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February 2022 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome back to the commencement of Term 1.

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends.

Our "**Welcome Back to U3ASC Picnic**", will be held on Monday, 14 February, commencing at 11am. This will be a great time to get together at the beginning of the 2022 term, and discuss future courses and meet with your U3A friends. We ask those attending to bring your own chair, drinks and food. This will be held at the picnic area at

Kianinny Bay near the Kianinny Boat Ramp, Tathra. There are a number of shelters there and barbecue facilities are available.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 29 March at 11am. Venue being Club Sapphire. Please put this important date in your diary.

All positions on the committee will become vacant.

We encourage you to think about nominating, if not for a position on the committee then on one of our teams, such as Team Office who are needing volunteers.

We are also looking for someone to become the **Resource Administrator** for the Tura Beach Centre. This role would entail responsibility for ensuring that the physical layout and visual presentation of the Tura Beach Centre is conducive to an optimal learning environment.

Membership

Our membership has dramatically reduced and it is now time to renew your membership for 2022. On behalf of the committee, a big thanks to all those who have already enrolled. Please be aware for you to re-enrol in a course you will need to be a member.

Covid regulations at the Tura Beach Centre

Our Covid safety rules will remain.

Masks must be worn within the Centre.

QR check in code remains.

Sanitising of hands before and after entering is also required.

We ask course leaders to open the front and rear doors during the class to provide additional ventilation.

Enjoy Term 1 everyone.

Sue Fowler, President, U3A Sapphire Coast

BEGINNER FRENCH CONTINUING

This is a continuing course for those who first enrolled last year. But a recent new enrolment reminded me that there are, maybe, people out there who used to do French with Rob McCombie and would like to take it up again. So, if you're in that position, and were doing a Continuing Beginners Level with Rob, you would be very welcome to join our lovely group. If you'd like to discuss whether it is at a suitable level for you, please call me on 0439809237.

Sue O'Loughlin



Welcome New Members:

Bob Porter

Therese Treloar

Marea Blair

Frederick Morillas

Nadine Och

Linda Emerton

Lee Mann

Jim Kelly

Daniel van Der Meulen

David Nicholls

Sue Martin-Smith

Laurence Ritzen



FROM THE PROGRAM TEAM

ENROL NOW!

Welcome back to Term 1 of 2022 from the Program Team. And all our thanks and best wishes to our wonderful course leaders for their continued efforts to provide interesting, fun, social, and active learning opportunities in these very strange, and a bit scary, times. Have a fantastic, and safe, Term 1 of 2022, and if there's anything at all you need help with just call your Program Team contact person.

We have several exciting one offs and short courses happening early in the term so don't forget to check the Program and enrol in them if you're interested, because they are filling up fast.

- 1. Computing - Be Connected** with Julie Novotny. Everything you've ever wanted to know about getting and staying connected in the digital world. There are four separate workshops on 4, 18 and 25 February, and 4 March. Check the Program for details of each workshop.
- 2. 'Another Unpopular Talk - Russia and Ukraine'** on 25 February from 1.30 - 3.30. Expect to hear a broader perspective on this story than what you're getting in the mass media about this very hot topic.
- 3. Basket Weaving** on 18 March. Sandy Gordon will be teaching us how to weave creative baskets using materials from our gardens. Again, check the Program for details.

U3A membership and class enrolments.

A few of our course leaders, as they monitor enrolments for their courses this term, are finding that even some long-standing members of groups are not actually financial U3A members. Others who have not yet enrolled have, perhaps, just not remembered yet to renew their U3A membership for 2022.

So, a gentle reminder to all, that you must be a financial U3A member to participate on a regular basis in any of our programs. Non-members are allowed to attend two sessions of any course to clarify whether they do want to join up permanently. But if you continue to attend without being financial and officially enrolled in a course you:

1. will not be covered by U3A insurance or copyright protection
2. may be asked to leave the course
3. are being unfair to all those members who do pay their \$30 each year to fund things like insurance, social activities, equipment and the Tura Beach Centre, and
4. are being unfair to U3A, which has to continue to fund its fixed costs, even during Covid when memberships have gone down, and which relies on membership fees for most of those costs.

If you need help joining U3A or renewing your membership for 2022, you can drop into the Tura Beach Centre on a Friday afternoon and get help from our Team Office. Or you can ask the Program Team contact person for a course that you're interested in. It's also actually quite easy to do if you go to our website and click on Join or Renew Membership.

And course leaders, we ask that you check that every person who attends your course is officially enrolled in it. If you are unable to add their name to the roll, they are probably not a financial member, and a gentle reminder may be needed.

Sue O'Loughlin Program Team Leader

COMPUTER CLASSES UPDATE

NOTE: Check the changes to the dates for [U3A Sapphire Coast](#) computer classes.

I hope that this doesn't cause any inconvenience to anyone.

- 4th Feb - Session 1 - Build Your Online Skills
- 11th Feb - Session 2 - Using the Digital Cloud
- 18th Feb - Session 3 - Social Media Apps
- 4th March - Session 4 - Fun things to do with your photos

I am also available for a **FREE** one-on-one introductory session if anyone would like to email me to organise a meeting at Tura Beach Library.

Julie Novotny

connect@wiseandconnected.com.au

Be Connected

Every Australian online.

DESPERATELY SEEKING PROGRAM TEAM MEMBERS



The Program Team has been reduced to three members as a result of people moving away, or resigning to focus on other things. That means three people (volunteers) doing all of the work to keep our Program current, to support all of our course leaders, and to identify and pursue opportunities for new courses and one-offs.

We desperately need help to share the load.

You don't need anything more than basic computing skills, a commitment to giving our members a wide range of learning and social opportunities, a willingness to help course leaders with any problems they encounter, and the ability to work as part of a Team.

Most of our business is conducted by email since Covid made face-to-face meetings difficult and we'll continue doing that. We'll only hold face-to-face meetings for training purposes, or when issues arise that are too complex for email. So your time commitment will not be onerous, but your contribution will be essential to the smooth running of our U3A.

If you can help, please call Sue O'Loughlin on 0439809237.

LEARN LAWN BOWLS

Our second Learn Lawn Bowls Course is on in March.

Location: Tura Beach Country Club

Time: 10:30 to noon

Dates: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March

Cost: \$10

Equipment provided

Your bowls journey doesn't end there, you can participate on any Friday with other members of U3A who have already completed the course previously on Fridays in the earlier course, Beginner Lawn Bowls.

The next Learn Lawn Bowls won't be until November 2022.

Ray Redman



Some of our previous U3A course members participating in Beginner Lawn Bowls.

U3ASC SLOW FOOD PLANNING GROUP



Catch Up at Kitty's
(Club Sapphire)
Saturday, 19 February, 12.00pm
This is a New Ideas Event
to plan the 2022 program.
For more info:
Fleur, dwyerfleur@gmail.com

(Please note, this function is for the 20 members of the planning group, only.

However, it also heralds the beginning of the resurrection of the SFAG (Slow Food Appreciation Group) which will be made available for all U3ASC interested members.)

A WALK IN THE PARK

for U3ASC dogs, will next be held on Monday, February 14, 9.00am at Old Bega Racecourse, from East St carpark.

Don't forget to bring your owners and remind them to bring a drink.

Fleur Dwyer

Dogs at Coffee



U3ASC MEMBER PROFILE - PROFESSOR ROZ HANSEN AM

I am an urban and regional planner with more than 40 years' experience working both in Australia and the Asia Pacific Region. I have been fortunate to have worked on a wide range of public and privately funded development and strategic projects as well as appearing as an expert witness at planning and environmental tribunals, panels, and the Victorian Supreme Court. In 2017 I co-authored the book titled *'How Great Cities Happen – Integrating People, Land Use and Transport.'*



On Australia Day this year I was appointed as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia (General Division) for my significant contribution to architecture, planning and professional, education and heritage organisations. For me this is a great honour and one that I was not expecting in my lifetime. I believe this appointment is in response to my involvement in various planning related activities including as an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Arts at Deakin University and currently a Professorial Fellow at the Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne; as a former Councillor on the Property Council of Australia (Vic) Board and Honorary Life member of the PCA; as chairperson of Heritage Victoria from 1988-1994 and my current role as a member of the ACT Heritage Council. I have assisted the Planning Institute of Australia on the review of its Code of Professional Practice and chaired Planning Investigation panels. I continue to be an independent director on the Salvation Army Housing Board (Australia) and keep abreast of planning related issues with some additional pro bono work.

I am a recipient of a Centenary Medal for Service to Heritage Conservation by the Australian Government and was included on the Centenary of Federation 2001 'Women Shaping the Nation' Honor Roll for services to town planning. I am also a Life Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and was proud to be the first woman to be entered into the Institute's Hall of Fame.

I moved to Merimbula permanently in 2019 with my husband Anthony and two fur babies. I continue to maintain my passion for planning and feel both humbled and chuffed to be recognised in the Australia Day 2022 Awards.

Seachange Expo Experience

U3A Sapphire Coast Shared Learning

Just keep moving forward

Jan 23rd 2022

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Photo montage by JULIE NOVOTNY

On Sunday 23 January a group of us from U3A set up a table of information about our activities at the Tura Beach Centre as part of the Sea Change Expo being run by the Merimbula Chamber of Commerce. This was arranged to encourage visitors to consider the area as a desirable place in which to live and to retire. Marg Nicoll, Michele Patten, Julie Novotny and Elizabeth Stacey presented details of our program of courses and membership information, as well as online connections to Julie's new workshops under the Federal Government's "Be Connected" initiative. A new member joined on the day, and U3ASC was well promoted on the OurMerimbula website.

ADVENTURE WALKING GROUP—BOURDA LAGOON HIKE

It was perfect weather for our first Adventure Walk for 2022, partially cloudy with sunny breaks that dappled through the trees. Leaving the Bourda Lagoon carpark, we set off clockwise on the 6km walk across the beach and straight away were rewarded with a pod of playful dolphins skidding down the face of the swell, alongside a couple of surfers - magic!

The tide was kind and allowed us to head up the steps to the grassy embankment with a vista across the lagoon and Bourda Island. Heading south, we had a quick stop to check out the lookout from North Tura carpark before turning inland where we spied several small clumps of native orchids.

Just over half way we had the momentous creek crossing- knee high water meant socks and shoes off, and rolled up pants... a few slippery rocks and logs later most of us made it across the other side unscathed...only 'lost' one person with a little splash and although now sopping wet, they kept their sense of humour for the remainder of the trek. A snack break here to re-shoe, further along we passed lichen and rat tail orchid dotted rock faces; an enormous ancient Woollybutt tree that sported a small indigenous scar, and pockets of rainforest cooled us down as we passed under their canopies, while the lagoon meandered along on our right. A Lyrebird was spotted though bird sightings were few, probably 19 people's chatter as we walked may have scared them off!

A final challenging steep climb upwards saw us atop a lovely rock platform capturing a fabulous view across the lagoon, beach and out to Bourda Island which made all the huff and puff worthwhile. Back at the carpark around 2.5 hrs later, we enjoyed some morning tea and when the newbies left they said "we will see you soon" glad we did not scare them off!

Lisa Appleby



CORRECTION

In the January Newsletter an error was made in the email address for the return of U3ASC Course Attendance Records to Michele Patten. The correct address is: u3ascoffice1@gmail.com

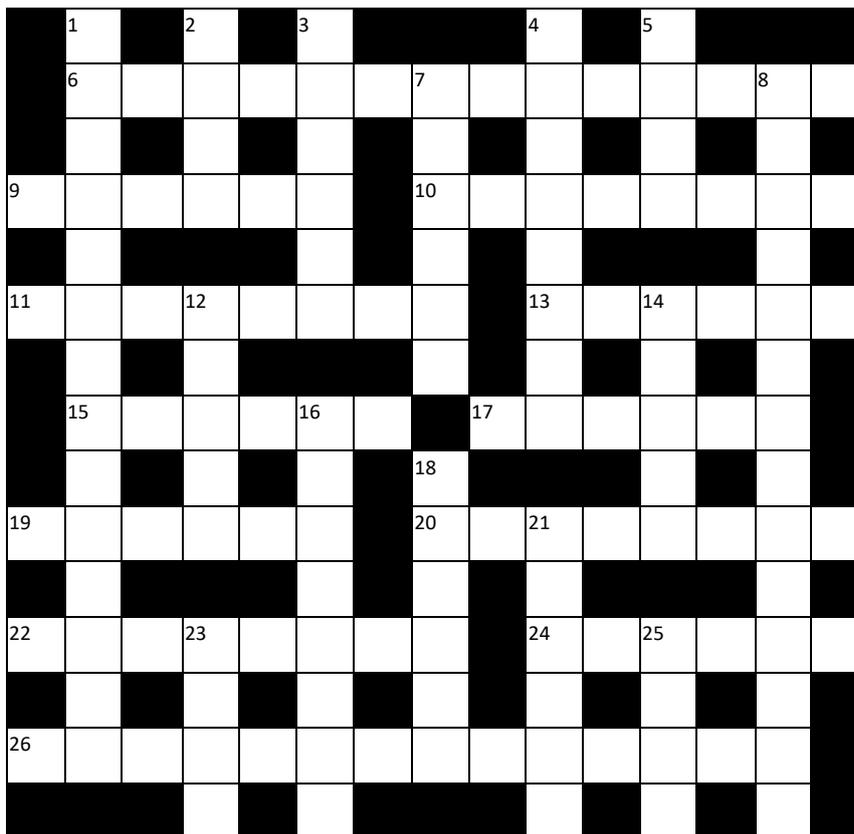
MAHJONG 2 GROUP

My name is Louise McGrath. I will be hosting the Mahjong 2 group for 2022. We will be starting on Monday February 7 @ 1pm to 4pm. I hope to see many regulars there on the day.

My contact details are Ph.0409654188 or email loui.mac@bigpond.com



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2014 by JOHN SCRIVENER



Check out next month's
Newsletter for the answers to
this Crossword.

CROSSWORD 2014 CLUES

ACROSS

6. Nursery rhyme characters astray enticed her limb (5,5,4)
9. State of surprise state and eleven (6)
10. Affording pleasure with grin and French state perhaps (8)
11. Indian city with right Scotsman of the land (8)
13. Lawman who isn't a short grass (6)
15. Double clue but triple kiss! (6)
17. Astringent substance sounding near to old students (6)
19. Meets early in reverse favourable opinion (6)
20. I hear you may have fixed this holiday! (8)
22. Do vacate support (8)
24. You, say, may clean to undo garment (6)
26. Good to be in Covid lock-down when revealed files of nice stuff (4-10)

DOWN

1. Completely honest and not veering off (8,2,1,3)
2. Bare alps hide a region (4)
3. Within stratagem in industry twins (6)
4. Medical person also begins inside (8)
5. Back period but sent forth (4)
7. Hidden talent (6)
8. Advise against a particular remedy, cheat transport and read aloud without middle (14)
12. Originate sound of be plural eyes! (5)
14. To get to this NSW town you can go either way (5)
16. Pan tummy for the middle ear (8)
18. Me flies me! (6)
21. Boat throw (6)
23. Are simpletons leaders of a French seminary? (4)
25. The right to hold property by the crooked river (4)

TRIVIA QUIZ by BRIDGET O'HANLON

1. What is the capital of Ukraine?
2. What is philography?
3. Percy Shaw invented which road safety feature in 1934?
4. The 'Father Brown' investigation series is based on the works of which author?
5. Which US state has the longest coastline?
6. 'Hello' was a Grammy Award winning song in 2017 for which singer?
7. The colourful Strawberry Finch is native to which continent?
8. What letter of the Greek alphabet comes after Omicron?
9. World War One ended with the signing of which Treaty in 1919?
10. Name the athlete who wrote 'Able: Gold Medals, Grand Slams and Smashing Glass Ceilings'?



COURSE LEADER PROFILE – JOHN FUARY - ARABIC

My secondary schooling, 1956-59 was at a Christian Brothers agricultural college in the bush, about 30 miles from Ingham in North Queensland.

It was the sort of place the local Bishop sent any budding priest-lings to get them away from the temptations of the flesh-pots of Townsville!

In truth in my four years there I met only two of these exotic creatures.

This was a time when sectarianism was common

The main task the brothers set themselves was to “get the boys into the professions”.

The belief being that The Protestants were dominant in society because they were heavily represented in “The Professions”

Those poor men set themselves a major task, given the rough, raw material they had to work with.

The upshot was that they hammered us with “academic” subjects which would get us the marks required for university entrance.

Most of these men were dedicated teachers and it is a real pity that their dedication is now dismissed and overshadowed by the vile acts of a few of their number.

In grades 11 and 12 I had a *single teacher* who taught every subject on the syllabus simultaneously to both classes:

Physics, Chemistry, Maths 1 and Maths 2, English, Italian, Latin, Logic and if you really wanted it, Greek.

The poor man was even given the task to teach us pimply tough guys, with several years of Animal Husbandry behind us, “The Facts Of Life”

I studied Pharmacy at the University of Queensland 1960 to 1962.

This was the first university Pharmacy course in Queensland.

Prior to 1960 Pharmacy had been an apprenticeship course, described in the Queensland parliament by a polly who objected to it becoming a Uni course as “The only profession open to the children of the working man”

I worked in both community pharmacies and hospitals in QLD, ACT and NSW for a total of 53 years.

I have been associated with U3A Sapphire Coast since 2008, both as a Course Leader, and as a student.

When we settled in The Bega Valley I saw an article in The Bega District News which asked anyone with any expertise they'd like to share to think of becoming involved in U3A.

Seemed like a good idea

I'd developed an interest in beekeeping while at secondary school, and was one of several people involved in forming the very successful Bega Valley Amateur Beekeepers group.

In the early 1990s while I was studying Arabic as part of a BA at ANU, Sue and I took a year off and worked for a short time in Saudi Arabia, then in the UK .

On our way to and from the UK, we spent time in Jordan and Syria, and saw the magnificent ruins of Palmyra before Daesh /Isis got to it.

That was followed a few years later when I lived in Cairo for 2 months, attending an intensive Arabic Language course. After this Sue joined me and we became tourists in Egypt for a month.

In 2019 we travelled to the UK for a wedding, and stopped off at Dubai to fly back to Muscat in Oman for a few days to avoid flying 25 hours in one leg,

Very pleased we did.

Beautiful country, beautiful people and a fairly tolerant form of Islam being practised

Learning a language takes lots of time and effort.

Not using it is a very quick way to waste that effort and forget the language.

Sharing the language with others is a way to keep it alive in my mind and a wonderful way of introducing others to both the language and culture.

I'm not a fluent speaker, but in the absence of such a person I can guide students through the pitfalls of the grammar, and expose them to the wonders of this ancient and interesting language.



John at Lawn Hill

SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS will continue this year with still a one-off fee of \$15.

Caryl Kennedy 0437179792

Family
History



THE CRAFT GROUP 2022

I often think of the Craft Group as a female version of the Men's Shed. Lots of laughs, lots of reminiscing, many big projects, quite a few small ones and best of all the great friendships which steadily grow from inconsequential chatter.

If you are a member of U3A you are welcome to join us every Friday at 10.00 a.m. in the Tura Beach Country Club. The club looks after all covid directives e.g social distancing, cleaning and the provision of a trained Covid Supervisor. We usually have coffee at 11.00 and finish around 12.00. There are very few people in the club on Friday morning. If you wish to stay for lunch it is up to you.

For further information about the group please call Monica on 0408 794 252.

Monica Eddelstone



Cherryle shared her peaches and tomatoes while Athelia and Lyn crocheted and knitted.



Judy made this beautiful rug from small pieces of woollen blankets and a crocheting hook while Beverley helped her spread it.



VALE BOB DOBSON

Following a long illness, Bob, of Tura Beach, passed away on 17 January 2022.

Bob was a keen 500 player. He was known in that U3ASC group as 'the nicest of guys'. His legacy will be his favoured expression: 'you need to speculate to accumulate'. In fact, many are already known to repeat the saying!

JANUARY CROSSWORD 2013 ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Back to basics 8. Adulate 9. Adamant 11. Tailor-made 12. Etre
14. Breville 16. Seance 17. SNS 19. Agists 21. Stammers
24. Crab 25. Connection 27. Epigram 28. Oilcake 29. Kettle of fish

DOWN

1. Bauxite 2. Crayonists 3. Thermals 4. Brandy 5. Seal
6. Chasten 7. Carte blanche 10. The bees knees 13. Vermicelli
15. Ens 18. Stand off 20. Imagine 22. Epitaph 23. Dormie
26. Brat

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Kiev	6. Adele
2. Collecting autographs	7. Asia
3. Cats eyes	8. Pi
4. G K Chesterton	9. Versailles
5. Alaska	10. Dylan Alcott

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