

**U3A NETWORK VICTORIA BULLETIN**

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**Upcoming Events**

- 6-7 May - Course Co-ordinators Forum, U3A Goulburn
- 16 May - Presidents Briefing
- 30 May - Politicians Information Session
- 20 June - Network Council meeting

**Also check the Regional meetings schedule on the last page of this bulletin.**

**Presidents briefing 16 May**

The President’s Briefing will examine three major topics:

- Role of the Network Council
- Communications – ACFE and general
- Feedback on Tutor Bank and *U3A Education Matters* (Course co-ordinators handbook)

Invitations to the Presidents Briefing were forwarded to Member U3As in late April. U3As will have the opportunity to bring two or three representatives to the meeting.

**From the President**

I hope representatives from as many U3As as possible will join Network Committee members at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual **Presidents Briefing on 16 May**. Each year we try to develop a program around issues and themes of keen interest to Member U3As.

This year we are focussing on topics raised to us like the role of Network Council, as well as responding to requests for more information, such as the basis and operation of our major grants. A third presentation will cover Education Committee initiatives like the Tutor Bank, the course co-ordinators forums and newsletters. The afternoon sessions are based around small group discussions on these topics.

The theme of the day is **communication** – in all directions and by all means. The Network Committee has a lot to say, and at the same time, we want to hear from all our U3As.

On a sad note, Network Committee is farewelling our Secretary of 9 months, Ann Marie Ritchie of U3A Darebin. We wish her well and thank her for her contribution.

Susan Webster — President

**Accommodate U3A!**

30 May is the launch of the U3A movement’s State Election Campaign, with our slogan **Accommodate U3A**.

U3A Port Phillip is co-hosting the launch event to which all U3As in the Southern and Central region are being invited, as well as all State election candidates in that area. Other attendees are Gabrielle Williams MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Carers and Volunteers, and Seniors Commissioner Gerard Mansour.

In a few weeks the campaign will cover the entire state, with all U3As receiving campaign materials for use with candidates in their own areas, and the possibility of additional face to face events in other regions in the state.

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**Reference Handbook:** [u3avictoria.com.au](http://u3avictoria.com.au) page 6.

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**Commissioner for Senior Victorians requests**

Many of our member groups have had the pleasure of hearing presentations by Gerard Mansour, Commissioner for Senior Victorians. To invite the Commissioner to your event, please follow this procedure.

Please include:

- names of other community groups that will be invited
- the theme of your event
- proposed topic for the Commissioner’s speech.

Email: [Commissioner.for.seniorvics@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:Commissioner.for.seniorvics@dhhs.vic.gov.au) and cc Anne Grigg, [dso@u3avictoria.com.au](mailto:dso@u3avictoria.com.au)

When you need support at your U3A please contact Anne Grigg Development and Support Officer  
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### Advertising materials to be re-issued



Editable advertising materials developed by the ACFE campaign will be re-issued shortly to all Member U3As. These posters and postcard-sized handouts have a panel

where each U3A can insert its own name and details. Network Office will be contacting all U3As with instructions for the download.

### Victorian Senior of the Year: nominations now open

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards acknowledge older Victorians who volunteer their time to assist, support and encourage others in their communities. The award categories are:

- Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year
- Healthy Active Living Award
- Veteran Community Award
- Promotion of Multiculturalism Award
- COTA Victorian Senior Achiever Awards
- Age-Friendly Victoria Award – for organisations or businesses.

Further information about the various categories of the award open for nomination and nomination forms can be downloaded at [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au) or call Seniors Information Victoria on 1300 135 090 to have a form sent to you.

### CALD Seniors Grants Program

The *Participation for CALD Seniors Grants Program* offers small grants to organisations to create or expand community participation opportunities for socially isolated culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) seniors.

Evidence shows that older people from culturally diverse backgrounds are often at a higher risk of social isolation due to a range of factors, including language needs, cultural differences, limited mobility, poor health, lack of confidence and knowledge of what is available.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available – applications are now open and due by 1 June 2018. Grants will be awarded for projects of 12 months in duration, commencing 1 October 2018 and concluding 30 September 2019.

Application forms and these guidelines are also available online at [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/cald-grants](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/cald-grants)

### Success stories from your U3A : stories needed by 15 May

As I travel the state I've heard many stories of how belonging to a U3A has changed the lives of so many of our members. Stories of reconnection to community; of people helping others; of people no longer feeling isolated/sad/depressed and the list goes on.

Network needs to capture those stories to help build the message about how wonderful U3A is for senior Victorians.

It can be in written or video form and we suggest that it be approximately 200-300 words or a 1 minute video. This will help us to create some snapshots.

If you have a story or two to share, please send it to Anne Grigg [dso@u3avictoria.com.au](mailto:dso@u3avictoria.com.au) ASAP - by 15 May.

### Seniors Month – an opportunity to lobby your politicians?

Member U3As have recently received information about two things which might be fruitfully brought together :

- the Victorian Senior Festival in October this year, and
- U3A Network and Members' campaign to lobby Government on the accommodation needs of Member U3As.

The Seniors Festival is a great opportunity to showcase U3A to new members, politicians, and even our own members. Having your event listed in the Victorian Seniors Festival booklet and/or the online Festival Calendar is a great opportunity for free publicity direct to the right age group. Submit your listing by 31 May. Details at

<https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards/2018-festival-event-listings>.

Events might include an open day with free Devonshire tea, an art exhibition, a concert showcasing your tai chi, choir, or line dancers with back drops prepared by your art and craft groups. And invite your local Pollie to participate (not just open the event).

Seniors month is in October every year but this year the state elections are on the last weekend in November. This means that Seniors month showcase activities are an excellent opportunity for effective lobbying while enjoying yourself.

Good luck and with the usual hard work and good organization.

The stars may be aligned for U3A this year.

<b>U3A Regional Meeting Workshop and Seminar Schedule - Semester 1 &amp; 2, 2018</b>
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U3A Region/ACFE workshop**	Dates	Host U3A	Time & Location	Contact for meeting
Outer SE & Morn Pen Region	4 May	Southern Peninsula	TBA, John Paul College McMahons Rd Frankston	Beth Birch, Regional Rep
** U3A Goulburn Valley workshop	6/7 May	Goulburn Valley	14 Esson St, Shepparton	Greg Barnes, Course Coordinator
Grampians Region	14 May	Ararat	Melbourne Polytechnic., Grano St., Ararat	Lee Albert Regional Rep
** U3A Moreland workshop	24 May	Moreland	21 Harding St, COBURG	Gwen Rosengren, Secretary
<b>ACCOMMODATE YOUR U3A!</b> Campaign launch	30 May	U3A Network Victoria	U3A Port Phillip (S M&C Region) Mary Kehoe Centre	Elsie Mutton, U3A Network
Outer Eastern Region	22 June	Sherbrooke OR Mt Dandenong		Bill Power Regional Rep
Loddon Mallee Region	28 June	TBA	St Mary's 193 High St Kangaroo Flat	Nancy Miller Regional Rep
Eastern Metro Region	2 July	Nunawading	10am, Silver Grove Nunawading	Geoff Steventon, Regional Rep
Western Metro Region	22 August	Werribee (TBC)	Werribee	<b>Vacant</b> Regional Rep
Southern & Central Metro	7 Sept	Moorleigh	92 Bignell Rd Bentleigh East	Tony Aplin Regional Rep
North East Victoria	11 Sept	Nathalia	Nathalia	Greg Barnes Regional Rep
Outer South East & Mornington Peninsula	14 Sept	Cardinia	6E Henry St Pakenham	Bethy Birch Regional Rep
Loddon Mallee Region	20 Sept	TBA	St Mary's 193 High St Kangaroo Flat	Nancy Miller Regional Rep
South West Victoria	21 Sept	Colac	TBA	Di Cray Regional Rep
Eastern Metro Region	24 Sept	Nunawading	10am, Silver Grove Nunawading	Geoff Steventon, Regional Rep
South Gippsland Region	17 Oct (T)	TBC	TBC	Neil Shaw Regional Rep
Northern Metro Region	25 Oct (T)	TBC	TBC	Anne Heafield Regional Rep
Grampians Region	29 October	TBC	Melbourne Polytechnic., Grano St., Ararat	Lee Albert Regional Rep
Outer Eastern Metro Region	7 Dec	TBC	TBC	Bill Power Regional Rep

Anne Grigg - 23 April 2018