

Bayside U3A Newsletter December 2013

Report from the President, David Hone

The terrible thing about Christmas is that it reminds us that another year has sped past. However, this is more than compensated for by the pleasure that The Bayside U3A Committee has had in this fantastic year of learning and the response of the Bayside U3A community to the 1st year of our incorporation as part of the U3A Vic Network. It's certainly been a busy year learning to navigate the myriad of tasks that have needed to be undertaken; these have ranged from incorporating, establishing policies and procedures; liaising with the Vic U3A network, the Bayside Council; applying for grants, acquiring various building, setting up an office, convening courses, arranging functions and ensuring we have fun.

With your support we have been able to run 40 courses and activities this year, with topics encompassing the Arts, Astrology, Croquet, Culture, Current Affairs, Digital Photography various Games, History, IPAD and Computers, Jazz and Classical Music Languages, Opera Appreciation, Poetry, Science, Yoga, Writing and production of Plays, as well as several outings and social functions.

Thank you

- To all who have supported us by joining up as members, and enthusiastically enrolling and turning up to our classes, we hope to see you again in 2014. Thank you for the respect that you have shown in attending classes you have enrolled in, advising inability to attend when appropriate, updating contact details, helping set up and clear class rooms etc.
- To our course co coordinator who was also tutor liaison and tutor recruitment manager. What a great job was done organising the array of courses for 2013/2014
- To our office team leader and our wonderful volunteer office workers, who have established a working roster, processes and procedures, that while still evolving, have assisted with the running of this important communication area for our members
- To our Volunteer tutors, who are the glue to our community, thank you. Week after week our tutors have enthusiastically and professionally prepared for and led a wide range of courses that have enabled us to offer such a variety of courses and activities this year.
- To Bayside Council for their guidance and help in getting our branch of the U3A network up and running and for your support in upgrading and supply of equipment,
- To Bendigo Bank, Beaumaris, for your friendly advice and assistance with "Start Up" for Banking and for the generous donation of a photocopier.
- To U3A VIC network team, who guided us through the pre start-up phase, and have continued with support and advice on all matters U3A



2014 Membership and Enrolment day

When: **Thursday Nov 28, from 10:30am to 2:00pm**

Where: **Beaumaris Seniors Centre, 84 Reserve Rd, Beaumaris**
(behind the library)

Membership Fees: **\$70 double, \$40 single, \$20 Associate.**
(Pay by cash or cheque only)

This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about Bayside U3A, join or renew as a member, and enrol in the classes we will have on offer for 2014. You will have a chance to talk to some of our tutors and find out about what's involved in their courses. There will be coffee and a free sausage sizzle too!

We hope you will join us at this event.

With this newsletter come your Membership renewal or application form and a copy of the **2014 Course Guide**, packed with details of courses scheduled for 2014. Also included is a course enrolment form, to register for a place in any of our courses. Please check that details on the Membership renewal form are correct and get your paperwork in by November 28.

If you are unable to attend on the 28th, you can join or renew your membership at the office from **Monday November 11th onwards**. Office hours are 10:15am to 1:00pm, and our staff will be happy to assist process your applications. You can also post your Membership renewal and course enrolment forms together with a cheque to Bayside U3A, PO BOX 391, Sandringham, 3191. A direct debit facility is also available, contact the office for details.

We look forward to seeing you at classes in the NEW YEAR.

Our Website: While we will continue to produce our quarterly newsletters, our website serves as a significant repository for up to date information, and you are encouraged to reference this often. Our E-Bulletin is emailed monthly and will grow in importance as it is suited to disseminating information that has a short lead time. Don't forget to look out for e-bulletins in your email. **Next Newsletter will be out mid Jan 2014, please pass any items for inclusion in the Jan Newsletter to our editor, Sandra Groves, by 10 Jan 2014, emailing baysideu3a@gmail.com**

Notice of Bayside U3A Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM will be conducted on 6th March 2014, at 11:00am, at the Beaumaris Seniors' Centre. A call for nominations for positions on the Bayside U3A committee will be made prior to the meeting occurring, details will be on our website as well as in the January newsletter. There are 4 Executive positions, including president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and 10 non-executive positions. If you require further information re our AGM, please contact, David Hone at baysideu3a@gmail.com

2014 Term dates

- **Term 1:** 3 February to 4 April
- **Term 2:** 22 April to 27 June
- **Term 3:** 14 July to 19 September
- **Term 4:** 6 October to 12 December

Course enrolments

Our January newsletter will advertise some new courses starting in **Feb 2014**. Keep some space in your life to enjoy these courses and the social connection that they bring with it.



Dates for your diary

11th Nov: Membership renewals accepted in office.

19th Nov: Speakers Program: Dr V John Basarin, Topic Gallipoli, 10:00am

28th Nov: Bayside U3A Membership renewal and course enrolment and information day, Beaumaris Seniors Centre. 10:30am-2:00pm.

3rd Dec: Speakers Program, Trish Nichol, Monash Medical Centre Asprey research. 10:00am

9th Dec: Enrolment confirmations will be mailed

13th Dec: Bayside U3A Office Closes, 1:00PM

16th Dec: from 12noon, Bayside U3A End of Year function, Sandringham Hotel, Beach Rd, Sandringham

29th Jan, 2014 Office reopens for Membership and Course Enrolment.

3rd Feb: Classes Commence

Office Hours

Our Office will **be closed** from **1:00pm 13 Dec 2013**.

The Office will **reopen** at 10:15am, 29 Jan, 2014 for new Membership and Course Enrolments as well as General Enquiries

You're Invited French Conversation for fluent speakers, is an opportunity for Bayside U3A Members who have come to Australia from where French is spoken, as well as Australians who have worked or studied that wonderful language for some time, to gather over a cup of tea or coffee and French Patisseries in a pleasant surrounding for the purpose of conversation, discussion, sharing of ideas, knowledge, experience and questioning in the pleasant environment at Black Rock House.

In 2013, Mavis from Seychelles, Amal from Egypt, Maurice from France, Sue a student of French literature and Barry and David who are keen students of the French language have joined tutor Joyce Young, preparing disciplined topics chosen from students experience of the French language and culture. They all invite interested members to join them in this rewarding challenge





Volunteers and Tutors needed for 2014.

As a member of Bayside U3A you are part of a learning community established and sustained entirely by volunteers. It takes a great deal of work to keep our organisation running, and we are seeking more skilled and committed people to help us in 2014. There are many jobs requiring a variety of skills and taking up different amounts of time: from weekly or fortnightly commitments to just a few hours a week, or month. We had a great response to our call for volunteers in 2013, and we hope that this will be the case in 2014

Volunteer positions that we are looking for in 2014:

Office staff: Provide friendly responses to visitors and phone enquiries. Learn how everything works and how to process enrolments, memberships, social program bookings etc. You will need some computer knowledge to send emails and enter data into our database. Office times are 10-1 Mon-Fri. Contact: Heather Collins, baysideu3a@gmail.com if you can help.

Committee members and working groups: Committee volunteers seek continuous improvement in the organisation; working groups may work towards achieving goals in funding, accommodation, technology and promotion. If you would like to join our committee or a particular working group contact David Hone, baysideu3a@gmail.com

Social club: Help plan and organise social activities. Contact Sue Bell, baysideu3a@gmail.com, if you can help

Tutors. Convening a course is fun, and if you have a passion or interest please consider offering an activity. Propose your own short, yearlong or semester course. You don't need prior teaching experience to give it a go; we can help you get started. Classes are usually weekly, sometimes fortnightly. You choose your holiday breaks. Contact Sue Steele, baysideu3a@gmail.com, if you can help in this area.

We would like to be able to offer **Italian language classes**, or indeed almost any other language classes. If you can help us here or would like more information, please contact Sue Steele; baysideu3a@gmail.com

We've also heard from members that they would be interested in active music, be this instrumental or choral... if you would like to volunteer to get a choir started, or be a member of a choir or instrumental group, let us know, and we will attempt to facilitate this occurring. Again contact Sue at Baysideu3a@gmail.com

Speakers Program, Beaumaris Seniors, (behind the library), **Tuesday 10:00am to 11:00am**

Thanks so much to all who have attended our Speakers Program events since we started these in July this year. We have some great Speakers lined up for 2014, however, don't miss the last of our Speakers for this year;

November 19th, Dr V John Basarin. Topic Gallipoli.

December 3rd, Trish Nichols, Asprey Foundation, Monash Uni: Topic, Latest research on the benefits of ASPRIN



Bayside U3A End of Year Celebrations



Please join us for lunch from 12noon at the Sandringham Hotel to celebrate a wonderful year of learning.

Date: 16th December

Cost \$18, drinks not included.

Please RSVP and pay at the office, by Nov 22, 2013. Office phone, 95893798

Events this term :

We participated in a number of events this term, which proved very popular and helped spread news of our U3A throughout the community. Outings and events are advertised, along with photos of trips, group lunches, concerts, classes etc. on our website **Noticeboard.** Check the noticeboard for upcoming events, they are a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and see some very interesting places

- Tour of Parliament: Jan Storey, tutor of our Legal Course, went with members of her tutorial to Parliament House here they had a tour of these lovely old buildings. While they didn't find any ministers to have a chat too, the group enjoyed a lunch at the Strangers Corridor dining room.
- Desal plant excursion: Members of our U3A joined with Probis group members in a trip through Wonthaggi to the Desalination plant. While there were varying opinions on the need and use of the plant, all enjoyed the beautiful Gippsland countryside and lunch at the old Kilcunda pub.
- Seniors Week stall: Our table at Senior's week was well attended with members from other groups coming over and chatting to find out more about U3A, and how the various groups could help each other. We received a number of enquiries regarding courses, membership and future activities

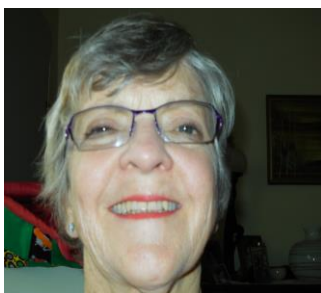
Upcoming events:

Monday 17th Feb: Bay West Mystery Scenic Touring Route and You Yangs.

Come see the country not the highway, on this trip through a diverse scenic route. You will need to be fully mobile, as there are opportunities to "hop on" and "hop off" the bus, walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended. Highland Explorer Tours bus will depart 8.15am at William St Reserve, Cnr Halifax and William St, Brighton, and return around 5:30pm. Price \$55, includes morning tea and a picnic lunch (inc. tea and coffee). It's suggested that bookings and payment be made ASAP, as this tour will fill up quickly. Last date for bookings is Dec 13th, payment by cheque or cash can be made at Bayside U3A office, or cheques only posted to Bayside U3A, PO Box 319, Sandringham, 3191

Tuesday 1st April: Phillip and Churchill Islands and New Nobbies Centre.

Meet a Volunteer: Marilyn Hubbard, Bayside U3A Treasurer



Marilyn was appointed as our treasurer at our first AGM, and was tasked up with setting up our groups financial records and keeping our finances in order. Marilyn reports monthly to the Bayside U3A committee on the health of our finances as well as keeping an eye on our spending against projected budget. An active and alert treasurer who also ensures banking occurs promptly, accounts are settled on time and compliance with rules set by the U3A network are adhered to. Marilyn also enjoys tap-dancing and walking our beautiful beach trails.

Singer without a Band~~~ Can you help?



Not only is Sue Bell tutor at both Bayside U3A and Moorleigh U3A, in her spare time she is also a comedian and singer. Sue is looking for a band, or at least people to play music with. Influences include ancient blues, trad jazz, Chicago blues, country, rock, reggae and classical. If you can help Sue in her quest please contact 0421594195

Travel Opportunities

We have two wonderful travel opportunities for you in 2014

In conjunction with Sage travel and the Melb City U3A we offer the "Three Countries, Three Universities, Tour England, Wales, Scotland", departs 3rd August 2014. Only 15 travellers per coach, no single supplement, daily tours included in price, all entrance fees included in price, no tipping. Contact Russ Vial, email RussV2@bigpond.com for itinerary and costs.

"Sabah" Borneo, This trip departs Sunday 27th April and returns Sunday 4th May. Take in Kota Kinabula, Brunei Water Village, Lok Kawi Wildlife Park, and many other beautiful places on this tour. Contact Russ Vial by email: RussV2@bigpond.com for costs and further details

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If you have friends who are interested in joining our network or who would like to ask about our activities, please bring them along to enrolment day.

Finally~~~ We wish you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and look forward to an exciting and challenging New Year.