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Upcoming Events

- 16 September - Council meeting
- 04 October - Festival of Learning, Fed Square, Melbourne, Seniors Week
- 06-08 October - Seniors Week U3A Art Exhibition in Queens Hall, Parliament House
- 18 November - last Council meeting for 2015

(Also see the regional meeting / digital literacy workshops schedule with this *eBulletin*)

Marketing & Publicity Matters

Available at Council on 16 September



The anthology of writing from the 2014 Writing Competition has now been published. It is important that those U3As listed overleaf send a representative to Council on 16 September to pick up copies for members of their U3A who

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Parliament House Art Exhibition

The number of entries for the U3A Art Exhibition at Queens Hall, Parliament House, over 6-8 October has far exceeded the space available.

All participants will be contacted and asked to select one of their art works. For ease of hanging, the selection should be framed.

Thank you to all U3As who have registered. Please remind your artists that they need to deliver the selected works to the U3A Network Office no later than 2 October. Network will be responsible for transporting all exhibits to Parliament House, for organising the hang, and for returning exhibits to Network Office. Participants will be asked to collect their work from Network Office by end October.

**Elsie Mutton
President**

Course Co-ordinator Forum

Friday, 11 December, 2015
Title - U3A Curriculum Building
10.00am – 2.30pm
Participants - Course co-ordinators
Venue - To be advised

Expressions of Interest - Email details of the participant's name, U3A, position and contact details to:

u3anec@gmail.com
Subject line – Course Co-ordinator Forum

Further details on the forum will be available at the end of October.

**Anne Thompson, Convenor
Network Education Committee**

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entered the writing competition. We will be holding copies of the anthology for these U3As :

Altona	Maryborough
Bacchus Marsh	Moorleigh
Ballarat	Mornington
Baw Baw 2	Nillumbik 2
Benalla 2	Nunawading 5
Box Hill 4	Park Hills
Casey 3	Phillip Island
Castlemaine	Sherbrooke
Croydon	Sunraysia
Emerald	Wangaratta 4
Frankston	Werribee 2
Healesville	Wonthaggi 2
Kerang	Yarra Valley
Kingston	

Reference Handbook

The first edition of Network's new Reference Handbook will also be available for pick-up by Member U3As at this Council meeting, so it is important to send a rep along.

If your U3A is sending delegates or other representatives to the Council meeting, please RSVP Network Office by 11 September for catering purposes.

Also available at the Council meeting will be printed copies of Network's news sheet *U3A Matters*. This issue has not been posted to Member U3As, but was emailed in August.

Seniors Week, 5-9 October

Network still needs "Ambassadors" to assist and promote the U3A movement by wo/manning our stand in the Melbourne Town Hall Hub during Seniors Week, 5-9 October. Please contact Network Office to register to help.

To publicise your successful Seniors Week activities - and any others - send details to the editor of the Network's news sheet *U3A Matters* via the Network Office. Let the rest of us know how your Seniors Week went. Pictures are great too. Send pictures and stories to Network Office.

Valerie Bourke
Convenor, M&P Committee

Reps Wanted for Regions Committee

Network's newly-formed Regions Committee will hold its next meeting on 16 September, after the Council meeting, at the Multicultural Hub in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

The Regions Committee also has room for individual U3A members who want to strengthen their U3A through its regional participation. Those interested can notify their attendance by calling the Network Office or by contacting the Committee Convenor on the morning of the Council meeting.

The goals proposed for this committee are :

1. Ensure a common understanding throughout all Member U3As of the purpose and goals of regions
2. Provide a communications channel for regions to give information to and to influence U3A Network.
3. Help each region to establish a structure
 - a. Regional communications co-ordinator agreed each year
 - b. Host U3A nominated for each meeting
 - c. Secretariat support through Network Office (eg, maintain contact lists via Network Member Database)
 - d. Other Network support through Development & Support Officer, Executive, and other Network committees
 - e. Contact list maintained in each region
 - f. Meetings use agenda, minutes and action items where appropriate
 - g. Reports given verbally to Network's quarterly Council meetings
 - h. Reports sent to Regions Committee after each regional meeting
 - i. Finance available for use by regions through the Dept of Health grants system administered by Network

Administration Matters

Thank you to all U3As who have sent Network Office their updated contact and membership details. Network Office has been collating this information as well as ledgering your levy pay-

ments. We still have some updates unreturned, so Network Office will be contacting U3As where we have not identified your information. Official contact detail updates for each U3A (not personal information) are being loaded onto the website this week, to bring our "Find a U3A" pages up to date with your latest information.

VMIA (Victorian Managed Insurance Agency) - insurer for incorporated U3As by virtue of Network's contract with the State Government Department of Health and Human Services - will be speaking at the September Council meeting on Wednesday, 16 September. U3As with questions about their insurance coverage or the policy documents forwarded in June-July should come armed with their queries.

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Network has issued a new policy guideline on Conflict of Interest. The new guideline was emailed to Member U3As last month, and is also available from the website. Member U3As can take this guideline into account in formulating their own policies. All eight Network policy guidelines are available on the website.

Reporting forms on grant expenditure will be forwarded shortly from Network Office. All those U3As which receive grant money from the Department of Health and Human Services or from the Adult Community and Further Education Board (ACFE) will need to return a form by end October.

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Network is now planning the re-design and upgrade of our website. A working group is being assembled; participation in this working group can be a means to learn more about website design and technical communications issues.

The brief to our consultant is that we want to increase engagement with the public and to make the site more useful to Member U3As with more information and more interaction.

Contact the Network Office to learn more about working on the website or for information on any of the roles mentioned in this newsletter

Susan Webster
Hon Secretary

U3A Network South Australia

U3A South Australia is the equivalent Network body in our sister State, just to the east. U3A SA has a new website with new functionality, the result of a SA State Government grant. They have also established a service contract with their state government to help promote growth of our movement in their State.

Victorian U3As in the western districts often interact with those SA groups who are nearby, as do our northern U3As work closely with NSW groups.

www.u3asouthaustralia.org.au is the URL for SA Network's new website. Paste this URL into your browser and check it out. If your U3A has links on its own site, you can add the SA Network site or update your existing link.

Opportunities ...

There was not much response to Network's notice in July about the opportunity to take up the position of Network Secretary next year - but there is still plenty of time to learn more about this role. Give Network Office a call.

Network has filled the position of Office Assistant advertised in the August *eBulletin*. But we still need office volunteers - Network Office relies on many volunteers for a variety of clerical, technical, and administrative roles. If any U3A members have a few hours weekly or monthly to spare and would enjoy a trip into the City of Melbourne, these roles are an opportunity to give back to our movement and to meet a fabulous team of people and to learn some new skills and practices.

Paypal

Don't forget - if your U3A is planning to use on-line payments for the 2016 enrolments, assistance for a Paypal implementation is available from Network's Technology User Group. Contact the Network Office for an instruction sheet or to talk with our expert.

U3A Regional Meetings Schedule, September- October 2015

Region	Dates	Host(s) U3A	Time & Location	Contact
Western Metro	Wednesday 2 September	Werribee	10 am, Hoppers Crossing Sports Club, Hogans Rd.	John Preston, President David Callan, Secretary
Outer East	Friday 4 September	Mt Dandenong	1.30pm Farndons Hall, 42 Falls Rd Kalorama (Melways 52,H12)	Ian Blencowe, Secretary
Grampians	Monday 7 September	Dunmunkle	10am., RMIT, Grano St Ararat	Helen Barry, President Peter Bridgeland, Secretary
South West Victoria	Friday 18September	Warrnambool	11am. RSLClub, Cnr Liebig and Merri Sts Warrnambool	Mary Fitzgerald, President
Mornington Peninsula	Friday 25September	Dromana	10am, 359A Pt. Nepean Rd. Dromana	Dianne Bell, President
Eastern Metro	Monday 28September	Nunawading	10am.Silver Grove Nunawading	Geoff Steventon(Croydon) Valerie Bourke (Box Hill)
Loddon Mallee Workshop	Thursday 22 October	Bendigo	10.30am, St Mary's 193-197 High St Kangaroo Flat	Jill McArthur, President Michael Gallagher, Technology Coordinator
Outer East Workshop	Saturday 24 October	Yarra Ranges	9.30am Japara Centre, Durham Rd Kilsyth	Paul Jackman, President Moira Hughes, Secretary
Southern Metro	Monday 26 October	Glen Eira	2 pm, 1151 Glenhuntly Rd Glenhuntly	David Neufeld, President Marilyn Harvey, Secretary
Gippsland and South Gippsland Workshop	TBA	Latrobe Valley & Baw Baw	Federation Uni. Churchill	
Mornington Peninsula Workshop	TBA	Frankston	Frankston	
Southern Metro Workshop	TBA			

Harry Dobson 28 August 2015