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## U3A Hume Newsletter February 2018

*Welcome back everyone. Hope you have all had a great break and are ready to start your favourite U3A activities. Enjoy*

### U3A Summer Program

Many thanks to our social secretary, Anne de Gabrielle for organising these events. We all appreciate the effort she makes, chasing us up (which she shouldn't have to do), collecting payments, and managing cancellations and so on.

**Airport West Movie Day** – We all saw “The Greatest Showman” with Hugh Jackman as P. T. Barnham. Most enjoyed the show. One comment overheard was “If I’d have known it was a musical I would not have seen it. However the opera singer saved it for me”. Loren Allred was the voice behind the wonderful solo rendition of “Never Enough”.

**Portarlington Boat Trip** – A much larger group of Hume U3Aers were excited about this event. An early morning train ride took us to Southern Cross Station. Then a walk towards Victoria harbour. For a few of us it was the first time we had wandered past Etihad Stadium. The busy Harbour Esplanade had to be crossed before reaching the water’s edge. There were bikes, trams and cars in both directions that gave way to us pedestrians. And in front of us was our Port Phillip Ferries catamaran, waiting in the sunshine.



As the ferry gate did not open until 9:15am some of the group, desperate for coffee started moving to the office buildings to look for facilities. Once a few took off, the rest followed. They didn't find coffee, but instead found toilet facilities.

Our departure was delayed a little by a family who started running towards the ship. By the time the family boarded the forward rope had been released. The ship did a tight turn in the harbour and we were off. With the WestGate Bridge in view we left port. Our speed was limited to eight knots, and then ten knots, and finally we reached 21 knots in the bay.

At Portarlington, we had to walk up the hill to Newcombe Street, the main street. At Newcombe Street, some turned left, some turned right. There were coffee shops, bakeries, fashion shops and two opportunity shops. There was also the bowling club. A few of us bought coffee and perhaps an early lunch, eating outside on the footpath. Others went to the shops to begin with, then lunch in the Grand Hotel. The pub must have known we were coming, as they were offering “senior’s meals”.

Behind the main shops are two opportunity stores. One is well decorated, well stocked with a wide variety of goods, but quite cramped. The second one is to be found off a laneway from Newcombe Street, and operates out of a tin shed. There were many second-hand clothes. Evelyn was looking for a shirt with an Australia Day theme, but came up empty handed. Lin was searching for a circular knitting needle.

While there were many sets of knitting needles, no crooked ones could be found. Cook-n-dine searchers, Peter and Choi struck gold however in the kitchen utensils section. A corkscrew bottle opener was found at 20c. It will be a good "save the day" item for any corked wine bottle.

With the group shopped out, and another hour and a half to occupy, the Golf Club was called and sent a small bus to the pub to collect those wanting some entertainment. The Golf Club also bussed our U3Aers direct to the Portarlington pier to return home on the ferry.

Maybe six people took a walk from the main street to the historical Portarlington Mill. This three storey sandstone and timber building was originally used for making flour. It is now owned by the National Trust. While the gate was open, and you could enter and wander around, the building itself was not open. From the Mill it was a delightful stroll in bare feet along the beach to the ferry.

The return journey across the bay was a little rougher than the morning journey. It was an uncomfortable journey for a few. Nonetheless we reached Victoria Harbour after 5pm without any mishaps. It was a day that all of us enjoyed.



**Ten Pin Bowling**— The third event in our summer program was 10 pin bowling, held on Wednesday 17 January. Standout players were Max and Julie McPherson and Geoff Mackay.

**Melbourne Tram Museum**— Unfortunately our trip to the Melbourne Tram Museum in Hawthorn was cancelled due to the heat.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our summer program. Unfortunately I needed to call off the visit to the Tram Museum due to the heat.

*Anne de Gabrielle*

### **Membership Payments Due**

Our 2018 programme has now started and classes are under way. For those members who have yet to pay their 2018 fees, please do so now. There are approximately 27% of our members who have not paid. You can pay at the office or to your class liaison member. Your new membership badges will be distributed through your class liaison member.

The changeover to using class liaisons and to a new enrolment process has worked very well. Our members have been very cooperative in following the new membership renewal process. Thank you all.

*Fatima Felix, Membership Officer*

### **Sausage Sizzle Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**



The Sausage Sizzle held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Bunnings in Broadmeadows has raised around \$950 in profit. Thanks to all those who contributed their time and effort on the day:

Val Kojevnikov, Ken Daws, Anne de Gabrielle, Lorraine Ievins, Alma Hearty, Peggy Collister, Patricia and Dick Radenkovic, Evelyn and Peter Lazarus, Julie Gozdzik, Julie McPherson and Geoff Mackay.



The next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday 14th April. Send an email to your committee to let them know you are volunteering for this next date.

**LATE NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The 5th competition between Hume U3A and Gladstone Park Seniors was held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at their premises. We each had 4 teams of 4 players.

The results were 1 draw, 1 win and 2 losses for us with an overall loss for U3A by 2 points

We enjoyed morning tea of cakes and goodies prepared by GP members. GP was well supported by their members. Thank you everyone for participating and also to those who came to support us.



Jean Campbell was a long-time member of U3A Hume. She joined U3A Hume in July 1996 and was also made a life member. Nola Alexander suggested that Jean should join U3A, for a three month trial! Jean was the craft tutor for 20 years. She taught a variety of crafts, and when a member suggested a new type of craft, Jean spent time learning that new craft so she could teach it. Jean passed away on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018. She will also be remembered for her prawn cocktail entree which she prepared at in various cook-n-dine evenings.

Farewell Jean Campbell.

## Hear Ye Hear Ye!!!!

### **New Courses for 2018**

#### **Music, Monday 12th. February at noon in the White Room**

Bring any instrument you can play or are learning to play and join others in the White room. You don't need to play well just be ready to exchange ideas and have fun. Who knows what might be created, maybe a seniors super group, "The Strolling Bones"?



It won't matter what type of instrument you bring, just bring along an enjoyment of music too. I'm sure the more experienced musos will be more than willing to help inexperienced players. Any members who are budding vocalists will be very welcome. We know you're out there, we've heard you.

Come along and let's see what we can accomplish in first term. Let's have some real fun with music.

**Barry Craig**

#### **Christian Meditation, starting early March**

Christian Meditation – A deeper Spiritual Journey – also assists in handling stress and anxiety. It is hoped this program will start early March at a location and date that has yet to be determined. Please register your interest now by enrolling in the course.

#### **Android Tablets, Friday 16th February 10am to 12 noon in the White Room GPCC**

Android Tablet class is starting again for a **seven week** period. There are Samsung tablets available for class use. So you can try these devices out to see if you like them. Otherwise you can bring your own Android device. Please express your interest and enrol now. Preference will be given to those members who have not done the class before.



### **That's Entertainment.....**

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Dreamlover ..... The Bobby Darin Story.

**Editor note:** *Fantastic show. Saw it earlier in the month. You will love it.*

### **"Show Anne the Money"**

- Money for Beautiful (the Carol King Musical) is due February 27<sup>th</sup>. Some tickets are still available \$75
- Payment for The Wizard of Oz is due on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We still have Tickets available.

**Q: What do you call a row of men waiting for a haircut?**



## Dine-Out .....

When: Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm

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Venue: Il Caprio, Mickleham Road  
Tullamarine

Venue: Malaysian Home Cuisine Restaurant  
14a Gladstone Park Shopping Centre  
8-34 Gladstone Park Drive, Gladstone Park



**Reminder to call Anne to book your seat otherwise you may be disappointed.**  
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**Answer: A Barbecue**



### **Did you know that:**

2018 is the year of the Dog that comes after the Year of the Fire Rooster (2017) and occupies the eleventh position in the Chinese zodiac. You are a “Dog Chinese zodiac animal” if you are born in one of these years: 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018.

According to Chinese astrology, people in their zodiac year are believed to offend Tai Sui, the God of Age, and incur his curse. It is believed to bring nothing but bad luck. Therefore Chinese astrology followers pay special attention to their conduct every twelfth year of their lives, i.e. in their birth sign years.

Red is one of the luckiest colours in Chinese culture, standing for prosperity, loyalty, success, and happiness. **Red can drive away bad luck and evil spirits.**

Red will bring you good luck and give you a good year. You can wear a red belt, red socks, red shoes, or red clothes, and red underwear is highly recommended during your zodiac year. However, you cannot buy the red clothing yourself. **It should be bought by a spouse, family member, or friend.**

If you're born in a Dog year, the following are deemed lucky for you:

**Lucky numbers:** 3, 4, 9 and numbers containing them

**Lucky colours:** red, green, and purple

**Lucky flowers:** rose, cymbidium orchids

**Famous People** born in The Year of the Dog

**Winston Churchill**

**Mother Teresa**

**Elvis Presley**

**Steven Spielberg**

**Madonna**

### **Funny thought for today.....**

It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten.  
They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane.

The Committee of Hume U3A would like to thank Maria Vamvakinou MP and her staff for the printing of this bulletin