

FORBES U3A
AUTUMN SEMESTER 2024
APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

It's hard to believe that Easter has come and gone and we are quarter the way through 2024 already. We hope that you were able to spend a happy and peaceful time over the holiday period.

Did you participate in Seniors Week, sponsored by Forbes Shire Council? There was surely something in the program to appeal to each and every one of us. Thank you to Neil Gilmour, who helped Jolene Jones of Forbes Shire Council get the week's program up and running. The U3A has attracted some new members as a result.

And what about the Seniors Concert on 24th March? There sure is a wealth of talent around our Shire! The large audience was entertained by Tapestry, James Whalan, Kimberly Ryan, Muriel Lancaster and U3A Singers led by Elaine Huckel. At the conclusion of the performance the Singers were joined on stage by the other performers while President Barbara Thomas gifted Elaine a bouquet in recognition of her 80th birthday. MC for the afternoon was Alison Lockhart. \$415.00 was raised and directed to GIVIT, a Forbes Shire Council administered organisation providing relief to victims of natural disasters in the local area.

And there is always a spot for you in the Senior Singers if you want to release a bit of energy and have fun. Don't be bashful! **Singing resumes on Monday 6th May, 2pm in the Uniting Church Hall.**

Hopefully our foot soldiers are able to deliver this newsletter to you in time for



you to be reminded of our next meeting, "Flat tack on a flat track", at which our local, Australian, and International champion, Tom Drane, will give us some insights as to what it takes to be the fastest on two wheels. He'll be off overseas again soon, so take this opportunity while you can on Wednesday 3 April at

2.00pm in the Uniting Church Hall.



Then in the middle of April, on the 16th, we have our social meeting. Again, starting at 2pm, in the Uniting Church Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Come and enjoy a bit of fun with your fellow Seniors, with the beautiful voice of Andrea Bocelli, an Anglo/Irish skit, and some table trivia to keep you entertained.

Our next Taste of Forbes is on 21 May 2024 at the Vintage Village Café, 12 noon for 12.30 lunch. Places are limited to 30, so be in quick and make your booking with either Mary-Lou Kemp, 0427092271, or Coralie Crouch, 0427633773. The cost is \$25 for either a beef or lamb roast, with coffee/tea included. You will need to make your choice of roast when registering. **Cash only** for this event. Registrations over 30 people will be placed on a waiting list.



Meetings and Courses remaining for this semester, not mentioned above, are:

11th June	"Armchair Travel"	Meg & Peter Scholefield
18th June	"Need for Speed"	Justin Roylance
16th July	"Rats and Reptiles"	Paul Newcombe
29th May	"Serendipity"	Coralie Crouch
25th June, 2nd and 9th July	Creative Writing	Coralie Crouch
17th April and 10th July	Mobile phone tips	Jill Englert
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1st May, 8th May and 15th May	Poetry and Prose	Neil & Jane Gilmour
22 May, 26 June and 24 July	Taste of Forbes	Mary-Lou Kemp

All commencing at 2pm, in the Uniting Church Hall, apart from Taste of Forbes TBA

Not forgetting weekly Cards and Scrabble on Thursdays at 10am, with Jane, in the Uniting Church Hall

Now some updates from Trevor, our Treasurer:

- Membership of Forbes U3A Inc was due at the end of March. If you are remaining a member for 2024 you have until the social meeting this month, Tuesday 16th April to make payment. If not paid by this date the treasurer will assume you do not wish to continue membership and remove your name from the mailing list. Payment can be made by direct deposit to Forbes U3A Inc with BSB: 802394 and Account No. 100067418, at the meeting on the 16th April or by delivery/postage to 181 Farnell Street Forbes.
- To all those people who put their name down for the musical The Addams Family, on Saturday 18th May, payment is now due and must be paid by the 16th April AT THE LATEST. The tickets have to be paid for by Friday 19th April. The method of payment can be the same as above.
- A date and costing for a visit to Iandra Castle has been finalised. It is planned for Wednesday 21st August leaving at 8:00am and home about 5:00pm. The cost will be \$55.00 which covers morning tea and the Iandra Castle visit and coach travel. It is planned to have lunch at the Greenthorpe Shamrock Hotel and Bistro - at own expense - followed by a stop in the afternoon in Grenfell on the way home. If you expressed an interest earlier in the year would you please confirm, as 30 people are needed for the excursion to take place and there is plenty of room for anyone else interested.

Wishing you Happy Days ahead.

Your Forbes U3A Committee.