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**MOONEE VALLEY NEWSLETTER**  
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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

This is the last of U3A Moonee Valley's **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary editions** of our *Contact* newsletters. I am very grateful to former editor Liz Lynch who, at short notice, took on the huge task of completing the newsletter when editor Joan Adams became unwell. We wish Joan a speedy recovery.

We've had a great time celebrating this year as well as running our usual courses, forums and social events. All anniversary events, from Maurice and Margaret's Visual Pot Pourri, the annual Trivia Day, Show Day and Volunteers Lunch at Legends Bistro Moonee Valley were well attended and I am delighted to have received many positive responses to the program.

The highlight for me was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch at Windy Hill Venue where we acknowledged long-serving tutors and founding members. It was the biggest event ever run by this organisation with 217 members present.

Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed over the year, especially the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary team, the Roarers – Mandy Heane, Geoff Miller, Julie Kenessy, Fran Horton and Heather Feldman.

Mandy's report on Show Day held 4 October 2017 is on page 13.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary U3A Moonee Valley AGM 2017.

On behalf of the 2017 Committee of Management I extend an invitation to all members of U3A Moonee Valley to join us at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre (AVNC) for the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6 December 2017** commencing at **1.30 p.m.** The formal Notice of the 2017 AGM plus 2016 AGM Minutes are published in this edition.

Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre is located on the corner of Union Road and Munro Street, Ascot Vale. Parking in the immediate vicinity is limited to '1 hour' or 'permit parking' only. The AGM is expected to take just under 2 hours. The 57 Tram stops just outside AVNC on Union Road at stop 35. There are no events scheduled on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at Melbourne Showgrounds or Flemington Racecourse. This indicates parking may be available in 'conditional permit zones' in nearby streets such as Francis Street (north side). Please observe the parking signs as council inspectors are always thorough.

One of the main tasks of the AGM is to fill positions on the Committee of Management due for election. The Committee meets monthly (except Jan, July and December) and consists of four Officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and up to eight Ordinary Members, who undertake various roles such as Office Manager, Course Coordinator and Membership/Database Manager. This year the committee has also been supported by co-opted members.

There are five positions due for election at the 2017 AGM, each for a two-year term: President, Secretary and three Ordinary Member positions.

Please consider making a contribution to the management of our organisation by seeking the support of other members to nominate you or encourage others by nominating them.

The NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF 2018 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT can be found on page 9.

The Rules of Association allow for proxy voting if you are unable to attend the AGM but wish to appoint a proxy to vote on any matters on your behalf. The APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM is on page 10.

If you are appointing a voting proxy, and/or nominating a candidate for election to the 2018 Committee of Management, please refer to pages 9 and 10 for how to send the completed form/s to be received by **Wednesday 29 November 2017**.

The Rules of Association (Constitution) and U3A Moonee Valley Code of Conduct can be accessed on the home page of the U3A Moonee Valley website: [www.u3amoonneevalley.com.au](http://www.u3amoonneevalley.com.au)

At the AGM, we will acknowledge our members who generously give their time as Tutors, Assistant Tutors, Office Volunteers, Events Volunteers, Readers at Debney Meadows Primary School and on Committee. We will also thank those volunteers who are retiring.

A special thanks to Judy Maddigan, who generously donated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM Lucky Door prize as well as to Edith Chen who donated four tickets to see *Brigadoon* to lucky winners in Armchair Travel and Patchwork classes.

I attended the Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards Dinner on 7 October and was very pleased to see two of our members, Fran Horton and Edith Chen, as finalists in the category “Contribution to Older Persons”. Congratulations, Fran and Edith!

Dear members, I am retiring as President at the 2017 AGM. Our Rules, adopted in 2014, require Officer positions to be limited to four consecutive years, with a minimum one year off. The purpose is to open up the opportunity for and encourage members to consider how they might contribute to this great organisation by serving on the committee.

I was given the best opportunity to expand my thinking and increase by skills by Fran Horton and Harry Dobson, who nominated me for President at the 2012 AGM. I thank them for helping me step out of my comfort zone and put aside my limited view of my capacities. I especially thank Fran for being my mentor over the last 5 years. After all, U3A is about lifelong learning. I am always challenged at first, then joyful and relieved in achievement then realise I’ve got a lot of practice to do! I know many of you understand this as you’ve shared your U3A experiences with me.

I am proud to have been your representative and very grateful to have been so well supported by U3A Moonee Valley members and especially by the 2017 committee of management.

Hope to see you at the AGM.

Happy festive season everyone.

**Robyn Temby**

[president@u3amooneevalley.com.au](mailto:president@u3amooneevalley.com.au)

## **COURSE COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

**The Semester 1, 2018 List of Courses is completed. Detailed instructions as to how to enrol for 2018 are included in this newsletter. It is very important that you read this information before attempting to enrol.**

Remember that all class lists – and waiting lists – are cleared at the end of the year and to continue in a course group you must re-apply. You will however need to retain your current badge as these are not re-issued when memberships are renewed.

It is once again very pleasing that thanks to our dedicated team of tutors, almost all of our current courses will be continuing in 2018. There are, however, a few changes.

We are very pleased to be able to offer the following new courses and activities next year:

- *Creative Expression Through Wellbeing* (Fridays) – Nina Mazurek
- *Excel – Just the Basics* (Tuesdays for 6 weeks) – Jess Hilton

- *Modern Ethics* (Wednesdays in semester 1) – Terry Rickard
- *Peddalling for Pleasure* (Fridays) – Harry Dobson
- *Spanish 2* (Tuesdays) – Rosa Tosone (This year's Spanish 2 will become Spanish 3.)

Further changes will include:

- *The British Industrial Revolution* and *The People's Century Part 1* will be offered again by David Kershaw and Liz Lynch respectively in semester 1, replacing the courses they ran this year.
- *iPad and iPhone for Beginners and Intermediate* (Di Phillips) will replace *iPad for Beginners*.
- *Living a Full Life* (Peter Price) will become a discussion group for the full year.
- Kerry Costa is rationalising her French classes with *French 1C* becoming *French 2* and *French 3* combining the current *French 2* and *French 3* classes.
- *Patchwork and Quilting* will combine with *Patchwork for Beginners Plus* with the former title.
- Croquet will move to Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club and be run by Margaret Dowsett.
- *Digital Photo Editing*, *Pilates* and the afternoon *Meditation Group* will not continue next year (the meditation groups have already combined for Term 4). However *Fitness Flexibility and Fun* and the morning meditation class will continue.

Tutors retiring this year will be Lou Armarego, Dot Dickson, Alfred Mansour, and Anne Strong. We hope to have the opportunity to formally acknowledge their valuable contributions to our U3A at the Annual General Meeting.

The textbook that has been used for some years by participants in the *Philosophy of Beliefs* class, *A Spectator's Guide to World Religions*, by John Dickson, is now out-of-print and it is almost impossible to obtain additional copies – which will be needed for the 2018 class. If any former member of this class has one of our copies we would very much appreciate its return. Please either email me (mvu3a1@gmail.com) or phone the office (9337 7779) if you have one.

We look forward to seeing you all back next year. Would tutors please note that the first tutors' meeting for 2018 will be on the morning of Tuesday 6 February at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre.

**Geoff Miller**

## **MEMBERSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **THERE ARE THREE METHODS OF JOINING AND ENROLLING FOR 2018**

#### **METHOD 1 – ONLINE**

You can re-join (or join) Moonee Valley U3A from **15 November 2017** and enrol in classes from **12.30 pm on Wednesday 13 December**.

You can view 2018 courses now by going to the COURSES page of our website ([u3amooneevalley.com.au](http://u3amooneevalley.com.au)). Selecting All Days will list all courses alphabetically.

When you enrol online you will know immediately whether you have been accepted into a course or are on a waiting list, and can print off your confirmation of enrolment record. Payment of fees is by credit card via PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account). Fees are \$40 for existing members, \$50 for new members and \$30 for Associates.

### To Re-join

Please go to [u3amooneevalley.com.au](http://u3amooneevalley.com.au) and select Member Login (Member Login is available on the home page and on the Courses and Join pages). You will be asked for your ID and password. Follow the prompts.

If you have lost your password or ID, you can enter the one you remember and select *Forgotten Password/id*. You will need to enter your email address when requested and then select *Send Password*. Your ID and password will be sent to the email address you enter. If you've have forgotten both your password and ID, contact the office on 9337 7779 and we will get back to you with a password.

### To Join

New members please go to [u3amooneevalley.com](http://u3amooneevalley.com) and select Join Us on the COURSES page or If You Would Like to Join Click Here on the JOIN page.

**We will email you a quick guide of steps for joining and enrolling closer to each date. This will include phone numbers of people willing to assist you.**

### **METHOD 2 – AT THE ENROLMENT CENTRE**

This year we will hold the enrolment centre at **Sam Merrifield Library, Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds** at **12.30 pm** on the afternoon of **Wednesday 13 December**

Please ring the office on 9337 7779 by Monday 11 December and ask to be put on the list of those who intend to enrol at the enrolment centre.

At the centre volunteers will assist you to renew your membership (or join) and enrol online. Payment of fees is by cheque on the spot or pre-arranged bank transfer, evidence of which you **must** bring with you, as you cannot enrol in a course until payment has been made. This means if paying by bank transfer, you must do so **in advance of visiting the centre**.

Annual membership is \$40 for ongoing members and \$50 for new members.

Payments may be made electronically or by visiting any branch of Bendigo Bank.

Our account name is: U3A Moonee Valley Inc

Our BSB number is: 633-000

Our account number is: 154051213

Please include your full name on the transfer as the reference number.

Fees are \$40 for existing members, \$50 for new members and \$30 for Associates.

### **METHOD 3 – ENROLMENT BY MAIL**

You may enrol by completing and posting the *Membership Renewal* and the *Enrolment* forms, which are only included with the printed copy of *Contact* posted to those members who have requested it.

**Please make sure you fill in all fields marked with an \*** as these are required. If a field is missed (or is illegible) your application will be put aside until a volunteer can ring you to clarify the information. This may take some time.

Please note that applications by post take up a good deal of volunteer time and may not be processed until February. You are not advised to use this method if you are applying for courses that tend to be oversubscribed as you will be disadvantaged compared with members who enrol online.

Applications should include a cheque or copy of electronic transfer as proof of payment. Annual membership is \$40 for ongoing members and \$50 for new members. Details for making electronic payment are given in enrolment Method 2. Our address is PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039.

To be included in the first data entry, forms must be received by **Wednesday 13 December**. Late applications will be accepted, but may not be processed until mid February.

## **SEMESTER DATES 2018**

**Semester 1** (Terms 1 & 2): 12 February – 15 June (break for school holidays 30 March – 15 April)

**Mid-year break:** 16 June – 15 July (includes school holidays)

**Semester 2** (Terms 3 & 4): 16 July – 30 November (break for school holidays 22 Sept. – 7 Oct.)

## **THE TIMETABLE**

- Unless otherwise indicated, all listed courses run weekly for the whole year.
- All courses are offered in good faith at the time of publication. If a tutor or a venue becomes unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to cancel the course. Courses may also be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments to constitute a viable group.

**Barrie Fenby**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Profit & Loss [With Year to Date]

Maurice Corkill 18/10/ 2017

Account No.		Sep-17	Year to Date
4-0000	Income	\$	\$
4-1000	Class fees	-	1,470.00
4-1025	Grant PGSF	-	1,500.00
4-1030	Grant MVCC	-	4,552.00
4-2000	Interest received	-	383.19
4-2050	Social Events	5,165.00	18,545.00
4-3000	Subscriptions Associate	-	90.00
4-3010	Subscriptions New	-	3,530.00
4-3020	Subscriptions Renewal	-	17,396.78
4-3030	Sundry receipts	-	490.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,165.00</b>	<b>47,956.97</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>5,165.00</b>	<b>47,956.97</b>
6-0000	Expenses		
6-1000	General Expenses		
6-1155	Anniversary 20th year	-	9,855.99
6-1160	Bank charges	0.70	30.90
6-1200	Office Expenses	107.00	2,148.41
6-1300	Meetings	-	220.99
6-1301	MYU3A subscription	91.40	196.40
6-1305	Paypal merchant fee	-	233.10
6-1310	Photocopier rental	229.90	2,299.00
6-1400	Postage	168.75	1,289.67
6-1500	Social events	90.00	10,125.45
6-1600	Stationery	-	35.32
6-1650	Trivia Day	-	1,182.80
6-1660	Sundry expenses	-	1,068.52
6-1700	Tutors' Admin	536.50	936.50
6-1705	Tutors' Aids	40.00	4,549.02
6-1706	Tutors & OV's gifts	-	160.00
6-1710	Tutor Meetings	-	270.00
6-1800	U3A Network	-	1,014.00
6-1900	Venues	-	3,525.25
6-2200	Printing	-	546.73
6-2300	Internet	-	2,338.00
	<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>1,264.25</b>	<b>42,026.05</b>
6-4000	Payroll Expenses		
6-4700	Food	160.00	550.00
	Total Payroll Expenses	160.00	550.00
6-5000	Depreciation Expenses		
6-5100	Furniture Depreciation	362.00	3,620.00
6-5200	Office Equipment Depreciation	42.00	595.00
6-5300	Computer Depreciation	20.00	232.00
	Total Depreciation Expenses	424.00	4,447.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,848.25</b>	<b>47,023.05</b>
	<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>3,316.75</b>	<b>933.92</b>
	Total Other Income	-	-
	Total Other Expenses	-	-
	<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>3,316.75</b>	<b>933.92</b>

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U3A Moonee Valley**

### **NOTICE OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** U3A Moonee Valley Incorporated members are cordially invited to attend the 2017 AGM

**Wednesday 6 December 2017 from 1.30pm at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre, corner of  
Union Rd and Munro St, Ascot Vale 3032 (Melway 28 G10)  
Registration from 12.45 pm**

**Music by our Recorder group from 1 to 1.30pm.**

The business of the Annual General Meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2016.
2. Consider the President's Annual Report and the Treasurer's Report for the preceding financial year 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.
3. Vote on a motion to increase membership fees:

#### **MOTION**

That U3A Moonee Valley CoM be authorised to increase membership fees by \$5 per annum for the year ending November 2019, as follows:

New membership fee	\$55 pa
Renewal of membership fee	\$45 pa
New member fee after 30 June	\$35 pa
Associate Member fee	\$35 pa

4. Elect Officers and Members to the 2018 Committee of Management. Nomination and Proxy Forms are published in this edition of the newsletter.
5. Acknowledge and thank the Tutors, Office and Event volunteers, Debney Meadows PS Readers as well as those Tutors and Committee members who are retiring.
6. Luck Door Prize drawn.

**Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.**

**U3A MOONEE VALLEY INC AGM Wednesday 6 DECEMBER 2017**

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE 2018 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

**How to nominate yourself for election to the Committee of Management**

1. Complete and sign the nomination form below.
2. Have it signed by a member who agrees to nominate you.
3. Have it signed by a member who seconds the nomination.

**How to nominate another member for election to the Committee of Management**

1. Complete and sign the nomination form below.
2. Have it signed also by a member who seconds the nomination.
3. Have it signed by the person you are nominating.

**Please return the Nomination Form to be received by Wednesday 29 November 2017 via:**

**EMAIL: [mvu3a1@gmail.com](mailto:mvu3a1@gmail.com) Print the form/s, fill in, scan or take a photo and send,  
OR**

**MAIL: print/cut out the form/s, fill in and post to:  
The Secretary, U3A Moonee Valley Inc, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039**

OFFICE



**NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF 2018 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

I, (Name) ..... a full member of U3A Moonee Valley Inc

**nominate** (Name) ..... **for the position of** (Please circle ONE of the following\*)

**PRESIDENT    VICE PRESIDENT    SECRETARY    TREASURER    MEMBER**

.....(Signature of **PROPOSER** and date)

I, (Name)..... a full member of U3A Moonee Valley Inc,  
**second the nomination**

.....(Signature of **SECONDER** and date)

I, (Name)..... a full member of U3A Moonee Valley Inc,  
**accept the nomination**

.....(Signature of **MEMBER NOMINATED** and date)

\* A member may be nominated for only one position. A separate form is required for each nominee. Photocopied or identically worded handwritten/typed copies are also accepted.

U3A MOONEE VALLEY INC Wednesday 6 DECEMBER 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**PROXY VOTE APPOINTMENT**

**If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to appoint a proxy to vote on any matters on your behalf, please complete the following form to be received by Weds 29 November 2017 via:**

**EMAIL:** [mvu3a1@gmail.com](mailto:mvu3a1@gmail.com) **Print the form/s, fill in, scan or take a photo and send,**

**Or**

**MAIL: print/cut out the form/s, fill in and post to**

**The Secretary, U3A Moonee Valley Inc, PO Box 459, MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039**



**APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

I, ....., being a full member of U3A Moonee

Valley Inc

hereby appoint either President Robyn Temby

*Tick if applicable*

or ....., being a full member of U3A

Moonee Valley Inc, as my proxy, to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting on 6  
December 2017.

**OFFICE**

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

**U3A MOONEE VALLEY INC. A0034837K**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016**  
**ASCOT VALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

The purpose of our Annual General Meeting is to receive the President's report on activities over the past year and financial statements from the Treasurer and to elect members to the Committee of Management for the following year as prescribed in our Constitution.

President and chairperson, Robyn Temby introduced herself and opened the meeting at 1.35 pm and asked for a round of applause for the Recorder Group. Robyn then acknowledged invited guests and introduced members of the committee.

**PRESENT:** Robyn Temby, Frances Horton (Secretary), Maurice Corkill (Treasurer), Barrie Fenby, Geoff Miller, Lorraine Rodger, Heather Feldman, Marjorie Ridley and 78 financial members.

**APOLOGIES:** Edith James and Joan Adams, Committee Members; Andrea Surace, Mayor and our special representative on council and others as per membership list.

**GUESTS:** Carmel Boyce, Policy & Planning Officer and Danijela Bura Aiken, Acting Coordinator of Moonee Valley City Council Ageing and Disability Department. Also attending were Dorothy Kendall and Joanna Tippet from U3A Altona and Glenda Kueng and Anne Beevers of U3A Brimbank. Robert Ryan represented U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Michael Staindl from Beyond Zero Emissions spoke passionately on the disastrous damage that is currently happening to our planet due to "climate change". Already 200 species of creatures disappear every day, temperatures are rising and no carbon budget is in place. Urgent action is needed!

**MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

A motion to accept these minutes was moved by Judy Jessop and seconded by Colleen Taylor. Motion carried. No business arising.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Robyn Temby, President, announced that our membership has reached 530 this November - a figure similar to that of 2015. Throughout Victoria 35,000 people or 3% of those over 60 belong to a U3A group.

As anticipated in 2016, the committee was focussed all year on the introduction of an online member management system. Robyn acknowledged the dedicated work by Data Base & Membership Secretary Barrie Fenby and the support given by Pauline Hennessey, a former committee member and designer of our data base.

As of today, 440 member applications have been processed online and 12% only by 'snail mail'.

Robyn further acknowledged the success of the three annual Forums organised by Geoff Miller, the Social Activities arranged by Heather Feldman and the regular classes/courses run by our 50 tutors at 16 venues in the local area which are run and managed by the Moonee Valley City Council.

U3A members also participated in our annual Trivia Day, Council's February Festival, Council's "Moving & Grooving on the Maribyrnong" to celebrate Seniors week, Aged Friendly Streetscape workshop and the Healthy Ageing reference group. Four U3A members attended the Cota Senior Awards at Government House in October as guests of MVCC.

In 2017 we will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a variety of activities and a special luncheon mid-year at Windy Hill.

Treasurer, Maurice Corkill, delivered a power-point breakdown of our financial status and spoke to the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet, indicating major outlays and our income stream which comes from fees and grants via U3A Network from State Government sources.

Maurice thanked Terry Daffey who has retired as our auditor and announced that John Gregory will be his successor.

Annual returns will be made to Victorian Consumer Affairs and the Charities Commission of Victoria

A motion to accept the President's Report was made by Rebecca Luxford, seconded by Jan Miller Motion accepted.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Geoff Miller and seconded by Margaret Majurey. Vote held – all in favour.

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Liz Lynch read out the names of those nominated. The result is as follows:

##### **COMMITTEE FOR 2017**

**Robyn Temby** – President; **Mandy Heane** – Vice President; **Fran Horton** – Secretary; **Maurice Corkill** – Treasurer; **Geoff Miller** – Course/Tutor Coordinator; **Barrie Fenby** – Membership/Data Base Secretary; **Edith James** – Venue Coordinator; **Heather Feldman** – Social Activities Coordinator; **Joan Adams** – Editor; **Marjorie Ridley** – Office Coordinator and **Lorraine Rodger** and **Robert D'Silva**.

The committee will be supported in 2017 by co-opted members – Jo Bradshaw, Marie Daffey, Jenny Dwyer, Julie Kenessy and Helen Mather.

Leslie Mayes was acknowledged for his contribution while on the committee.

#### **RETIRING TUTORS:**

Geoff Miller spoke eloquently about Nell Axon and Esperanza Carreras. Both have chosen not to continue as tutors.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ALL TUTORS, OFFICE VOLUNTEERS and READERS AT DEBNEY MEADOWS:**

Those in attendance were asked to stand and receive the heartfelt thanks of other members for their generous contribution to the running of U3A Moonee Valley

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

On behalf of the Creative Writing Group, Anne Strong presented a bound folder of stories to Robyn Temby

**EVENTS TEAM:** Lead by Anne Fkih. Thanked by Robyn for the beautiful spread and the meeting closed at 3.08 pm and everyone invited to enjoy afternoon tea.

**2017 AGM:** WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017

## **U3A Moonee Valley Show Day, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

What a great day it was - we had around 100 – 150 people attend (including volunteers) and the performances were the highlight of the day; they were:

- Singing for Fun,
- Recorder Group,
- Line Dancing and
- Tai Chi

We sang along with the Singing for Fun group, danced on the spot with Line Dancing, sat enthralled at the Recorder Group and you could hear a pin drop when the Tai Chi group performed. Needless to say everyone thoroughly enjoyed each performance.

We also had demonstrations of:

- Scrabble
- Mah-jong
- Bridge
- Cryptic Crosswords
- Patchwork
- Art, and
- Book club

And, these demonstrations encouraged interest from those in attendance.

The raffle was a hit, we raised \$399 for the Florey Institute, all the winners were on hand to receive their prizes and one of the most rewarding things that came out of the day was that Val Redman, who proposed we raise funds for the Florey Institute (Motor Neurone Disease in particular), was the winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Raffle – a beautiful hand-made quilt.

Julie, Geoff, Fran, Robyn and Mandy coordinated the event and were very happy with the results. Robert, Anne and crew coordinated the food and beverages and the feedback was really positive – everyone loved their sandwiches and cake.

We want to formally thank all volunteers for their contribution on the day - it was a magnificent team effort.

Show Day could be an annual event to showcase what we do and encourage new members – what do you think?

**Mandy Heane**  
**Vice President**



**Some Photos from Show Day**



**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES      Dates for your diary in 2018**

The following activities, along with others activities, will be advertised in the February 2018 Contact:

1. Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 1pm, theatre tickets to the musical “The Wizard of OZ” at the Regent Theatre at a cost of \$70.00 each.
2. Wednesday 15th August 2018 at 1pm, theatre tickets to the musical “Mamma Mia” at the Princess Theatre at a cost of \$60.00 each.

**Heather Feldman**

## **OFFICE NEWS**

**Emerald Street, West Essendon Tel: 9337 7779 PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039**

The Committee of Management and I would like to thank all office volunteers for their service throughout 2017. Without you there would be no public face for our organisation.

The office will close on the 15 December and reopen on the 29 January.

### **Volunteers needed for 2018**

Staffing the office is an essential service that our members and prospective members both expect and appreciate. This doesn't happen without the willingness of members to take on this task. Training is provided and the time put in by office volunteers keeps the organisation moving along.

Please consider contributing a couple of hours every so often to keep this service alive for our members.

The availability form can be found on the home page of our website or on page ????? of this *Contact*.

Rosters will be emailed/mailed by the 19 January prior to the office volunteers meeting on the 24 January at Emerald Street, West Essendon.

Please forward completed forms by email to [officecomv@gmail.com](mailto:officecomv@gmail.com) or by post to:

Office Coordinator  
U3A Moonee Valley  
PO Box 459  
Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039

**Margery Riddle**  
**Office Manager**

### **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK**

Did you know we are on Facebook? It's easy to find us and there are 2 ways, even if you don't have a Facebook account:

Log on to: <http://u3amooneevalley.com.au> and scroll down a little until you see this Facebook icon, on the right hand side:



Click on the icon and it will take you to our Facebook page, then please press "Like".

Alternatively, if you currently have a Facebook account, simply search U3A Moonee Valley and you will find us! We look forward to chatting with you online 😊

## MONTHLY LUNCHEES FOR MEMBERS AT ANGLERS TAVERN

**Please note: *The last lunch for 2017 will be on Thursday 16 November.***

All U3A Moonee Valley members are cordially invited to attend the monthly lunches, which are held on the **third Thursday** of each month, except December.

Venue:           The Bistro  
                    Anglers Tavern  
                    2 Raleigh Road  
                    Maribyrnong

Time:            From 12.00 noon onwards

There is plenty of parking around the hotel and the Maribyrnong #57 tram stops at the door.

There is no set menu for the lunch – everyone chooses and pays for their own food and drink. It is up to you to decide whether you wish to indulge in a full meal or opt to choose from the Seniors Menu. Prices for Seniors meals are:

1 course Main)	\$15.90
2 courses (Entrée and Main or Main and Dessert	\$18.90
3 courses (Entrée, Main and Dessert	\$21.90

Servings are very generous – you will not have to cook that night!

2018 lunch dates are:           Thursday 18 January  
  Thursday 15 February  
  Thursday 15 March  
  Thursday 19 April  
  Thursday 17 May  
  Thursday 21 June  
  Thursday 19 July  
  Thursday 16 August  
  Thursday 20 September  
  Thursday 18 October  
  Thursday 15 November

If you are interested in attending these lunches, please phone us on **9338 8715** or email to **majm16@gmail.com** by the preceding Friday.

Although these lunches are not ‘official classes’ where you need to enrol or attend every lunch, we ask that you let us know each month you plan to attend. You may bring along a non-member to the lunches – just let us know the number of those attending when you contact us.

**Margaret and Maurice Majurey**

## **WE REMEMBER DOROTHY HARDY**

27 January 1936 – 13 September 2017

It is with deep regret I let all members of Moonee Valley U3A know of the passing of Dorothy Hardy, our long-time tutor of our Folk Art class.

Dorothy passed away on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, very suddenly. Dorothy had a lovely funeral service at St Albans on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2017. Moonee Valley U3A was well represented, including our president and many people connected with many of the charities she helped over the years.

I met Dot through Folk Art 19 years ago and she was a lifelong friend. I will miss her as we all will. I'm sure she will be painting still. As we used to say, 'if you stood still too long she will paint you'.

Bye my friend. Sleep peacefully.

**Annette Burston**

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