

Summer School 2016

A great time – even “fun and games” -- was had by all those who attended this year’s Summer School.

Some enjoyed excursions to the Arts Centre, Islamic Museum of Australia, the Melbourne Heritage Walk, and Government House and Latrobe’s Cottage, whilst others went physical with archery, zumba, salsa, west coast rock, belly dancing, Qiqong and exercise to music being offered.

We were fortunate to have some wonderful speakers from outside organisations who spoke on plants and gardening; downsizing your home; Jane Austen; Antarctica; learning about wills and power of attorney matters; family history writing; maths; and weather maps.

Once again many of our in-house leaders offered their time and expertise to provide classes in their own specialities or something a little bit different.

These activities included embroidery, ancient Egyptian history, philosophy, climate change, tarot, controversy, Dickens, French films, drawing, cryptic crosswords, card games, coffee and chat, making a family tree, learning about the Kulin nation, art in the 17th century, healthy mind, New Guinea and China, military history, gold deposits and a fun trivia quiz. Thank you from all of us to these special people. There were more than 900 attendances at these activities and many smiling faces coming out of classes and returning from trips.

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Summer



School committee who so ably worked over many months to make Summer School happen. Thank you to Elsie, Barbara G, and (from left) Trish Leary, Margaret Lee,

Susan Tydeman, and (far right) Maureen O'Sullivan.

Lorraine Sterling
Summer School Convenor

EDITOR'S NOTE

Newsletter distribution: members should take particular note of the final couple of paragraphs of the President's message in this newsletter. To reinforce the unanimous decision of your committee of management, this newsletter is the last to be mailed out to members. The cost of the newsletters, through increased postage charges, has become prohibitive, as the financial report at the last AGM disclosed.

The next newsletter, due in June, will be loaded online while members will be emailed with that advice. A member without email can get their hard copy from the front desk at Silver Grove, where a relevant list will be kept.

Live, learn, enjoy!

Message from the President



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2016 and to our new Editor, David Cullen, who is very familiar with the publication, having been its proofreader for the past three years. Thank you, David, for taking on this very important communications role within U3A Nunawading.

New Enrolment System

First of all, congratulations to you, our members, for embracing our online system now known as U-MAS (U3A Membership Administration System), which really came into its own with the 2016 enrolment process. About 40% of you enrolled online, with about three-quarters of those using the PayPal facility and the balance coming into the office to pay.

Thanks for your patience to those members who came into Silver Grove on the first couple of days of the enrolment period. We were a bit crowded in the front office but this will be resolved next time around. Also, as more and more of you get to understand how the system works, we are confident you will choose the convenience of enrolling online. The best aspect of U-MAS for everyone, though, is that you can see immediately if there are vacancies in a particular class.

A huge amount of work, by far too many people to name here, went into establishing the online system at Nunawading, from when it was agreed by the Committee of Management to adopt it and the system's going live last April to a full test of its functionality during the 2016 enrolment period. So thanks to everyone who contributed to its success, but particularly to Systems Administrator Andrew Lockwood;

Course Administrator Elsie Mutton, and Treasurer Barbara Worcester.

Summer School

This year's Summer School was another great success and my thanks go to Convenor Lorraine Sterling and Summer School Committee members Margarete Lee, Susan Tydeman, Trish Leary, Maureen O'Sullivan and Barbara Gardiner for arranging another great two weeks of summer entertainment. Thanks also to the class leaders and volunteers who gave up their holiday time to help make it all run so smoothly.

This annual event, which is now a fixture in the U3A Nunawading calendar, is another reason why we have such a rich and positive culture. Our members are very appreciative of just how much effort goes into our Summer School each year for their benefit.

Office Volunteer Coordinator changes

Having done a great job for the previous three years, Elaine Forde stepped down as Office Volunteer Coordinator at the end of last year. David Cullen very kindly agreed to take over the role from Elaine and put in many hours of work bringing together the roster for the first two terms of 2016. However, with David now taking over as Newsletter Editor, Lorraine Sterling has assumed the key role of ensuring there are always sufficient well-trained volunteers to assist members at the Front Desk.

On behalf of everyone at U3A Nunawading, thanks to Elaine, David and Lorraine and the more-than 60 members who have volunteered their time to keep this key function of the organisation running smoothly.

Social Committee

The committee met early in the term and is busy planning a delightful program of events for 2016. As Term 1 is too short to arrange any functions before the Easter holidays, stay tuned for announcements of their first activity for the year.

Melbourne Cup

Our 2015 Melbourne Cup luncheon was another highlight of our social calendar and one which many of us look forward to every

year (even if we do have to recycle our old hats or borrow a friend's). Ross Peacock and Elsie Mutton do a great job of bringing Flemington to Nunawading; the Social Committee creates a fantastic atmosphere and feeds us extremely well. Many thanks to you all for this great gift of your time and talent to make it such a success: it is very much appreciated by all who are lucky enough to attend.

New Premises

As most members know, we anticipate moving into our new home at the Community Hub (to be built on the site of the former Nunawading Primary School) in approximately three years. Whitehorse Council has recently appointed a project manager from within its own staff and U3A Nunawading will work hard to ensure our future needs are well understood by the planners. As the largest volunteer organisation within the City of Whitehorse, we have a very good relationship with Councillors and Council Officers, and we look forward to fruitful discussions with them over the coming months.

Future Newsletters

This is the last newsletter that will be mailed to all members. Increases in the cost of postage and much slower delivery times mean that it is no longer viable for us to print and post 2000 newsletters, four times a year.

For newsletters from June 2016 on we will email you to advise that a new edition of the newsletter is available to read online. The benefit of reading this publication on your computer is that in full colour the photos look great. A list of members who do not have email will be kept at the Front Desk and copies will be available for them to collect.

I hope you are enjoying your classes and I look forward to catching up with you around Silver Grove in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any issues to do with U3A that you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me by leaving a note in my pigeonhole or emailing president@u3anunawading.org.au.

Live Learn Enjoy
Valerie Donlon
President

Course Administrator's Report



Enrolments: congratulations to all members for embracing the new online membership system. Many of you followed the instructions and had no problems, some got as far as selecting their courses and forgot the final step of confirming, and others came to the office for assistance.

Spam/Junk Mail: when there is an alteration to your membership or we need to contact you, and you have listed an email address, an automatic message is sent to you. If you have a high security setting on your computer or your computer is set to dump bulk emails, you may miss the message. Please check your spam/junk email folder weekly just to make sure there is no message from U3A.

Waitlists: when you enrolled either online or at the office you were advised of the status of your enrolment. Please do not attend a course if you have been advised you are on a waitlist. You will be notified if a place becomes available.

Changes to your choice of course: as is usual in Term 1, a number of members have applied to do extra courses and have withdrawn from other courses. Remember that if you have access to the internet, you do not need to fill in an orange form to apply for another class. You can log on using your membership number and password. Go to the link 'VIEW or SELECT COURSES', find the course you are interested in (if it is

blue you will be waitlisted), tick this box, confirm, then read the message which will advise if you are waitlisted or accepted. If you do not have access to the internet, you can come to the office and this process will be done for you. If you wish to withdraw from a class, you can send an email or come to the office to fill in an orange form; that withdrawal cannot be done online.

Name Badges: new members, and members who have asked for a replacement badge, can collect them from the office. Remember, you MUST wear your U3A Nunawading badge whilst attending courses or activities with U3A.

Computer Courses: the computer course schedule for Term 2 is located in the body of this newsletter. If you are enrolling in a computer course, please do not pay the \$20 fee until you are advised that you have been accepted.

Car Parking: this year, car parking is proving to be a real challenge. The Committee of Management and Centre Manager, Melinda, are aware of the problem, but, unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about it. The bylaws officer is around checking cars on most days, so please be aware. Do not park in areas that are marked 'permit parking', e.g. Meals on Wheels area. Make sure you check the time allocation. If you are fined, unfortunately we cannot do anything about it. On Mondays there are up to 715 members attending classes; on Tuesdays, 678; Wednesdays, 732; Thursdays, 630; and Fridays, 367. Is it any wonder the car park is nearly always full?

Play reading course. for a number of years U3A Nunawading held a play reading course. On the leader's retirement the course was cancelled. If anyone is interested in restarting this course, please let me know. We have a number of sets of plays and, if necessary, access to the Melbourne Drama league.

German social group. a member of the German language classes, Jenny Graham, is looking for any other members who may be interested in meeting up on a social

occasion. You do not need to be a member of any of the German classes but if you speak German, or just have an interest in Germany, you are welcome to come along. The plan is to have outings to movies, dining out and other excursions with a German flavour, most probably one per term. If you are interested, please leave a message at the office or email emutton39@gmail.com and I will pass the message on to Jenny.

New Leaders: Welcome new leader Helen Smith who will be working in the computer area and to Patrick Kan, Chinese Calligraphy.

New Class Term 2: See page 6 for details.

Vale

Trish Johnson

U3A Nunawading received the sad news that one of our leaders, Patricia (Trish) Johnson, passed away in February.

Trish was the leader of the Patchwork 3 class and was instrumental in leading the class to complete the 2015 quilt raffle. The members of this class have formed a great friendship group, which was mainly due to Trish's outlook on life and the ready smile that greeted everyone.

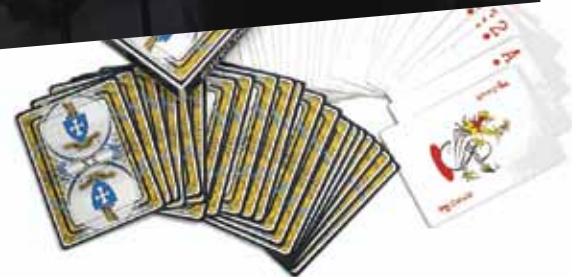
Trish gave of her time and expertise generously and will be remembered and missed by her class members and the U3A family.

Peter Sharpin

It was also sad to hear of the death of Peter Sharpin. Peter was a long time member of U3A Nunawading and leader of the first Global Warming class. Peter had been unwell for some time and was missed around U3A, especially in the Climate Change class. Our thoughts are with Peter's family, especially his wife Margaret.

*Remember: Live Learn Enjoy with U3A
Nunawading
Elsie Mutton
Course Administrator*

Summer School Activities



Summer School Reports

Islamic Museum visit

With the temperature forecast of 41 degrees, I and 20 other U3A members braved the heat and went to this most incredible museum, which, fortunately, was airconditioned. It is the first Islamic museum to be opened in Australia; it has been set up to reflect the cultural, religious and social environment of the Muslim civilisation over the centuries.

We were warmly welcomed when we arrived, and were then split into two groups with fantastic guides to show and educate us about the art, the architecture and the history of Islam.



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The photographs of Mosques around the world were brilliant, but the highlight in my opinion was the Jewelled Peacock, a handcrafted mosaic with art glass created by Anisa Sharif, a Melbourne-based artist who developed a passion for mosaics when visiting mosques on her travels. There was so much to see and absorb that a second visit is a must. Thanks to Maureen O'Sullivan for organising this amazing, insightful and educational excursion.

Mary Fenelon



Melbourne heritage walk – hidden treasures

Weather-wise, the Gods were shining on us for our day of sightseeing in the most liveable city in the world – “our city”, Melbourne.

We were met at Federation Square by not one, but two MCC guides, Keith and Kevin, who swiftly divided us into two groups of about 10 each so that we did not miss a thing.

I cannot elaborate on what we ‘discovered’, as the tour was titled “Hidden treasures”. But I will say that we saw places that I did not know existed.

Needless to say, everyone appeared to enjoy the tour, with our many questions being expertly answered.

I thoroughly recommend the experience. Thanks very much to the U3A Summer School for organising the activity.

Colleen Paterson



Summer School Reports(Cont.)

Arts Centre Tour

On Tuesday, 19 January at 11.00 a.m., 16 members of U3A Nunawading met in the foyer of the Arts Centre, some taking advantage of a quick look at the free *Making of Midnight Oil* exhibition in Gallery 1. The **Arts Centre Melbourne**, originally known as the **Victorian Arts Centre** and briefly officially called **The Arts Centre**, is a performing arts centre consisting of a complex of theatres and concert halls.

Our tour leader, Meg, shepherded us into a very large lift and took us up one floor to an open area with gold columns and a grand piano. Here she explained that the architect Roy Grounds' original concept had been for eight underground levels, but owing to water seepage and a sandy base, the design was revised to five underground and three above. The problems with the damp were resolved by a complex system of stabilising the bedrock by "freezing" it, as well as installing pipes and pumps at the lowest point. The master plan for the complex (along with the National Gallery of Victoria) was approved in 1960 and construction began in 1973, following some delays. The complex opened in stages, with Hamer Hall opening in 1982 and the Theatres Building opening in 1984.

The original spire was 115 metres high but unfortunately the cockatoos ate most of the lights; it was decided to amend and replace the spire with the current one which stands at 162 metres. The spire is illuminated with some 6600 metres of optic fibre tubing, 150 metres of neon tubing on the mast, and 14,000 incandescent lamps on the spire's skirt. The golden "frill" that surrounds it is representative of a ballet tutu.

The interiors of all the theatres were designed by a talented Australian, John Truscott, resulting in an opulent style of colours and effects. The sound engineers were very forward-thinking, creating baffles in the shape of discs in the theatres to maximise the performances wherever patrons sat. The original ones have recently been replaced and modernised.

Meg took us back down to ground level 06, along one of the galleries which has changing exhibitions and out along St Kilda Road to Hamer Hall (named after Sir Rupert Hamer, who was then Minister for the Arts, later to become Premier of Victoria), which was originally named the Melbourne Concert Hall. The newly refurbished main entrance has glittering stalactite lights (covered in Swarovski crystals) which can

change colours. When they were first installed, some of the crystals dropped off, giving the lucky person who caught them even more for their money!

In this theatre there are 2500 seats; these recently replaced ones with armrests and in order to improve the sound at different levels (stalls to circle) the wooden backs are different heights. The walls were painted to give a "weathered" effect and the colours were very muted. The original red carpets have been replaced with an aubergine shade; all the foyers look elegant and spacious.

Meg then took us back to the theatre complex, and we went down one level to the Playhouse, which houses 800-plus seats. Here stage hands were busy setting up for the production of *Pennsylvania Avenue* so we crept in and out so as not to disturb the workers. We learned that this theatre has a "vomitory" - apparently this is not where the cast go when they are a bit queasy but is, in fact, a secret tunnel—that is, an opening to allow people to enter or leave but not be seen - but it is never used as there are wings and a proscenium arch. This theatre is a training facility and therefore it is a manual venue for the use of ropes, etc. The walls here were reminiscent of the colours around Uluru and the foyers house the first-ever collection of indigenous art in a public building.

One of our members asked about the superstition of not whistling in a theatre. Apparently in times gone by, seamen used to set up equipment to make some extra money when they were in port and whistled while they worked; however, they would often drop things such as lights, so it became synonymous with bad luck. We also asked about the expression "break a leg" when someone goes on stage - apparently it means just that, the leg passing the wings and onto the stage, but somehow it became a superstition and no-one ever says "Good Luck".

Our next stop was the State Theatre, with more than 2000 seats and an additional room for disabled patrons at the higher levels. Meg told us that it is the largest theatre in Australia and the second-largest in the world, the biggest being in Berlin. Its crowning glory is, of course, the magnificent red curtain with its emblem, which was sewn on after it was made.

The stage is an inverted T-shape and is 45 x 35 metres. To one side of the stage is a huge door which hides a scissor lift.

When equipment is being brought in the trucks arrive at street level and then it all descends to level 2.

Above the stage is a huge gantry with moveable lighting. When it was installed there were 95,000 "glass" cups but once the fire restrictions were in place, it was realised that any sprinkler system would fill the cups with water and the whole thing might come crashing down. The solution was that 13 holes were drilled into EACH cup by hand!

Finally, Meg escorted us back to level 6 and the Vic Restaurant, where a basket lunch awaited. We all enjoyed the tour immensely and can thoroughly recommend it to anyone wanting to know more about our Arts Complex.

Thanks, too, from all of us to Lorraine Sterling and her assistants for their excellent organisation of the 2016 Summer School Program.

Karen Postill

New Class Term 2 Chinese Calligraphy

This is a five session introductory course into Chinese Calligraphy. The focus is on the techniques of using the Chinese brush, the composition of the Chinese characters and the layout of calligraphic work. The compulsory material for the course includes the ink stone, the ink, two Chinese brushes, and 16 pieces of Chinese Calligraphic paper. The cost for this material is \$28.00. This cost will need to be paid to the office in the first week of term 2, prior to the course commencing.

Code. 16CRA001
CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Tuesday 2.45 – 3.45.
Weekly for 5 weeks

Room 5 – upstairs

Leader Patrick Kan

U3A Nunawading Inc.

Term 2, 2016

Computer Class Descriptions

16COM202 WHAT'S NEW IN WINDOWS 10 (A)

11th April to 9th May (4 weeks)

Monday 10.00 to 12.00

Graeme Hilson

16COM204 WHAT'S NEW IN WINDOWS 10 (B)

16th May to 6th June (4 weeks)

Monday 10.00 to 12.00

Graeme Hilson

16COM206 WHAT'S NEW IN WINDOWS 10 (C)

26th May to 16th June (4 weeks)

Thursday 1.00 to 3.00

Graeme Hilson

Windows 10 Operating System is here and is now supplied with new computers as well as being offered to all PC users on earlier Operating Systems. This class will bring you up to speed, whether you are new to computers or have used the older versions of Windows. The good news is that it is not difficult to learn and by the end of this course you will regard Windows 10 as a familiar friend.

PREREQUISITES: Should be experienced in using a computer and have good keyboard and mouse skills. **BYO (USB) memory stick**

16COM208 EXCEL FUNDAMENTALS

14th April to 19th May (6 weeks)

Thursday 1.00 to 3.00

Graeme Hilson

Would you like to learn the fundamental principles of Excel or brush-up on what you have forgotten? Whilst Excel is a useful tool for cataloguing such things as books, DVDs and photographs, managing a share portfolio, creating lists and planning travel, this course will focus on the mathematical capabilities of Excel.

PREREQUISITES: Should be experienced in using a computer and have good keyboard and mouse skills. **BYO (USB) memory stick**

16COM210 WORD 2013 Beginners (A)

11th April to 23rd May (6 weeks)

Monday 1.00 to 3.00

Wayne Henry

An introduction to Word Processing using Microsoft Office 2013. As well as learning keyboard functions, the use of tool bars and how to manage and save files and folders, you will also learn how to create a simple document, insert, delete and format text and bullet numbering.

PREREQUISITES: Should be experienced using a computer and have good keyboard and mouse skills. **BYO (USB) memory stick.**

16COM212 WORD 2013 Advanced (B)

30th May to 26th June (3 weeks)

Monday 1.00 to 3.00

Wayne Henry

Following on from the Beginners class, students will build on the basics they have already learned and discover even more of the capabilities of Word 2013. This will include: using Templates and Styles, Inserting Tables and Pictures into documents, creating newspaper style columns, using mail merge to create personalized letters and mailing labels. Using Outline view to create longer documents such as those with chapters and sub-headings.

PREREQUISITES: Students should have completed a Beginners class or have the equivalent skills to manage the more advanced capabilities of Word 2013. **BYO (USB) memory stick.**

16COM214 INTERNET FOR BEGINNERS

19th May to 9th June (4 weeks)

Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Jean Saxby

Finding your way into and around the Internet is easy – once you learn how. This class is for those who have the right equipment but just need the knowledge to “surf the net”.

PREREQUISITES: Should be experienced in using a computer and have good keyboard and mouse skills. **BYO (USB) memory stick.**

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Computer Class Descriptions (cont)

16COM216 RESEARCHING SHARES ON THE INTERNET EXPERIENCED

13th April to 18th May (6 weeks)

Wednesday 10.00 to 12.00

Eric Kratzer

This is a continuation of the Beginners class to provide a more in-depth look at how to research shares and become more confident in using the tools to aid decision-making.

PREREQUISITES: Participants should have completed the Beginners class or have the equivalent experience.

16COM218 RESEARCHING SHARES ON THE INTERNET BEGINNERS

25th May to 15th June (4 weeks)

Wednesday 10.00 to 12.00

Eric Kratzer

Hands-on for **Beginners**. Learn to research, find important Company data, interpret charts & the difference between fundamental & technical interpretation. Use a charting program to monitor your share trading. Does not include financial advice or recommendations for investing your savings.

PREREQUISITES: Ability to efficiently use keyboard & mouse, experience in using the Internet and a working knowledge of Excel would be an advantage

16COM220 iPad for BEGINNERS (A)

13th April to 25th May (7 weeks)

Wednesday 1.00 to 3.00

Tony Widdows

16COM222 iPad for BEGINNERS (B)

12th April to 10th May (5 weeks)

Tuesday 10.00 to 12.00

Poppy Fogarty

16COM224 iPad for BEGINNERS (C)

17th May to 14th June (5 weeks)

Tuesday 10.00 to 3.00

Poppy Fogarty

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 on using your iPad effectively. **Not suitable for Android Tablets**

PREREQUISITES: Please bring your own iPad or iPad Mini. You must have an Apple ID and ensure that your iPad's operating system is up to date. Check this in the Settings App/General/Software Update.

16COM226 iPad ADVANCED

14th April to 5th May (4 weeks)

Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Tony Widdows

For those who are familiar with their iPad already but want to explore more of its many possibilities to greater depth. The 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, 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.

PREREQUISITES: Students should have completed a Beginners class or have the equivalent skills. Bring your own iPad or iPad Mini. (Not suitable for an iPad 1). You must have an Apple ID and password and ensure that the operating system (iOS) is up to date.

16COM228 1st STEPS WITH YOUR APPLE IPHONE (A)

12th April to 10th May (5 weeks)

Tuesday 1.00 To 3.00

Helen Smith

16COM230 1st STEPS WITH YOUR APPLE IPHONE (B)

17th May to 14th June (5 weeks)

Tuesday 1.00 to 3.00

Helen Smith

Make your iPhone a practical and fun tool. Learn how to use mail, messaging, the keyboard, Safari, contacts and other inbuilt applications. Tweak the settings to personalize your phone to your own style of working. Explore some of the extensive range of third party applications that can make your iPhone an indispensable tool and a source of fun as well.

PREREQUISITES: Suitable for any iPhone running the latest operating system. You must have an Apple ID and password and ensure your iPhone's operating system is up to date. Check this in the Settings App/General/Software Update.

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Computer Class Descriptions (cont)

16COM234 GENEALOGY – EXPERIENCED (A)

15th April to 20th May (6 weeks)

Friday 1.00 to 3.00

Maureen Francis with Graeme Davis

This is a continuation of Term 1 Beginners Genealogy. The class will delve even further into the past and use the internet to find and explore sites containing relevant information to branch out the family tree.

This class is for those who are Advanced in their research. Please bring a USB (memory) stick.

16COM236 GENEALOGY FOR THE BEGINNER (B)

27th May to 24th June (5 weeks)

Friday 1.00 to 3.00

Maureen Francis with Graeme Davis

Learn which are the most informative sources for seeking your family members. There will be an introduction to www.ancestry.com.au **Please bring a USB (memory) stick**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (Q&A)

1st& 3rd Thursday of the Month

Thursday 3.00 to 4.00

Graeme Hilson

Have you forgotten something? Do you need a reminder? Do you need help? Computer questions answered .It is not necessary to enroll prior to attending.

DEMONSTRATION & DISCUSSION SESSIONS – NO CHARGE

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16COM238 Friday 15th April

Friday 10.00 to 12.00

Michele Berner

16COM240 Friday 22nd April

Friday 10.00 to 12.00

Michele Berner

16COM242 Friday 29th April

Friday 10.00 to 12.00

Michele Berner

16COM244 Friday 6th May

Friday 10.00 to 12.00

Michele Berner

Come and learn about the latest photo management tool – Google Photos. A photograph and video sharing and storage service by Google. All your photos are organized, easy to find, backed up safely and automatically labelled. It works with all electronic devices.

PREREQUISITES: Bring your iPad, Mini iPad or use the PCs in the Computer Centre. You must have reasonable keyboard and mouse skills and be familiar with Google and the internet.

16COM248 CHOOSING A COMPUTER, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE

15th June

Wednesday 10.00 to 12.00

Tony Widdows

What are the differences between Microsoft, Apple and Google? Should you buy a computer, laptop or tablet and which smartphone would best suit your needs? Will they all work together?

16COM250 THE CLOUDS ARE GATHERING

21st June

Tuesday 10.00 to 12.00

Tony Widdows

What is this thing called the Cloud and how can you use it to store your data, photos and videos – for free! Learn about Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, iCloud and the rest. Will include a practical demonstration of their uses with a PC and other devices.

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Computer Class Descriptions (cont)

16COM252 HOW AND WHY TO CREATE SAFE & MEMORABLE PASSWORDS

21st June

Tuesday 1.00 to 3.00

Helen Smith

Every website you sign up to requires a password, whether you connect using your phone, tablet or computer. You know that you should use a different password for each but it's so hard to think of good passwords and even harder to remember them! This session will help you appreciate the risks involved with poor passwords and give you some strategies for creating safe and memorable ones without too much effort.

PREREQUISITES: Suitable for everyone who connects online by computer, iPhone, iPad, Android phone and Android tablet.

16COM254 GETTING AROUND ON LINE – Safety, Security and Privacy

22nd June

Wednesday 1.00 to 3.00

Helen Smith

How do you find information on the internet? What is the best browser? Firefox, Safari, Chrome, Internet Explorer, Android versus iOS? How do you enhance your browser with add-ons and extensions? Topics covered include: PayPal versus credit and debit cards. How do you stay safe on the internet? Phishing and hacking scams, malware and adware. Password managers and how they can help protect you online.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Enrolling and paying: If you are a financial member of U3A Nunawading, you can enroll online by logging into our website: www.u3anunawading.com.au using your member number and password. Once you have logged in, go to 'courses' and tick the class you wish to attend (and don't forget to click on 'Confirm Courses' at the bottom of the page).

If there is a vacancy, you will be accepted into the class immediately; you can pay - if applicable - the \$20 per course either online or print out 2 copies of the invoice and bring them into the Silver Grove office and pay at the front desk.

If you wish to join a class that is showing as full (i.e. marked in blue), you will be placed on a waiting list. Please do not pay until you have been advised that you are accepted into the class.

If you do not wish to enroll online, you can come into the Silver Grove office and book and pay in person.

Venue: Computer classes are held in the Computer Centre, Whitehorse Resource Centre, Level 1, 79 Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill. Please note that where indicated, a facility charge of \$20 is payable at the Silver Grove office prior to commencing the first session of your class.

Prerequisites: To ensure that your participation in any of the compute classes is an enjoyable and informative experience, it is important that you meet the requirements of your choice of class. Please read them carefully.

The operating system we use is MS Windows 10. We use MS Office 2013, Microsoft Edge (Windows 10 version of Internet Explorer) plus Outlook 2013 for email. To gain the most out of our computer classes it would be to your benefit to have these applications installed on your computer.

We do not teach Apple Mac computers. We provide PC desktop computers - please do not bring your laptop to class unless requested by your class leader. However, you will need to bring Apple iPad to the relevant class.

More Summer School Activities



French Film



**Trivia
Night**



Zumba

Class Leaders' Lunch 2015

In November about 120 class leaders and key volunteers enjoyed an early Christmas lunch at the Box Hill Town Hall to mark the end of the U3A Nunawading year. City of Whitehorse Mayor Cr Philip Daw attended and spoke briefly about council's redevelopment of the Nunawading Primary School site.

'Retiring' class leaders and key volunteers were presented with small gifts in appreciation of their contribution to our U3A. The lunch is held each year to thank the people who volunteer so much time to lead classes and help create our wonderfully diverse programs. All of our class leaders are volunteers and are drawn from within the membership and local community.

Each year a few new leaders step up to take over existing classes or to offer new classes, and a few take a year off either to travel or pursue other interests, while some, regrettably, have to give it away due to ill-health or to care for other family members.

Fortunately we find many of our members are prepared to step up and take on the roles of class leaders when the opportunity arises. It is the lack of additional classrooms which restricts the number of classes we can offer, rather than any shortage of leaders .



Office Volunteers

Just prior to Christmas members of the Committee of Management hosted about 60 office volunteers at an afternoon tea, to say 'thank you' for their contribution to the efficient running of our U3A.

At the function President Valerie Donlon made a presentation to Elaine Forde in appreciation of her three years as the Office Volunteers Coordinator.

The Office Vols, as they are affectionately known, came together at the Coronella Activity Centre to enjoy a Devonshire Tea and a catch-up chat.

Some have worked on the front desk for years and over that time have seen lots of changes in the way we do things as we have adopted modern office processes, the most recent having been the introduction of an eftpos machine, and a laptop computer to enable office volunteers to search class availabilities.

Our front desk volunteers have adapted extremely well to the changes we have introduced as U3A Nunawading has grown from an organisation of a couple of hundred to one of almost 2000 members.

Without the office vols we simply could not offer our members such a high level of assistance and support throughout the entire day; and we are delighted to see another group of volunteers stepping up this year to join the roster.

Our sincere thanks to you all!



U3A Nunawading Class Activities



Crepes Suzette anyone?

Throughout the year, members of our French Class have presented a wide range of “Show and Tell” sessions which have immersed us in French experiences and engaged our senses.

Thanks to John, we listened to and sang the poignant song *Le deserteur* by Boris Vian, written and sang to popularise and support the growing protests to conscription and participation in the war of Indochina (Vietnam) in the 1954 battle of Dien Bien Phu. Guided by David, we have marched across the map of Europe with Napoleon’s troops, exploring the intricate strategies of

invasion. We found out about their victories and the tragic defeats, suffering the elation of heroes and the despair of starvation and freezing to death after one of the greatest military miscalculations.

Lorraine presented us with the majestic, timeless artistry and colour of the Bayeux Tapestry. Via this wonderful piece of human creativity, the world has an enduring, visual record of one of the most important events in European and especially British history, the Norman invasion of England. We wondered at the designs, the embroidery technique creating a three-dimensional effect and discovered the nine colours and

natural dyes that give the tapestry its iconic character. Most of all we are in awe that this seemingly flimsy piece of cloth could be still perfect after almost 950 years.

To cap it all off, we watched Christine cook some superb Crepes Suzettes for us. We indulged ourselves in the delightful aromas wafting from the pan as the sauce was cooking and enjoyed its sweet but slightly bitter flavour. She shared her recipe for the unique sauce and delighted us as she demonstrated how to carefully flambé.

Oh La La! What a delight.

Lorraine Chapman (French 4A)



Contract Bridge Winners for 2015

Receiving their certificates, from left, Jean Voutier and Joy Wade (third), President Valerie Donlon with the perpetual shield, Vassa Na Ranong and Chula Na Ranong (second), and Eddie Au (individual winner). Unfortunately, winning pair Li and Hannah Pham were overseas on the day of the presentation.

VALE

Dallas McBride

The U3A Nunawading community was saddened to hear of the death of Dallas McBride early in February, after a short illness.

Dallas was a foundation member of our U3A; she served as Honorary Secretary in 1992 and 1993, and was awarded a life membership at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Dallas was most recently a member of one of our Current Affairs classes and always had well-considered opinions to contribute to their discussions.

A lovely lady who will be missed by all who knew her.

Wednesday Exercise Class - Christmas 2015

(by Jenny Balshaw)

We thank you once again our Barb
For keeping us all fit
When cardio gets rather long
We don't mind that a bit

We stand on one leg like a stork
And try to see the ceiling
We stretch our backs and legs and arms
It's really very healing

We've put our names down thick and fast
To come again next year
Because we all like keeping fit
While having fun down here

You have us jump, you have us skip,
You have us all up prancing
You keep us going round and round
And teach us all some dancing

We've spun the hula hoop around
And rode the balance board
The many things we get to do
Make sure we don't get bored

So once more Barb we've come full year
And many thanks to you
A Happy Christmas from us all
And Happy New Year too

And sometimes we march around and
round
In fours and threes and twos
And back to back and in and out
In shirts of many hues

And at the end we all lie down
And go off into dreaming
And when we get up off the floor
We all go outside beaming

Our muscles should be very strong
From working with those weights
You challenge us to work ourselves
But just at our own rates

Some head up to the coffee shop
It's our reward for working
Alongside all the happy chat
A cappuccino's lurking

You get us throwing all those balls
Over to each other
We try so hard to aim it right
And not trip one another

Sometimes Nerida gives us chips
The sandwiches are great
We're cosy in the coffee shop
We talk at a great rate



Language Classes at U3A Ringwood

Hebrew

Learn the Hebrew alphabet [alephbet] and simple reading skills.
Learn to read backwards with ease!!!!.

Venue: Multipurpose Room, Kevin Pratt Pavilion, Mullum Mullum Road, Ringwood

When: Monday (fortnightly) 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Tutor: Gret Racine

Languages such as Chinese [Mandarin], Japanese and Indonesian were never even considered as being included.

Course material will be based on 'Jen niamondo' [This is our world]

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When: Monday (fortnightly) 2:00pm – 3:00pm

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Esperanto

This is a fun language with just 900 words and no exceptions to rules! It was invented by a Polish teacher in the 19th century, and while the UN adopted its use as an international language and still conducts some of its business in it, Esperanto never became the international language its inventor hoped [and a means of making a peaceful world along with it]. This was probably because Esperanto [it means ‘ the hope’ in Esperanto] was mostly based on the popular European languages of the day without taking into consideration that one day the emphasis of world affairs may no longer be European.

To join either of these classes, you would need to join U3A Ringwood as an Associate Member. For further details please call 9876 2925 or email u3arwood@gmail.com.



**WATCH THIS SPACE - ANOTHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE
MUSICAL FILM EVENT IS BEING PLANNED FOR MAY!!!!!!**

YOUR COMMITTEE for 2015/2016

President:	Valerie Donlon	Paulina Chong	Andrew Lockwood
Vice President & Course Administrator:	Elsie Mutton	David Cullen	Brian Nicholson
Vice President:	Colleen Skinner	Elaine Forde	Leo Sargent
Secretary:	Noela Winter	Barbara Gardiner	Lorraine Sterling
Treasurer:	Barbara Worcester	Lindsay Glen	

2016 TERM DATES

Terms	Commences	Ends	Weeks	Public Holidays
1	1 February	24 March	8	Labour Day 14 March
2	11 April	24 June	11	Anzac Day 25 April Queen's Birthday 13 June
3	11 July	16 September	10	
4	10 October	2 December	8	Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 1 November (no classes on Monday 31 Oct)

2016 KEY DATES

Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 24 August
Celebration Day, Victorian Seniors' Festival	Sunday 2 October
Whitehorse Spring Festival	Sunday 16 October
Melbourne Cup Day Function	Tuesday 1 November
Office Volunteers' Function	T.B.A.
Leaders' Function	T.B.A.

Office Hours

During term Office Volunteers are on duty at our Silver Grove office from Monday to Friday 9.30am – 3.15pm. 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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