

NEWSFLASH 8 MAY 2024

ACTIVITIES WITH VACANCIES

There are a few really interesting activities with vacancies. You can find details on UMAS or in previous Newsflashes, which you can access on the website. Some of these are very soon, so get in quickly before they do fill.

Wine Tasting in Port Melbourne – 9 May. A day out tasting wine and enjoying lunch.

Meet a Lifeguard – 14 May – Water safety (conducted on dry land).

Introduction to My Aged Care – June 12 (Being run for us by the Council on the Aging, COTA)
This will become important for many of us, so getting an understanding is a great idea.

Positive Ageing – 19 June (Being run for us by the Council on the Aging, COTA)

The two COTA workshops are funded through a HBCC grant. This provides a sandwich/cake lunch beforehand. We need a minimum of 15 enrolments two weeks before the date for these workshops to go ahead. If not, we will have to return the grant money to Council – very embarrassing. Please have a look at these offerings on UMAS as the Committee thought these would be very useful for our membership.

Christmas in July – 26 July

Christmas in July is under-subscribed too. Is it too early, or is everyone hibernating at present? Call it mid-year celebration, if you like. There is no official Christmas Party this year, so this will be the only U3A wide activity for the year. It promises to be a lot of fun, with our talented Ukulele Band, and some other fun activities and a great meal. Details on UMAS and enrol through UMAS.

These activities also have some vacancies:

Australian Authors Book Group – now running and 2 vacancies

Beginners Ukulele – now running and 4 vacancies

Bush and Beach Walks – 23 May and monthly after that with vacancies

Power in Contemporary Asia – July and 1 vacancy

These are a sample. There are also other activities with vacancies, so check UMAS.

Activities looking for interested people to join

Absolute Beginners Cryptic Crosswords. Talk to Deb McDonald. Begins in July.

CONVENOR SOCIAL MORNING TEA

Friday 31st May at 10 am at The Greenery, 30 Ferguson Street Williamstown. Come and join your fellow convenors, share your experience, problems, insights, have some fun and make suggestions to the committee.

Save the date in your diary Convenors!!

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HELPING KEEPING US UP AND RUNNING!

Anne Patrilakis is now keeping an eye on the jigsaws and books so they don't overflow. Cheryl Neenan is keeping up with supplies of coffee, tea, milk and sugar, using the money from the donation box on the bench in the kitchen. 50c is not a big ask for coffee or tea, is it? Joan Lynne is replacing any consumable supplies like toilet paper, etc. in the Cottage. When something like this is running out, please add a note to the list near the mantelpiece in the Cottage. Without people volunteering for tasks like these, our U3A wouldn't run as smoothly, so thanks to all of you.

OUR WEBSITE

There is a newly released document that describes the purpose and guidelines of the U3A Hobson Bay website. Note that there are already some activities using dedicated pages on our web to coordinate their activities or display images created by the group. This is described in the section 'Collections'.

The document is co-written by Lars Jonasson and Ann Banham:

<https://u3ahbwilli.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/U3A-HBW-Web-Fundamentals-21April2024-FINAL.pdf>

HOBSONS BAY WETLANDS CENTRE OPEN DAY

Connecting Communities in Nature: Discover the wonders of our shared home

Saturday 11 May, 10 am - 2 pm, Truganina Explosives Reserve, 274 Queens St. Altona. Join us as we celebrate World Migratory Bird Day with our diverse local community. For more information, go to the website: <https://hobsonsbaywetlandscentre.org.au>

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Kerry Lewis (our Newsflash editor) is away from early May through June to early July. In her absence, send any contributions for Newsflashes to: info@hbwilli.org.au please.