

FORBES U3A
WINTER NEWSLETTER, JULY 2024

Dear Member



Here we are, well into winter, with a few frosty nights. It makes it hard to believe we are now heading back to summer!! Did any of you rug up and venture out to the recent Frost and Fire event put on by Forbes Shire Council? Who doesn't enjoy a good bonfire? Credit to the Council for bringing so much fun and quality entertainment to Forbes. Let's hope community participation keeps it on the calendar for next year, too.



Earlier in the month, Peter and Meg Scholefield gave us a good insight into the beautiful people, scenery, and life of Japan, with an enthralling presentation of their beautiful photography. Thank you, Peter and Meg.

Towards the end of the month, Justin Roylance had us all captivated with his presentation on racing V8 superboats. No time to forget your left from your right on such a convoluted racing course taken at such speed. Split second timing, and what can happen if you don't get it quite right - V8 superboat flying!



Justin's presentation was followed the next day by Andrew Skeoch, presenting Deep Listening to Nature, giving us a fantastic insight into the incredible detail of natural sounds in the environment, particularly birdsong. His birdsong recordings were really wonderful and his knowledge of the natural environment extensive. Andrew kindly fitted this presentation into his tight calendar of events, on request, which was truly appreciated by those attending.



Elaine has led the singers through a wide range of songs this term and we have welcomed three new members to the group. Singing takes a break for all of July and will resume on **Monday 5th August, 2pm in the Uniting Church Hall**. Come and join us if you want to release a bit of energy and have fun. Everyone is welcome.



Our next Taste of Forbes is on 24 July 2024 at The Inn, 12 noon for 12.30 lunch. Places are not limited, but please make a booking with either Coralie Crouch (0427633773), or Jane Gilmour (0421764728) so the venue will know how many to expect at tables. Meals will be your own choice at your own cost.

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

10th July 2024	Mobile phone tips	Jill Englert	10am and 2pm sessions
16th July 2024	"Rats and Reptiles"	Paul Newcombe	2pm
28 August 2024	Taste of Forbes - Isabel's	Coralie Crouch and Jane Gilmour	12 noon

All held in the Uniting Church Hall, apart from Taste of Forbes.

Just a reminder - please turn off your mobile phones when we have a guest speaker!!



And don't forget weekly Cards and Scrabble on Thursdays, with Jane, at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall.

Coralie Crouch's "Creative Writing" course (now there's a challenge!) is underway, with the second and third instalments to be held 2nd and 9th July.

Updates from Trevor, our Treasurer:

- We currently have a full coach for Iandra Castle, but we can always have people on the waiting list as I am still waiting for the final commitment, with payment, from several people on the 'going' list.
- Reminder re the Musical "Into the Woods" on the 26th October. I have a few seats remaining. Payment for this trip must be completed by the general meeting date in August, the 20th.
- The committee is working on the trip to the Zig Zag railway. Waiting on a quote.

Your thoughts please: If you have any ideas on future speakers or course content, please let any committee member know. We have started putting a program together for next semester and would appreciate your input. We try to provide a varied choice of 'things to do'.



For example, in October we have 10 members heading off to Norfolk Island, coinciding with its Annual Garden Week and Agricultural Show.

Stay well and warm.

Your Forbes U3A Committee.