

Watson

22nd December 2023



Hello to all members

It's time to say goodbye to another great year of U3A activities. I can happily say that 2023 was a good year, we all had lots of fun, friendship, socialising and some learning thrown in the mix. Also, our membership numbers increased.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our U3A throughout the year and look forward to much the same next year.

2024 Term 1 will officially begin on Tuesday 30th January 2024. Please check with your Team Leaders for when the sessions you attend will begin.

Many of our members attended our end of year Christmas lunch at the Bacchus Marsh Golf Club. The venue was excellent with great scenery, the food was delicious and it was lovely to see everyone talking and laughing and having a good time. Most members wore something Christmassy with added to the joyous atmosphere.

MEET & GREET – Our first event for 2024.

Our hardworking committee are now planning and putting things into place for our annual Meet & Greet, which will be held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 in the Supper Room (adjacent to Lerderderg Library) Main Street, Bacchus Marsh from 10.00 – 12o'clock.

Our Treasurer, Marie will be there for those that would like to renew their annual membership. You many pay by direct debit into our bank account, details are on the membership form (in attachment) or if you prefer you can pay by cash or cheque on the day.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE A COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP FORM WITH YOU to hand to our Treasurer, this will eliminate the long que's we experienced last year as some members completed their forms at the Treasurer's table and held everyone up. **Your co operation to this matter will be much appreciated.**

We will have 2-3 tables set up and we ask Team Leaders to bring items to show case on these tables and for you to be there to talk about your group activities.

Morning Tea will be served.

As usual, we will be asking for members to help us set up and clean up for this event. If you can help out on the day, please let me know (Helen 0400 143 392) and I will make a roster for **setting up from 9.15am, kitchen help making tea & coffee approx. 11.00am and clean up 12.15 - 12.30.**

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

HEALTHY APPROACH TO AGING – to be held at Darley Neighbourhood House monthly, either second or third Monday perhaps 10.30am for approx. 90 minutes. Louise Simmons has offered to lead this activity and if you are interested in joining this group, please contact Louise on 0415 105 655 to express your interest and for final touches to be made.

WRITING YOUR MEMOIR (YOUR LIFE STORY)

This will be a short course, that could encourage you to write your life story. Sometime we think about doing this and don't know where to start, this course will take you through the steps. This course will be lead by Jeanette McGonegal and further details will be made available in the new year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Movie & Lunch will start up again in February 2024 as the last Friday in January will be Australia day Public holiday. Further details and name of movie will be forwarded in the new year.

That's all for now, wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Any queries in regard to any of the above, please contact either:

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