

Staying in Touch

April 2022

Words from Sue

Hi All,

U3A Surf Coast has just completed a successful Term 1 with only a couple of cancellations due to COVID. A big thank you to all members and tutors for observing our restrictions and maintaining the sensible knowledge that COVID is still very much a part of our community and day to day lives.

On Thursday 17 March we held our AGM and welcomed three new members onto our committee: Kelvin Minerds, Judy Murphy and Maria Romanella-Pheiler. Richard Porter has taken on the role of Vice President and Baz Cock the role of Treasurer. We sadly farewelled John Bartlett, Greg Brinsmead and Jennifer Aquilina. A huge thank you to all of these people for their involvement.

The Term 2 Timetable has been emailed out and paper copies will be available at the U3A office when it re-opens on Friday 29 April.

There have been a few changes and we are excited to be able to offer some new courses and Occasional Lectures so please check out the details in this newsletter and on the website. The Committee warmly thanks those tutors who offered short courses in Term 1: *Family History Research* with John Stewart and Ian Gribble, *Digital Photography FUNDamentals* with Roza Marciniak and *All you need to know about Media, Marketing and Promotions* led by John Bartlett. Also thanks to our wonderful Occasional Lecturers!

Wishing everyone a happy Easter and term break,

Regards,

Sue Crowe, President

Term Two

Term 2 begins on Monday 2 May and finishes on Friday 24 June.

There is a public holiday on Monday 13 June and no classes are held on this day.

Course updates

Ukelele classes have been combined for current class participants, as Rob is taking Term 2 off to get married and for other personal commitments. The class has decided to continue whilst he is away and hope to dazzle him with their accomplishments on return. We wish you all the best, Rob.

Yoga News. Annie Hepner is also taking a couple terms off to meet some work commitments and enjoy some travel. Hope all goes well, Annie and hope to see you soon-ish. Barbara Knowles has kindly agreed to take another Yoga class on a Friday at the KMCC.

We also welcome back **Armchair Politics** with Robyn Maynard on Wednesday afternoons at the Anglesea Tennis Club.

Italian for Beginners, Italian Language Course Level 2 will return to Face2Face classes on Tuesday afternoons at Torquay Senior Citizens Centre .



Occasional Lectures


Our lecture program will take place at KMCC on Thursdays during Term 2. Numbers to all these lectures will be somewhat limited so please remember to enrol.


We are very pleased to announce that Col Hutchinson has agreed to offer one more *Geelong Cats* lecture on Thursday 5 May at 3.30 pm. This has been a very popular series! You are welcome to enrol for this final session.


On Thursday 26 May at 1.30 pm, Richard Drury will be educating us about *Optical Fibre*, an essential part of our lives. This lecture will cover the development, production and applications of this wonder product that has changed our lives. Richard Drury work in the industry for 15 years in senior finance and manufacturing management roles.

Cheryl Baluch, editor of the local history magazine *History Matters* has also agreed to offer two history lectures per term in 2022. It will be wonderful to have some history back on our schedule. She will present *History of Torquay* on Thursday 9 June and *Buckley's Chance* on Thursday 23 June, both at 1.30 pm.

New Courses

 **Microsoft Office and Excel.** Kelvin Minerds will be offering *Introduction to Microsoft Office* on 3 and 10 May and then *Introduction to Excel* weekly from 17 May until 21 June at 10.00 to 11.30 in the Computer room at Torquay Community House

 **Imperial China - A Discussion Group.** We have obtained DVDs of a series of lectures by international lecturer Professor Andrew Wilson titled: *Understanding Imperial China: Dynasties, Life and Culture*. The plan is to watch these over about 12 weeks in a small group and to discuss the content of the lecture each week. The content is varied: Opium, trade and war in Imperial China, Peasant life on the Yellow River, The Great Wall and Military Life in China. The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays 10.00-11.30 am at 85 Merrijig Drive Torquay. Cuppa and a shop biscuit will be provided to help power the brains.

 **Yoga and Relaxation - Class 2** with Barbara Knowles (Friday weekly 12.15 - 1.45 at KMCC). Everyone who enrolls will initially be placed on the Wait List and preference will be given to those from Annie's class and members not already enrolled in Barbara's Thursday class. This class will be finalised before Term 2 begins. Please enrol ASAP if you are interested. You will be notified if you ARE included in this class before Term 2 begins. Once we have made provision for Annie's class and new enrolments, other places will be allocated in order of enrolment. Please enrol before Thursday 28 April if you wish to be a part of this class.

Economics For Everyone. This course is designed for people with no previous experience with Economics. Over 8 weeks Peter Fuller will cover the various elements of economics including, Production, Consumption, Supply and Demand, Inflation, and Unemployment. This is designed to be an interactive course so there will be plenty of chance to ask questions and contribute. Classes will take place at KMCC on Thursdays 11.15 -12.30.

Music Appreciation. Love your music? Want to learn more, and happy to share your tastes and favourites with others? Tutor Fiona Allpress is an avid music fan, with an eclectic and wide taste in music. This course aims to share and broaden music appreciation, with an element of fun and entertainment. Join the fun on Wednesdays at 1.00pm at Torquay Community House.

A New Idea

There has been some discussion about organising a group to run excursions to art galleries, gardens, wineries and other spots of interest in the region. This would involve some car pooling for the travel and extra costs on top of our membership fees for entrance fees etc. Is there would some interest in a group like this? We would need some people to be part of an organising team. Please email your reply to info@u3asurfcoast.org.au or phone President Sue Crowe on 0418 357 484.

Office Hours

The office will be open on Fridays between 10.00 am and noon at 16 Price St Torquay during the U3A Surf Coast term. Marg and Robin will also be at the office to help with any queries on the last Friday of the term break - Friday 29th April between 10.00 am and noon. Please wear your mask.

If paying fees in person, CASH is definitely preferred.

There are still quite a lot of badges to be collected from the office and we ask that you please collect and wear them or have them with you in class. On the back of your badge is your emergency contact in the case of an emergency.

COVID Rules

At this stage Term 2 will continue with the same COVID rules - that is, face2face classes are for double vaxed (preferably triple vaccinated) participants only; masks to be worn until settled in class; social distancing and ventilation maintained as much as possible. We will notify you of any changes via email.

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