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Dates to Remember
AGM
Friday 25th March

U3A Southern Peninsula Annual General Meeting

Friday 25th March, 2011

10.00am

**Dromana Community Hall,
Adjacent Old Shire Offices**

Dromana 150th Celebrations ***1861 to 2011***

Dromana Heritage Precinct

Sunday 13th March, 2011

10.00am—2.00 pm: Community Group Exhibitions:
Dromana & District Historical Society
U3A Southern Peninsula Arts Group
Dromana Potters
Southern Peninsula Classic & Historic Car Club

12 noon: Book Launch:
'Dromana @ 150—A Community History 1861-2011'

12.30pm: Commemorative tree planting

1.00pm: Heritage Walking Tours:
Pioneer Pathway, Soldier's Memorial Park.

Have You Noticed

During the last three months the Shire The Hall Committee of Management has maintenance team have been working been instrumental in obtaining grants hard repairing, painting and doing from Hillview Quarries, Bendigo Bank general maintenance to the Old Shire and Southern Peninsula Op. Shops Offices and Community Hall. The area which have provided funding for Air will be looking great for the 150th Conditioners, Stoves, Dishwashers, Celebrations with freshly painted rooms, Blinds, Projector Screens and other updated kitchens and new carpets items of equipment . We thank the above through out. companies and both the Shire Council and the Hall Committee for their efforts .



Reporting in—Sue Weber President

Dear Members

Here we are in February and it is hoped that all members enjoyed a pleasant break with family over the Christmas/New Year period especially when we consider the misery of flood victims in Queensland & Northern Victoria.

It is pleasing to know that we now have our U3A office and rooms available again and in a much improved state. We must thank the Shire for refurbishment of the Old Shire Offices – timely as the building & the Community Hall will be open to the public during the Labour Day week-end in March. The Community Hall will allow our Art Group and others to display their talents on Sunday 13th along with several other organisations so please come along and support your fellow members.

All those who have paid their membership fees in person will have had an opportunity to see our rooms sparkling with new paint, carpet

and blinds. Please remember that *membership fees are due by the end of February* after which your name is removed from our lists. I'm sure though if you read through the Course list you will find something of interest. Many classes are almost fully booked so it is wise to get in as soon as possible with your booking. If the class is already full your name will go on the waiting list.

Please take note that our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Friday March 25th in the Dromana Community Hall adjacent to the OSOD. All members are encouraged to come and learn more about the work of your committee. Your reward will be a beautiful morning tea.

Which brings me to Publicity – We still need to find a person able to bring U3A.SP to the notice of the public – The Committee will help so please call if you are able to volunteer for a few hours a month.

Enjoy learning, laughing, creating or gaining fitness.

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.

Denise Barker, Ian & Margaret Bell, Valerie Burns, Ida Clark, Eleanor Di Valentine, Betty & Len Fairhurst, Max Heinnen, Lysbeth Jones, Wen Llewellyn, John Macafee, Lin McIntosh, Honor Middleton, Dr. Carol Morse, James Murray, Ida Noonan, Betty Tanava, Bill Welbourne, Annie & Jim Wright.

Senior Texting Codes

ADT: At the Doctors
 BTW: Bring The Wheelchair
 CBM: Covered By Medicare
 CUATSC: See You At The Senior Centre
 DWI: Driving While Incontinent
 FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
 FYI: Found Your Insulin
 GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
 GHA: Got Heartburn Again
 IMHO: Is My hearing-Aid On?
 LOL: Living on Lipitor
 TTYL: Talk To You Louder
 WAITT: Who Am I Talking To?
 WWNO: Walker Wheels Need Oil
 LMGA: Lost My Glasses Again

Course Updates

FOCUS ON ZAMBIA

An overview of what has contributed to present day Zambia. Course includes snippets from Prehistory, Anthropology, Geography, Slave Trade, Rhodes, Independence and Corruption and we will explore the current issues in the country.

The course will be delivered with a big pinch of armchair travel and resources from the internet.

Sessions on First and Third Mondays for ten weeks.

Ring Lyn Haywood

This course is to commence on Tuesday 15th February from 10.00 am to 11.30 am and then every Tuesday Morning until 29th November 2011.

Venue: Rosebud Memorial 'Small' Hall

Leader: Jananta Dwipa

QI-SHEN-GONG

The Tired Nurse

A very tired nurse walks into a bank, totally exhausted after an 18 hour full on shift. Preparing to write a cheque, she pulls a rectal thermometer out of her purse and tries to write with it. When she realises her mistake, she looks at the flabbergasted teller and without missing a beat, she says:

“Well that’s great....that’s just great... some bum’s got my pen!”

Thanks to Castlemaine View Club

History Lunches at the Village Glen

10th February: Dr. Tony Heyes

Tony has spent a lifetime working in science having received a PhD in physics from Cambridge, also a PhD in Psychology from Nottingham University. His presentation is “Our changing view of science— an historical perspective’.

10th March: Nicholas Day-Lewis

Nicholas will speak about “Nauru-Geography, History and Resources”. His experiences of this island are of great relevance, given the long and varied relationship between our countries over the years.

14th April: Proposed speaker Ray McMahon

Ray is at present in the Antarctic, so confirmation will await his return.

12th May: Meg MacMillan

Meg will give a presentation titled “Epic Journeys”. This describes the age-old migration of bird species to and from Australia, and is something of an epic itself.

History Lunches are on the second Thursday of each month at 12 noon 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 David and Elizabeth Scaife

‘Words of Wisdom’ Discussion Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am in upstairs lounge in the main building at the Village Glen. Next meeting 16th February. For Information ring Anne Hunt on

Profile

PAM BLAZSANYIK



Pam joined U3A Southern Peninsula on 2 February 2002 and has never regretted a moment since she enrolled. Indeed during the interview, Pam stated it was one of the best decisions she has made.

For her first six years with U3A, Pam was an office volunteer on Tuesday mornings. She started off as a money lady, taking the membership payments and class fees from the Tutors, later working in the office generally. In 2004 Pam joined the committee as Secretary with President Terry Robinson & held this position for a year, handing over to Winnie Stewart in 2005. Currently Pam is Office Manager and took on the mantle of this important position from Pat O'Brien in 2007. Pam has made many friends along the way, leading to many special friendship luncheons, much laughter and perhaps an occasional glass of red, during her time with U3A.

Courses she has enjoyed include: - French, History & Culture of Indonesia, as well as Art Appreciation, Current Affairs, Issues in Ethics, State of the Nation & ethics of its deliberations, Introduction to Meditation, while not forgetting Understanding Islam. In 2011, Pam will be taking Eastern Philosophy, Mystics & Mysticism.

Pam and her family came down to the Peninsula some 28 years ago. She has two children living in Queensland & New South Wales, and is grandmother to three grandchildren, who periodically visit her in Rosebud.

Pam was born in the late 30s, the middle sister of three. (She has been learning from the older and helping the younger for many years.)

Originally a Dental Nurse, when she arrived down on the Peninsula, Pam said the requirements for this position, clashed with the upbringing of her family. Many short term jobs were filled before joining the Mornington Shire as a part time tea lady. During her 12 great years with the Shire, she held many positions full time and ended up as Senior Administration Officer with a staff of nine. This was a great time in her life and Pam enjoyed the job immensely.

When the shire amalgamated, Pam, along with many others in the staff downsize, was let go. She found a position with

the Rye RSL, which was a big change, going from public service lifestyle to military style office based service and personnel.

In the midst of all this, she joined Rotary and was the first female Rotarian inducted into Rosebud Rotary.

Pam said that coming down to the peninsula has been a fulfilling journey. On her arrival she did not know a soul. Now it is home with a multitude of friends and a wide range of acquaintances. It is not hard to understand this when you meet Pam who is very gregarious & friendly herself.

Things that she has enjoyed in her time with U3A have been the camaraderie & the sense of humour of the office group of volunteers and committee members during her time in the office, another, the opportunity to learn intellectually. However her biggest gain has been the amazing group of friends and friendships which is and has been most enjoyable.

Pam Blazsanyik as interviewed by U3A SP Immediate Past President, Walter Keating

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Public Officer: George Conrad

Publicity Officer Wanted

As mentioned in our last newsletter our wonderful Marjorie Johnson retired as Publicity Officer after helping greatly with the promotion of our Organisation. Letting the community, and in particular the many senior citizens who live on the Peninsula, know of the benefits we offer is vital to our membership and public profile.

The position entails joining our Committee at its monthly meetings, delivering our brochures to various organisations at your leisure, writing editorial for our newsletter and attempting to get stories into local papers.

Marjorie has kindly left all contacts and details for her successor. I'm sure there is someone out there who enjoys writing (Yes perhaps someone from our writing groups!!) and would enjoy getting to know members of the Committee, the office staff and our tutors.

PLEASE DON'T BE SHY – Contact Sue Weber

Hospitality Helpers:

We are in need of helpers for our Social Coordinator. This entails assistance with catering for events such as the Annual General Meeting in March and New Members Morning Tea etc. If you would like to help please contact the Office (5981 8777).

Advertisement:

2011 Census Job Opportunities. With 3,500 Area Supervisor Jobs now available Australia-wide, you can help your community shed some light on Census night. The Australian Bureau of Statistics is recruiting Area Supervisors for the 2011 Census on 9th August. If you are interested in a flexible, short term position and would enjoy managing your own workload and a team of Census Collectors, apply now to be an Area Supervisor in your community.

Apply now www.abs.gov.au/recruitment or call **1800 420 182**
Applications open 12th February and close on 4th March 2011.

AGENDA

For the Twenty First Annual General Meeting to be held at the Dromana Community Hall on Friday 25th March 2011 commencing at 10am.

1. Chairperson: Sue Weber President – Welcome to Members & Guests.
 2. Apologies.
 3. Minutes of 20th Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 26th March 2010 to be confirmed. *(Copies of the minutes have been distributed to those present)
 4. Report of the 21st Elected Committee of Management presented by the President – Sue Weber
 5. 2010 Financial Report presented by the Treasurer – Angela Milsom
 6. General Business
 7. President declares all positions vacant and hands over to independent Chairperson – George Wood
 8. Independent Chairperson assumes conduct of meeting.
 9. Election of the 22nd Committee of Management.
 10. New President installed
 11. Introduction of new committee members
 12. Appointment of Auditor for 2011
 13. Appointment of Public Officer – Incorporation Rule change to come into effect from 1st December 2011 that the roles of Public Officer and Secretary will merge to “Secretary”
 14. The U3ASP Choir Performance – Leader Iris Hardy
 15. Guest Speaker: Delys Sargeant – Ageing – ‘Can be an Awful Time – but Great!’
Overview of selected courses/activities presented by:-
 A – John Barratt – Happy Wanderers Walking Group
 B – TBA
 16. Close of meeting to be followed by light lunch and drinks
- * The Minutes are available in the office for members to peruse and copies will be distributed at AGM. They will not be read out at the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2011/2012

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Reg. No A0019318 ABN No 42 123 530 408

ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS WILL BE OPEN FOR ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 25th March 2011

The twenty first Annual General meeting will be held at the Dromana Community Hall commencing at 10.00am on Friday 25th March, 2011. Please note that Friday morning classes on that day will be cancelled.

A full agenda for that day is published in this newsletter.

TO NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A FRIEND FOR ANY POSITION ON THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE SECRETARY NO LATER THAN 4th MARCH, 2011

CUT THIS OUT AND SEND TO THE SECRETARY



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Nomination Form for 22nd Elected Committee for 2011/2012

I nominate the following person to the 22nd Elected Committee of U3A Southern Peninsula

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<i>Please Print</i>	<i>Please Print</i>	<i>Please Print</i>	<i>Please Print</i>

Signature of Proposer Signature of Seconder

I agree to be nominated for this position.

Signature of Nominee