



U3A LOWER NORTH

Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends

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Dear Members,

Greetings from a drying hollow in the Clare Valley still clinging to the last vestiges of Spring before descent to the season of flies, heat, dust, sweat ... and siestas ☺.

We promised you our AGM would be a day to remember and it certainly was. Never before have we received so much positive feedback. Our guest speaker kept members engaged and intrigued for a record 75 minutes. If you enjoyed it too, enrol in Law Talk sessions with Christopher Cocks in Term 1.

Yet again Sue Mayfield scooped the photography competition pool with shots of the Clare walking group braving wintry weather and Mary Clark entertained with an original poem (see inside).

Another pleasant outcome of the AGM is three new faces on the committee. From Clare there is Peter Lisman, newcomer Ian Foster and coming all the way from Riverton is long-time member Kath Lock.

Five of the 8 on committee now come from the French class. We intend to vote ourselves free crates of champagne and take research trips to Toulouse, the birthplace of U3A. Only participation by other groups can stop us in our lust for domination. Seriously, hasn't anyone told other groups that they too can become involved in running our wonderful U3A?

All groups now at the Domain will transfer to the Clare Town Hall meeting rooms in 2018. Please check the programme carefully for any changes to times, etc.

*Hope to see you for lunch at Blyth,
Claire*

End of Year Lunch & Film

You are invited to lunch with friends then sit back and watch *Victoria and Abdul*.

Friday 8 December will be our final day for the U3A year with lunch, 12 for 12.30, at the Blyth Hall supper room. (No transport? Let us know.)

Please bring a plate of finger food suitable for sharing. Soft drinks provided.

After lunch and a chat (remember name tags), it's over to the air-conditioned cinema for our film.

In *Victoria and Abdul*, Judi Dench once again puts in a right royal performance as Queen Victoria in such a bizarre true story that it is incredible that it has been kept hidden for so long.

This magnificent costume drama set in rarely filmed royal premises such as Osborne House, the Queen's seaside residence on the Isle of Wight, deserves viewing on the wide screen. Another interesting look at Britain's colonial past for history buffs but also great entertainment.

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

Do take this opportunity to catch up and thank group leaders before we all go in different directions for the festive season.

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

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. While some groups struggle for numbers, others fill very quickly. Group leaders should tell Quentin how many to accept before the CLASS FULL sign goes up.

DON'T PAY INCREASED FEE

Since 2004 our \$25 membership fee has equalled the cheapest in the State, possibly Australia. The new fee is \$35 but there is a \$10 discount for early payment. If you enrol and pay before the deadline of Thursday 1 February you only have to pay \$25. Don't risk forgetting. Enrol and pay now. We are running an extra registration day to help.

Payments can be made 4 ways:

- Registration Days. Choose either Friday 1 December or Thursday 1 February. Treasurer Peter Wood and/or Course Coordinator Quentin Fleming will be there from 9 am to 3 pm at the Clare Town Hall or
- at Blyth 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).

DATES FOR 2018

2018 has four 8-week terms divided by 3 or 4-week holiday breaks. If meeting outside these dates inform the secretary to protect group leader insurance.

Final day for enrolments and payment: _ 1 February
Group Leaders Event: _____ Wednesday 7 February

TERM 1: _____ Friday 9 February to Monday 9 April

TERM 2: _____ Monday 7 May to Monday 2 July

TERM 3: ___ Monday 30 July to Friday 21 September

TERM 4: ___ Monday 15 October to Fri. 7 December
Annual General Meeting: _____ Friday 2 November
End-of-year lunch & movie: _____ Friday 7 December

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When a woman wears a leather dress, a man's heart beats quicker, and his throat gets dry, he goes weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally. -Ever wondered why? Because she smells like a new car.

ACTIVITIES IN 2018

During the year we will offer over 30 different activities. Firstly the new: Law Talk, Electronic Kit Building, Current Affairs.

Anyone who attended the AGM will know what to expect from **Law Talk** with Christopher Cocks. Intriguing hypothetical-style sessions examine cases which Chris came across in his legal career.

Quentin Fleming has a passion for electronics and will guide a group constructing various inexpensive **electronics kits**. Get in touch early as no doubt the kits will need to be selected and purchased.

Current Affairs just requires a desire for informed discussion on news topics, be they local or international. We live in interesting times so come along and discuss them with friends. Scheduled for alternate Wednesdays and a question mark against the finish time as it might slide over into a cheap pub lunch for anyone interested.

Marian Wickes is back teaching basic skills with **Computing iPads** (small groups, 4-week courses). Quentin says **Computing** has become largely social and is now reduced to one class on Fridays.

Italian for Travellers is in recess until Term 2. Anne Smith says she will restart at a very basic beginner level so total newbies will be welcome, as will returning students who need the revision.

Unfortunately the **Hand and Foot** card playing group has come to an end. Our thanks to Jan Bails.

LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Ever wanted to **learn a musical instrument** but never had the opportunity? An exciting suggestion for 2018 is an **Adult Beginners Band**. You learn to play in a group with others who might be learning different instruments. It sounds chaotic but Leonie Moore assures me it can happen.

Students without an instrument (such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone plus drums, percussion or even keyboard), would need to hire one. (Details available.) Students would also require a music stand and band method book relevant to their instrument. Everyone starts at the beginning and works together through the book.

This is a major undertaking and may involve other local organizations. It will not happen unless we receive expressions of interest from sufficient members. If you think this is a good idea and would like to be involved, ask Quentin to put your name on the list. No names: no orchestra.

NAME TAGS

Conference style name tags are issued free of charge. Unfortunately some new members haven't received theirs. Sorry for the oversight. We are working on correcting the situation.

You may have noticed some members wearing handsome new name tags made from white plastic. These are available with pin or magnetic backing for \$12. We only put in one order a year (after enrolments close) so if you want one, make sure your name is on the list and you have paid in advance.

N.B. magnetic backs are unsuitable for those with a heart pacemaker.

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

LEAVING DOMAIN

When 2017 classes have finished, the committee will be hard at work packing up the Domain and moving our essential possessions to a small room in the Clare Town Hall. (Non essentials will join the collections already housed by the secretary and chairman.)

Classes will take advantage of Clare Council's offer to all community groups to use the front two meeting rooms. U3A is paying \$1000 a year for a small adjacent storage space where we can keep teaching resources, etc. This will not be a shared space so we can lock it up, secure in the knowledge that nothing will go missing. We will talk about how to access it at our Group Leader event which falls in the week before the official start of term.

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Is there another word for 'synonym'?

Shouldn't there be a shorter word for 'monosyllabic'?

Why is 'abbreviation' such a long word?

ODE/OWED TO U3A

Thanks to Mary Clark of Watervale for her poem recited at the AGM. It mirrors her progress through U3A from just attending a social group, then teaching an activity then absolutely duxing a language group.

For me it was a memorable day
When I first heard of U3A
A chance to go to university
Where I could earn myself a degree
If choosing a subject and studying well
What I could achieve only time would tell
So I enrolled and studied the list
Of things to learn and got the gist
That this was a means of improving my mind
By learning skills of a different kind
At Coffee and Chat discussions are rife
And we hear the stories from each other's life
Where friendships are formed and laughter is heard
And where you will never hear a cross word
Over the years I have learnt many things
And have gained the confidence to spread my wings
And take on the challenges that have come my way
And be ever thankful to have found U3A

RESEARCH PROJECT

Female? 65 or over? No children? Deakin University needs you for an online survey. It is anonymous and takes about 25 minutes.

Further information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Life-in-Australian-society-as-a-woman-with-no-children-592205344191162/>

or just click on:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/life-in-Australian-society-for-women-aged-64-or-more-with-no-children>

Friday 8 December

U3A End of Year Lunch & Movie

Starts at 12 for 12.30 pm, Blyth Supper Room

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Victoria and Abdul starring Judi Dench to follow at Blyth Cinema

All Group Leaders invited to attend as our guests

A time for all members to combine and applaud the contribution of our Group Leaders, farewell classmates and catch up with friends before the Christmas holidays
\$12 a head, contact Beth or Quentin to book (mention if you need transport)
\$2 option for lunch only, or \$10 for movie only. Booking slip over page with enrolment

2018: FIRST TERM ACTIVITIES

CLASS	LEADER	TIME	STARTS	VENUE	TICK
Art	Gerald Moore	Wed 9:30am – 1:30pm	14/2/2018	Auburn	[]
Book Group	Marianne Holliday	Alt Thu 10:30am - 12noon	15/2/2018	Clare Library	[]
Chess	Ian Bails	Tue 2:30 – 4:30pm	13/2/2018	Essington Mews	[]
Chinese (Mandarin)	Ron Bevan	Mon 10am – 12noon	12/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Coffee & Chat	Val Tilbrook	Wed 10:30am	14/2/2018	Various	[]
Computing 1	Quentin Fleming	Fri 10 am – 12 noon	9/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Computing 2 iPads	Marian Wicks	Tue 12 noon – 1:30pm	13/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Contract Bridge	Eleanor Thomas	Thu 3pm	15/2/2018	St Barnabas	[]
Cryptic Crosswords	Greta Handmer	Alt Thu 10:30am – 12noon	22/2/2018	25 Edward St	[]
Current Affairs	Claire Eglinton	Alt Wed. 11am - 12.30 pm?	14/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Drumbeat	John Monten	Mon. 10am – 12 noon	12/2/2018	St Barmabas	[]
Electronics, Kit build.	Quentin Fleming	Fri. 10– 12 noon	9/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Exercise 1	Chris Roberts	Tue 9 – 10am	13/2/2018	Lutheran Hall	[]
Exercise 2	Chris Roberts	Tue 10 – 11am	13/2/2018	Lutheran Hall	[]
Film Group	Val Tilbrook	1st Tue 2pm	13/2/2018	Blyth Cinema	[]
French 1 Basics*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 9.30– 10.30 am	15/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
French 2*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 10.45 am– 12.30 pm	15/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Furniture Restoration	Barrie Smith	Wed 10am – 12noon	14/2/2018	Blyth	[]
History	Val Tilbrook	Fri 10am – 12noon	9/2/2018	St Barnabas	[]
Irish Culture, Language	Ian Bails	Mon 2.30 – 4.30 pm	12/2/2018	Essington Mews	[]
Knit and Sew	Mary Clark	Tue 2– 4pm	13/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Law Talk	Christopher Cocks	Wed 2– 4 pm	14/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Mah-jong, Auburn	Sue Beaton	Tue 1 – 3pm	13/2/2018	Mellers, Auburn	[]
Mah-jong, Clare	Pam Murray	Wed 2 – 4pm	14/2/2018	St Barnabas	[]
Meditation (relaxation)	Anne Smith	Mon 1 – 2.30pm	26/2/2018	Clare Town Hall	[]
Music Appreciation	Helen Weckert	1 st , 3 rd Wed 2pm	21/2/2018	10 March Ct	[]
Petanque	Jim Morran	Mon 1.30 pm	12/2/2018	Cent. Pk, Auburn	[]
Quilting	Diane Richardson	Thu 10am – 1pm	15/2/2018	St Barnabas	[]
Scrabble	Carol Stewart	Mon 1:15pm	12/2/2018	St Barnabas	[]
Walking, Auburn	Jan Bowles	Thu 8.30 am	15/2/2018	Auburn Institute	[]
Walking, Clare	Margaret Daly	Mon 8 am	12/2/2018	Lennon St east	[]

* French class requires some prior knowledge of the language, no matter how rusty.



Book lunch/film by Mon. 4 Dec.: P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453 or 0447 601 142 or asku3a@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Year of birth: _____ Country of origin _____

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Enrol me in: _____

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

Print name as you want it to appear _____

2017 END OF YEAR LUNCH & FILM \$12 For self [] and [] number of guests.