

U3A NETWORK VICTORIA BULLETIN

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This Bulletin is distributed by U3A Network Victoria, the peak body of the U3A movement in Victoria, for information and use by Member U3As

Upcoming Events

- 4-5 September—Network Conference
- 20 September Network Quarterly Council Meeting
- 8 October—Seniors Festival

Also check Regional Meetings calendar in this newsletter.

Please note that the August eBulletin will be emailed in the **second** week of August

From the President



Government funding: ACFE: On behalf of U3A Network Victoria I have now signed the new funding agreement with the Department of ACFE. (Adult Community and Further Education.)

We recently received approval on the plan we put to ACFE under the seven points agreed to in the agreement. It is necessary to now define in more detail each item to ensure it addresses the outcomes required by ACFE and make sure we get the best value for U3As from the projects that arise from this ACFE funding.

The next step will be for the Network Executive Committee and Network Committee to further develop this project detail without increasing the workload of member U3As committees and leaders. Be assured all U3As will benefit in some way.

This funding agreement is very different from our previous agreements. There will be no funding to individual U3As as in the past, where all you needed to do was apply and you were allocated dollars against your numbers.

DHHS: As we go to print we do not have the new contract with DHHS. What we do know is that the Network office will receive some funding to pay the Network Office wages and rent for the next three months, after which we are hopeful we will have the new contract.

I will keep you up to date as Network Executive Committee and the Network Committee develop the ACFE funding plans and when there is anything to advise re DHHS funding.

I have pleasure in welcoming the new Network Secretary Ann Marie Ritchie.



Ann Marie Ritchie

I also welcome Anne Grigg to the role of Development Support Officer. The current Development Support Officer Harry Dobson will be working with Anne for the next few weeks before he takes a well-earned holiday.



Anne Grigg

Until then, Live ... Learn ... Enjoy.

Seniors Festival 2017: Carnival Of Learning

A Celebration Day for Seniors is to be held at Federation Square on Sunday 8 October, 10.30am - 4.00pm.

A letter with an attached booking form was sent to all U3As earlier this month inviting as many of you as possible to take part in this very special day. It is a great opportunity to highlight what your U3A does, talk to members of the public and to mix with other U3A members.

There are 3 ways for your U3A to participate. You can reserve a marquee, your choir or a music ensemble can perform at Deakin Edge or a dance/activity group can perform at an outdoor space, on the Yarra River Terrace. It is always a very enjoyable day.

Please return the booking form to the Seniors Festival email address provided in the letter. Responses are already coming in, so you are encouraged to return the form ASAP. The due date is 28 July. Any queries can be sent to Janice Kelly at seniorsfestival@u3avictoria.com.au



Thank you to Susan Webster for her presentation at the last Network Council meeting about VMIA insurance for U3As. The slide show and handouts have been emailed to all Member U3As.

Facebook

Over the past months a small team (1) has been quietly using Facebook to establish a presence in social media. It has seen a marked increase in people liking and viewing the U3A Network Victoria page.

Network is looking for others to join this team to help keep the momentum and share the load.



A team of 3-4 would be ideal.

Besides posting items and articles about U3A Network Victoria events we hope to post Regions events and items from our member U3As.

It's a work in progress! If you or a member that you know has an interest please contact Anne at the Network office or at dso@u3avictoria.com.au

Network Website

The new Network website has been launched on the same address u3avictoria.com.au

It has four major purposes for the U3A movement in Victoria:

1. Establishing our presence as the go-to organisation for Senior Victorians looking to remain active and healthy in an education environment.
2. Providing resources for our member U3As with up-to-date information and documentation.
3. Providing support for the U3A Victoria Regions Network .
4. Helping new members find their local U3A.

Please use the **Contact Us** form for any feedback or email

Anne Grigg via dso@u3avictoria.com.au

Treasurers' Corner

Capitation Fees 2017

All 106 members will have been emailed and invoiced by Monday 26/6/2017. We are using MYOB for the first time to generate these new invoices. Members who have not responded to our requests to update their primary membership on the Members Database will notice that we have invoiced your U3A, based on your June 2016 primary membership numbers. I remind all treasurers to liaise closely with your committee, to ensure your online Members Database is regularly maintained and updated. Members can also contact our office (during business hours) for further assistance regarding using the online database. To alleviate timing issues experienced by some members closing their books at 30 June each year, I will be recommending to the Committee that in future, capitation invoices are issued during the first quarter.

Incorporation - should we?

At the last Council meeting, I commented that only 84% of our 106 members, are currently incorporated. I alerted any unincorporated members in attendance, to have a review with their committee again, to determine whether their U3A should now be incorporated. Here is the link for those wishing to find out more: <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-fundraising/incorporated-associations>.

There are certain new responsibilities and compliance that comes with incorporation and some members may shy away from that additional workload. As volunteer treasurers, I recommend that you initiate and assist your committee (regardless of membership size) to reinvestigate the pros and cons, with a balanced view towards protecting each volunteer committee member against any potential legal disputes and conducting general business in a legal and responsible manner.

U3As that are not incorporated come under the umbrella of U3A Network Victoria for insurance purposes, unless they are auspiced by other organisations, such as their local Council.

Asset Register - regular updates

Treasurers should conduct regular asset register updates, to ensure that the annual insurance renewal covers the replacement value of all assets currently held. It is important that, as well as adding new equipment, discarded equipment is removed from the asset register, so that the register represents an accurate view of equipment held.

There's no fixed format on how you should record your assets, some of our members go into far more detail than others. As a general rule, on your register, you should have a date of acquisition, location ID (eg computer room, Room 6, CR201 etc.), brief description of the asset (eg Samsung TV 65" LCD UHD Model Xc2341, supplier name & invoice, related accessories), a quantity count (eg 1, 6) and finally the original costs. Equipment donated by your own membership or via external sources, should be registered accordingly. Add a further column for replacement value (when preparing insurance cover or for donated equipment). Always adopt a realistic common sense approach when recording individual asset items, especially cost less than \$100 per item (eg computer cables worth \$12). Your insurance excess cover, can generally help you understand what you need to include on your asset register.

Tom Wong
Treasurer

U3A Regional Meetings & Workshops Schedule Semester 2, July-December 2017

U3A Region	Dates	Host/s U3A	Time & Location	Contact for meeting
Eastern Metro	Monday 3 July	<i>Nunawading</i>	<i>10am, Silver Grove Nunawading</i>	<i>Valerie Bourke, Box Hill Geoff Steventon, Reg.Rep</i>
Western Metro	Friday 25 August	<i>Melton</i>	<i>? pm, Building 3A, 20-40 Rees Rd Melton South</i>	<i>John Bermingham, President Jane Sultana, Secretary Fran Horton, W Metro Rep</i>
South Metro	Friday 1 Sept	<i>Glen Eira</i>	<i>1pm-3pm, 1151 Glen Huntly Rd.</i>	<i>David Neufeld President David Hone, Regional Rep</i>
North East Victoria	Tuesday 12 Sept	<i>Kilmore</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Paul Brinsden, President Bea Lay, Secretary</i>
South West Victoria	Friday 15 Sept	<i>Colac</i>	<i>10.30am, Seniors Centre, Hesse St.</i>	<i>Michael Allison, President Di Cray, Regional Rep</i>
Grampians	Monday 18 Sept	<i>Hepburn Shire</i>	<i>10.30am, Melbourne Polytechnic.,</i>	<i>Robyn Lawrence, President Lynne Hall-Cavanagh, R.Rep</i>
Outer Eastern Metro	Thursday 21 Sept	<i>Sherbrooke</i>	<i>10am. Seniors Community Centre, Mahony St.</i>	<i>Gloria Wales, President Julian Higgs, Regional Rep</i>
Loddon Mallee	Thursday 21 Sept	<i>Castlemaine</i>	<i>10.00am, St Mary's 193 High St</i>	<i>Win Jodell, President Nancy Miller Regional Rep</i>
Outer SE & Morn Pen	Friday	<i>Mornington</i>	<i>TBA, John Paul College</i>	<i>Jan Oliver, President</i>
Eastern Metro Workshop	Monday 25 Sept	<i>Nunawading</i>	<i>10am, Silver Grove Nunawading</i>	<i>Valerie Bourke, Box Hill Geoff Steventon, Reg.Rep</i>
Outer SE & Morn Pen Tutor workshop	Friday 13 October	<i>Frankston</i>	<i>TBA, John Paul College McMahons Rd Frankston</i>	<i>Dennis Mason, President Beth Birch, Regional Rep</i>
South Gippsland Workshop on Course	TBA in Oct	<i>Prom Coast</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Dave Berry, President Steve Munro, Regional Rep</i>
South Metro "Meet the MPs"	TBA in November	<i>Port Phillip</i>	<i>1pm-3.30 Mary Keogh 224 Danks St.</i>	<i>Renate Mattiske, President David Hone, Regional Rep</i>
Outer Eastern	Friday 8 Dec	<i>Healesville</i>	<i>Time TBA, Cnr Green St & River St. Healesville</i>	<i>Julian Higgs, President /Rep Don McDonald, Secretary</i>

Harry Dobson, July 2017