

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to your mid-year issue of the *Flyer*. It is now four years since first writing that sentence and it is wonderful to reflect on the steady growth of Darebin U3A over that time. As Audrey Grace reports in her President's message, we now have more than 300 members and some 36 classes throughout Darebin. Back in 2008 we had about half that number of members and about two thirds that number of classes.

The first half of this year has been a very busy, rich and eventful time. It feels like Darebin U3A is being revitalised by the involvement of so many new members bringing with them fresh ideas and energy. In the newsletter we are seeing the introduction of different classes and groups, opening up new avenues to explore in body and mind, from bike riding to understanding climate change, politics and globalisation.

On the social level, it has been great to see so many members coming along to our Morning Teas and we are hoping to provide more such opportunities. It is also lovely to see how the 'Day Trippers' idea has taken off and to hear how much people have enjoyed these outings. What a great group effort from all involved!

We have now reached the Winter Solstice and can look forward to celebrating the renewal of energy which comes with Spring. And what better way to celebrate than to join with other U3As in Federation Square at the Carnival of Learning on the opening day of Seniors Week?

Come along and celebrate the vitality of the Third Age!

Jill Craig

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MEMBERS' MORNING TEA

10.00 – 12.30, Friday 6 July
 at Northcote Senior Citizens Centre
 18A Bent Street Northcote

The committee warmly invites all members to this informal morning tea. We look forward to having more time to meet and socialise with our members over a friendly cuppa and delicious home-made goodies.

Guest Speaker: Wilma Plozza-Green, local artist and U3A member, will give a presentation on her art with the focus on her experience of various mediums and techniques.

See Page 3 for more details

Please bring a plate to share.

Excellent Door Prize

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very happy to be reporting that in our 21st year U3A Darebin is continuing a steady expansion. Our membership now numbers more than 300 and is steadily increasing week by week. We have 36 classes, vibrant and alive with learning and sharing, spread over several locations throughout the City of Darebin. We have also been able to offer a number of short courses which have been well received. Most importantly, we have had several offers from new members to become tutors or volunteers. As you read this newsletter you will find many new offerings outlined which will be introduced in term 3 or 4.

We already have new classes in the planning stage for introduction in 2013, and hope for more. I am delighted to report that we have been successful in two grant applications, one to the State government and, most recently, the Bendigo Bank. These funds enable us to establish and equip these new classes.

I need to report to you that several of our members who have for years held volunteer positions in the operational side of U3A Darebin have or are retiring after many years of dedicated service. In filling these roles your Committee is planning a restructure. We believe that it is no longer viable to expect all the work to be done by a few individuals who have to, at times, work quite hard to meet deadlines. We are at present designing a new expanded structure of the roles, and some new ones, with an emphasis on teams. We are grateful to the members who have offered their skills and we are at present contacting them for their assistance. I am sure they will bring a fresh approach with a new enthusiasm and new ideas.

We will provide a full list of these teams to you, the members, in our next newsletter and will be asking for offers to join one.

Audrey Grace

Bendigo Bank Grant

Bendigo Bank has a philosophy of contributing to its local community. Clifroy Community Bank branch gives grants to groups in the Clifton Hill and Fitzroy area. Recently, Darebin U3A was fortunate to receive \$5,000 from this program. A wide range of activities were supported by this group of grants. Other recipients included a program helping refugee children to read, a women's refuge, projects for disabled adults, a migrant music group, a scout group and funding for men recovering from drug and alcohol abuse to put on a photography exhibition.

Darebin U3A used part of the money to buy a good quality projector, a portable screen and storage, all of which were needed for new classes at our Bent Street venue, one of which was just about to commence. To acknowledge the generous support of Bendigo Bank the *Flyer* and Information Kit wrappers now display their logo. Thank you, Bendigo Bank.

U3A Network Request for Members' Stories

U3A Network has received requests from two Government Departments for interesting stories about the people and activities in U3A. They need these stories for publicity brochures and also for the re-designed Seniors website www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.

These stories also provide backup evidence in applying for grants. In particular, ACFE (Adult Continuing and Further Education) has asked for stories from our members about what U3A has meant to them. Ruth Hawley at U3A Network is asking for stories to be sent to the Network Victoria office:

Attention Ruth

U3A Network Victoria
8/341 Queens Street Melbourne 3000
Email: u3anet@vicnet.net.au

P.S. Have you read the latest issue of the Australian Government's *News for Seniors*?

Pages 8 and 9 have articles about the University of the Third Age which is great publicity.

Members Morning Tea

All members are warmly invited to our next Members' Morning tea to be held in the mid-term break on Friday 6 July from 10.00 am to 12.30 at Bent Street Senior Citizens Centre.

One of our members, Wilma Plozza-Green will give a presentation with the focus on her experience of various art mediums and some of the techniques she has used in her art, for example in printmaking.

Wilma is a very enthusiastic artist who says her life has been greatly enriched by taking a course in Visual Arts in her middle years. Her art depicts a deep commitment to family and community and how the diversity of nationality affects the way we live. Her first solo exhibition was held last year at Bundoora Homestead and was very successful. She has been invited back this year, along with other senior local artists, for a special exhibition entitled *Seniority* as part of Darebin Seniors Festival.

The morning tea is a good opportunity to see some of Wilma's work and share in her artistic experiences. She also plans to show slides which she has created.

We have decided to have only one speaker so that we have more time to relax and socialise. Please arrive by 10am so that you have time to mingle and have a cuppa before the presentation begins at 10.30. After half an hour we will have a refreshment break, with plenty of time to chat over your delicious home-made goodies, before Wilma resumes her talk. All contributions to the morning tea are welcome, but we would appreciate some healthy savoury snacks such as sandwiches, dips and rice crackers, to balance all the sweet offerings.

All participants will go into a draw to win the Door Prize of a \$20 gift voucher donated by Coles in Northcote Plaza.

Pillow Talk – 4 Steps for Life

Everyone has heard of CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) yet only a few know how to perform it. Tragically, our paramedics too often reach the scene of a cardiac arrest and find no one knew what to do when just a few simple steps, easily learnt by anyone, might have saved a life.

Ambulance Victoria has created an innovative self-learning program for fun group CPR education. In just 20 minutes, you and your friends can master the 4 simple steps that can make a difference between life and death – and multiply your chances of saving someone's life.

Frances Hennessy, our Secretary, who also has many years professional nursing experience, has offered to organise sessions for our members. Annette Davis, a new Committee member has already obtained the free group kit provided by Ambulance Victoria and has also offered to lead some groups. The sessions will be guided by a 20 minute video and all participants are asked to bring their own pillow for CPR practice.

A Message for our Tutors

The Committee is looking forward to meeting you all at the annual Tutors' Luncheon on Tuesday, 10 July at Northcote RSL.

This is our small way of thanking you for your generosity in sharing your knowledge and skills with us. Your invitation is in the mail.

Parking at Bent Street

Important Notice: to members who attend classes at the Northcote Senior Citizens Centre in Bent Street. The Darebin Council has asked that no-one parks in the driveway of the Centre as this area needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicular access.

We appreciate that street parking is limited at present, with building works in the street. Perhaps you could park at the Plaza, do your shopping and walk through to Bent St. from there.

Plastic pockets for Lanyards

Several members have requested new 'plastic pockets' for their membership card on their lanyard. These are now available at the office for you to purchase – cost is 50 cents. The Office Volunteer can give you one when you call into the office.

2012 Victorian Seniors Festival

Opening Day at Federation Square
U3A Network Carnival of Learning
10.30 am – 4 pm - Sunday 7 October

This year the Victorian Seniors Festival is celebrating its 30th year and also the 5th year of staging an opening day event at Melbourne's premier outdoor festival venue – Federation Square.

Since 2008 this event has been built around the Carnival of Learning which showcases the activities of U3A groups throughout Victoria. U3A Darebin has participated each year with our Tai-Chi and Line Dancing groups demonstrating along the riverbank and the Choir singing at BMW Edge

This year these groups are already preparing for the big day, which is always a lot of fun. The passersby are a wonderful audience, and clap enthusiastically.

We will have our own booth which always attracts lots of visitors. Last year our Scrabble and Mah-Jong players demonstrated in the booth and passers-by were invited to join in. We would like to do that again. We invite any other group that wishes to join in to speak to Audrey. U3A polo shirts are free to volunteers and participants in these events – new members can order their polo shirts through their class representative.

This year there will be a Combined U3A Choir performing at the Melbourne Town Hall on Tuesday 9 October (about 1.30pm) and our Singing group is busy learning the extra songs for that special event.

Festival programs available in September.

COURSE INFORMATION

Term dates:

Term 2: Finishes on Friday 29 June.

Term 3: Monday 16 July - Friday 21 September.

Term 4: Monday 8 October - Friday 30 November.

Second Semester Class Rolls

The new class rolls are being prepared. According to our policy and in the interest of fairness, members who are absent for three classes without notifying their class representative will have their name removed. This will make room for members on the waiting list and for new members.

Class Bulletins

Second Semester Class Timetable is printed on the back page of this newsletter. Please check it carefully as there are quite a number of changes, including the following:

Ancient Civilisations of the Mediterranean:

Due to the travel commitments of the tutor, Dr. Jone Gaillard, this class is suspended until 12 October.

Ballroom Dancing – Intermediate:

This Wednesday afternoon class is now moving to a new venue at Croxton Uniting Church in the small dance hall in Shaftesbury Parade near the corner of St. Georges Road (Melway 30 ES). There is a shortage of women in the class!

Cinema Studies: There will be no class in June or July as the tutor, Paul Michell, will be away. However, Paul has lined up some interesting films for the rest of the year: 22 August (*Welcome to the Sticks*), 26 September (*Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*), 24 October (*Ninth Gate*), 31 October (a bonus for the 5th Wednesday of the month – *Anthony Zimmer*) and 28 November (*Amelie*). Paul has set up a website for Cinema Studies so that students can access news, information and critiques on the films they will be viewing and discussing. Darebin U3A Cinema Website is at u3acinema.weebly.com. Caveat: People with slow dial-up may not be able to access this website.

Computer Classes at Span: In Second Semester the tutor, Russell Lennox, will run two classes for the full Semester of 20 weeks, with no term break. **Computer 1** (basic) will commence on Tuesday 10 July from 10 – 12noon and **Computer 2** (advanced) commences on Thursday 12 July from 10 – 12noon. An additional fee of \$50 applies to cover the cost of the Span computer room. To book a place please telephone the office for a booking form as soon as possible.

Computers for All: This class is held at Merrilands Community Centre in Reservoir on Saturday mornings from 10 – 12 noon. Classes will recommence on Saturday 4 August and finish on 24 November. The fee for Darebin U3A members for this 16 week course is \$40. The tutor, Dr. Nalin Sharda, is happy to meet the needs of all class members, either with basic skills or in exploring some areas in greater depth, such as creating a slide show using PowerPoint. To book a place, please telephone the office for a booking form as soon as possible.

Introduction to Philosophy: This Tuesday evening class is closed due to work commitments of the tutor, Dr. Peter Goldsmith.

Italian Films: This class is returning to Fairfield Station. Dates to be advised.

Italian Language: Adriana Ficarazzi is on leave until next year. Larry Ginger is happy to continue with his present class of Advanced Italian Conversation at SPAN on Monday mornings.

Mah Jong: The class will be taking a break over the school holidays and meeting again on Saturday 21 July.

Day Trippers Group

'Day Trippers' outings are open to all members. You are welcome to attend any of the following outings if space is available. Main travel is by public transport.

Please direct your enquiries to the team leader for the particular event that interests you. If you

make a booking and then cannot go please make sure that you ring the leader to cancel.

Note carefully the meeting time and understand that the group cannot wait for you if you are late.

This group has already been on some interesting outings – see reports in 'Out and About'. The following is a list of forthcoming outings. For enquiries and to book in please contact the group leader.

PLEASE NOTE: The visit to **Westgarth Theatre** will be on **Wed. 27th June** - a day later than the earlier listing. **Meet Judith in the foyer at noon** to decide our choice of movie and have a snack at a nearby café either before or after the movie, depending on the session time.

CONTACT: Pam 9478 8892

Tues 7 August: The Police Museum (free entry): **Meet Mary at 11am** at the Information Centre, Federation Square. We will travel by Tram 2 to the World Trade Centre. The museum collection reflects the role of Victoria Police in almost every major incident in Victoria for over 150 years. We will visit the special exhibition *Yarra – Morgues, Murder and Mayhem*. We could eat in the café on site.

CONTACT: Mary 9481 0992.

Mon 20 August: Movie at the Nova, Carlton: **Meet David at 11am** at the Lygon St entrance to Lygon Court at 380 Lygon Street, Carlton, near Elgin Street. The Nova Cinema is inside. There will be several good films to choose from. If we meet in the foyer at 11 o'clock we can decide what we all want to see, or we can split up to see different films, then meet up after for lunch. We might decide to have a walk around Lygon Street as well. All movies on Mondays are \$6 except for the 3D versions.

CONTACT: David 9387 8670

Tues 18th Sept: China Town: Chinese Museum and Yum Cha. Meet Pam at 10 am at the Chinese Museum for a tour starting at 10.15 (seniors discount \$7.50). The Museum is at 22 Cohen Place, off Little Bourke Street, between

Exhibition and Russell Streets, in the middle of Chinatown. After the tour we will then walk up Little Bourke St to the Rainbow Restaurant for a really magnificent yum cha buffet lunch at noon (\$22). Pam considers it the best in Melbourne. We can enjoy a long, leisurely lunch - it is open till 3. The Rainbow Restaurant is on Level 1 in the arcade next to the famous Dragon Boat Restaurant.

CONTACT: Pam: 9478 8892

Thurs 20 September: Bundoora Homestead :

There will be a temporary exhibition *Seniority* featuring senior artists from Darebin and surrounding areas, which should be very interesting. Two of our members, Kerry Maher, noted landscape painter, and Wilma Plozza-Green, who is the presenter at our next Members Morning Tea, have both been invited to display their work. The Gallery café can supply a simple and inexpensive lunch. After lunch we could walk around the area to look at the view. Members going by the #86 tram on High Street - get off at stop 62 on Plenty Road where the Fire Station is – we will **meet there at 11.00** and walk for about 15 minutes through the parklands to the Homestead in Snake Gully Drive. Those travelling by car would park at the Homestead and meet us there at 11.20. Melway 19 G2. CONTACT: David 9387 8670

Final outings for 2012: full details in next Flyer.

A trip on the Williamstown Ferry (date to be arranged).

Sunday 21 October: the much anticipated visit to the National Trust property, **Labassa**.

NEW COURSES

Eclectic History of Globalisation

The tutor, Harry Blutstein, is an adjunct professor in the School of Global Studies, Social Studies and Planning at RMIT University. (With degrees in history and environmental science, he brings unique insights into the spread of globalisation.) Dr Blutstein has had several careers and since 1972 has been a free-

lance journalist, author and blogger. He is currently working on a book *The New Globalists* and brings unique insights into the spread of globalisation.

Dr Blutstein will present an eclectic history of globalization, focusing on key people and activities that have drawn the world closer together over the last 3000 years. He will include the Greek philosopher, Diogenes, who was the first to declare that he was 'a citizen of the world'; George Frances Train, who travelled around the world in 79 days in 1870 (and inspired Jules Verne to write a fictional account); John Maynard Keynes and Frederick Hayek, who fought a war of ideas that has had a profound impact on the current era of globalisation. These stories will provide a window into a more serious discussion of some of the major influences on globalisation over the last three millennia.

Details: There will be six consecutive weekly lectures on Friday afternoons from 3.30 – 5.00 pm, **commencing on Friday 20 July** in the Meeting room at Northcote Senior Citizens Centre in Bent Street. If you wish to attend, please phone the office to book in.

Understanding Politics

John Moorhouse, who has previously conducted classes for Darebin U3A in Current Affairs and Let's Talk Together, is presenting this fascinating new fortnightly class commencing in Second Semester. The following is a list of the topics he will cover:

1. Political ideologies – the 'isms': Socialism, Communism, Fascism, etc., plus democracy and dictatorship.
2. Political values, attitudes and understanding. Political awareness. Alienation from the political process.
3. The Australian political system. Federation, political parties.
4. The role of the media in politics.
5. Class interests and politics.
6. Selected topics drawn from: the environment, war and peace, wealth and

poverty, welfare, fossil fuels, human rights issues et cetera.

7. Politics and the world.

Classes will be held fortnightly at East Preston Senior Citizens Centre, Donald Street, East Preston (Melway 19 A10) on Wednesday afternoons, 3.15 – 4.45 pm. Classes will be held on alternate weeks to the present Current Affairs class, **commencing on 18 July**. To enrol in this class please leave a message at the office, giving your name, Membership number and phone contact details.

Bicycle Group

Anne Sarr, an experienced cyclist, has offered to convene a recreational bicycle group for Darebin U3A members. Already a number of people have registered their interest. Anne is overseas until mid July but plans to arrange a meeting in late July for all members interested in joining this group. She is suggesting that they start off gradually on gentle pathways through local parklands, like Yarra Bend Park, slowly progressing according to the abilities and interests of the group members. Anne says that they would keep 'off-road' and only ride on week days when the paths are less crowded. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining this group, leaving your phone number and Anne will contact you with details of the first planning meeting in late July.

P.S. The City of Darebin has over 80 kilometres of bike paths, making cycling a great way to see and appreciate the parks and reserves of the area. The Council has produced an excellent brochure – *discover darebin* – with a very clear map featuring local walking and cycling routes, leisure facilities, Community Centres, Public Transport and Parklands. This very informative and helpful guide is available free from all City of Darebin Customer Service Centres at Northcote Library, Gower Street Preston, Northlands and Reservoir (23 Edwardes Street).

Short Courses for Fourth Term

We look forward to the return of noted historian, Tony Barta, who is offering to present two sessions on the history of the American West in October or November. More details will be published in the September Newsletter.

Introduction to Sudoku:

The tutor, Russell Lennox, will hold three sessions, each focusing on one puzzle. These number puzzles exercise the brain and require only basic knowledge of the Arabic number system (numbers 1-9) and the ability to do simple additions. You only need to bring a pencil and a rubber.

Session 1 will focus on how to solve a Sudoku puzzle using a structured approach.

Prerequisites are knowledge of numbers 1-9 and a love of puzzles.

Session 2 will focus on how to solve a Killer Sudoku puzzle using Unique Digit Answers and logic. Prerequisites are Session 1 and the ability to add up to at least 45.

Session 3 will focus on how to solve a Kakura puzzle using Unique Digit Answers and logic. Prerequisites are sessions 1 and 2.

Details: The three classes will be on Monday mornings in term 4 at the East Preston Senior Citizens Centre. Time: 10 00am – 12.00 noon. Dates: October 15 and 29, and November 19, alternating with the Scrabble class.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Current Affairs

On Thursday April 19, our Current Affairs Class was honoured by a visit from Martin Ferguson, AM, Federal Member of Parliament for Batman. Mr. Ferguson 'held the floor' (never boring) and covered a wide range of topics including the role of China in the future of mineral exploration and resources. Mr. Ferguson was very candid, especially regarding his pro-Rudd stance during the recent leadership ballot. I would like to thank Martin for his attendance, and also Prue, Martin's

staffer in Canberra, who went out of her way to secure Martin's attendance.

Noel Butterfield, Tutor.

Thanks to our Group Leader, Noel Butterfield, for inviting the Minister for Resources and Tourism, Mr. Martin Ferguson, as a guest speaker for our Current Affairs group. Many frank and open discussions were aired. Topics ranged from current to future proposals in local and National Transport projects to the state of the Labor Party. Of great interest, of course, was the Minister's portfolio of Mining and Renewable Energy.

Wolfgang Smoger

Reading and Writing for Retirees

Rita Keller reports that she is very, very happy to be sharing the class with a new volunteer tutor – Jill Toulantas. Rita says Jill is very enthusiastic and professional, with more than 10 years experience in teaching English as a second language and they work together well. The students all love her and she has a very good sense of humour – which is basic to Rita's teaching style, so everyone is very happy!

Writing Your Memoirs

During the first half of the year, eleven women participated in the course, **Writing Your Memoirs**. It was a group decision to continue this course in the second half of the year. Hence five more sessions have been added to the original seven. Only those who participated in the first half of the year will be eligible to continue.

All sessions will be held at Fairfield Station on Monday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30 on the following dates: 27 August, 15 and 22 October, 12 and 26 November.

During each session, the participants will discuss their writing individually with the tutor and collectively with members of the group. Further references will be provided when needed.

Beryl Evans (Tutor)

OUT AND ABOUT

Day Tripper Reports

Bendigo Art Gallery: On Thursday 17 May a small group of members took a relaxing trip by free rail to visit the Bendigo Art Gallery for the Grace Kelly Exhibition. This regional art gallery holds very good exhibitions each year that cannot be seen elsewhere and is always worth a visit. The weather was fine and we all had a very pleasant time.

David Elder

Royal Botanic Gardens: A small group enjoyed an excursion to the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 30 May. Although the weather was dull the group certainly was not and we had a very happy day with lots of laughs.

On arrival we joined a group for a free tour conducted by one of the volunteers who was excellent. We certainly learned a lot about these magnificent gardens and can recommend this free tour. After the tour we had a delicious lunch at the café overlooking the lake. Lake??? Unfortunately the lake was absolutely covered with green algae and looked just like a continuation of the lawns - pity!

We then went on to the Volcano which is a colourful and fascinating area showing what can be achieved with plants requiring very little water. As we still had some energy left, some of the group made a brief visit to the Shrine. This would be well worth another day trip in the future. We all really enjoyed our day.

Mary de Bortoli

Port Melbourne: On Tuesday 12 June we took the tram (light rail) from Collins St to Station Pier where we had a look around Beacon Cove and the newly refurbished Princes Pier. We enjoyed a lunch of fish and chips and then walked together along the beachfront to Victoria Avenue, South Melbourne Beach, for a coffee and a long chat before taking the East Coburg tram back to the city and home. It was a pleasant and relaxing day in good company.

David Elder

U3A EXPERIENCES

Friendships to Treasure

When I joined U3A in the early 1990s, my first priority was to enrol in a class called **Improve Your English**. That was one of my best decisions, because it gave me the opportunity to learn and, in doing so, to be more confident in occasional English conversation. In a short time I convinced some of my friends to join the class. What a wonderful idea that was! Because without them, today I wouldn't enjoy life the way I do. As a result of that, as a group, we also have a great social life. Our friendship is something special, something that I treasure immensely. All this was made possible thanks to U3A – that in the autumn of my life I am enriched in experiencing what friendship really means.

Maria Vido

(first published in 1991 – 2001 *The First Ten Years*, Darebin U3A, 2001)

NOTICE BOARD

Baw Baw Annual Literary Luncheon

U3A Baw Baw has sent us an invitation to their Annual Literary Luncheon to be held from noon on Tuesday 10 July at Elizabethan Receptions. The guest speaker will be Leslie Cannold, author of *The Book of Rachel*. Leslie has just been named the 2011 Humanist of the Year and in 2005 she was listed as one of Australia's top public intellectuals. Cost is \$35.00 for a two course meal. Bookings are essential and need to be made before 3 July with the Secretary, Margaret Theile on 5625 3857.

U3A Online

Learning online is great for seniors who are homebound or for courses not available locally. Only basic computer skills are needed. There are over 35 courses available ranging from Astronomy to Writing Family History, in categories including World Affairs, History, Science, Writing Skills and Religion. Check out details at www.u3aonline.org.au.

Foster Care Information Session

Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people? Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who have experience with parenting and can provide a safe and secure home environment for children needing care for weekends, short term and long term.



Our next information session is on

**Thursday 19th July,
7 - 8.30pm**

**239 Murray Road,
Preston**

Come along to find out more and have your questions answered. To book or to receive an information package please contact Anna Jones on 8470 9951 or email anna.jones@anglicarevic.org.au

Travel Notices – Lost in Translation!

Browsing through old Newsletters, I came across these inadvertently hilarious attempts to communicate with tourists in English as a Foreign Language. Many thanks are due to Waverly U3A for the following examples:

Tokyo Hotel – Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such thing is please not to read notis.

Bucharest Hotel – The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

Yugoslavian Hotel – The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

Austrian Ski Lodge – Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

Moscow Hotel – You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

Rhodes Tailor Shop – Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

German Camp Site – It is strictly forbidden on our Black Forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

Tokyo Car Rental Firm – When passenger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage then tootle him with vigour. (Ah such poetry!)

Lost and Found

A black and red floral stole was left in the classroom on Tuesday 28 February. It is still waiting in the office for its owner to claim.

Seniors Information Victoria

Older Victorians can go to Seniors Information Victoria for free information on a wide range of issues, including retirement, home-based services, health and wellbeing, pensions and concessions, housing options, learning opportunities and maintaining social connections. Phone 1300 13 50 90 or go to the website at www.cotavic.org.au.

Spring Newsletter

Calling for Contributions

The next issue of the *Flyer* will be published in early September and will contain the latest information on courses, Day Tripper outings, Seniors Festivals and other events.

We welcome members' writings: reports from the classroom, life experiences, short stories, poems and 'out and about'.

Spring Newsletter deadline: Friday 24 August.

Articles of 250 words or less preferred.

Please send all contributions to the Editor, Jill Craig, at U3A Darebin by mail or email or hand deliver to my in-tray in the office

CLASS TIMETABLE: SECOND SEMESTER 2012

Course Title	Day	Time	Starts	Venue
SCRABBLE, 2nd & 4th Monday	Monday	10:00 – 12:30	23/7/12	East Preston Senior Citizens
HISTORY OF EUROPEAN CULTURE	Monday	10:30 - 12:00	16/7/12	Fairfield Station
ITALIAN LANGUAGE	Monday	10:30 – 12:00	16/7/12	Span
DINNER DANCING	Monday	1:00 – 2:00	16/7/12	East Preston Senior Citizens
TRIVIA AND OTHER PURSUITS	Monday	1:30 – 3:00	16/7/12	Fairfield Community Room
WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS – fully booked	Monday	1:30 – 3:30	27/8/12	Fairfield Station
TAI CHI - BASIC	Monday	1:00 – 2:00	16/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
TAI CHI - INTERMEDIATE	Monday	2:00 – 3:00	16/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
TAI CHI - ADVANCED	Monday	3:00 - 4:00	16/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
COMPUTER 1	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	10/7/12	Span
POETRY THROUGH THE AGES	Tuesday	10:30 - 12:00	17/7/12	Fairfield Station
DRAW THEN PAINT	Tuesday	1:30 - 3:30	17/7/12	Fairfield Station
CINEMA STUDIES 4th Wednesday/month	Wednesday	9:45 – 12:45	22/8/12	Fairfield Station
BOOK DISCUSSION 1, 1st Wed/month	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:00	4/7/12	Fairfield Station
BOOK DISCUSSION 2, 2nd Wed/month	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:00	11/7/12	Fairfield Station
LET'S TALK TOGETHER	Wednesday	12:30 - 2:00	18/7/12	Span
NEEDLECRAFT	Wednesday	12:45 - 2:45	18/7/12	Fairfield Station
READING & WRITING FOR RETIREES	Wednesday	1:00 - 4:00	18/7/12	Merrilands
BALLROOM DANCING - INTERMEDIATE	Wednesday	2:00 – 3:00	18/7/12	Croxton Uniting Church Hall
UNDERSTANDING POLITICS, fortnightly	Wednesday	3:15 - 4:45	18/7/12	East Preston Senior Citizens
SHAKESPEARE	Wednesday	3:00 - 4:30	18/7/12	Fairfield Station
COMPUTER 2	Thursday	10:00 - 12:00	12/7/12	Span
CURRENT AFFAIRS, fortnightly	Thursday	10:30 - 12:00	26/7/12	Fairfield Station
YOGA 1	Thursday	1:00 - 2:00	19/7/12	Northcote Town Hall
YOGA 2	Thursday	2:00 – 3:00	19/7/12	Northcote Town Hall
PAINTING AND DRAWING	Thursday	1:30 - 3:30	19/7/12	Span
ART APPRECIATION, 1st-3rd-5th Friday	Friday	10:00 - 11:30	6/7/12	Fairfield & Gallery visits
ITALIAN FILMS, 4 th Friday/month	Friday	10:30 – 1:00	?27/7/12	Fairfield Station
FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	Friday	11:30 – 1:00	20/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
MEDITATION AND HEALING CIRCLE	Friday	10:30 – 11:30	20/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	Friday	1:00 - 3:00	20/7/12	Span
ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN	Friday	1:30 – 3:00	12/10/12	Fairfield Station
LINE DANCING	Friday	2:00 – 3:30	20/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
HISTORY OF GLOBALISATION, 6 weeks	Friday	3:30 – 5:00	20/7/12	Northcote Senior Citizens
COMPUTERS FOR ALL	Saturday	10:00 – 12:00	4/8/12	Merrilands
MAH-JONG, 1st & 3rd Saturdays	Saturday	1:30 - 4:00	7/7/12	Fairfield Station
CANASTA, 2nd & 4th Saturdays	Saturday	1:30 - 4:00	14/7/12	Fairfield Station

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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.

We do not disclose any of this information to any other parties, and would never do so without your consent.

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