

29th Annual General Meeting



U3A Nunawading held its 2019 AGM on 21 August in the Seniors Hall with approximately 120 members and invited guests in attendance.

Outgoing President Valerie Donlon presented the 2018/19 Annual Report and Financial Report to the meeting, as outgoing Treasurer Barbara Worcester was unable to attend.

An extract of the Annual Report including highlights of the Financial Report are included in this newsletter and the full combined report is available to download from our website www.u3anunawading.com.au and a small number of printed copies are available at the Front Office.

All positions on the Committee of Management, including office bearers, were declared vacant in accordance with our Constitution and the names of the new Committee for 2019-2020 are published on the back page of this newsletter. Barbara Worcester, Barbara Gardiner, Irma Ivcovi

and Sue Ebert did not stand for election and were thanked for their contribution.

Life Memberships were awarded to Valerie Donlon and Barbara Worcester by incoming President Liz Hooper in acknowledgement of the work they had done in their four years as President and Treasurer of such a large organisation over their time in office.

Susan Webster, President of U3A Network Victoria addressed the meeting commenting on the success of U3A Nunawading and its contribution to Network activities over many years.

Finally, Springfield Ward Councillor Prue Cutts gave an update on progress of construction of the Nunawading Community Hub, which will be our new home from early to mid 2020.

Members and guests were then invited to enjoy a light lunch together.

(ABOVE): Valerie addresses the meeting for the final time as President



Extract of President's Report to the 2019 AGM

Valerie Donlon, President 2015 - 2019

THIS year, U3A Nunawading's membership passed the 2100 mark, making it one of the largest single-campus U3As in Australia. With members coming from more than 70 different countries, we are a highly diverse organisation where different cultures are celebrated and all are made welcome.

Awards: U3A Nunawading was the proud recipient of the 2018 Whitehorse Business Award for a Community Organisation for its contribution to the health and social engagement of the senior members of our community.

Lesley Sinfield and Noela Winter received 2018 Deakin Community Awards and Leonie Scott received a 2019 Deakin Community Award. Barbara Sommers' contribution to U3A and her community was recognised by an Australia Day City of Whitehorse Community Award.

Promotional Video

In November 2018 U3A Nunawading was chosen for the filming of a U3A promotional video for Seniors Online. The video showed just how many different activities seniors could get involved in to stay mentally and physically active by joining a U3A.

Financial Position

An Extract of the Treasurer's Report to the AGM is published on page 4.

2019 Courses

We have 180 Leaders, excluding ESL Leaders, and are running 197 general classes this year. At the end of 2018 we said farewell to seven Leaders and welcomed 19 new ones to the 2019 program.

U3A Nunawading is very proud of its English as a Second Language (ESL) program and this year we are running 14 classes with 39 members enrolled. We are grateful to ESL Coordinator Robyn Cox and our ESL Leaders who provide these relaxed and informal classes.

Course Administrator Elsie Mutton OAM, welcomed Ken Briscoe to the Course Admin team and we thank Elsie and Ken for managing our very large program so efficiently and with such mindfulness of the needs of our Class Leaders and members.

Computer Courses

Computer courses assisted members to increase their digital literacy and effectively use digital devices and, over the past 12 months, there were 553 enrolments in 59 courses.

Thanks to Computer Course Coordinator Barbara Gardiner and our Computer Class Leaders for the work they do in helping our members keep up-to-date with major changes in technology.

Summer School

More than 1100 attendances were recorded at the 67 classes held over the seven days. Thanks to Convenor Lorraine Sterling and Summer School Committee of Liz Hooper, Sue Ebert, Joe Demko, Noela Winter, Elaine Forde and Colin Carter, as well as Office Volunteers, Committee of Management members and especially Lindsay Glen and Bert Lopes who provided the IT and AV support.

Accommodation

With our move to the Hub in 2020, this is the last full calendar year we will operate from the Silver Grove precinct. On behalf of all members, our deep gratitude goes to Lindsay Glen and Frank Baseden for their commitment to ensuring the spaces we use are safe and fit for purpose. We also thank Nunawading Community Centre Coordinator Melinda Brown for her ongoing support and assistance.

System Administration

This year, for the first time, we limited enrolment at the office on Day One of the enrolment period to returning members, as this is a much quicker process than enrolling a new member. However, new members could enrol online from home or anywhere they happened to be on the first day.

Our thanks to our System Administrator Andrew Lockwood, who also supports a number of other U3As and serves on the U3A Network Victoria Technical User Group, for maintaining this vital administrative tool.

Technical Support

Increasing utilisation of our audio-visual equipment by Class Leaders meant a higher level of support and maintenance was required to ensure the installations remained operational. Wi-Fi speeds at the Nunawading Community Centre and particularly the Forest Hill Computer Centre often necessitated extra maintenance time, usually during term breaks, to ensure all equipment was up-to-date and operational.

Many thanks to Lindsay Glen for overseeing our computer systems at Silver Grove and the Computer Centre and to Bert Lopes, Tony Widdows and other Computer Class Leaders for their support.

Front Office

David Patston took over as Office Volunteer Coordinator at the end of 2018. With just over 80 Office Volunteers on the regular roster and an additional 12 acting as back up, David has ensured there is always clear and concise information on hand.

Generally, two of our Duty Committee Members Lorraine Sterling, Lindsay Glen, Leo Sargent, Barbara Worcester, Liz Hooper, Frank Baseden, Andrew Gee, Sue Ebert, Irma Ivovici and Valerie

Donlon, are on duty in the Front Office every day.

Our thanks to David, Office Volunteers and Duty Committee Members for keeping our Front Office running so efficiently.

Communicating with Members

Thanks to Newsletter Editor Raine Biancalt and Designer Chris Gray for the wonderful job they do producing our interesting and attractive newsletter at the end of each term. Another key volunteer keeping us up-to-date with what's happening at U3A Nunawading is our webmaster Helen Smith.

Special thanks also to Archie Kaan, our official photographer, who records a wide range of activities at U3A Nunawading throughout the year.

Social Events

In winter 2018, the Social Committee held a Comedy Film Afternoon and later that year decorated the Seniors Hall and served the food for the always-popular Melbourne Cup Lunch. Another successful event organised by this committee was a visit to the spectacular Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne early in 2019.

However, in March this year and after many years of providing a great range of social events for members, the Social Committee took the decision to disband for the time being. Our thanks go to everyone who has worked so hard as part of the Social Committee, to Graham Haynes for his audio-visual contribution, to its most recent Convenor Jillian Gale, and finally to Bev Clarke who oversaw the catering arrangements for so many events over 17 years.

Community Events

During October 2018, we participated in the launch of Victorian Seniors Week at Federation Square and later that month in the Whitehorse Spring Festival. In addition to our presence in the U3A Nunawading marquee at Fed Square, members of our Line Dancing, Zumba, Chinese Dance and Philippine Cultural Dance classes performed.

At the Spring Festival performances included Line Dancing, Zumba

and Chinese Dance and we held demonstrations of Sugar Craft, Papercraft, Mah Jong and Chess in our information marquee.

We also took the opportunity of displaying a range of members' craftwork at the Nunawading Library during July 2019.

Thanks to Convenor Frank Baseden, Jan Felstead and Liz Hooper, as well as all of our performers, demonstrators and marquee volunteers.

Risk Management

Our Risk Management Committee continued to develop new policies and procedures to minimise our exposure to risk covering Financial Expenditure and Procedures, Heat Policy and Statement on Duty of Care. A major review of our existing Position Descriptions, Policies, Procedures and Guidelines is being undertaken.

Convenor Leo Sargent and committee members Lindsay Glen, Barbara Worcester, Lorraine Sterling and Frank Baseden are to be congratulated on the work they do to ensure our large organisation is run in a business-like and transparent way.

U3A Network Victoria

U3A Nunawading is one of 109 U3As operating in the state and supports the work of U3A Network Victoria by actively participating in Council meetings and annual Presidents Day. In 2018 we were one of 16 U3As invited to participate in the Network Strategic Planning Day.

Eastern Metropolitan Region

We remain an active member of the EMR participating in its quarterly meetings where the 12 member U3As share ideas and support each other. Along with U3As from Box Hill, Croydon and Emerald, the U3A Nunawading Choir participated in a highly successful combined choral concert in May 2019.

Looking forward

Each year the Committee of Management holds a Strategic Planning Day to identify key areas for us to focus on to take our organisation forward. In addition

to succession planning, the current plan is designed to take us into our first year at our new facilities by:

- providing a diverse and innovative range of programs and activities which meet the needs of members,
- ensuring a smooth and efficient transition to our new premises with minimum impact on members, volunteers and our financial position, and
- maintaining a strong, well-governed organisation which is financially sustainable and effective.

As we watch our new home take shape, there are some who may feel uncertain about the move because change can be challenging at this time of life. However, we are committed to ensuring that all members make the move with confidence and optimism about how we will operate more comfortably and cohesively in our purpose-built facilities.

In October we will conduct a member survey, which will ask members some questions relating to our move to the Hub as well as to their participation in U3A activities. In the lead up to the move, we will publish relevant information to keep members fully informed about what to expect.

Thank you

As I come to the end of my four years as President, I am still amazed that so many people give so much of their time to the successful running of this extraordinary organisation. I feel so lucky to have found myself in the midst of such a wonderful group of people who demonstrate daily that you can continue to grow and develop new skills long after you leave the paid workforce.

Finally, I want to thank you, the members, for your continued support, and to my fellow office bearers and members of the Committee of Management, my sincere gratitude for your encouragement and counsel over my time as President.

*Valerie Donlon
August 2019*

Treasurer's Report to the 2019 AGM

Following are highlights from the Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2019. Please refer to the 2018–2019 Annual Report for full details.

Overview:

Cash Accounting is used to manage finances and we are registered for GST.

Total Income	\$142,029	(\$144,028, 2017/18)
Less Total Expenses	\$102,850	(\$109,608, 2017/18)
Surplus	\$ 39,180	(\$ 34,420, 2017/18)

Total Cash at bank and Fixed Term Deposits as at 30 June 2019 was \$203,054, an increase of \$4,760, and represents 99.7% of assets.

Major Factors contributing to operating results:

For 2018/19, the \$75 all-inclusive membership fee was continued, with no additional fees for Computer Courses or Summer School. This fee structure was developed to:

- ensure income covered yearly expenses without drawing on Cash Reserves; and
- build the level of Cash Reserves, including making provision for:
 - 3–5 year replacement cycle for IT and other equipment; and
 - the future move to the new Nunawading Community Hub.

Significant cost differences:

- \$3,276 decrease in technology repairs and maintenance Forest Hill Computer Centre
- \$2,604 decrease in Seminars and Training (no U3A Network Victoria Conference).

Income Sources:

Membership Fees	\$130,553	(91.9%)
Social Events	\$ 3,385	(2.4%)
Grants (City of Whitehorse)	\$ 750	(0.5%)
Other	\$ 7,341	(5.2%)
TOTAL	\$142,029	(100.0%)

Membership Fee 2020:

\$75, all-inclusive, no fees for Computer Courses or Summer School. The same as 2019.

Auditors 2019/20:

TBT Accounting, Blackburn (formerly Tregear, Bain and Taplin, Chartered Accountants).

Thanks to our accounting volunteers for their excellent and invaluable assistance: Bev Pringle (banking); Marianne Groh (data entry); and Beryl Rath (bookkeeper). Thanks, too, to our Office Volunteers, an integral part of the accounting function, being responsible for receipting all cash, cheques and EFTPOS paid through the Front Office. I am very grateful for all the assistance, feedback and support from those who have assisted me over the past four years, including Committee members, particularly Lindsay Glen and Leo Sargent. It all made my tasks so much easier and enjoyable.

*Barbara Worcester
Treasurer*



Liz Hooper chats with Valerie Donlon

VALERIE, now that you have completed a very successful four-year term as our President, I am sure members will be interested to hear some of your reflections.

What has been the most enjoyable aspect of being President?

I have loved getting to know so many of our members, working with such a great team of dedicated volunteers and having the opportunity of talking about U3A to the wider community.

What makes U3A Nunawading such a wonderfully friendly organisation?

The warm and inclusive atmosphere we enjoy today has developed over many years. From our earliest days nearly 30 years ago, office bearers, committee

members and office volunteers have worked hard to make everyone feel welcome.

What do you see as some of the challenges facing U3A Nunawading over the next few years?

Our biggest challenge is always to accommodate everyone who wants to join and we always find it disappointing to have to turn away anyone who wishes to join our U3A. We have endeavoured to address this ongoing-issue over recent years by extending our hours to allow for more classes to be run.

We are really looking forward to our relocation to the new Community Hub next year but do not want any of our members to feel anxious about it, so we will be doing everything possible to make the move as positive and stress-free as possible for everyone.

Course Administrator's Report



THE Course Administration team has been working on class timetables for 2020. Because we will still be holding classes in their current locations until we move to the Hub during the year, there will be two timetables, one for before and one for after the move. There are no day changes unless a Leader has asked for one, but there are a few slight time changes for some classes. You will be given more information in 2020.

New Classes Term 4

19HUM026 Road Safety – Driving your future

Leader: Kevin Tuohy
Room 3

Wednesday 12.30 to 2.30pm
Start date 9 October finish date 13 November

This is a road safety refresher course for responsible older drivers. Build on your existing knowledge and experience to continue driving safely. Topics will include: road rules, road conditions, recognising and dealing with risks, medications, vehicle maintenance and new vehicle choices.

This course will incorporate the Wiser Driver program over several weeks, as well as lots of time for your input and discussion.

19CRA008 Flower Arranging

Leader: Noriko Sabatino
Friday 11am to 12.30pm
Multi-Purpose Room

This is a hands-on class to encourage creativity and pleasure in floral arrangement. It will deal with basic rules of design and investigating the structural/architectural aspects of the art.

Flowers, stays, greenery and vases will be supplied by the leader at a cost of \$5.00 per class to be paid to the Leader. The final two sessions will cover Japanese flower arrangement or Ikebana.

19ART007 Chinese Calligraphy

Leader: Patrick Kan
Tuesday 2.45 to 4pm
Seniors Meeting Room
8 October to 26 November

This is a 5-session introductory course into Single Character Chinese Calligraphy. The focus is on the techniques of using the Chinese brush and the composition of single Chinese characters.

The compulsory materials for the course include the ink stone, the ink, two Chinese brushes and 16 pieces of Chinese Calligraphic paper at \$30, payable to the Leader at the first session. If you were a member of this class in 2016/17/18 or term 1 2019 and would like to extend your knowledge, you do not need to purchase any new equipment.

Changes in Leaders

Unfortunately, Aldo Petrie, who previously ran the Road Safety class, is unavailable due to ill health, but has kindly recruited Kevin Tuohy as Class Leader. Dawn Harper from Mobility Education will again attend some of the sessions. We welcome back Noriko Sabatino to offer her expertise in flower arranging. Noriko offered this class last year but unfortunately had to cancel as she was unwell. Noriko is now well and looking forward to sharing her knowledge in Term 4.

Sadly, we say farewell to Lucie Samson who has been a French Leader for many years. Lucie was well-known for the great French celebrations she organised with French food and wine, French cars lining up outside and petanque played on the driveway before it was sealed. We wish Lucie all the best in her retirement from volunteering – she will be missed.

Please see page 9 for an article by Lucie's class members.

If you are thinking of offering a class in 2020, please speak to me as soon as possible.

*Elsie Mutton OAM
Course Administrator*



Walking Group 2, under leader Barry Ellis, enjoyed a beautiful winter's morning walk by the Yarra River in later June, before adjourning for coffee to Beasley's Nursery.



Kobe visitors doing it their way

ON Friday 21 June U3A Nunawading hosted six visiting scholars from the Silver College in Kobe, Japan, named because it caters specifically for seniors. It is well-known that Japan has the greatest longevity in the world with its citizens enjoying a life expectancy of 83.7 years. Students at Silver College pay the equivalent of \$700 Australian per year and have a limit of three years to complete a thesis, after which time they must leave.

Our visitors are doing their thesis on U3A and came to Australia to learn more about how it works here. Currently, there is only one U3A in Japan compared to 109 U3As in Victoria alone. Our six visitors were Masahiro Tagawa (Mark), Yasuko Nakayama (Suzy), Sachiyo Kakuda (Sacchi), Sachiko Yokoi (Happy), Kazuhiro Sasaki (Kazu) and Junko Kajihira (Jun).

Prior to visiting us at Nunawading, the group had spent time at U3A Melbourne and U3A Hawthorn. The visitors were welcomed and entertained by Yvonne de Sousa's Japanese language classes who

hosted morning tea and refreshments, and sang a song to them in Japanese. While the visitors' English was very competent, U3A members Junko Glynn and Cheiko Kawakami assisted with translations when more complex information needed to be interpreted.

The group also visited a guitar group, which performed for our visitors and in return Kazu played "My Way" on his flute and the class sang along to this well-known tune.

As the contingent was interested in learning how our U3A operates, a small meeting with President Valerie Donlon, Course Coordinator Elsie Mutton, and Vice President Liz Hooper, allowed them to ask about details such as funding, relationship with local government, and questions of governance.

All six visitors expressed their gratitude to us for hosting them. A few days later we received an email sent on their arrival back in Kobe, which said, *"We all appreciate the warm hospitality extended to our visit. Meeting with your members was very meaningful and impressive. All our members*

were impressed by seeing positive U3A members. We will study based on this visit to create a U3A-like organisation in Kobe."

It is anticipated that this visit marks the beginning of a long-term mutually beneficial relationship with our new friends in Japan.





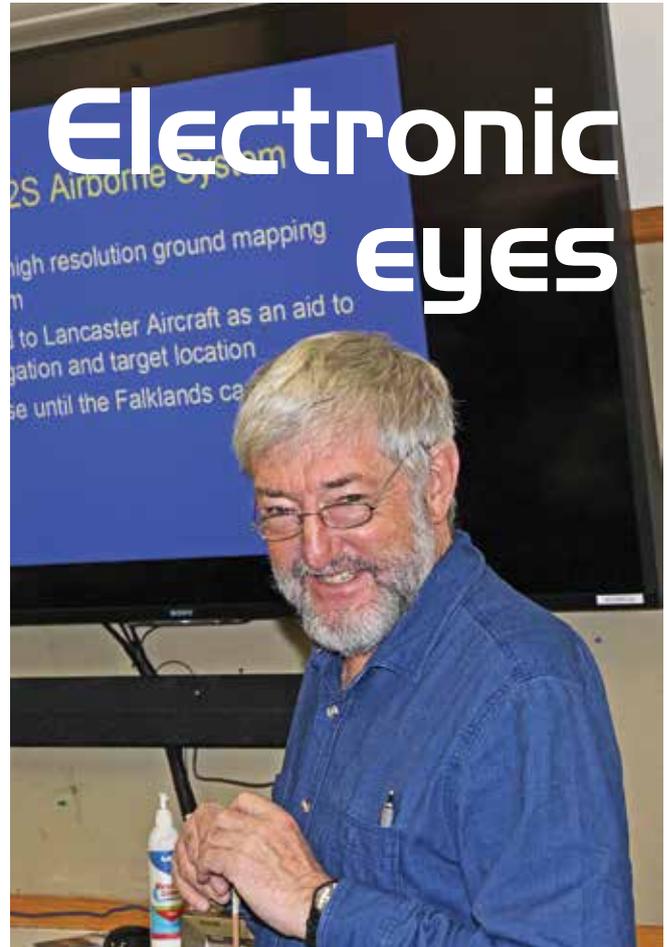
craft on show

EVERY year members from the various U3A craft classes prepare "masterpieces" and trustingly hand them to me to arrange in the glass cabinets at the Nunawading library. This display is on show to the general public for one month.

I think it's a win/win for everyone. The library has constantly changing interesting displays; our U3A members can feel envious of clever fellow members and, of course, those who have their creations displayed can take pride in their achievement.

I thank everyone who has contributed over the years, showcasing our wonderful U3A Nunawading.

Jan Felstead



ON 13 and 20 June the Military History Group had a special invited guest speaker to talk over a double session on the "Development of Military Radar from WWII to the Present".

Ian Taylor, a former Senior Principal Research Scientist with the CSIRO, holds qualifications in Communication and Electronic Engineering and is a Master of Engineering Science, so is well qualified to talk about complex radar development. As well as working with the CSIRO, Ian also spent time with the Australian Antarctic Division Department of Science installing and operating complex radar equipment at Mawson Base. He also spent time in the development of a complex medical monitoring system at the Alfred Hospital and then at the Bureau of Meteorology working with weather satellite systems.

The Military History Group has been fortunate in having Ian talk to them about a range of scientific and complex military related systems and subjects over the past few years. He has always promoted a great deal of interaction within the group which is enjoyed by all. Ian will hopefully be available for further talks next year.

Mel Green

Vale Ron Ferguson and Tony Harling

WHEN U3A Nunawading started a Jazz program a decade ago, one of the first members to sign up was clarinet player **Ron Ferguson**. It was not long before they were joined by a drummer, an alto sax, a piano and a bass player and, within a year or so, the band had grown to a full 18-piece Swing Band, comprising trumpets, trombones, saxophones, piano, bass, drums and guitar. It became known as The Silver Grove Swing Band. The Swing Band grew in stature and reputation, and was invited to play on the Main Stage at Federation Square during Seniors' Week. Ron played clarinet with the band, sometimes playing the 2nd tenor sax part, travelling every week from Mt Evelyn until 2016 when he retired when the travelling became a bit too much. Ron died on 21 June 2019.

One of the first trombones to join the Swing Band was **Tony Harling**, the long-time leader of the Clare Castle Jazz Band. In 2012 a few members of the Swing Band, led by Tony, established The Silver Bell Jazz Band, with a traditional line-up of

piano, bass, drums, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Under Tony's leadership The Silver Bell played at the Grampians Jazz Festival within the first year, and in the inaugural Castlemaine Jazz Festival the following year. It soon developed a local following, playing at Church Hall Dances, fetes and retirement villages, and a bit of market busking. It also shared the stage with the Swing Band at the successful Box Hill Town Hall Supper Dances. In 2017 Tony started a Jazz Improvisation class at U3A Nunawading, which is still running under the leadership of Ben Nisenbaum, giving instrumentalists an introduction to the art of improvisation. Throughout this time Tony continued playing with Silver Bell and the Swing Band until early 2019 when he developed some serious health problems. Tony died on 17 June 2019.

Both Tony and Ron were real gentlemen, and will be sadly missed by all who knew them. Our thoughts and sympathies are extended to their families.

*Geoff and Mary Moore, (Silver Grove Swing Band) and
Brian Ruck, (Silver Bell Jazz Band)*

A Tale of Two Cities

THIS was the title of the talk given by Springfield Ward Councillor Ben Stennett to our members on the history of Whitehorse at the end of Term 2.

About 40 members gathered in the Namatjira Room to hear Cr Stennett talk about the development of our municipality, which derives its namesake and logo from the statue of a white

horse dating back to the 1850s. At that time the statue stood at the front entrance of the City's first hotel and two-storey building.

Cr Stennett explained that the City of Whitehorse was proclaimed in December 1994 following the amalgamation of the former cities of Box Hill and Nunawading, thus reuniting the suburbs which had formed the Shire of Nunawading more than 100 years ago.

A lively question time followed the formal presentation, which demonstrated just how interested many of us are in the history of where we now live.

Valerie Donlon



Adieu Lucie

AFTER 15 years of sharing her love of all things French with members of U3A Nunawading, Class Leader Lucie Samson has decided to call it a day.

Born in Mauritius, Lucie is a native French speaker and was a secondary school teacher before her retirement. She has been an enthusiastic Class Leader and organised a number of French-themed social activities over the years.

Members of Lucie's 2019 French 4B class wrote this tribute to her teaching and the enjoyment they have all received from being members of her class. And just to demonstrate what a good teacher Lucie is, they have written it in French as well as English.

Bonjour tous nos copains de Nunawading U3A!

Greetings to all our friends in Nunawading U3A!

Venez avec nous dans un voyage à travers la langue Française

Join us on our French journey.

Notre classe de français avec prof Lucie nous avons le plaisir de beaucoup d'expérience.

Our teacher Lucie and our class have had many pleasurable French experiences.

Voici quelques exemples de ce qu'on a déjà fait.

Here are some examples of the work that we have done:

The enchanting voice of Edith Piaf.

The life of Louis Pasteur.

Enjoying French cuisine.

Visits to galleries, gardens and bookshops.

Presentations by class members.

French history.

Notre participation aux activités de la classe a enriché notre connaissance Français et notre vie.

Our participation in our class activities has enriched our learning and inspired our lives.

On behalf of everyone at U3A Nunawading, we wish Lucie all the best for the future and thank her for her wonderful contribution to our appreciation of the French language and French culture.



Recycle your Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops at U3A



TWO small plastic items that usually end up in landfill – the square tags that close bread bags and the plastic tops from milk and other drink bottles – actually have good recycle value.

Bread bag tags: money raised from their collection is used to fund the purchase of wheelchairs in South Africa, where the program began. It is now happening in Australia.

Plastic drink bottle tops are turned into a filament that is fed into a 3D printing machine to make customised PROSTHETIC HANDS! **Only bottle tops with 2 or 4 on the underside can**

be used. The number must be stand alone, not within a code. This will generally include soft drink, water and milk bottle caps. Caps without these numbers are unusable. Please ensure caps are rinsed before they are donated and no extra plastic, metal or other material is attached.

Please help the planet by helping others make good use of this 'waste' plastic. **Labelled bins are in the old kitchen next to Reception.**

(To find out more about these projects go online to look for 'bread tags for wheelchairs' and <http://envision.org.au> to find out about the bottle tops.)

The song's the thing

THE choirs of U3A Box Hill, Croydon, Emerald and Nunawading combined to put on a wonderful concert at Mitcham's Mountview Uniting Church in June.

Soloist for the concert was Martyn Box, son of Nunawading Choir member Val Box. Martyn is a teacher at Leongatha Secondary School and played his Celtic Harp as well as sang and played the guitar.

Croydon's choir performed songs from *The King and I* and *Brigadoon* as well as the *Skye Boat Song*, *Fly Me to the Moon*, *On the Sunny Side of the Street* and two hits by Tom Springfield – *A World of Our Own* and *I'll Never Find Another You*.

Emerald's choir, called the Over the Hill Singers, which we hope relates more to their geography than their health, performed the jazz standard *Deed I Do*, choral favourite *Sing A New Song* and ended with a selection from *My Fair Lady*.

The choir from Box Hill sang *Bells Across the Meadows*, *He was Beautiful*, *Tea for Two* and two songs from *The King and I* – *Getting to Know You* and *Shall We Dance*.

Our own Nunawading choir performed a medley of Broadway classics, followed by *Duermete Mi Nino* (a Bolivian children's song), *Fields of Gold*, *Don't Get Around Much Anymore* and Mozart's *Alleluia*.

To finish, the choirs came together, accompanied by Martyn, to sing the Irish Blessing, which starts "May the road rise up to meet you ..."

The concert, which was compered by Nunawading President Valerie Donlon, was very well received by an enthusiastic audience so we hope it will not be too long before choirs from U3A's Eastern Metropolitan Region get together again to perform.



COMPUTER COURSES TERM 4, 2019

GOT some snaps from your winter holiday?

Make the most of your memories! Our courses can show you how to edit your photos for maximum impact and arrange them in a printed photo album, so you can relive your holiday with ease. Photo albums and calendars make great Christmas gifts too!

If you prefer to take videos we've also got that covered. Our Video Editing course is offered in Term 4.

iPhones and iPads are getting a new operating system (iOS13)

Each September, Apple rolls out a new version of its operating system for mobile devices. This year is no different, but some of the changes for iOS13 are significant. We're offering courses to help you come to grips with the changes.

- Learn how to use the new iOS13 for iPad with Tips and Tricks for iPad course.
- Explore the features on your iPhone with Practical iPhone – conveniently running at Silver Grove for Term 4.
- Get answers to specific questions in our Q&A sessions – a great way to solve your problems.

MORE than 50 members wanting to learn more about how to maintain and improve their brain function gathered for a Brainworks information session in the Namatjira Room in August.

Two trainers from Mountain District Learning Centre, Jayne Perry and Bryone Hills, explained how different exercises could target different cognitive functions of our brains such as memory, attention, executive functions, language and visual-spatial abilities.

Bryone engaged the audience in a number of exercises in a fun atmosphere where members got a taste of the brain training available in the Brainworks program.

Due to the level of enthusiasm among those present, U3A Nunawading offered our members the opportunity of registering at one of four sessions over the following weeks in the Plato Room rather than having to go to the Learning Centre or one of four libraries in another municipality.

As this is a government-funded program, participants are required to show their Medicare card when registering. It is computer-based training and can be undertaken at home or in groups. A weekly session will be conducted at U3A at Silver Grove for those who are registered and would prefer the social atmosphere of working with others. Laptops will be provided by the trainer conducting the sessions.

Perennial favourites return

Our regular favourites returning for Term 4 include:

- Keeping Up to Date with Windows 10
- Genealogy – Looking for those Long Lost Relatives

No time to take an extended course?

We are offering a few single session topics in term 4:

- Google Calendar
- Back-up your Computer
- Safe Settings

Get in quick!

All Term 4 short courses and single information sessions are listed on the UMAS database. View the computer courses online or download a copy of the course descriptions from our website at <https://u3anunawading.com.au/courses>

To enrol online you need to log in to access your record. Alternatively, you can pick up a copy of the Term 4 Computer Courses guide at the Silver Grove office and enrol there.

Make the most of the last few weeks of the U3A year. Book in for your computer classes now!



Jayne and Bryone were delighted with the number of U3A members wishing to register for the Brainworks program and it is hoped to offer a further information session at Nunawading in Term 4.

In the meantime, for anyone who missed out but wishes to learn more, contact Knox, Rowville, Boronia or Belgrave library and ask about their Brainworks sessions.

2018/2019 COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

President:	Liz Hooper	Frank Baseden	Angela Burkhart
Vice Presidents	Valerie Donlon & Andrew Gee	Colin Carter Athalie Edis Andrew Lockwood	Paulina Chong Lindsay Glen David Patston
Secretary:	Lorraine Sterling	Leo Sargent	
Treasurer:	Pauline Wang		
Course Administrator:	Elsie Mutton		

2019 KEY DATES

Monday 25 – Friday 29 November	Enrolment Week
Tuesday 3 December	Office Volunteers' Function
Thursday 5 December	Leaders' Function

2019 TERM DATES

Term	Commences	Ends	Weeks	Public Holidays
1	4 February	5 April	9	Labour Day – 11 March
2	23 April	28 June	10	Anzac Day – 25 April Queen's Birthday – 10 June
3	22 July	20 September	9	21 August No Classes, AGM
4	7 October	22 November	7	Melbourne Cup Day – 5 November (no classes Monday 4 November)

Office Hours

During term Office Volunteers are on duty at our Silver Grove office from Monday to Friday 9am – 3.30pm. The office is closed during term breaks and on public holidays.

Newsletter Contributions

If you've something to share about your U3A experiences, let us know. Short articles (100-250 words) about your class/es, class leaders, etc. could be included in a future Newsletter.

Submit articles as MS Word documents – do not embed images. For accompanying photos, those taken on iPads and tablets are likely unusable. **High-resolution jpg or tiff images** taken on cameras are preferred.

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