

Staying in Touch

3 February 2021

Words from Sue...

A very warm welcome to everyone - members and tutors, as we look forward to officially beginning the U3A 2021 year on Monday, 8 February. Many are return participants, but we also know we have a number of new members and tutors whom we are looking forward to meeting and getting to know.

I have received a number of queries about U3A, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to explain a few things about U3A. The University of the Third Age is a world wide organisation and there are just over 100 groups in Victoria. Each of these is run separately with its own committee of management, but with access to the resources of U3A Network Victoria who also cover some of our insurances.

The aim of the U3A groups is the sharing of skills and knowledge to promote our ongoing learning within a social arena. All our tutors and administration staff are volunteers, and we are dependent upon and very thankful to them all for the community service they provide. The only paid staff in Victoria are the two or three administrators at the U3A Network office based in Melbourne.

The response to our 2021 programme has been exciting, and we will start working on our Term 2 timetable in the next few weeks. Lots of ideas coming from you for all of us to work on! Enjoy catching up and making new friends,
Regards

Sue Crowe, President

Office Opening

Our U3A office will be open on Friday mornings between 10am and noon during U3A terms, staffed by our volunteer administration group. The first day will be this Friday, 5 February and this will be an opportunity for you to drop in to ask questions and pay any outstanding fees. Marg Bath and Robin Loane will be there to help you. Due to the fact that they may be busy and will be working under COVID restrictions, cash payments would actually be preferred because the processing of credit cards is considerably slower.

Contact us on: info@u3asurfcoast.org.au

Look us up on: www.u3asurfcoast.org.au

Local Legend



Recently U3A committee member John McDonald received a Local Legend award for his service to the

community. As well as being the first President of U3A SurfCoast, John initiated Relay for Life in Torquay. He is Chairman of the Lions Village Board and has been an active member with Torquay Rotary for many years. Congratulations John.

COVIDSafe Requirements

Whilst we are all so pleased to be back, there are a few processes we would like to see observed:

- Masks must be worn when arriving and leaving all classes. Once in your seat or area you may take your mask off if you can maintain the 1.5m distance from others.
- If using equipment to such as yoga mats please bring your own to class this term. We would prefer people to not share mats.
- You will be provided with hand sanitiser and wipes to wipe down chairs and tables at the start and end of each class.
- Strict attendance rolls will be taken.
- If attending classes at the KMCC we understand you will be asked to meet outside and then taken in.
- At the TIA Hall please enter via the front door and exit by the side door.
- No kitchens will be available at this stage, so please bring your own water bottles if needed.
- Toilets will be available.

U3A SurfCoast Committee 2020/21

President:	Sue Crowe
Vice President:	John Bartlett
Treasurer:	Greg Brinsmead
Secretary:	Marg Parsons
Committee:	Barry Cock, Jennie Deneefe, Richard Drury, John McDonald, Judith Meagher, Richard Porter, Mary Taylor

Hold Some and Steal Some

Occasional Lecture with Greg Brinsmead (MSc, BSc. BEd, Dip Ag) on Tuesday, 23 February, 2.45 pm at Torquay Senior Citizens Centre

Greg grew up on a beef and sheep farm at Driffield near Morwell, Gippsland, and attended Morwell High School, Longerenong Agricultural College and the University of Melbourne. He retired as Principal of Marcus Oldham Farm Management College in 2002, and previously served as Deputy Principal at Dookie Agricultural College and McMillan Rural Studies Centre. His research interests were in agricultural history, especially the dairy industry where he has published a number of articles and been involved in a series of projects to preserve the history of the dairy industry including photographing remaining dairy buildings throughout Victoria.



Many of us grew up on farms where turning the milk separator before we went to school was a daily chore. **Hold Some and Steal Some** is an illustrated talk that traces the

Victorian Dairy Industry from a farmyard-based enterprise to a modern factory-based industry. As farming settlement spread across Victoria, most farms produced some dairy products and as modern technologies were introduced, butter and cheese factories sprung up in most Victorian towns. This talk traces the evolution of the Victorian dairy landscape.



Have you checked your diary and the U3A SurfCoast website? Classes commence on Monday 8 February.

Geelong to Geelong: 50 years in Journalism

Occasional Lecture with former News Corp Editor in Chief Bob Osburn Tuesday 23 March, 2.45 pm at Torquay Senior Citizens Centre.

Join Bob Osbourn for a rampage through 50 years of journalism spanning regional, community and metro daily newspapers, magazines, radio and television. And, while we're at it, he's happy to explore with you the murky crystal ball that holds the secret to the future of journalism.



More than the Headlines

There are still spaces available in **Armchair Politics**, and given the extraordinary events of 2020, it seems appropriate to pause and reflect on this past year in order to gain some perspective on how these events have impacted upon global politics today. The pandemic, extreme weather conditions, the US election and Australia/China relations are among the many high profile issues which will be discussed during term one.

Armchair Politics provides a friendly environment where the sharing of ideas is encouraged and all political opinions are respected. Each week journal and newspaper articles from reputable sources, covering different interpretations of events, are used to introduce relevant topics. There is no prerequisite for this course - just an interest in politics. Debate will certainly be encouraged. Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at The Salvation Army Centre beginning 10 February.