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Dates to Remember

**Information Day
16th October**

**National Stroke Week
13—19th September**

Countdown to our Information Day

**Each month the Steering Committee meet to ensure all will be in readiness for showcasing:
U3A Southern Peninsula on SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th**

We now have the permits required by Council to use the Rye Civic Hall, provide a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee and install signage at Council's designated spots. We have completed Council's "Community & Special Events Risk Assessment" and have permission to have our Town Crier walk the Rye streets advising all and sundry to come to the Rye Civic Hall and join in the activities.

We will have the hall set out with tables, chairs and display boards so that each of the groups who have committed to the Event can give the public an idea of what takes place when their group meets. Our creative writers will have a quiet area to read their contributions, the table tennis people have a separate area to do battle and the art group will not only

display their wares but paint throughout the day. Words of Wisdom and Current Affairs will debate the issues which we all find important amongst themselves and the public. Digital Photography along with Cyclists and Walkers' photographs will show the wonders of our Peninsula and some of our Ballroom Dancers will twirl and whirl across the floor.

The above does not describe all the U3A groups participating and if your group isn't involved it's not too late to join in.

We are very thrilled that final negotiations are underway for some of the local secondary college music students to entertain on the day and know that this will attract people of all ages to our event.

We have also engaged other outside groups to be involved and will have speakers on "Fire Hazards in Summer", "Protecting the Environment", and the benefits of the "Police Senior Citizens Registrar".

St. Johns Ambulance will be in attendance and there will be a registration table for people wishing to know more about joining the University of the Third Age.

So this only leaves your involvement and once our flyers are printed we hope that each member of U3A will make a point of handing these to family, friends and neighbours to ensure that people from all age groups residing on the Peninsula attend **U3A Southern Peninsula Information Day – Saturday 16th October 10am – 4pm Rye Civic Hall.**

New Courses Commencing

It is pleasing to see several new courses commencing over the next few months and we do thank each of the tutors involved as it takes research, planning and time to ensure classes can go ahead. Each of these volunteers helps to swell the number of courses offered by U3A SP. Our report to Network enables it to advise Government that we are complying with their directive to engage more senior citizens in activities outside the home. Hopefully more classes mean more members. Each tutor will gain assistance from our Course Co-coordinator, Alan Hawkins while our Publicity Officer, Marjorie Johnson can place course information in the What's On section of The Leader, The Mail, and other papers and we will also give details on our webpage. **So now you only have to open your newsletter and the insert will give you all the details you require.**



Reporting in—Sue Weber President 2010

Despite the cold weather, members of your committee have been out and about attending the U3A Network meeting in the City, the meeting of our local Network made up of Frankston, Hastings, Mornington and SP, and also the Refurbishment Committee with Council and other OSOD user groups. It was heartening to hear from Network that the Victorian Government has decided to continue support for U3A's provided of course, that we continue to expand membership and courses. This we are endeavouring to do and you will note the number of new courses commencing in the next few months and into the New Year. It is gratifying to gain such a response from our request for tutors in the last newsletter, however we are still needing a mediator for another "Current Affairs" program so if you know of anyone for this role or as a tutor please do talk them into volunteering.

Each of the groups who use the Old Shire Offices (Probus, Rotary, Potters, Historical Society, Four Wheel Drive U3A SP and others) have been meeting monthly with Shire representatives to bring about improvements to OSOD & the Community Hall. It is pleasing to report that approval has been gained for the installation of new items such as overhead projector (Room 8), Air Conditioners, Room 8 and Community Hall, and water heaters and dishwash-

ers. Long outstanding maintenance items are being quoted on and the Council is confident that everything will be in readiness for Dromana's 150 year celebrations to be held over the March 2011 long weekend.

Winter to me is always quiet and sometimes sad and especially so when Committee members, joined with family and friends recently attending the funeral of Sue Kraft and then Pat Sharples' funeral. Condolences to the families and friends of these two fine tutors – they will be sadly missed.

I am continuing with my quest to meet as many members as possible and so have been out with walking groups, enjoyed cups of tea with language, art and bookworm students and met with the Words of Wisdom group. I greatly enjoyed attending "History of the Antarctic" classes at the Village Glen and this class plus the History Lunches & Words of Wisdom have encouraged many Village Glen residents to join U3A. Meeting with each of the groups reinforces to me the great value of U3A – people not only learn or exercise but enjoy the fellowship of others. – What can be better than that?!

Warm Regards
Sue Weber

Welcome to New Members

A big welcome to the following new members of U3A Southern Peninsula.

We hope you enjoy the many classes on offer to you.

Rosa Apperley, Russell Bracey, Elsy Edwards, Tricia Fahey, Ross Gilbert, Louise Greenall, Jim Hall, Lynn Hayes, Graeme Hill, Margot Jessop, Jenny Keogh, Joy Lovegrove, Elaine Montgomery, Lorraine Silvester, Margaret & Bert Sinclair and Kevin Taylor.

Newsletter Delivery by Email

As you know the costs of postage and printing of the newsletter have risen in recent months.

If you have given us your email address all future newsletters will be sent to you via email unless you let the office know by phone or email that your system is not able to download it.

You will be notified when the newsletter is available for download.

Tribute to Susan Kraft

31.10.1939—30.05.2010

Late last year a group of 10 women gathered together to honour Sue Kraft on her birthday. We sat together around a table enjoying an elegant afternoon tea complete with fine china, and cupcakes spelling out her 70 years. It was a warm and happy occasion for the Bookworms group.

Just 6 months later we all gathered again to farewell Sue who had passed away after a short illness.

Right from the beginning it was evident that Sue had special talents in leading groups. We meet each month to discuss a pre-arranged book from either classical or modern literature. Sue's passion for literature shone through in the preparation and thought she put into each session. She always researched the author and the book thoroughly. One member who has been to many book groups over the years says that it is the best book group she's attended. This is largely due to Sue's preparation and her warm and inclusive personality. Sue valued all our contributions whether hesitant or confident. She cleverly managed the

discussion so that nothing was ridiculed. Our diverse responses taught us that there is always more than one way of reading a book. We had many hilarious moments together as well as vigorous differences of opinion.

Sue was a warm, intelligent, and thoughtful person, a born teacher and a generous friend. Two tributes from the Bookworms Group sum up our feelings for Sue,

'Sue was such an inspiration in the Bookworms Group. She led with a quiet authority which made it a privilege to be part of the group'.

'The success of Bookworms owes so much to Sue's dedication. I'm sure we'll feel that each future discussion will be in her honour, and that she'll be with us in spirit'

Ruth Pidwell 19/7/10

List of Current Courses available from U3A Online.

Go to www.u3aonline.org.au for further information

Aging and Retirement

Antarctica

Astronomy

Australian Flora

Australian History: prior to Federation

Autobiography and Journaling

Basic English Grammar

Botany for Knowledge and Enjoyment

China in Transition: From Mao to Now

Continents on the Move

Design in Your Life

Food for Thought

Genealogy Online

Human Biology

My Life Story

Myths and Legends

Practical Psychology for Relationships

Religions of the World

Resources for the Future—Renewable and Non-Polluting

Saving the Soil

The History and Spread of the English Language

The Northern Sky

The Romans

The Story of Science—The Emergence of natural Philosophy

Thoreau Emerson and the Conduct of Life

Unleashing your Creative Spirit

Writing Family History

News from the Choir

Our Choir is now in recess until the first Friday in September.

We have enjoyed taking our music in song to various aged facilities. This is an outreach service greatly appreciated by the residents.

I am fortunate in having Betty, our accomplished pianist, Wilma, looking after our music and secretarial duties, Daniella looking after bookings and Doreen and Marcia making sure there is a cuppa halfway through rehearsal time. Their dedication enables me to concentrate on leading the choir.

We have an extensive repertoire of two and three part songs, performing mostly secular choral music from any period. Music that is pleasing to the ears of the listeners.

We welcome singers to join our group, it is not essential to read music as long as there is a voice to hold the tune!

I try to pass on the rudiments of music, dynamics, tonal quality and correct breathing at the top of the list.

Singing is such a good therapy and discipline. We meet weekly in the hall of St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Murray Anderson Road, Rosebud. 1.30 to 3.30pm

Enjoy your recess, safe traveling for those going on holiday, return refreshed and in good voice.

Iras Hardy. Tutor.

It's Springtime

Come and try a morning of Spring Bird Watching with Joan Peters.

On Wednesday 22nd September 2010
Meet: 9.30am in the car park outside Rosebud Public Golf Course, Elizabeth Drive. (Mel 170. J4)
Please wear current U3A Name badge

Joan Peters

There was an old man from Calcutta

Who coated his tonsils with butta

This converting his snore

From a thunderous roar

To a soft oleaginous mutta

Sent in by John Watson

History Lunches at the Village Glen

9th September: Dr. Robert Barnes

Dr. Robert Barnes is a member of the Sorrento Historical Soc., and will speak to us about 'The Nepean History—Role and Purpose'. The Historical Group in Sorrento are an extremely active group and it is good to know they are preserving our history.

14th October: Tony Webster

The End of European Empires in Asia 1945-1965
In 1950's Tony served with Royal Marine Commandos in Egypt/North Africa/Malta. From 1955-1968 he was in Malaya/Singapore/Brunei/Sabah
Came to Australia in 1968 with Cadbury after they acquired McRobertson's Confectionery.

11th November: Bill Johnston

Bill will speak on 'Technical Education in Victoria'. He taught in Primary Schools, Technical Schools and later Senior technical College at Warrnambool. He went on to become Regional Director of Technical Schools in the northern region of Victoria.

9th December: Wes Barton

Wes Barton's great grandfather arrived in Australia in 1840 and moved to Victoria in 1866 to take up land in East Gippsland. His family history study gives us an insight into development and early days of living conditions in Victoria.

History Lunches are on the second Thursday of each month at 12.30pm in the Craft Centre at the Glen. We welcome new members from both in and outside the Village Glen. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. For further information please ring Edna Salisbury

'Words of Wisdom' Discussion Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am in upstairs lounge in the main building at the Village Glen. For Information ring Anne Hunt

Tutor Profile

GILLIAN LEMPRIERE



Gillian Lempriere has for some years convened Scrabble for U3A SP. On retirement, in late 1995, tutor Jill Jones suggested that U3A would be just the thing for her, as indeed it became. She recalls how delighted she was, on visiting the office in Dromana, to be handed an amazing list of courses. Since joining in 1996 she has enrolled in an impressive range of these: Art Appreciation, Italian, Ethics, Current Affairs, and all the histories available – Ancient, Russian, Indonesian, ASEAN, Navigation, European, Revolution, and Great Figures in History, and has studied history with Jill Jones for many years, including her current class ‘20th Century—A Global View.’ She has enjoyed walking groups and also done courses at the Mornington U3A, stating that she is a great believer in U3A and that it very much constitutes her life to the degree that, with the exception of reading, gardening and theatre, her other main preoccupations, she has time for very little else.

In addition to her enrollment in courses, Gillian was elected to the Management Committee in 1997 and remained on it until four or five years ago. During these years she served as Venues Officer and on the sub-committee for the first ten years’ celebration. She continues to enjoy helping in the office, the engine room of the organization.

Gillian was born in Broken Hill, one of a family of three girls and one boy, and in 2008 with her two sisters returned to explore the place of their birth. She trained as a primary teacher at the Sydney Teacher’s College and taught in Broken Hill until marrying and coming to Victoria. Since 1954 she has lived on the Mornington Peninsula, raising two children here, and now has five adult grandchildren. She still lives in Rosebud.

Gillian loves the Peninsula and for many years she taught at the Rosebud Kindergarten, before going back to school to gain an Arts Degree. She describes going to University in her forties as one of the highlights of her life.

With this degree she joined Local Government, working in Human Services for the Flinders Shire for nine years as a pioneer Family Day-Care Coordinator.

This was an exciting time in local government as Human Services were expanding and she enjoyed the exchange of ideas with others working in Community Development. Gillian retired in 1995, after the Kennett Government’s amalgamation of local government, and put her name down for her first U3ASP classes in 1996.

For a woman as committed to study as Gillian, it is no surprise that her overseas travels are often with the Australians Studying Abroad group. Whilst she cites Italy as her favourite country, next year she is planning a walking tour of Paris with her sister.

Interviewing this elegant charming woman is a great pleasure, and yet a further reminder of how fortunate U3A SP is in the committed, knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers who maintain its many courses and activities.

Gillian Lempriere as interviewed by U3A SP Publicity Officer, Marjorie Johnson.

Dr. Patricia M. Sharples

25.07.1931—28.06.2010

Joining in January 1995 Pat gave a lot to U3ASP.

She served as Secretary to Presidents Jack Kane and Garth Sullivan in 1995 and 1996.

Pat became President of U3A Southern Peninsula in 1996 and again in 2003 as well as offering her help in the office once a month.

Obviously her greatest contribution to this organization was the history courses she tutored for many years. Russian History, History and Culture of Indonesia and ASEAN Studies. Her endeavours will be greatly missed.

Condolences to Don and the members of her family.
Pam Blazsanyik. 20/7/10

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Letters to the Editor

Ballroom Dancing.

“Come and have tea” it said. So I did. Whilst enjoying a jam and creamed scone our President showed the forthcoming programme for the year, and my feeble eyesight saw the heading “Ballroom Dancing”

There must be a number of you that recall a Saturday night at the Co-op Hall (Girls on one side and Boys on the other—it was that way), and perhaps the name Victor Sylvester comes to mind. He was the cause of thousands of would be hopefuls to the idea of the Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot, Tango and I recall looking at the V.S. dance manual, complete with the mapped feet outlines for the steps required to perform said dance. Somewhere in a far away carton there is the first D.Y.I. book plus a vinyl record with V.S’s voice on the record telling the pupil “Slow, quick, quick, slow”. etc. Armed with this knowledge I thought “Why not”, Dancing with the Stars, not that difficult.

(1) Clothes. Not to be put off I, looked in my wardrobe, grey (Was it always that colour) suit which said, when taken from it’s wrapper “Not sure about this”, if you recall been to 3 weddings and 4 funerals. (2) Blue slacks that hugged at all the wrong places. (3) Shirts, no comment. (4) Shoes, I remember a pair of pumps (remember the French chalk), the nearest thing was a pair of runners, well worn, not recommended for “Dancing with the Stars”, a bit of a wild dream. It might happen one day, but in the interim I will stick to golf, it is outside and the sun might shine upon me and I own all the gear and the books.

Contributed by Denis Sumner

Frankston Teachers College 1960-61

Frankston Teachers College Students from 1960 and 1961 are planning a Reunion at Frankston, now Monash University, on Saturday 6th November 2010.

For further information please email Sandra@parkershousen.net and she will send you the newsletter and details.

Ph: 1300 13 50 90
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247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne Vic 3000

Seniors Information
VICTORIA

Where can older Victorians go for free information?

Seniors Information Victoria (SIV) is a statewide service for seniors that offers detailed information on a diverse range of issues—from housing options, services to help maintain independence or general financial matters to recreation and retirement.

SIV is an initiative of the Council on the Ageing (Victoria), and supported by the Department of Planning & Community Development. They want all U3A members to know about the benefits of their free information and referral for older Victorians, their families, friends and service providers.

SIV Telephone 1300 135 090 gives you access to their well resourced range of fact sheets, leaflets and friendly staff who have access to a comprehensive database.

**INFORMATION
Day**

**Sat 16 Oct
2010**

Rye Civic Hall



U3A SP runs 51 courses in arts, crafts, computers, games, history, languages, literature, music appreciation, outdoor activities, philosophy, recreation and science. A day of information and entertainment made possible by a grant from BENDIGO BANK.

- Highlights**
- Displays of U3ASP courses
 - Art Exhibitions
 - Music and Dance
 - Local School events
 - Talks
 - Sausage Sizzle

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Old Shire Office, 359a Pt Nepean Rd Dromana 3936 Tel 5981 8777 Website <http://u3asp.org>

Join us for a day of Information and Entertainment in the Rye Civic Hall
212 Napier St, Rye (one block in from the Rye Shops)

Time: 10.00am—4.00pm

Date: 16 October, 2010



