



PORT FAIRY

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A Port Fairy... Key Dates for Members

Saturday 8th December – U3A at the markets

**Monday 17th December – Members Morning Tea
plus early bird course sign up : 10.30–12.30**

**Tuesday 29th January – OPEN DAY—Course
Enrolments & New Membership 10.30–12.30**



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The committee has had a busy and productive month as we prepare for the start of our U3A program in February 2019. Our course offerings for 2019 will be exciting and varied! Membership numbers are growing.

Interest in U3A Port Fairy has been assisted by the publicity following our official launch and the U3A information table at the community markets in November and December. Through discussions with interested people at the markets and networking with members of other U3As we have identified some new course ideas. In some instances the course content is already planned so we just need a volunteer to take on the role of coordinating the group. Like all U3As we are run entirely by volunteers so we ask each member to contribute in some way according to their skills, interests and availability.

Areas include: assisting with an administrative task like publicity or communications; coordinating a group or helping to plan and lead an activity or course; working with others to organise a social event; nominating for a subcommittee or the committee of management in 2019.

Please contact me or another member of the committee if you would like to volunteer for any of these tasks or you have other ideas and skills you would like to offer.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our U3A members and course coordinators' morning tea at 10.30 on Monday 17 December at Port Fairy Community House. Come with your ideas, questions and suggestions.

Kate Donelan

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Learning from yesterday

Live for today

Hope for tomorrow

*The important thing is not to
stop questioning*

Albert Einstein



Lots of good vibes from the last 3 community markets.

We have signed up quite a few members and met U3A members from Melbourne branches and also UK members here on holiday at Port Fairy.

Next Market Day 8th December

U3A WORKSHOP PROVIDED A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER GROUPS

Six Port Fairy committee members participated in a two-day workshop for U3As in the South West and Grampians region on 12-13 November.

This provided an opportunity for us to network with other U3A committee members, to listen, learn and laugh! As the newest U3A we were welcomed into this community and we were given generous offers of assistance. A range of topics was explored including: positive ageing strategies supported by local councils; approaches to distance education; building more diverse and inclusive membership; leading courses and activities to maximise participants' mental and social stimulation.

We also attended an excellent governance training session that will inform the committee's work as we plan purposefully for the next phase of U3A Port Fairy.

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS GROWING STEADILY

Our Membership Officer, Jill Burgoyne, reports that memberships are continuing to grow and we now have over 50 members.

Please spread the word to friends so that they will have the opportunity to enrol in our 2019 courses.

Without a membership you will not be able to participate in our range of courses.

As a reminder the \$60 annual membership fee covers membership of U3A and the Port Fairy Community House.

The annual fee is a once only payment. There is no charge for individual courses (unless there are materials and or books for particular courses)

Jill Burgoyne, Membership Officer

**CHECK OUT OUR
WEBSITE AND
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FOR:**

- ◆ Membership Forms
- ◆ Courses
- ◆ Further Information

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE U3A COURSES

Our Course Program Co-Ordinator , Sue Goy is working on time tables and venues for our 2019 Program.

Details of the courses available soon and all members will be notified.

At the Members Morning Tea on 17th December you will be able to sign up for courses and talk to the course facilitators. Course numbers are limited so early bird sign up is highly recommended.

Below are lists of current courses and we are also seeking facilitators to run the four courses listed.

COURSE INFORMATION for 2019

And more to come.....

Western Philosophy: Ancient and Modern

Science.... Naturally

Current Affairs

Movie Club

Passion for Poetry*

Essays and Ideas

Art for iPad

Stories of Us: Great Australian Literature

Bridge for Beginners

Mahjong

First Friday Book Club: Exploring the World through Fiction*

China in Transition: From Mao to Now

Travellers Tales

The Greatest Trials of World History and the Lessons they teach us*

Everyday Engineering: Understanding the Marvels of Daily Life*

Conversational French*

**Course Leaders sought for these courses*

POSITIONS VACANT

COURSES AWAITING A FACILITATOR

1. The Great Trials of World History and the Lessons they teach us.

This course material is delivered in a series of 30 minute lectures from the Smithsonian Institute.

The trials are wide ranging covering many nations and time periods in history. These trials include Socrates, Salem Witchcraft, Oscar Wilde, Nuremburg, O.J. Simpson and more. The Format of the course will be the lecture delivered on the TV, followed by tea/ coffee and discussion.

Any lawyers or historians out there who could run this course?

2. Everyday Engineering: Understanding the Marvels of Daily Life

Another Smithsonian Institute course of 30 minute lectures With similar format to above

Every day you are putting centuries of scientific and mechanical ingenuity to use. In discovering these marvels, we will look at water treatment, fossil fuels, renewable energy, phones, satellites, bridges, tunnels, the future for sustainability and much much more.

Perfect course for an engineer to run?

3. Passion for Poetry.

We are looking for someone who has a Passion for Poetry to facilitate a poetry reading and discussion group. It is envisaged that the group would focus on different genres of poetry and read poetry aloud for discussion and fun!"

Current Affairs— Jill Burgoyne needs a Co-ordinator to help with this the course when she is away.

Conversational French—A course that several have asked for. However, we need a facilitator and will have access to a smart TV.

Please contact Sue Goy if you are interested in facilitating one of these courses.