Now the U3A is coming to DANDENONG

A PUBLIC MEETING

Will be held at Latham Crescent Centre Dandenong (Next to Senior Citizens Centre) on April 21st 1994 Commencing 1.00pm

The meeting will be chaired by: Councillor Eric Wilson

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the Philosophy and Structure of the U3A and how it can work in Dandenong. Speakers will be:

Jack McDonnell - U3A Network and
Joy Dent - Waverly U3A

After the speakers have concluded their talks a considerable period will be allowed for questions and discussion.
The fees for U3A are on an Annual basis and not on a class group. This means that once you have paid your annual membership fee you will be eligible to attend as many class groups as you wish without paying separate enrollment fees. Fees are normally in the region of $25 - $30 pa. These cannot be completely fixed until it is known what the response is to be. Enrollments will be taken at the conclusion of the meeting and suggestions on subject matter can be made at the same time. Just remember it costs nothing except time to come to the Public Meeting.

If you want more information before the meeting you can always give:

Lisa Clark
Or
Gillian Pisani

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a call.

Lisa and Gillian will help you all they can or put you in touch with someone who can.

What is the 'Universities of the Third Age'?

The ‘U3A’ was conceived to improve the quality of life of people in their ‘Third Age’ by providing stimulating studies and/or activities without the stress of learning assessments and qualifying credentials. There are no entry requirements and no cultural or ethnic barriers. The Third Age is that of ‘Active Retirement’ which follows the ages of Youth and Work and Homemaking.

While the programme is directed toward retirees it is also recognised that there are a considerable number of older, long term, unemployed people who would equally wish to take part in the studies and activities whilst looking for work. Similarly there are many disabled people who would benefit from the stimulation of study for interest sake alone. For these reasons there are no ‘Age Barriers’ as such but it is expected that it will be older people who would wish to become members.

The U3A began in France in 1972. It quickly spread across Europe and eventually to the United States. An international association was formed in 1975 and it has gained recognition by such bodies as the UN and UNESCO. The U3A reached Britain in 1981.

The original French U3A was run by the Universities which absorbed people into their existing programmes or set up programmes especially for the third ages.