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NEWSLETTER

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COULD THIS BE OUR NEW HOME?
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A Letter from the President

Hello fellow Third-agers.

This is my first chance to thank you for electing me as your President. What a wonderful and challenging year 2010 will be.

Frankston U3A has been in the same location for so many years, but the axe has finally fallen and we must move. With the help and support of our local council, in particular the Mayor, Christine Richards, Peter Harrison and Aida Horvbath, we hope to be moving into the old Stella Maris Centre at John Paul College, McMahons Road. East Frankston.

We thank both the Principal Jane Tibb and Paul Owsianka, the Business Manager, for all their help and enthusiasm.

Questions ?

I am sure you will have many.

Yes! There is plenty of parking.

Yes! There is public transport to the door.

Yes! There are big welcoming classrooms, all on one level.

Yes! There are dedicated toilets.

You will learn more in this newsletter. (See *photographs on page 7*).

I am concerned that, from approximately three hundred Third-agers, no-one has time or motivation to take over the Secretary's position. I thank David Abbott for extending his tenure, but his patience is almost at an end. Also, Jeanie Wannan is in need of some more assistance. We really must not take her contribution for granted. Jeanie deserves a bit of a holiday too. That was just some of my thoughts.



Please wear your name-tag so I will know who you are. More importantly, it is for insurance purposes that you are tagged and sign in at each class.

I look forward to meeting you all, maybe at our 25th Anniversary at the Uniting Church on 21st July.

With friendly greetings,

Gail Dudeck.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

At Last!

A light at the end of the tunnel

A combined effort by your Accommodation sub-committee, officers of the Frankston City Council and your Mayor, Christine Richards, has resulted in the best prospect for three years to find a new home for U3A Frankston.

As part of the "Frankston the Learning City" theme a 'Principals' Luncheon' is arranged each year by F.C.C. At this year's event the Mayor and the Principal of John Paul College compared notes and found that one had long term vacant classrooms and the other had a problem finding a new home for U3A Frankston.

(Mary McKillop's 3rd Miracle? Perhaps!!!)

As a result of this fortuitous meeting feverish negotiations have been going on to effect a closure to Frankston U3A's long running

problem of finding a new home. Your Committee inspected the site and liked what they saw.

Ten Tutors inspected the classrooms and gave the 'Thumbs Up'.

We believe that you, the members, will rejoice when you know there are 36 off-street parking places and more in McMahons Road. PLUS! There is a 40-minute bus schedule right past the door (six minutes from Young Street).

Negotiations on the Tenure and Rental Agreement are expected to be resolved by the end of June, so keep your fingers crossed and . . . *yes, say a little prayer.*

David Abbott
For Accommodation
sub-Committee

SECRETARY WANTED!

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting no nominations were received for the position of Secretary and, in accordance with the Constitution, the Committee now proposes to fill the vacancy by direct nomination.

Duties of Position

The Secretary will record minutes of Committee meetings and distribute copies to Committee members at least one week before the next meeting, normally in one month's time. Confirmed minutes must be pasted in the Minute Book held in the U3A office.

The Secretary will receive Correspondence and table a summary at the next meeting. Outgoing correspondence will be prepared and dispatched as directed by the Committee.

General secretarial assistance required by the Committee will be provided by the Secretary.

The Secretary will, in consultation with the President, prepare and distribute an AGENDA for the next meeting one week before that meeting.

N.B.

The duties of this position are separate from those involved with running the U3A office, as these are the responsibility of the Office Manager.

Any member willing to volunteer for this important position should contact the Acting Secretary, David Abbott, on 5971 2381 or 0423 200 641 for further information.

FROM THE ART STUDIOS

This year, two of our U3A students entered the Chelsea Rotary Art Show.

A newcomer to painting, and to our Watercolour Class, Ron Cummins, sold two lovely water colours at the Show, one of which is pictured here.

Congratulations, Ron!

Willie Forward, from the Oil Class also sold a well-executed oil painting. Well done!

It shows we have a lot of talent at U3A.

*Jeannie Laine
Art Tutor*



Frankston's Community Register

What is a Community Register?

Previously called Police Registers, these registers exist in many communities throughout Victoria. There is one in Mornington and another in Rosebud.

They contain the details provided voluntarily by people who are alone at home, incapacitated, or aged and infirm, who would like someone to contact them from time to time to have a chat and ensure they are O.K.

Frankston district is soon to have a new Police Station built in Carrum Downs and

it is planned to establish a Community Register data base in the complex. Its successful operation requires volunteers to attend the Police Station for one or two hours now and then to ring people registered and to have a chat.

As part of the aged community of Frankston it is believed that some of the members of U3A Frankston may like to volunteer for this service.

If any are willing they can talk to U3A's Barry Richardson on 5971 2649 for more information.

From Creative Writing 1

Hello Fellow U3Aers!

We are halfway through the year already! Our Class has enjoyed five months of writing many good stories, laughing together and celebrating each other's birthdays. We have welcomed two new members, Carol and Gail (our new U3A President). We have also welcomed back a past student who left us three years ago. Betty says she is feeling really well now and is an advocate for "Age Strong".

Our shift to John Paul College is exciting and we are looking forward to the move later in the year. A thought! Think about bringing a friend to U3A in 2011.

Regards

Margaret Ulbrick

U3A Ramblers 2nd term flying by again.



Recent Photo of Ramblers at the Victorian Aquatic Pool, Albert Park.

surprised how the walk pontoons have been added to one side of the River giving us a different view of the area. As normal, we had our lunch after the main walk, sitting all in a row on the softball team bench looking across the many ovals and watching the passing parade. Then, onto a tram to Malvern to catch the train back to Frankston. Some of us had a nice stroll along Glenferrie Road Shopping area. Very different to our local shops.

Next walk with Jack, one of our new members, was to

Our 'Term 2' walks started with a gentle walk from Footscray, past the huge new impressive Asian temple being built. Then along the Maribyrnong River taking in all the changes from last time we did this walk.

The group sat down for lunch on a huge picnic table at the old Pipe works site. We had a tour of the new Art Studio setup there. A very interesting place!

Next the Jubilee-Baxter trail. Our day leaders, Joan & Marj, nearly went the wrong way, missing the turnoff that led us through the native reserve. Then calling in to Burdett's beautiful and very unusual gift shop. Sat down for a nice cup of coffee there, finishing up with lunch near the Jubilee Netball courts.

We were a bit worried at the start of the Elwood to St Kilda walk. The weather looked a bit bleak, however the walk went forward along the Elwood canal reading all the tiled notes about the area from a long time ago. Past the Elwood Marina. Lunch at an area looking across at Melbourne's skyline. Everybody agreed it was something different. Helga then took us along the floating bike path trail beside the Yarra River. A couple of our new members were

take our group on a walk to Crib Point, via the native reserve to Stony Point. Unfortunately the Weather God decided to send the heavens down on us right at the start of our walk and for the first time for many, many years we had to cancel a walk. Why? Because Water, Water everywhere and too slippery to stroll along the dirt trail. However, our group decided on an alternative trip. So onto the 901 Smart Bus to Knoxfield Shopping Centre for a stroll around the huge complex. For some this was something new as they had not seen this place before. Yes it was dry, it was certainly warm there. We had our lunch and a chat in the food court.

Our next walk is to be an interesting look at Melbourne's Arcades and Lanes. More about this walk in the next newsletter.

Our final walk for the year is currently being discussed. Queenscliff came up again. Last year everybody had an interesting time over that side of the bay. However if any of our group has an alternative suggestion please let us know during Term 3. We welcome new members to our Rambling Group. Please contact Jeanie at the U3A office for further information.

Bill Blackham

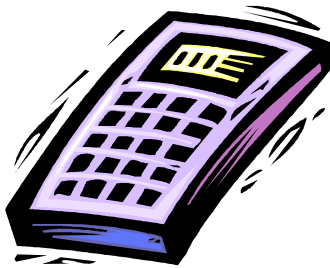
A NEW CLASS!

MATHS

A new class is commencing for those interested in mathematics. The Maths Class (Years 9-10) will be conducted each Tuesday from 10:15 am to 11:30 am in Room 2.

The tutor is Margaret Mace. Margaret was a senior Maths teacher at Frankston High School for quite a number of years.

Those wishing to join this class should contact Jeanie in the U3A Office.



U3A Expo Seniors Festival Week

We are having an Expo.

Where? Frankston Arts Centre.

When? Wednesday, 6 October 2010.

Time? 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

We are hoping that, with your co-operation, we can put on a first class show so that the Frankston community can see what a very talented lot we all are at U3A.

I imagine your tutor will be asking some of you to participate for perhaps the morning or the afternoon for a few hours in doing what you would normally do during your time in class. This is our opportunity to publicise and promote U3A to Frankston and recruit more members.

So Let's get excited and do the very best we can to show the community just what can be achieved as aging students.

*Patricia Blackham
Vice President*

VOLUNTEER HOURS BY U3A MEMBERS TO THE FRANKSTON COMMUNITY

The recent survey conducted within U3A shows an amazing result. Our Members contribute 515 hours per week, that is 26,780 hours per year.

This data should tell Frankston City Council that U3A is a major contributor to their theme 'Frankston a Connected Community'. Thanks to all members who took part in the survey. It can only result in F.C.C. loving us a little bit more.

Who would dare say we aged are a burden on the community?



"Wake up. The cat's got your teeth."

Thanks to Bill Blackham for this contributions.

***A LOOK AT OUR
PROPOSED NEW
PREMISES AT
JOHN PAUL COLLEGE***



Above: Classrooms facing the grassy quadrangle.

Left: Collage business manager, Paul Owsoinka, seen here showing our Committee and Tutors the proposed new premises.

Below: One of the spacious classrooms.



IT'S OUR 25TH BIRTHDAY

SO
JOIN US FOR LUNCH

AT 12.00

ON

WEDNESDAY

21ST JULY

AT THE

**UNITING CHURCH HALL
HIGH STREET FRANKSTON**



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will be gratefully accepted in the
Office until Friday 16th July