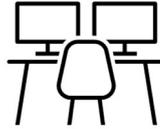


MARCH 22 NEWSLETTER



From the President's desk

Hello fellow U3A members,

Our first semester is well underway and our Scrabble people, Tai Chi group, Croquet players and our Senior Singers are in full swing. Singers are preparing for their performance at the Seniors concert on Sunday and your committee is looking forward to seeing you all there.



Over the last three weeks our Show and Tell sessions have produced some fascinating objects and interesting history. They have included history and family connection to a stately home in Scotland, a mechanical wooden horse with a headless jockey, wooden bowling ball and jack made by Italian prisoners of war and unearthed in a garden, a painting of the twin masted paddle steamer the Maitland and history of her tragic end, an Osage orange and its history and uses, memorabilia and stories from two different Olympics in Australia attended by our members, a Lindsay lithograph and family history to go with it and connection to Angus and Robertson bookstore, Amphora pottery, a wool winder. That's just some of the fun we had. Oh, and the silver ladle and the wonderful story of a family reunited with it. Many thanks to all who made this a most enlightening three weeks.

Coming up we have our Social Meeting on April 12 at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall. If you love to cook, you are invited to bring a plate to share.

A grant application has been submitted to Evolution Mining for funding for a trip in August/Sept to Goulburn. It would be two days and one night away. We will know by end of March or early April if we have been successful.

Poetry and Prose will commence at Jane and Neil's home on May 4 at 2.00pm. (99 Flint St). Bring along a poem or piece of prose that you would like to read or have read and/or discuss.

Taste of Forbes will commence on May 25 at the Golf Club.

On May 21 the first of our sessions on 'My Brilliant Career' will feature Steve Loane.

These will be in the Uniting Church Hall at 1.30 pm.

We have some great ideas lined up for the Spring semester at end of year but, as always, the committee would like to hear your suggestions for courses in which you would like to be involved. Thank you to those who have submitted ideas.

Happy Learning

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From the Treasurers desk

A reminder regarding membership of Forbes U3A. **The fee this year is \$15.00 which includes our new badge. The deadline for payment is the end of April.** If you know you will not be continuing your membership, please phone 0438 205 519 and inform the Treasurer. Membership can be paid at the social meeting in April or forward payment to PO Box 710. **Please make cheques payable to "Forbes College for Seniors"**

Trevor is currently taking names for the Orange Theatre Company's performance of "The Wedding Singer". **The performance date is Saturday 22nd October.** If you are interested, please contact Trevor on 0438 205 519.

Forbes Dragon Boat Club

An exciting invitation has been forwarded to us to try out at the Forbes Dragon Boat Club on Lake Forbes. Go along at 5:45 pm on any Thursday evening or Sunday morning at 8am. Bring along \$5, water bottle, a hat, and closed shoes. Children over 12 years are also encouraged to try this out. Whilst some members are competitive, other just go along for fun. There is no commitment to sign up. Give it a go with your favourite adult or child. All fitness levels are catered for. Check out the website at www.forbesdragonboat.org and just turn up on Thursday or Saturday.

Term 2 choir practice dates.

The choir meets on Mondays in 6-week blocks at the Uniting Church hall from 2pm -3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and have some fun and stretch those vocal chords.

May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30, June 6.

French Language classes

Do you want to either learn or extend your language skills!

Join weekly FRENCH Adult Class at Red Bend Catholic College. A 10 week course cost \$140.

Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45pm. Participants study specific topics related to travel and leisure but also current affairs. The focus is on speaking which benefits your communication when in a francophone country.

The classes are currently held online via google meets, until face-face teaching will be possible at the College again.

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