
- the Ron Casey media centre
- views of Melbourne from the City Terrace as well as take a walk on the hallowed arena.

You do not have to be a football die-hard or cricket tragic to enjoy this tour; it has much of interest to say about Melbourne and its social as well as its sporting history.

The National Sports Museum's displays include: *Faster, Higher, Stronger* – Olympic Games through the years; the *Backyard to Baggy Green* cricket gallery; the Australian Hall of Fame for football; the *Champions* – Thoroughbred Racing Gallery and much more. You are free to look at what interests you.

**Lunch:** After the tour of the MCG and National Sports Museum you might like to join other U3A members for lunch, at your own cost, at the Hugh Trumble Café at the MCG. Lunch is booked for 12.45 p.m.

**Tour cost:** \$28.00 for adults and children over 15 and \$17.00 for children 5–15 years of age.

The tour has no minimum or maximum requirement. The MCG will link our members with other participants if there are not enough of us for a full tour on our own.

***To participate, complete the booking slip and return it with the payment of \$28.00 per adult and \$17.00 per child, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039 by Friday 17 March.***

### **2. Friday 28 April 2017 at 10.30 a.m.**

#### **Tramboat from the Anglers Tavern to Williamstown**

From the Anglers Tavern landing, the Tramboat will travel along the Maribyrnong River, passing Flemington Racecourse – home of the Melbourne Cup – the historic Footscray Wharves, along the Yarra River and under the Westgate Bridge into Hobsons Bay and the historic Port of Williamstown. We berth at Gem Pier so guests can enjoy a stroll around Williamstown for an hour or stay on the boat and then return to the Anglers Tavern. The Tramboat has a fully licensed bar on board.

**Departure:** The Tramboat will leave from the landing at the Anglers Tavern, 2 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong, at 10.30 a.m. and return at approximately 2.00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50.00, which includes travel to and from Williamstown, morning tea on the way to Williamstown and 'Fish 'n Chips' for lunch on the way back.

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

***To participate, complete the booking slip and return this with the payment of \$50.00 per person, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to U3A Moonee Valley, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039 by Friday 14 April. (Places on the Tramboat cruise are likely to go quickly – if you wish to participate book early so you don't miss out.)***

**3. Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 1.00 p.m.**  
**My Fair Lady at the Regent Theatre**

In the show's 60th anniversary year, Opera Australia and John Frost join forces to honour the past and bring the well-loved story of Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins to a new generation of theatre audiences. The clash of cultures sparks some of theatre's most jubilant songs and witty dialogue. The score features unforgettable numbers including 'Wouldn't it be lovely?', 'On the street where you live', 'I could have danced all night' and 'Get me to the church on time'.

In a world-first, Julie Andrews directs a glorious production of *My Fair Lady*, teaming up with the Tony Award-winning choreographer, Christopher Gattelli, and using the original Cecil Beaton costumes and Oliver Smith set design.

Tickets are in rows J and K in the dress circle.

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

The group booking requires a minimum of 10 tickets to be sold, with a maximum of 30 tickets available.

***To participate, complete the booking slip and return it, together with the 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 10 March.***

**4. Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 1.00 p.m.**  
**Aladdin at Her Majesty's Theatre**

*Aladdin* is the must-see show of the year and was labelled 'Broadway's biggest new hit!' by *Entertainment Weekly*. From the producer of *The Lion King* and *Mary Poppins*, the story of Aladdin comes to thrilling theatrical life in this bold new musical comedy. The *New York Times* said it's 'Fabulous!' and 'Extravagant!' and *USA Today* called it 'Pure Genie-us!' With exhilarating choreography, show-stopping production numbers and astonishing visual effects, Disney's *Aladdin* is, as NBC-TV declares, 'Exactly what you wished for'.

*Our Social Activities Coordinator saw this show in Sydney last year and enjoyed it so much that she plans to go again this year.*

**Tickets:** We have 7 tickets in row S in the stalls and 23 in the 3 back rows of the dress circle.



Tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you require a seat in the stalls please book early.

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

The group booking requires a minimum of 20 tickets to be sold, with a maximum of 30 tickets available.

***To participate, complete the booking slip and return, together with the 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 9 June.***

**Please note**

***In relation to all social activities:***

- Booking forms are on pages 14 and 17.
- Payment can be made by cheque, money order, online via the internet or directly to our bank, 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 came from.

- Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- Applications will be accepted in order of receipt. If the activity is 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 the activity has been reached 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 we are visiting or will have paid 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**

**NEEDED – DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT OFFICER WITH U3A NETWORK**

Harry Dobson is retiring in August and a person is needed to fill the role of helping local U3A groups establish themselves and grow. Initially it will be 10 hours a week working alongside Harry to learn on the job. This is a paid position. The Development Support Officer does not need to be a member of U3A but it is helpful to have a working knowledge of the organisation. Further details are available by emailing [president@u3avictoria.com.au](mailto:president@u3avictoria.com.au)

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORMS**

### **1. Tour of MCG and visit to National Sports Museum – Wednesday 5 April at 10.30 a.m.** *(Closing date Friday 17 March)*

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending the tour and visit to the National Sports Museum

Adults and children over 15 years \_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_

Children aged 5–15 years \_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 per child = \$ \_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_

**I will / I will not** join the group for lunch at the Hugh Trumble Café. (Please circle)

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- ☐ ( ) Cheque/money order
- ☐ ( ) Bank deposit – reference number/name \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ ( ) Payment via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account. In each case we need a name as a reference.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Tramboat to Williamstown from the Anglers Tavern – Friday 28 April 2017 at 10.30 a.m.** *(Closing date Friday 14 April)*

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending the tour \_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- ☐ ( ) Cheque/money order
- ☐ ( ) Bank deposit – reference number/name \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ ( ) Payment via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account. In each case we need a name as a reference.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **U3A MOONEE VALLEY 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

### **SNIPPETS, SCRAPS AND STORIES FROM 2007 TO THE PRESENT**

Below are some pieces that members shared when U3A Moonee Valley celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2007. If you have a few words or photos of your time in U3A courses, on excursions or setting up for events or dismantling displays or being on a committee between 2007 and this year, please send them to: [u3amveditor@gmail.com](mailto:u3amveditor@gmail.com)

or

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

### **LEARNING – IN SPITE OF MYSELF**

Having been in U3A for some years without achieving a great deal, I eventually became interested in cryptic crosswords. This prompted me to join Alex Vanderkooij's course for eight weeks. Most of that time was spent scrambling to make some sense of these wretched things! Thank you, Alex, for many hours of (some) achievement, plus much enjoyment and/or frustration.

I then came upon 'Armchair Travel' and 'Flicks in the Morning'. 'Great,' I thought, 'no cramming or homework here. I can relax and enjoy.' Little did I know that I would continue to learn – in spite of myself – as Margaret and Maurice Majurey's choice of documentaries, films and so on is varied and very interesting. Thank you both. Ergo – thank you, U3A!

**Paddy Parry**

### **CREATIVE WRITING**

Retirement can be a time of uncertainty and anxiety. U3A has offered me a great opportunity to meet new people and discover hidden talents and skills; the potential to extend myself and maybe try something different or something I have always wanted to do. I have found classes both stimulating and fun. This year, I find that the Creative Writing class offers a chance to stretch one's imagination, while delighting in the work and ideas of others.

**Sue Curwood**

### **JOINING MVR U3A IN 1998 WAS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS OF MY LIFE.**

My marriage had broken down and I was struggling to build a new life for myself. Although living near my daughters and grandchildren, I was quite sure that I did not want to become a slave to domesticity again.

I also re-discovered Melbourne's shops, public transport, the galleries, the new casino and the Victoria Market. But I was aimless, merely filling in the hours of each day while my family followed their careers.

Then I responded to an advertisement in the local paper for courses offered by MVR U3A. I enrolled in Clear Thinking and Current Affairs and volunteered for office duty. A new chapter in my life had begun.

Over time, I have acquired my own unit with a garden that I share with Hoagy the cat and Hero, my special doggy friend. My three grandchildren are a constant source of surprises and challenges and I relish being involved in their lives.

But, it was the regular commitment to U3A classes and the companionship of so many, many lovely people that convinced me that, yes, life could be good, and yes, I do have a contribution to make to my community, even at this stage of my life.

Patchwork is now in its third year and I am so grateful to the wonderful ladies who turn up week after week with their beautiful work. It gladdens my heart and inspires me to even more ambitious projects. If only I had the time to join some other classes!

I thank those who had the foresight and the grit to set up MVR U3A. I knew Ella Kaye and Beth Wheeler and I am only too aware of what the present Committee sacrifices for U3A members. I salute you all!

I look forward to celebrating ten years of growth. Not just for U3A, but in myself, and I intend to be around for the next big anniversary.

**Frances Horton.**

(slightly modified from the original)

### **MONTHLY LUNCHEES FOR MEMBERS AT ANGLERS TAVERN**

All U3A Moonee Valley members are 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:

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:	16 February	20 July
	16 March	17 August
	20 April	21 September
	18 May	19 October
	15 June	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 do ask you to 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 (cont)**

#### **3. My Fair Lady at the Regent Theatre – Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 1.00 p.m.** (Closing date Friday 10 March)

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 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ ( ) Payment via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account. In each case we need a name as a reference.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. The musical Aladdin at Her Majesty's Theatre – Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 1.00 p.m.** (Closing date Friday 9 June)

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket preference – Stalls ☐ ( ) Dress Circle ☐ ( ) No preference ☐ ( )

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

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## READING WITH CHILDREN AT DEBNEY MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

In 2001, Beth Wheeler, then President of U3A Moonee Valley, was asked if any members of our group would be interested in spending a few hours each week helping young school children with their reading.

The response to Beth's plea was positive and a partnership was formed with Debney Meadows Primary School, a school tucked away at 100 Victoria Street, Flemington, near the high-rise flats, which are mostly occupied by recent migrants to our country. Very often English was not spoken in the home and the children ended up teaching their parents.

The aim was and still is to have fun with stories, things and people so that the children will find this community less alien and more welcoming. Teaching English is the role of the teacher.

The U3A tradition of being a 'Debney Reader' continues to this day. Terry Trainor, who passed away last year, was devoted to the school's program and is still sadly missed by many of the children. Other U3A members who are currently participating are Wilma Carbis and Margaret Slater.

Debney Meadows Primary School sincerely values its volunteers and will be running an induction session in February this year. U3A volunteers are definitely wanted – and I quote... 'We still need all the volunteers we can attract; their work with children is always valuable as are the special relationships that grow over time'.

Volunteers are needed in the classroom and for small groups to tackle literacy and numeracy. Most volunteers give two or four hours a week. It is up to you. If you have any cooking and/or gardening skills you will be welcome to help with the establishment of a kitchen garden.

On induction day you will receive an overview of the school and learn of the challenges faced, the needs of the children, programs that are run and specific goals and approaches used by the school and the structure/staffing of the school. You will get to meet other volunteers and hear insights from 'regulars'.

Volunteers will need to go online and organise their own *Working with Children* check, which is free.

**INDUCTION DAY – Friday 24 February 2017 from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

**Phone 9367 1570** for more information or to register.

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