



# Newsletter

Learning for Pleasure

Together, we will shape our U3A group to be the best

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## OCTOBER NEWS

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### Management Committee

#### EXECUTIVE:

President	Jenny Broughton
Vice-President	Neil Marshall
Secretary	Julie McVarnock
Treasurer	Michael McDonald

#### ORDINARY:

Lou Stevens  
Paul Miles

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### Officers and Volunteers

Class Coordinator	Presently vacant
Fire Warden, A. Fair	Lyn Sturm
Media Editors	Paul Miles Jenny Broughton
Office Manager	Presently vacant
Social Convenors	Margaret Karakatsanis Pat Jones

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#### Office Hours:

9.00am–3.30pm : Monday to Thursday  
9.00am–3.00pm : Friday

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### Important Dates

**November 2:** Registration for 2021 Memberships opens. Get in early to get your choice of courses!

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### Vale

**Joan Dadds** – passed away 11 October 2020.  
Long time member and office manager.

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### President's Message

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## President's Message

Well, Melbourne has opened up again, Melania Trump has made a speech, and next week it will be time for us to register for 2021 classes at U3A.

The Committee and Volunteer Receptionists have been very busy preparing for a possible large influx of renewals and new members, and as we have to be careful to follow all health and safety protocols, we hope you will all be patient as the covid monitors keep us all lined up and socially distanced, as only two people at a time in the office can be registered at one time.

We have had contact with several people who wish to be tutors for classes next year, so the appropriate Expressions of Interest will be on the wall for all to see. There are certainly going to be different and diverse courses next year.

Hope to see you all very soon. Thank you for your support and stay safe.

**Jenny Broughton  
(President)**

**Remember that re-enrolments for next year ARE NOT automatic!**

To be in a class you must pay 2021 fees and complete a new study programme to be accepted into 2021 classes.



From [https://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/cartoons/editorial-cartoon-for-oct-25/image\\_b15c684f-b362-56a2-bb36-eeb9c7bc3fcd.html](https://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/cartoons/editorial-cartoon-for-oct-25/image_b15c684f-b362-56a2-bb36-eeb9c7bc3fcd.html)

## Quote of the Month

*"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."*

**Henry James (1843-1916)**  
American author, considered one of the greatest English language novelists



From <https://www.dumpaday.com>



From <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/213639576061475202/>

# The Social Pages ... and a bit more ....



Members of the Guitar class string along an interested photographer

## OUR WONDERFUL ALICE FAIRLEY

Those of you who know Alice, will know that for over seventeen years she has been Class Coordinator at our U3A.

During this time she has done all the organisation for tutors, classes, and arranged bookings for our three venues in Southport.

This has been an absolutely enormous task, and since she retired we have had three people coping with all this entails.

Alice has retired to concentrate on the History of U3A from its beginnings, and in the office are three volumes, with photos, newspaper clippings, lists of foundation members and certificates, which shows the wealth and extent of our organisation.

There are no words to tell ALICE how wonderful she is, and how we appreciate her tireless efforts.

If you would like to come into the office and view these extensive, but really absorbing volumes, please contact the office for a viewing.

Thank you Alice. You are very much appreciated!

Our next

## **GET-TOGETHER LUNCH**

is on

Saturday 28 November  
11.30am / 12.00 noon

at

**“Hog’s Breath” Saloon**  
opposite

**Marina Mirage**  
(outside carpark)  
(Catch the “Sea World” bus)

*We can select from the \$9.90 menu, but we must also order a drink – beer, wine, soft-drink, tea, coffee*

N.B. This is our last “Get-Together” before Christmas

## SPRING IS HERE

by Pat Jones

Spring is here, the sky is blue,  
The birds are singing, dogs bark too;  
Flowers blooming, what a sight,  
When moon and stars come out at night.

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Slowly we begin our day,  
Is Covid-19 here to stay?  
At least we can go out to lunch,  
But keep our distance - not a bunch!

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Our borders still are closed up tight,  
Oh dear! When will they get it right?  
Our friends and family we can't see,  
But Queensland is still virus free.

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The grass is green, the trees are too,  
Let's think of lots to do;  
Like have a swing, or fly a kite –  
Or read, or watch that lovely sight.

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So now, enough of gloom and doom,  
Let's sit and watch the roses bloom;  
The birds are chirping, the sky is blue  
Yes! Spring is here. And we are too!!!

## **REGISTRATION**

for  
**2021**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
opens

**Monday 2 Nov 2020**

## Computing Apple numbers at Margaret Street



Judy, Haiyang, Alice and Gai  
in the Apple Afternoon Class



Joy, Dell and Coral  
in the Apple Morning Class  
(Photos by tutor Peter Williams)

Click through to  
the U3A website  
to have a look at  
the 2021 courses  
on offer [HERE](#)