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U3A MOORLEIGH MESSENGER

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Presidential Ponders.

Hello Everybody

I hope by this time you have all visited our new website. Up to date information is uploaded here regularly & this includes all new course additions and some important dates that you might want to add to your diary. If you have any new ideas of what you might like to see on our website please email sysinfo@u3amoorleigh.org.au All new ideas will be considered and if you are someone with a marketing background or a photographer with ideas for pictures to promote Moorleigh please get in touch (see page 5). We would love some marketing expertise to make our website more targeted.

The Hub computer resource centre is up and running since mid-April. New equipment has been purchased and you are welcome to use this space on a regular basis - make sure you book a time with the front office to come and enjoy this wonderful new addition at U3A Moorleigh. You can use it for personal business, listening to music, watching you tube, playing games, connecting to loved ones interstate or overseas, zoom classes. The HUB is a resource for our members.

Over May and June, we plan to hold a series of lectures on Thursday mornings around the theme of aged care. This will include such diverse subjects as looking at home-care packages and residential care costs, to elder abuse and understanding the legislation on **Dying with Dignity** in Victoria. The information on these talks will be uploaded to our website as soon as we finalise a couple of speakers. Please check this out on [U3A Moorleigh.org.au](http://U3AMoorleigh.org.au)

Now is the time to update your immunizations. Flu season is coming. There is a new Pneumovax upgrade and of course, we are eligible for COVID shots. Start now as you will need to space some of these out so it could take 4 - 6 weeks to get total cover.

Ciao Erika Fleming (President)

Important Dates.

28th May 2021 Cancer fund raising morning tea

Michael Bonacci has been working wonders with our new website assisted by Geoff Kidd from Croydon U3A & Network volunteers. The PC's in room 63 have been upgraded to wireless operation (fewer cables & safer) & webcam and headphones have been added in preparation for Zoom, movies & Skype when **The Hub** is up & running fully.



Michael is continuing his weekly one-day information courses each Monday so if you want to learn how to host a Zoom class or attend a Zoom class as a student, then book in for the **first** Monday of each month. If you want to revise just re-book another session on a first Monday. Michael's other class on the remaining Mondays is **Doing Business Online**. Again a one-off session covering online banking, shopping pitfalls, staying safe & interacting with government agencies (includes myGov). In the modern world where more & more is being done only online, this information is essential. These classes are popular & fill fast so book early.

BIG Morning Tea for Cancer Council

On Friday 28th May we are holding our fund raising morning tea for the Cancer Council. Many charities were hit hard during last year's lock down & U3A Moorleigh was just one of many community fund raisers who was unable to assist so let's make 2021 a record breaking effort. Closer to the date we will be taking bookings to assist our catering volunteers. Due to the Covid restrictions, numbers will be limited but you can still make a donation. We ask a minimum (no maximum!!) donation of \$5.00 & there will also be a speaker (to be advised).



Board Game Players Wanted

We have had a Luke warm response to the re-commencement of board games. so if you are in touch with past members please let them know that the games are on!. We are Covid safe & players have been very diligent in sanitizing & rotating equipment. See courses@u3amoorleigh.org.au or phone / turn up & enrol on the day.



500 cards is poorly subscribed & we have re-scheduled the class for 10am Thursdays. This is a great 'trick' taking game & we can help with tuition. Our canasta group was big & if numbers should increase again we have the availability to run two sessions; (maybe one in the morning & one in the afternoon on different days) to accommodate all comers. Are you able to teach bridge? We have a few players who would welcome more guidance? Board games are good for your memory & very social.

The Business Page.

Class members are doing a wonderful job of disinfecting chairs, tables & equipment & signing the check list. This could be a long term duty to keep the virus at bay so it's great to see you all maintaining good habits. Carry a mask but you don't have to wear it unless social distancing is not possible. Cards & tiles are being rotated over three weeks to ensure they remain bug free.

If you are attending a class you **must** be enrolled. If your name is NOT on the class list, have you enrolled? Please check with the front office. If you are only visiting you must sign in at the office. We need to be able to trace all visitors in the event of a further Covid flare-up. Scan the QR code if you can.

If you use any of the public areas you MUST sanitize what you touch (kitchen & toilets) This is a Glen Eira Council requirement & the council have provided the necessary equipment in a brown bucket near the front office.

The Victorian Health department has increased the number of people allowed per cubic metre which means we can increase the number of people in each room. We are working through our waiting lists & phoning to offer you a place in your requested class.

The sound system in room 41 has been upgraded & the Friday morning "Sing Along" (formerly Karaoke) will benefit from the improvement so come along & have some fun & lift your spirits.

#We now have a work permit from Glen Eira council for installation of the new blinds but due to the delay, we need to get another quote as the 30 day limit on that has expired!! As the advert says "It won't happen over night...."

Have you noticed that the new name badges do not have your next-of-kin details on the back? We have your contacts on our computer system but in an emergency, time is valuable. Please have a **'Vial of Life'** (form available at front office) tucked into your plastic pouch with up-to-date health information & contacts. Let us know if your details have changed.

Bring a friend along to one class; they can be a visitor at no cost or obligation. If you have a special interest or skill & would like to run a short (or long!) course let us know; perhaps with a friend to support you?



Volunteers Wanted

We are unable to cover our front office roster & the shortfall is putting a strain on current volunteers who feel they have to pick up the slack & work all day or several times a week. There has already been one morning when no front office volunteer attended.

A shift (morning or afternoon) is just three & a half hours long & ideally done once a fortnight. Can you donate this much time? Not a lot to ask & we will double up with you until you are confident & "Yes" we can even show you men how its done!! It is a proven fact that volunteering "gives you a sense of meaning & purpose which is essential for mental health. People can heal by being part of an altruistic community." (Quote from Josh Rosenthal , psychotherapist.) Here is some feed back from a few of our current Front Office staff;

I enjoy interacting with members & meeting people.....Lorna

I feel it's important to give back & contribute . As U3A is a volunteer organisation it is important that each of us gives something of ourselves .The tutors give their time & talents for free - we need to give something back in return.Danice

Doing a few hours each week gives one good insight into what is happening at U3A Moorleigh. Being of ' service' is very rewarding. Each one of us brings something unique to the 'colour' of U3A & makes this a special place.....Olive

I love volunteering in the front office. I meet happy members who also enjoy being here.....Carole

I want to keep busy & learn new things. I had never worked in an office so helping out has been stimulating. I've learned heaps & I feel useful.....Ann

I value U3A Moorleigh & enjoy being involved in the day to day mechanics of keeping Moorleigh afloat .We only operate because of volunteers & it's good to share the load & benefit others. I like the feeling of satisfaction & positivity that making a contribution gives me.....Sue

Give the office a ring on 9570 3929 or talk to the volunteer on duty.

POSSIBLE iPHONE CLASS.

Several members have asked if we have a class for iPhones. "No, not at the moment' however Val English who runs a class for iPads MAY be willing to run a session on iPhones if there is enough interest. She tells me that although the Apple iPad & iPhone devices are similar, with each new development there are obvious and often subtle differences.

If you are interested in getting the most out of your iPhone (not other brands) let the front office know & we will add your name & contact to a list.

ALSO

Our office phone continues to be a challenge. We are unable to retrieve messages left after hours so if possible please phone during office hours:

(9.30am-3.30pm Mon-Fri)

THANK YOU



How can we promote U3A ?

Our membership is down by 30%. We have lost tutors. Rooms are empty. This is not unexpected after the events of last year but we need to begin building up U3A Moorleigh . We have such a wonderful facility here & can do so much.

In 2020 I volunteered to help with promoting U3A Moorleigh & envisioned a few sessions at the local Bunnings store, community markets, ads in the local paper & job done! Well, now I have a BIG job ahead & no experience. Can you help me? We would like a snazzy new flyer; assistance with promotional sessions (committee members recently worked at the Bentleigh East farmers market) but mostly IDEAS & EXPERTISE.

Do you have a background in marketing or advertising? I am in the front office every Tuesday morning (phone 9570 3929) or email me at publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au
I look forward to hearing from you, Ann Watts



Your Messenger

Now we are open for business, let's make this YOUR newsletter Thoughts, stories, comments are welcomed. Tell us what you love about your class. Ask a question. Give us uplifting or amusing anecdotes. Complain (we can't fix things if we don't know).

Let's make the Messenger more personal & interesting; if something appeals to you it will probably interest others. We've all heard enough about viruses & sanitizing!

email publicity@u3amoorleigh.org.au

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Do you rely on the bus to get you to Moorleigh? With more tenants taking up parking spaces this could seem like a good option HOWEVER we have been made aware that the 30 minute service on route 701 (leaving from Bentleigh) no longer runs as far as the Village after 0929 (in time for morning classes) No notice of this change was posted on the route; apparently the Ventura bus company (phone 9771 4300) have out sourced their timetable. This is despite our Moorleigh Village co-ordinator Ros Porter advising the council of the poor service. & issues with the car park..

UPDATE: Noise was made, listened to and now we are evidently back to previous service. Let us know if this is not true.

Have your say & make a difference - contact the Victoria's Public Transport 1800 800 007



Local History

BENTLEIGH 1933 (ref: Victorian Municipal Directory)

A residential township with post office, telegraph & money order office, two state schools, a savings bank, four churches, a hotel, community hall, tennis courts, brick works, bone mill, market gardens & orchards.

Rail- 9 1/2 miles to the city. Fares 1s-6d adults & 9 1/2d for children. Population 3000

Moorleigh high school opened in 1966 on a temporary site & moved to 92 Bignall Road in 1967. Two years later enrolments reached 900 & the school was re-named Moorleigh Secondary College but by 1992 there was a decline in student numbers & the school was closed.

Moorabbin council (now Glen Eira) purchased the site & gradually developed the Village as a community hub where the fledgling U3A Moorleigh (formed in 1988) gained a permanent base.

Indecision is the key to flexibility.



There is no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.

The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

A six year old was laboring over her drawing. "What will your picture be?" asked her teacher. "I'm drawing God." she replied. "That's a difficult subject." said the teacher. "No-one knows what He looks like." They will when I'm finished." said the youngster.

I wonder what you would draw?

