

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



As you read this eBulletin the U3A Network State conference will be over. We were fortunate to receive some funding from the State Government via DHHS and ACFE which allowed us to reduce the cost for attendance. If you attended I do hope you found something interesting that will benefit your U3A.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the conference working group. Anne Thompson, Anne Grigg, Barbara Gardiner, John Parker, Lindsay Glen and Leona Haintz, with assistance from the Network office staff. Planning for the conference commenced in March 2016 and the work continued gathering pace up until the end of the conference. Thank you to these people who gave of their time and energy so generously.

The ACFE working group are in full steam ahead with planning their projects. The main aim of the project leader is to make sure that decisions made and research done will be of benefit to the U3A movement overall. Remember if your U3A would like to put in an expression of interest in being involved in a project that will help all U3As, please refer to the form and explanation letter that was sent to your U3A early August.

The video that is being developed in conjunction with Latrobe University Media Students is nearing completion. Derek Guille ex ABC presenter has agreed to do the voice over. We look forward to seeing the final production.

Seniors week opens on Sunday 8 October at Federation Square. Six U3As have expressed interest in having their own marquee at this time and Network will be having their usual information marquee. U3A performers will be entertaining in Deakin Edge and along the Yarra. If you are in town on the day, please come and say hello. U3A Network will also be having an information stand at the Melbourne Town Hall Hub during Senior's Week. Anyone who has

some time to spare during this week and would like to help out, please contact the Network office. I know many of you are involved in your local area celebrations. Good luck.

U3A Network Victoria is a very busy working environment at the moment. All committee are working hard for the benefit of all Victorian U3As.

Live Learn Enjoy

Elsie Mutton

Position vacant

The U3A Network Committee is seeking an enthusiastic, self motivated, and forward-looking person to manage the Network Office.

Due to changes in Network's funding, our administration is being restructured and our staff positions consolidated. This full-time role will be a paid contract position.

For further details including position description, contact Network President at elsie.mutton@u3avictoria.com.au by 29 September.

U-MAS User Group Meeting 5 October

The next User Group meeting for the Network member administration system U-MAS is scheduled for Thursday, 5 October, starting at 10:30am (doors open at 10:00). Venue will again be U3A Nunawading.

The U-MAS representative at each U3A has been contacted to put forward names and details of all attendees.

Agenda for the meeting will include explanation of the features in the recent 5.41 upgrade, discussion of the role of the website as entry to U-MAS, and review of end-of-year roll over.

The meeting will have focus groups for both the technical support and the admin support and course co-ordinator stream. If you have queries or need more information, contact Network Office and the U-MAS team will be in touch as quickly as possible

Accommodation Project

The handbook 'Premises & Facilities' has been distributed to the Presidents of all Member U3As and to the CEO's of all Councils in the 12 U3A metropolitan and rural regions. Comments received to date have been favourable.

For additional copies please note that the Handbook can be downloaded from the [Network web site](#).

Issue of the Handbook completes the Accommodation Project for the present however U3As requiring advice or assistance with accommodation issues are encouraged to contact Hans Eisen c/o the Network Office.

support a Summer School program. This enlargement of services offered was a pleasant surprise.

- A big thank you to those whose ears we bent to hammer out an efficient and innovative system. Special thanks to U3A Port Phillip's Course Coordination Committee for their Tutor Bank system reality check!
- All feedback on where the process can be improved would be welcome.

Anne Thompson

Convenor

Network Education Committee

Tutor Bank Update – Flying Start

For an infant scheme, the U3A response has been most gratifying. A big thanks to all those U3As who passed on the information to their tutors.

In receiving Tutor Bank registrations, we have learned a couple of things and made some changes to the process.

Process

- Registration Form has been slightly modified for a smoother process. (Modified form attached)
- No private email or phone numbers of Tutor Bank Tutor (TBT) will be published for privacy reasons. The Tutors' personal details are still vital for the Network Education Committee (NEC) to have direct contact. What happens is that sometimes before the registration can be advertised, there are a couple of points to be clarified by the NEC with the Tutor.
- Course Coordinators are the pivot point in this Host/Guest scheme.
- Volunteer tutors who want to register on the Tutor Bank are requested to discuss/tell this with their U3A (Course Coordinator) to keep them in the loop.
- Course Coordinators wanting to recruit a TBT, ring the TBT's U3A to have their request for that Tutor passed on. Of course, the TBT is free to share their personal contact details with the host U3A.
- The first batch of TBTs will be sent out in the near future.

Learnings

- You will see from the TBT registrations that these generous U3A members also offer mentoring or

U3A Regional Meetings & Workshops Schedule Semester 2, September-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 21Sept	Sherbrooke	10am. Seniors Communi- ty Centre, Mahony 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 22Sept	Mornington	TBA, John Paul College McMahons Rd Frankston	Jan Oliver, President Bethy Birch, Regional Rep
Eastern Metro Workshop	Monday 25 Sept	Nunawading	10am, Silver Grove Nuna- wading	Valerie Bourke, Box Hill Geoff Steventon, Reg.Rep
Outer SE & Morn Pen Tutor workshop	Friday 13October	Frankston	TBA, John Paul College McMahons Rd Frankston	Dennis Mason, President Bethy Birch, Regional Rep
South Gippsland	Wednesday 18 Oct	Prom Coast	Mountain View Retire- ment 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, Presi- dent 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 September 2017

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