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Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends

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Dear Members,

Greetings from a snuffly hollow in the Clare Valley where the peace is regularly shattered by the echoing of hay fever sneezes.

This issue is being rushed to you so you can book for our end of year lunch and film. See details opposite.

Attendance at the AGM was disappointing but our thanks to everyone who came and stayed to chat over afternoon tea. Even greater thanks to the wonderful people who just hopped in to clean up afterwards.

There were no big changes this year with both vacancies filled by the office holders renominating for a further two years. Thank you to Catherine and Justin whose talents would have been difficult to replace.

Making his debut as treasurer, Lynton Phillips showed he has been a fastidious custodian of our finances and would have made his old bookkeeping teacher proud.

Our guest speaker, Mayor Allan Aughey, displayed excellent timing, arriving from his previous engagement just as we finished the elections, entertained us for 30 minutes with a wide-ranging meander through the mayoral mind and left with a few seconds to cross the road before his next appointment.

The mayor never said a word re the big question of U3A's future at the Domain, but for those who want an answer to the even bigger question: the mayor, adopting the latest trend for colour-blocking, was resplendent in navy blazer teamed with fire engine red trousers, matching red suede shoes and paisley cravat. The chairman wore grey to match her hair.

End of Year Lunch & Film

Friday 7 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 generous plate of finger food suitable for sharing. We will provide the punch and fruit juice. BYO booze if you prefer.

After lunch and a chance to mingle (please wear name tags), it's on to the air-conditioned cinema for *The Sapphires*. Just like *Red Dog* last year, this takes a snapshot of our Australian past, this time the 1960s. Only positive critiques of this film are to be found. One of the least gushing said: "The Sapphires balances foot-tapping soul classics, acerbic Aussie insults and uncomplicated drama to crowd-pleasing effect." Another comment was: "We've all got used to international co-productions over the years, but *The Sapphires* surely breaks new ground by mixing Vietnam and Australia with Irish and Aboriginal characters." I am looking forward to doing some toe tapping to music from when I was in my prime. Ah, the era of macramé bikinis.

Note the change in pricing (\$15). The increase is to cover paid help in the kitchen. With not all members willing to take a turn on the kitchen roster, it seemed an affordable compromise to continue with the 'bring a plate' but have help serving and cleaning up. Less hassles but still a great variety of food.

This opportunity to catch up with everyone and thank group leaders, who will be our guests, is an excellent way to round off the U3A year.

COMPUTER USER NEEDED

We are in desperate need of someone to help with a second computer group in Clare. We can no longer defer a waiting list of new students but our existing group want to continue as well.

Sue Mayfield has been generously supplying her time to teach for many years and is quite justified in limiting her commitment to one class a week.

We need someone else to come in and take a second group. No big IT or teaching experience needed, just a confident computer user who can share his or her knowledge. We have excellent text books with set exercises which act as a teaching guide.

ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS

There seems to be some reluctance to plan ahead so activities for each term can be publicized in the newsletter. While last minute plans may be easily circulated amongst existing group members, it rather short-changes potential members who have little chance to find out the full range of fun things U3A does and it doesn't help the group grow.

The deadline for the newsletter is supposed to be the fifth Monday of each term. So far that deadline has never been honoured because our hard-working course coordinator is invariably waiting on replies from some group leaders. Please help Val by doing a bit of pre-planning and responding promptly.

Strathalbyn U3A has all activities for the coming year pre-planned in detail so a programme can be professionally printed and issued annually, proving it can be done. Wonder what size whip or carrot they use?

APOLOGY

Last issue we mistakenly gave the start date for one of the Thursday classes as Thursday 19 October when it should have read Thursday 18. This confused some members who turned up on Friday 19. We have been asked to be more careful in future.

My apologies to those people who were inconvenienced. A great deal of effort does go into producing this succinct but hopefully interesting newsletter that tries to cover all essentials. However, no matter how much care I take typesetting and Val takes proof-reading, I doubt we will become the first publication in the world which is always error-free.

Please use your common sense about these matters and if there is any doubt, phone your group leader or the course co-ordinator. If you spot an error, please alert Val who has been asked in future to pass on any corrections to those concerned.

ODDMENTS

New course. Former Alice Springs U3A tutor, John Fuss has moved to Burra and offered to take a **lead-lighting** group. Welcome John and thank you.

Art at Auburn is changing its routine, meeting only on Wednesdays but with Gerald there for all 8 weeks.

Barrie Smith's **furniture restoration** group has vacancies for new members. Barrie also covers wood-working and French polishing in his Blyth workshop.

Creative writing group promised for 2014. (Watch for Clare Writers Festival November 2013.)

Burra Watercolours group, please pay the \$30 for room hire, etc., direct to tutor Glenys Christopher.

Sorry to the person who borrowed my **jewellery** tools and has been waiting for classes to resume but I need them back. With the expertise gained from previous classes, I intend to convert all my necklaces to magnetic clasps. Between failing sight and failing patience, fiddly clasps definitely get harder as we age.

Quilting group will be keeping a low profile for the first half of the year with just existing members but will be accepting a new batch of beginners in Term 3.

The first 2013 **Film** will be French comedy *Le Chef* on Tuesday 12 February. While failing to impress some critics, it does include the great Jean Reno.

Our **Mosaics** groups may be involved in a public art work under the guidance of our original tutor Julianne Pulford if a Country Arts grant application is successful. Julianne says the intention is to do the work over 20 non-consecutive days in March and April, so if you want to take part, keep your calendars as free as you can over that time. Fingers crossed for funding.

Judge Pat Ballantyne's description of the winning entry in our **photo contest** was an absolute hoot. Pat described the petanque players as strange beings who were involved in a stoning, gathered around with more metal balls to continue the attack if required. I don't know if they were on another planet but I suspect Pat is. If you missed them at the AGM, keep your eyes peeled before our end of year film.

We have persisted in listing a few groups which have so far been non-starters due to insufficient enrolments. If something catches your eye, please enrol now because these opportunities will not last forever.

Best wishes for the festive season and fill in those forms so we can continue working on a great 2013.

*See you at Blyth,
Claire*

2013 Enrolments

We now have 'whole-of-year' enrolments. This means if enrolling in one of the on-going classes (except those requiring payment each term), members are considered enrolled for the whole year.

Although we don't need to re-enrol each term, please advise the group leader or course coordinator if quitting the class.

If you are going to be absent please notify group leader early enough for other class members to be notified of any cancellation.

A new question on the enrolment form is country of origin. This is at the request of our national body so the data can be used in funding submissions, etc. Like your year of birth, just supply it once, we will record it and then you can ignore it in the future. Thanks for your co-operation.

Annual Membership Fee

Still a modest \$25, membership fees fall due in February. Enclose payment with your enrolment or end-of-year lunch booking and you won't need a reminder in the New Year. Payments can be made at the lunch before 12.15 (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 the treasurer will be in the Domain office on Friday 18 January 2013, from 10 am to 2 pm accepting payments in person.

2013 U3A Calendar

At the first meeting after our AGM our first chore is to set the calendar for the coming year. We like to give you plenty of notice so you can then plan your year. It is based on four 8-week terms to allow everyone to take holidays or just a break from the usual routine so their U3A duties are always a pleasure rather than a burden.

If meeting outside these dates please inform the committee for insurance reasons.

Newsletter deadline: fifth Monday of each term.

NB: term one starts on a Thursday, allowing us to finish a clear day before Easter.

TERM 1: Thursday 31 January to Wed. 27 March

Group Leaders Evening: _____ Monday 25 February

TERM 2: _____ Monday 6 May to Friday 28 June

TERM 3: _ Monday 29 July to Friday 20 September

TERM 4: __ Monday 14 October to Fri. 6 December

Annual General Meeting: _____ Friday 8 November

End-of-year lunch & movie: ____ Friday 6 December

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Blyth Short Film Festival usually hold a **black-tie fundraiser dinner** in late February or early March. Do you enjoy dressing up in your glad rags but have no one to go with? If interested in booking a joint U3A table, phone Claire on 8842 3939.

End-of-Year Break-up Lunch & Film

Friday 7 December 2012

Blyth Supper Room & Blyth Cinema

Film: 'The Sapphires'

Lunch 12 for 12.30 pm (Payments before 12.15)

Please bring a generous plate of finger food to share

\$15 a head, contact Val or Beth to book (mention if you need transport)

\$7 option for lunch only, or \$8 for movie only. Booking slip over page with enrolment



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2013: FIRST TERM ACTIVITIES

- Ancestry** via ancestry.com, Diane Richardson, organise time with Diane on 8842 2832.....
- Art**, Gerald Moore, Wed., 9.30 am -1.30 pm, starts 6 February, 8 weeks, Auburn
- Book Group**, Greta Handmer, alternate Thursdays, 10.30 am - 12 noon, starts 31 Jan., Clare Library, waiting list .
- Chess**, Tuesdays 2.30pm, starts 5 February, Trevor & Dee Ware's, Lot 33, Warenda Road, Clare.....
- Chinese** (basic spoken Mandarin), Ron Bevan, Mondays 10 am, starts 4 February, Domain, waiting list.....
- Classical Music**, Moira Kleinig, 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2 pm, starts 7 February, 2/10 Harriett St, Clare
- Coffee & Chat Club**, Val Tilbrook, Wednesdays 10.30 am, starts 6 February, venue tba, waiting list.....
- Computing Clare**, Sue Mayfield, Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon, starts 6 February, Domain \$30/term
- Contract Bridge**, Eleanor Thomas, Thursdays 3 pm, starts 31 Jan., St Barnabas' hall. No beginners.
- Crafts (Card Making & Bead Jewellery)**, Catherine Marsson, Tuesdays 10-12 starts 5 February, Burra.....
- Cryptic Crosswords**, Greta Handmer 8842 2065, alt. Thursdays, 10.30 am, starts 7 Feb, 25 Edward St
- Current Affairs**, Claire Eglinton, Tuesdays 10.30 am, starts 5 February, Domain
- Drumbeat**, John Monten, Mondays 10 am, starts 4 February, St Barnabas Church Hall, Clare
- Film Group**, Val Tilbrook, 2nd Tues. of month, 2 pm, Blyth Cinema. 12 Feb: *Le Chef*.....
- *French Back to Basics**, Claire Eglinton, Thursdays, 12-1.15 pm, starts 31 January, Domain
- *French**, Claire Eglinton, Thursdays, 1.30-3.30 pm, starts 31 January, Domain
- Furniture Restoration, etc.**, Barrie Smith, Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon, starts 6 February, Blyth
- *German Conversation**, Gunther Bayha, Mondays, 2-4 pm, starts 4 February Domain
- History: local & Aust.**, Val Tilbrook, Fridays, 10 am - 12 noon, starts 1 February, TAFE, Room 6B
- Leadlighting**, John Fuss, day & time tba, 6 Taylor Street, Burra.....
- Mah-jong**, Jocelyn Macrow, Wednesdays 2-4 pm, starts 6 February, St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare
- Mosaics**, Halima Northeast, Fri. 9 am - noon, starts 1 February, 9 Kingfisher Drive, Clare.....
- Mosaics, beginners group**, Halima Northeast, Fri. 1 - 4 pm, starts 1 February, 9 Kingfisher Drive, Clare.....
- Petanque**, Malcolm Weddle, Mondays 1.30 - 3.30 pm, starts 4 February, Catford Garden, Clare
- Quilting**, Lesley Bray, Thursdays, 10-1, starts 31 Jan., St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare, waiting list till 3rd term ..
- Scrabble**, Carol Stewart, Mondays 1.15 pm, starts 4 February, St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare
- Walking Group**, Greta Handmer 8842 2065, Mondays 8 am, starts 4 February, meet east end Lennon St.....
- Watercolours**, Glenys Christopher, Mondays 9.30-12.30, starts 4 February, Burra \$30/term, beginners welcome..
- *French and German groups presume some prior learning.



PLEASE RETURN lunch & film bookings to Course Co-ordinator, Val Tilbrook, by Tuesday 4 December at P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453, or phone 8842 2465, mobile 0448 183 748, or email valtil@bigpond.com. Enrolments accepted until Monday 22 January 2013.

Enrol me in the following group/s: _____

Name: _____ Current Member? Yes [] No []

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

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

Please tick to receive future newsletters by email [] (only if you have not done so before).

2012 END OF YEAR LUNCH & FILM

I will be attending the U3A lunch (12 for 12.30) & film on Friday 7 December with _____ guests.

If paying at event (before 12.15 please), put this slip and exact money in envelope to speed processing.

Enclosed is total payment of \$ _____ This is for (put number of people in the brackets)

\$25 membership []; \$7 lunch only []; \$8 film only []; \$30 computing []

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