

WATSON

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Hi all,

For those that are new to U3A, a "Watson" is an information sheet produced on an irregular basis keeping members up to date with what is happening in U3A. It is in addition to a Newsletter which comes out every 1-2 months. See later for Newsletter information.

Our U3A year starts this month and those classes/activities which haven't already started will be kicking off at their usual time as of this Monday 11th February.

Meet and Greet:

Our new U3A Year kicked off with a Meet and Greet at Darley Neighbourhood House on Tuesday 5th February. This was most successful with over 60 people attending. Existing members coming together for a renewing of acquaintances and for potential members to find out a bit more about what we do at U3A. Of course there was a cup of tea and some eats and at this stage I would like to thank all of you who helped in any way towards making the occasion the success that it was.

Annual Subscriptions are now due. .

Membership forms will need to be filled out to enable us to keep our membership records up to date. Membership form is on the website.

Reminder: Those new members who signed up in last term of last year their membership is current for this year as well.

New Classes:

Prior to and at the Meet and Greet there was a form being distributed seeking expressions of interest in several new courses which, if there was enough interest, we were proposing to organise and depending on numbers responding we would be looking into venues and times

The results were most encouraging and we will be running new courses in **Maths and Science, German language, Mah Jong and Meditation and Mindfulness.**

On the survey forms I also asked for preferred day and times. This could not be guaranteed to suit everybody and I have gone with the majority decision as to day and times.

Meditation and Mindfulness: Will be weekly, starting this Wednesday, 13th, between 11.00 am and 12.30 pm and will be held in the Child Care Centre which is adjacent to Darley Neighbourhood House. There will be a charge of \$4.00/ head per session.

Any queries call Lena 0424 464 646

Maths and Science 101; This is a new Maths and Science course starting again where the existing Maths and Science course started several years ago. It's fun.

This will be weekly at Darley Neighbourhood House on Thursday afternoons between 1.00 and 3.00 and starting this Thursday 14th. Cost \$4.00 per session

Mah Jong: This will be weekly on a Thursday between 1.00pm and 3.30pm. Darley Neighbourhood House, Cost \$4.00 /session. First session will be on the 21st February

German Language; This will be weekly on Fridays between 10.00am and 11.00am at Darley Neighbourhood House. Cost \$4.00. There will be a text to be purchased. Details at first meeting

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

This will be held at **Darley Neighbourhood House at 10.00 am on Wednesday 13th March.**

All positions on the committee are for a 2 year term, unless someone wishes to resign. That being the case there will be no elections necessary for most of the committee however there are 3 positions vacant as ordinary committee members. Not ordinary in the usual sense of the word but just not executive members.

If you are interested and would like a nomination form, please let me know. New committee members are vital to the success of our organisation and new members bring new ideas to the way we run our organisation.

Any queries please call myself, Adrian Rowell or Helen Brown - See numbers below

Newsletter: Judy Archer is doing a great job publishing our newsletter. However she needs our support in providing her with photos, articles relating to your U3A activity.

NOTE: Judy is intending to visit each of the groups in first term in order to recruit someone to be the group's representative in forwarding information for the newsletter.

Shakespeare: The "Brush up your Shakespeare" Group meets once a week, Wednesdays 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm, in one of the meeting rooms of the Lenderderg Library. It is a play reading group, no acting involved unless you're inspired by the prose to throw your arms about or whatever. The first meeting of the group will be on Wednesday 13th February. The first play for the year will be A Midsummer Night's Dream. Attendees will need to supply their own copy (Book Barn, Op shops, etc). Any queries please contact Geoff on 0400 367 288.

Coffee Club; an informal gathering once a month, meeting for a coffee (or tea) and a chat. First Wednesday of the month 10.30am. In view of the fact that the "Meet and Greet" will be on the first Tuesday of February. The first Coffee Club gathering for this year will be on the Wednesday 6th March at Baby Black. Any queries call Sharon 0407 480 207.

Garden Group: We will be meeting on Friday 1st March 10am-2pm to plan activities for 2019. Address: 3304 Geelong Bacchus Marsh Rd, Balliang East, undercover in the garden. Let's see what has survived the summer heat. Tea and coffee and sandwiches provided, but feel free to bring a (small) plate to share. All new and old members encouraged to come: Phone Rosa on 0405 588 048 if you need more information.

Please see attached flyer regarding to a local personality and a show he will be staging titled "In the wake of war" on 23rd February 2019 at Impressario theatre in Grant St Bacchus Marsh. All details in attachment.

That's all for now, any queries with regards to any of the above please contact either myself Adrian Rowell 5367 5341 or Helen Brown 0400 143 392.