



PORT FAIRY

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Around Port Fairy our gardens are in full bloom. The New Zealand Christmas Bushes and our native Callistemon provide the festive colours of an Australian Christmas... Meanwhile down at South Beach Santa is getting a bit of a tan before heading to the North Pole.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we reach the end of our first year we should feel very proud of what U3A Port Fairy has achieved in 2019. We have run an array of successful courses covering history, science, literature, philosophy, law, current affairs, travel, visual arts and recreational activities. U3A members have volunteered their time to coordinate, lead and share their expertise, interests and passions with others. Each course has been well-supported and appreciated by participants which reflects the resources and calibre of members of our community. As U3A Port Fairy members you have embraced the many different opportunities to discuss ideas and theories, to extend your skills and knowledge, and to learn more about the world in a friendly social environment.

My sincere thanks to the course leaders and also to the excellent lecturers who presented on a range of topics to large groups of interested people this year. Each of our special events was accompanied by a delicious morning or afternoon tea, made possible by volunteers, and often themed to fit in with the topic. I value the enthusiastic and lively conversations that have occurred after each lecture event as we nibble and sip!

I believe that U3A Port Fairy has found a niche in this community and has definitely started to attract people in our local region. The Committee of Management has worked hard to promote U3A Port Fairy with Moyne Council and to build partnerships with relevant community organisations. We thank Port Fairy Community House for hosting our courses meetings and events this year and for supporting the work we do.

I would particularly like to thank the members of the U3A Port Fairy Committee of Management who have been responsible for shaping and building our young organisation. They have worked together to develop programs, organise and manage events, liaise with our partners, communicate with members, support our course leaders, handle finances, promote U3A Port Fairy in the community - and much more. I have so enjoyed and appreciated working alongside the fantastic team of committee members throughout 2019!

I wish all U3A members a happy and relaxing festive season with family and friends. May you all return in 2021 re-charged and ready to participate – to enrol in stimulating courses, attend events and spend time with U3A members learning, laughing and living!

Kate Donelan



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*All U3A Members and friends are invited
to our*

U3A CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

*Thursday 5th December 4pm—6 pm at the Limestone Gallery
\$25 per head + drinks at bar prices*

Dress to impress!!

For catering purposes we need to pre-pay.
Tickets are available at the market on Saturday 23rd November
Or phone Maggie 0419290232



OPEN DAY — FOR INFORMATION & COURSE ENROLMENTS

10.00am—12.00noon WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY

At Port Fairy Community House

OPPORTUNITY TO

- ◆ *TALK TO COURSE LEADERS*
- ◆ *SIGN UP FOR CLASSES*
- ◆ *PAY MEMBERSHIP*
- ◆ *MORNING TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE*



If you are not able to sign up for a course on this day, someone will be at the PFCH on Friday 31st January and Monday 3 Feb. from 12.00 noon — 2.00 pm.

Or you can enrol for courses by providing membership number, and emailing u3aportfairy@gmail.com with your request.





IMPORTANT DATES

22 Nov	U3A PORT FAIRY 2020 Membership Applications available: – available online and with this newsletter
	Proposed Course List available: Courses and times proposed for Semester 1, 2020 - details in this newsletter
30 Nov	End of Semester: All Courses finish at the end of November 2019
5 Dec	Christmas Cocktail Party: Join us to celebrate on 5th December! See details on p.2 Bookings and pre-payment required.
6 Jan	January Newsletter & Semester 1, 2020 Course Booklet - emailed to members and available on our webpage. Contains details on each course.
29 Jan	<p>OPEN DAY and ENROLMENT 29 JANUARY:</p> <p>You must be a member to enrol in a course – 2020 Membership applications are open from 22nd November. <i>All members are required to complete an Annual Membership Application</i></p> <p>Course enrolments –</p> <p>Online enrolments via email are open from 22nd January</p> <p>OPEN DAY for enrolment and information – 2020 membership applications available, sign up to enrol in courses 29 January—see Open Day information.</p>
3 Feb	Semester 1 Courses begins
25 Feb	Annual General Meeting U3A Port Fairy 25 February: Join us at the AGM, nominate and elect our Committee of Management for 2020. Nominations for positions and committee membership are welcome.
2 April	First Occasional Lecture Thursday 2nd April with Dr. Ted Donelan
1-31 July	Semester break – Most classes close for all of July



NEWS AND EVENTS continued

COURSES FOR SEMESTER 1, 2020

Course	Time	Dates
Stories of Us: Great Australian Literature	1.00 pm	2nd Friday Monthly
Western Philosophy	10.00 am	1st & 3rd Mondays
Essays and Ideas	10.00 am	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Current Affairs	10.00 am	2nd & 4th Monday
Passion for Poetry	10.00 am	1st & 3rd Tuesday
History of Port Fairy	10.00 am	1st & 3rd Wednesday – exact dates will be in course booklet January.
NEW Earth Wind and Fire	1.00 pm	Monthly 2nd Tuesday
Regional Gallery Visits		At least 2 visits each semester
NEW The Great Composers	1.00 pm	Mondays 17/2, 16/3, 6/4, 27/4, 18/5, 22/6
1st Tuesday Book Club	2.00 pm	Monthly 1st Tuesday
Mah-jong	1.00 pm	Wednesdays
Science Naturally	2.00 pm	2nd Thursday - talk 4th Thursday—Field Trip
Wandering the World: Travels Near & Far	1.30 pm	Monthly 4th Friday
NEW Wars of the Roses	10.00 am	Fridays 17/4, 1/5, 15/5, 29/5, 5/6, 19/6
Movie Club	7.30 pm	Coffee & discussion after PF Film Society film at Reardon Theatre
NEW Introduction to Bird Watching—Walk, Talk & Gawk <i>*Limited to 5 places only</i>	2.00 pm	Mondays 24/2, 23/3, 27/4, 25/5.
NEW Theatre Visits		2 Theatre visits during semester.
NEW Port Fairy Sketching		Dates and times to be advised.
NEW Introduction to Tai Chi		6 sessions to be advised.
NEW The unheralded role of Australian Women in overseas service in WW1 with Heather Sheard		Semester 2 2 sessions a month ... details to be advised.

Enrolment in courses is subject to availability and sufficient enrolment numbers

NEWS FROM OUR COURSE LEADERS

WESTERN PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT ROOTS AND MODERN THOUGHTS

If you missed the classes in 2019, fear not! This year we have covered Plato to the Middle Ages. In 2020 we will revise these two millennia in one presentation then journey on to the Renaissance, the Enlightenment and Early Modernism.

Visit the link on the U3A Port Fairy Webpage for more information. Check that page again in January/February for more updates. <https://sites.google.com/view/philosophy-u3a-port-fairy/home>

Steve Mackey



PASSION FOR POETRY

A lot more poetry engaging our passions, including this poem by Richard Walter who was involved in the boat charter incident . . .

John W & Maureen



The Blue-Hulled Boat

by Richard Walter

it all depended
upon

a southern ocean
calm

the blue-hulled boat
struck.

third age students
hurt

cast on the steel deck in
shock

no thought for the
sea.

WANDERING THE WORLD—

A 30-day trek through the Tibetan mountains was the focus of the October talk by Julie and Alan Fall as we went with them through extraordinary mountains and trackless valleys.

The final tour for the year by John and Freda Forbes will take us through the back streets of Istanbul to reveal the mysteries of the city on the Bosphorus.

Wandering the world will continue in 2020 with another great line-up of the world's great places.

John Miller



MORE FROM OUR COURSE LEADERS

SCIENCE...NATURALLY!

Sandra and Rod Dunn gave us an insight into the wonderful world of orchids with a great talk followed by a day searching for (and finding lots of) orchids at The Picaninny in the Southern Grampians.

Then in November we found out all about the conservation biology and ecology of the Platypus from our resident veterinary surgeon Ted Donelan. Ted, following many years of experience and study of Platypus revealed many of their secrets.

Science...naturally! will be running again in 2020 with a whole new line up of topics with some new presenters and some who are returning.

John Miller



REGIONAL ART GALLERY VISITS

In late October our Art Gallery Group set out for the Hamilton Gallery. The main gallery exhibition had many of Warrnambool's collection on display. Also an engaging Photographic exhibition of "A Dogs Life" .



After a great lunch at the nearby café, adventurous members of our party struck out for the Op and Bargain Shops with several bargains scored.

Next Stop was Petschel House Hamilton, art studio and Fine Art Gallery set in 14 acres of gardens, orchards, lake and alpaca paddocks. Delightful and worth another visit!

We dropped in at Maureen's place just off the Port Fairy -Hamilton Road for another art tour led by John Walker and some lovely afternoon tea.

A Great Day...

Maggie & Maureen



Thank You!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU
to all our volunteers
who already have contributed to
making U3A Port Fairy so successful in our first year



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