

### *From the President*

Just a few quick reminders this month with Term 2 already under way.

Last Monday was the first of the 3 sessions with Graeme Robin, *The Armchair Traveller*. Most enjoyable and it was WARM in the Baptist Church on such a wintry day! There are a few photos from the day on our website. Each session stands alone so do feel that you can come to the remaining two if you missed the first one.

U3A Network Victoria, our State body, held its annual Presidents' Briefing session this month. It's interesting to learn that Victorian U3As have a combined membership of 25,000. This gives U3A a strong voice when you consider we are the pre-eminent seniors' educational body. So the parent body is looking at ways to strengthen our presence through branding. This is to be done without each branch losing its individuality – an interesting conundrum.

Our government loves 'stories'. Ministers can tell these at conferences and find them very useful. We must have lots of stories – send them in!

Cheers to all,

*Ross Alcock*

### **'Armchair Traveller'**

**Graeme Robin**

**3 Monday afternoons**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April    30<sup>th</sup> April    7<sup>th</sup> May**

**1.30 pm to 3 pm**

**at the Baptist Church, Holts Lane BM**

A set of informal talks by Graeme Robin who has travelled extensively in the northern hemisphere over the last 5 years.

He bought an old left-hand drive car and has wandered, alone, on back roads through the towns and villages of Europe for 4 or 5 months at a time.

The first session will be an overview. Subsequent sessions will focus on locations of interest to the group

Visitors welcome - \$5 entry

Members - \$2 entry

### *Book Group has a Radio Voice*

Our Book Group has been invited send a member along on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month**, to be part of Daniel Anderson's *The Saturday Show* on **98.5 Apple FM**. This is a great opportunity to review the book(s) currently being discussed and to promote our U3A.

Our Radio Personality this month was Heather Dolheguy. Remember to tune in on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May** between 10.30 and 11.30 for the next 'slice'.

### **Bread Baking**

**with Judy Alcock**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**12 noon to 3.30 pm**

**at Darley Neighbourhood House**

**33 Jonathan Drive, Darley**

My grandson says, "You make the best focaccias in the world, Nan." Who am I to argue?

Be part of a small group sharing the pleasure of making – and eating – your own bread

Rolls    Focaccias    Loaves

**Members only – Booking is essential**

(5 have booked so far for the 8 available places)

**\$2 venue fee**

**\$5 ingredients fee**

### *Our Quilt Making Group Delivers*

With 6 to 8 consistently sewing, 22 quilts were sent off in the whole of 2011 to the Royal Children's Hospital.

This year the group has grown and in 2 months had 8 quilts completed ready for delivery on Good Friday.

Those quilts go home with the recovering children. Good work, quilters!

### *Informative Websites*

COTA, Council of the Ageing, has interesting and informative stuff: [www.cotavic.org.au](http://www.cotavic.org.au)

U3A Network Victoria is working up a new version of its website but meanwhile you'll find the 'newsy' stories of what is happening around the state on [www.u3anetvic.org.au](http://www.u3anetvic.org.au)