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NEWSLETTER

November 2011

From the President

It's hard to believe that November is here already. Christmas get-togethers are already appearing in the diaries, including ours! And it's time to pay membership for 2012 – still just \$30 for the year, which gives access to all groups.

On the phone recently with my sister-in-law, who belongs to Bairnsdale U3A, she said, "I've been hearing good things about your U3A from Harry Dobson at a Regional meeting." Harry had mentioned what a good stall the Moorabool mob had in Fed Square for Seniors week. Unsolicited praise is always welcome – well done, Jennie and David! It was also a pat on the back to see its photo in the report on the U3A Network Victoria website (u3anetvic.org.au)

What's in a Name? It's a pity that while the word 'University' can attract some, it can repel others – it depends on your own background and experience. Hopefully our *What is Moorabool U3A?* notes on Page 2 will help those who are new to the idea of U3A.

Certainly we rely on our members to offer a variety of activities. Some classes and activities build skills and knowledge, others are simpler or more of a social get together. Members decide the level of complexity.

Cheers to all,
Ross Alcock

What's On ...

If you get your newsletter early, don't forget ...

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| Tues 1 Nov. | Cup Day BBQ lunch at Jan's |
| Wed 23 Nov. | Pictionary & Trivia afternoon
1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Baptist Church, Holts Lane BM
Bring a plate for afternoon tea. |
| Wed 14 Dec. | Christmas Lunch
Court House Hotel at 12 noon
3 course meal for \$15.50
Book early with Jan 9747 8285 |

Why does my Newsletter look different this month?

On October 14th in an email to the Committee Eric Daws wrote, "... to reduce my work load I have decided that I will not be responsible for ...
... Editor of the Moorabool U3A newsletter (3-News)"
Eric has worked tirelessly for Moorabool U3A. He will be going on holiday early November and we hope that this will be a restful and refreshing time.

Membership Renewal

It's **that** time again!

Your Membership Form for 2012 is included with this newsletter. Please fill in all boxes and include it with the membership fee which remains at \$30 for the year.

- Choices:
- ❖ **Mail** form plus cheque to our PO Box
 - ❖ **Hand cash or cheque** plus the form to your Group Leader or to Ross in the U3A small office at The Laurels on Thurs mornings from 10.30 am to 12.15 pm

!! WANTED !!

New Group Leaders for 2012

Art. Drawing? Water Colours? Acrylic?
A number of members have expressed interest. We just need a teacher! One who is prepared to give their time! Know anyone you can ask?

Craft. This Monday afternoon group has been in recession. Enough members want to come along. You don't need to be 'The Expert', all that's needed is someone to take on the small amount of organisation for the group.

A Quick Smile ...

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Diary Dates

Wed 23 Nov Pictionary & Trivia afternoon

Wed 14 Dec Christmas Lunch

2012

Wed 1 Feb Start of Term 1 (Vic)

Fri 16 Mar **Annual General Meeting**
(date to be confirmed)

Tall Ships - Seniors Week Special

During Seniors' week, three of us stepped back into the 1800's and went down a gangway to board a replica of an 1829 schooner for a 90 minute cruise on the Bay.

Ah--- the history of it – all shiny brass, ropes and knots of various types and beautiful polished wood – even timber decking. Romantic you say? That went out the window! "Watch your head – watch your feet – watch where you sit" – as if you could find anything! It was more lean and hold on.

But what an experience – the smell of brine, fish and tarred rope. Life itself stood still as those sails flapped and familiar voices calling, "Left hand down a bit – easy does it!"

We arrived back at Williamstown windblown and more appreciative of what our ancestors sailed in.

Jennie

Another Quick Smile ...

Smile 2. Letter of the year ...

Dear Mother-in-Law,

Please don't try to tell me how to raise my kids – I'm married to one of yours and believe me there's room for improvement!

Sincerely, your Daughter-in-Law

Smile 3.



New Class for 2012

Robyn Youl is the Story Teller at the Providence Hostel in Bacchus Marsh. Over time a *Lit Group* has developed with 8 ladies participating.

Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice' is currently being explored - a veritable goldmine from Neihmoller to interpretations of the law to suit yourself.

Robyn says, "What was simply a small group of women with vision and hearing problems has become a dynamic group who are using their vast experience of life to throw new lights on literary giants."

They would like to become part of Moorabool U3A and want us to know that our members are most welcome to join this group. Providence Hostel will make a conference room available for this. Day of the week and time to be decided.

Expressions of interest to Judy Alcock, please

☎ 0407 929 312 or Email: info@mooraboolu3a.com

What is Moorabool U3A?

Moorabool for our shire (though most things tend to happen in Bacchus Marsh)

U3A for University of the Third Age and there are U3As all over the world.

University, used in the original sense of the word: a community of people devoted to learning.

3A for the Third Age, also called 'the age of active retirement,' which comes after the First Age of childhood and the Second Age of employment and parental responsibility.

Being in your Third Age is the only qualification for belonging to U3A. Educational qualifications are neither needed nor given.

It's nice that a 'tutor' in one class may well be a 'student' in another group.

Courses Currently on Offer

Australian History	Wednesday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at Bacchus Marsh Baptist Church Course Leader – Pat Liversidge
Book Club	Thursday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at Baby Black Espresso Course Leader – Yvonne Daws
Computers	Tuesday 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm at The Laurels Course Leader – Eric Daws
Conversational German	in temporary recess Course Leader – Peter Matters
Craft	in temporary recess Course Leader – TBA
Digital Photos	Friday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Darley Neighbourhood House Course Leader – Ross Alcock
Games	Tuesday 9:30 am – 11:30 am at Bacchus Marsh Retirement Living Course Leader – Verna Young
Mahjong	Monday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at The Laurels Course Leader – Jan White
Play Reading	2nd and 4th Fridays of the month 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at David Leach's home Course Leader – David Leach
Quilt Making	Thursday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at The Laurels Course Leader – Judy Alcock

Moorabool U3A wishes to acknowledge the following organisations that have given their support ...





MOORABOOL U3A MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2012

Surname			
First Name		Name you like to be called	
Address			
Town / Suburb		Postcode	
Postal Address			
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Work Phone		Date of Birth	[Required by funding bodies]
Emergency Contact Name			
Emergency Contact Phone		In a medical emergency we will call 000 and ring your emergency contact.	
Email address			
Hobbies and Interests			
Which class, group or activity do you want to attend?			
Could you lead a class or activity?		How did you hear about our U3A?	
All information collected by the Moorabool U3A is kept in the strictest confidence, in accordance with our privacy statement and with information privacy laws.			
I agree to abide by the rules of the Moorabool U3A.			
Signature		Date	

Office Use Only			
Amount Paid		Receipt Number	Entered in Database
Date		Initialled	Treasurer