

25th Annual General Meeting



\$30 computer courses and \$10 Summer School. The Auditor was appointed for 2016 financial year.

Valerie Donlon was announced as the incoming President, took the Chair and introduced members of the new committee.

Presentations were made to retiring committee members, Jillian Gale, Allan Brownrigg, Tom Wong and Archie Kaan, who were thanked for their contribution to U3A Nunawading. Noelene McCulloch was an apology at the meeting due to ill health.

In her first official act as President, Valerie advised that as part of the 2015 Silver Jubilee celebrations, Life Memberships had been introduced for past Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, who have served a minimum of two years, as a way to show appreciation and acknowledge their contribution to the organisation. The awards were presented



More than 100 people attended the Annual General Meeting on 19 August in the Seniors Hall at Silver Grove.

Prior to the official opening of the Annual General Meeting of U3A Nunawading, the Chief Executive of the City of Whitehorse, Ms Noelene Duff, paid respects to the Wurrundjeri people, acknowledging them as the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting would be held. She spoke of the importance of the indigenous heritage of the land, the recent purchase of the Nunawading Primary School, and the respect and rapport between the Council and U3A.

After thanking Noelene, U3A Course Administrator, Elsie Mutton, introduced other guests including State and Local Government representatives and the Vice-President of U3A Network, and opened the Meeting.

Following acceptance of the AGM 2014 minutes, the outgoing President, Annette Mason, addressed the meeting, saying it had been a privilege to serve in the position for the past three years. She described her term as President as rewarding and interesting and thanked everyone for their support during a time, which had seen great advancement particularly in IT with the introduction of the new SMMS database. Annette extended her best wishes to the new committee for a productive year ahead.

The Annual Report and Financial Report were moved, seconded and carried and the new Treasurer, Barbara Worchester, after explaining the finances of the organization for 2014-15, thanked outgoing Treasurer Tom Wong for his work in streamlining financial procedures. The Treasurer also advised the meeting of the fees for 2016, which will be \$70 membership,

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to those in attendance and their particular contributions acknowledged. A list of Life Membership recipients appears below.

The President then introduced Councillor Philip Daw who spoke about the importance of U3A Nunawading's contribution to the community and the City of Whitehorse and the new home which would be provided at the Nunawading Primary School site. There were several questions from the floor in regard to how the existing Silver Grove site would be used and whether other organisations would have access to the new facilities.

David Jensz, Vice-President of U3A Network Victoria complimented U3A Nunawading on its vibrant membership and Elsie Mutton's contribution to the Victorian Network.

The President closed the meeting and invited members and guests to enjoy the delicious lunch provided by members.



Life Memberships Awarded



Some of our new Life Members from left: Annette Mason, Tom Wong, Mike Lewis, Howard Haynes, Dallas McBride, Judy Hall and Dierdre Dyer.



The full list of Life Members and the positions they held is as follows:

Howard Haynes, President 1992, 1993: **Sheila Moore**, President 1994, 1995 and Secretary 1991, 1996, 1997, 1998: **Judy Hall**, President 1997, 1998, 1999:

Elsie Mutton, President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003: **Lindsay Glen**, President 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, Secretary 2002 and Treasurer 2010: **Leo Sargent**, President 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and Secretary 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006: **Annette Mason**, President 2012, 2013, 2014: **Dallas McBride**, Secretary 1992, 1993: **Marjorie Smith**, Secretary 1994, 1995: **Mike Lewis**, Secretary 1999, 2000, 2001: **Barbara Gardiner**, Secretary 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010: **David Gannon**, Treasurer 1999, 2000: **Margaret Bardos**, Treasurer 2001, 2002: **Dierdre Dyer**, Treasurer 2003, 2004: **Tom Wong**, Treasurer 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.

President's Report

The past year has been a very exciting and busy one with our membership continuing to grow along with new classes and new leaders. As we celebrate our 25th birthday, U3A Nunawading Inc. is one of the largest in Australia with a current membership of nearly 2,000. Our members are very supportive of our activities and I thank them for their dedication to U3A.

Course Administration

With the arrival of SMMS, the day-to-day workload of our Course Administration team has thankfully been reduced but their primary function of developing an interesting and varied range of classes remains. This entails working closely with current and prospective leaders to ensure our classes remain attractive to our members. Thanks to our 152 leaders, who are all volunteers, we are able to offer 183 classes.

Many of our classes are very popular and have waitlists, especially in the Health and Fitness area. There are 57 Language classes, a majority of which also have waitlists as many members are keen to either brush up on their homeland language or explore second and third languages.

Accommodation

In June this year, we were delighted by the news that Whitehorse Council has purchased the former Nunawading Primary School site for redevelopment as a new Community Centre, which will become our new home once it is completed. Council has advised us that we will be able to



Annette Mason and Elsie Mutton with City of Whitehorse Mayor, Andrew Munroe, and Michael Challenger, Nunawading Primary School Site Preservation Group President.

remain in our current premises at Silver Grove until the new facility is ready.

We are very fortunate to have the Nunawading Community Centre, as well as a range of other buildings available to us, although at times the rooms are nowhere big enough and we could fill them many times over. Hopefully, with a new building on the horizon we may be able to accommodate some of our current waitlist issues. Our leaders are to be congratulated on their patience and ingenuity in creating a space for new members to attend.

Many thanks to Lindsay Glen and Bruce McIntosh for their work in looking after our accommodation arrangements with the City of Whitehorse and other community organisations.

Finance

I am happy to report that our finances continue to be very well managed. Sincerest thanks to Tom Wong for his excellent service as Treasurer from 2011 until January this year and for his transition support when the role was taken over by Barbara Worcester.

The Treasurer's Report provides an overview of our financial performance for the year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, including the major factors that contributed to our operating results.

SMMS

The most significant development for U3A Nunawading this year has been the introduction of the Standardised Member Management System (SMMS) which enables members to enrol and pay online, change their contact details, check class availability and join additional classes throughout the year.

About half our members have now logged onto the system and we look forward to how an online system will assist with our 2016 enrolment later this year.

Thanks to System Administrator, Andrew Lockwood, for guiding us through an extremely smooth changeover to the SMMS and for continuing to manage its operation at U3A Nunawading.

Prior to the introduction of the SMMS, we managed our membership records with an Access database which was created by David Gannon in the 1990s. David did a tremendous amount of work to adapt this system to cope with a membership which

increased tenfold to our current level. We are indebted to David for his support in enabling us to manage the many aspects of member administration and course co-ordination for a growing organisation. Many thanks also to Beng Lee for his able assistance to David over more recent years in this work.

IT & Audio Visual Equipment

In the major project, which was initiated by Bruce Boswell, the new IT and audio-visual equipment, purchased with the balance of a state government grant, is proving to be very useful for our class leaders at Silver Grove and members attending computer classes at our Forest Hill Computer Centre. We are most fortunate to have been able to replace almost all of our IT and AV equipment and most of our old equipment has now been made available to other U3As in our region. A special thank you to Bert Lopes and Lindsay Glen who took over the installation of most of the Silver Grove IT and AV hardware and who continue to provide ongoing training to class leaders on how best to utilise it.

Computer Centre

Both Class Leaders and members have been enjoying using the new equipment at our Computer Centre at Forest Hill, which relocated back to the first floor during the year after fire damaged the building in 2014. Many thanks to everyone involved in the move and the equipment changeover.

Computer Centre Convenor, Noelene McCulloch, who has co-ordinated our computer classes for many years, will be moving back to Ballarat in the near future and we thank her for her significant contribution to U3A and wish her well for the future.

Unfortunately, Noelene suffered bouts of ill health during the year and I would like to thank our other computer leaders for stepping up to help out during her absence.

Social Events

Our social activities during the year were thoroughly enjoyed by members. These activities included our annual Melbourne Cup Day function, two afternoon tea events and a trip to Darnum, plus two supper dances at Box Hill Town Hall, which were arranged by our Silver Grove Swing Band and our Silver Bell Jazz Band.

Our thanks to Ross Peacock and Elsie Mutton for co-ordinating the Melbourne

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Cup event and to the Social Committee team, led by Jenny Balshaw and Bev Clarke, for the tremendous work they do with planning, catering and decorating to make our events so successful. Thanks also to Annette Samuels who served for a number of years as Convenor and stepped down at the end of 2014.

Communications & Publicity

Our C&P Committee continues to enthusiastically fly the U3A Nunawading flag at community events within the City of Whitehorse and during Seniors Week in Melbourne through the co-ordination of performances and marquee displays. They are also responsible for our quarterly newsletter and I welcome Lyn Weston as editor.

Our thanks to Communications & Publicity Convenor, Valerie Donlon, and her small team of willing workers for all their efforts over the past year.

Office Volunteers

Many thanks to the more than 140 members who work on the front desk and whose contribution is essential to our organisation's efficient operations.

Our Office Volunteers are a great team of people who give up their time to answer queries from members and the public and they are adapting well to using the SMMS when assisting current and prospective members with enrolment and class inquiries.

Thanks to Elaine Forde for managing the roster and to Patricia Corral who looked after the role while Elaine was overseas.

25TH Anniversary

Celebrations are well under way for our 25th anniversary in October with Paulina Chong planning a great program of activities, including displays and performances, which will run over the three days, 6, 7 and 8 October, which coincide with Seniors Week.

Partnerships

We had a very successful Positive Ageing Expo in October last year in partnership with the City of Whitehorse. Thanks to Valerie Donlon, Elaine Forde and Patricia Corral for their work on this community activity.

Recently we have undertaken an intergenerational partnership with St Luke's Primary School at Blackburn South with a

Whitehorse Council-funded grant to teach old-fashioned recreational skills including knitting, drawing, craft and games. Thanks to Colleen Skinner, our Grants Officer, and her group of volunteers: Noela Winter, Denise McGennissen, Paul Makinson, Naomi Aitchison and Vicki Price.

Finally, who could forget our wonderful Flash Mob dancing in Box Hill Plaza as part of the City of Whitehorse's Elder Abuse Week. Congratulations to Paulina Chong and her Zumba group for putting on a delightful display.

Summer School

Around 1,000 members attended one or more of the 42 lectures and activities that formed the 2015 U3A Nunawading Summer School. This record attendance once again proved that members enjoy having activities to participate in over the long summer break and I am pleased to report that planning is well under way for January 2016 under the leadership of Lorraine Sterling.

A tremendous amount of work goes into creating the Summer School program and we all look forward to what the committee has in store for us next year. Many thanks go to Lorraine and her team for this great contribution to the U3A Nunawading calendar.

New Constitution

At the 2014 AGM, members voted to accept changes to our constitution, which was approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria in September. Many thanks to Barbara Worcester, Noela Winter and Lindsay Glen for their meticulous work on this document over the 12 months leading up to its adoption. U3A Nunawading's policies and position descriptions are currently being updated in line with our new constitution.

Community Award

Congratulations to Brian Nicholson on receiving a Deakin Community Award this year for his continuing contribution to U3A Nunawading through his work on our Committee of Management and Communications & Publicity Committee since 2004.

U3A Network Victoria

U3A Nunawading is actively involved in both Network Victoria activities and in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR). We are very proud that our own Elsie Mutton is the President of Network and that

Barbara Gardiner and Lindsay make a great contribution to its work. Lindsay Glen and Leo Sargent are also our representatives on the EMR, and most of their meetings are hosted at Nunawading.

Special Thanks

As this is my last Annual Report, I would particularly like to thank Noela Winter, our Secretary, who I have worked closely with over the past three years. We have both learned on the job and I thank her for her support. My thanks also to Vice President, Valerie Donlon, for standing in for me when I was away ill during the year and for continuing to take on some of my roles subsequently for that reason.

I would also like to thank Leo Sargent, Lindsay Glen and Elsie Mutton who are part of the original team that made U3A Nunawading what it is today, and Barbara Gardiner who assists Elsie in Course Administration. Their assistance, particularly in the early days, was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all who have contributed to U3A Nunawading in any way over my three years as President. I would also like to thank the City of Whitehorse for their ongoing support.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity of serving as your President - I have had a very interesting and rewarding time. The fact that I had not previously served on the Committee made my job even more challenging. Public speaking was definitely a challenge, and thanks to the help of people like Ken Clarke (who I am sad to say recently passed away) and our Public Speaking Class.

I am pleased to say that I managed to achieve some of the things that I set out to either do or change. I will be taking time out in 2016 to travel and I know that U3A Nunawading is looking forward to a very exciting time in 2016.

We are lucky to have new people coming on board and I am sure that U3A Nunawading is in good hands for the future. I encourage everyone to ask the question "What can I do for U3A?" as much as "What can U3A do for me?"

I will miss you all, and I wish our incoming Committee well.

Live Learn Enjoy
Annette Mason
Honorary President

Course Administrator's Report



Instructions will be available for how to renew your membership for 2016 early in Term 4.

If you have access to the Internet and have not as yet logged on and checked your details, especially your email address, go have a look. We would like to be sure that all member details are correct before we move into 2016.

If you do not have access to the Internet, do not panic. You will not be disadvantaged in any way. The Reception volunteers are there to help you.

Enjoy the 25-year celebrations. As you can see by the brochure advising of what activities are happening it will be a fun time to be at U3A Nunawading. If you have not

had the opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for the amazing quilt made by one of the Patchwork classes plus other treasures from the Felt making, Tatting, Needlework, Knitting and Art classes, tickets are available from the Reception volunteers at Silver Grove.

We say goodbye to Noelene McCulloch, Coordinator of the Computer Centre at Forest Hill. As well as being the Coordinator Noelene has led the genealogy online class for 15 years and been a member of the Committee of Management. Noelene and her husband have decided to have a tree change. Noelene will be missed and we wish her all the best and a big thank you for the time and expertise she has given to U3A over the last 18 years.

Barbara Gardiner will be taking over from Noelene in liaising with the computer leaders and organising the computer timetable. The other work that Noelene did in keeping the computers up and running will be taken over by Tony Widdows.

I am concerned at the number of computer classes we have had to cancel through lack of interest this year. If you have any ideas about what you might like to learn the computer area send me an email to emutton39@gmail.com.

It was interesting to see how many people turned up in the cold of winter to the Vic Super information session. There were

lots of questions from the audience and the representatives were able to give up-to-date information on the new rules regarding super and pensions. We will look at holding more of these one-off short sessions in the future.

New class Term 4

Yoga 3 with Leader Helen Garbutt. See full details under New Classes below. If you are on a waitlist for a Yoga class, this is your opportunity. Helen has been filling in for Souchine, Yoga 1 whilst she was on holidays. Welcome full time Helen.

Tortoise Trekking. Leader Judi Millar is adding to her list of walks.

Computer classes

The computer schedule for Term 4 is on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter.

You will see that we are running two iPad Beginners and two iPad Advanced classes for those who wish to use their iPad's maximum potential.

We are also reintroducing an Excel class. A number of people have asked for this to help them do spread sheets of their share portfolios etc.

Make sure you book in early, either online or at the Silver Grove Office.

Elsie Mutton

Course Administrator

New classes Term 4

Enrol online or fill in an orange form available at the reception desk for these classes.

15EXE029 Yoga 3

Monday 2.00 – 3.00

Venue: Coronella Activity Centre.

Leader: Helen Garbutt

If you are on the waiting list for one of our Yoga Classes now is your opportunity to commence in Term 4.

Helen is an experienced Yoga Leader and helped out whilst Souchine has been away.

15EXE030 Tortoise Trekking

Thursday 1.00 – 2.00

Venues: Details available from the Silver Grove office

Leader: Judi Miller

If you feel left out, cannot keep up with the usual walking groups, join the Tortoise Trekkers.

Each week members will visit a different venue and walk slowly for about an hour. Walking sticks are welcome. TTs must be able to walk for an hour but there will be stops along the way.

15HIS013 Comparative Religions

Friday 12.45 – 2.45

MPR

Leader: Albert Isaacs

Over the term there will be different speakers who will share their expertise with class members.

Subject matter will include the Jewish Diaspora, Victorian Council of Churches, Current situation for Christians Living in Iraq, I am a humanist, I am a Jew, The Virgin Birth of Mary: A comparison of the versions in the Gospel of Luke and the Qu'ran.

Financial Report Highlights 2014 -2015

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
INCOME	\$ 90,916	\$103,217	\$122,391	\$184,150*
EXPENSES	\$94,884	\$105,661	\$110,713	\$199,288*
Surplus/Deficit	\$3,968 Deficit	\$2,444 Deficit	\$11,678 Surplus	\$15,138 Deficit
Cash & Bank Accounts	\$69,101	\$67,099	\$78,007	\$62,816

* These figures include the \$85,000 State Government Grant income and expenditure

Our financial performance over the past 12 months to 30th June 2015 shows a net deficit of \$15,138. Cash and Bank Accounts totalled \$62,816, a decrease of \$15,138. Excluding the one-off \$85,000 State Government Grant and its associated IT Project expenditure, income decreased by 13% (net \$106,027) and expenses increased by 9% (net \$121,165).

Major Factors contributing to operating results

- Fees were not increased for 2015, membership remaining at \$50.00 with computer fees at \$20. The Committee of Management opted to use the 2013/14 Surplus to part-finance costs by using money from Cash and Bank Accounts.
- Whilst total membership fees collected increased by 7%, excluding the \$85,000 one-off grant, decreases from other grant sources, computer fees, bank interest and other income all contributed to the overall 13% income drop.
- A \$4,000.00 ACFE grant received after 30th June 2015.
- Budget variations associated with the SMMS roll-out, course administration and the IT Project.

Major Accounting Highlights

- June – Nov 2014 – participating

in the IT Project, managing timely accounts payments and seeking State Government re-imbursements, administered through the City of Whitehorse.

- December - Setting up our “Visa Load & Go” credit card – to enable foreign currency payments to suppliers stipulating credit card usage.
- March - Setting up our new PayPal account and “receiving” bank account –members and prospective members enrolling on-line can now pay membership and computer course fees, either through their personal PayPal account or by credit card.
- April - Incorporating SMMS financial features into accounting processes and practices.
- April – Modifying Front Desk money-handling procedures to accommodate SMMS changes and training Office Volunteers in their cash/cheque/EFTPOS receipting tasks and the new processing of member Tax Invoices.

Looking Ahead

- (a) We now have much more sophisticated audio visual equipment. With increased sophistication comes the likelihood

of higher maintenance costs. We also need to build our cash reserves over the next few years to be able to replace the equipment as it ages.

- (b) We need to make provision for the future re-location costs when we move to the former Nunawading Primary School site.

My thanks to Tom Wong for his invaluable and expert assistance in transitioning me into the Treasurer’s role since February. Our thanks to Tom Wong for his past 3 ½ years as a skilled, competent and hard-working Treasurer.

I also thank our accounting assistants: Bev Pringle (banking) – and Leo Sargent, too; Marianne Groh and Jan Reeves (data entry); and Beryl Rath (bookkeeper). In addition, thanks to our Office Volunteers for receipting all money (cash, cheques and EFTPOS) paid through the Front Office. I thank all for their much-appreciated assistance and also their willingness, receptiveness, suggestions and good humour in adapting to changed accounting procedures, particularly those associated with the April introduction SMMS. Also, thanks to Colleen Skinner who prepared our grant submissions.

Barbara Worcester
Honorary Treasurer

Bastille Day 2015

Thirty enthusiastic French students and some partners from the classes run by Ilsa, Judy and Elizabeth ventured to Belgrave to enjoy for the first time Le Voltaire, bistro français.

We were made most welcome by the excellent service provided by two charming French-speaking waitresses. The restaurant provided traditional French room and table decorations and, later, the group performed a rousing rendition of the Marseillaise.

Participants wore traditional tricolor cocardes or ribbons, including those made by Carmen and Karen and those crocheted by Margo, who generously distributed their wares to fellow guests.

The Bastille Day menu was praised by all. It included three Entrees: soupe à l'oignon gratinée, escargots de Bourgogne and terrine maison. Les Plats Principaux were coq au vin, poisson du jour et filet de porc Normande. Les Desserts were mouth-watering: crème brûlée, mousse au chocolat et îles flottantes, although one keen linguist noticed that the chef had changed the tempting meringue islands to one large meringue 'island' floating on a delicious custard.

Many thanks go to Kay for finding Le Voltaire as the new venue for our classes and to Ilsa for making all the arrangements for our lunch. All were unanimous in expressing their thanks to Ilsa for making Bastille Day 2015 such an enjoyable and friendly occasion.

Judy Gregory



COMPUTER CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Term 4, 2015

General Information -You must be a financial member of U3A Nunawading. Computer classes are held in the Computer Centre, Whitehorse Resource Centre, **Level 1**, 79 Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill.

Prerequisites: Carefully read the pre-requisites for all classes before enrolling. These are designed to ensure that you gain the maximum benefit from the class by having the experience necessary to attend. If you do not have the skills required, you make it very difficult for the Leader, for the other students in the class and yourself.

We use MS Windows 7 operating system and MS Office 2010, Internet Explorer plus Outlook 2010 for email. Unless otherwise indicated you will need to have these applications installed on your computer.

We do not teach Apple Macintosh computers. We provide PC desktop computers - please do not bring your Lap Top to class. However, you will be required to bring your Apple iPad to the relevant classes.

Where specified, a facility usage charge of \$20 per course must be paid to the Silver Grove Office before coming to the first session of the class.

CLASS TUTOR and START DATE	DESCRIPTION	DURATION, DAY and TIME
EXCEL FUNDAMENTALS 15COM401 Tutor: Graeme Hilson Starts 22 nd October	For those who want to learn the fundamental principles of how Excel works and for those who want to brush up on what they have forgotten. Whilst Excel is a useful tool for cataloguing such things as books, DVDs and photographs; managing your share portfolio; creating lists and planning travel, this course will focus on the mathematical capabilities of Excel.	6 weeks Thur 1.00 - 3.00
MOVING TO WINDOWS 8 AND BEYOND (A)15COM402 (B)15COM403 Tutor: Graeme Hilson (A) Held on 15 th October (B) Held on 3 rd December	Windows 8 and 8.1 are very different in some areas to Windows 7. Graeme will give a demonstration explaining these differences and what you can look forward to when you have a computer which uses this program. Prerequisites: As this is a demonstration only the class will not be using any computers. There is no charge for this lecture. As there is a great demand for this, Students should enrol in only one class.	One demonstration - (A) Thur 1.00 - 3.00 One demonstration - (B) Thur 1.00 – 3.00
CREATING A WEB SITE 15COM404 Tutor : Graeme Hilson Starts – 12 th October	A hands-on class on how to construct and develop a website using pre-configured designs and elements. Also includes how to publish it onto the internet. Prerequisites: Good computer operating skills. Must be experienced in navigating the Internet using an Internet browser, such as Internet Explorer. Ability to efficiently use keyboard & mouse. BYO memory stick (USB).	4 weeks Mon 10.00 – 12.00
INTERNET FOR SAVVY SENIORS 15COM405 Tutor: Poppy Fogarty Starts 13 th October	For those who want to understand the basics of logging into the Internet, creating a gmail account, sending and receiving an email, attaching photographs, security on the internet and how to make the best use of Google. Prerequisites: Bring your own Memory Stick (USB)	5 weeks Tues: 10.00 - 12.00

WORD 2010 BEGINNERS 15COM406 Tutor: Jean Saxby Starts – 15 th October	Introduction to Word Processing covering keyboard functions, use of tool bars and how to manage and save files and folders. Learn how to create a simple document, insert, delete and format text, bullet numbering etc, <u>Prerequisites:</u> Should have experience in using your computer and have ability to use keyboard and mouse. BYO memory stick.	5 weeks Thur 10.30 - 12.30
USING AN APPLE IPAD BEGINNERS (A) (B) 15COM407(A) Tony Widdows Starts 14 th October 15COM408(B) Michele Berner Starts – 12 th October	Get the most out of your Apple iPad. Explore its' built-in applications and thousands of third-party applications to make your iPad a practical and fun tool. Includes hints and tips using your iPad effectively. Not suitable for Android Tablets. <u>Prerequisites:</u> You must bring your own iPad or iPad Mini. You must have an Apple ID, and ensure your iPad's operating system is up to date. Check this in the Settings App / General / Software Update.	7 weeks (A)Wed 10.00 - 12.00 6 weeks (B) Mon 1.00 - 3.00
APPLE IPAD ADVANCED (A) 15COM409 Tutor: Michele Berner Starts – 16 th October	Make your iPad truly productive. Topics will be covered in more detail than the basic iPad course. Covers cloud storage, video calls, managing documents and files, getting DVDs and videos onto the iPad, streaming movies, airplay mirroring to your TV and using iPad accessories and much more. <u>Prerequisites:</u> You must bring your own iPad or iPad Mini. (Not suitable for an iPad 1) You must have an Apple ID and ensure that your iPad's operating system is up to date. Check this in Settings App/General/Software Update.	4 weeks Fri 10.00 – 12.00
IPAD ADVANCED (B) 15COM410 Tutor: Tony Widdows Starts 14 th October	For those who are familiar with their iPad already but want to explore more of its many possibilities to greater depth. This course will include topics such as cloud storage, managing files and documents, shopping and security, email tips and tricks, syncing your contacts, photo annotation, handwriting apps and how to take advantage of Microsoft's free apps for OneNote, WORD, Excel and PowerPoint and much more. The balance between topics will be adjusted at the start of the course according to the interest of participants. Time will be allotted in each session to address questions from participants. <u>Prerequisites:</u> You must be familiar with how to use your iPad, either from a Beginner course or by having equivalent knowledge. Bring your own iPad or iPad Mini (not suitable for an iPad 1) You must have an Apple ID and password and ensure that its Operating System (iOS) is up to date.	4 weeks Wed 1.00 - 3.00
GENEALOGY USING YOUR COMPUTER 15COM411 Tutor :Maureen Francis Starts - 23 rd October	A 'hands on' class in using a computer for research. Utilise the Internet to find and explore sites containing information which could branch out your family tree. Help is given with breaking down your brick walls and in using ancestry.com.au . . . <u>This is not a Beginners Class</u> <u>Class focuses on research in Australia and the UK.</u> <u>Prerequisites :</u> Experience in using the Internet, keyboard and mouse. BYO memory stick.	6 Weeks Fri – 1.00 – 3.00
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS (Q and A) Graeme Hilson	Have you forgotten something? Do you need a reminder? Do you need help? Computer questions answered. It is not necessary to enrol prior to attending No charge	First and Third Thursdays each month 3.00 – 4.00

Please read important notes concerning pre-requisites for each course to see if you have sufficient skills to attend your chosen class.

Nunawading Library Display

If you visited the Nunawading Library in July this year, you would have seen the U3A Nunawading craft display in the four glass cabinets that the library generously allow us to use for four weeks each year. I am sure you would have been impressed with the talent we have in our midst.

The Display included a fruit bat, a meerkat, an orangutan and a dragon, as well as berets and shawls, flowers and doilies, and much more.

These were lovingly created by the following classes: needlework, tatting, felt making, woolcraft, knitting and crochet.

A big thank you is extended to the craft classes and their leaders who contributed to the success of the U3A Craft Display at the Nunawading Library.

Jan Felstead



“95 AND NOT OUT!!”

Is there a member of U3A Nunawading older than our Jim Rowell? He is 95 and has been in our Writing Skills Class for three or more years. He writes a piece regularly and joined at his daughter's request to write down his Life at Sea in the Merchant Navy.

He is very fit and goes to Ballroom Dancing. This year, on Anzac Day, he marched down St Kilda Road to the Shrine of Remembrance – in the rain too!!

Last year he flew to Canada to holiday with his son. This year he is heading to England to see his daughter. He's our Wonder Boy!!

Dorothy Williams
(Writing Skills Class)



Deakin Community Award for Brian Nicholson



The 2015 Deakin Community Awards ceremony was held on 21 July at Aquinas College, Ringwood with our own Brian Nicholson being one of those honoured for their

selfless contribution to the community.

Brian, who has resided in Blackburn for many years, joined U3A Nunawading during the early 2000s and in addition to class activities has been heavily involved on a constant basis across a wide range of management and associated roles. Brian has also been involved in various activities and contributes significantly

to our development.

He has been an extremely active member of our Management Committee from 2004 to present and was convenor of our Communication and Publicity sub-committee for six years.

During a period of eight years Brian represented U3A Nunawading in liaising with the City of Whitehorse personnel in respect to annual community events that we contributed to or in which we were involved.

Brian has a cheerful and energetic approach to any commitment he makes, is generous with his time, enjoys working within a team environment, is very community-minded and highly respected by all with whom he comes in contact.

U3A Nunawading Photographs Non-participation

U3A Nunawading Inc. regularly photographs individuals and groups participating in classes and other activities. These images may be used on the Front Office TV, in the Newsletter or brochures, on the website and in other forms of publicity. The images are used only to promote U3A Nunawading Inc. and are not used for commercial purposes.

If you do not want photographic images of you to be used, please complete a 'Photographs Non-participation' form, which is available at Reception.

Intergenerational project and local schools

Our group of six volunteers begun the intergenerational program with the students at St. Luke's Primary School at the beginning of this term.

The project is called 'Old fashioned recreation' and involves the following people and activities: Paul Makinson for Drawing, Denise McGenneskin and Noela Winter for Knitting, Naomi Aitchison for games and myself for craft. Vicki Price will be back from holidays in August to take over some of the keen student knitters.

We had an orientation session in the last week of Term 2 which was a good opportunity for our team to meet Janette Clark, the Deputy Principal and wellbeing leader. She organised a tour of the school and we met some of the students in the library/resource centre where we will be working together on activities. Fortunately St. Luke's have indoor spaces that Janette can oversee, so we

don't have to work outdoors while a rostered yard duty teacher supervises us. A roster has been organised with everyone choosing the days that suit them best. We arrive in time to set up for a 1.20 pm start and finish up at 2.20pm. Janette has bought supplies for all of the volunteers and tubs to keep them in.

Everyone has now passed their 'Working with children' check.

Unfortunately, we had no volunteers for the Antonio Park Primary school veggie patch intergenerational program. I tried a notice in our last newsletter, Elaine Forde's contacts, and a former work colleague who is now involved with a community garden group, but no one was interested. I notified Assistant Principal Annette Hayes about the failure of my efforts to attract volunteers, and she acknowledged how difficult it can be from her own experience.

Colleen Skinner

U3A Nunawading Library

The Library was established when we were at the Central Road House and a substantial number of books were donated by the Gasking family. A small committee was formed to sort these and books which we thought would appeal to our members were catalogued and displayed for borrowing.

Just as everything was running smoothly, there was the big move to our current premises at Silver Grove. Books were again packed away ready for their new home.

At Silver Grove we use the compactus shelving system which enables our books to be displayed neatly and be easily accessible to borrowers.

The contents of the Library have also changed over the years. It is now stocked with mostly Fiction and a few Non-Fiction books.

There is also a large collection of Art appreciation books, which are really beautiful and deserve to be borrowed. Current Science magazines are donated regularly.

The majority of the books in our Library have been donated by members. We do have space for a few more but it is preferred that donations are in good condition, not too heavy and have a reasonable size print.

The Library is situated in the main office area so feel free to borrow as many books as you wish, but please remember to fill in your details in the exercise book.

Thank you to all members who have donated books. It is hoped you will continue to derive much pleasure from reading.

Liz Wilhelm



Come and celebrate our Silver Jubilee at Silver Grove

For three days from 6 – 8 October, we will be holding a showcase of activities at Silver Grove, Nunawading. There are no classes that week so come along and have some fun and bring your friends if you like. It's open house at U3A to celebrate our 25th birthday.

Tuesday 6 October



Public Speaking, Yoga, Tarot, Philosophy for Living, Asian Cookery, Chinese Performance, Photography, Mah Jong Eastern, Taiji Quan - Yang Style, Qi Gong, Tai Chi - Wu Style & Line Dancing, Patchwork, Crochet & Knitting.

Asian Flavours Lunch available for sale in the Seniors Hall.

Wednesday 7 October



Music Makers, Poetry for Pleasure, Japanese Performance, History of Religion, Choir, Chess, Badminton, Military History, Silver Bell Jazz Band, Golf, Art Exhibition, Needlework & Felt-making.

Light Lunch available for sale in the Seniors Hall

Afternoon Tea provided by U3A Nunawading Social Committee. Raffle drawn

Thursday 8 October

Greek Dancing, French Wine Tasting, French Performances, Line Dancing, Belly Dancing, Cryptic Crossword, Ballroom Dancing, French Display, Tatting

French Crepes & Coffee on sale all day



For further information, please refer to the separate brochure with timetable and venues for each event, which is included with this newsletter.

All of our 25 Year Jubilee activities are **FREE** and will take place in and around U3A Nunawading at 16 – 20 Silver Grove, Nunawading.



Whitehorse Spring Festival

Whitehorse City Council's Spring Festival is a free, fun-filled day that celebrates our diverse and talented community. It will be held on **Sunday 18 October from 10am - 4pm** on the Civic Centre Lawns, Nunawading.

U3A Nunawading's Line dancing, Belly dancing and Greek dancing groups will be performing and we will have an information marquee. So why not come along and support your U3A and celebrate our wonderful Whitehorse community?



Carnival of Learning

Victorian Seniors' Week kicks off with the Carnival of Learning at Federation Square on **Sunday 4 October**.

This year U3A is celebrating 30 years since first being established in Victoria and to mark this achievement many U3As will be taking part, including U3A Nunawading.

A highlight will be our own Silver Grove Swing Band opening the day with great music from the big band era.

Come along and enjoy a great day out and drop into our marquee down by the river and say hello.

U3A Victoria Network Conference



Nunawading had a number delegates attending the U3A Network Conference which was held at the Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne in August. Seen here with Elsie Mutton, U3A Network President (second from left) are Tom Wong, Valerie Donlon, Noela Winter and Barbara Gardiner.

Bushwalking Group



The bushwalking group has been to some diverse places this year. We began with a day at Kallista in the Dandenongs. Then there was Woolamai Beach at Phillip Island, Cranbourne Gardens and surrounds, Mount Ida at Heathcote, and a weekend at the Grampians where we were joined by some nordic walkers.

There were many requests for 'more please' and the You Yangs were to be our next adventure. Unfortunately, after Cheng had spent a day walking around the You Yangs plotting our walk, the weather turned against us and we had to content ourselves with a walk closer to home in remnant bush on little tracks around the Yarra River and the Merri Creek.

The You Yangs will have to wait for another day, but we will get there. Thank you to all the bushwalkers for supporting this group so nicely.

Judi Millar



Hollywood Film Afternoon

Nostalgia Plus! At Silver Grove on Saturday 25th July, a large crowd of U3A members and friends were treated to a feast of Hollywood movie music from 100 years of Hollywood's great films.

We were greeted by costumed 'Hollywood Lovelies' and escorted to our table after first being provided with liquid refreshments. The room was set up in cabaret style.

The Social Committee members are to be congratulated on a well-organized and slick operation.

Popcorn and ice creams appeared during

the afternoon, followed by a buffet afternoon tea served at the 'Hollywood Canteen'. Prizes were presented to Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart and Dame Edna Everage look-alikes.

Many thanks to Mr. Graham Haynes for sharing his collection and love of movie music and films that we had almost forgotten. A memorable afternoon.

As new U3A members this year, we are constantly amazed at all that is available in courses and learning and the enjoyment of meeting our fellow students.

Gwen and Ken McDonald



What?? A Flashmob??



It all began late last year when I had this wild idea to organise a Flashmob. I thought, wouldn't it be fun for members of U3A to have a go in

performing in public just out of the blue? And so Elsie put me in touch with Whitehorse Council and the opportunity for this idea to come into fruition was supposedly to be during the Illuminate Festival. However, due to unforeseen family circumstances and tight timeframe, this did not eventuate.

In February, Kim from Whitehorse Council approached U3A Nunawading for assistance in organising a Flashmob to be incorporated during the World Elder Abuse Awareness week in June. And that was the birth of U3A's first Flashmob.

"What's a Flashmob?", you ask. A Flashmob is a group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place and perform an unusual and seemingly pointless act for a brief time before quickly dispersing. They are often used for the purposes of entertainment, satire or artistic expression.

Special Zumba classes in preparation for the Flashmob were held in Term 2 for about 30 U3A members and videos of the choreography were made for those participants from Box Hill Chinese Senior Citizens Club, Whitehorse Council and friends who were unable to attend the classes, to practise at home. We had six weeks of practices to put it all together for the performance.

The date for this event was on June 13 and we had perfect weather to do our bit at Box Hill Mall. The excited participants, about 50 of them all dressed in hues of purple, professional video crew on board,

music sound system which provided the atmosphere and the audience enjoyed it so much that they were waiting for more. One dance was all we had and it was enough to capture the audience. The Whitehorse Mayor, Andrew Monroe, was pleased to have been in attendance and he was most delighted that an encore performance was to be had the following week at the Council office just before an Eastern Elder Abuse Network Meeting with delegates from across the region.

I wish to thank all the participants for their dedication and enthusiasm in making this such a success. And most of all, it was so delightful to see that they all had fun along the way.



To see the Flashmob video, please go to YouTube website and search for 'Whitehorse Elder Abuse Awareness' then click on the first picture to view.

U3A NUNAWADING MILITARY HISTORY GROUP

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To read the newsletter please go to the U3A Nunawading website or click on the link: <http://www.u3anunawading.com.au/newsletters/newsletters-military-history>

My Retirement

by Carl Di Giovine, U3A Writing Class member

Thanks for coming Bill. Can you help me with an important decision?

Sure thing Peter. Happy to help. What's on your mind?

We've known each other since school and I've always admired the way you've settled into retirement so easily.

Yeah, best decision I've ever made. Keep myself busy. Being a senior manager at the old accounting firm was pretty hectic, didn't have much time for anything else then.

I know about that. I'm contemplating retirement too. As you know, being a senior sales consultant in the motor industry keeps me very busy and that's what scares me the most. What the hell will I do with all that spare time I'll have.

Everybody retires at some time, Pete. The trick is to get involved.

With what, Bill, with what?

I've always wanted to write. Can't say that I'm good at it but it's something I'd like to do. I've enrolled in a course that teaches some of the basics, so now I can least put a story together. I have a passion for photography. As you know, the photos of my overseas trips aren't exactly fantastic, so I'm taking photography lessons to help me take better photos.

Don't these courses cost a lot of money? They can Pete, but have you heard of U3A?

U3A? What's that?

University of the Third Age. It's a group of like-minded people sharing their knowledge and skills. They conduct courses on just about anything and they're free. I'm sure there will be something there for you.

Sounds interesting. Definitely look into that! I like to write too, Bill, maybe we can collaborate on a book.

What it's called again? U3....? U3A, Pete, U3A. University of the Third Age.

Thanks Bill. I just might enjoy retirement more than I thought possible.

YOUR COMMITTEE for 2015/2016

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TERM DATES 2015

Terms	Commences	Ends	Weeks	Public Holidays
1	2 February	27 March	8	Labour Day 9 March
2	20 April	26 June	10	Anzac Day 25 April Queen's Birthday 8 June
3	13 July	18 September	10	
4	12 October	4 December	8	Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 3 November (no classes on Monday 2 Nov)

KEY DATES TERM 4, 2015

Celebration Day, Victorian Seniors' Festival	Sunday 4 October
U3A Nunawading 25-Year Silver Jubilee at Silver Grove	Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October
Whitehorse Spring Festival	Sunday 18 October
Melbourne Cup Day Function	Tuesday 3 November
Office Volunteers' Function	Monday 7 December
Leaders' Function	Thursday 10 December

Office Hours

During term Office Volunteers are on duty at our Silver Grove office from Monday to Friday 9.30am – 3.00pm. The office is closed during term breaks and on public holidays.

Contributions please!

We love to receive items for the Newsletter from Members and encourage you to consider writing a Letter to the Editor or a short article (100 to 300 words) about your involvement with U3A.

Articles should be submitted as Word documents and photos as jpeg files and emailed to admin@u3anunawading.org.au.

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