



# U3A LOWER NORTH

*Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends*

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## *Dear Members,*

Greetings from a lush hollow in the Clare Valley soon to become a prime fire hazard.

Instead of winding down for the year, U3A is heading into a hectic December. This issue is being rushed to you so you can book for our **end of year lunch and film**. See details opposite.

The **Art Exhibition** is another important coming event. This year the art group will hold it in the front rooms of the Clare Town Hall from Friday 16 to Monday 19 December. Due to space limitations there will be no official opening this year however the mayor has been invited to drop in on the Saturday morning to inspect the exhibition with art group leader Gerald Moore. All members are encouraged to drop in and check out what our art group can do.

Many thanks to Art Exhibition Coordinator, committee person and artist Pauline Reid.

Mixing art and marketing, we will be taking a stand at the **Christmas Craft Fair** on Sunday 4 December. We hope that the goods on sale will inspire visitors to do something creative. Our creative people will be on hand to show what U3A members can do, and plenty of brochures and other information on how to join. The public can even purchase U3A membership vouchers for Christmas gifts.

***Best wishes for the festive season and do fill in those forms so we can continue working on a great 2017.***

***See you at Blyth, Claire***

## **End of Year Lunch & Film**

**You are invited to lunch with friends then sit back and laugh with *Dough*.**

Friday 9 December will be our final day for the U3A year with lunch, 12 for 12.30, at the Blyth Hall supper room. Please bring a plate of finger food suitable for sharing. Soft drinks provided.

After lunch and a chat (remember name tags), it's on to the air-conditioned cinema for *Dough*.

*Dough* is an English comedy about curmudgeonly widower Nat Dayan a Kosher baker in London's East End. Understaffed, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager Ayyash who has a secret side gig selling marijuana to help his immigrant mother make ends meet. An unlikely friendship forms between the old Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice. *Dough* is a warm-hearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places.

Some may identify with the dilemma of a family business with a lack of willing heirs.

We look forward to seeing you there, so **book with Quentin as soon as possible (0447 601 142, [asku3a@gmail.com](mailto:asku3a@gmail.com))**. To pay on day (before 12 please), put booking slip with exact money in envelope to speed processing.

This is an ideal opportunity to catch up and thank group leaders before we all go in different directions for the festive season.

## ENROL NOW FOR 2017

While some groups struggle for numbers, others fill very quickly. Enrolments do not carry on from one year to the next so to ensure you keep your place, please submit enrolment form and payment as soon as possible. All enrolments will be processed on a first come first served basis.

## CARD PLAYERS: HAND AND FOOT

Card players will welcome a new group playing **Hand and Foot** to be led by Jan Bails. Beginners welcome but some knowledge of Canasta would be helpful.

Hand and Foot is a card game played between two-to-six players in which one deck is needed per player. Hand and Foot is related to Canasta, in which each player is dealt two sets of cards: the hand, which is played first, and the foot, which is played when the hand has been used up.

## CLASS CHANGES

**Italian for Travellers** is now scheduled to start in second term. Register early if you like.

**Ancestry** is not taking any new clients as fees were not covering costs and we may lose more groups through lack of enrolments. Barrie Smith will finish **Furniture Restoration, Woodwork and French Polishing** at Blyth unless there are new enrolments.

Likewise Ian Bails needs new faces in **Irish Culture and Language** or it will not continue. If it does go ahead, a new day and time will be negotiated.

**Petanque** underwent a revival when it moved to Auburn but is again lacking regular attendees. Malcolm Weddle has led this group for many years and wants to retire. Thus petanque has the double challenge of finding new players and a new leader.

Gawler Petanque Club was delighted to hear we played and eager to visit us or invite our Petanque players to visit them. Let's hope our group survives.

Would-be musicians can submit expressions of interest in learning to play **keyboard**. A new member is considering teaching this in her Watervale home.

Do let Quentin know if you are interested or if you already play keyboard and would like to form a keyboard players group.

## LOST PROPERTY REWARD

When was the last time you saw the U3A data projector? Has your group used it in the last year?

Please notify any committee member because we are trying to trace this valuable piece of kit which has gone missing from the Domain office.

Reward for any information leading to its recovery.

## GROUP LEADERS SAVE THE DATE

Our annual catch-up between committee and group leaders is planned for Monday 27 February.

Same venue and format as 2016: drinks and chat at Domain followed by meal at Clare Hotel.

## AGM REPORT

The theory is that people avoid attending AGMs because they fear being press-ganged into a job. We have proved that wrong. With no elections at all this year, attendance was very disappointing.

Those who did attend, heard engaging speaker Meredith Appleyard and the good and bad news in the Annual Report. The good news: our two new committee members have provided a great boost, one in organizing, the other in teaching. The bad news: the Council intends to sell the Domain which we use as our office and 2 teaching spaces. (More overleaf.)

Sue Mayfield not only won the photography contest but was also runner-up. The winning snap was of 3 members of the exercise class enjoying their stretches clad in colourful tops which made them look a little like the Wiggles. I too found this photo a good portrayal of U3A activities and used it in the National Bulletin. The second placegetter was of two chess players fully concentrated on their game.

## NEW NAME TAGS

At the AGM Jan Duggin requested the option of having a more permanent name tag which would fit easily into handbag or pocket.

The committee thought this a good suggestion. Not everyone will want one and it won't be attractive to short-term members but we are sure many of our long-term members will think it money well spent.

We will continue issuing the current type of name tag but if anyone wants to purchase a more permanent hard plastic name tag with option of magnetic back or pin back, fill out that section of the enrolment form. N.B. magnetic backs are unsuitable for those with a heart pacemaker.

When ordering, please print your name just as you would like it to appear on tag so we know if you want to be a Jim or a James Smith.

U3A Adelaide Hills uses the same sort so we were able to view the finished item and are confident it will look good. White plastic background, blue and gold logo, with blue sans serif type for name.

Cost to members will be \$12. Delivery charges are quite steep per unit on small orders, so we would appreciate early orders for a bulk print.

## U3A TO LOSE DOMAIN HOME

Clare and Gilbert Valley Council spent a great deal of money on consultants to assess what residents wanted for the town centre. We attended every public consultation meeting and no member of the public suggested closing the Domain. Instead they recommended revitalizing it, and developing a program of improvements. A Council sub-committee then decided to disregard the study and sell the Domain which will leave U3A, and the mentally disabled kids we share with, out on the street.

## UNIVERSITY STUDY \$5 REWARD

Members are invited to assist Rachel Curtis, a PhD student in the School of Psychology at Flinders University by participating in an online survey.

Participants are asked to complete one questionnaire that will take about 20-25 minutes with questions on themselves, how they go about choosing and participating in leisure activities, the types of leisure activities they participate in, and their emotions. As compensation for the time taken to complete the questionnaire, participants will receive a \$5 voucher for their choice of Coles, Kmart, Officeworks or Target

For questionnaire and more information go to: [https://flinderspsychology.au1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_dcXgjsZHG7naaW1](https://flinderspsychology.au1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dcXgjsZHG7naaW1)

## CAMBRIDGE SUMMER SCHOOL

If you plan to visit the UK during their summer, you could include study at the Cambridge University's Lifelong Learning Summer School. Study, dine and sleep for a week or two in historic Corpus Christi College. [www.corpus.cam.ac.uk/lifelong-learning](http://www.corpus.cam.ac.uk/lifelong-learning).

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Unchanged since 2004 and still a bargain at \$25, membership fees fall due in February. You won't need a reminder in the New Year if you enclose payment with your enrolment or end-of-year lunch booking.

Payments can be made 4 ways:

- at the lunch before 12 (place exact money and completed booking slip inside an envelope); OR
- post cheques made out to 'U3A Lower North Inc.' to PO Box 480, Clare, 5453; OR
- pay online. (U3A Lower North Inc., No. 748828019; BSB 085 558. For ID use surname followed by initial, e.g. John Smith = smithj. Emails to [u3alownorth@gmail.com](mailto:u3alownorth@gmail.com)) OR
- treasurer Peter Wood will be in the Domain office on Thursday 2 February 2017, from 10 am to 2 pm accepting payments in person.

## 2017 U3A CALENDAR

2017 has four 8-week terms divided by 3 or 4-week gaps because group leaders deserve holidays too.

If meeting outside these dates please inform the secretary to protect group leader insurance.

**TERM 1:** \_ Monday 13 February to Monday 10 April  
Group Leaders Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Monday 27 February

**TERM 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ Monday 1 May to Monday 26 June  
Riverland Rendezvous: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-11 May

**TERM 3:** \_\_ Monday 24 July to Friday 15 September

**TERM 4:** \_\_ Monday 16 October to Fri. 8 December  
Annual General Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday 3 November  
End-of-year lunch & movie: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday 8 December

# End-of-Year Break-up

## Lunch & Film

**Friday 9 December 2016**

**Blyth Supper Room & Blyth Cinema**

**Film: 'Dough'**

Lunch 12 for 12.30 pm (Payments to be completed before 12)

**Please bring a generous plate of finger food to share**

\$12 a head, contact Quentin to book (mention if you need transport)

\$2 option for lunch only, or \$10 for movie only. Booking slip over page with enrolment

## 2017: FIRST TERM ACTIVITIES

CLASS	LEADER	TIME	STARTS	VENUE	TICK
Art	Gerald Moore	Wed 9:30am - 1:30pm	15/2/2017	Auburn	[ ]
Book Group	Marianne Holliday	Alt Thu 10:30am - 12noon	16/2/2017	Clare Library	[ ]
Cards, hand & foot	Jan Bails	Tue 9.30 am – 12.30 pm	14/2/2017	Essington Mews	[ ]
Contract Bridge	Eleanor Thomas	Thu 3pm	16/2/2017	St Barnabas	[ ]
Chess	Ian Bails	Tue 2:30 - 4:30pm	14/2/2017	Essington Mews	[ ]
Chinese (Mandarin)	Ron Bevan	Mon 10am - 12noon	13/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Coffee & Chat	Val Tilbrook	Wed 10:30am	15/2/2017	Various	[ ]
Computing I Basics	Quentin Fleming	Fri 10am – 12 noon	17/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Computing 2	Quentin Fleming	Tue 1 - 3pm	14/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Computing 3 iPads	Marian Wicks	Tue 12 noon- 1:30pm	14/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Cryptic Crosswords	Greta Handmer	Alt Thu 10:30am - 12noon	23/2/2017	25 Edward St	[ ]
Drumbeat	John Monton	Mon 10am - 12noon	13/2/2017	St Barnabas	[ ]
Exercise 1	Chris Roberts	Tue 9 - 10am	14/2/2017	Lutheran Hall	[ ]
Exercise 2	Chris Roberts	Tue 10 - 11am	14/2/2017	Lutheran Hall	[ ]
Film Group	Val Tilbrook	4th Tue 2pm	27/2/2017	Blyth Cinema	[ ]
French 1 Basics*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 9.30-10.30 am	16/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
French 2*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 10.45 am- 12.30 pm	16/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Furniture Restoration	Barrie Smith	Wed 10am - 12noon	15/2/2017	Blyth	[ ]
Grief Support	Anne Smith	By appointment			[ ]
History	Val Tilbrook	Fri 10am - 12noon	17/2/2017	St Barnabas	[ ]
Irish Culture, Language	Ian Bails	tba	tba	Essington Mews	[ ]
Knitting	Mary Clark	Tue 2 - 4pm	14/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Mah-jong, Clare	Pam Murray	Wed 2 - 4pm	15/2/2017	St Barnabas	[ ]
Mah-jong, Auburn	Sue Beaton	Tue 2 - 4pm	14/2/2017	Auburn	[ ]
Music Appreciation	Helen Weckert	1st, 3rd, 5th Wed 2pm	15/2/2017	10 March Court	[ ]
Meditation (relaxation)	Anne Smith	Tue 10 - 11:30am	14/2/2017	Domain	[ ]
Petanque		Mon 1.30 pm	13/2/2017	Auburn	[ ]
Quilting	Lesley Bray	Thu 10am - 1pm	16/2/2017	St Barnabas	[ ]
Scrabble	Carol Stewart	Mon 1:15pm	13/2/2017	St Barnabas	[ ]
Walking, Clare	Margaret Daly	Mon 8am	13/2/2017	Lennon St east	[ ]
Walking, Auburn	Jan Bowles	Thu 8.30 am	16/2/2017	Auburn Institute	[ ]



PLEASE RETURN lunch & film bookings to Course Co-ordinator, Quentin Fleming, by Monday 5 December at P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453, or phone 0447 601 142, or email asku3a@gmail.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of origin \_\_\_\_\_

**ENROLMENTS** accepted until Friday 3 February 2017. **Annual subscription: \$25**

Enrol me in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletters** by post [ ] or email [ ]. **Payment** by cheque [ ] cash [ ] EFT [ ] All options overleaf

**OPTIONAL NEW NAME TAGS \$12** Please tick for pin back [ ] or magnetic back [ ]

Print name as you want it to appear \_\_\_\_\_

**2016 END OF YEAR LUNCH & FILM \$12** For self [ ] and [ ] number of guests.