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April 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a busy start to 2023 with many new members joining and some changes in venues for some classes.

With increasing prevalence of Covid and flu as we come into the winter months, please continue to be considerate to other U3A Dandenong members. If you have symptoms, please test for covid (note tests are now freely available from the council). If positive, please do not attend. If negative and attending a U3A Dandenong activity please wear a mask to minimize the risk of spreading flu or cold.

We have a few events that will be happening soon and it would be great if you could participate – These have been announced in the Class Notice and more details will be announced via email as soon as they are available. Also, U3A Network and NBN have joined forces to run some zoom sessions on topics relating to protecting yourself online. These are scheduled monthly on Wednesdays 10.30 – 12.00 and are not recorded, so watch out for the emails with the details about the month's topic and how to register to attend.

Over the summer break we had the Current Affairs class continue on zoom for a summer series which was appreciated by all those participating. Special thanks to Tim for organizing this. As a result of the success of this, we are considering having a morning conversation on zoom for about two hours each Tuesday at 10am during the semester break. Topics of discussion are to be suggested by members of the group.

Note: Information such as the Members Manual, Health and Safety Policy, Terms and conditions are regularly reviewed and updated by the committee and most recent copies are available on the Dandenong U3A web page via the drop-down menu under “About Us”.

Let's continue to enjoy participation in U3A Dandenong activities and stay safe!

Jeanette Keane
President U3A Dandenong

FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Firstly, I would like to open with a huge thank you to all the Tutors and Class coordinators, because without you we would not be able to offer the programs that we do. The year has begun fairly incident free and smoothly. A COVID cases have caused a little problem in one class, canceling a class for a few weeks. Otherwise, all going well.

The Monday Exercise class and the Line Dancing moved to the main hall at POD which has allowed more members to join the exercise class.

A few Tutors/course coordinators needed some time away from this role due to various reasons and it has been good to see course members volunteering to run the course for the few weeks the Tutor/course coordinator is away. Having a go at being a Tutor/course coordinator to cover an absence is a great way to see if you would like to do the role in the future and gives one an appreciation of what is required to conduct a class.

If any members have expertise in a special area that we don't have covered and could give a few hours a week or fortnight or month maybe you could also join our team and pass this knowledge on to others. We can cater for classes of any duration that suits the tutor.

There is one new group added to our program this year. That is a second hike group on a Wednesday once a month on the 3rd week, run by Roslyn Steel. If you enjoy walking and keeping fit this might be for you. The hikes are no more than 8-10 km over 3-4 hours and not overly challenging and includes lots of laughter and chatting while walking along tracks. Please enroll online or call me and I can add you to the group.

Raelene Curtis
Program Coordinator (0409 850 119)

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Visiting the Office

The Dandenong U3A office is located at the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre (POD), 18 Buckley St, Noble Park. There is a free public car park behind the Centre at 3 Frank Street, Noble Park.

The Paddy O'Donoghue Centre (POD) is operated by the City of Greater Dandenong Council and is now closed to the general public. This means that if you wish to visit us at the Dandenong U3A office you need to call us when you arrive at the front door to gain access. The telephone number is 9546-2997.

The Office – Services

At the Dandenong U3A Office we provide the following services :

- Responding to enquiries regarding U3A activities and operations
- Class Enrolments & Withdrawals
- Updating Membership Details
- Processing Payments
- Creating Membership Badges
- Photocopying of Course Material
- Processing of Class Attendance Documents
- Receiving Class Absence Notifications
- Making Available Hard Copies of Promotional Material and Course Timetables

Office Volunteers

Once again, I would like acknowledge the invaluable assistance of our hard-working office volunteers: Evelyn Beaucasin and Claudia Cespedes. Both are very conscientious, reliable, efficient and effective. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Babes Sevilla who has recently become an office volunteer. If you would like to join our happy team of volunteers, please call Alan Beale on 0407 097 347.

NameTags

Please ensure you have the current Name tag. You can identify the latest format Name tag by the absence of a date. In the office we are holding quite a few Name tags which have not been distributed to members. You can call us to make arrangements to pick up your Name Tag.

Emergency Contact Details

We don't hold Emergency Contact details for some of our members. We encourage members to log in and ensure these details are correct and up-to-date. It is very important that this information be readily available to the tutor or office in case of emergency. Please contact the office if you need assistance with this.

Absences

A reminder that it is courteous to advise of absences from classes. We have several ways this can be done.

If you know in advance that you will be away you can tell the person responsible for the class roll (usually your tutor) that you will be away for the next class and then they can mark it on the roll. You can log on to our web-site, select the "My Absences" menu option and send a notification to the tutor. If your tutor has given you their contact details you can notify them directly. Alternatively you can phone your absence into the office or email it to admin@dandenongu3a.org.au. The office will then notify the tutor.

Class Withdrawals

If you decide that you no longer wish to participate in a class, please contact us so we can arrange for the system to be updated to reflect this.

Alan Beale
Office Manager

The categories for this Newsletter are Life, Games and Computers



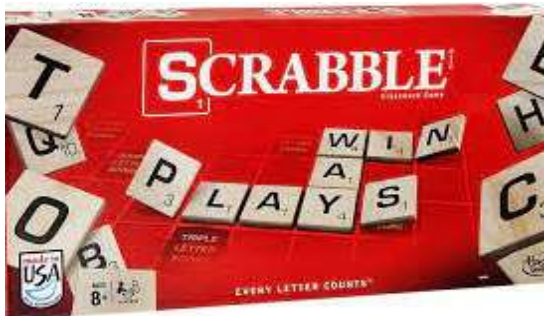
Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30

Current affairs are now associated with the Zoom arrangement and if all are present the class, physical and zoom can be 12 in number, the physical number could certainly welcome more. The subjects vary to cover a lot of areas especially dealing with minority interests, aboriginal and transgender concerns, the proposed referendum to change the constitution to include a voice in parliament has certainly met with approvals or disapprovals and the transgender debate has also met with equal discussion. The current decision to purchase 8 U Boats has met with many just

shaking their heads in bewilderment, not only at the cost, the time period involved and the number 8 against China's 80. The recent world events especially over the last couple of years and the resources provided when the cupboard in our own country is so bare does beggar belief.

That is what makes current affairs so up to date: it takes into consideration the events around us. A class that is open to different views but a class that also enjoys a nice morning tea

Richard Ryan



Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00

We meet once a week on Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 PM till 4.00PM at Gloria Pyke Netball Complex in Dandenong.

We usually play 2 games of appr. 1 hour each game with a quick little coffee/tea break in between.

Scrabble is a fun game to play, not only for the company, but of course it's good to keep the brain active in a fun way. We are hoping to get some more members to come & join us. Just come in one day to give it a try, as we currently have 8 people in the group & new members are always welcome.

Els Harris



Tuesday 11.30-1.30

We play the western version of this game. Recently we have had a couple of new players. It is nice to see new faces interested in this ancient game.

Anyone else interested only needs to come and see us at the Gloria Pyke Netball Complex Grieves Reserve at 11.30 am on a Tuesday.

Jan Ferguson



Monday 9.00 - 12.00

On Monday afternoons a small group regularly exercised their gray matter wrestling with Excel. In this course we built an Excel workbook to show how Excel could be used to analyze home finances. In the process we learnt how to format, write formulae to do simple math processes such as adding a column of numbers and to ask google for help then apply the answer to our workbook. We then finished up with Pivot tables to create useful summaries of our data. Pivot Tables proving not to be scary at all!

Jeanette Keane



Thursday 1.00 - 3.00

RummiKub is an exciting, fast-moving game which combines the elements of luck with strategic planning to provide hours of fascinating play. It was first introduced to Western Europe and America by the Romanian/Israeli inventor Ephraim Hertanzo. Hertanzo's "Official RummiKub Book" published in 1978 describes three different games with the tiles: American, Sabra and International. Sabra has become the best known in the West.

It has been lovely to welcome new members to our group this year, we now have 12 members so most weeks we are able to play 3 separate games. We have a break at about 2pm with an overabundance of snacks.

We have 2 champions – Evelyn and Sandi who have won games in the second round. Congratulations to both of them

Gill Sladen



Semester dates

Semester 1 - 06/02/2023 – 23/06/2023

Semester 2 – 24/07/2023 – 24/11/2023

Contact Information

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If you wish to talk to someone outside office hours you can call Alan Beale on 0407 097 347.

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Office Hours:

Monday : 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Thursday : 9:30am – 2:00pm

Friday : 9:30am – 11:30am

The office is closed on public holidays.

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U3A Dandenong Inc. Time Table 2023 - Semester 1

06/02/2023 -
23/06/2023

Day	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SUBJECT	Room	Venue	VENUES		
						Code	Venue	
Monday	9:15	10:00	Exercise Class		POD	POD	Paddy O'Donohue 18 Buckley St, Noble Park	
	9:30	11:15	Genealogy	Dream	GPNS			
	10:30	11:30	Tai Chi / Qigong	Hall	POD	LCC	Latham Cres. Dandenong North	
	10:15	12:00	Historical Battles		On line			
	12:00	1:45	Italian Language	4	POD	GPNS	Gloria Pyke Netball Stadium Greaves Reserve, Bennett St, Dandenong West	
	12:15	2:00	History of the Ancient Worlds		LCC			
	1:00	3:00	Computers	Dream	GPNS	LCC		
	2:15	4:00	Australian History		LCC			
Tuesday	9:30	11:30	Current Affairs	Dream	GPNS	NPCC	Noble Park Community Center Memorial Dve, Noble Park	
					On line			
	10:00	11:45	Spanish Language		LCC	ROSS	Ross Reserve Memorial Dve, Noble Park	
	10:00	2:00	Hiking 1st Tues- monthly		Various			
	1:00	3:00	Behavioural Science		LCC	TIR	Tirhatuan Park Kriegal Way, Dandenong North	
	10:30	12:30	Mahjong	meeting	GPNS			
2:00	4:00	Scrabble	meeting	GPNS	BR	Blue Bridge Dandenong Park		
Wednesday	8:30	12:00	Easy Rider Cycling				BR	
	10:00	2:00	Hiking 3rd Wed - monthly			Various		
	9:00	11:00	Walking			ROSS	On line	On line classes via Zoom
	10:00	12:00	Drawing/Painting			LCC		
	10:00	12:00	Line Dancing	Hall		POD	EHL	Endeavour Hills Library 10 Raymond McMahon Blvd. Endeavour Hills
	1:30	3:30	Effective Communication		LCC			
Thursday	9:30	10:15	Exercise Class	courts	GPNS	Powerpoint course only happening second semester.		
	9:30	11:30	Gardening		NPCC			
	9:30	11:30	Philosophy	dream	GPNS			
	10:00	12:00	Photography / Photoshop	4	POD			
	12:30	2:30	Knitting & Crochet	dream	GPNS			
	1:00	3:00	Book Club/ 2nd Thursday - mthly		EHL			
	1:00	3:00	RummiKub	4	POD			
Friday	8:30	12:00	Cycling		TIR			
	10:00	12:00	Spanish Beginners Conversation	dream	GPNS			
	10:00	12:00	Singing Group		POD			
	2:00	4:00	Parchment / Paper Craft	dream	GPNS			

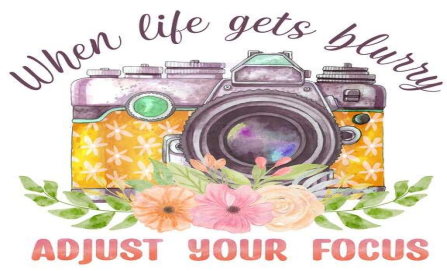


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This year started with a big celebration: our dear Evelyn turned 80. We all “helped” her to have a good time!!



Rummy is a serious game! Why is everyone smiling?!