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February 16th 2020

Our 2020 year of learning, socialising and fun has started with most classes well on their way.

Meet and Greet: Our first gathering for the year at Darley Neighbourhood House on 4th February was very successful, we had a good crowd and some team coordinators gave a brief outline of their activities and morning tea was a great hit. A good time for a bit of socialisation. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Memberships:

Annual membership fee of \$30 is now due. For Insurance purposes a Membership Form needs to be filled in and signed by both new and returning members. A completed form then needs to be forwarded to the treasurer. Payment details are on the membership form. Any members that have not renewed their membership by 1st April 2020 will be removed from the register.

For a Membership Application form, please see the website.

Committee

At the next Annual General Meeting to be held on 11th March 2020, 10.00am at Darley Neighbourhood House, we have 2 committee positions to fill and if any of our members see themselves as taking on the position of President of U3A Bacchus Marsh, this opening will be available on the date of our AGM on 11th March as our current president is not renominating after holding this position for the past 6 years. Please give it some thought, it is not an onerous position and it can be very rewarding taking part in the running of such a worthwhile organisation. There is a Nomination Form in the Committee section of the website.

2020 Timetable:

New timetable, see website.

Book clubs: At the moment we have a vacancy in each of our book clubs. Please contact Terry 0412 939 935 for Tuesday book club or Heather 0427 095 080 for Thursday book club.

The **Coffee club** is increasing its frequency. It is a wonderful way of achieving one of our aims as in providing socialisation. Sharon is now coordinating a Coffee club gathering twice a month, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10.30 am at various venues. See attachment for times and dates.

Science & Maths:

On a pleasing note Pamela "The Doc" is back and will be resuming both of her **Science** classes this term. There are some vacancies for the Thursday session. Please contact Pamela 0400 387 841 if you would like to join this group.

Slow Walking Group:

Louise organises this group, emphasis is on gentle and slow. This group meets for approx 1 hr at 8.00 am Monday mornings at Peppertree Park near the swimming pool in Grant Street. Louise extends a welcome to any U3A members or friends who may wish to join her. For further enquiries please contact Louise on 5300 4980 / 0415 105 655.

Gardening Group: This year the group is planning to meet on a regular monthly basis on the 3rd Thursday of each month. See attachment for first few month's activities.

Note: first activity previously planned for Feb is now in March.

Possible New Activity:

Music Group (Jam sessions): We are looking for any persons interested in joining in with others to play music. Any instrument is OK and you don't necessarily have to be talented, just enthusiastic.

We have the opportunity to use a large room at the Men's Shed behind the Laurels in Main Street. This would be on Sunday afternoons, (except first Sunday of the month). The cost of the room is \$20 for the afternoon starting at 2.00 pm. The more there are the smaller the individual cost. There are tea/coffee facilities available.

If interested or have any queries ring Sharon 0407 480 207

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Darley Neighbourhood House (DNH). 35 Jonathan Drive, Darley has a couple of activities coming up which you may be interested in.

Feb 27th, Thursday 1.00 - 3.00 pm "Love Food - Hate Waste".

A FREE Workshop with some helpful hints regarding what to do with surpluses and left overs. Organised by Grampians Waste and Resource Recovery Group. RSVP 24th Feb

March 25th, Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30am FREE Morning tea or Coffee.

RSVP required for either of above, Contact Renae or Therese 5367 4390.

Women's Health - at Lenderderg Library

Dying with Dignity - at Lenderderg Library

These 2 events are to be organised by the Shire as part of the Positive Ageing committees' activities. Dates will be advised at a later date.

That's all for now, any queries with regarding any of the above please contact either Sharon on 0407 480 207 or Helen 0400 143 392.