

Staying in Touch

President's Report

Welcome all tutors, members and supporters to our last newsletter for 2022. As Term 4 draws to a close, we can reflect on a very busy and successful year achieved by a large number of hardworking members and tutors.

Over the year, the Course Planning Group and our tutors have offered about 15,000 hours of tutorial time - an amazing achievement particularly when this is recognised as entirely volunteer hours. Thank you to all involved and to the members who support this wonderful effort.

Thank you also to our Management Committee members who are constantly working to improve our community organisation. Considerable hours have been invested in achieving a financial balance between affording our venue costs and giving good value to all our classes and tutors. Thus we are pleased to be able to move some of our classes to the TIA property in Price Street and also, with the help of the Surf Coast Shire, to the Grant Pavilion off Merrijig Drive. We have also managed to gain financial support from some local businesses including McCartneys Real Estate for which we are very grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our tutors who will not be available at the start of 2024: Marie Moulday, who has taught Tai Chi in our community for 10 years, Greg Brinsmead who, amongst other roles, led our Thomas Hardy Group, and Edward Aquilina who has assisted Maria Romanella-Pheiler with two of our Italian classes.

A sad piece of news happened in mid- November with the passing of John McDonald. John was our first President and a tireless community worker. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Finally, I thank you all for your work and support in 2022 and wish you a happy and safe festive season and a great break. Will look forward to welcoming you back in 2023.

Regards,

Sue Crowe, President

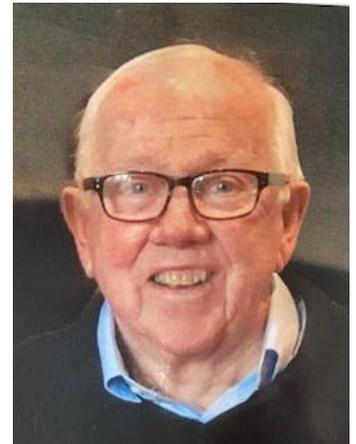
End of year Break Up



Thank you to all who attended a delightful end-of-year gathering on Friday 2nd December. Our sincere gratitude to Marg Parson whose work made this possible. Whilst others were busy with enrolments, Marg was busy cooking and preparing. Also thank you to our barmen, Paddy and Gary and others who contributed and helped. And to Barbara Knowles who got us up and moving with some gentle dance description and music. Lots of fun. We did have a small Covid scare, but we have heard of no further cases.

Vale John McDonald

Sadly, our Foundation President John Reid McDonald passed away in November following a battle with cancer. John was very proud of his status as U3A Surf Coast Member Number 1, and did a great deal during his Presidency to raise community



awareness about U3A. Even after John retired from our Management Committee, he maintained a keen interest in our activities and was always ready to offer cheerful words of encouragement as we developed into the strong organisation that we are today. Thank you John for all that you did to get us under way. We will miss you.

Our 2023 Program

Our new timetable for 2023 was released at the end of November and Enrolment Day took place on Friday 2 December at the U3A office as well as online. Our energetic team managed many registrations and enrolments and signed up a number of new members. Enrolments continue to be available online, but some courses are already showing up as 'full'. Please still feel free to enrol as there is usually some movement in and out of classes between now and the start of Term 1.

If enrolling in our language courses you will be put on a waiting list and be notified of acceptance once our language tutors have had an opportunity to check their classes. This is also the case for a couple of other courses.

Office News.

Our office, located at the Senior Citizens Centre, 16 Price Street Torquay, will be open on Friday 9 December and then on Friday 10 February. A big thank you to Marg Bath, Marg Dorizzi and Robin Loane for offering their time to manage registrations on these days.

If coming to the office to pay for your subscription, cash is certainly preferred as this speeds up the process enormously. Please also wear masks if possible inside the building.

Try something new

Why not take on a new activity in 2023!

Strings & Things

A new course for semi experienced stringed instrument players. In a group setting, improve your instrument skills, explore music and your favourite songs.

Cryptic Crosswords

For those players who already have an understanding of cryptics. This class will build on your skills and develop techniques for resolving clues.

Scrabble

If you love word games, having fun and a bit of competition, this is your ideal class.

Ikebana

A unique Japanese form of floral art. If you are creative and love art, Ikebana will provide a great platform to express your ideas,

New courses

We welcome some exciting new classes and tutors to 2023. Please support their work and skills during this enrolment period. Courses to look out for are:

Tai Chi Sword Forms with Lindsay Dudgeon and Helen Paull

Discover Greece with Roula

Mindfulness with Jean (on Thursday mornings)

Tales of the Sea with Toni McCormack

Trivia with Baz and Phil

Tai Chi for Beginners with Lesley Sinfield

Yoga and Voice for Sound Health with Anna Nolan

Booker Prize 2022 Shortlist with Judy Crowe

Mahjong Western Style with Marg Parsons

Congratulations:

To Margo Hobba and Carol Meade who sold art works in the *Art of the Minds Dream Exhibition* and to Kim Layton whose pastel drawing was selected for the 2023 Surf Coast Calendar.

Sponsorship

Our sponsorship by McCartney's Real Estate has been finalised and we thank them for their support. This will certainly make our work easier going forward. They have been in Torquay and Surf Coast for many years and are well recognised by many of us who have completed business with them.



U3A Surf Coast Committee 2022/23

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