

U3A South Coaster

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President's Report

South Coast U3A swings into action for 2019

On Tuesday 22nd January the South Coast U3A held a very busy Enrolment Day with existing members lining up to register, along with a pleasing group of enthusiastic new ones. In addition to all the popular courses which U3A has been offering in previous years, the hard working Program Committee has introduced several new courses for 2019, as well as an interesting and varied range of one-off presentations. New courses include Beginners German, Calligraphy, Travel in France, Yoga, Line dancing, and a series of lectures on "The Ageing Brain." Details of these courses, and all others, can be found on the website www.u3afleurieu.org.

All new, continuing, and prospective members are welcome to join **U3A Connects**, the social group, which meets fortnightly for coffee. The first meeting will be on Friday February 8th at Retro Vibe, The Strand, Port Elliot at 10.30 a.m. The first Presentation will be given on Thursday 7th February at 2 p.m. in the HMVC rooms, Jolly Street, Victor Harbor; the presenter being Elizabeth Ganguli. She will speak about the famous Australian Light Horse Brigade charge at Beersheba, and her participation in the re-enactment in 2017 to mark the centenary of this pivotal event in the World War I desert campaign. Don't miss this.



Looking for a good read? Why not join or start a book group near you? from the Horseshoe Bay Group

Our Horseshoe Bay book group has been in existence since May 2010. The origins were in the Riverside group in Goolwa, but the demand to join that group was so great that we decided to establish a new one in Port Elliot. We originally met in, probably, the smallest Council Chamber in South Australia, which was good fun. From there we would adjourn for a coffee at the Hotel Elliot. So, we decided we could actually hold our meetings there whilst sipping coffee! It was pretty quiet on a Monday morning at 10am!! Then we decided to meet at a home and provide our own refreshments, which we have done ever since.

We used to receive our books from Salisbury library. When Salisbury notified us that they were no longer supplying book clubs, we were not altogether sorry as there was an element of pot luck with the books provided (or not). After some discussion, we decided to source our own. 2018 has provided lots of good reading; some non-fiction and some historical novels as well as those that cover very topical issues. It is always fascinating as we go around the room providing our reviews.



We believe our group succeeds because we are large enough to have the variety of views yet small enough for everyone to have a voice. We regret that for this reason we will keep to our current number at present. However, there are a total of **5 book groups under U3A auspices** and plenty of opportunities and advice to establish further groups if required!



NEW!!

A new opportunity to practise your French conversation skills!

Bonjour!

In addition to U3A's own *French for Fun*, *Beginners French* and *Intermediate French*, we are being offered a new conversation class with Vera Ernst and the Victor Harbor Library. For students and lovers of all things French, don't be shy ... this is a new and fun method to improve your conversation skills, under the guidance of a French tutor in a friendly group of amateurs. Only a basic knowledge of the language is required.

Starts Tuesday 5th February and every fortnight except school holidays 2.30 to 4pm at the Victor Harbor Community Room – Vera says, just come along. (This is not a U3A group at this time.)

Line Dancing

with Shirley Palmer.

The Line Dancing group is going really well Shirley's Saturday morning sessions. She has two sections, the first being 11.00 and then more a half. Great fun and somewhat disrupted themselves locked out time. Should they give – so while Shirley was in the office to see what was practising outside in technical glitch with buildings under the control of the council, so we all trooped off to a local community hall to finish our class.



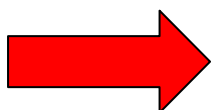
and everyone thoroughly enjoys has now divided her class into two for absolute beginners from 9.30 to advanced for the remaining hour and good exercise, however the class was late last year when they found out of The Hub at their scheduled class up and just go home? Not on your life whizzed around to the local Council happening her devoted pupils made themselves busy the car park of The Hub. Turned out it was a the sophisticated system that gives access to the

Sounds like fun!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2-3pm 13th February 2019, HMVC

REMINDERS:

Sue Collett has **DVD's** available for members to borrow – there is a deposit of \$20.00 which is refundable on return. The material used by the Opera and Ballet group is sometimes added to Sue's collection so there are a couple of new items available – you can have the list forwarded to you if you are interested.



Members: Don't forget the Web Page – it is very up to date and worth a close look!

www.u3afleurieu.org



GARDENERS ALERT Sue Gelade's garden group is 'chockers'. The waiting list is long and can take no more applicants. Well done Sue!

For all dog lovers Dogs Day Out on the Fleurieu 2019

(17th March 2019 10am to 2pm) Lakala Reserve Pt Elliot . The Pt Elliot Town and Foreshore Improvement Association is again holding a dog themed low cost family day.

- Dog themed Art entries close Friday 8th March - all art types accepted. Contact Ruth Millar 0407075216 for delivery details. \$5 entry fee for up to 5 entries.
- Doggy dress up parade is a highlight at 11am - best dressed dog and best pair (dog and human). Generous prizes given. Chosen by People's choice.
- Stalls , dog demos, BBQ and food stalls, speakers. Gold coin donation to enter.

For more info: ruthmiller5212@gmail.com or phone 0407 075 216



U3A CONNECTS 2019

Diane Donnon, corordinator of **CONNECTS**, has been surprised, she says, with the number of enquiries and enrolments from new members this year. Diane says it has

been very exciting to meet at least some of the many new U3A Members, whom she hopes will attend the casual coffee mornings in our local cafes. Members have been loyal to this friendly group and are looking forward to meeting new friends this month.



Anne, Diane and Lieke

Diane also wants to remind all the Connects friends that there will be at least two opportunities for lunches at local venues this semester. So, take care to book for your lunch spot, with a partner or friend if you wish - and be sure to book to ensure your seat.

A note to all the Connects group: look out for Diane's email prior to each coffee date. The program of events is on Page 25 of your yellow booklet.



HOT OFF THE PRESS - A FIRST FOR VICTOR HARBOR!!!

An interesting event in Victor Harbor coming up on 10 March.

A Long Table Lunch in Ocean Street. The posters are up throughout town and details of how to book for this 'first' occasion can be made through Event brite **Don't Miss it!** Enjoy the day and support the main street traders if you can. How long can the table be?

A New Group! Calligraphy and Pen Work

Please note the start date for this new group is **Thursday, 14th February, 2019**, and not 7th February as listed. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Café, Lutheran Centre, 21 Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor. For further information, please contact the group leader Shari Bubner at email: sharijb46@hotmail.com

U3A Language groups, French and German, go from strength to strength, and they look like fun, too.



Above: French & German Tutors Madeleine, Colleen and Joe, and U3A's enthusiastic German class at Christmas



Helen of Kiri Kiri Art, part of the **Long Table Lunch**.
Mayor Dr Moira Jenkins with a friend on Australia Day.
Grant, Janet and Councillor Schofield at the Horse Tram Shop at the causeway.
Karina Overall with her daughter at Warland Reserve Tram Barn.

