



# **UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

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## **NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 3**

### **COMMENCING AS SHOWN FURTHER ON SCHEDULE**

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#### **Life Members**

*Judith Kitson, 2000; Ron Dean, 2002; Bob Young, 2009; John Summers, 2009; Bill Heinle, 2012; Lloyd Giffin, 2013; Elaine Denning, 2014; Colin Jones, 2014; Leonie Saville, 2016; Pat and Peter Dargin, 2017; Maurice Campbell, 2018; Gloria Ryan, 2019*

#### **Deadline for your Contribution to the U3A Newsletter**

*I will make every effort to include your article in the next Newsletter*

*Please no photos or coloured additions to help with costs*

**Term 1 – 2021: 18 December, 2020**

*Please send your articles to*

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hi Everyone

I hope you have all come through the present conditions feeling well, and are ready to resume your classes. The schedule details are further in this newsletter when classes will resume. Some of the larger classes are going to postpone until next year but most of our small classes can resume under the conditions laid down by the Government

It is with great sorrow that I have to report the death of John Summers who had been ill for a while. He had the English Literature Class for many years and was one of our early Presidents. I only hope that he is somewhere in the Ether arguing about literature with the late Margaret Samuels. They were great critics of books and other literature.

Another loss to our U3A Family was Bevan Tatnell who passed away in June. He took the Digital Photography Class and those of us who were members learnt a great deal about our cameras and the skills of digital photography. Bevan's death came as a great shock as he always seemed so fit and well. Don Nicholson is going to carry on his class until the end of the year.

The U3A Committee has been having meetings and at tomorrow's meeting we will be discussing actions for the rest of the year as well as a proposed discount in fees for the next year seeing we have had so few classes this year. If there are any changes to the Government's COVID 19 restrictions that further affect our classes we will let you know.

Nola Younghusband

President.

## **U3A DUBBO CHAPTER WEBSITE**

The Website has been regularly updated with information about U3A - what it is and what it does as well as news, photographs, tributes and the latest and past newsletters. It is a very useful tool for members and a starting point for those who may be considering becoming members.

Simply type **U3A Dubbo** into Google or your preferred search engine, or use the internet address on the heading of the newsletter.

## **TRIBUTE TO NOLA**

Not sure when Nola came to Dubbo, but she is represented on a 2005 photo which is in the English room. Nola quickly became involved in tutoring various groups, generally revolving around Art. She has been active as a tutor with the practical demonstration of various methods of art including drawing, painting, printmaking and importantly, art history. There are not too many days in the week when Nola hasn't been attending at the Cultural Centre.

A couple of years ago, Nola undertook a large journey into the interior of Australia, where she expanded upon her knowledge of Aboriginal Art, speaking with the artists and getting an insight into the meanings and application of the mediums used.

Into the bargain, Nola took on the role of President of the U3A about 7 years ago. She has been an outstanding President and seems to be able to solve many of the varied problems that we are faced with from time to time. I don't think I've ever seen Nola lose her cool and has a very pleasant way of dealing with most situations and the people contained therein.

It was lovely to know that Nola was recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal for her involvement in Education, and much deserved. Last year sometime, Ruby Riach approached me, along with others, to support the application for the Medal. Quite a bit of time later I asked Ruby if the application was going ahead as I hadn't received an acknowledgment but it seems that the process involves quite a bit of investigation into the credentials of the nominated person. Nola came through with flying colours.

Nola worked in various schools throughout her career culminating in being Head Mistress, Cluster Director, Quality Assurance for the South West Region of NSW and a Freelance Researcher for the Education Department.

Apart from Nola's involvement with Education, she is involved in singing with the Palmer Street Singers and with the choir at Holy Trinity. She has been a member of the Harmony Choir. Nola is also involved as a tutor through the U3A with the World of Plants. Actually, it is a wonder that the Cultural Centre doesn't charge her rent for the amount of time that she spends in this building.

Congratulations Nola.

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

The Committee wishes to extend their condolences to all members who have lost family or friends since the last Newsletter. Please be assured our thoughts are with you.

It is with great sadness that two of our leaders have passed recently: -

Bevan Tatnell was the leader to our Digital Photography

John Summer was the leader to our English Literature

Both leaders will be missed greatly.

## **TRIBUTE TO JOHN SUMMER**

We were fortunate to have John Summers as our English Lecturer for many years at U3A. John had taught at Farrer although he never mentioned that to us. He was happiest in his role as an English teacher, that is why for many years he drove all the way from Baker's Swamp to Dubbo twice per month to take this group. He was always well prepared with poetry, notes and explanations. Our classes were enlivened by discussions, arguments, and diversions.

We also had Margaret Samuels as a class member. Margaret died a few months before John. We have lost two great characters and will miss them dearly. Margaret was our social secretary and we always had festivities in the board room with special flowers, candles, serviettes. Our standards had to arise to the occasions. John's wife, Sigi, would send up boxes of eggs to keep us going. John told us something about being promoted to a level at which we are not comfortable or good at, and I would agree. It is sad but true. He liked being a headmaster but he loved being an English teacher.

Mary McGee

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

I have been asked to remind everybody that we have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which is housed near the front door of the building. I believe not everybody knows where it is. I am aware that there is another in the reception area of the Gallery area and maybe patrons should acquaint themselves with the whereabouts of both of these machines.

Don't forget that next year, we will celebrate 30years as Dubbo U3A. Any ideas for celebrations will be gratefully received.

Every year we apply for a grant from the Dubbo Region. If you can think of anything we should apply for, please let us know. It has been suggested that a suitable Hi-Fi would be an idea.

It has also been suggested that we might like to include a music appreciation course next year. Please contact Nola if you are interested in being the class leader.

It is with some regret that I will no longer be your newsletter editor. I have enjoyed compiling it but I am sure Catherine will manage well. I am looking forward to joining the U3A in Tuggerah and hope that all goes well for you all.

Jo Sutton

## **RESUMPTION OF CLASSES IN 2020**

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Course Leader</u></b>	<b><u>Recommencement Date</u></b>
Armchair Travel	Bill Stanford 6884 0073	2021
Art History	Nola Younghusband 6884 5127	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am
Australian History	Peter Dargin 6882 5671	2021
Calligraphy	Veronica Morgan 6882 9751	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am
Caring for the Environment	Chris Owens 6882 0407	
Christianity Explained	Colin Johnston 0406 003 766	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> October at 10am
Current Affairs	Chris Owens 0406 003 766	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am
Digital Photography	Don Nicholson 6884 5340	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am
Endangered Species	Gloria Ryan 6882 3965	2021
Escape into Books	Julie Wilson 0408 429 156	Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> September at 2pm A-L Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> September at 2pm M-Z
English Recovery Class	Mark de Hattersley	2021
Gentle Exercise	Cherie Rae 0414 171 735 Barbara Ward 0448 850 010	Term 4 2020
Heritage Knowledge	Mark de Hattersley P.O Box 1228	2021
History Questions 2020	Bob Young 6882 2912	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> August at 2pm
Looking at Art	Noni Nixon 0427256234	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> August at 11am
Military History	Maurice Campbell 6882 1293	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am
Painting for Pleasure	Nola Younghusband 6884 5127	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> August at 2pm
Plants and Other Garden Stuff	Kay Davidson 6887 2997	2021
Printmaking	Nola Younghusband 6884 5127	12 <sup>th</sup> August at 2pm
Recorder Ensemble	Winsome Hackendorf 6889 0131	2021
Recorder Practice	Ann Johnston 0404838166	2021
Sing for Life	Viv Sercombe 0417 824 354	2021
Tai Chi for Health	Laney Luk 6882 4680	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm
Tai Chi for Arthritis	Mary McGhee 0412389 001	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> August at 12:30pm
Tai Chi 24 Forms	Richard McFarlane 6888 5656	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am
Tai Chi Practice	Richard McFarlane 6888 5656	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> August at 11:30am
World of Plants	Nola Younghusband 68845127	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> August at 10:00am
Ukuleles for Fun	Dennis Wilson 0417 679 002 Don Nicholson 6884 5314	Term 4
Virtual Worlds	John Page <a href="mailto:j.page@unsw.edu.au">j.page@unsw.edu.au</a>	2021

**All classes will take place in the rooms they usually use. Look at the timetable to confirm times and rooms. Classes will proceed from August to the end of the year as normal**

## **COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN**

1. Sign on with your telephone number each time you come to class
2. Use the hand sanitiser provided in English, Geography and Art Rooms
3. Sit 1.5metres apart during class (social distancing)
4. Course Leaders wipe over the tables and chairs and other equipment used at the end of the class with the wipes provided
5. Provide your own mugs for morning and afternoon tea. Wash them up and take them home after each lesson

## **FROM THE CLASSES**

### **NEW COURSES**

U3A is always interested in new ideas for future courses. If you know of potential tutors who are willing to share their knowledge, please contact our Class Coordinator, Nola Younghusband. Due to the Coronavirus, many have not had information to give to the newsletter.

### **CALLIGRAPHY**

I hope our class members have been missing their monthly meeting, as I have, and I hope we'll be back in action very soon.

Our 'isolation' has been a good chance to spend some time doing indoor activities which must include some Calligraphy practice, I'm sure. I know I'm always recommending some Reading for you and perhaps you've caught up with some websites like Patricia Lovett, Scribblers and the Australian Society of Calligraphers. You have their addresses and now's the time to enjoy some beautiful Calligraphy on their sites.

I've been preparing some projects for our return - weathergrams, haiku poems, an interesting card and more to take us to the end of the year, so we have a lot to catch up on!

I hope you've been keeping well during this corona virus time and I'm looking forward very much to seeing you all again to continue our writing and catch up on your news.

Amor Scribendi

Veronica Morgan      Class Leader

### **ESCAPE INTO BOOKS**

Due to the large number of enrolments for this course we would need to split the group in two in order to operate under the present social distancing requirements. That would mean two separate classes per month – conducted fortnightly.

Unfortunately I will not be available on August 20<sup>th</sup> – the third Thursday of the month. However, if we start in September, the classes will run on the first and third Thursdays.

Take Note – The classes will be divided alphabetically

All those whose surnames begin with A to L are invited to attend on the first Thursday of the month, starting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2pm in the Geography Room

Those whose surnames begin with M to Z are invited to class on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Geography Room

If you would like to attend class with a particular person, please email me and I will try to organise a swap to keep you together, so that we do not overcrowd the classes. Email me at [jellybob@hotmail.com](mailto:jellybob@hotmail.com) (or if that is too difficult, ring me on 0408 429 158)

Please bring your copies of "Persuasion" or "Empire of the Sun" if you borrowed them.

Also bring along information on riveting books you have been reading – the titles and authors and a brief summary of the book to share with the class

Class Leader: Julie Wilson

