

FROM THE EDITOR

What an amazingly rich and exciting year this has been for Darebin U3A! This 'Tree of Learning', planted in Darebin some 18 years ago, has truly blossomed this year. Thanks are due to the extraordinary hard work, energy and enthusiasm of our President, Audrey Grace. In her message, Audrey outlines some of our many achievements this year. We warmly invite all members to come along to the **Annual General Meeting** to join in celebrating with us.

We hope the *Flyer* has reflected some of this new vitality. Members are urgently needed to join our small team in producing the newsletter and other publications. We would warmly welcome people with computer skills in word processing, formatting, graphic design and desktop publishing.

The newsletter could not have been produced this year without the invaluable help of Teresa Pitt with her superb professional editing skills. Russell Lennox has been a godsend in solving many technical formatting problems which were totally beyond us. Many thanks to Carmel Lee for providing course information updates and eliciting classroom reports. My grateful thanks to Audrey Grace for providing constant news updates and reports from the Committee as well as organising the address labels for the mailout – a huge task in itself! Pat Oswald has been very helpful in organising volunteers for the mailout – my thanks to all of you.

Finally, thank you to all the people who have contributed articles for the newsletter. But we want to hear from more of you! We especially want reports from the classroom for the January Newsletter. Because of the holiday break, please send all contributions to the Editor before the end of November.

Jill Craig

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**Don't miss the
AGM**

Thursday 3 December 2009
2.30 pm at Fairfield RSL

- * Early enrolment for 2010
- * Celebrate our achievements
- * Elect and welcome new Committee
- * Scrumptious afternoon tea

Full details inside
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Holiday Office Hours

During the school holidays there will be someone in the office at the following times (except on public holidays):

Mon/Wed/Friday 10.00 am-12:00 pm

2009 Committee Members

President..... Audrey Grace
Vice-President..... [vacant]
Secretary Alison Laird
Treasurer Dianne Beaumont
Assistant Secretary [vacant]
Minute Secretary Elva Armstrong
Office Co-ordinator..... Pat Oswald
Property Officer..... Jean Garita
Newsletter Editor..... Jill Craig
Tutor Co-ordinator Carmel Lee
Committee Member..... Lorraine Carr
Committee Member..... Jim Logan

Other Positions

Enrolment/Class Records.. Tony Wild
Honorary Accountant..... Basil Conquo
U3A Network Delegate..... Odette Stuckey
Computer Consultant..... Russell Lennox
Website Editor Mary Levens

Newsletter Team

Jill Craig, Carmel Lee, Pat Oswald, Teresa Pitt

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you watched the bubbles rise when you pour champagne into a flute? Something similar is happening in Darebin U3A this year - there seems to be a new energy and vitality. Eleven new classes started in 2009 and all have been well attended. We have branched out into three more venues, and we have actually doubled our membership! We have also reached out to the broader community and been greatly enriched by the experience.

I want to use this message to acknowledge some of the many people who have helped to make this difference.

Dianne Beaumont, our Treasurer, and Basil Conquo, our Honorary Accountant, have spent many hours this year updating the accounting system on the new computer. It is now very speedy and efficient. They were able to prepare the documentation for our auditor in one short morning. We are very impressed - and very grateful. Thank you both.

Alison Laird, our Secretary, is retiring from that position. I would like to thank you, Alison, on behalf of the Committee, for the very valuable role you played in checking all our legal and insurance requirements, and also checking, rewording and updating our Constitution. We are much better placed, structurally, as a result of your expertise and attention to detail. I personally appreciate your assistance in preparing Darebin U3A's successful applications for funding to the Darebin Council.

We also appreciate the work of Frances Hennessey in updating many of our forms. Tony Wild has willingly taken over the role of Enrolment Officer, and is meticulously transferring new membership details and class requests on to the computer.

We are very grateful for the assistance given by our Computer Tutor, Russell Lennox, in training U3A volunteers. He is also helping us

to re-organise our records and helping with the important issues of security and archiving our precious history.

Have you noticed that you can speak to a real person much more frequently when you phone the office? This is thanks to our Office Co-ordinator, Pat Oswald, and the dedicated band of Office Volunteers, particularly Elva Armstrong, Mary De Bortoli, Lesley Cieslar, Pam Fergie-Jackson, Valerie Jones, Wilma Pozza-Green, Judith Prosser and Verne Richards. You all do a vital job as our first point of contact.

And finally, yet foremost, on behalf of all the members I thank our lifeblood, our Tutors, for the wonderful work you do. We appreciate the time you give us so willingly, the wonderful variety of skills you share with us and your enthusiasm. You provide opportunities for us not only to learn and share, but to meet and develop friendships. You keep our bodies toned and our minds active. You keep us bubbling! Who needs champagne?

Audrey Grace

A Special Thank You

Our two rocks, Claudia and Luciano Sanzin, have always been there, putting in countless hours of work during the time they served on the Committee and for many years afterwards, always loyal to Darebin U3A. The long-time members will know that I do not exaggerate when I say that we would have folded some time ago but for their constant efforts. We thank them both most sincerely - they were indeed our rocks. Now they are stepping away - from the tasks but not from the classes - taking time to relax and enjoy what they helped to create and maintain. Please enjoy these next years with Darebin U3A - we hope they will be many.

Audrey Grace

Office Improvements

There have been many changes in the office this year. We were the glad recipients of two lots of Federal funding which allowed us to purchase new office furniture, a new computer, and upgrades to all our computer software. More people can now work on separate tasks in the office at the one time. There is more consultation and greater efficiency.

Enrolments for 2010

Members wishing to enrol early in classes for 2010 may renew their membership at the AGM. Further enrolment dates will be advised in the January Newsletter when full class details and timetable will be published.

Changes to enrolment procedure

To reduce the amount of work required in maintaining our membership records, we have created a new simplified form for current members to renew their membership, re-enrol in classes and update any changes to their details. You will find a copy of this Renewal of Membership form in this issue of the Flyer. From 2010, you will have a permanent membership number as well as an annual enrolment number. Class requests will be processed in 2010 enrolment order, as indicated by this enrolment number.

Please bring the completed form and your enrolment money with you to the AGM.

Many class members have complained this year about new people turning up to classes unexpectedly. This is especially a problem when the class is full and has a waiting list. Some of these unexpected arrivals were not U3A members.

For this reason, the committee is asking class members to wear their name badge to classes. If a person does not have a membership badge, tutors will know to direct them to the office to request enrolment in time for the next class. For clarity, each new class member will

be provided with a Letter of Entitlement for the Tutor.

Lanyards and membership cards

We are adopting the innovation of many other U3As in providing you with a lanyard for your membership card. This is easier to put on and take off, with no pins to make holes in your clothes. It has a safety release clip in case it catches on something. You may still wear your pin-on badge if you prefer.

A new, folding membership card has been designed. This card will only be issued once, so keep it safe. It will have your permanent membership number and your preferred first name on the outside. On the inside of the card there is space to write your emergency contact details and doctor's phone number, and any particular conditions that ambulance personnel may need to know, such as diabetes, pacemaker, allergies, etc. Fold the card and place it in the plastic pocket that is attached to the lanyard. This way it is unseen, but all class members know this is the first place to look if you are unconscious and an ambulance is called for you. Then no-one will need to look in your purse or wallet.

Your privacy and your safety are major concerns and legal liabilities of the Management Committee. We do appreciate the suggestions many of you have put forward. These have helped us to formulate what we hope is a balanced solution that you are comfortable with. Please be assured that no private information, other than your designated emergency contact, is kept on any U3A files.

Ambulance cover when interstate

If you are in another state and fall ill or have an accident, an ambulance takes you to the nearest hospital and that's where you remain. However, ambulance members may be transferred back to a Melbourne hospital under certain conditions. If you intend to

travel interstate, it would be wise to check this out.

U3A Polo shirts

You may purchase a polo shirt at the AGM for \$20 (normal price \$25). They are blue or yellow with a woven Darebin U3A logo.

VALE Win Collins

Members will be sad to hear of the death of Win Collins on Wednesday 28 October as the result of a fall while on a bus excursion with a group from the Old Colonists' Association. We will miss her presence and sharp mind at our classes. Farewell to a 'Grand Girl'.

January Newsletter

Calling for Contributions

The next newsletter will be published in mid-January. It will contain course descriptions for 2010, enrolment dates, the new timetable and membership form.

Wanted

- Reports from classrooms
- Course information updates from tutors.

Deadline

Please send us your contributions, especially reports from the classroom, by Friday 27 November.

Authors

- Articles of 250 words or less preferred.
- Please email, post, fax or hand-deliver all contributions to The Editor, Jill Craig, at U3A Darebin.

COURSE INFORMATION

Thanks to Tutors

Thank you to all our tutors who have generously given their time to share their knowledge and skills. We especially thank all our new tutors this year. Through them and existing tutors offering additional classes, we have established eleven new classes this year. Barry Watson has been a star this year in establishing two new **Tai Chi** classes at Merrilands and Spectrum.

We welcome a new volunteer tutor, Noel Butterfield, who is offering a poetry course next year, to the delight of many members (see below for course description).

Term Dates:

Classes finish in the last week of November and recommence in the first week of February 2010. A provisional time table for Semester 1 will be available at the AGM and final course details will be published in the January Newsletter.

French for Beginners:

The Tutor, Christelle Tshishimbi, will be on holidays in her home country during January and February. Classes will recommence in March. Class members will be notified when the start date is finalised.

Draw Then Paint

Jane Savage, the Tutor for **Draw then Paint**, has been in St Vincent's Rehabilitation for a month since she fell at home and broke a small bone in her pelvis. We are glad to hear that Jane is now at home, and the bone is slowly mending. She is confident that she will be recovered enough for her class to recommence on the first week in February. Please note that the class is moving to Tuesday, 1.30-3.30pm. Get well, Jane, we miss you. Keep doing those ghastly exercises - we want you back.

Italian Conversation class – Tutor Wanted

Nerina Novak, the tutor for this class, is retiring at the end of this year. The Committee joins with her students in thanking you, Nerina, for your years of dedication. Your students are all

very grateful to you for your care and encouragement. Yours was always a very lively, happy class. Grazie. Arrivederci!

We urgently need a new Italian Conversation tutor. Please talk to every Italian-speaking person you know and ask them to help us find another person willing to be tutor for this class in 2010. No formal teaching qualifications are needed. The members are keen to continue developing their skills in speaking Italian. To find out more about this class, see **From the Classroom**.

NEW COURSES FOR 2010

Poetry Through the Ages

The Tutor, Noel Butterfield, has been a teacher of English for 30 years, having studied Arts and Education at Melbourne University. He also has a Diploma in Freelance Journalism. Noel has provided the following course outline:

Let's just immerse ourselves in the passion that is poetry. The emphasis will be on appreciation and enjoyment. I have been captivated by poetry for thirty years so I feel qualified to introduce you to the very best.

I will take you through some ballads, odes, sonnets, etc., purely for your enjoyment. We will, however, look briefly at various techniques that make poems 'work' and come alive. To achieve this goal, we will have a close look at alliteration in the work of Gerard Manley Hopkins. We will examine the odes of Keats and other evocative romantic poetry. In contrast, we may also look at the metaphysical poets such as John Donne.

The course will conclude with a look at Michael Schmidt's *The Great Modern Poets – the best fifty since 1900*. Class members will also be encouraged to create their own poems, using some of the techniques studied.

Classes will be held at Fairfield Station, 10:30 – 12 noon on Tuesdays except on the third Tuesday of the month (Committee Meeting).

Introduction to Sudoku

Russell Lennox, our computer guru, is offering a short course in solving Sudoku puzzles. These number puzzles are great exercise for the brain and require only the basic knowledge of the Arabic number system (numbers 1-9) and the ability to do simple additions. A pencil and eraser are also required. The course will consist of three one-hour sessions, focusing on one puzzle per session, to be held on Saturday mornings at Fairfield Station. See January Flyer for further details.

!WARNING! Sudoku is very addictive!

Italian Language - no longer for beginners

The tutor, Adriana Ficarazzi, is continuing her Italian Language class in 2010 on Mondays, 10:30 – 12 noon at Span.

The course presumes that the learner has completed at least basic studies in written and spoken Italian. Participants will continue to expand their language learning commenced in the previous year.

Topics will be presented under the following broad language themes: Italian cities, tourist attractions, shopping, eating out, public transport, leisure and pleasure etc.

The language and culture units will be integrated.

Text Book for 2010: *Sempre Avanti*, available at CIS Educational, 247 – 249 Cardigan St, Carlton. Phone: 9347 9144. Cost: \$50. If you wish us to order and collect it for you, please leave your details with the \$50 purchase price at the office well before the class commencement date, Monday 1 February.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Italian Conversation Class

Nerina Novak has led our Monday afternoon class for the past three years or more. Sadly, she is retiring at the end of this year.

Nerina has always reminded us, "I am not a teacher," but in fact she has taught us a lot and we have had lots of laughs together too.

Each of us in the class had different goals or needs, but Nerina helped us all to improve the way we wrote or spoke Italian.

Some simply wanted to be able to converse a little on a trip to Italy. Others wanted their textbook Italian improved and made more genuinely Italian in phraseology, as well as an ongoing opportunity to practise what they had learnt in earlier classes. And then there were those who could speak Italian because of their family background, but who needed help to write Italian in a more grammatically correct way.

In her quiet way, often with a cheeky sense of humour, Nerina tried to help all of us learn something new. She frequently said she was proud of us and made us feel we had done well. She faithfully came to lead our class through all weathers, despite traffic and tiredness.

Thank you, Nerina, for a job well done.

Ivy Traill

Singing for Pleasure

Our **Singing for Pleasure** group, despite our small numbers, has been very active since Spring began. We continued our community singing / morning tea visits to the Holmes Street Housing estate in September, and again on 27 October. We will have a Christmas theme for our next visit on 8 December.

In September we also sang at Veronica Gardens retirement village, where several of our members live, to huge applause. This was followed by our representation at the Darebin Music Feast in Northcote.

On 4 October we performed twice as part of the U3A presence at the Seniors Festival opening event at Federation Square at the BMW Edge and 'along by the riverside'. This is our second year singing at this event. The facilities were very professional at BMW Edge, and our Riverside event was like singing at a picnic and such fun. The applause was enthusiastic and very encouraging. We really enjoyed both events and were proud of our efforts.

The next invitation was to sing at a luncheon held by the Darebin Council at the Darebin Entertainment Centre as part of their Seniors Week events. We sang one song in a combined ethnic choir and then our own item. Jim had chosen 'Santa Lucia' and a table of Italian ladies joined in too. It was grand.

We received a Victorian Government grant earlier this year to better equip our singing group to branch out into performing. We now have a set of good quality speakers and performance microphones. Choir Master Jim Logan has encouraged us to find our own voices and all these experiences have significantly increased our confidence. Thank you, Jim, from all your happy songsters. We look forward to next year.

We are a small band and need more members. The new SPAN practice room is bigger and can accommodate a larger number.

♪ ♪ ♪ Do you like to sing? Jim will bring out that lovely voice (perhaps hidden away for years, all dusty and rusty) and give you such joy. He makes singing such a pleasure. ♪ ♪ ♪

Jim feels we need another person to assist in arranging musical items and harmonies. This person can be Jim's assistant, or be the Choir Leader with Jim assisting him or her. If you know anyone with these skills who would be interested in helping us, please contact Jim Logan.

Aboriginals and Genocide

Tony Barta gave three sessions on questions of genocide earlier this semester.

In the first session, he discussed issues around the question of genocide and the Aboriginal people in Australia. Tony suggested that the colonial office in Britain knew of atrocities committed on the Aboriginal people, but surrendered responsibility to the colonists who wanted the Aboriginal people to simply 'disappear'.

In the second session, Tony introduced the term 'ethnocide', based on an article by Pierre

Clastres in 1974. Clastres argues that ethnocide shares with genocide an identical view of 'the Other' as 'different', but in a bad way. They could be 'improved' by transforming themselves to the point of total identification with the social model imposed upon them.

In the final session, Tony examined the ideas of Charles Darwin, particularly the concept of 'natural selection' and how this was hijacked by the Nazis to justify the Holocaust.

Further discussions on genocide and ethnocide ensued. I put forward the example of the British attempt at ethnocide of the Acadian people of Canada in the 17th Century, later known as the Cajuns of Louisiana. Examples of ethnocide in various parts of the world such as Bosnia and China continue to this day.

Thank you, Tony – we hope you return in 2010!

Monique Belcourt

OUT AND ABOUT

The **Annual Tutors' Lunch** is our very small way of thanking our volunteer Tutors for their generosity in sharing their knowledge and skills with U3A members. It was also an opportunity to meet and welcome two new volunteer tutors, Tony Barta and Yana Ostapenko.

We had a very convivial time over a delicious lunch at Northcote RSL. Carmel Lee, our Tutor Coordinator, was a gracious hostess and invited the Tutors to say a few words. Most of the Tutors said how much they enjoyed teaching at U3A and many of them claimed that their students were the best!

Members' Morning Tea

We had a lovely relaxed social get-together over a cup of tea and delicious home-made goodies at Span on 10 July. The ever-sociable singing group was well represented, along with committee members and Tutors. Thank you to Jean Garita for organising this event, Russell Lennox for his help and the many members who brought along a plate to share.

U3A Carnival Day

Darebin U3A and U3As throughout Victoria participated in celebrating Seniors Week Opening Day at Federation Square on Sunday 4 October. This was a very special event - the weather was perfect and there was a great turnout of visitors from Victoria, interstate and overseas.

The Festival was officially opened by the Minister for Senior Victorians, the Hon. Lisa Neville. Radio 3AW broadcast live from the Square and Channel 9 filmed all our activities for projection onto the big screen. Barry Watson, our very professional **Tai Chi** instructor, led the class in a demonstration of Tai Chi movements which attracted many spectators. Barry was also interviewed by Peter Hitchener from Channel 9 News.

Throughout Federation Square and along the banks of the Yarra River, rows of white marquees formed a U3A Network presentation of 'mature learning' activities and exciting, vibrant courses. The most treasured wealth of knowledge lies with our Tutors, holding the key for members to adventure into new horizons.

Darebin U3A's stall presented a very colourful exhibition of needlework, adorned by its banner with the hand embroidered 'Tree of Learning', which drew many compliments. Our **Needlecraft** ladies demonstrated their talents with their beautiful handiwork and attracted many folk passing by who appreciated their art and asked many questions. They are a delightful group with a wonderful sense of humour! Our **Singing for Pleasure** group was very busy performing at BMW Edge and 'down by the riverside' but many also worked hard behind the scenes in other areas. All our members seemed happy and full of joy, sharing their talents and greetings.

Thank you, Darebin U3A. This was my first event - being a new member - and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Judith Prosser

Thanks to all members who participated in the Carnival, especially Audrey Grace, Campbell Pearson and Jean Garita who were on deck from early morning setting up our marquee and also to Ronda Zwart, Nell Bell and Laura Barker from the Needlecraft group. Judith Prosser deserves a huge bouquet for tirelessly engaging with all our visitors and dealing with their enquiries.

Many thanks to Chris Reidy and Martin Luders from the Office of Senior Victorians for their superb organisation and support.

Jill Craig

Gardening at Agg Street

Gardening morning teas are now held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Agg Street Housing Estate, coordinated by Annie Hingston (Jika) and Anne Clarke (U3A).

They consist of morning tea, a gardening-related discussion and distribution of free seedlings/ potting mix/ pots etc.

Anne Clarke doorknocks all the residents (often returning several times to catch all residents at home). She talks to them about gardening issues and personally gives them an invitation to join the next morning tea. She has identified several residents who are interested but who are unwilling or unable to attend. She delivers pots of plants and a plate of food to each one, personally, at the end of the morning tea.

The September leaflet offered free tomato plants and a planting discussion. Thirteen residents attended and seedlings of six different varieties were discussed and passed round. There was an enjoyable discussion of people's first experiences growing tomatoes and this led to some recalling memories of their homeland and childhood experiences.

Thank you for your efforts and your persistence, Anne. You are doing a wonderful job for these isolated older citizens.

Audrey Grace

U3A DAREBIN INC.

Reg.No. A0028861A

You are invited to attend our

ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 3 December 2009 commencing 2:30pm
At FAIRFIELD RSL, 9 Railway Place, Fairfield

Welcome to all our members

1. Please register at entry table
2. Renewal of Membership and class enrolments for 2010
 - Please come with your forms filled in to speed up this process
 - Collect new lanyards and permanent membership cards and numbers
 - Class requests will be processed in 2010 enrolment order
3. Then take your seats and enjoy the entertainment.
4. Welcome from the President at 3 pm
5. Thank you to Tutors and Volunteers
6. Guest Speaker: Michelle Marinelli, Coordinator Ageing Communities Unit, Darebin City Council.

Annual General Meeting commencing 3.30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous AGM, 4 December 2008
3. President's report
4. Financial Report
5. Auditor's Report for 2009
6. Appointment of Auditor for 2010
7. Thank you to retiring members of the Committee of Management
8. Election of Committee of Management for 2010
9. Other Business – notice having been received in writing by the Secretary at least 14 days before this general meeting

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting

Further re-enrolments of members for 2010 will resume at the close of AGM

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

According to the Constitution and Rules of Darebin University of the Third Age Incorporated, the current committee will hold office until the Annual General Meeting on 3 December 2009.

As Darebin U3A is an incorporated body, it is mandatory that certain office bearers be appointed, in order to satisfy the legal requirements. Apart from the protection that incorporation provides its members, it is a condition of eligibility for certain funding, and the organisation cannot survive in the long run on membership dues alone.

The Officers Of The Association

Rule 21 (1) calls for the following positions:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Secretary
- (e) Assistant Secretary

A nomination form for candidates offering themselves for election as committee members appears elsewhere in this newsletter (p.11). Please return to the Secretary no later than Thursday 26 November.

Most current Committee members have expressed their willingness to continue in their present roles and offer themselves for re-election. Please see the **Contact Information** side panel for a list of current Committee Members and their positions. However, we welcome further nominations for these and other positions, most importantly for the office of Secretary, since Alison Laird is retiring from that position.

Meetings of the Committee of Management are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Role descriptions for all Committee positions are available by contacting Audrey via the office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

U3As are run by volunteers, and each one of us can make an enormous difference by undertaking a small task. At present all our administrative work is done by a very small band of volunteers and we badly need more helpers. We are breaking down tasks into 'more & smaller'. Please choose which of the following tasks you would like to assist with, and indicate this at the bottom of your Renewal of Membership form.

- Publications team members to assist in producing our Newsletter, Information Kits, Brochures, posters and Website.
- Publicity and Advertising team to promote Darebin U3A in the media.
- Brochure Distribution
- Course Planning team to help establish new courses
- Class Venue coordinator
- Team Leaders and Assistants for U3A Darebin marquee at events such as Darebin Community Festivals and the U3A Carnival of Learning at Federation Square
- Planning and helping with catering for social events such as Members Morning Teas and events at the Holmes Street Housing Estate and Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre
- Delegates to represent Darebin U3A at meetings or conferences
- Office Volunteers to answer the telephone, receive enquiries and record messages, process or pass them on.
- Technical Assistant to help with new technology e.g. data projector, answering machine and photocopier
- On Call Register: people to assist occasionally as required, for example with Newsletter folding and labelling.

This year there has been an increase in the number of members assisting in tasks when requested. We are so grateful to them.

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

for 2010, for election to be held at the General Meeting at
Fairfield RSL, 9 Railway Place, Fairfield, Thursday 3 December 2009, at 2.30 pm

You are invited to stand or nominate a fellow member to the Committee of Management for one of the following positions:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | MINUTE SECRETARY |
| VICE PRESIDENT | TUTOR CO-ORDINATOR |
| TREASURER | PROPERTY OFFICER |
| SECRETARY | OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY | ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER |

I hereby nominate..... for

Proposed: (Name)..... (Signed)

Seconded: (Name)..... (Signed)

I accept the above nomination:

(Nominee)..... (Signed)

The relative Rule of the Constitution appears on the reverse of this Form. In order to satisfy the requirement of Rule 23(1)(b), please ensure that this form reaches:

The Secretary
U3A Darebin Inc,
PO Box 44
FAIRFIELD VIC 3078

not later than Thursday 26 November 2009.

NOMINATIONS FOR OTHER POSITIONS

I nominate myself for the following position (please tick)

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR
- MEMBER OF THE PUBLICATIONS TEAM
- PUBLICITY OFFICER
- MEMBER OF THE PUBLICITY TEAM
- ENROLMENT OFFICER
- MEMBERS' CO-ORDINATOR

(Name)..... (Signed)

INCORPORATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE, DAREBIN
as U3A DAREBIN INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES
and RULES
as amended December, 2007

Rule 23 – Elections of Officers, Vacancies

ELECTION OF OFFICERS; VACANCIES

23. ...

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee:
 - (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than seven (7) days before the date fixed for the holding the annual general meeting.
- (2) If sufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting to fill any vacancies on the committee.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper way as the Committee may direct.



DAREBIN INC.

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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP 2010

Completed form may be mailed to: U3A Darebin Inc., PO Box 44, Fairfield VIC 3078 or hand delivered to the office. Cheques or Postal Orders made payable to U3A Darebin Inc.

MEMBER NO: _____ FULL NAME: _____

Year first enrolled in Darebin U3A: _____ actual/estimated (circle)

APPLICATION FOR 2010 CLASSES:

(NB If class places are limited preference will be given to full members and volunteers)

Name of Class _____

I am willing to volunteer for the task of _____

I am available on _____ (day) between _____ and _____ (times)

at a _____ (frequency) eg weekly, fortnightly, monthly, casual.

Comments _____

PLEASE UPDATE ANY CHANGES FOR OUR RECORDS: (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Membership type: Individual \$30 Joint \$45 Associate \$15

If Associate, name of U3A _____ Number _____

Preferred first name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone no: _____ Mobile: _____

Person to contact in an emergency: _____ Phone: _____

Employment details (e.g. retired, part time) _____

Office Use Only: Individual \$30 Joint \$45 Associate \$15

Date form & money received: _____ cheque / money order / cash

Person processing form: _____ Date receipt sent: _____

Our Privacy Policy

U3A Darebin is a community based provider of classes for older people and is run by volunteers.

We collect names and addresses to enable us to mail out newsletters and other information about classes, and we list phone numbers to contact you directly if required. This mailing and phone list is not made available to anyone outside the organization.

We also ask you for personal details to provide statistical data to government funding agencies. This is a requirement for receiving government grants. The information is used for future planning.

This information is compiled into statistical reports that do not identify individuals.

If you choose to withhold these personal details there will be gaps in the data that will reduce the accuracy of the statistics, and this will not help our cause.

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