



## Moorabool University of the Third Age

### Incorporation

In last months 3-News we gave notice to all members of the Special general Meeting to be held at the Baptist Church on the 19th October at 1PM. Prior to applying for incorporation it is necessary for us to have the members vote on the proposal and to vote on changes to the rules for Moorabool U3A to bring them in line with the requirements for Incorporation.

Moorabool U3A, like other U3As is autonomous in operation, and being Incorporated under the incorporation Act 1981 brings benefits.

From the date that we are 'registered' as an incorporated association, we become recognised as a 'legal entity'. of our own, separate and distinct from the individuals who formed or make up the U3A. As an incorporated association we can 'conduct business' and can enter into contracts in our own name. The incorporated association then has rights and liabilities under any contract, not the people who make up the group (that is, not the members or the committee).

*Importantly, funding organisations require us to be incorporated before they will give us any monies.*

One of the main benefits of incorporating an association is that we then have 'limited liability'. This means that in most cases, the responsibility for debts of the group or any legal costs we may be ordered to pay, is limited to the amount of money and assets held by the Incorporated association.

This helps to protect the people involved in the group from being personally liable if anything goes wrong with the association (that is, from being required to pay any debts or costs from their own money or assets).

Come along to the Special General Meeting and vote for incorporation and the changes to our rules. Following our Special General meeting will be our regular Tea Time Talk (see page 4).

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### Seniors Festival 2009.

During the period of the 4th to the 11th of October 2009, Victoria will celebrate a Seniors Festival. U3As will be actively involved with the festival where there will be a display of many U3As at the Carnival of Learning, Sunday 4th October at Federation square.

Locally, U3A Melton will have an information booth at the Woodgrove Shopping Centre during the week and we have arranged for a display at both the Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre and at the Shire's lunch at St Anne's Vineyard in Myrniong.

### Ballan Hospital Event

The Ballan Hospital is celebrating the opening of the hospital's new GP Clinic on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, which in fact will be the first of its kind to open in Australia. There will be a opening presentation for the clinic at 12.00 noon and then 12.30 - 3.00pm will be the 'festival' activities in Cowie Street Ballan outside the Hospital.

Moorabool U3A has been asked to participate in the activities, giving us a chance for further promotion.

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## Australian History — Course Leader—Gail D’Elton

Wednesday 2:00 to 4:00.

In this Class, we have been looking at how Australia was settled. We have studied the original inhabitants of our land, the first ten Governors, the Convict Era, the Gold



Rushes, Peter Lalor and Caroline Chisholm. We are presently studying how and when the six colonies were established. We will then look at some

of the epic journeys of the courageous early explorers and pioneers and all about how Federation was achieved, and then to go on to look at the more modern history of the 20th century.

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## Card and Board Games — Group Leaders — Jean Adams & Marian Harvey

Tuesday 10:00 to Noon.

We have card games like Bridge, Crazy Whist, Euchre, and Canasta. Together with Board games of Backgammon, Monopoly, and

Scrabble, these games can be played concurrently with players choosing their choice of game including



Dominoes, Bridge and Chess. See page 3 for details of Bridge and below for details of Chess.

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## Mahjongg — Course Leader — Jan White

Monday 9:30 to 12:30

Mahjongg, is originally a Chinese game over two thousand years old. Jan is



teaching us the basics of the ‘Western’ or Australian version of Mahjongg. You

will need to purchase a book which sets out the moves and the terminology of the game.

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## Reading Group — Course Leader — Yvonne Daws

Thursday 10:00 to Noon

From the 8th October to the 10th December we will be meeting on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. We talk about the books we are reading and exchange information and opinions on matters literary and social in

congenial atmosphere whilst sipping good tea or coffee. Interesting discussions have been around books with an historical context both Australian and world, and the quality the research our

chosen authors have done in their works. As more people join the group our topics range more widely, and we expect this to enhance our meetings.

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## Computer Studies — Course Leader — Eric Daws

Tuesday 2:00 to 4:00PM

This course is not being run in a structured format, but as supportive to the needs of the group. Additional material is added to make the course

as interesting as possible. Discussion of previous weeks activities can lead to expansion of a particular



topic. Using PowerPoint to make slideshows will be discussed during October.

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## Chess — Course Leader — Peter Matters

Tuesday 10:00 to Noon.



Chess is a fascinating and competitive game played between two players.

Come along and be involved in this engrossing game. Demonstrations are being held at the Bacchus Marsh

Village shopping centre on the second Saturday.

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## Conversational German — Course Leader — Peter Matters

Monday 10:00 to Noon.

Our U3A German class is for people who speak only English. The aim is to master the art of conversation in

German which requires learning a certain amount of grammar. The class improves one's knowledge while

being informative. Those who attend the classes find them good fun.

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## Clutter Busting — Course Leader — June Fryer

4th Term

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This course is designed to be conducted across two or three sessions on separate days.

Unnecessary clutter in your house and your life can cause



distress! Come along to a lively and fun discussion group and learn how to organise yourself and your life through a series of tips and suggestions. Try out

some ideas and come back to the next session to discuss how it worked. Learn how to say “no” to anyone who clutters up your life. Time will be allowed for individual problem solving.

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## Quilting Group — Course Leader — Judy Alcock

4th Term

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This course is conducted around machine quilting techniques. Bring along your sewing machine and learn the skills of patchwork. We will start

with a traditional pattern and explore ways of choosing and enjoying colour. Materials will be supplied or you can bring your own to make your

quilt. Of the materials supplied you may purchase the quilt for your own use or just donate the finished quilt to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

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## Bridge — Course Leader — Alex Smith

Tuesday 10:00 to Noon.

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**Contract bridge**, or just **bridge**, is a trick-taking card game played by four players who form two partnerships.

The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored.

(Wikipedia)

We need more people to register with Gail for this group to start.

## A Shakespeare Group will start in the first Term 2010

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## 75 is the new 65: why pensioners should be going back to school.

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In an article published in the British newspaper, The Independent, the story of Maria Tolly is told by Richard Garner the Education Editor. Here is an extract.

Maria Tolly is one of the seventysomethings going back to the classroom late in life to help them carry on working.

The 76-year old was a professional guitarist who specialised in political folk music until a disability meant she could no longer perform.

She suffered from reflex sympathetic dystrophy which affected her hands and arms and so, MsTolly went to London’s City Lit, the largest adult education provider in the capital, and learnt how to compose using computer software programs so she could continue with her passion for music. She is now a septuagenarian software developer.

Ian Searle the (2009–2010) chairman of the (Third Age Trust) University of the Third Age, said lifelong learning was essential for improving health “and therefore reducing the demands on the NHS”. “We

want ministers to ensure that resources are there in the future,” he added.

Ms Tolly is devising creative dance projects for her local primary school and one of her compositions intended to turn children on to reading, “Book Rap”, will be featured at the opening of the new library near her home.

Middlesex University Press has shown an interest in three of her courses, with a view to publishing them. “That would be good because I could get paid for it” Ms Tolly said. “My work with the school has been voluntary”.

The Third Age Trust is the United Kingdom equivalent to our U3A Network. With 741 U3As and 229645 members.

For more reading on Maria Tolly goto:-

[www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/75-is-the-new-65-why-pensioners-should-be-going-back-to-school-1788707.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/75-is-the-new-65-why-pensioners-should-be-going-back-to-school-1788707.html)

The Third Age Trust can be found at:-

[www.u3a.org.uk/](http://www.u3a.org.uk/)



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## Tea Time Talk

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Tea Time Talk (Afternoon tea with Guest Speaker) is held on the Third Monday of the Month at the Baptist Church in Holts Lane Darley at 2PM. Visitors are welcome.

On October 19th, come along and hear Mirko Cugura from Retirecare Personal Wealth Management be our guest to discuss with us some financial issues.

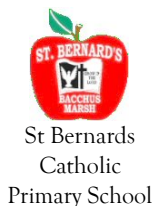
The November Tea Time Talk is still to be arranged and will be held on the 16th at the above location. The guest speaker is sure to be as interesting as the previous.

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### Acknowledgements



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New for October:- Bacchus Books and Coffee

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### Editorial Comment.

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I apologise for the text heavy look to 3-news front page. Incorporation is a very important step to take for our U3A for without it we have to find sponsors for any and all funding we need to receive. Also there are legal reasons that protect your Committee of Management both in the unlikely case of something going wrong or if the U3A enters into contracts to benefit you the members.

You will see from other reports that we have accepted the opportunity to have a presence at the Ballan Hospital's celebration of the opening of its new GP clinic and that we are having displays at both the Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre and at St Anne's vineyard during the Seniors Festival.

This month we also are having a meeting with the CEO and Mayor of Moorabool Shire to have beneficial discussions. Eric Daws, President.