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FOURTH QUARTER – 2018



U3A Dandenong Spanish Language Class on their Spain / Portugal Tour 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report

Having volunteered for the President's position, and been in the job for just over a month, I am finding out, how busy it can be.

I have been networking with other members, the Committee, some tutors, the Council, Office of the Public Advocate, U3A Network and other agencies.

My first priority has been researching and reviewing our policies and practices. We currently have a sub-committee updating our draft Constitution. As soon as it is finalised, it will be available on our website for access by all members.

We have had Gerard Mansour, Commissioner for Senior Victorians and Ambassador for Elder Abuse Prevention, present at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 24 September 2018. He spoke about his role, experiences, about a happy and fulfilling life, acknowledging challenges and Seniors as significant contributors. Members interested in Gerard's information on overheads presented at the AGM, contact the U3A Office.

The other speaker at the AGM was Glen Wall, Vice President, at the U3A Network Victoria advising us on the role of the Network and how they can assist U3As across Victoria.

We had our U3A BBQ on 17 October 2018, organised by our trusty volunteers. It was a beautiful sunny day and I had the opportunity to meet some new and some old members. Thank you to all who worked to make it a success. The homemade burgers and salad were much appreciated by all.

As this is our last Newsletter for 2018, I wish you all a happy, peaceful and enjoyable break over Christmas and New Year.

Vivienne



Editor's Note: This edition of the Dandenong U3A Newsletter has been emailed out to all members who have their email addresses registered at our office. All other members can receive a print copy through the usual channels i.e. from the office or from your tutor.

Alan Stevenson



Report from U3A Office

I personally would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped me muddle my way through the past four months. It has been a very hard act to follow, but we are endeavouring to make it our / your office. Their laughter and warmth have made it a welcoming place for all members, both experienced and new, as they pass through to attend classes, or just come for a chat.

I have passed on letters of appreciation for 'a job well done' from tutors which have bolstered their feelings of belonging to a caring community – U3A Dandenong.

I wish every-one a very Merry and Safe Christmas break and look forward to 2019.

Heather Seymour

Office Manager



Mah-jong

It's official!!

Medical research informs us that games of strategy contribute to good brain health and longevity. Come along and join in the 'exercise'.

Take the opportunity to learn what MAH JONG is all about and be ready for a flying start in 2019. And we need new players.

- Where: Latham Crescent Centre
- When: 12 – 2pm, on Tuesdays
- Who: All welcome from beginners to experts
- Bring: Just you, we've got the gear!
- Aims:
- * To keep your brain regenerating
 - * To learn an ancient pastime
 - * To enjoy yourself

Audrey Goldberg



Social Studies

We began this semester studying Morocco – the land and its people. This was followed by 'A World of Change', learning about all living things and how they changed and adapted from the beginning of life to the present day -noting in particular the influence of technology.

Our final topic was the Arctic and Antarctica – one a sea and the other a continent.

We offer our thoughts and support to those members who have been troubled with illness or problems during the year. We trust next year will bring health and happiness to all.

New members would be most welcome. If you enjoy the company of friendly people, come and join us on a Thursday afternoon.

May you enjoy a happy Christmas and New Year. Look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Audrey Lennon



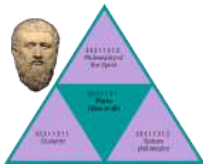
Italian Intermediate/Advanced Italian

Our Italian Advanced Class has been working to learn the Italian Language and Culture in a happy atmosphere. We currently follow the Hugo Italian Complete course by Milena Reynolds.

In addition to the course, we also organise social outings. This semester, we attended the Italian Club, La Baracca to soak the atmosphere, lunch and have a Melbourne cup sweep. The ladies donned their best outfits and wore fascinators.

Two of our members, won the first and second prize in the sweep. We all enjoyed the day and company in a different setting. It gave us the opportunity to converse and listen to announcements in Italian. It was a large 2 course meal – mains, dessert, coffee/tea and sweets. One of our members is overseas on holiday, but we have photographs to show her, just what she missed.

Vivienne Fernandes



Philosophy

This philosophy class is an exhilarating mixture of philosophy, human nature, history and each group members' personal take on the world. We are encouraged to open our minds to many different ideas. From the earlier traditional philosophers, both male and female, to writings by the Dalai Lama or a discussion on the history and current world views of Islam. The discussions are always interesting and challenging. This class keeps our brains working and I really enjoy the texture of the group.

Dorothea Kassell

(On behalf of the Philosophy Class)



Spanish

Our highly anticipated adventure to Spain and Portugal was extremely successful, all due to the hard work and dedication of all those involved. I would like to sincerely thank all members that attended the many meetings held outside of classes. A special thanks to Loretta, and Dino Cappellari, for inviting us into your lovely home to help coordinate this trip.

Not only were we able to experience the wonders of Spain and Portugal, we also used every opportunity to put into practice what we have learned in Spanish class over the year.

The trip was filled with much laughter, singing, dancing (special mention to those who dared to dance the Macarena!), tapas, paella and countless glasses of sangria! I am sure that everyone who traveled with us walked away with a deeper appreciation, knowledge and understanding of Spain and Portugal's diverse cultures and traditions.

This unforgettable experience also allowed us to learn about each other and I am grateful that we were able to share these moments together.

Without your support, dedication and enthusiasm this would not have been possible.

Gloria Skalicka

Spain / Portugal Tour 2018

Last year, a group from the U3A Spanish class, and supported by our dedicated teacher Gloria, decided to enhance our learning of the Spanish language - by experiencing it firsthand. It would also be a perfect opportunity to better learn and understand the history and culture of this truly magnificent country.

After arriving in Madrid on 30th September 2018, we travelled to **Valencia** the following morning. That afternoon we ambled through this city, discovering interesting city squares, monuments and buildings. There was a thriving market place that kept the centuries-old atmosphere alive. That evening we enjoyed paella, naturally, as Valencia claims to have invented this particular dish. The wonderful entertainment provided, and sangria, topped off the evening.

Our next destination was **Granada**. We travelled through the vast Andalusian countryside and visited the famous **Alhambra** Palace, which belonged to the Moors for more than 700 years until it was conquered by the Catholic monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain in 1492. This beautiful palace and surrounding gardens delivered all I had hoped for as one of my bucket list items.

Onwards to **Seville**, stopping along the way at **Cordoba** to visit the amazing Cathedral Mosque, the former mosque of the caliphs and described as "a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art".

Whilst in Seville, we made short trips to **Cadiz**, from where Christopher Columbus sailed in search of unknown territories. (His ornate tomb is in the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, in Seville). Another excursion was to **Jerez** to learn of the age-old sherry production, and tasting of course.

Seville Highlights: The imposing Plaza de Espana and the traditional fiery Flamenco performances.

Crossing the border into the lush **Algarve** region of southern **Portugal** we marvelled at the endless rows of plantations of Cork trees and the many large Stork nests perched on any form of high structure, they are a protected species. We also enjoyed a traditional lunch at a Stud Ranch after seeing Lusitano horses performing magnificently.

Arriving in **Lisbon** we discovered a city with many stately monuments and surprises, e.g. the many blue-tiled buildings. The highlights for me included the Hieronymite Monastery, the burial place of Vasco da Gama. There is also an elaborate monument/sculpture to him, facing the sea, depicting him embarking to explore the new world. As another highlight we enjoyed listening to the sounds of Fado, the traditional singing style of Portugal.

Last stop in Portugal, on the way to crossing the border again into Spain, was at the **Shrine of Fatima**, the enormity of this Sanctuary taking me totally by surprise.

Once in **Salamanca**, part of the Castile and Leon region in the north-west and whose history dates back to the Celtic era, we sit back and absorb the atmosphere in Plaza Mayor, the enormous town square steeped in its own unique history.

Returning to **Madrid** we stopped on the way at **Toledo**, the ancient capital, famous also for its steelworks, e.g. Toledo swords. Ferdinand and Isabella had married in the Cathedral in order to merge the kingdoms of Castile and Aragon and form a united Spain. The people had resisted this unpopular union, hence the ceremony took place in secret. These sentiments are still alive today.

Toledo also houses the famous El Greco masterpiece, "The Burial of Count Orgaz". We walked through the Jewish quarters and learned that some had settled in Africa to escape the Spanish Inquisition. They are the Sephardic Jews.

During a tour of Madrid city centre we passed an interesting monument, that of Cervantes who wrote "Man of La Mancha". We took particular note because we had covered his story extensively during our Spanish class.

I visited the Reina Sofia Museum to see Pablo Picasso's masterpiece "Guernica", a stark depiction of the pain and suffering inflicted on the Basque people during the Spanish Civil War when that city was razed to the ground. (Ticked another item on that bucket list).

Next day, all aboard for the short flight to **Barcelona** for three days sojourn.

Our visit to the Sagrada Familia Basilica delivered all that was promised. Everywhere you looked, both inside and out, you were mesmerised by the style and intensity of Gaudi's masterpiece. Commenced in 1882, it is due for completion in 2026 on the centenary of his death.

City highlights included taking a cable car to Montjuic, a walk through the famous "Las Ramblas" (albeit in the rain!) and the fabulous view from our hotel window situated on Plaça d'Espanya taking in the Venetian Towers, the bullring (now a modern shopping centre) and a spectacular display of water, music and lights from the "Magic Fountain" which people flock to see from far and wide.

On the last day via bus and cable train, we visited Montserrat described as Mountain, Sanctuary and Monastery. The rock formations are craggy, towering and imposing, as the name "serrated mountain" would suggest.

Throughout the Iberian Peninsula it is evident that the different religions including the Moorish, Christian, Hebrew, and the Goths and Visigoths before them have had an enormous influence on the history, architecture, art and culture of this area.

Further, the detailed explanations by each specialist guide enhanced our experience tremendously.

I heartily thank Gloria, our Spanish Language teacher, for going above and beyond for us in the planning and throughout the trip, at times under very difficult circumstances. Having you with us during this experience has meant a lot to us all. You are a champion!!!!

Loretta Cappellari

A selection of photographs from the Spain / Portugal Tour 2018



Don Quixote
Madrid



Fatima
Portugal



Monistrol de Montserrat



Paella



Alcazar of Segovia



Alhambra Palace
Granada



Basilica of the Sagrada Familia



Arenas de Barcelona



Segovia



Toledo



Valencia-Plaza de Espana



Valencia

Gardening Group



Every Thursday morning we meet at Keysborough Senior Citizens, to each discuss our home gardens and weekly activities as well as exchanging plants, seeds, cuttings and ideas among each other.

Lucy provides us with a gardening quote to commence each meeting.

Early in the year we visited the historic Benga Homestead and beautiful gardens in Dandenong at the invitation of Steve Nelson from the council's parks and gardens department. Steve has also delivered plants and cuttings to our meetings and hosted a day at Roth Hetherington Native Gardens in Keysborough in October. We thank Steve for his valued support of our group.

In May we travelled to Marysville, with a stop at The Beechworth Bakery in Healesville for morning tea. On to Marysville for lunch and a visit to Bruno's Sculptured Gardens which were destroyed in the disastrous bushfires and now almost restored to original condition, and finally to the Chocolatier factory at Yarra Glen on the way home. Many thanks to Bob Wood, for the day.

During the year we visited the gardens of Corinne and Renee, Bob and Lorraine, Diana, Erika and Miguel after our meetings. Thank you to all these people for their hospitality.

As well, several attended the Rose pruning demonstration at the Necropolis in May, and we also had a wonderful presentation from Janine Kay from the Pelargonium and Geranium Society.



Pelargoniums and Geraniums

Our display at the AGM was terrific with someone telling me they believed it was the best of all time.



This year we also included a plant sale for a gold coin donation as well as free stuff. This was very successful and many U3A members certainly picked up some plant bargains. This decision was only made a couple of weeks before the AGM, so next year, look out for a much bigger and better effort.

Unfortunately, this semester has seen us lose a few numbers through illness and family commitments, so we would love a few new members or returning members in the forthcoming year. Remember, you don't have to be a 'Garden Guru', although we certainly won't knock one back.

Finally, in closing I would like to thank all our members for the wonderful support they provide me, as a very ordinary gardener, in co-ordinating this group.

'The No Whingeing' and 'The One at a Time Talking' rules are still operating beautifully.

Diana's new bell has been has been a valuable tool in implementing these rules.

Dick Raymond



Exploring Photography (Advanced)

For me, it all began in 2002 when I retired from work; I was looking for something to fill in my time and Photography sprang to mind. So I joined the class that was tutored by Bill Cooney. I was a novice and didn't even have a camera. **Wow**, Bill showed us things that I did not think were possible---**how did he change the sky in that photo??** It all just flew over my head at first, but after a few weeks, it all started to make sense and what he was telling me just fell into place.

But not only did Bill know all about Photography, he knew all about computers as well; and this lovely man was only too happy to share with me and an example of this was---"Bill, I'm having a problem with my computer, it won't do this or that"—a couple of days later there was a knock on my door and there was Bill with his case, 'Gary let's have a look at your computer' and 15 minutes later we would be at the table drinking coffee with the computer problem fixed--- that is the kind of man that is Bill Cooney.

As time went by, a group of us would go for a day's drive somewhere and take photo's----- then at class we would look at them and Bill gave us advice on how to improve that photo; eg. "Gary if you had taken 3 steps to your left you wouldn't have that bush in the photo" and he was always correct.

One of the things that I have admired about Bill is his recall and memory, whatever subject comes up---- Bill knows the answer and for me I will never forget this remarkable man who has devoted so much time and knowledge to helping so many other people along the way. Just think about the number of photos this man has taken for **U3A**. the displays he has put on and organized for the AGM etc. the list goes on and on.

It was with regret that I heard Bill tell his class that this will be his last year---- but it is now Bill's turn, and time for himself----but he won't be forgotten and we will keep in touch with him.

Thank-you Bill, not just from me, and not just from your class. And not just from the hundreds of former class members, but from everyone in the U3A Dandenong.

Thank you Bill from a very thankful

Gary Chirgwin



Dandenong Inc. TIMETABLE FOR 2019 (1st Semester)

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DAY	TIME	SUBJECT	TUTOR	VENUE
Monday	9.00am - 9.45am	Exercise Class	Gerry McKellar	LCC
Monday	9.30am - 12.30pm	Cooking	Phyllis Harrison	POD Kitchen
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Genealogy	Margaret Watts	POD
Monday	10.00am - 12 noon	Line Dancing	Ann Thomson-Buhler	UCH
Monday	10.00am - 12 noon	Embroidery & Craft (class full)	Joan Wilson	LCC
Monday	12 noon - 1.30pm	History of Ancient Battles	Richard Ryan	LCC
Monday	12 noon - 1.45pm	Italian Language Beginners	Ivan Gnocato	POD
Monday	12 noon - 1.45pm	Italian Intermediate/Advanced	John de Blauw	POD
Monday	1.15pm - 3.15pm	COMPUTERS - Win10/Intermediate	Clive Gould	POD
Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Monday Music	Ulrike Davies	POD
Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	American Presidents	Shirley Constantine	LCC
Tuesday	10.00am - 11.45am	Spanish Language (class full)	Gloria Skalicka	LCC
Tuesday	9.30am - 11.45am	Current Affairs	Richard Ryan	DMH
Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	COMPUTERS - Beginners	Yvonne Toomey	POD
Tuesday	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Mahjong	Audrey Goldburg	LCC
Tuesday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Exploring Photography	To be advised	POD
Tuesday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Scrabble	David Pateman	LCC
Wednesday	8.00am - 9.30am	Meditation	Elizabeth Hessels	LCC
Wednesday	8.30am - 11.30am	Easy Rider Cycling Group	Marge Angelucci	Tirhatuan Park
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Walking Group	David Pateman	Ross Reserve
Wednesday	10.00am - 12 noon	COMPUTERS - Powerpoint	Alan Stevenson	POD
Wednesday	10.00am - 12 noon	Drawing/Water Colours	Ron Gurney/Beryl Potter	LCC
Wednesday	10.00am - 12 noon	Line Dancing - Beginners only	Lorraine Bishop	UCH
Wednesday	12 noon - 2.00pm	Behavioural Science	Thelma Paul	LCC
Wednesday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	'Social' Table Tennis	Natashia Strommer	LEX
Wednesday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Effective Communication Course	Judith Talanoa	LCC
Thursday	9.00am - 9.45am	Exercise Class	Gerry McKellar	LCC
Thursday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gardening	Dick Raymond	KSC
Thursday	9.30am - 11.30am	Philosophy	David Pateman	POD
Thursday	10.00am - 12 noon	Read and Think French	Tony Haydon	LEX
Thursday	11.00am - 12 noon	Tai Chi	Lolita Briones	UCH
Thursday	12.15pm - 2.15pm	Oil Painting (class full)	Pat Stone	EHL
Thursday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Knitting & Crochet	Lorraine Bishop/Margaret Sheffield	POD
Thursday	1.15pm - 3.15pm	COMPUTERS - iPad/iPhone Workshop	Yvonne Toomey	POD
Thursday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Social Studies	Audrey Lennon	DMH Main Hall
Friday	8.30am - 11.30am	Cycling Group	Richard Ryan	Tirhatuan Park
Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Positive Ageing	Nellie Roberts	LCC
Friday	10.00am - 12 noon	Singing Group	June Crowley	POD
Friday	10.00am - 12 noon	French Language Beginners	Tony Haydon	LEX
Friday	12.30pm - 1.30pm	French - Song & Culture	Lap Lam (Lily)	LEX
Friday	1.00pm - 3.30pm	Karaoke	Ann Thomson-Buhler/Muriel Carr	POD
Friday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Parchment Craft	Hind Bruni	LCC

1st Semester: Mon 4th February – Fri 21st June 2019

Key to Venues :

UCH - Uniting Church Hall, Birch Ave., Dandenong
 POD - Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18 Buckley St., Noble Park
 DNS - Dandenong North Senior Citizens' Club, Latham Cresc.
 LCC - Latham Cresc. Centre, Latham Cresc., Dandenong North
 DMH - Dandenong Memorial Hall, 10 Langhorne St., Dandenong
 EHL - Endeavour Hills Leisure Centre, R. McMahon Blvd, Endeavour Hills
 KSC - Keysborough Senior Citizens, 352 Cheltenham Rd., Keysborough
 Tirhatuan Park - (Enter Kriegel Way) off Outlook Drive, Dandenong North
 LEX - Lexington Gardens, 114 Westall Road, Springvale

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DANDENONG INC

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2019

Monday	4 th February	Commencement of 1 st Semester			
Tuesday	12 th March	Tutors Meeting (bring own lunch) Paddy O'Donoghue Centre 12:00 – 1:30pm			
Wednesday	13 th March	U3A Picnic, Latham Crescent Centre			
Monday	12 th April	Meet & Greet New-comers, Latham Crescent Centre 10.30am – 12.00pm			
Friday	21 st June	End of 1 st Semester			
Monday	24 th June	U3A Mid-year lunch (25 th Anniversary) Venue TBA			
Tuesday	9 th July	Tutors Lunch, Sandown Park Hotel Meeting 11.00am then lunch			
Monday	22 nd July	Commencement of 2 nd Semester			
Tuesday	10 th September	Tutors Meeting (bring own lunch)			
Monday	23 rd September	AGM & 1 day Art & Craft Show - Venue TBA			
Wednesday	16 TH October	U3A Picnic, Latham Crescent			
Friday	22 nd November	End of Second Semester			
Monday	25 th November	U3A Xmas Lunch – venue to be advised			
Management Committee meetings held on 2 nd Tuesday of the month at 10.00am					
12 th February	12 th March	9 th April	14 th May	11 th June	
14 th August	10 th September	8 th October	12 th November	10 th December	

Newsletter contributions deadline:

Thursday 14th March

Thursday 13th June

Thursday 7th November



Knitting & Crocheting

Knitting Natters & Happy Hookers - Meet Thursdays 12:30 pm at Paddy O'Donohue Centre. It seems we do a lot of natting since one of our members has returned after recovering from a stroke. She has had to learn everything from the beginning all over again and it's very hard, but she will not give up. She had previously received prizes at the Dandenong Show for her work. Her sense of humour always comes out such as when the class notice was read out about 'Ancient History – Wars and Battles' for next year, her comment was along the lines of 'We're all ancient and some people think we are history. We all have battles to face every day, but we will win the war.'

The social aspect of meeting together is important, but if you also want to learn to knit or crochet, just turn up with 8ply (sports weight), plain light-coloured yarn and 4mm needles or hook. We always have room for more.

In 2019 the crochet students, who thought they already knew enough, will be making two cushion samplers. This involves reading 10 different patterns. We'll also learn how to upsize the pattern to make a different size cover or blanket.

Hope to see you all again next semester,

Margaret Sheffield and Lorraine Bishop



Wool! Wool!

On a small table, amid the glorious Garden Group's beauties, we were able to present a sample of the work that continues to flow from the needles and hooks of our dedicated U3A workers who create garments to keep the less fortunate warm – hats, scarves, beanies, jumpers, rugs and wraps, and tiny bonnets of a special size for preemie babies.

The pieces go to 'WRAP WITH LOVE', KOGO (knit one give one), hospitals, homes and Red Cross / ambulance services that deliver to the 'displaced' – from earthquake victims, battered wives, or the homeless. These services know just who is in need.

I am taking this chance to say a collective 'THANK-YOU' to all those who have donated wool. The crafters dedicate oodles of time to their cause and fund their own wool purchases, helped along by your generous donations. There will soon be more time for increased endeavours when the U3A is closed in December and January. Any wool you no longer require can be left at the office or at Latham Crescent Centre. Just add a label – 'for Audrey'.

Audrey Goldberg



The two exercise groups have maintained an excellent level of support. Most members attend both groups and this is desirable to get the best results, but alas doesn't suit everyone's timetable.

I was again away for 3 weeks on holiday and as usual there was no shortage of volunteers to run the sessions during that time. A few members who are new to the groups took up the challenge to lead a session as well as the seasoned volunteers.

These pictures show a few of the exercises we do as well as our leg weights and resistance bands. . These are great as they are small, light and can be used in a huge number of ways limited only by our imagination. We also have arm and leg weights and stability cushions.

Gerry McKellar



The Genealogy Group

What is Genealogy?

People often ask me this question. The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines Genealogy as “the history of a particular family showing how the different members of the family are related to each other”. This class is a pot pourri. It caters for beginners and for the more advanced devotees. We focus on documents, evidence, facts and testimony. The class can be taken by the half year or as an ongoing activity. The beginner's class covers how to collect and collate information and accurate record keeping is stressed. Basic charting is covered. A course guide and some handouts will be supplied. Come and join this friendly group.

Margaret Watts



Editor's Notes

Margaret Watts has been the tutor of genealogy group now for last five to six years.

When asked, Margaret said: “The time has just flown”.

She encourages members to research their family ancestors and also to write histories and stories whether short or long. Often putting names and anecdotes to photos can add interest, especially as the years go by.

Margaret was lucky enough to be given copies from the photo album of her Great Aunt Evalyne Sherrard. They focus on a new house my Great Grandmother, Jane Sherrard, had built at Hampton, Victoria. The photos were carefully written with names and dates. You may just see them on two of the photos below. The inscription was cropped out of the third photo.

Here is a story Margaret wrote about her Great Grandparent, John and Jane Sherrard.

Alan Stevenson

Jane Sherrard's New Home

My great grandparents, John Silk Sherrard junior and his wife Jane, nee Potter, started marital life in Melbourne in 1876. Neither however would have contemplated that they would ultimately probably hold the record for the most unusual living arrangement in Hampton.

When John and Jane's fortunes fluctuated in the depression, he left to find work in North West Tasmania. Jane stayed on with their four daughters in Melbourne's Tin Pan Alley and she worked as a midwife.

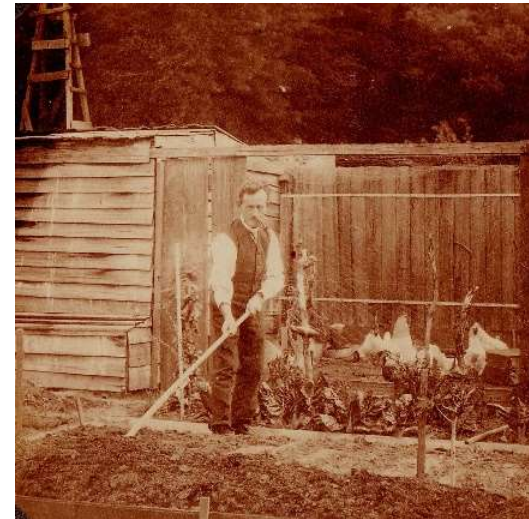
Jane was also entrepreneurial and built a large home at 12 Crisp Street, Hampton to accommodate holiday-makers who rented rooms from her circa 1912 – 1918. (The house was built by a Mr. Frank Jackman who was the husband of one of her daughters, Florence.)

Despite living apart for years, Jane had been across to Tasmania and brought her husband John home to Hampton where he lived in a tent in the backyard. This was confirmation that their marriage was in trouble. Canny Jane however was able to collect 700 pounds assurance on her husband's life as she had kept up the policy payment for all the years he was away.



'The Armistead' became 12 Crisp Street, Hampton, home of the Sherrard family in November 1911. Woman is Edith Sherrard, my great aunt, standing next to a family friend (Charles Bruhn).

Below: John Silk Sherrard junior tending his chooks in the backyard pretending that family life was normal!



Above: John and Jane's grand-children: Florence born 1907 and her brother Frank junior born circa 1909 at Christmas 1911 in the backyard of 12 Crisp Street. The infamous tent is visible on the right in the background.

All photos were taken by Evalyne Sherrard in 1911.



Easy Rider Cycling Group

The year is ending on a very quiet note with a lot of regular riders busy with other projects. Many thanks to Craig Gliddon for taking charge of the group for a substantial part of the year. This is while we were away then I had surgery. I am looking forward to getting back on the bike and it seems there will be a few needing to build up their fitness levels with me! Buses replacing trains has limited planning "special rides" during school holiday times. We cannot put bikes on buses! Less passengers makes it easier to transport ourselves to cycle paths further away, then cycle back. Always a welcome change from the regular paths along the Dandenong Creek. It appears the new parklands under the elevated rail section along the Dandenong line are nearly finished. We'll certainly make the most of the new paths and seek out a couple of new coffee stops along the way. With the end of year fast approaching I wish you all a happy and safe festive season.

Marge Angelucci



Line Dancing for Beginners

Wednesdays 10 - 12 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Birch Ave. Dandenong North.

Lorraine had asked, in class, if anyone would like to write about Line-Dancing for the U3A Newsletter. I thought, 'Who would do that?' But while driving home I changed my mind and thought how important U3A and the classes are to many of us. I had joined U3A in June this year, because my life had been turned upside down towards the end of last year, and I lost a lot of confidence in myself and needed to turn my life around.

When I joined U3A it was for one class and the lady in the office suggested 'Line-Dancing, maybe have a go at that.' I'd been on a few cruises with a group of ladies and tried doing it once but found it more entertaining watching. I went along the first day for beginners / intermediate class and said to Lorraine that I didn't know my right foot from my left. On the same day two other ladies started and we seemed to click. I always look forward to Wednesday mornings for Line-Dancing and seeing them too. I have also made other friends in the class and enjoy laughing and chatting. There are about 30 people, both male and female, who attend the class.

I want to say a big 'THANK-YOU' to Lorraine for her patience and teaching, also Melissa and the other people that help too, without whom we couldn't do without the time you give and share with us in class. I want to say a "BIG THANK-YOU" to you all and especially U3A and the volunteer tutors without whom there would be no classes.

Linda Bridal



Computer Courses & Workshops - Semester 1, 2018

Come and try out the U3A Windows 10 laptops this semester by joining one of the Computer Courses or bring your own laptop to use in class. If you bring your own then please bring the power cable and, whether you use our laptop or your laptop a USB memory stick, notebook and pencil could well be useful.

❖ **Beginners Class**

A six week course designed to teach the basics.

Learn to open an application, create a file, save a file, use a mouse, manage windows, files and folders, and how to use a word processor.

New students must attend week 1. Please bring your own laptop, with power cable, mouse and a small USB stick.

Class runs on Tuesday, 12.30 – 2.30 pm.

Tutor: Yvonne Toomey

❖ **Apple Iphone/Ipad Workshop**

Welcome back, everyone!

This Apple iPhone/iPad workshop is a walk-in class because everyone has a different problem using their gadget.

However, we sometimes discuss and share information in a social friendly atmosphere. But please remember to bring a pen and a notebook; it helps to write notes down so that you remember the answer to your question.

- Workshop runs on Thursdays, 1.15pm – 3.15pm.

Tutor: Yvonne Toomey

❖ **Windows 10 / Microsoft Word / Microsoft Excel / Internet and Email Workshop**

Attendees can expect a fresh topic each week and the opportunity to ask questions about their own Windows PC / laptop. This is your opportunity to bring up anything that you want to ask about Microsoft products. Unanswerable questions will be researched and, if answers found, dealt with the following week.

- Class runs on Mondays, 1.15pm – 3.15pm.

Tutor: Clive Gould

❖ **Microsoft PowerPoint**

Learn to create multimedia presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint. It allows you to create and show slides to support a presentation. You can combine text, graphics and photos to create presentations of, for instance, your travels or even life stories. This course will allow you to work at your pace through learning activities and exercises. This is a 4 week course.

- Class runs on Wednesdays, 10am – 12noon.

Tutor: Alan Stevenson

Report on U3A BBQ

Big bouquets go to the stalwarts, Beryl, Barbara and David

Beryl excelled at the hot spot, tongs at the ready, gas barbie working well, tantalizing aromas soon wafting across the park as the goodies hotted up.

Arriving early or late, all you had to do was follow your nose. Tons of room for our above average crowd. Add in plenty of helping hands when required.

Reps from right across our membership came along for a genial get-together, warm and relaxing. Even the bikies rode in, just in time.

Barbara had done all the planning and shopping, and expertly patted together dozens of burger patties the night before, ready to alternate with the sausages.

Even the weather smiled on us. Despite the gloomy start to the day, not one drop of rain fell on our patch, a glimpse of sunlight falling now and then.

Cars!! – we need them to get ‘there’. Sometimes hard to park!! But NEVER at Latham Crescent – there’s always parking a-plenty!!

Under cover tables and seating-abundant! The ideal spot to bring our scattered membership together. Move from group to group at will.

Everyone loves coleslaw. David is our expert provider here – with plenty of practice. Cakes and sweets appeared to tickle the palate

In summary, a great day, and one of the few chances you’ll have to meet fellow members beyond your classmates. Even if it does rain, we can always move indoors to the ‘big room’ and the well-appointed kitchen.

Put next year’s barbecue dates in your diary as soon as they are published. See you there!

Audrey Goldberg



The Office of the Public Advocate (OPA), has been organising forums across the state to educate individuals and organisations, working with older Victorians, understand the importance of Powers of Attorney (POA). The forums were entitled “Your Voice – Trust Your Choice.” The intention of these forums has been that those in attendance would run similar sessions in their local areas to educate their community.

Two of us from U3A (Audrey Goldberg and myself), attended a forum on 26 July 2018, along with representatives from other agencies and councils. Information obtained from the forum was used to run our own course on 16 October 2018. U3A received expressions of interest were 27 members and 21 members participated in the course.

The course consisted of information on overheads, examples, questions and answers, and a survey at the end. Two booklets, developed by OPA and funded by Department of Health and Human Services, were distributed. These were, “Your Voice – Trust Your Choice” and “Take Control.”

Questions raised at the course were – why plan for the future, what qualities are required for the person entrusted with a POA, what can be said in such a document, what if I have an old POA. We recognised that participants had many experiences to bring to the course, some shared and others took away information to assist them. The feedback from the participants and survey were positive.

Thank you to all participants, Jim Archibald for organising the layout of the class, Audrey Goldberg for her input and assistance at the venue, Gill Sladen for her assistance with the cables for the overhead projector and computer, Verissimo Fernandes – my trusty assistant and others. It has been a very collaborative effort.

Vivienne Fernandes



Tai-Chi

I would like take this opportunity to thank all the participating Tai-Chi members for their regular attendance and continued interest in doing Tai-Chai. It has been a successful year, no dramas but tried to develop friendships and have fun. I hope the class was able to instil some calmness in their busy lives by practising healing elements related to Tai-Chi.

My special thanks to Gloria Skalicka and Gill Sladen for their back-up support talents while I was away.

My wish for everyone is to have a good summer break, enjoy the festive season with their families and friends.

A safe & prosperous New Year!!!

From Tai-Chi Class

Lolita