

U3A NETWORK VICTORIA BULLETIN

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Upcoming Events

- 4-5 September—Network Conference
- 20 September Network Quarterly Council Meeting
- 5 October—U-MAS Users Meeting
- 8 October—Seniors Festival
- 15 November—Network Quarterly Council Meeting

From the Acting President

Welcome to this edition of the ebulletin.

In this issue we say goodbye to the Development Support Officer, Harry Dobson. After 9 years as the DSO Harry has decided to take time to enjoy retirement. We wish Harry well.

We welcome Anne Grigg, previous Network Secretary and President of U3A Kingston to the role of DSO. Anne will be continuing on with the work Harry has started whilst bringing her own style of organisational skills to the position. I am sure you will all make her very welcome as she settles into the role.

We also welcome Project Officer Simon Perkins. Simon has been contracted to work with us on the ACFE funding project. You will hear more about Simon as the project gets underway.

If you have not as yet registered for the U3A Network State conference, you can do so by going to the Network website or the conference website www.u3avicconference.com.au

HANet: Healthy Aging online network. HANet is the ebulletin of the Victorian Active Ageing Partnership (VAAP). It is where you can read the latest research and other physical activity initiatives being undertaken with older adults.

You might like to subscribe to their newsletter go to <http://hanet.health.vic.gov.au/>.

The VAAP are holding a forum Access for all: More Older People, More Active on Thursday 24 August. There will be presentations from academic speakers, as well as service providers with case studies and real life practice examples. If your U3A is interested go to move.org.au/VAAP/VAAP-forum or phone 8531 8045

Have you sent in your photos for the photo competition? If you have lost the details speak to the Network office for more information.

May you continue to Live Learn Enjoy with U3A

Elsie Mutton

Development and Support Officer— Change of Baton

After 9 years in the role as DSO Harry is passing the baton and taking a well-earned break.

He has supported Anne Grigg over the past few months in transitioning from the Hon. Secretary position to his role.

Harry will be heading overseas for a while before leading some classes at U3A Moonee Valley next year.

The new contact details for DSO are dso@u3avictoria.com.au. For those who have Harry's email, it's for personal use only. Anne will be happy to pass on any messages to Harry through the DSO email.

Technology Opportunities for Member U3As

Connecting Up is a not-for-profit organization that offers technology programs and services to other not-for-profit organizations such as U3As. If your U3A is interested in learning about new technologies then you can sign up for their newsletter and gain access to new online technologies and online webinars at a low cost. The website address is https://www.connectingup.org/about_us

U3A Network would be interested in any feedback from U3As who decide to use any of the services of Connecting Up.

Website Template Project

In July, U3A Murrindindi East was the first U3A to go live with a new website created through Network's Website Template Project. Murrindindi East has allowed Network to publicise their URL as an example where other U3As can see outputs from the template generator software. Check out <https://murrindindieastu3a.org.au>

Working with Network's Website Template Project support team, U3A Sale has also used the website generator to create their first ever website. This, too, is available for other U3As to review at <https://u3asale.org.au>



The Website Template Project is concentrating initially on those U3As still reliant for publicity on community portals or on the Network Office, but any U3As with an interest in upgrading or re-designing their site can find out more by contacting the Network Office.

There is no cost to use to template. Smaller U3As with up to 200 members can choose to be hosted through the Network's own facility at no cost, or any U3A can engage its own hosting service.

Contact the Network Office for more information.

VMIA Insurance Policies

Community sector insurance policies for the 2017-2018 financial year have now been emailed to incorporated U3As directly from our State Government insurer, VMIA.

Those U3As who are not incorporated are covered by their membership of U3A Network. Some U3As choose to be auspiced by a local government body; but through one channel or another, all U3As have coverage.

These policies cover such risks as public liability, directors' liability, and volunteers' accident insurance for injuries incurred while volunteering.

Network Victoria has emailed to all Member U3As the VMIA presentation materials covered at the June Council meeting. U3As who want to learn more about VMIA and its coverage can go to the agency's website www.VMIA.com.

VMIA policies do not cover general member accident risk.

U-MAS User Group Meeting 5 October

The next User Group meeting for those U3As using the Network member administration system U-MAS is scheduled for Thursday, 5 October, starting at 10am. Venue will again be U3A Nunawading. The U-MAS representative at each U3A will be contacted in upcoming weeks to invite attendance of other administrators at these U3As.

Understanding Dementia

The Understanding Dementia MOOC is a *free* 9 week online course run by the University of Tasmania's Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre. The curriculum addresses this health issue by drawing upon the expertise of neuroscientists, clinicians and dementia care professionals from both within the Wicking Centre and beyond.

The next course, Understanding Dementia, opened on 25 July, with enrolments open to 18 August.

Information for enrolling can be found at <https://mooc.utas.edu.au/courses/understanding-dementia-2017-06>

Treasurers Corner

EFT Payments – A reminder to all treasurers processing online EFT payments into the U3A Network Victoria account, please ensure you have entered an invoice reference number or a very short text to indicate the purpose of your deposit. I have also received recently, several EFT payments from members, who have either overpaid or underpaid their capitation invoices. Please ensure you have proper training for those volunteers performing online EFT payments at your offices.

New Member - Pending the formalisation of our new U3A - Mirboo North & District Inc., I would like to welcome the treasurer, Colin Goodwin, to our community. Colin along with his new steering committee have been busy getting their new U3A up and running. This will take our total membership to 107 across Victoria.

Budgets - For those members who run their books on a 30 June financial year, you may now be contemplating your budget overview for the new 2017/18 financial year. I would like to remind those treasurers not to factor in any previous grants sourced via Network eg PGSF and ACFE. This does not mean the Government grants have stopped all together. The new process of disbursing these grants has changed radically. Network is currently working through the new processes and resourcing for the ACFE grant. We are yet to renegotiate a new PGSF grant contract with the Government, which will be effective from 1 July 2017. Look out for further grant details to be released by Network president in the near future.

Regional bankers (PGSF 2016/17 Regional Grants) - These grants were fully distributed to all 12 regions by 30 June 2017 and we do not have any more funding until a new contract is renegotiated with the Government. Thanks to all the treasurers/office staff who have volunteered to be the banker/recipient. Please continue to maintain the records of those expenditures in case the Government conducts an audit. In most cases, regional bankers have spent the whole grant within 6-12 months from point of receipt. Any surplus funds should be spent on related workshops/functions benefiting the region members and not carried forward, year after year.

Tom Wong

Tutor Bank Tutor Registration

Course Co-ordinators and those that have a responsibility for tutors are asked to pass on the Tutor Registration form below to any Tutors who you think might like to share their course with another U3A. We recognize that some Tutors would enjoy sharing their hard won knowledge and repeat their course at another U3A. Once the NEC receives the registration form from a Tutor, the information will be put

up on the U3A Network Website. The requesting U3A will negotiate with the Tutor Bank Tutor such details as time, technology needed, class size etc. It will be up to the Tutor Bank Tutor to email the NEC if their tutoring services are booked out or no longer available.

At this point we are only asking U3A members to do the tutoring to another U3A.

This service has been oft requested and we're delighted we're on the way. The success of the Tutor Bank will depend on your U3A alerting your Tutors that there is another audience gratefully awaiting them! From someone that has been a Tutor Bank Tutor in Mahjong, I can attest to the fact that the experience can be fun and I found that the U3As were very pleased to have another

course offering. The 6 week Mahjong courses became ongoing courses. A fruitful outcome. Thank you U3As Dandenong, Brimbank, Wallan and Port Phillip for teaching the tutor!!

The Tutor Bank is the first step in the development of a Resource Bank that will have other ways to support Course Coordinators and U3As in the future. All ideas welcome.

Anne Thompson

Convenor, Network Education & Innovation Committee



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Tutor Bank Registration

Email forms to: u3anec@gmail.com

Att: NEC Tutor Bank

Tutor name	
Home U3A	
Course Offered	
Other information	
Tutor contact details	Mob: Email:

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

U3A Region	Dates	Host(s) U3A	Time & Location	Contact for meeting
Western Metro	Friday 25 August	Melton	12.30pm, Building 3A, 20-40 Rees Rd Melton South	John Bermingham, President Jane Sultana, Secretary Fran Horton , W Metro Rep
South Metro	Friday 1 Sept	Glen Eira	1pm-3pm, 1151 Glen Huntly Rd. Glenhuntly	David Neufield President David Hone, Regional Rep
North East Victoria	Tuesday 12 Sept	Kilmore	John Taylor Room Kilmore Library Powlett St, Kilmore	Paul Brinsden, President Bea Lay, Secretary Greg Barnes, Regional Rep
South West Victoria	Friday 15 Sept	Colac	10.30am, Seniors Centre, Hesse St. Colac	Michael Allison, President Di Cray, Regional Rep
Grampians	Monday 18 Sept	Hepburn Shire	10.30am, Melbourne Polytechnic, Grano St, Ararat	Robyn Lawrence, President Lynne Hall-Cavanagh, R.Rep
Outer Eastern Metro	Thursday 21 Sept	Sherbrooke	10am. Seniors Com- munity Centre, Ma- hony St. Upwey	Gloria Wales, President Julian Higgs, Regional Rep
Loddon Mallee	Thursday 21 Sept	Castlemaine	10.00am, St Mary's 193High St Kangaroo Flat	Win Jodell, President Nancy Miller Regional Rep
Outer SE & Morn Pen	Friday 22 Sept	Mornington	TBA, John Paul Col- lege McMahons Rd Frank- ston	Jan Oliver, President Bethy Birch, Regional Rep
Eastern Metro Workshop	Monday 25 Sept	Nunawading	10am, Silver Grove Nunawading	Valerie Bourke, Box Hill Geoff Steventon, Reg.Rep
Outer SE & Morn Pen Tutor workshop	Friday 13 Oct	Frankston	TBA, John Paul Col- lege McMahons Rd Frank- ston	Dennis Mason, President Bethy Birch, Regional Rep
South Gippsland	Wednesday 18 Oct	Prom Coast	Mountain View Re- tirement Village Leongatha	Dave Berry, President Steve Munro, Regional Rep
South Metro "Meet the MPs"	TBA in November	Port Phillip	1pm-3.30 Mary Keogh 224 Danks St. Albert Park	Renate Mattiske, President David Hone, Regional Rep
Outer Eastern	Friday 8 Dec	Healesville	Time TBA, Cnr GreenSt &River St. Healesville	Julian Higgs, President /Rep Don McDonald, Secretary

Anne Grigg July 2017

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