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Keep smiling!

The U3A SurfCoast committee continues to be concerned about all our members as we follow self-isolation and all the other directives from health authorities during this crisis.

In this newsletter you will find further ideas to help you keep active and in touch, and we hope in coming weeks to suggest further activities, especially given that our Term Two courses will not proceed.

Easter this year will be a muted kind of celebration for us all but we still wish that you will continue to find the resilience that we all need in these difficult times.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far to the newsletter. Unfortunately limited space may mean not that everything gets published straight away, but please keep sending items to us.

John Bartlett
President

Fun Online

Wondering how to fill in your day? Why not take the time to brush up on your computer skills. U3A SurfCoast is a Network Partner for the *Be Connected* program, and there are lots of simple online lessons available to you.

Just go to our website (u3asurfcoast.org.au) and click on the Be Connected button. Click on the icon at the bottom of the page and then click on the Topic Library button to see a range of lessons that you can try. You don't have to sign up, but if you wish to do so, Jo Turnbull has prepared some useful instructions for you – just let us know by email and we will send them to you.

Keep an eye on U3A matters on our website www.u3asurfcoast.org.au and on Facebook.

If you need us, call on 0435 374 139 (leave a message) or email info@u3asurfcoast.org.au

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A Conundrum From Our Excel Class

Three brothers are sitting at home, getting ready to watch the Saturday footy game that isn't on because of COVID19, but tradition is tradition, and they decide to order a pizza as per normal. They order a family sized Hawaiian pizza; home delivered for \$30.00.



The pizza delivery person arrives, and following best distancing and hand sanitising practice, each of the brothers' hands over \$10.00.

$$\mathbf{\$10 + \$10 + \$10 = \$30}$$

When the pizza delivery person goes back to the pizzeria, the manager says that he made an error, and he has overcharged the three brothers. The pizza should have been charged at \$25.00. The manager asks the pizza delivery person to please go back to the house of three brothers, to give them back \$5.00.

$$\mathbf{\$30 - \$5 = \$25}$$

The manager gives the delivery person five \$1.00 coins.

$$\mathbf{\$1 + \$1 + \$1 + \$1 + \$1 = \$5}$$

The pizza delivery person goes back to the three brothers' house and hands over the \$5.00.

The three brothers realise that they cannot easily divide the five \$1 coins between three of them, so they give the pizza delivery person a \$2 tip.

This means that each brother has received \$1.00 back, and the pizza delivery person has received \$2.

$$\mathbf{\$1 + \$1 + \$1 + \$2 = \$5}$$

This now means that each brother each spent \$9.00 on the pizza.

$$\mathbf{\$10 - 1 = \$9}$$

As there are three of them, this is \$27.00

$$\mathbf{\$9 + \$9 + \$9 = \$27}$$

Plus the \$2 they gave as a tip.

$$\mathbf{\$27 + \$2 = \$29}$$

Where did the other dollar go?

Busy as Bees by Robin Purdey



Lunchtime on Sunday. Rain and thunder. Make a pot of butternut pumpkin soup and stay at home. How unusual can that be? But it is unusual. There was no service in our little weatherboard church this morning. Churches are closed. And no “Songs of Praise” on Channel

2 at 11.30. Instead, Prime Minister Morrison and Health Minister Hunt gave a press conference announcing increased funding for ‘Telehealth’ – doctor consultations by telephone instead of clinic visits. Every day more messages to stay at home.

What can we do? One eighty-five year old friend who has always struggled with her weight, sent a message saying “I have done more housework than usual (and more eating!!). Sigh!”

Sigh indeed!

I have done more weeding than usual and spent many more hours on the computer answering emails, (friends and relations checking up), walking on the beach, (social distancing at low tide), working from home and writing jingles – Bees and white butterflies

among my lavender
Blissfully unaware
of the coronavirus scare
Bustling, buzzing workers
busy making honey



Bless them.

I have made quince paste, (kindly donated quinces), and knitted a baby blanket for our second great grand-daughter born last week. Plenty more stitches on the needles for those little girls.



Needing an extreme level of willpower, I am attacking my overstuffed filing cabinet. Power bills over ten years’ old! In a hidden file named enigmatically ‘TORQUAY’, I was reminded that our furniture removalist delivered us here on the 4th April 2016. That was a change for us then. The coronavirus is making bigger changes for us now.

And I haven’t even started on the garage!

Joining Facebook

During these unprecedented times social media is an ideal way to connect to family, friends and the wider community. Many U3As around the world are using Facebook and there is a U3A SurfCoast page for you to join.

To create a Facebook account

1. Go to [facebook.com/r.php](https://www.facebook.com/r.php)
2. Enter your name
3. Enter your date of birth
4. Enter your mobile phone number or sign up with email
5. Select your gender
6. Choose a password and sign in

To finish creating your account you will receive a message to confirm your email or phone number

I encourage everyone to try this and join the fantastic world of social media. Click on this link to see a helpful YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/zf5q0oS0FM>

Please do not hesitate to call me if you would like some help.

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To join U3A SurfCoast on Facebook

1. From your News Feed click the **Groups** symbol in the menu across the top.
2. In the search bar at the top, enter **U3A SurfCoast**.
3. Select **U3A SurfCoast** then click **+ Join Group** below the cover photo.
4. Select you'd like to join as your profile and click **Join Group**

You will have to wait a short time for the group administration to approve your request.

Once you are signed up you will be able to keep up with many U3A tips for whiling away an hour or two!