

NEWSFLASH 13 MARCH 2024

NEW COMMITTEE

At the AGM on the 5th of March a new Committee was elected. A full report on the AGM will be provided in the Newsletter due at the end of term. Congratulations and thanks to the Committee members for stepping up to help keep our U3A going. Huge thanks also to the outgoing Committee members, Fiona Williams and Sue Sturup, who have done a sterling job.

President: Phil Quinn
Vice President: Ian Barclay
Treasurer: Bronwyn Mills
Secretary: Sandi Fallshaw
General Committee: Sandy Guest, Ruth Patching, Yvonne Davidson, Clara Brack & Lars Jonasson

COMMITTEE MATTERS

The new Committee met for the first time Tuesday 12th March. Business included:

- Christmas in July function replacing end of year Christmas lunch
- Grants - \$500 received from HBCC for consumables
- Roles and Responsibilities of Committee members (more in Newsletter) and Sub Committees including a new Sub Committee for Grants (with an invitation to members to join this group).

NEW ACTIVITIES

HISTORICAL WALK OF FITZROY AND RICHMOND

Chris McConville (Victoria University) is leading an historical walk of Fitzroy and Richmond and is offering the walk to our U3A. Date is Tuesday 19th March. Meet at 11.30am at corner of Gertrude and Brunswick Streets. For further information and to join the walk, please contact Sue Dawkins at susan.sleep4@gmail.com and register on UMAS.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

An Expression of Interest for Tennis resulted in a positive response so this activity is proceeding. Places have been reserved for those who expressed interest but vacancies exist, particularly for the morning session. Enrol via UMAS but everyone will go on to a Wait List and those who responded to the EOI will get first preference.

POWER IN CONTEMPORARY ASIA: AUSTRALIAN RESPONSES

We are very lucky to have another series of talks by Allan Patience, Honorary Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences in the University of Melbourne. He will present a series of six talks on Power in Contemporary Asia: Australian responses. He will provide an outline of the 3 most powerful states in Contemporary Asia (China, Japan and Indonesia) and also cover Australia's responses to them. Allan's talks on international relations and politics have always been fascinating and popular. The talks will be held on 6 consecutive Wednesdays, 3.00 - 4.30pm in the Pavilion, next to the Cottage. The dates are: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, July and 7th August. Enrol through UMAS.

GEELONG ART SHOW.

There are still vacancies for the trip to Geelong to see the Cutting Through Time exhibition at the Geelong Art Gallery on 12 July. The exhibition will examine the influence of Japanese woodblock prints on the famed contemporary Australian painter and printmaker, Cressida Campbell, and the ground breaking modernist painter and printmaker, Margaret Preston. The outing will include lunch. Details are in UMAS and please enrol through UMAS. The website for the Geelong Gallery is www.geelonggallery.org.au. Use the website to buy yourself a ticket for 11.00am entry. 9 places left at last count!

BEGINNERS UKULELE

Always wanted to play a musical instrument? Vacancies still exist for Beginners Ukulele which will start on 12 April. Enrol through UMAS.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SOLO

We have an offer to run a Solo (cards) activity. It is a game related to 500 but without jokers or bowers, so simpler. Trumps are determined as per 500. Check out the game via Google or similar. At this stage we are gauging interest. We don't have a venue, date, etc. So, if interested please get back to Phil Quinn indicating interest and preferred day of the week, on the following email: kerryandphil1952@gmail.com

BEGINNERS CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Cryptic Crosswords are popular in our U3A. Is anyone interested in an absolute beginner Cryptic Crosswords activity? We are trying to assess interest before putting energy into developing the activity. Darby Higgs and Phil Quinn have offered to contribute expertise and Deb McDonald will do the admin. Respond to Phil Quinn on kerryandphil1952@gmail.com if interested in being in the activity or offering expertise.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITES

Keep an eye on UMAS and Newsflashes for new activities! We are always on the lookout for new activities and new convenors. So, if you have any ideas, please contact Yvonne Davidson on info@u3ahbwilli.org.au

NEWSFLASHES

The Communications Sub Committee has determined that Newsflashes will now go out on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month (or thereabouts) unless something urgent arises. If no articles are forwarded to the editor, Kerry Lewis, there will not be a Newsflash. Contributors to Newsflashes are asked to forward finished copy to Kerry at the following email address: Kerryandphil1952@gmail.com