

FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is here at last and it is time to enjoy the renewal of life and energy which comes with the warmer weather and longer days. As Nerina writes in her lovely piece on Springtime, 'A change of seasons of seasons brings a change of heart! It seems to make us more sociable...' This newsletter is full of opportunities to join in social events, beginning with a special **Members Morning Tea** during the holiday break – see page 4 for details.

It is Spring Festival time in Melbourne and Darebin U3A is participating in a number of festive events. The highlight for us is the **Carnival of Learning** in Federation Square where U3As from around Victoria demonstrate and celebrate the joys of Third Age Learning. It is quite inspiring and invigorating to be part of such a vibrant learning community.

At a local level, the City of Darebin is offering a huge array of community events throughout October, fostering inter-generational and inter-cultural links.

Recently Darebin U3A has been revitalized by so many new members contributing in many different ways.

As Newsletter Editor, I am particularly grateful to two new members – Kate Patrick and Liz Findlay – for their invaluable help and expertise in producing this issue of the *Flyer*.

Thank you to all the members who have contributed articles, stories and poems for this issue, making such lively and interesting reading. We would love to hear from more of you, especially reports of your classroom experiences, for the next newsletter in November.

Jill Craig

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MEMBERS' MORNING TEA

10.00 – 12.30, Friday 28 September
 at Northcote Senior Citizens Centre
 18A Bent Street Northcote

The committee warmly invites all members to join us for this special morning tea.

Guest Speaker: Ms Jenny Mikakos M.P.

U3A Darebin Singers for Pleasure

Presentation from Dianne Beaumont:
One foot after another to Santiago de Compostela – a walking holiday in Portugal and Spain.

See Page 4 for more details

Please bring a plate to share.

Excellent Door Prize

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Mon – Friday: 10.30 am to 12.00 noon
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*Before visiting the office, please phone to check that somebody is in attendance.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have had a wonderful response to the request I made in the June *Flyer* asking for members to assist in one of the many roles and teams that create the smooth operation of U3A Darebin. Some members have taken on a specific role and others have joined a team (see page 3 opposite). I thank each one of you.

This is just a beginning. There is room for many more eager hands and minds with bright new ideas, so if you would still like to offer your talents, they would be most welcome.

Many other members will be contacted in the very near future to assist at the U3A Darebin booth at Federation Square on Sunday 7 October and then again next year for our booth at Edwardes Lake Park in March. Also, we may ask you to help occasionally with mail-outs or to join the walkers who put our brochures in letterboxes. At present some extra Office Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies in the team answering the U3A telephone.

The Mayor of Darebin, Cr. Steven Tsitas, hosted an event at the Northcote Town Hall, on 2 August, to celebrate the contribution volunteers make in our community. Dianne Beaumont and I were invited to represent U3A Darebin and, as it was in the form of a cocktail party, we wore our finest outfits. Just as well, because we were awarded with a '**Certificate of Appreciation for Darebin Volunteers**' on behalf of all our members who contribute to the functioning of this fine organization.

The citation reads:

Your contribution to volunteering in your local community is highly valued. We thank you for your commitment and dedication.

It is to hang in our office, and every volunteer will receive a copy.

Audrey Grace

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome Aboard to New Volunteers

The Committee is very grateful to these members who have volunteered to take on the following important roles:

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Dianne Beaumont | Assistant Secretary |
| Annette Davis | Tutor Coordinator |
| Robyn Hartley | Minute Secretary |
| Julia Elder | Assistant to Treasurer |
| Alison Daams | Course Development Officer |
| Janet Trupp | Promotions Team Leader |

We also thank those members who have recently volunteered to join the following teams:

Publicity: Carmel Lee and Janet Trupp

Newsletter: Kate Patrick and Liz Findlay.

We thank all the other volunteers who have helped throughout the year and would welcome more volunteers, especially for the following teams:

Members Events, including Catering

Publications and Publicity

Office Volunteers

Brochure Distribution

Booth Volunteers at Community Events

Successful Grants - New Equipment

Thanks to the generosity of **Bendigo Bank** we have been able to purchase a projector and portable screen for use at Bent Street in Northcote, and this wonderful equipment has already been used by two tutors to present their topics on 'Climate Change' and 'History of Globalisation'. A high definition television screen has been professionally installed by Paul Manuelle on the wall of the Fairfield classroom, replacing the very bulky old model. It was enjoyed by three classes in the very first week: **Cinema Studies, Shakespeare and Italian Films**. The members are delighted with the clear picture.

The projector and T.V both have several extra functions which can be utilized by members

and tutors. There will be more about those in a later *Flyer*.

A portable whiteboard will have been delivered to the East Preston venue in Donald Street by the time you receive this newsletter. It will replace the butchers' paper that John Moorhouse has been using to conduct his class, **Understanding Politics**, and will be available for a new class, **Italian for Beginners**, with Adrianna Ficarazzi, which will commence next February.

We have received two smaller grants from the **State Government**: one has enabled us to purchase strong lock-up storage cupboards for this new equipment and a much needed filing cabinet for our office. The old one had a faulty lock. We are also able to replace the computer chair with a safer one. The second grant is being used to purchase equipment needed for new classes and extra items for expanding classes.

Once again the **City of Darebin Council**, through its 'Community Grants Program', will cover most of our rental costs, which are our largest expense.

Special thanks to our hard working secretary, Frances Hennessey, for the hours she spent in preparing these applications for funding which have been so successful.

Free to a Good Home!

We now have two spare printers in our office cupboard - one black ink only and the other prints in colour. We are offering them to any member who has a computer and would like one. Leave your request and contact details at the office for Audrey.

Needed Now - Photos for 2013 Calendar

We need group photos and action shots of your class happily engaged in activities for the 2013 U3A calendar and our display boards. Contact Janet Trupp on 9489 4450.

Members Morning Tea

All members are warmly invited to our next Members' Morning Tea to be held in the mid-term break on Friday 28 September from 10 am to 12.30 pm at Northcote Senior Citizens Centre, 18A Bent Street, Northcote.

We are honoured to announce that our guest speaker will be Ms **Jenny Mikakos**, MP, who represents the Northern Metropolitan Region in the State Legislative Council. Ms Mikakos is the Shadow Minister for Seniors and Ageing and delivered a speech to Parliament congratulating Darebin U3A on our 20th Anniversary last year. In March this year Jenny gave the Day Trippers Group a fascinating guided tour of State Parliament - see photo in 'Out and About' on page 10.

After Jenny's speech there will be time for questions and also the opportunity to socialise over morning tea and delicious goodies. Please bring a plate to share.

Members of our **Singing for Pleasure** group will sing the four songs that they will be performing at BMW Edge at the U3A Carnival of Learning at Federation Square in October.

Then Dianne Beaumont will give a presentation entitled: *One foot after another to Santiago de Compostela – a walking holiday in Portugal and Spain*. In 2010 Dianne and her sister walked the Portuguese Camino from Porto in Portugal to Santiago de Compostela, in north-western Spain, a Christian Pilgrimage site.

Please notify the office if you will be attending the morning tea, so we can arrange seating. All participants will go into a draw to win the Door Prize donated by Nancy Keele.

2012 Victorian Seniors Festival

Once again the Victorian network of U3As will be celebrating their activities in a **Carnival of Learning** on Seniors Week Opening Day:

Sunday 7 October
10.30 am – 4 pm
Federation Square

This is an exciting event we do not like to miss. Remember that this is the first day of Daylight Savings so you will need to turn your clocks forward one hour.

This year our colourful Darebin U3A booth will be located near the main stage next to the large State Trustees booth. Our booth always attracts many visitors and again our **Mah Jong** and **Scrabble** players will be demonstrating these games, inviting passers-by to join in. Our **Singing for Pleasure** Choir will perform in the BMW Edge at 11.45 am. David and Loraine and the lively **Line Dancing** group will be performing at 12.45 pm on the Yarra Boulevard, no doubt stopping passers-by in their tracks.

If you haven't been before - join us this year! It's great to walk around and see what all the other U3As are doing and share ideas. Enjoy the fun and cheer on our performers!

The **Victorian Seniors Festival** runs from 7 - 14 October and there is free public transport for all Seniors Card holders during this week. Festival programs are now available from Coles supermarkets, Neighbourhood Houses and Libraries. Check out all the events on offer and don't miss the **U3A Combined Choral Concert** at the Melbourne Town Hall on Tuesday 9 October, commencing at 2 pm. It is free and you don't need to book. Our own 'Singers for Pleasure' will be a part of this exciting event. You will find all the details in the Festival booklet, page 31.

Darebin Community Events in October

In October the City of Darebin is hosting a huge array of events celebrating Darebin Seniors Festival along with Community Safety Month, Human Rights for Older People, Mental Health Week and Walktober.

These events are all about local people of all ages and abilities getting together, sharing information, trying new activities and making Darebin a friendlier, healthier and safer place to live, work and play. The aim is to promote

intergenerational links and the theme will be 'Human Rights'.

The following are some highlights:

Darebin Seniors Festival Launch

Come and join with other older adults from your community as we enjoy music, entertainment and afternoon tea together. Be entertained by comedian Rod Quantock, meet Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Board members and find out more about human rights in our everyday lives.

When Tuesday 9 October, 12 – 3pm
Lunch provided.

Where Grevillea Room
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre.

Enquiries Ronnie 8470 8634

Intercultural Centre Multicultural Lunch

Older adults from all backgrounds are invited to come together to celebrate Darebin Seniors Festival with international food, music and good company.

When: 12 – 2pm Wednesday 17 October

Where: Darebin Intercultural Centre, 59A Roseberry Avenue, Preston.

Enquiries and RSVP: Kathy 8470 8440

'Seniority' Art Exhibition

This exhibition at the Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre celebrates Darebin Seniors Festival through the creativity, experience and excellence of senior artists in and around the Darebin Community, including two U3A members – Kerry Maher and Wilma Plozza-Green.

When: Wed. 19 September – Sun. 14 October

Hours: Wednesday – Friday 11am – 4pm
Saturday & Sunday 12noon – 5pm

Where: 7 -27 Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora (enter from Prospect Hill Drive). Melway 19 G2 [Note: The Day Trippers group plan to visit the exhibition on Thursday 20 September – see P.6]

U3A Darebin – 'Come and Try' classes

Social Ballroom Dancing

When Wednesday 17 or 24 October, 2 - 3pm

Where Hall behind Uniting Church, corner of St. Georges Rd and Shaftesbury Pde Thornbury.

Enquiries Barbara 9480 5573

Mah Jong

When Saturday 20 October, 1 – 4 pm

Where Fairfield Station classroom

Trivia and Other Pursuits

When Monday 22 October, 1.30 – 3 pm

Where Fairfield Community Room

Darebin Libraries are also hosting information sessions on **researching Irish family history**.

Look out for the booklet detailing all these and other community events at your local Library or Customer Service Centre.

VALE LUCIANO SANZIN

On behalf of all our members, U3A Darebin extends our deepest sympathy to Claudia and family on the passing of Luciano on Sunday 5 August, aged 81 years.

U3A Darebin is greatly indebted to Luciano who, along with Claudia, helped keep us going through many difficult years.

Many of our longstanding members will remember Luciano with much affection. He was always cheerful and willing to help – nothing was ever too much trouble for him.

Luciano was a gentle, modest man who worked tirelessly 'behind the scenes' with great dedication and generosity of spirit.

We will always honour his memory.

Thank You from Claudia

To Management, Staff and Members of U3A Darebin

My dear friends, there are no words to express myself in thanking you for the lovely words, cards and donations to the Cancer Council of Victoria in memory of Luciano.

Thank you,

Claudia Sanzin

COURSE INFORMATION

Term dates:

Term 3 Finishes Friday 21 September.

Term 4 Monday 8 October - Friday 30 November.

Class Bulletins

French Language and Culture The tutor, Clement Nanbu is returning to France to further his studies. The class members wish to thank him for bringing the French language and culture alive for them. We are now seeking a new French tutor to take over this class. If you or anyone you know can help please contact Annette Davis, our Tutor Coordinator.

Ancient Civilisations of the Mediterranean

Dr. Jone Gaillard will be resuming this class on Friday 12 October.

Let' Talk Together: The tutor, Christine Fittipaldi is on leave and the class will resume on 10 October

Italian Films has recommenced and is meeting on the 4th Friday of the month at Fairfield Station, from 10.30 – 1pm.

Meditation and Healing Circle has been discontinued.

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.

For enquiries and to book in please contact the group leader. It is essential that the group leader has your phone contact details to notify you of any last minute changes.

Tuesday 18 September, China Town. This involves a guided tour at the Chinese Museum (cost \$7.50, seniors discount), followed by a Yum Cha lunch at the Dragon Boat Palace at 1/49 Lonsdale Street (cost \$16.50). If you haven't booked for this outing, it is now too late – the bookings had to be made before this newsletter was due out. If you have missed out, Pam is hoping to organise another Yum Cha outing in the future.

Pam has asked us to mention that she has recently moved and has a new phone number (9484 1622). She has tried to contact everyone who expressed interest to confirm their booking. If you have not confirmed your booking with Pam, you will not be on the list.

If you have confirmed your booking, please meet Pam at **10 am** at the Chinese Museum. The Museum is at 22 Cohen Place, off Little Bourke Street, between Exhibition and Russell Streets, in the middle of Chinatown. Note that there will be a cancellation fee for people who have booked and don't attend.

CONTACT: Pam: 9484 1622

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, 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.

Those travelling by car would park at the Homestead in Snake Gully Drive (enter from Prospect Hill Drive) and **meet us there at 11.20**. Melway 19 G2. Excellent disability access.

CONTACT: David 9387 8670

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

Located in Manor Grove, Caulfield, Labassa is one of Australia's most outstanding 19th century mansions. The house as we see it today reflects the work of architect John Augustus Bernard Koch who was employed by Cobb & Co millionaire Alexander Robertson to create a lavish setting for grand social occasions.

Meet David by 11am at the information centre in Federation Square. We will be taking the No. 16 tram (south bound) at 11:06 am. It is important that you are on time as the tram will not wait for us.

At Labassa, there will be a tour of the exterior showing the architecture of the building at 12:30pm and a tour of the interior at 2:00pm. A light lunch may be purchased at the café in Labassa.

Costs Seniors Card holders travel free on weekends. Admission to Labassa is \$5.50 (concession); National Trust members are free.

CONTACT: David 9387 8670

Fairfield Cyclists Group

The group leader, Anne Sarr, reports that there are currently nine interested riders who have met to discuss goals and guidelines.

They have decided that rides will be cancelled in wet or windy weather or if the forecast temperature is 30 degrees or more. Individual riders must be responsible for their own bike maintenance and safety during rides. Please note that U3A insurance does not cover bicycle riders. Please ensure that you have your name and emergency contact details on your person for each ride. Current ability to ride and previous riding experience, even as a child, are essential.

The group has had two successful and enjoyable rides along the Darebin Creek Trail, starting from Darebin Parklands. They have decided to ride on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the

month, from 10.15am – 11.45am, starting earlier in the warmer months from 9.30 – 11.00 am.

The next two rides are scheduled as follows:

Friday 12 October, departing at 10.15 and returning approximately 11.45am, meeting at the Darebin Parklands car park at the end of Separation Street (Melway 31 C9).

Friday 26 October, departing at 10.15 and returning approximately 11.45am. They will meet at the Fairfield Boathouse carpark just off Heidelberg Road before the Jeffrey Street junction (Melway 30 12 H).

NEW SHORT COURSES

Cowboys and Indians: The True Story

Noted historian, Tony Barta is offering three sessions entitled **Cowboys and Indians: The True Story**, as he describes below.

The true story of HOW THE WEST WAS WON is a great epic, and there is some great documentary television to supplement the famous movies. We will watch some of this over three sessions and talk about U.S. policy, Indian resistance, wars of conquest and the curious alliance of cowboys and Indians that followed.

Tony Barta taught European and Australian History at La Trobe University from 1969 to 1996. He founded the History and Film Program in 1985. He has presented two other very interesting and enlightening short courses at Darebin U3A.

Details Three sessions to be held at Fairfield Station from 1 – 3pm on Thursday 18 and 25 October and 1 November. If you wish to enrol in this course please phone the office before Friday 21 September giving your membership number and phone number.

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.

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 fortnightly on Monday mornings from 10 00am – 12.00 noon at the East Preston Senior Citizens Centre. Dates are October 15 and 29, and November 19, alternating with the Scrabble class.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Reading and Writing for Retirees

The Tutors, Rita Keller and Jill Toulantas, are qualified ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers with many years' experience.

Now that there are two tutors, there is plenty of room for anybody new who feels he/she would like to join the class. We would be delighted to welcome you. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 1 – 4 pm, at Merrilands Community Centre, cnr. Asquith & Sturdee Streets, Reservoir.

The following stories were written by two longstanding class members.

MY NEIGHBOUR

My name is Nicoletta. I came from Italy on the 23rd of April 1962. I stayed with my aunty at 38 Campbell Street, Coburg, for five months before I got married to this wonderful man, Giuseppe, on the 22nd of September the same year. We had our honeymoon in Sydney, then we came back to our residence at 18 Ankertell Street, West Coburg.

There I met a big community of Italians, except my direct neighbour who was Russian and a non-English speaker like me.

She played the piano every day and I really enjoyed listening to it. To my surprise, one day I went to open the door and there was this beautiful lady with a platter of fresh fruits from the garden and a big smile on her face. She introduced herself as 'Helen the Neighbour' and she had come to meet me.

She was Russian and I was Italian, neither of us spoke English, but we communicated with hand gestures. A few years later, she passed away from cancer.

I was very sad for the loss of a wonderful friend, but I always remember her and her beautiful big smile.

Nicoletta Di Vincenzo

MY NAME IS GIOVANNA ROMANO

I come from the town of Tuarianova in the province of Reggio Calabria in Southern Italy. In November 1959, I met Antonio. Before departing from Italy to Australia we were engaged and had a good relationship. In 1962 he asked my father if he could marry me. On the 25th of October we got married.

On the 19th of December 1962 I left Rome to come to Australia alone. The first stop was at Terra of Turekia. Then we left and after five minutes in the air, the pilot announced that we had to land for an emergency. Thank God everything was OK. One hour later everything was repaired and we took off again. In the morning we arrived at Sydney International Airport. Later I took a plane for Melbourne and landed at Essendon Airport at 11 am on 22nd of December.

I got a nasty surprise when my husband was not there waiting for me. I looked around and couldn't see him. So I went to the office and asked for my suitcase. The man there only spoke English and I only spoke Italian. I tried to communicate with my hands. He told me my suitcase wasn't there but in the city Alitalia office.

I took a taxi to the city, picked up my suitcase and went home to Carlton. My sister-in-law was there and she told me that Antonio had gone out to buy a bunch of flowers. Antonio had expected me at 11 pm! My husband was very happy to see me at home. The next day we went to church to be

blessed. After Christmas we went to Sydney for our honeymoon.

We had four children and now we are enjoying eleven grandchildren. We have had a very happy life. This year, on the 25th of October 2012, we will celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Giovanna Romano

Poetry through the Ages

The Poetry Group has been blessed by two consecutive visits, from Marietta Elliott-Kleerkoper, and Wendy Fleming, both eminent and published poets from our area. Initially we approached Marietta and Wendy to help us come to an understanding of the works of the John Ashberry - a contemporary American poet. Talk about hard work and, boy, did we struggle! Marietta and Wendy joined us for a workshop on 17 April and led a vibrant discussion on Ashberry. Marietta and Wendy shared their 'tool box' – their strategies for analysis - and we left the session invigorated and more at ease with this poet's work.

We were fortunate to have Marietta and Wendy back on 24 April when they helped us discuss 'What is Poetry?' and 'What is Prose?' Again, we concluded with a better understanding.

Marietta and Wendy brought in some of their own works and we listened and learnt so much. They are both very engaging poets. The Poetry Group wishes to thank them both for their massive input. We are looking forward to another visit 'down the track'.

Noel Butterfield, Tutor

Poetry – Ahh – The stuff of poetry. Have you ever thought of it?

This out-of-towner romps up to see what the poetic world is like. Surprise! Surprise! I've been surprised by the beauty and subtlety of the English language.

In the short time since I joined the class, I've been introduced to many people – poets from days gone by and the living present. What do poets talk about? What do you talk about?

It's all about everyday life – incidents, people, relationships, its fun times and difficult times albeit a different political, social, economic era. It's a great, weird, wonderful ride through the events and emotions of those who pen these experiences with people who obviously enjoy the meanderings in the poetic world.

Time flies when you are having fun as the class becomes a happy discussion group around different poems. Your views, interpretations, can be outlandish but people listen and enjoy your contribution from your own lived experience. This happens because of the healthy respect each has for the other's life journey and their dignity and personhood.

Recently, one poem taken up with great gusto was sung as though present at the last night at the Proms – Bravo! – Encore!

All hail Noel, for creating an atmosphere of shared enjoyment and happy discussion that time passes all too quickly. Time's up – as so quickly happens with the class – *joie de vivre* is alive – so would you like to join me and others in Fairfield Village for a further coffee and chat?

Kevin Williams

LIFE EXPERIENCES

SPRINGTIME

A change of seasons brings a change of heart! It seems to make us more sociable, more romantic... That's how it works for me!

I'm in my garden watching the trees become alive, the branches are covered with delicate flowers, like a pink cloud ready to fly up, up and away.

The primroses, the daisies, the roses, like a colourful mosaic, are transforming yesterday's sleepy garden into a beautiful vibrant painting.

The long winter is gone!

The smell of springtime is in the air. I enjoy watching the birds jumping from one branch to another, and transforming my fig tree into a gymnasium of noisy sparrows.

Then a bird calls its notes so clearly they seem to split the air.

The lovely sound tricks my mind: another day like this, so very long ago, but still so vivid in my memory 'My first spring in Australia'. I was so nostalgic for my people, my country, my lovely house by the sea...

It hurts so much that it makes me write this little poem.

Loneliness

Along the golden beach
listening to the murmur of the sea
When the day is in descent
lost over the horizon
When darkness
covers everything
My lonely night
becomes serene.
When the night is bright
how sweet it is
listening to you
little melancholic stars.
This is the moment divine
when I'm enjoying you
solitude mine.

Nerina Novak

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WINTER EVENINGS

Cold fingers fumbling at buttons on jackets,
Scarves tied tightly to keep out the chill,
Rays of light stealing through curtains
Cast rays of cool warmth, though our feet
can't keep still
As they shuffle through leaves still falling to
earth.
Time to play with the children and share in
their mirth.

Liz Findlay 19.7.06

OUT AND ABOUT

Day Tripper Visit to the Police Museum

On August 7, twelve day-trippers paid a most entertaining visit to the Police Museum.

What a fascinating place this is and it's all free! It's a small museum but very well set out and the displays are interesting.

We were able to pick up a piece of Kelly armour and marvel at its weight. How did they manage to walk wearing all that weight?

We were devastated when we viewed the remains of the car used in the Russell Street bombing and pondered over that tragic and well-remembered day and the vicious inhumanity of some people.

Many of us love our city and grew up with stories of *Marvellous Melbourne*, but we hadn't known the dreadful early history of our Yarra River – frightful prison hulks (ghastly story), suicides, murder and pollution so foul that our marvellous Melbourne was known as Smellbourne! Thank heavens we have been able to change that to the 'World's Most Liveable City'.

We spent a couple of hours with the displays, spent some money at the museum shop and then headed for refreshments – plenty of choice at the various food outlets in the Police Complex. The weather was delightful, so we walked back into the city.

Mary de Bortoli



Day Tripper visit to Parliament House, hosted by Jenny Mikakos, MP (centre) – The Library.

NOTICE BOARD

Gardening Afternoon with Jane Edmanson

Tuesday 18 Sept, 2 – 4 pm.

Applewood Retirement Village
5 Grand Boulevard, Doncaster

Bookings are still being taken for an afternoon in the garden at Applewood Retirement Village with 3AW's gardening expert, Jane Edmanson, discussing plants and products to help your potted garden thrive.

RSVP – Alison or Carla on 8848 1111.

Light refreshments available.



Peace Day Community Celebration Music from around the globe

Darebin Ethnic Community Council in partnership with the City of Darebin is celebrating International Day of Peace with a Community Celebration featuring music and dance from around the globe.

Friday 21 September, 6 – 10pm

First floor, Intercultural
Centre

59A Roseberry Avenue,
Preston

Performers include:

*Northern Voice

*Sri Chinmoy Centre

Musicians

*Fuefukuro, Japanese

Flute & Taiko Drums Ensemble

*Indian chants & poetry from Ranjiv and friends

*Salsa Dancing



RSVP: Darebin Intercultural Centre 8470 8440
or email: intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au

'Peace Day' is an opportunity to make peace in your relationships and your community as well as be a part of the global peace effort to create a culture of peace. Let's celebrate peace!

Codgers – The Movie

Codgers – The Movie will be screening in Victoria in celebration of the 2012 Seniors Festival. It is a fun feel-good film about five Aussie men who meet at the gym each week to exercise, chew the fat, sling off, sing and have a bloody good laugh!

Cameo Cinemas are offering \$8 tickets and \$6.50 lunch packs for Seniors.

Screening details:

Dates: Monday 8 October – Friday 12 October

Time: 11am

Venue: Cameo Cinemas

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November Newsletter

The next issue of the *Flyer* will be published in early November in advance of the AGM on Tuesday 4 December.

The Newsletter will contain full details of the Annual General Meeting and Celebration along with Nomination Forms for the 2013 Committee of Management.

It will also include the **Members Re-enrolment Supplement**, containing new Course Descriptions and the Timetable for First Semester 2013, so that members can re-enrol before the end of November.

We welcome items from members, especially reports from the classroom and 'out and about'.

November Newsletter deadline: Friday 12
October

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

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