

## The Learning About Your Technology Program

13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

U3A Bendigo's Monthly Learning About Your Technology sessions assist members get more from their PCs, tablets and smartphones. Attendees bring their devices, questions and problems—how do I do such-and-such a thing on my device? We help each other to find solutions. We learn how to solve our own problems. We discover more efficient ways of using our devices. The sessions cater for all levels of experience. AC Power and Broadband via WiFi are available. The Groups are listed below. To join a group, contact a session leader or simply come on the day. If you enjoy using your digital devices and like helping people, consider joining the Technical Support Team. Its purposes and meeting times are also detailed below.

### U3A Coding and Mechatronics Group

The recent three-week Coding and Mechatronics Short Course was well attended. Ray Tampion displayed objects he had created with a 3-D printer and demonstrated how he programs Arduino boards to automate various tasks. Michael Gallagher presented an overview of how the digital technology age has come about and demonstrated programming the movement of a stepper motor connected to an Arduino Uno microcontroller board via the Arduino IDE and the programming of a pan-and-tilt camera mechanism connected to a Raspberry Pi microcomputer via the Python programming language. Many other items of equipment and circuits in development were brought to the sessions see our Facebook Page for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/U3A-Bendigo-1905346963088900/>

Some the resources displayed and distributed during the short course can be viewed or downloaded from:

[http://www.u3abendigo.com/layt/coding\\_mechatronics/index.html](http://www.u3abendigo.com/layt/coding_mechatronics/index.html)

Vigorous discussion re how digital technologies are changing the world and our expectations and fears concerning those matters was generated.

Considerable interest was shown in forming a U3A Coding and Mechatronics Group. Negotiations are in progress with the Course Coordinator for a time and venue. Watch this space for details.

### Learning About Your Technology Courses and User Groups

<b>Computers for Beginners</b>	U3A Office	Every Monday	1.30pm – 3.30pm
One-on-one tuition for beginning computer users. A wide range of topics is available including various aspects of word processing, E-Mails, digital pictures, spreadsheets, making graphs, using a scanner, "burning" a DVD or CD, desktop publishing, creating a database, the clip-board, and webcam, to mention a few.			
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<b>Apple iPad and iPhone Users</b>	Room 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays	12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
For members who wish to get more from their Apple iPhones and iPads. The group attempts to assist members with the operation of their devices, provide answers to members' queries and problems and review developments in technology related to Apple iOS devices.			
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<b>Apple Mac Users</b>	Room 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
For members who wish to get more from their Apple Mac PCs. The group attempts to assist members with the operation of their Apple Macintosh PCs, provide answers to members' queries and problems and review developments in technology related to Apple OS X devices.			
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**Android Users** Room 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 2:00 to 4:00 pm

For members who wish to get more from their Android and Windows phones and tablets. The group attempts to provide answers to members' queries and problems and reviews developments in technology related to Android devices.

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**Windows Computer Users** Room 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2:00 to 4:00 pm

For members who use computers, especially Windows 10 PCs, and wish to discuss issues, share experiences and help each other. The group attempts to provide answers to members' queries and problems and reviews developments in technology related to Windows PCs.

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**Digital Photographers** Room 1 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 2:00 noon to 4:00 pm

For members who take photos with a digital camera, tablet or smart phone and want to know how to move them between devices, how to store them on a PC or in the cloud, how to print them, create photobooks, display them on a TV or do basic editing, etc.

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**Photo Editors and Presenters** Room 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 10:00 to 12:00 noon

For members who have Adobe Photoshop Elements. Members assist each other with all aspects of photo restoration and digital editing, setting up slide shows and exporting slide shows as movies for display on smart TVs etc or as PDF booklets. Members display samples of their work and discuss their methods. They bring problematic photos and seek advice from the group on how to proceed.

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### **U3A Bendigo Technology Support Team**

New members are always welcome.

**Technical Support Team Meeting** Room 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm

The Technical Support Team meets once a month to report on and plan for:

- i. The delivery of Learning About Your Technology sessions in which they assist members get more from their digital devices. They have great fun discovering device capabilities, solving problems and they learn lots from each other as they find solutions together.
- ii. The assistance of Conveners and COM members with the use of the WiFi LAN, Large Screen TVs, Wireless Mic system, rollout of the new membership management system, sending of bulk emails, and the use of PCs and tablets and technology generally.
- iii. The management of the Website, the Facebook page, and the local fileservers.
- iv. The exploration of possible uses of video conferencing and other uses of technology that may assist U3A Bendigo to deliver services to its members.

Members with experience in user support, librarianship, web design, information presentation, file management, network setup, network account management, video conferencing, PC maintenance, etc... are invited to join the team. If you would like to enjoy the benefits of helping others, come to a meeting. For more details, please contact:

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