

The Notice Board

March/April 2009

U3A Network Victoria Conference

5th – 8th May

Venue: Centre for Adult Education

253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

This year the conference will feature two varied days of keynote speakers and fascinating workshops, a celebrity guest speaker at dinner, and a visit to Hume U3A and the Global Learning Centre...it's a time for social, personal and U3A development.

Our U3A will be providing a subsidy, the amount depending on the number attending. Come along and join our President Ernie at the Conference.

Please register your interest by emailing the Secretary seymu3a@vicnet.net.au giving your name, telephone number and email address or telephone Pat on 5799 1119.

All U3A members are welcome to attend.

Melting Pot

Back at Salvation Army Hall

Tuesday 7th April at 2pm

Di Bretherton was our first guest speaker for 2009 and 41 members braved the terribly windy day to hear a most interesting talk and participate in the lively discussion.

Guests are always welcome at Melting Pot so please bring your friends and neighbors' to join us in April.

Membership renewal:

If your newsletter has a red sticker on it this indicates that your membership has lapsed. Don't miss out; contact Pat Coffey, 5799 1119 to arrange your renewal for 2009.

A letter from the President:

Our U3A will be hosting the North Eastern Annual Luncheon for the first time on Thursday 21st May at the Seymour Club commencing at 12 noon for 12.30. A delicious lunch will be followed by a guest speaker.

The cost will be around \$25 and bookings and payment are required by 30th April to the Secretary, Pat Coffey.

We expect delegates from 10-12 U3A's in the region will attend and I urge you to attend and make the day a great success.

At the AGM on May 27th you will elect a new Council. I have completed my 2 years as President and have to stand down now under our Constitution's rules.

We need new Council members to keep our U3A continuing successfully and I note our membership is 70% female so put your hand up for the job ladies!

Ernie Finn

Future Energies:

On 23rd April we are getting down to thinking about energy: What is it? How do we harness it? Are humans' energy systems messing up the environment? How do we evaluate climate change claims and counterclaims? What is carbon trading? These are all hot topics and getting hotter every day as people start to realize that we may be fundamentally influencing human habitation on this planet.

It is a fascinating and complex subject and I hope that we can enjoy an informative and useful discussion about energy and its future.

START: 1.30pm, Thursday 23rd April RSL Hall

Bob Brown

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Newsletter distribution:

Our Council has made the decision that the newsletter will be emailed to those members who have given an email address unless the member requests otherwise commencing with the next issue in April.

Members should note that the newsletter is a 2 page document only which contains no colour or photographs so remains a small file for transmission. However, if you prefer not to have it emailed please reply by email to the editor, at irmadex@bigpond.net.au or phone Wendy on 5792 2643 ASAP.

Genealogy:

Class members are advised that the first session of Genealogy for 2009 will be held at **RSL Hall on Monday 30th March at 10am.**

The 9.10 Train Excursion:

This month's excursion will be something quite different. We are off to Bendigo but not by train.

Bendigo Art Gallery is presenting "The Golden Age of Couture – Paris and London 1947-1957" and to quote their program "The exhibition explores one of the most glamorous and remarkable decades in fashion history." We will meet at the **Old Court House in Seymour (Information Centre) at 9.15am on Wednesday 18th March** and car pool departing at 9.30am. You can bring your own lunch of course, or try the Rifle Brigade Hotel across the road from the gallery with meals at about \$12.00. We will leave to return at about 3.00 to 3.30pm.

If you are leaving your car at OCH please park in the parking area behind the fence in High St (entrance past Information Centre)

Costs: \$5.00 per passenger for petrol, \$12.00 entrance fee to Exhibition. Discretionary costs: Coffee, lunch, antique table buying etc

Anne Thompson

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Share Trading:

Venue is now at VRI Hall (Cutting Edge Building) 2pm on Thursdays 19th March and 30th April. New members welcome.

Phone Jessica: 5794 2458.

An Introductory Strength Training Course, 8 weeks working at your own pace, will be commencing in May.

For details: Phone 5799 1119 or 5735 8050 Vine, Wine & Dine:

Our visit to Chateau Tahbilk will take place on Wednesday 25th March. There were not enough members available for Thursday. We are meeting at Seymour Old Courthouse at 10am to car pool to the winery. **Please park in the median area of High St.**

The tour starts at the old wine cellar/tasting area at 10.45am if you are not meeting earlier in Seymour. The tour fee is \$3 and lunch is \$16. Please bring your name badge. Anyone who has not yet confirmed their attendance with Carol should phone her on 5799 1970.

"It takes a village to raise a child"

We have all heard this saying and it applies equally to Seymour & District U3A.

The U3A demographic are usually retired or semi-retired, people who are interested in continued learning, travel, they visit family, help in local community activities, babysit the grandkids and, generally speaking, are very busy people.

Ever since U3A began in Seymour a small dedicated group have been extremely busy behind the scenes in many different ways to keep this the vibrant, interesting group it has become.

Throughout the next few months we will be asking for help in specific areas, some of which take little time, to enable us to institute a job sharing programme in some cases, take on a small task or just fill the gap if the usual person is away or ill.

This month we are looking for an **Archivist.**

Over the past few years we have collected information which is sitting in a box in the office at present.

Could you spare a few hours, two or three times a year, in collating this material and starting a photo album for our photos?

The Publicity Committee will be glad to assist in establishing the process and providing any identifying information etc.

All we need now is a willing volunteer!

If you are enjoying the new classes, and have made new friends, please consider how you could assist in 2009 to ease the workload. Call Pat 57991119 or michaelpat@optusnet.com.au if you could help by becoming our Archivist.

**Seymour & District U3A thanks
Ben Hardman MP
for his assistance with the printing
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